THE VIRGINIAS AND CAROLINAS.

CAUCUS NAMES MARTIN

Virginia Senator Chosen to Succeed Himself.

GOV. TYLER'S VOTE A SMALL ONE

State Officers Renominated—The Legislature in Session—Bill Introduced in the Senate to Stop Traffic in Fraudulent State Bonds—Auditor Authorized to Seize and Destroy Them—Land Office Registership Fight—House Committees Named.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 7.—Hon. Thomas Staples Martin will succeed himself as United States Senator from Virginia. He was nominated by the joint legislative caucus to-night and will be elected a week from next Tuesday.

Mr. Martin's opponent for the nomination was Gov. J. Hoge Tyler, who for some months conducted an aggressive campaign, marked at times by a good deal of bitterness. The vote to-night fully vindicated the claims of strength made by Senator Martin and his friends. He received 103 votes, while only 27 were cast for the governor. There was only one ballot, and before the result of that was announced one of the supporters of the governor sought to make the nomination unanimous, but the Martin people declined to accept this overture. They were bent on having the relative strength of the two men shown.

Although the contest has been marked by a good deal of feeling and bitterness, those who made speeches in the caucus refrained from making the slightest reference to this. There was entire harmony and good feeling.

The Senatorship was taken up after a number of judges had been chosen. Senator McIlwaine, of Petersburg, nominated Mr. Martin, and Delegate David S. Pollock, of Pulaski, presented the name of Gov. Tyler. Both speeches were most excellent ones. Senator Foster, of Norfolk, who, six years ago, supported his comrade in arms, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, seconded the nomination of Mr. Martin, as did also Col. George Wayne Anderson, of Richmond. The governor's nomination was seconded by Senators Lecato and Blakey.

The ballot, as stated, resulted: Martin, 103; Tyler, 27.

State Officers Renominated.

All of the present State officers were renominated. Secretary of the Commonwealth Lawless, Auditor Marye, Second Auditor Ryland, Treasurer Harman, Railroad Commissioner Hill, and Superintendent of the Penitentiary Helms had no opposition. Maj. B. W. Lynn, who had been an aspirant for the last-named office, withdrew this evening. An effort was made to postpone the nomination that charges might be preferred against Mr. Helms with reference to the State farm management, but the caucus would not agree to this. Capt. J. H. O'Bannon was renominated superintendent of public printing, defeating Mr. L. E. Lookabill, of Roanoke, 82 to 48. Register of land office was passed by pending the consideration of the bill to abolish the office.

The following judges were nominated: Corporation Court of Staunton, Henry W. Holt; Lynchburg, C. J. Campbell; Portsmouth, James F. Crocker; Norfolk, Allan R. Hanckel; Richmond, S. B. Witt. Chancery Court, Richmond, James C. Lamb; Law and Equity Court, Richmond, E. C. Minor; Petersburg Hustings Court, W. H. Mullen. Circuit judges—S. H. Letcher, Thirteenth Circuit; George J. Hundley, Third; H. A. W. Skeen. Seventeenth. County judges—Amherst, C. J. Campbell; Franklin, John B. Lee; Wise, W. H. Bond; Amelia, S. L. Farrar. Judge Martin will be nominated for the Law and Chancery Court of Norfolk by the next caucus, it having been passed over in the confusion to-night.

To Stop Fraudulent Bond Traffic.

The sessions of both the senate and house to-day were short, but business-like. The first bill passed by either branch was one offered in the Senate by Mr. Wickham, the design of which is to put an end to traffic in fraudulent State bonds.

The bill authorizes the second auditor to seize all spurious bonds found on the market, and after holding them for ninety days to destroy them.

Every now and then these bogus bonds, which were printed by the Kendall Bank Note Company during the Mahone regime, but were repudiated by the legislature, crop up in the Northern markets. Mr. W. A. Underwood, of New York, called on the second auditor to-day and told him that three financial institutions which he represents hold $150,000 of Virginia bonds, which Mr. Ryland advised him are so much worthless paper.

Mr. Underwood said the bonds would be surrendered as soon as certain litigation over them is ended.

Land Office Registry Fight.

The fight for the abolition of the office of register of the land office was inaugurated to-day by the introduction in the senate, by Mr. Barksdale, of a bill to merge this office with that of secretary of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Barksdale made a fight for the immediate passage of the bill, but Senator Opie and others objected. It was agreed that no efforts should be made to elect a new register until the bill has been disposed of.

First Bill in the House.

The first bill passed by the House was one introduced yesterday by Mr. Hume to authorize the board of supervisors of Alexandria County to borrow money by the issue of bonds to repair and improve the public roads of the county, and to authorize the qualified voters to vote on the question.

