

not been received earlier, or the action would have been different. Personally Mr. Stuart knew nothing about the matter, though he had seen the Republican papers had been thrown out by the canvassing board.

The Ground Hog Saw His Shadow, Indicating Winter's Just Half Over!



A popular rhyme in England and Scotland regarding this, Candlemas day, runs:—

"If Candlemas Day be bright and fair, The half of winter's to come and fair; If Candlemas day be wet and foul, The half of winter's gone at Yule."

Now for Overcoats!

- Men's O'coats: That were \$18 and \$20 reduced to \$12.75; That were \$25 and \$28 reduced to \$17.75; That were \$30 to \$38 reduced to \$22.75. Boys' O'coats: That were \$5 and \$6, reduced to \$3.50; That were \$7 and \$7.50, reduced to \$4.75; That were \$8 and \$8.50, reduced to \$5.75. Suits, same way.

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HEARING IN DETAIL

Governor Swanson and Mr. Stuart Both on Stand. Senator Echols called the committee to order at 10 o'clock in the Senate chamber, and W. G. Steinhilber, former clerk of Scott county, was the first witness. Examined by Senator Swanson, he said he was clerk in 1902, and had charge of the election in the Rhea-Stump election. His deputy was D. M. Smith, a brother-in-law of W. D. Smith, who was clerk in 1902, and did not know who did. He and Mr. Smith put the books in a vault in the office, and he returned the same time. Both had keys to the office. He knew of no other person having access to the books, and he never saw W. S. Hamilton, though he heard he was in Gate City on that occasion.

Cross-examined by Mr. Irvine, witness said Minnie was a Democrat, who stood well, and he had no reason to believe he had anything to do with altering the returns.

Governor Testifies. Governor Swanson was next sworn, and he testified at some length.

"I beg to state that I did not," was the quick reply. "I made up my mind early to name Judge Rhea for this place, and so I announced it in the press."

Here the Governor handed Captain Bullitt a batch of papers, which he said contained all the correspondence on the subject his secretaries had been able to find. The Governor objected to making the letters public unless the consent of the writers was first procured, though he said his files were open to county and members of the General Assembly.

"Did not several leading Democrats make personal attacks on me, and protest against the appointment?" was asked. "They did not," was the reply. "Didn't Senator St. Clair and Mr. A. Campbell protest?"

His Opinion of Rhea. "They did not," Mr. Campbell asked me to appoint Judge Rhea for this place, and so I announced it in the press. I felt that I should go to Southwest Virginia for this appointment. I acted on my own judgment and knowledge of men, rather than on the advice of any one. I had known Judge Rhea for years, and knew his high integrity and honor. I served with him in Congress and was impressed with his high character, and I say now that I am willing to let my reputation and administration rest upon this appointment."

Nothing to Keep Back. "Any man who is active and successful in politics will have enemies," the Governor continued, "and I am satisfied from what I know of the man that there is nothing in Judge Rhea's record to make him a candidate for success. The Governor declared that Henry Clay and Andrew Jackson had been open to them, and that he had nothing to keep back.

That Telegram. Former Corporation Commissioner Henry C. Steinhilber, who has been nominated to succeed, testified as to telegrams and letters concerning the Rhea-Stump election in the Rhea-Stump contest.

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Death of Captain Wise



GEORGE D. WISE, widely known Richmond man, who died early this morning.

KILLS MAN IN HIS HOME

Son of One-Armed Confederate Shot at Bluefield. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLUEFIELD, W. Va., February 3.—L. D. Brown, who shot and instantly killed Bishop Kirby at Brown's home, on Stony Ridge, north of this city, Sunday, has waived preliminary hearing and was remanded to the county jail at Princeton to answer indictment, which was returned by the grand jury at Princeton on Monday. Kirby, a one-armed Confederate veteran, had gone to Brown's home to see Mrs. John Kirby, who was ill, and all being intoxicated, a dispute arose, which resulted in Kirby's death. A double-barreled shotgun was the weapon used, and the full charge struck Kirby over the right eye, literally blowing one side of his head off.

MILK AVERAGE HIGH

January Record Shows 70.3 Against 66.4 in June. Reports on file in the office of the Board of Health show that the average milk score for January was 70.3 for the seventy-one dairies examined. Dr. Levy considers this record remarkably high, especially when compared with June, when the average score was 66.4. Only two places registered below 60, one at 59 and the other at 58, between 60 and 70, and 8 between 70 and 80.

Although the Committee on Ordinance Charter and Reform killed the ordinance requiring publication of scores, the dairymen, as a rule, are co-operating heartily with the health authorities, and are endeavoring as far as possible to improve their establishments, and bring them up to the required standard.

Chicago Girls Take a Snow Bath. CHICAGO, February 3.—Three young women, attired in things that looked like palamas, took a snow bath today at the Rock Park Hotel. Their hair was pinned up, and they wore Misses Louise Quinn, Elsa Dowling and Leona Adams. The mercury was 10 below zero, with a hard wind, and legs they plunged into a deep drift and departed themselves for five minutes, coming out they pronounced it "fine."

