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**TELEGRAM SIGNED WITH RHEA'S NAME**

Wysor Declares He Can Prove This Beyond Question of Doubt.

**RHEA TAKES OATH OF OFFICE**

Lull Follows Storm, but Case Will Be Factor in Politics Hereafter.



Reading from left to right: Miss Dorothy Temple Cabell, as maid; Master John Springer Gray, as king; Miss Julia Gray Moncre, as queen. The little scene, illustrating the Mother Goose rhyme, "Sing a Song of Sixpence," was enacted at the Charity Fete yesterday.

**WHAT WYSOR SAYS ABOUT TELEGRAMS**

"In passing through the Capitol Square on Thursday I happened to meet Senator Noel. He asked me if I had heard Mr. Byrd's speech criticizing the testimony of Mr. Stuart, and especially that part of it concerning the Rhea telegram. I had not heard the speech, but had heard of it, and felt naturally resentful at such an attack on my fellow-countyman.

"What I said, however, was without the suspicion that my language could be used on the question of confirmation, because I thought the evidence was concluded. In fact, I stayed in West Virginia, where I have some business interests, and kept away from Richmond in order to avoid being a witness. The statement I made was not accurately given by Senator Noel. I said that Judge Rhea's friends need not deny that a telegram signed Wm. F. Rhea was received at Honaker and transmitted by telephone to Elk Garden, as stated by Mr. Stuart in his testimony. I further stated I knew parties who could establish this fact beyond question, and that I had myself received two messages from friends of Judge Rhea that would throw light upon the question. I did not, and naturally could not possibly say that I knew the telegram referred to was sent by Judge Rhea personally."—Statement of B. T. Wysor, of Pulaski, given to Times-Dispatch yesterday.

**CITIZENS TO OPPOSE IDLEWOOD LICENSE**

Object to Saloon Near Park. Where Women and Children Go During Summer.

**LAW VIOLATED EVERY WEEK**

Police Court Record Disposes of Attempted Denial—Statute May Be Strengthened.

With an amendment to section 3799 of the Code of Virginia, constant violation of the Sunday law at Idlewood, which culminated last summer in numerous Police Court cases, will be prevented. Under the present statute the violator escapes with a forfeit of \$2, the Supreme Court holding that he cannot be otherwise punished.

House bill No. 108, which has already passed the House of Delegates, and which is now before the Senate, amends that provision relating to "forfeits." The word is changed to read "fine," and as a result of this change a person once convicted can be put under a bond of \$100 or \$500. This, it is claimed, will effectually stop wholesale and flagrant violation.

**THIEF SNATCHED PAY SLIP AND RAN**

Crowd Captured Him After Chase, and Police Wanted Him for Many Crimes.

James Jackson, a West Virginia negro, probably regrets that he left his home in his native State, for he has gotten into trouble, and yesterday evening they caused him the merriest chase of his life. While the employees in the Cranberry Warehouse on Shockoe Slip, were being paid off hands reached over and closed his hands over a pile of money. He grabbed it, and then stretched out for another. The owner grabbed him, but Jackson broke away. Some one headed him off and closed the door. Jackson was chased around inside the building like a scared jack rabbit in a bull pen. He was finally caught, and Policeman Hackett, who had heard the rumpus, closed in on him with the nippers.

**STREET SEARCHING, BUT WITH NO HOPE**

Mr. Kemper Will Leave To-Day and Will Recommend Erection of Temporary Building.

Notwithstanding his unfruitful search through the city for a suitable building as temporary quarters of the post-office and the Federal offices, which must be ready by the early fall, Mr. Charles E. Kemper, assistant supervising architect of the United States, left in a huff yesterday afternoon, but no definite conclusion has been reached as yet.

**NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE**

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1192 Hull Street.

Mr. William B. Hughes, an old resident of Chesterfield county, died yesterday afternoon at his residence, five miles from Manchester. Mr. Hughes was eighty years of age, and one of the most respected citizens of the county.

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After one of the most exciting political contests in recent Virginia history, resulting in the failure of the opposition to defeat confirmation of his appointment, Judge William F. Rhea, of Bristol, was sworn in yesterday morning as a member of the State Corporation Commission to succeed Hon. Henry C. Stuart, of Ruston, who died in office. The City Circuit Court administered the oath at the residence of Detective L. L. Scherer, on Grove Avenue, Judge Rhea being anxious for his wife to witness the ceremony, which meant for him vindication by his party.