Senator Maynard offered a bill instructing the auditor of public accounts to pay the expenses of the First Battalion of Artillery (Grimes Battery), Virginia Volunteers, which organization was ordered to Ocean View to perform quarantine duty during the yellow fever excitement. The expenses aggregate $1,573.05. Auditor Marye refused to approve the claim, as he was convinced that he had no right under the laws of the State to allow this money to be paid.

Senator Keezell offered a bill making some minor changes in the act passed two years ago in relation to railroad companies fencing their roadbeds.

Mr. Donohoe offered a bill to incorporate the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railway Company. The bill authorizes the construction of a road from a point on the Potomac in Alexandria County, opposite the District of Columbia, to a point on the Alexandria side.

Senator Munford introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Old Dominion Building and Loan Association, and presented a check of $784 in payment of the charter. This company has a charter from the Circuit Court of Richmond, and desires a legislative charter. The name is to be changed to the Old Dominion Trust Company, and the powers of a trust guarantee and safe deposit company are asked.

Bills Offered in the House.

The following bills were offered in the house:

By Charles T. Bland—For the relief of Battery C, First Battalion Artillery, Virginia Volunteers, Norfolk and Virginia Beach Railway, R. P. Spilman, C. R. Warren, and W. E. Simons for services rendered in aid of civil authorities of Virginia in preventing spreading of yellow fever.

By S. S. P. Patterson—To amend section 753 of the code relating to State depositories.

By same—To amend section 3,351 of the code to provide how party having adverse interest or an adverse witness may be examined.

By A. S. Priddy—To correct clerical errors in chapter 769, acts 1897-'98, for relief of C. E. Atwell.

By E. C. Peliex—To require telegraph, telephone, and electric light companies to remove and place underground all their overhead wires by January 1, 1902.

By same—To require all electric street railways to remove and place underground all their trolley car wires.

By John E. Epps—Compelling railroad companies to provide separate coaches for white and colored passengers.

By same—To regulate the hours of labor of conductors and motormen on street railways operating in this State and provide a penalty for the violation of same and for other purposes.

By J. C. Featherston—To repeal the eighth subsection of section 183 of the code.

By same—To require the secretary of the Commonwealth to perform the duties of the register of the land office.

By L. G. Donohoe—To incorporate Hampton Lodge, No. 366, B. P. O. Elks, of Hampton.

By Tipton D. Jennings—To suspend for sixty days the operation of the land grabbers' act.

The following bills were under suspension of the rules placed on the calendar:

To authorize the city of Winchester to increase its debts and to issue bonds.

To authorize the board of supervisors of Pulaski County to increase the salary of the county judge.

To re-enact to convert the Lakeside Wheel Club into a social corporation without stock, and to change its name to the Lakeside Country Club.

House Committees Named.

Speaker Saunders announced the standing committees of the house as follows:

Elections—Hubard, Galleher, T. N. Jones, Williams, Horsley, Jordan (of Frederick), Priddy, Ivey, Whitehead (of Norfolk), Jordan (of Nansemond), Price, King, and Cannaday.

Courts of justice—McRae, Parks, Williams (of Orange), Embrey, Duke, Early, Patterson (of Rockingham), Anderson, Pettit, Cardwell, Southall, Patterson, and Gent.

Schools and colleges—Ryan, Duke, Early, Settle, Priddy, Clarke, Gregory, Barclay, Patterson, Waring, Cowan, Tuck, and Dupuy.

Propositions and grievances—Parks, Hunley, Bland, Orr, McAllister, Edwards, Kelley, Price, Fleet, Shelton, Ayres, Pollock, Davis, and Gravely.

Agriculture and mining—Featherston, Blakemore, Gregory, McClung, Murrell, Clement, Akers, Owens, Cowan, Ellis, Dodson, and Goad.

Roads—Pilcher, Ryan, Willard, Churchman, McAllister, Hubard, Baker, Hume, Lyons, Jones, Epps, Lewis, and Hutchinson.

Finance—Boaz, Ryan, Willard, Blakemore, Stoner, Jennings, Wellford, Leach, Folkes, Dupuy, Todd, Warthen, Bowles, Nottingham, and Lacy.

Claims—Churchman, Boaz, Featherston, McAllister, Price, Newhouse, Horsley, Gent, Baker, McClung, Baugh, and Honaker.

Militia and police—Early, Stoner, Embrey, Anderson, Southall, Fitzpatrick, Patterson, Warthen, Waring, Garnett, Musgrave, and Ellis.

