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IT is said that Bristol's professor of French seems to know too much English.

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HON. H. J. AYERS has quite a lengthy article in this issue, reviewing the work of the recent legislature. Read it.

A WEEKLY exchange says some men are so very superstitious that they won't pay you on the 13th of the month nor any other date.

HON. WM. F. RHEA has been appointed to fill the vacancy of the national congressional committee caused by the death of Sydney P. Epse.

THE monthly crop report issued by the crop division of the Weather Bureau, shows that wheat is not in as good shape as at the close of January. The absence of snow protection over the principal winter wheat states, and the constant freezing and thawing, are the causes. The Middle states, Ohio, Michigan, and portions of Kansas, Missouri and Indiana, are the principal sufferers.

ADMIRAL John Crittenden Watson has been given permission to return from the Philippines on account of ill health. While there, he has commanded, with distinguished credit, the largest fleet that the United States has ever assembled. He will be succeeded by Admiral Remey, now commanding at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. Admiral Watson has had a most distinguished career ever since he entered the navy during the civil war. He was Farragut's flag lieutenant and lashed that officer to the rigging during the battle of Mobile Bay. He will come home by way of Suez, moving almost as liesurely as Dewey did.

THE Democratic and Republican national committees have both opened temporary headquarters in Washington City, and are preparing for the campaign, both by arranging to send out press documents and by general organization. The Republicans are using the $25,000 which Philadelpnia has paid over as part of her promised contribution in return for the national convention, which Senator Hanna has turned over to Secretary Dick. The Democratic headquarters are under direct charge of Chairman Richardson, but most of the work will be done by Secretary Kerr.

THE question as to what is to become of superannuated clerks in the government service is becoming more and more serious every day. In private life, they would simply be dropped, but in the government service they can nearly all bring influence enough to bear to cause their retention, even when entirely beyond all work. The salary cost is the least evil that results for many bureaus have really twenty or thirty per cent fewer clerks than are shown on the rolls. Being apparently well supplied, Congress will not furnish others and the service suffers. All sorts of plans for relief have been tried, including plans for the retention of parts of the salaries to form a fund for pensioning old clerks and plans for reducing them to the lowest grades and salaries, but none of these have succeeded so far.

"Doing nothing is doing ill." Impure blood neglected will become a serious matter. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and avoid the ill.

# THE LEGISLATURE.

## Mr. H. J. Ayers Briefly Sketches Some of the Work Done.

The Acts of the Assembly of the session just closed will in my opinion occupy much space in the library. There were 711 bills introduced in the Senate and 1219 in the House of Delegates. Of course the majority of these bills were of a local or private nature, and right here is where some legislation is needed. The courts should be empowered to grant relief upon a proper case, in many instances where the legislature is appealed to.

If a member were to read and digest all of these bills he would seriously impair his constitution, and if Gov. Letcher had been present to demand that they be read, the session would have extended far into July and the reading clerk would have been minus a pair of lungs.

In some respects this has been one of the most important session in a long time, and the work accomplished far reaching in its effects. By far the most important thing done was providing for submission to the voters of the State the question, shall there be a convention to revise the the constitution of the state. Both Senator Flood and myself introduced bills looking to this end. My bill originally provided for the vote to be taken in May, which was finally engrafted into his bill, as his simply provided that the usual way, having one legislature submit the question to the people, and the next legislature, if the people decided to have a convention, provide for the same, should prevail, which of course would needlessly prolong the decision of the matter. This will call for an extra session of the legislature to provide for holding the convention, appointment of delegates,&c. When we get a constitution made by our representative men, (and each county should see to it that the very best men are sent), the cry of fradulent elections will be silenced, and the Eastern portions of the state will have to find some other theme upon which to dilate other than "nigger and the wah." The present constitution was forced upon the people by that paragon of ignorance and "scalawagism", John C. Underwood.

