ASSEMBLY HONORS MEMORY OF LEE

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introduced in the Senate. A good deal of discussion is likely to rage about this bill.

The Moncure bill requiring the railroad companies entering Alexandria to take passengers to and from the business centre of the city went over in committee.

Oysters were tackled by the House Committee on the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries. Sundry amendments are proposed to existing laws, including an extension of ten days to the open season.

SENATE

Yesterday's session of the Senate was begun with prayer by Rev. S. C. Hatcher, of the Broad Street Methodist Church.

Favorable committee reports were received on Senator Folkes's bill providing for the rounding off of the corner of the Capitol Square opposite Rueger's; on Senator Lessner's bill to regulate and inspect laundries; on Senator Chase's bill regarding marriage certificates; on Senator Fletcher's tax equalization measure, and on Senator Holt's bill to separate Elizabeth City and Accomac counties as legislative districts.

Senator Holt, of Newport News, moved that 500 copies of the Fletcher equalization bill be printed for distribution, and the resolution was agreed to.

Senator Lassiter, of Petersburg, offered a joint resolution, requiring the Rules Committee of the House and the Senate to draw up such amendment to the rules as would permit the paper used in the printing of bills to be not smaller than legal cap in size and to have enough space for clerk and committee notations. It was adopted.

To Broaden Education.

A report from the special committee appointed to report on a method for broadening the educational system of the State was received, in which the committee declared that the task required more time and labor than those on the committee could give, recommending that some plan be adopted whereby a inute investigation of methods for future use in the educational scheme of Virginia might be secured. The repore was signed by President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and others on the committee.

Under reading of bills, all bills on the Senate calendar received first reading.

Senator Echols, of Staunton, called up his bill in reference to the non-taxation of bonds and other securities by cities and towns other than those which issued them, when the issuing municipalities did not tax. He explained that immediate consideration was necessary, so that the bill might take effect under the first assessment shortly to be made.

The rules were suspended, and the bill came up for consideration.

Constitutional Objection.

Senator Strode, of Amherst, doubted the constitutionality of the bill, and Senator Walker, of Northumberland, agreed with him. They believed that the Legislature had so granted away the power of taxing local bonds that it could not legislate in the matter.

Senator Lassiter, of Petersburg, favored the bill, declaring that if local securities were exempted from taxation by other towns than those issuing the obligations, such securities would be more marketable, especially with reference to good roads bond issues.

Senator Echols, of Staunton, author of the bill, stated that he had not contemplated constitutional objections, and would ask that the bill be referred to the Committee on Courts for its consideration. It was so ordered.

Senator Thornton, of Fairfax, called up his bill in relation to the appointment of commissioners in chancery for certain counties, and after discussion by Senators Strode, of Amherst, and Hart, of Roanoke, Senator Sale, of Norfolk city, moved that the bill be passed by, which was done.

Senator Hart, of Roanoke, moved that the Senate adjourn in memory of General Robert E. Lee, and at 1:05 o'clock it was so done.

HOUSE

The House session, like that of the Senate, was curtailed on account of adjournment in honor of the memory of Robert E. Lee.

Several bills were reported from committees, one of them being the bill allowing an early vote on the consolidation of Richmond and Manchester, from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Measures reported from the Committee on Finance were: To relieve the United States government from the State tax on deeds when buying Virginia property; to instruct the Board of Charities and Corrections to gather facts about weak-minded persons.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges reported the joint resolution recommending the College of William and Mary to the Carnegie Foundation.

A number of bills were reported from the Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, and were distributed among other committees. Among these was the bill making allowances from the State Treasury to the Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls, which went to the Committee on Finance.

In Honor of Lee.

Mr. Yarrell, of Greenesville, moved that the House adjourn in memory of Robert E. Lee, this being his birthday. Inasmuch, he said, as a question had been raised as to the closing of a custom house in Virginia in observance of the day, it was as little as the General Assembly of the State of Lee's birth could do to adjourn in his honor.

Upon request of Mr. Byrd, who had vacated the chair temporarily, with Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk, presiding, Judge Yarrell withdrew his motion to allow Mr. Good, of Rockingham, to report the death of his colleague, Mr. Snyder.

Upon motion of Mr. Good the Speaker appointed a committee of three, composed of Mr. Good, Mr. Lewis, of Essex, and Mr. Evans, of Middlesex, to attend Mr. Snyder's funeral.