Asylums and prisons—Fitzpatrick, Churchman, Priddy, Clark, Robinson, Edwards, Dodson, Toney, Ware, Newhouse, Whitehead (of Lee), McConnell, and Musgrave.

Labor and poor—Folkes, Newberne, Pilcher, Lyons, Epps, Clement, Buntin, Barclay, Ewell, Musgrave, Honaker, Baugh, and Cannaday.

Public property—Jennings, Fitzpatrick, Jones, Featherston, Lewis, Ewell, Dodson, Hutcheson, Lacy, Akers, Powell, Stickley, and Mathews.

Banks, currency, and commerce—Galleher, Settle, Whitehead (of Norfolk), Todd, Gent, Murrell, Hutcheson, Shelton, Powell, Stickley, and Pitts.

Manufactures and mechanic arts—Bland, Ivey, Kelley, McAllister, Gregory, Pilcher, Jordan (of Nansemond), Clement, Tuck, Gregory, Lambert, McConnell, and Whitehead (of Lee).

Counties, cities, and towns—Jordan (of Frederick), Dupuy, Hubard, Blakemore, Patterson, Kelley Murrell, Barclay, Buntin, King, Hume, Lambert, and Priddy.

Officers and offices at the capitol—Blakemore, Galleher, Whitehead (of Norfolk), Ayers, Toney, Gouldman, Tuck, Horsley, Moss, McClung, Lacy, Newhouse, and Ellis.

Executive expenditures—Clarke, Garnet, Southall, Owens, McConnell, Akers, Hutcheson, Embrey, Goad, Lewis, Gouldman, and Dodson.

Retrenchment and economy—Galleher, Jennings, Parks, Tuck, Mathews, Pollock, Moss, Jones (of Henrico), Waring, Powell, Buntin, Cannaday, and Pitts.

Federal relations and resolutions—Williams, Settle, Edwards, Barclay, Ware, Gouldman, McRae, Bowles, Horsley, Robinson, Davis, and Donohoe.

Enrolled bills—Ivey, Stoner, Clarke, Ayers, Murrell, Garnett, Warthen, Bowles, Nottingham, Gravely, Fleet, Moss, and Lambert.

Immigration—Clement, Madison, Hume, Fleet, Tuck, Davis, Cardwell, Robinson, Donohoe, Pettit, Stickley, and Baugh.

Chesapeake and its tributaries—Matthews, Bland, Hunley, Jones (of Isle of Wight), Wellford, Pettit, Jones (of Henrico), Anderson, Cardwell, Jordan (of Nansemond), Newberne, Goad, Madison, Donohoe, and Ewell.

Rules, Speaker—Ryan, Todd, Dupuy, and Hunley.

Library—Duke, Priddy, Jordan (of Nansemond), Shelton, and King.

Printing—Ivey, Lyons, and Honaker.

Senate Committees.

Senator John N. Opie will be the next chairman of the committee on counties, cities, and towns, formerly held by Senator Mushbach. The other leading committees will be as follows:

Elections—H. H. Flood.
Finance—Henry Fairfax.
Roads—H. L. Maynard.
Courts of justice—W. B. McIlwaine.
General laws—C. R. Sands.
Public institutions—G. W. Morris.
Fish and game—C. W. Le Cato.

A bill will, within the next day or two, be introduced in the house by a member from the southwest creating the office of insurance commissioner, whose duties will be to exercise a general supervision over the insurance companies operating in the State, to obtain and make public information as to the financial stability and reliability of the companies, and to inquire into the matter of insurance rates with the purpose in view of preventing the imposition of exorbitant rates.

New West Virginia Incorporation.

Special to The Post.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 6.—The Brown Improved Cigar Box Company was chartered to-day by New York and Wheeling capitalists, with $500,000 capital, to manufacture a newly patented cigar box in Wheeling.

The Mite Coal Company, of Fairmont, with $100,000 capital.

The Tenderfoot Oil and Gas Company, of Morgantown; $250,000 capital.

The Home Oil Company, of Parkersburg; $100,000 capital.

A. L. Beckett, of Huntington, to-day filed a petition in bankruptcy; liabilities, $8,214.50; assets, $215.

Moonshine Apple Brandy Seized.

Special to The Post.

Luray, Va., Dec. 9.—Messrs. Bolen, Hansbrough, and Eddins, who have been on a crusade for the moonshine distillers in Madison County for some time, raided the premises of Milton Berry, near Criglersville, that county, a few days ago, and seized 350 gallons of apple brandy. As usual, there was no claimant for the brandy, and it was hauled twenty miles over rough country roads to the nearest railway station. Should any one claim the brandy the government could exact a double tax and impose a fine.

New Pastor Coming to Haymarket.