WED DUKE OF ABRUZZI

Reported That Miss Katherine Elkins Will Become His Bride. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, February 3.—A former friend of Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins and granddaughter of Henry G. Davis, and of the Duke of Abruzzi, is authority for the statement that they will be married soon. The Duke is expected in America shortly incognito, and the marriage will follow.

THREE BOILER EXPLOSIONS

Ten Men Killed, Several Injured and Hurt. SUNBURY, Pa., February 3.—Seven men were killed and more than a dozen injured by the explosion of a boiler to-day in the rolling mill of Van Allen & Co., Northumberland, two miles north of here. The dead are: Grant Reeder, aged forty-three months and was to have resumed work this morning. All the boilers and machinery had been overhauled during the suspension. The men were preparing to begin work when, from some unknown cause, one of a number of boilers blew up and the rolling mill was wrecked and the dead were found under the ruins. Those who were killed were: James Jones, and are survived by large families. The loss to the plant is estimated at \$75,000.

WANT TARIFF COMMISSION

Representatives of Trades Organizations Urge Such Measure. WASHINGTON, February 3.—A conference was held here to-night by the representatives of the various trade organizations of the country, at which the question of the ways and means of furthering the campaign for the passage of the bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, for the creation of a tariff commission was considered. A number of addresses were made, all of which were to the effect that the tariff should be eliminated from politics. Senator Beveridge was the principal speaker, and he declared that the sentiment in Congress for the creation of a tariff commission is as undivided a marked change within the past thirty days in favor of the bill. The measure is enthusiastically endorsed at to-night's informal conference. To-morrow the delegates will confer with Speaker Cannon and other leaders in Congress.

CLEAR UP EXPOSITION TITLES

Judge Waddill Issues an Order Authorizing Fee Simple Deeds. NORFOLK, Va., February 3.—A decree from Judge Edmund Waddill, of the United States Court, filed in this city to-day, authorizes the receivers of the exposition company to accept the purchase price from the various States having buildings at the exposition, and to issue to each fee simple deeds to the sites occupied by the buildings. This will clear up all titles, and permit the transfers where sales have been made of State buildings.

MAY CUT SECOND HEAD OFF.

To Assuage Mother's Grief Surgeon May Attempt Operation. A Roanoke, Va., special to the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "News reaching here from the Hiasawee District of Bulahki county tells of the birth of a child with two heads."

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RECEIVER APPOINTED ON VIRGINIA WOMAN'S PETITION

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 3.—As a result of a petition in a suit in equity, brought by Emma Coleman, of Somerset, Va., Judge Hazel to-day appointed George P. Keating and Edward R. O'Malley, of Buffalo, N. Y., as receiver and admitted that the liabilities of the company amount to about \$120,000. The assets of the company are said to be about \$135,000.

ENLARGE PETERSBURG OFFICE

Bill Offered Appropriating \$25,000 for Better Postal Facilities. [From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., February 3.—Representative Lassiter introduced a bill to-day appropriating \$25,000 additional for the enlargement of the post office at Petersburg. The public buildings bill enacted in 1906 appropriated \$50,000 for this purpose. The supervising architect of the Treasury reported on an examination that it was impossible to make the addition with such a small amount at his disposal. Mr. Lassiter thinks the committee will increase the amount to the extent indicated. It probably depends on whether there is a general public building bill at this session, which is not likely.

BANQUET TO OUR OFFICERS

Americans Given Handsome Entertainment on Chilean Steamer. PUNTA ARENAS, STRAIT OF MAGELLAN, February 3.—A banquet was given yesterday on board the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco to the admirals, captains and other high officers of the American fleet. Admiral Sims offered a toast to the United States and its navy, expressed his appreciation of the hospitality of the Chilean government and of the officers of the Chacabuco.

At the Flood.

Hearing of a rising river at the headquarters of the Euphrates, with a falling barometer and indications of a flood stage in the valley, the Pileocanthopus changed his mind and frankly admitted it to Noah. His manner was that of a chastened and softened person. "You monkeyed too long," said the Patriarch. "We gave you a chance to come in with us, and you wouldn't take it. Now we have arranged for all the stock we care about trying to float."

Consolation.

Stout Customer (in the chair)—Confound your blistering clumsiness! You have cut my chin! Barber (soothingly)—Don't get agitated, sah; don't get agitated! You-all's got two mo' chins dat I ain't cut none yit, sah.—Puck.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday increasing cloudiness and warmer; variable winds. North Carolina—Fair, slightly warmer Tuesday; Wednesday increasing cloudiness; variable winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather was clear and cold. Range of the thermometer: 9 A. M. 32 6 P. M. 36 10 A. M. 30 9 P. M. 33 3 P. M. 35 12 midnight 39 Average 34.5 Highest temperature yesterday 39 Lowest temperature yesterday 29 Mean temperature yesterday 33 Normal temperature yesterday 35 Departure from normal temperature 1)

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Table with columns for City, Ther. H.T., and Weather. Includes cities like Asheville, Augusta, Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Davenport, Hatteras, Jacksonville, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Pittsburg, Raleigh, Norfolk, Tampa, Washington, and Wilmington.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

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