**Sign Already Up.**

From the Scherer residence Judge Rhea went to the Capitol. A printed sign on his office door announced that he was ready for work. During the morning a number of charters, which had been awaiting action, were signed, Judge Prentiss was in his office when the new commissioner arrived.

There was the proverbial calm after the storm of Thursday night, but Judge Rhea's friends did not neglect the opportunity of greeting and welcoming him. Indeed, he held a sort of informal reception office and hearing on the day, but he felt he maintained that same dignified silence which had characterized his conduct from the first moment of the attack. Governor Swanson had no expression for the newspapers, although he was naturally proud that the joint assembly had ended a troublesome question by sustaining and confirming the appointment made by him.

**That New Evidence.**

Senator Noel's unsuccessful attempt to place before the Legislature some bills in the early edition of the now famous Rhea telegram, and the presence here of Mr. Byrd, J. Wysor whom Senator Noel quoted in this connection, made it difficult for the public to dismiss the whole question of Rhea. Mr. Wysor's statement, appearing elsewhere in this issue, speaks for itself, and sustains the utterances of the Senator from Lee, except in minor details. None of this new evidence, however, will be considered by the committee, for the incident is officially closed, even if it does and will continue to be a live and pregnant issue in Virginia politics.

Perhaps the most fiery and voluble echo yesterday came from the Legislature, when Senator Halsey, of Lynchburg, and Delegate Martin Williams, of Giles, branded as a willful and malicious lie an editorial in the Staunton Leader denouncing ring politics. It was a "person's privilege" attack. An evening newspaper, in its early edition, printed numerous editorials from the State papers condemning the Rhea appointment, and one of these happened to arouse the anger of Mr. Halsey and Judge Williams, who disposed of it effectively without further interruption to the proceedings of the two houses.

**Richmond Against Him.**

With its many ramifications this Rhea matter has monopolized all public attention. At present, however, people are speculating in the fact that it will be an issue in the next campaign is admitted, although there are divided opinions as to how it will help or hurt one candidate or another. Senator Wickham's warning that it might endanger Democratic safety, and the fact that the Republicans, that gag rule and partisan politics would unquestionably help their cause, forced Democratic leaders to reason among themselves. They set about, however, to ridicule the idea that the case would cut into the majority of the dominant party, referring to any reference to the probable effect upon Democratic candidates for Governor.

Whatever may be said about the attitude of the General Assembly, it has been clearly demonstrated that the sentiment in Richmond was against confirmation. It cropped out continually in the gallery of the House, only to be checked by Speaker Byrd; but it broke again and again. In this address feeling the citizens looked above the head of the man they did not know Judge Rhea, but they regarded as sound and logical the reasoning of Senator Wickham, his minority report expressing the sentiment of Richmond people generally.

Senator Wickham's came fight, the bold and daring utterances of Senator Noel, and the cool, deliberate and fearless address of Senators Strode and Sims made them heroes in the eyes of the local public, and brought forth even more praise for them than had been accorded by the party leaders upon the head of the man they sought to defeat.

**Judge Rhea Leaves.**

Accompanied by Mrs. Rhea, who has been here for some time, Judge Rhea left for his home in Bristol last night. He will look after some business matters and return here next Thursday of Friday to take up his work actively as a member of the Corporation Commission, Judge and Mrs. Rhea have engaged apartments at the Chesterfield Flats, where they will reside pending the building of their new home on a lot recently purchased in the West End.

Though naturally gratified at the result of the fight, the members of the assembly, Judge Rhea had nothing to say for publication last night concerning the matter. He spent the greater portion of the day in his office in the Capitol receiving callers and familiarizing himself with his new duties.

Naturally the exciting scenes in the last meeting of the joint assembly were freely talked of around the Capitol yesterday.

Some of the pro-administration people were saying that the Democratic opposition to Judge Rhea's confirmation was the result of factional politics, but a close analysis of the vote falls to bear out this contention. There are some sore spots as a result of the sharp debates, but they are already healing, and only the scars will be left in a few days.