Special to The Post.

Haymarket, Va., Dec. 9.—Rev. Henry F. Kloman, assistant rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Baltimore, to-day accepted a call to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, this place. The call was extended to Mr. Kloman some weeks past, and his acceptance comes as a pleasant surprise, as it was feared he would accept a call which he recently received to St. Mark's Church, Richmond. In his letter of acceptance Mr. Kloman states that he will take charge of the work here January 1.

To Test the Oyster Laws.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 7.—The oyster law which forbids private firms dredging on the Natural Rock, as that portion of the bay reserved for public tonging is known, was to have been tested here to-day, but as it was conclusively proven that the parties were not off their own oyster grounds, the case was dismissed. Others, however, will be tried later, whereby a precedent may be obtained. The setting aside of oyster grounds by legislative action will be warmly contested.

Drought Causing Trouble in Virginia.

Special to The Post.

Woodstock, Va., Dec. 9.—The extremely low water in the river and streams throughout the county is a big cause for complaint on the part of the mill owners and millers. Since November 1 the precipitation here has been less than an inch. Many cisterns are dry, and the young wheat needs rain badly.

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TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE.

North Carolina Inaugurates a System of State Analysis and Soil Survey.

Special to The Post.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—The State board of agriculture to-day took a most important step, by directing the State chemist to begin a survey of the entire State to show the adaptability of soils to the various crops, and the proper proportions of fertilizers required to bring such lands to the highest productiveness. Soils will be analyzed, both physically and chemically, and the State will be divided into soil districts. Several years will be required to complete the survey.

A committee was appointed, with John S. Cunningham as chairman, to co-operate with State Chemists Kilgore and Heard. This committee met to-night and made plans. The work begins January 1, and next year will most probably be devoted to one district. Louisiana and Georgia are the only other Southern States which have taken this step.

IN HONOR OF JEFFERSON.

Plans for Celebrating 106th Anniversary of His Birth at Monticello.

Special to The Post.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 5.—The general committee of the Jefferson celebration met last evening to receive the reports of the several committees on the contemplated programme for April 13 of next year, upon the occasion of the 156th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. During the evening addresses were made by George Perkins, Dr. W. C. N. Randolph, Senator George W. Morris, Capt. Micajah Woods, W. R. Duke, Frank A. Massie, A. Wingfield, M. Leterman, and Mayor J. Samuel McCue.

It is suggested that a mass-meeting be held on the evening of the 13th at the University of Virginia, at which distinguished citizens will be invited to make addresses. A display of fireworks on the university grounds and the illumination of adjacent mountains by colored lights is also suggested as a feature of the event. It is further proposed that on Saturday, the 14th, the President and his Cabinet and the members of Congress and other distinguished citizens, including the governors of States and officials and fraternal organizations be invited to Monticello for addresses, and an old Virginia barbecue.

FRUIT LINE FROM NORFOLK.

Importing Concern Incorporated for the West Indies Trade.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 6.—The Norfolk and West Indies Fruit and Steamship Company was chartered here to-day to engage in the fruit importing business. The new concern will own plantation property to the amount of 10,000 acres.

The officers are: George H. Dawes, president, Newport News; Alexander B. Bulocy, Baltimore, vice president and general manager; B. Bruce Sally, Newport News, secretary and treasurer. These and several Norfolk bankers and merchants compose the directory. The nominal capital of the concern is $100,000.

It is said the company will put on a line of twelve-knot steamships between Norfolk and West Indian points, and expects to have its business in full operation by February.

A YEAR OF RAILROADING.

Railroad Commissioner's Annual Report of the Various Virginia Lines.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—The twenty-third annual report of the railroad commissioner has been filed with the general assembly. The report ends with June 30, 1899. It shows the total miles of new railroad for the year is 33.40 miles.

The number of persons killed by trains during the year was 139; the injured numbered 1,463, being composed principally of trespassers and employes. Only six passengers were killed and seventy-five injured.

The gross earnings and income for the year show a large increase over last year. The average gross earnings per mile were $5,767; average expenses per mile, $4,026; average interest per mile, $1,182.

Married Three Couples in Two Hours.

Special to The Post.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 8.—Rev. S. D. Skelton, pastor of the United Brethren Church, yesterday evening married three couples within two hours. All the weddings took place at the parsonage, and all the principals were county people. They were Harvey R. Grim and Miss Minnie V. Ashwood, James T. Newlin and Miss Ivy Russell Bennett, and Frederick E. Johnson and Miss Ada B. Grubbs.

Injured Octogenarian Improving.

Special to The Post.

