

HERE AND THERE IN THE LEGISLATURE

Speaker Held Centre of Stage During Day in House of Delegates. FIGHT COMING IN SENATE. New Attack on R., F. & P. Suggests Possibility of Counter Move.

Byrd's Quick Work. Perhaps twenty-five amendments were offered first and last, but none were adopted save those either presented or accepted by the patron.

The first vote was 69 to 3, the only members recorded in the negative being Messrs. Clement and Wilson of Pittsylvania and Cox of Richmond city. The applause which greeted the passage of the measure was liberal, and the speaker was congratulated by his friends upon his day's work.

The bill not only codifies all the present laws concerning the sale of ardent spirits, but it creates new statutes designed to exterminate all take clubs and to make the crossroads grogshop impossible.

The bill now goes to the Senate, and it is said that though it may pass there it is not so smooth as it was in the House. Important amendments are almost certain.

It is a significant fact that many amendments of the speaker started a boom in his interest for Attorney-General around the Capitol yesterday, and they declared that his fine management of so important a measure would augment his popularity.

In the House yesterday Speaker Byrd offered a bill which has created a great stir in several directions. It is primarily aimed at the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, with a view to compelling that road to secure a new charter and submit to taxation, under penalty of having the terms of its original charter enforced, including several extraneous provisions.

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On the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. Miles, Stops. Between Richmond and Ashland, inclusive, 16.7 19. Between Ashland and Dowell, including Dowell, 7 6. Between Dowell and Fredericksburg, including Fredericksburg, 37.5 20. Between Fredericksburg and Reid, including Reid, 7 7. Total, 68.2 52.

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Advertisement for 'SOME PROPOSED LEGISLATION'. AN ANALYSIS. By LEWIS H. MACHEN.

THE committee substitute for Senate bill No. 195, relating to social clubs, has attracted considerable attention. The avowed purpose of the original bill was to put out of business a number of so-called 'fake' clubs, without interfering with the bona fide clubs, against which there has heretofore been no general complaint.

vide that when it is sought to obtain a divorce for a cause arising in another State, the divorce shall not be granted unless this cause was at that time a ground for divorce in this State. Section 2254 is amended so as to provide for a decree of separation in those cases in which a temporary divorce may be granted, and also for habitual drunkenness, or for any cause for which a divorce from the bond of matrimony may be decreed, such decree of separation to have the same force and effect as a divorce a mensu.

The second provides that in all uncontested suits, and in any suit where the court shall find that the parties are separated, a disinterested and competent person, to be assigned by the court, shall defend the suit, and the court shall fix the fee of this attorney to be taxed as part of the costs.

The next section provides that all testimony shall be taken and read orally before the court, and not before a commissioner or any other delegated representative, but the court may, in its discretion, exclude from the trial all persons except the parties to the suit and the attorneys engaged therein, though depositions may be read in case the witness is sick, or a non-resident or lives a long distance from the place of trial, the same as such depositions may be read in common law cases.

The next section provides that when the defendant has not been personally served with process to begin the suit, the court shall appoint, after the suit has matured and before the trial, one of its commissioners in chancery to seek diligently to ascertain the whereabouts of the defendant and for that purpose summon before him and examine him, with the plaintiff or any other person, and if found by the defendant in the State, process shall be served upon him, and if beyond the limits of the State, process shall be sent him through registered mail, and the plaintiff shall be allowed to the trial until it appears that a reasonable effort has been made to inform the defendant of the pendency of the suit.

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posed decedent should reappear. If the persons entitled to receive these amounts are not able to give the bond, the estate, if in money, shall be put out to interest, and the income paid annually to the persons entitled until such time as the court may determine that the principal should be paid. After the revocation of the letters, the person erroneously supposed to be dead may have himself substituted as plaintiff in all actions brought by the administrator and as defendant in all brought against the administrator, and may be allowed three months' time for preparation of those causes and judgment recovered against the administrator before the revocation of the letters may be opened on application of the supposed decedent, within three months after the revocation, upon application of applicant, stating good cause of action or good defense. The estate of the supposed decedent shall be chargeable with all costs attending the issuing of the letters of administration or their revocation, but the costs arising upon an application for letters which shall not be granted, shall be paid by the applicant.

BYRD JAMES BILL THROUGH HOUSE

The General Assembly shall be secret ballot under the management of the clerks and officers of our respective chambers. The following was offered by Mr. Barrett, of Newport News, and referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns: That city government is a matter of business administration.

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bill introduced by Senator Sale, changing the name of the Board of Fisheries to the Fish Commission, and making other changes. The substitute fixes the salary of the commissioner at \$2,000, the secretary at \$1,500, and reduces the appropriation to \$45,000. This measure was recently the subject of a severe attack on the part of the Northern Neck News, which attack recently the members of the assembly, in legislative circles. The article referred to criticized the chairman of the State Board of Fisheries and called the bill a "gross error."

Wanted Evidence Printed. Senator Wickham introduced a resolution providing that the evidence in every investigation be printed, so that every member of the Assembly could have access to it in order to form an intelligent opinion with reference to the matter. The expense of having a stenographic report taken had already been incurred, and the Senator believed that not only the members of the assembly, but the public at large, would desire to have a full report of the proceedings. Senator Strode was also in favor of printing the report. Many members, he said, had not been present at the hearing and consequently did not know the precise nature of the evidence.

Senator Echols opposed the printing of the report until after the committee has made its report to the Assembly. Senator Kezelle also objected to the publication of the record at this time. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 19 to 15.