Many questions will come before the convention; the election of U. S. Senators by the people; the abolition of the county courts, re-arranging the circuits, and many other questions of vital importance.

Very early in the session I introduced a bill to repeal the present election law and I did it as a Democrat, but was surprised to find that so little interest was taken in the matter by the men who were howling so vociferously during my canvass for its repeal, or by the independendants (and we had several) those pure minded politicians, neither fish nor fowl, who received the united support of men of all parties, and every one of whom, as I now recollect, voted for Tyler for Senator. I cast my vote for the Hon. Thomas S. Martin and I did so because in my opinion he has made one of the best Senators Virginia has ever had. He has worked in season and out of season for his state, and what is of more importance to Democrats, for his party. This being true, it is realy amusing to hear some simon pure independant, who has the inclination inbred all right, but not intellect enough to trick a cat, cry trickster, trickster, that old wail of the demagogue since Adam was driven from Eden. Tyler's candidacy was but a bubble anyway, blown by the brilliant and versatile Jones who has ability enough to fill any office within the gift of Virginians. When the constitutional convention shall have completed its labors and when there can be no force in the cry of fradulent elections, we will have in the councils of the state and nation men who are born leaders, and the men who have heretofore been on the surface will like water, seek their level, and seeking it sink to rise no more, until conditions call them forth. I suppose one reason the Republicans did not take any interest in the repeal of the election law, was that they were convinced that the constitutional convention would set all things right, and I understand the leaders are in favor of it.

An attempt was made by Mr. F. C. Jordan of Frederick to pass a bill requiring each county to pay its own criminal expenses.

This bill if passed would have worked a great hardship upon the Southwest. We fought it manfully, every member from the Southwest, and prevented it from being reached on the calendar.

Of course our criminal expenses are large, because the negroes who can't make a living in the oyster beds, or tilling the barren fields of Eastern Virginia, come to our section to work in the mines, and incidently to commit murder, arson, rape, rapine and other forms of wild rascality, which swells our expenses. We have been importing on an average I suppose two car loads of negroes every month from there, and change of climate is not a change of nature with them. We have also to contend, so far as the district I have the honor to represent is concerned with Tennessee and Kentucky outlaws, being on the border and any one who has been keeping up with events at Frankfort knows what that means. Mr. Jordan told the writer that he intended to keep on agitating the matter, but though he agitate it for years he will most likely find the Southwest presenting the same solid phalanx in opposition.

Several changes were made in our state laws. Section 3351 was amended so as to permit a party to discredit by other evidence a witness he had himself previously called. Section 3271 was amended so as to require parties demurring to state specially in writing the grounds of their demurrer. A chancery suit is now no longer necessary where a note or bond has been lost, simply a motion or action at law will secure relief.

The married woman's law was changed in some particulars, so that now a married woman has practically the same contractual rights as if she were unmarried. Several changes were made in the exemption law. The salary of all officials, even that of the Governor, or Judge of any Court in the Commonwealth, can be garnisheed, and the exemption of fifty dollars can be waived in a note like the homestead ememption.

The commissioners of valuation bill passed the House and received Gov. Tyler's signature, but it is a question as to whether or not it passed the Senate. It required a Constitutional vote in my opinion, but only passed by a majority. 25 Senators petitioned the Governor not to sign the bill but while the Senate was correcting its Journal he sent the bill back with his signature attached. There was great indignation at this action of the Governor. The bill itself was one of the most vicious ever sought to be enacted. Its primary object was simbly to make places for a lot of hungry office seekers. Of one thing there is little doubt and that is that it will be repealed if an extra session of the legislature is called. Mr. Royall of the Richmond bar is now making a test case of it.

