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Courts of Justice—Page, Rew, Edwards, Bell, Oliver, Stephenson of Bath, Evans, Yarrell, Moncure of Alexandria, Nelson, White, Lee, Stebbins.

Schools and Colleges—Dunn, Williams of Giles, Good, Bell, Page, Oliver, Parker, West of Nansemond, Coleman, Stephenson of New Kent, Adams, Fitzhugh, Wellford.

General Laws—Cox, Powers, Clement, Williams of Giles, Throckmorton, Stubbs, Lion, McRae, Shepherd, Zimmer, Cooke, Casey, Pendleton.

Roads and Internal Navigation—Throckmorton, Clarke, Dunn, Taliaferro, Nolting, Grisby, Kemper, West of Richmond, Keyser, Barham, Trollinger, McChesney, Robinson.

Finance—Bowman of Roanoke, Jennings, Spessard, Baker, Pitts, Houston, Johnston, Wilson, Owens, Wingo, Stearnes, Moncure of Stafford, Templeton, Ewing, Wissler.

Claims—Daniel, Williams of Southampton, Stratton, Silvester, Bassett, Buck, Jordan, Moncure of Alexandria, Price, Roberts, Snyder, Ayers, Hannah.

Militia and Police—Owens, Pitts, Houston, Whitehead, Nolting, Cox, Rew, Browning, Glenn, Jordan, Parker, Utz, Bowman of Shenandoah.

Asylums and Prisons—Myers, Williams of Southampton, Love, Stephenson of James City, Kemper, Zimmer, Noland, Harwood, Roberts, Browning, Parker, Wissler, Cornett.

Labor and the Poor—Sydnor, Daniel, Stephenson of New Kent, Toney, Casey, Trollinger, Turpin, Yarrell, Baum, Coleman, Keyser, Johnson, Parr.

Public Property—Pitts, Johnston, Evans, Jett, Casey, Adams, Barham, Ewing, Fitzhugh, Grisby, Deal, Cornett, Sulphin.

Currency and Commerce—Powers, Owens, Clarke, West of Bedford, White, Cooke, Edwards, Houston, Curtis, Stearnes, Stebbins, McRae, Pendleton.

Agriculture and Mining—Taliaferro, Bowman of Roanoke, West of Bedford, Stratton, Dunn, Nolting, Turpin, Wellford, Jordan, Browning, Utz, Kemper, Lucas.

Manufactures and Mechanics Arts—Spessard, Glenn, Whitehead, Sydnor, Stebbins, Wingo, Silvester, White, Zimmer, Buck, Kemper, Litz, Ratliff.

Counties, Cities and Towns—Jennings, Brown, Sydnor, Powers, Silvester, Love, Toney, Keyser, Utz, Yarrell, Barham, Baum, Harwood.

Officers and Offices at the Capitol—Clarke, Taliaferro, Clement, Throckmorton, Wingo, Myers, Baker, Barham, Bassett, Baum, Bell, Brown, Cornett.

Executive Expenditures—Jett, Jennings, Bowman of Roanoke, Ewing, Daniel, Browning, Buck, Casey, Clement, Coleman, Curtis, Deal, Ayers.

Retrenchment and Economy—Evans, Myers, Spessard, Noland, Love, McChesney, McRae, Moncure of Alexandria, Nelson, Price, Roberts, Snyder, Ratliff.

Federal Relations—Wilson, Johnston, Daniel, Curtis, Good, Lee, Nelson, Snyder, Spatig, Stephenson of Bath, Templeton, Toney, Lucas.

Enrolled Bills—Oliver, Bassett, Buck, Coleman, Shepherd, Glenn, Jordan, Keyser, Turpin, Hannah, Johnson, Parr, Lucas.

Immigration—Lewis, Cox, Clement, Wilson, Moncure of Stafford, Stebbins, Whitehead, Adams, Stubbs, Wellford, Yarrell, Hannah, Wissler.

Chesapeake and Tributaries—Rew, Houston, Edwards, Adams, Jett, Harwood, Curtis, Stearnes, Deal, Lion, Nolting, West of Nansemond, Pendleton.

House Expenses—Edwards, McChesney, Noland, Price, Spatig, Williams of Southampton, Bassett, Ayers, Litz, Lucas, Ratliff, Robinson, Sutphin.

Rules—Byrd, Cox, Williams of Giles, Page, Lion.