Woodstock, Va., Dec. 8.—The condition of Mrs. Elizabeth Heller, of this place, who fractured a hip bone at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Shackman, in Baltimore, a month ago, is improving, and Mrs. Heller, who is eighty-one years old, is now able to sit up and be moved from her room. Arrangements are being made to bring her home, so that she may spend the Christmas festivities with her family here.

Horses Dying of a Strange Malady.

Special to The Post.

Luray, Va., Dec. 8.—A strange and fatal malady has been playing havoc with the horses in Powell's Fort, eight miles from Luray, and many have died, in some instances farmers losing all their teams. The horse, in most cases, dies in a short time after being stricken. All remedies known have so far failed to check the disease.

County Realty to Be Reassessed.

Special to The Post.

Woodstock, Va., Dec. 8.—The December term of the county court of this county will convene here next Monday. The criminal docket is without a case. The most important thing to be done during the term will be the appointment of six assessors, to reassess the real estate of the county during the coming spring.

Thrown from Horse and Killed.

Special to The Post.

Culpeper, Va., Dec. 6.—A very distressing accident, resulting in the death of Mr. Joseph Browning, aged fifty-five years, a well-to-do farmer of this county, occurred at Viewtown, Rappahannock County, last night. Mr. Browning's horse stumbled and fell, throwing the rider headforemost upon the ground, breaking his neck.

Nursed by His Sweetheart.

Special to The Post.

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 6.—Harvey Jones, nineteen years old, died at 7 o'clock this evening as a result of a blow received on the stomach by a board driven from a circular saw. During his suffering Jones asked that his young sweetheart stay at the bedside. She nursed him faithfully.

Virginia Land Owner Dead.

Special to The Post.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 5.—George W. Copp, a prominent land owner, living near New Tower's Hill, died last night after three days' illness of paralysis. He was seventy-four years of age, and is survived by a wife and eight children.

Virginia Postmasters Appointed.

Postmasters have been appointed as follows: Mary M. Watts, Elmeria, Va.; John F. Whitehurst, Mapleton, Va., and Leslie B. Rodden, Rodden, Va.

Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed as follows:

Isaac W. Burton, Yacht, Grayson, County, Va.

Elmer G. Hanna, Hairkins, Greenbrier County, W. Va.

A Gift to Give.

It is often difficult to decide what to get your friends for holiday gifts. Here is a suggestion:

"Good morning, Jennie, I have brought you a nice present," said Gertrude, as she handed her friend a neatly wrapped package.

The pale, weary-looking girl, who was slowly recovering from severe illness, opened the bundle and held up a large bottle of clear, rich medicine.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla!" she exclaimed. "I have been reading about it to-day, and wished I had a bottle."

On New Year's Day she was able to be out on the street, and her friends who remarked how well she was looking she simply said, "Hood's Sarsaparilla," and every one of them knew it was this great medicine that had given back her health.

ATTACKS THE TRUSTS

A Drastic Bill Introduced in the Virginia Assembly.

MOST SWEEPING PROPOSITION

Jointly Offered in Both Houses, It Declares Trust Products Contraband of Commerce, and Provides Confiscation—Penalties for Combine Movements of All Kinds—Soldiers' Home Investigation—Veterans Say They Were Punished for Revolting.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—A sweeping anti-trust bill was introduced in both branches of the general assembly to-day. Mr. Barksdale was its patron in the senate and Mr. Gravely in the house.

The bill is drafted after the Texas law, and has the indorsement of William Jennings Bryan. It makes any person or corporation entering into or making any connection with any pool or combination, to control the price of any commodity, guilty of a conspiracy to defraud, and all amalgamations and consolidations, however effected, designed to create a trust or monopoly or to fix prices, are declared unlawful.

The sale of manufactured articles below the cost of production for the purpose of creating monopolies is made a violation of the law. The penalty imposed is a fine of from $200 to $5,000 per day during the continuance of the offense.

Drastic Penalties Provided.

Corporations violating the law shall forfeit the right to do business in the State and all their charter privileges.

The bill forbids combinations for boycotting with a view to contracting or limiting trade in any article. Failure to make affidavit that any corporation has no connection with a trust forfeits the corporate franchise.

Articles produced by trusts are made contraband of commerce in Virginia. The attorney general and Commonwealth's attorneys are required to prosecute violators of the law and are to receive for their services one-fourth of the penalties recovered.

To Investigate Veterans' "Complaints."

There will be an investigation of the officers of the Confederate Soldiers' Home, just west of the city, and it promises to excite much interest.

The senate to-day adopted a resolution, offered by Mr. Opie, providing for a joint committee to investigate the affairs of the institution, as requested in a petition from several of the veterans, which was presented on Saturday.