The fight of the Seaboard Air Line R. R. for a charter to parallel the R. F. & P. R. R. attracted much interest throughout the State. Virginia has a large interest in the R. F. & P. and they agreed to pay 12% interest on her holdings. All the members from the Southwest, as I now remember, with the exception of Gent and Whitehead, of Lee, voted against the granting of the charter. The R. F. & P. stock was a gilt edged investment and with the Seaboard Air Line pouring into her lap thousands of tons of freight, and giving her the benefit of its great passenger traffic, it was becoming more and more valuable. The Seaboard Air Line people had one of the greatest lobbies ever seen at the Capital. Richmond turned out *en masse* to applaud the speakers favorable to the granting of the charter and indeed Richmond people labored under the delusion that we were there to legislate for that city alone, and it was wonderful the hold this idea got on the minds of the gentlemen representing her in the Legislature.

The galleries would be packed with people to hear these gentlemen and their applause was something terrific. We will have to agitate the question of moving the Capital to Roanoke, and bring them to time in short order.

The "Telephone Bill" was also defeated principally by the lobbyists representing small telephone companies, and by individual pressure brought to bear upon the members by parties interested in phones in their respective counties—generally home enterprise—which of course had its effect. This was a good bill and should have been passed.

I secured the passage of a bill to create a board of sinking fund commissioners for this county, which I think was of great importance. Many other bills of interest were passed, most of them meritorious, but want of space prevents me from reviewing them in this article.

The House of Delegates was a very conservative body. There were quite a number of new members and they generally voted on all questions without regard to how any one else voted. I do not think it can be said that we had a leader. Captain R. S. Parks, of Page, was a very influential man. He had a voice like a fog horn and was insensible to fatigue. He was as a rule very level headed and as an advocate was eloquent and forcible. E. W. Saunders made a most able presiding officer and when he took the floor, as he frequently did, to advocate some particular measure he was listened to with close attention. W. H. Graveley, of Henry county, was another man of recognized ability. He was something of a free lance in regard to political measures, but was always conscientious, able and fearless. There were numerous other members who won great praise for the conscientious way in which they followed up their bills and the faithful discharge of their duties.

Some of the members who were most highly esteemed, and whose opinions carried great weight seldom made speeches on the floor, but did their work in the committee room. In the Senate was a galaxy of able men. Flood was more in the public eye, although Billy Barksdale was more in the press. Barksdale thought to reform mankind with his pure elections bill, and indeed the genial members from Halifax made a most gallant fight for it, but the odds were too many. He was probably the most pupular man in either branch of the Legislature, and I think deservedly so, for he had a kindly heart and an open, frank disposition.

McIlwaine, of Petersburg, the law partner of Alexander Hamilton was probably the best lawyer in the Senate although Munford, Wickham and Graham Claytor were not far behind him.

Claytor championed the bill for a majority verdict in civil suits, and this is about the only time he was far wrong on public questions.

The Southwest members were as a whole far above the average and as a rule voted solidly when any measure came up affecting their portion of the State.

There was much political gossip floating around during the close of the session. Edward Echols, Montague, Ellyson and Swanson were spoken of for Governor. It was rumored that Montague intended making Richmond his home, and if he does the fight between he and Ellyson will be interesting.

Ex-Senator H. S. Kane spent about two months in Richmond during the session and was warmly received by his old colleagues in the senate. He is regarded throughout the state as one of the leaders of the party and he was much sought after by the prospective candidates. He was freely discussed for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor and if he wants it there is but little doubt of his securing it.

I must not close this article without referring to my friend Bob Bruce. He made a most admirable Senator, and took rank at the very outset with the very best men in the Senate. He was faithful to his trust and made a record of which his constituents may well feel prond. H. J. AYERS.

Big Stone Gap, Va., Mar. 15, 1900.