Mr. Yarrell then renewed his motion for adjournment, which was agreed to at 12:15. The calendar for the day went over until to-day.

Senate Bills

By Mr. Elam: A bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903.

By Mr. Hart: A bill for the creation of a department of game and inland fish for the preservation and protection of certain animals, birds, their nest and eggs, fish, and to prevent unlawful hunting and fishing, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts, sections or parts of sections of the Code of Virginia inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and to provide penalties for any violation of this act.

By Mr. Carter: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1767 of Pollard's Code of Virginia, as amended by acts of 1906; who may practice dentistry.

By Mr. Holt: A bill to amend and re-enact section 614 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 13, 1908, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 613 and 614 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 15, 1904.

By Mr. Ward: A bill to amend sections 2 and 5 of an act entitled an act to authorize the trustees of the Gravel Spring Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Frederick county, to receive a donation of $1,000 and invest the same, approved January 27, 1906.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved February 27, 1896, as further amended by an act approved March 3, 1896, and further amended by an act approved February 7, 1898, as further amended by an act approved January 24, 1900, and as further amended by an act approved March 15, 1902, in relation to the collection of the fees of the commissioners of the revenue.

By Mr. Parks: A bill to prohibit the game of football.

By Mr. Parks: A bill to prevent discrimination or the giving of preferences by transportation companies among persons engaged in the baggage, cab, omnibus, transfer or hotel business, or other like callings, with respect to soliciting trade upon the station or station grounds, or on the transportation lines of such companies.

By Mr. Parks: A bill to authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of the county of Warren, Va., to appropriate out of the county funds of said county the sum not greater than $1,000, to be expended in the securing and erection of a monument upon the courthouse square, in the town of Front Royal, in said county, to the memory of the Confederate soldiers of said county.

By Mr. Parks: A bill to amend and re-enact section 41 of an act, approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution.

By Mr. Strode: A bill in relation to the assessment for local taxation of the rolling stock of railroad corporations.

By Mr. Lesner: A bill to impose a license tax on certain persons and devices engaged in fishing, crabbing, cleaning, etc., in addition to that now prescribed by law, and for the further protection of fish, crabs, clams, etc., and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

House Bills

The following were presented and referred under Rule 27:

To the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. West, of Bedford: A bill to relieve the estate of deceased persons from interest on debts due the Commonwealth of Virginia in certain cases.

By Mr. Byrd: A bill to amend and re-enact section 36 of an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903; fixing the minimum amount of license tax to be paid by every corporation, person or association for the privilege of operating the apparatus necessary to communicate by telephone.

By Mr. Clement: A bill to impose a license tax upon the owners of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances, whose motive power is other than animals, which run along and over the public highways of this State, and also to impose a license tax upon keepers of garages, and to provide penalties for failure to pay for the same such licenses.

To the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation.

By Mr. Buck: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 2 and 3 of the act entitled an act for the protection of fish in Washington county, Va., approved March 8, 1894.

By Mr. Grigsby: A bill to make the town of Berryville, Va., a separate election district, and to exempt said town from the provisions of section 555 of the Code of Virginia of 1904, and to confer upon said town all the rights and privileges of towns of not less than 1,000 inhabitants, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act.

By Mr. Stephenson, of New Kent: A bill to authorize the Mayor and Council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, Va., to sell and dispose of the lot of land situate on Francis Street, said city, known as the "Colored School Lot," and to pass title to same.

By Mr. Stephenson, of New Kent: A bill to authorize and empower the Mayor and Council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, Va., to sell and dispose of the lot of land situate on the west side of England Street, in said city, known as a part of Ireland Street, and to pass title to same.

To Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Mr. Stebbins: A bill to provide for submitting to the qualified voters in any county, magisterial district, city or town, wherein a dispensary for the sale of liquor has been or may hereafter be established, the question of continuing the sale of liquor by such dispensary in such county, magisterial district, city or town, and to prohibit any other election to be held in such county, magisterial district, city or town, upon the question of the sale of liquor therein, in any manner, within two years after any election is held under this act.

To Committee on General Laws.

By Mr. West, of Bedford: A bill to amend and re-enact section 3657-B of the Code, regulating the hours of labor in factories where females and children under fourteen years of age are employed as operatives.

By Mr. Casey: A bill to provide for inspection of steam boilers and for the equipment of a State inspector of boilers.