Senator Opie, in offering the resolution, also submitted a letter from Maj. Norman V. Randolph, president of the Soldiers' Home board, inviting the fullest inquiry, and requesting that the committee to be named attend the meeting of the board to be held at Lee Camp hall, Wednesday evening. Maj. Bigger, commandant of the home, also invites the most thorough inquiry.

Capt. Dashiell, one of the five signers of the veterans' petition, was at the capitol to-day, and made the statement to Senator Opie that he, with Maj. Galt and Col. Langley, the two other commissioned officers who signed the petition, had been ordered this morning to go out on the farm and cut off turnip tops, under the supervision of the negro gardener.

Old Soldiers Put to Menial Work.

He further declares that never before had the veterans been called on to do this work, and he promptly refused to obey the order. For this he was placed under arrest, but left and came to the capitol to tell his story.

Col. Bigger, the superintendent of the Soldiers' Home, was asked if Capt. Dashiell's report of the order was correct. He replied that it was.

When asked if this was not the first instance of ordering the veterans to do this work, he replied that it was the first time he had wanted them to do it.

The general complaint seems to be that the food at the home is not properly cooked and served, but even to this there seems to be a difference of opinion, as some of the veterans state that everything is as it should be, and that Col. Bigger is tireless in his efforts to do all that he can for them.

Capt. Dashiell was sure that the order to-day was intended as some sort of punishment for him and his companions for signing the petition.

The president of the senate, Mr. Echols, will probably appoint Senators Tate, of Pulaski; Gold, of Clark, and Walker, of Westmoreland, as the senate contingent of the joint committee to investigate the Soldiers' Home. The two first-named senators are ex-Confederate soldiers.

New Insurance Measure.

Senator Claytor offered a bill bearing upon the effect of evidence in suits upon insurance policies, as to immaterial allegations in the policy. This measure provides that no answer to interrogatories made by an applicant for a policy shall bar the right to recover, or be used as evidence, unless it be clearly provided that such an answer was willfully false or that it is material and induced the company to issue the policy; or that but for such answer the policy would not have been issued, and that the agent had no knowledge of the falsity of the answer.

Senator Jeffries introduced a bill to re-enact section 654 of the code, in relation to delinquent lands purchased by the Commonwealth. It provided for the reduction of interest from 10 to 6 per cent. Senator Morris objected, as the Supreme Court was now considering the point. The bill went over.

Mr. Glass offered a bill to allow the city council of Lynchburg, if it should see fit, to increase the salary of the judge of the Corporation Court. The bill simply puts the judge of the Lynchburg court upon a footing with the judges of the courts of other cities of the Commonwealth.

Senator Mann's resolution in relation to appointment of a joint committee to pass upon constitutionality of bills before the bodies of the general assembly was, at his request, indefinitely postponed.

School Superintendents Confirmed.

The senate, in executive session, confirmed the appointment of the following school superintendents: L. E. Wood, Bath County; Peter T. Cowles, James City, and L. M. Smith, Spottsylvania.

New Bills in the House.

The following bills were introduced in the House:

By Mr. Epps—For the relief of Mrs. Margaret A. White, of Richmond, widow of a Confederate soldier.

By Mr. Parks—To facilitate the construction of telegraph lines along and upon the right of way of railroads in the State of Virginia, and to provide for condemnation for the right of way.

By Mr. Patterson—Giving courts of law jurisdiction over suits and lost past-due bonds, notes, or other written evidences of debt and enabling said courts to require the party in whose favor the judgment may be rendered to execute proper indemnifying bond before execution is issued.

By same—To annul section 3,271, of the code defining the forms of demurrer.

By Mr. Graveley—To provide for pensions to certain Confederate soldiers, sailors, and marines not heretofore provided for and to increase the pensions authorized.

By Mr. Williams—To annul sections 4017, 4019, 4021, and 4023 as to venire facias in felony cases as to provide for the summoning but twelve men to constitute the panel where a felony case is not punishable by death.

By Mr. Newhouse—For the relief of W. C. Dowdy, a wounded Confederate soldier of Culpeper County.

The following bills were placed on the calender:

To change the name of Christianville magisterial district, in Mecklenburg County, to Chase City district.

To amend an act to legalize primary elections and conventions in the counties of Clarke and Warren.

To change the name of Christianville voting precinct, in Mecklenburg, to Chase City voting precinct.

To annul section 2048 of the Code so as to omit the words "except the county of Alleghany."

Bills Passed.

The following bills were passed:

Senate bill in relation to improvement of public roads and bridges in Stafford County.

House bill in relation to protection of game in Mecklenburg County.

House bill in relation to opening and maintaining roads, &c., in Culpeper County.