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## FROM STONEGA.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

STONEGA, VA., Mch. 21.—We are all hoping that the last symphony of winter has symphed. We have had the concert of the elements in a magnificient thunder storm, and now the mercury is beginning to jump, which is more agreeable than the drop. It seemed last week that it would almost have been necessary to resort to artificial respiration to keep the weather going, but it got there, and 15 inches of the beautiful was the result, not a flake of which is now to be seen.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church selected Saturday evening for their social, and the evening was stormy; nevertheless the brave men and fair ladies defied the inclement weather and turned out in full force and filled the school building to its entire seating and standing capacity. The lucky ones who got seated filled up with the good things provided by the ladies, while the ones who had to stand temporarily enjoyed the new game of snap, which they were not long in learning. John A. Mills carried off the honors and distancing Will Alsover five to one, and all the young people said they would just as leave snap as eat. The gross receipts were $65.00, which will leave a nice sum for the church treasury after the bills are paid. Mrs. Wm. Callahan planned and carried out the details of the entertainment, and was ably assisted in the work by F. F. Scott. The other helpers were Misses Sallie Gilly, Cora Broadwater, Mrs. J. T. Edwards, Mrs. W. Strawn and Miss Gilda Mans.

E. J. Prescott and R. B. Alsover came over from the Gap Friday evening and remained over Sunday. They are highly pleased with the Big Stone people and in future will only come to see us once a month.

Saturday was pay day here, and the day following was unusually enlivened by shooting scrapes, one of which ended the life of a colored man named Lie Venney. Sallie Bailey, with whom he once boarded had a difficulty with Venney about a debt, and she took a revolver and shot him dead. It is claimed that he drew a knife, which he still held in his hand after he was killed. This occurred on the Trot Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. About 7 o'clook John Underdown, colored, who had been quarreling with his wife Laura most of the day made up his mind that she ought to be an angel and shot her, but the aim was bad and the wound is not fatal, only causing her a little more suffering here on this wicked earth. The principals are both in jail to answer for their crime in the county court. There were several other shootings, (accidental) but no one much hurt. Moonshine and soiled doves caused most of the trouble.

R. V. Phelan, wife and infant, of Norton, visited May Richmond on Monday evening. Mrs. Phelan is a sister of Mr. Richmond, who has been very sick with Grippe, but is now on the way to recovery. Mr. Phelan is station agent at Norton and is a nephew of Bishop Phelan of Pittsburg, Pa. The other visitors from Norton this week were Mr. M. L. Stallard, H. H. Casper and R. Noaks. Miss Miverva Richmond, of Jonesville, has been here for a week past, nursing her brother May, and S. V. F. Richmond, of the Intermont, Big Stone Gap, has been up here several times during the past two weeks.

T. E. Buckner, of Knoxville, Tenn., is here to look after the interests of the freight depot, while John C. Goodloe goes over the mountain on a business trip.

E. E. Goodloe and Clarance C. Kelly have gone to Cincinnati and Louisville to make purchases for the departments they manage.

Robt. Ramsey, the superintendent who succeeds Mr. Esser, arrived last week and is in charge of the works. He is a young man about 30 years of age and has a wife and 3 children. He came alone, and the family will follow when he gets the bearings of the country. He is of Scottish descent and is entirely at home in his position, being a descendant of a noted family of practical miners and coke makers. He comes from the celebrated Connellsville, Pa., region.

The Virginia Coal & Iron Company have advanced the workmen's wages and there is much jop in the camp.

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All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile Cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by J. W. Kelly, druggist. 4

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## SNIPS.

Judge W. A. Ayers and his little daughter, Clarris, returned Sunday afternoon from Bristol where the latter was treated for an ear trouble. A grain of corn was the cause of the trouble. The Bristol specialist very speedily relieved the little sufferer.—*The Outlook.*

Knoxville is now trying to induce a "flying jinney" to locate in that town.—*Chattanooga News.*

Yes. Come up!—*Knoxville Sentinel.*

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Match 7, authorized the reporting of an amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill appropriating $20,000 to be paid to ex-Queen Liliuokalani, and providing for an annual donation of $10,000 to her as long as she may live.—*Morristown Gazette.*

The President very quickly headed off the report that he was wobbling in his views on expansion.—*Bristol News.*

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The serious consequences to which Scrofula surely leads should impress upon those afflicted with it the vital importance of wasting no time upon treatment which can not possibly effect a cure. In many cases where the wrong treatment has been relied upon, complicated glandular swellings have resulted, for which the doctors insist that a dangerous surgical operation is necessary.