To Committee for Courts of Justice.

By Mr. Cox: A bill to amend and re-enact section 4064 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1904.

By Mr. Stebbins: A bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of chapter 8 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved January 18, 1904, entitled an act concerning public service corporations.

To the Committee on Asylums and Prisons.

By Mr. Wissler: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1662 of the Code, as amended and re-enacted by an act, approved March 7, 1906, and as further amended by an act approved April 7, 1908, in relation to boards of directors, their appointment and terms, quorums, vacancies, how filled; their meetings every ten miles, was reported favorably.

Senator Ward's bill to allow counties which have improved their main-traveled highways to receive State aid for the improvement of the byways. Senator Strode's bills to allow cities and towns to contribute to good roads not further out than ten miles and to permit counties to issue bonds for county good roads, instead of district roads—all these were favorably reported.

Plans for the inauguration of Governor-elect Mann are under way. The Senate Committee met yesterday, but as the House had adjourned, it failed to meet with the House part of the joint committee. The Senate part appointed Senator Sale, of Norfolk city, to confer with the House chairman. It was learned yesterday that the State officials will occupy the floor of the House, together with the Legislature, while the gallery will be partly filled by the public. It is not yet decided whether tickets of admission will be issued for the gallery.

"Lee and Jackson day" is the termination which Senator Early, of Greene, says should be given to January 19. When a member of the House in 1897, he was much interested in the dedication of the day as a legal holiday, and secured the passage of a bill to that effect. He, however, distinctly gave it the double title. He corresponded for some time with Mrs. Jackson about the date of the birth of the great Confederate "right arm" of Lee, but the date could not be surely ascertained. He therefore drew up the bill so that it might be in honor of both of the mighty Confederate leaders. This fact is generally forgotten, but is nevertheless the whole truth about the 19th of January in Virginia.

Towns having dispensaries for the sale of liquor, or which may hereafter establish such institutions, are to be given the right to vote on the question of their abolition at intervals of two years, just as in the case of saloons, in a bill offered yesterday by Mr. Stebbins, of Halifax. The procedure is to be the same as in local option elections. Dispensary towns have heretofore not been allowed to vote on the matter of abolition except by passage of a special enabling act in the Legislature.

The appointment of a State boiler inspector is contemplated in a bill presented yesterday in the House by Mr. Casey, of Richmond. This official would be appointed by the Governor for a term of two years, at a salary of $1,500, and traveling expenses not exceeding $600. It would be his duty to inspect and govern the use of all boilers.

Amending the law relative to the jurisdiction of justices, Mr. Cox, of Richmond, would give them in cities exclusive original jurisdiction for the trial of all offenses against the city ordinances.

The oyster question came up yesterday afternoon before a meeting of the House Committee on the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries. A subcommittee had been given charge of the bill proposing a codification of all laws relating to oysters, and this subcommittee made a report favoring the bill and suggesting that 500 copies of it be printed.

W. W. Old, Jr., of Norfolk, appeared before the committee and explained the proposed changes. For the most part, he said, they related to giving the authorities the power to enforce the oyster laws, providing heavy penalties for their violation. The license is made payable on December 1, along with other State taxes, after which a 5 per cent. penalty is added.

In addition, it is provided that the Commission of Fisheries shall have the power to select a surveyor to go over the oyster grounds, instead of leaving this work in every case to the county surveyors. The latter are sometimes hard to get, and, it was said, usually side in questions at issue against the commission.

It is also proposed to change the closed season, so as to make it from April 25 to September 15, instead of from April 1 to September 1, as at present. This will take from the producer fifteen days in September and give him twenty-five days in April, presenting him with a net gain of ten days in each year during the opening season.

The committee considered the bill, after addresses by Mr. Old and Commissioner W. McDonald Lee, in executive session.

Creation of a department of game and inland fish for the preservation of certain animals, birds, their nests and eggs and fish, and to prevent unlawful hunting and fishing, was introduced yesterday by Senator Hart, of Roanoke.

If a bill proposed by Mr. West, of Suffolk, becomes a law, convicts who have a term of ten years or less will be eligible for work on the public roads. At present only prisoners with terms not exceeding five years are used in the convict camps.