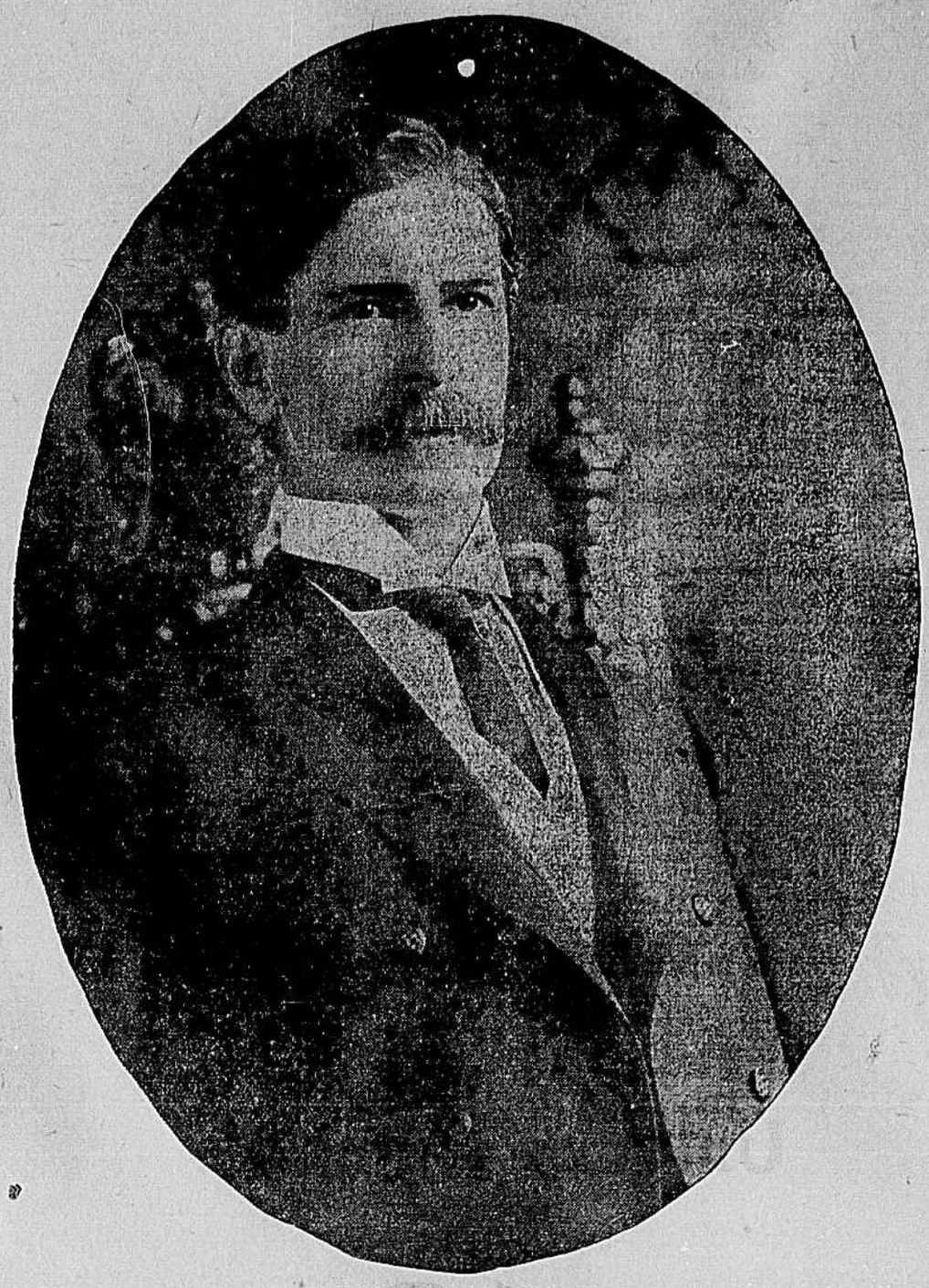
Library—Johnston, Stubbs, Page, Stephenson of Bath, Templeton.

Printing—Fitzhugh, Sydnor, Clarke.

Special, Private and Local Legislation—Bell, Lewis, White, Lee, Evans, Zimmer, Stephenson of Bath.

Confirmations—West of Bedford, Wilson Cooke, Moncure of Alexandria, Myers.

Insurance and Banking—Baker, Brown, West of Bedford, Moncure of Stafford, Cooke, Stubbs, Stratton, Harwood, Deal, Shepherd, Grigsby, Trollinger, Spatig.



GOVERNOR CLAUDE A. SWANSON.

STRIKING FACTS IN GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Revenue points to material progress of the Commonwealth, though strict economy is urged.

Commends work of State Department, particularly health, charities, dairy and geological survey.

Again urges upward movement in education.

Recommends that present policy of working convicts on roads be continued.

Highly gratified with county road-building spirit.

Suggests that one-half of revenue derived from franchise tax on steam and electric roads be set aside as permanent fund for road improvement.

Believes that present tax on motor cars should be increased.

Earnestly recommends passage of law providing reasonable regulation for State banks.

Equalization of taxation shows great lack of uniformity, and suggests that evil be corrected.

Indorses plan for Department of State Accounting.

Suggests formation of movable agricultural schools to teach farmers how to farm scientifically.

Shows need of better kitchen and dining rooms at State Penitentiary.

Wants epileptic colony separate from insane asylums, and with separate directors.

Recommends that legal examining board be created to relieve Supreme Court of work entailed by examination of law applicants.

Recommends more important laws for health regulations.

Indorses Juvenile Court and Reformatory for delinquent girls.

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After roll call Senator Strode, of Amherst, moved that the rules of the Senate remain the same as heretofore. Senator Gravatt, of Caroline, offered an amendment to section IV., clause 15, suspending the clause permitting Senators to receive visitors in the cloakroom. After discussion by Senators Halsey, of Lynchburg; Strode, of Amherst, and Echols, of Staunton, the rules as amended were adopted.

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Officers Elected.

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