**Joint Contract to Transfer**

The Joint Council Committee on Water and Electricity yesterday awarded to E. W. Trautman a contract for plans and specifications for the new electric power plant at the Old Pump House station. The contract was for \$100,000 and it was awarded subject to approval by the Council.

**Funeral Party Stalled**

Carriages Stuck in Oakwood Avenue Mud and Damage Suits Are Threatened.

Unless the city takes immediate steps to improve the condition of Oakwood Avenue it will be made defendant in a suit for \$10,000 damages. This statement was made by a member of the Council last night, two undertakers being mentioned as the plaintiffs.

On the way to a funeral the other day three carriages were stalled in the mud, the occupants being unable to reach the church in time for the service. The wheels were jacked out of the mud.

**Charged With Theft**

Folliomen Ogilvie and Taylor last night arrested Neal Owens on the charge of stealing \$15 from Lucius Tate.

George Flower was locked up on the charge of stealing without a license, and Joseph Johnson (colored) was arrested on the charge of stealing \$7.50 worth of trousseau from Roland Jones.

**Charge Made for the Bill**

Leading members of the Senate, Judge Mann in particular, have promised to urge an amendment to section 3729, so that willful violation of Sunday law may be prevented. This section now reads:

"**ON A PERSON, ON A SABBATH DAY, BE FOUND LABORING AT ANY TRADE OR CALLING, OR EMPLOYED IN LABOR OR BUSINESS, EXCEPT IN HOUSEHOLD OR OTHER WORK OF NECESSITY OR CHARITY, HE SHALL FORFEIT \$2 FOR EACH OFFENSE, EVERY DAY ANY SERVANT OR APPRENTICE IS SO EMPLOYED SHALL CONSTITUTE A DISTINCT OFFENSE, AND A JUDGMENT HERETOFORE OR HEREINAFTER RENDERED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE RIGHT OF APPEAL SHALL LIE TO THE DEFENDANT WITHIN TEN DAYS, TO THE CORPORATION OR HUSTINGS COURT OF THE CITY, COUNTY OR JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN SAID JUDGMENT APPEARED FROM IS RENDERED; AND WHEN TAKEN SHALL BE PROCEEDED IN AS APPEALS IN MISDEMEANOR CASES."**

Police Record.

Notwithstanding the statement, purporting to come from parties interested in the management of Idlewood, published in an afternoon paper denying the charge that the Sunday statute was flagrantly violated last summer at the pleasure resort, a casual glance at the Police Court records will prove the allegation to be true. Almost continuously from the time when the place was first reported and the case was appealed, employees have been summoned by the police for violation of the Sunday law. Taking the months of July and August, 1907, as instances, 14,272,287 were reported and were required to pay the forfeit. Eleven violations were reported on the following Sunday, and the usual forfeit was paid.

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**CROWDS ATTEND CHARITY FETE**

Afternoon and Evening Performances at Jefferson Yesterday Delighted Big Audience.

**TABLEAUX AT THE ACADEMY**

Entire Program Will Be Repeated in One Evening—Cafe Chantant To-Day.

**Repeat Tableaux at Academy of Music**

So great has been the success of the tableaux presented at the Indoor Garden Fete for charity at the Jefferson yesterday that the ladies having the affair in charge have decided to repeat the performances at the Academy of Music on Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The entire program as given three nights at the Jefferson will be repeated at the Academy at the one performance, the evening being held in a large hall and the possibilities afforded by theatrical lights and properties, the living pictures and dancers will prove more attractive than ever.

Such a demand for boxes has been evidenced that the ladies have decided to make the balcony seats at 10 o'clock to-night or at the conclusion of the Cafe Chantant entertainment in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel. The tableaux at the Academy will be for charity. Orchestra seats and the first three rows of the balcony will be at 50 cents each; other seats for 25 cents each.