House bill incorporating the Snickersville Telephone Co.

Senate bill amending the law requiring the use of vestibule ports on street cars during certain months to Petersburg street railway companies. (The law passed at the last session excepted Petersburg.)

Senate bills 6 and 7, authorizing the town of Berryville to borrow $25,000 to be expended in construction of water works.

FARMERS TO FIGHT MONOPOLY.

Planning to Nullify the Reported Vanderbilt Canal—Traffic Absorption Scheme.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—As announced in this correspondence on Friday, the Vanderbilt syndicate, which has acquired all the rail and water transportation routes between Norfolk and Eastern Carolina, has turned its eyes upon the Chesapeake and Dismal Swamp Canals—the two waterways connecting Chesapeake Bay with the Carolina sounds.

This would mean an absolute monopoly, and to prevent it the farmers and merchants of the entire territory affected have organized to fight the scheme.

They will establish lines of steamboats in competition with those of the Vanderbilt system, and will use every endeavor to prevent the sale of the canals.

SENATOR SHANDS WILL FIGHT.

Says the Attempt to Make a Martyr of Him Will Result to His Advantage.

Special to The Post.

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 11.—State Senator William Shands was in Suffolk to-day. Regarding the fight to exclude him from a vote in the legislative caucus, he said: "I propose to force the issue and have the members put themselves on record. The effort to make me a martyr will result in my ultimate political good, though the experiment may cost high to certain leaders. There is much indignation among my consituents. I am a Democrat; I was elected by the largest Democratic Caucasian majority of any State senator. I shall fight hard to serve my constituency as best I can. A committee will meet December 20 to take testimony in my case."

Some of Mr. Shands' partisans are speaking of him as a Congressional candidate for next year.

GOV. M'MILLIN TO GOV. TYLER.

The Two Executives Plan to Meet to Discuss Boundary Case.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—A telegram was received by Gov. Tyler to-night from Gov. McMillan, of Tennessee, stating that he and Attorney General Pickle, of that State, would like to meet him and Attorney General Montague in Washington on the 18th instant to discuss the Virginia-Tennessee boundary line case, soon to be heard in the United States Supreme Court.

Gov. Tyler and Mr. Montague will probably meet the chief executive and the attorney general of Tennessee on the date named.

OYSTER CATCH A POOR ONE.

Dredges Bring in Such Light Cargoes that Canneries Are Forced to Close.

Special to The Post.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—The fleet of oyster dredgers has returned to Newbern, after six days spent on the sounds. It was thought the catch of oysters would be 500 bushels a day per boat, but to the intense disappointment of all interested, it proved only 50 to 100 bushels for the entire six days.

Great preparations had been made for a large catch. All the canneries were ready, and a dozen new ones built, but all find the oyster supply so short that it now appears they will have to close down. The great storm of last August covered the oysters with sand and mud, chiefly the latter, even in deep water.

Gov. Tyler Stays the Hanging.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—There may still be hope for Alexander Tate, the condemned murderer, awaiting execution Friday in the Portsmouth jail. Gov. Tyler to-day advised Sheriff Cromwell, of Norfolk County, that he had best postpone preparations for the hanging for a few days. Gov. Tyler received a telegram today from Mr. Hugh Miller, of Norfolk, counsel for Tate, stating that he would call for the purpose of making a final appeal. The governor has been considering the case several weeks, and has given Tate a thirty-day respite. A commutation of sentence to life imprisonment is not improbable.

For an Early State Convention.

Special to The Post.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—At the Democratic State committee meeting here tonight all save two committeemen were represented. Greensboro asked, through its mayor, that the State convention be held there, but by a vote of 24 to 17 it was decided to hold it at Raleigh April 11. It will be the earliest on record. Chairman F. M. Simmons presided. He made a stirring speech, saying it was of great importance to hold an early convention and begin a vigorous campaign all along the line.

Sentenced for Life; Gets a New Trial.

Special to The Post.

Elkins, W. Va., Dec. 11.—Fred D. Kerns, the West Virginia Central freight conductor, formerly of Cumberland, who was convicted last March of having murdered Miss Lucy Day at Davis, and who was given a life sentence, has been granted a new trial by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Fell Into a Fire While in a Fit.

Special to The Post.

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 9.—During a fit of apoplexy Thomas Draper, forty years of age, of Gatesville, N. C., fell into his sitting-room fire and was so badly burned about the head and face that he died in a few hours.

Sale of $10,000 Timber Tract.

Special to The Post.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 6.—Messrs. Corbin and Willis, of Baltimore, have purchased a large tract of timber, near Negley station, on the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad. The price paid was $10,000.