Military Bill Passed. Following the disposition of the Wickham resolution, the bill introduced by Senator Sale increasing the amount of the military appropriation, set as a special order for 12:20 o'clock, was taken up. Senator Folkes promptly offered the amendment he had vainly tried to get through in the committee room, namely, to have \$6,000 of the appropriation set aside for the purchase of arms for the militia. Senator Folkes offered a substitute setting aside \$1,200 for each of the three artillery batteries, and to this Senator Folkes agreed.

Senator Sale opposed the amendment and the substitute, a majority of both were defeated, and the original bill passed under a suspension of the rules. Senate Bill No. 1, relative to the establishment of a local geological survey, also set as a special order, was taken up immediately after the military bill had been passed, and Senator Folkes offered some amendments which were adopted by a majority of 15 to 12. The survey, all of which were adopted. Continuing Senator Folkes said it was true that the bill proposed to establish the survey at the University of Virginia, but it did not propose to make it a department of that institution. The mineral resources of this State in one year amount to \$30,000,000, and the geological survey, which should be carefully guarded, would be a valuable asset to the State.

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Advertisement for 'THIS BOY WASN'T BORN TO BE KILLED'. But Big Hearted Charley Kruger, of Charmed Life, Fights His Last Fire.

NEW YORK, February 14.—'Big-hearted Charley' Kruger, best loved of New York's firefighters, met to-day the death he had fought for thirty-six years. From the day—1872, when a lad of twenty years—he entered the department, Deputy Fire Chief George W. Kruger had never known physical fear. To his mates he seemed to bear a charmed life. Something of this feeling may have possessed the deputy, for when the uniform was removed from the lifeless body to-day, a newspaper clipping fluttered from a pocket that had covered his heart. The clipping told of a seemingly miraculous escape from death in early boyhood, and the story bore the headline: "This Boy Wasn't Born to Be Killed."

Not since the death of Chief Bresnan has the department felt a blow as keenly as it did this last stroke of the ill fortune which has been with it ever since the Parker building fire, in which three men lost their lives, and followed by the recent Worth Street fire, in which two were killed. It was a common remark that Kruger never seemed to be in any danger, and his cheerful call, "Come on, boys," rang out for the last time, a dozen men were at his heels. The situation was desperate. The buildings at Nos. 215 and 217 Canal Street were in flames, and the whole block was threatened. Chief Kruger had refused to order his men into the buildings, but had consented to "Kruger's" venture. "Chief, there's no hope of getting in the basement of No. 217," the grizzled deputy had said. "Our only chance is to go down into the cellar of No. 215 and cut a hole through the separating walls."

Into the cellar, filled with water, smoke and overwhelming flames from melted gas pipes, the men threw themselves. Gropping in advance, Kruger stumbled through a trap door and promptly was surrounded helplessly in six feet of water. Unable to see, the other men heard a splash, and then a cry: "Save me, Andy." Andy had driven his chief to his first fire, and shadowed him into every succeeding danger. Ten minutes later the fire was out, and the "big-hearted Charley" was stretched on the pavement, and Chief Croker, on his knees beside it, begged the department surgeon: "For God's sake, do something." Resart was had to every expedient, but before his last fire had burned itself out, the foot grimed leg or was dead. Rising to his feet, Chief Croker slipped his coat from his back, and spreading it over the face of his deputy, clambered into his big red machine.

The Rev. S. Olin, rabbi of Rhine Street Synagogue, Rochester, N. Y., will speak at the Sir Moses Montefiore Synagogue this morning at 10 o'clock and Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THE WEATHER. Forecast: Virginia—Rain Saturday; colder in extreme southwest portion; Sunday fair, cooler; brisk in high south winds, shifting to west and north-west. North Carolina—Rain Saturday; colder in west portion; brisk in high southwest to north-west winds; Sunday fair, cooler. CONDITIONS YESTERDAY. Richmond's weather was warm and foggy. Range of the thermometer: 9 a. m. .... 44 8 p. m. .... 50 12 m. .... 48 9 p. m. .... 48 3 p. m. .... 52 12 midnight .... 48 Average .... 51-13 Highest temperature recorded .... 52 Lowest temperature yesterday .... 43 Mean temperature yesterday .... 49 Normal temperature yesterday .... 40 Departure from normal temperature .... .96 Precipitation ..... 0.96 CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.) Place. Ther. H.T. Weather. Asheville ..... 58 60 Rain. Atlanta ..... 68 74 Rain. Buffalo ..... 46 50 Rain. Chicago ..... 34 36 Rain. Cincinnati ..... 42 48 P. cloudy. Davenport ..... 34 36 Rain. Detroit ..... 34 34 Rain. Evansville ..... 44 46 Rain. Jacksonville ..... 48 54 Cloudy. Kansas City ..... 32 36 Rain. Memphis ..... 58 62 Rain. New Orleans ..... 48 52 Rain. Oklahoma City ..... 32 40 Rain. Pittsburgh ..... 56 58 Rain. Raleigh ..... 44 46 Rain. St. Louis ..... 44 46 Rain. Norfolk ..... 62 62 Rain. Tampa ..... 72 76 Rain. Washington ..... 42 44 Rain. Wilmington ..... 64 66 Rain. Yellowstone ..... 42 54 Rain. MINIATURE ALMANAC. February 15, 1908. Sun rises ..... 7:01 H. HIGH TIDE. Sun sets ..... 5:48 Morning ..... 2:44 Moon sets ..... 4:50 Evening ..... 4:52

SENATE

After being confined to his home for a few days by a cold, Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson was present and presided over the session of the Senate yesterday. Senator Parks offered prayer.