Mr. H. E. Thompson, of Milledgeville, Ga., writes: "A bad case of Scrofula broke out on the glands of my neck, which had to be lanced and caused me much suffering. I was treated for a long while, but the physicians were unable to cure me, and my condition was as bad as when I began their treatment. Many blood remedies were used, but without effect. Some one recommended S. S. S., and I began to improve as soon as I had taken a few bottles. Continuing the remedy, I was soon cured permanently, and have never had a sign of the disease to return." Swift's Specific—

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| 4 05 | Bandana |
| 4 14 | Lewisville |
| 4 23 | Damascus |
| 4 32 | Mendota |
| 4 46 | Mace Springs |
| 4 58 | Hilton |
| 5 07 | Nottingham |
| 5 13 | Mountain Gap |
| 5 24 | Gate City |
| 5 41 | Weber |
| 5 55 | Speers Ferry |
| 6 01 | Lake View |
| 6 06 | Clear Creek |
| 6 15 | National Tunnel |
| 6 26 | Hickory Grove |
| 6 28 | Duffs |
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| 6 37 | Hayes |
| 7 10 | Dixon |
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**A Grand Old Lady Gives Her Experience.**

Mrs. Thankful Orilla Hurd lives in the beautiful village of Brighton, Livingston Co., Mich. This venerable and highly respected lady was born in the year 1812, the year of the great war, in Hebron, Washington Co., New York. She came to Michigan in 1840, the year of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." All her faculties are excellently preserved, and possessing a very retentive memory, her mind is full of interesting reminiscences of her early life, of the early days of the State of Michigan and the interesting and remarkable people she has met, and the stirring events of which she was a witness. But nothing in her varied and manifold recollections are more marvelous and worthy of attention than are her experiences in the use of JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. Mrs. Hurd inherited a tendency and predisposition to scrofula, that terribly destructive blood taint which has caused and is cursing the lives of thousands and marking thousands more as victims of the death angel. Transmitted from generation to generation, it is found in neary every family in one form or another. It may make its appearance in dreadful running sores, in unsightly swellings in the neck (goitre, or in eruptions of varied forms. Attacking the mucous membrane, it may be known as catarrh in the head, or developing in the lungs it may be and often is, the prime cause of consumption.

Speaking of her case, Mrs. Hurd says: "I was troubled for many years with a bad skin disease. My arms and limbs would break out in a mass of sores, discharging yellow matter. My neck began to swell and became very unsightly in appearance. My body was covered with scrofulous eruptions. My eyes were also greatly inflamed and weakened, and they pained me very much. My blood was in a very bad condition and my head ached severely at frequent intervals, and I had no appetite. I had sores also in my ears. I was in a miserable condition, I had tried every remedy that had been recommended, and doctor after doctor had failed. One of the best physicians in the state told me I must die of scrofulous consumption, as internal abscesses were beginning to form. I at length was told of Dr. Johnston, of Detroit, and his famous Sarsaparilla. I tried a bottle, more as an experiment than anything else, as I had no faith in it, and greatly to my agreeable surprise, I began to grow better. You can be sure I kept on taking it. I took a great many bottles. But I steadily improved until I became entirely well. All the sores healed up, all the bad symptoms disappeared. I gained perfect health and I have never been troubled with scrofula since. Of course an old lady of 83 years is not a young woman, but I have had remarkably good health since then, and I firmly believe that JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA is the greatest blood purifier and the best medicine in the wide world, both for scrofula and as a spring medicine." This remarkably interesting old lady does not lok to be more than sixty, and she repeated several times, "I believe my life was saved by JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA."

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