Opposition to Mr. Cox's bills to increase the taxes on express companies and on Pullman companies will meet with vigorous opposition. Mr. Cox called up his bills yesterday morning before the Committee on Finance of the House, and argued them at some length. W. A. Mehegan, manager for the Adams and Southern Express Companies in Richmond, was present, and asked that next Wednesday be set as as the time for a hearing on the express bill. The Senate committee would hear the bill next Tuesday, he said, and the selection of Wednesday would be a matter of convenience to officials or attorneys for the companies who would be here from a distance. In the absence of objection, that date was fixed.

Scott, Buchanan & Cardwell represented the Palace Car Company, and upon suggestion the hearing on this matter was also fixed for Wednesday.

Mr. Cox presented some startling figures in support of his bill. He said that the total license tax received from express companies in this State is now less than $16,000, while the tax on property owned in this State is only $197. The express companies, he asserted, are paying only 1-110 as much as the railways, and the sleeping car company only 1-330 as much as railroads. "We all know," he said, "that the express companies are doing the business, and I believe that they should be made to pay as much, if not more, than the railroad companies." The railroads own $83,000,000 worth of property in Virginia, and the express companies only $50,000 worth. As to the legality of his proposed tax, he said that it was the same law as at present, the difference being only in amount.

Further tax on fishing and crabbing is sought by the bill introduced yesterday by Senator Lessner, of Portsmouth. The fish tax is recommended by the Norfolk Board of Trade.

Clerk John W. Williams, of the House of Delegates, has presented each member, clerk and newspaper man in that body with handsome pocket-knives. This is a biennial stunt with Clerk Williams, and is one which is much enjoyed by the recipients.

The artillery of the State will have representation on the State Military Board if Mr. Cox, of Richmond, is successful with a bill introduced by him in the House. His measure provides that an additional member shall be added to the board for each branch of the service not now represented. The infantry is now represented, and as a result the field artillery would get the additional member.

A beautiful floral harp made its appearance on the desk of Mr. Spatig, of Brunswick, in the House yesterday. It was composed of magnificent carnations and maiden-hair fern, and was the present of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Lawrenceville. Mr. Spatig is a member of the board and has recently served on its building committee, which had charge of the erection of a large new bank building.

Perhaps the hardest worked committee of the Legislature so far is that of the Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation. This body worked almost incessantly after its organization until it had reported all of its forty-seven bills save one, which is still with a subcommittee. Senator Lassiter is the chairman of the joint committee, which is a large body, composed of members of both houses.

Four occupants filled the chair of the Senate yesterday in less than twenty minutes. President Ellyson was called to his office on personal matters; then President Pro Tem. Echols, of Staunton followed him in the chair, but he had to get down to the floor while a bill of his was up, so that he called Senator Keezell, of Rockingham, to the gavel. Senator Keezell was also compelled to leave the chair, so Senator Walker, of Northumberland, completed the presiding quartet.

Senator Strode, of Amherst, brought up yesterday the measure known as the Caton bill, providing for local taxation of the rolling stock of railroad corporations. The bill provides that the rolling stock of railways shall not be taxed simply at the sites of its shops, but proportionately in other places.

Other measures presented by Senator Parks, of Page, yesterday included one to authorize the supervisors of Warren county to appropriate not more than $1,000 of the county funds to erect a monument upon the courthouse square at Front Royal in memory of the Confederate soldiers of that county. He also presented a bill making the income tax a lien, and another to prevent discrimination by transportation companies among omnibus and transfer companies and hotel people, with regard to soliciting trade at railroad stations.

Senator Elam, of Brunswick, introduced a bill yesterday, putting contracts under the same law as deeds, with reference to recordation fees. At present a deed is recorded on the basis of 10 cents for every $100 of consideration money over a certain amount, while a contract simply goes at a stated rate, regardless of the amount. Senator Elam wishes a change, so that they may both be put under the same head. If this becomes a law, big contracts for rolling stock will net a goodly sum to the treasuries.

Prohibition of intercollegiate athletic contests is sought by the author of the anti-football bill, Senator Parks, of Page, who expects to introduce a bill requiring that collegiate athletics shall be confined to the home grounds. The Senator thinks that the exercise the student can get at his own college and in the gymnasium is enough for him, and thinks that running off for athletic contests is deleterious to good study.

State Senator Levi P. Harlan and E. J. Robison, county and city treasurer, both of Indianapolis, Ind., were on the floor of the Senate yesterday.