Mr. Bongoney—Miss Perkinson.

Special to The Post.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 6.—Miss Mary Perkinson and Mr. Tonie Bongoney were married to-night at the residence of Rev. H. W. Battle, in this city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. W. E. Perkinson, of Prince George County.

Stole Away to Be Married Quietly.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Mr. W. F. Nunnally and Miss Mozel Johnson, of South Laurel street, left this morning for Washington, where they were married. There was no opposition to the marriage, but the couple wanted a quiet ceremony and at the same time a little trip. They are very popular in the West End. Mr. Nunnally is a valued employe of the Richmond Traction Company, while his bride is a pretty young woman, just seventeen, and a brunette.

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DECISIONS OF THE COURT.

Postal Clerk Convicted of Robbing Mails—Supreme Court Cases.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.—Howard L. Owens, alias Capt. Ward, was before the United States court to-day. The demurrer of the defense was overruled and the trial was postponed until the next term of the court at Alexandria. His bond of $15,000 was renewed. His faher, who lives at Warrenton, is on his bond. Judge Waddill declared enough of the bond forfeited to pay the expenses of the witnesses and jurors who came here on the day fixed for the trial, upon which Owens failed to appear.

A. W. Cardoza, a colored railway postal clerk, was convicted of stealing money from a letter. Sentence will be passed tomorrow.

A. J. Ford and W. C. McDowell, former proprietors of Ford's Hotel, filed petitions in bankruptcy to-day, with $30,359.50 liabilities.

Sol J. Binsinauger also filed a petition in bankruptcy, with $15,864.94 liabilities.

A special court of appeals was ordered to-day to hear the case of Stuart's executor vs. Peyton, assignee. Judges Riley, Buchanan, and Harrison did not care to hear the case, and Judges Wellford, Blair, and Whittle, Circuit Court judges, will sit in their stead.

The following cases were heard in the Supreme Court to-day:

West End Real Estate Company vs. Claiborne. Argued by Robert W. Tomlin for plaintiff in error, and B. B. Munford and H. W. Anderson, for defendant in error and submitted.

Jones vs. City of Williamsburg. Argued by J. N. Stubbs for plaintiff in error and submitted.

The next cases to be called are Richmond Traction Company vs. Hildebrand, City of Norfolk vs. Young, and Riverside Cotton Mills vs. Green, Nos. 29, 30, and 31.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—In the Supreme Court of Appeals to-day the case of Richmond Traction Company vs. Hildebrand was argued by John Pickrell for plaintiff in error, and Hill Montague and Hill Carter for defendant in error and continued until to-morrow.

City of Norfolk vs. Young, and Riverside Cotton Mills vs. Green are the next cases to be called—Nos. 30 and 31.

THAT ALLEGED CANAL DEAL.

Railroad Official Discredits Reported Absorption by Vanderbilts.

Special to The Post.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—The report that the Vanderbilts, who control the Norfolk and Southern, and the Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Southern Railroads, are negotiating for the purchase of the canals traversing or skirting the Dismal Swamp, is discredited by William H. White, general counsel for the two railroads mentioned.

An official of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company states that while his company has not, to his knowledge, been approached, he has heard the report in reference to the Dismal Swamp Canal. Mr. Brooks, president of the latter company, however, has not.

The party of inspection which has been over the Vanderbilt properties hereabouts during the past two days, has returned. In the party were Mr. John Carstenen, president; Mr. Alfred Skitt, vice president, and Mr. E. V. W. Rossiter, director, all of New York.

Gov. Tyler Listens to Pulpit Criticism.

Special to The Post.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, this morning preached against the suggestion of Gov. Tyler that a chaplain be appointed for the penitentiary. At the invitation of the clergyman, Gov. Tyler and many members of the legislature were present this morning to hear him. Dr. Hawthorne, in his discourse, insisted that there should be no intermingling of church and state affairs.

Colored Woman's Singular Death.

Special to The Post.

Warsaw, Va., Dec. 9.—A colored woman named Basker, residing near Kilmarrnock, Lancaster County, was accidentally killed yesterday while attempting to haul a load of wood on a tumble cart. While seated on the load ascending a hill, the chain which fastened the cart to the shafts broke, upsetting her. She was caught under the wood and killed instantly.

Frederick County Court Opens.

Special to The Post.

Frederick, Md., Dec. 11.—The December term of the Circuit Court for Frederick County convened this morning. The term will probably be a long one. There are eighty criminal cases to be tried. Mr. William N. Hinks, Republican, the present State's attorney, goes out of office after this term. He will be succeeded by Mr. Glenn H. Worthington, who will be the first Democ