The story of Thursday's success was repeated tenfold in the afternoon and evening entertainments of yesterday at the Charity Fete in the Jefferson Auditorium.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock the matinee performance was begun with a children's musical, under the supervision of Miss Helen Christian. The children themselves with glory and applause, with credit, and then gave place to "The Illustrated Story of Cinderella," staged by Mrs. Frank Powers. Miss Mary Perkins, in her ball gown with her foot on a silken cushion, and Master Robert Blankenship as prince, adjusting the slipper, while Master William Anderson acted as Miss Anderson. Misses Laura Richardson, Janet Wyatt, Jean Blair, Sarah Powers, Rose Caperton, Marie McVey and Mary Luce took the roles of the scornful sisters, the fairy god-mother and charming court ladies, made a scene of uncommon beauty greatly pleasing to the audience.

**Other Features.**

Miss Frances West rendered a song from "Madame Butterfly," with Mr. Weitzel as accompanist, and Miss Mary Evans won applause by her art in skirt dancing.

Then came a scene from Mother Goose, "Sing a Song of Sixpence," in which Master John Springer Gray, as King, stood knife in hand beside the pie, out of which the blackbirds were appearing. The queen, Miss Julia Gray Moncre, sat beside her jar of honey at a small table, and Dorothy Cabell, as the little maid, was busily hanging out clothes in the adjacent garden. The whole was a picture of beauty and the costumes and the prettiness of the children rendered this a fine program.

Equally interesting was that following, entitled "The Sleeping Princess," with Helena Caperton as the Princess, Arthur Caperton as the Prince, Anne Benson as the Fairy Godmother, and Robert Blankenship, Robert Grover and James Moncre as Courtiers.

Miss Mary Evans, as Red Riding Hood, and Jackson Chambers, as the Wolf, acted their parts in most realistic fashion. The effect of the costumes was heightened by the song from "Red Riding Hood," given by Miss Emily Wade and Mr. Douglas Gordon.

**Evening Performance.**

Miss Helen Christian was chairman of the evening, the program for which included living pictures and beautiful musical numbers.

Miss Frances West, in costume, and accompanied by Mr. Louis Weitzel, sang "La Carissima." Miss Reinhardt gave a violin solo to an accompaniment by Miss Myrtle Redford, and Miss Emily Wade and Mr. Douglas Gordon sang "The Message of the Violin."

The Jefferson orchestra rendered a very fine program during the afternoon, and the Blues' Band was in attendance at night. The ladies appreciate the favor shown to them in each instance, and are indebted to Mr. Sesslich for a kind offer.

The pictures, "Madame Le Brun and Her Daughter," by Mrs. Sidney Buford and little Elizabeth Scott; "Charlotte Corday," by Miss Bessie Tompkins, and "The Message of the Violin," by Miss Helen Christian, were beautifully posed and much applauded.

**Cafe Chantant.**

It only remains now for everybody to go to the Cafe Chantant this evening and there cap the climax of the week's success.

The decorations in the hall were much admired again yesterday. Many of the flowers were given free of charge by Mann & Brown and Hammond.

Mrs. Virginia Newton will give a reception to the members of her finance committee and their wives at her home, on West Franklin Street, on Monday, from 4 to 6 P. M. Mrs. Newton was forced to withdraw from her official position in the Indoor Garden Party on account of the sickness of her mother.

**PERFORM FOR CHARITY**

Passenger and Power Company Children Give Entertainment for Charity Fund. A large sum of money was raised and a large crowd of people enjoyed themselves at the entertainment given last night by the children of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company. For the benefit of the children's relief fund, the Reservoir Young Men's Christian Association Hall was decorated for the occasion. For the songs and recitations the stage was made to represent a drawing-room, but the scenes were shifted for the tableaux and drills.

The exercises opened with a song by the chorus, followed by a recitation by Miss Cora Smith, who sang "The Power of Penitence," followed by Miss Ellen Kien; flag drill, by about fifty little girls; tableau, "Drunk or Aged"; recitation by Helen Barker; "Mother Goose characters," sixteen boys and girls; vocal solo, Miss Ethel Barrett; recitation, Miss Camilla Gerber; piano duet, Miss Percy and Mrs. Reynolds; dialogue, "Raising the Price of Butter," five girls; piano solo, Miss Clendon; tableau, "When My Little One Sleeps."

**Midnight Mission.**

A rescue gospel meeting will be held at 8:30 o'clock on the night of the 29th, at 1424 E. Broad Street. Subject, "The Power of Penitence."



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