Accomac and Elizabeth City counties are to be separated, and are to have distinct delegates, if the bill of Senator Holt, of Newport News, passes. The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections yesterday reported favorably on the proposition to divide the legislative districts. Heretofore Accomac had a delegate, and then Accomac and Elizabeth City county had one, but now the line is drawn, so that they separate.

At the meeting of the Senate Committee on Courts of Justice, Judge R. R. Prentis, of the State Corporation Commission, appeared and explained a few changes made by a pending bill in reference to the conduct of corporations in complying with legal requirements, such as requiring an attorney of fact to be appointed by the corporation in the county in which it had its office. The changes suggested were all minor.

Senator Gravatt's bill creating a board of law examiners was discussed, but will be considered later. A favorable report was given to Senator Rison's bill, allowing either party in a divorce suit to bring suit at the end of three years for permanent separation.

Senator George B. Keezell, of Rockingham, joined the House committee last night to attend the funeral of A. H. Snyder, of the House of Delegates, at Harrisonburg to-day.

Judge R. T. Gregory, of New Kent, a former member of the Legislature, was on the floor of the House yesterday. When in the House Judge Gregory was known as "the great objector."

Former Attorney-General Rufus A. Ayers, of Big Stone Gap, was a visitor at the Capitol yesterday.

John F. Ryan, of Loudoun, for five terms Speaker of the House of Delegates, has been a familiar figure on the House floor this week. Attempts on the part of Mr. Ryan's former constituents to induce him to return to legislative life have been unavailing.

Big Mortgage Filed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Suffolk, Va., January 19.—The Camp Manufacturing Company, of Franklin, Va., has filed for record in Nansemond county clerk's office a mortgage to the Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Baltimore, trustee, for $1,350,000. The money is raised to liquidate indebtedness and develop their resources.

Here and There in the Legislature

It is likely that the joint Democratic caucus of the two houses of the General Assembly, which will meet to-night, will not go through the formality of nominating Senator John W. Daniel for re-election. Many of the members express the opinion that this should not be done, since the party has already acted and has renominated the Senator.

Yesterday saw the end of the fight which has been in progress for the seat of Judge B. D. White, of Princess Anne county. Judge White was appointed some time since to fill an unexpired term by Governor Swanson, and will come up for election by the present Legislature. He has been opposed by R. J. Davis, of Portsmouth, and J. W. Keeling, of Princess Anne, or rather, the friends of these attorneys have been urging their claims. Their names were withdrawn yesterday, leaving Judge White without opposition before to-night's caucus.

When the two houses meet in joint assembly next Tuesday to elect a United States Senator, Senator Daniel will be put in nomination by Mr. Jennings, of Lynchburg, the Senator's home city. Seconding speeches will be made by Senator Edmondson, of Halifax; Senator Early, of Greene; Mr. Williams, of Giles; Mr. Cox, of Richmond; Mr. Stubbs, of Gloucester; Mr. Clement, of Pittsylvania, and perhaps others.

Abolition of the game "known as football or Rugby" is sought by Senator Parks, of Page, in a bill sent by him to the desk yesterday. The bill prohibits the game, "according to the rules now in force in the State of Virginia," whereby "the life or limb of those engaged is endangered." Violation of the act is made a misdemeanor, and managers, as well as players, are liable. The first offense brings a fine of not less than $10, while a second violation incurs imprisonment for not less than thirty days. Senator Parks, in speaking about his measure, said yesterday that the brutality of the game, as at present played, condemns it to destruction. He believes in the inculcation of courage, but he says there is as much difference between football courage—the brutal kind—and the real courage, as there was between the courage of John L. Sullivan and Stonewall Jackson. He especially detests the idea of putting a man out by agreement beforehand to lay him low. He said he had the recent gridiron casualties in mind in framing his bill.

At the meeting of the Senate Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation, a favorable report was given to the bill of Senators Sims and Lassiter, calling for the establishment of rock quarries in which convict labor shall be used for manufacturing good roads material, and permitting the State Corporation Commission to allow the counties to make such terms with the common carriers as to transportation of such road-making material for use in their respective boundaries as may seem proper.

Senator Carter's bill, providing for the running of interstate freight trains on Sunday received some discussion from members of the committee and from members of railroad organizations interested, but the hearing was postponed until next Wednesday, when all parties interested will be heard.

Senator Hart's bill, permitting railroads which have established a safety signal system to dispense with the present requirement of telegraph

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