

Entered at the Postoffice at Accomac C. H., Va., as second-class matter.

In accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, Governor James E. Boyd, of Nebraska, took possession of his office last Monday, withheld from him for several months by his Republican opponent, Thayer, the retiring Governor, in stepping "down and out" extended his hand, but Governor Boyd declined to take it or in any way to recognize him.

Every postoffice, where the compensation of the postmaster is \$200 or more per annum, can be made a money order office, in pursuance of a late order of Postmaster-General Wanamaker. This looks like a step in the right direction, but not likely to prove as a great blessing as it seems to be. The average country postmasters will not encourage money order offices, however materially they may add to the convenience of the public, which will impose upon them extra labor without adequate compensation, and the people are not likely to insist upon their rights in these respects.

Blaine, "magnetic Jim," the only Republican whom many of his followers believe can beat the candidate of the Democratic party for President, has announced that he will not let his name go before the Republican National Convention for the nomination. The "Plumed Knight of Maine" is doubtless sincere. He is entirely too wise a man to cross lances in another contest with his late competitor, Grover Cleveland, whom the people in defiance of the politicians, of late have shown, will insist shall be their standard bearer, or sees the folly of attempting to stem the tide of tariff reform, which is now sweeping the country, even though the next contest for the presidency should be fought under the leadership of another than Cleveland.

In the debate on a bill before the Senate of Virginia, last Wednesday, in which it was proposed to make Hon. John E. Massey, Superintendent of Public Instruction, an ex-officio member of the Boards of Visitors of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute of Staunton, and of the University of Virginia, the proposition was opposed by Senator Flood, of Appomattox, upon the ground that he was unwilling to hold these positions. He charged that Mr. Massey had improperly drawn money for his services as a member of the Board of Education, and named instances on which he preferred these charges. Mr. Massey cannot afford to allow these charges to go unchallenged, and it is in order for him to stand up and explain, and he doubtless will be able to do so to the satisfaction of the people of Virginia. If he cannot clear up these charges he is unfit to be chief of the educational system of Virginia, and Mr. Flood should go farther and see to it that steps are taken for restoring him from the position he now occupies.

At a large meeting of leading Democrats of the West, in the city of Denver, Colorado, on the 8th inst., Governor Boies, of Iowa, whose name has been prominently mentioned for the second place on the presidential ticket, made the speech of the occasion. He responded to the toast of "The Democracy in 1892," and the gist of his speech was, that tariff and tariff alone was the issue upon which the battle should be fought in 1892, and that it alone would lead us to victory. The existing laws, said he, "are taking from the people the product of their labor and giving it to a favored few." "Can we change these laws," he asks, and answers the question by saying, that there is no power on earth that can accomplish it, save and except the Democracy in 1892—with tariff reform as the watchword—and he should have added under the leadership of Grover Cleveland.

"Three years ago said he, "a Democratic President aroused the country by his declaration that 'Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation,' and by that declaration incorporated into one of its cardinal principles, to remain, I hope forever, the doctrine that the rightful power of this government to levy assessments, direct or indirect, is limited to its necessities for revenue alone. "This was no declaration of hostility to the manufacturing industries of this country. It was the assertion of a principle that put into practice gave them free raw material, that would stimulate the commerce of the nation and open to the products of their mills the markets of the world. "Nor does a tariff for revenue only imply that American manufacturing industries are to be deprived of all benefit therefrom. Theoretically as we may, it would be impossible to so levy it on articles of any kind manufactured and consumed by our people. It does, however, imply that the purpose of the levy must be revenue, not protection, and it follows that it should be laid so as to place the burden of the tax upon the shoulders of those who are best able to bear it. Carried to its logical result the doctrine would place upon the free list all the articles of prime necessity. It would lift the burden of taxation from the shoulders of the tolling mill, and place it on the shoulders of those who possess its wealth.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The life of Mr. William A. Stewart, of Saltville, who died suddenly in Philadelphia, Saturday, was insured for \$50,000.

Mr. Henry Mach, of Washington county, Va., is still living and is ninety-eight years old. He has been married three times and has thirty children. His youngest is nineteen years old.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad has awarded contracts for the erection of large freight piers and a handsome passenger station at Newport News. The aggregate cost of which will be \$400,000.

Last Saturday the House of Representatives met at 12:45 o'clock and devoted the whole of its session to a message from the President, and Mr. Lee, who represented the 8th Virginia District in Congress.

Judge D. W. Bolen, of the Circuit Court for Tazewell, Giles, Giles, Bland, Pulaski and Carroll counties, has resigned. This is the third resignation in the past five years of this judgeship. The small salary is supposed to be the cause.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 7.—A case testing the right of transportation companies running into this port to collect wharf charges on freight has just been decided by Judge Bland, in favor of the merchants and against the companies. The charges amount to over \$100,000 per annum at this port.

Ex-Archbishop General Rufus A. Ayres of Virginia, who has been reported as favorable to the nomination of Mr. Hill, emphatically denies that statement. Mr. Ayres declares that he is an out and out Cleveland man. He does not believe, he says, that the country will submit to the dictation and arbitrary control of the party machinery by Tammany and Mr. Hill's other friends in New York.

Smith, the negro librarian of the House of Representatives has been removed and his place given to a white man, named New York Jones, the negro member of the Capitol police, and ex-member of the Virginia Legislature, and the last one of Gen. Mahone's appointees at the Capitol. The new one is now composed entirely of white men.

New York, February 5.—The postmaster at New York has received a complaint that a person calling himself Ellis is traveling in Virginia and elsewhere in the South, representing himself as an agent of Rosefield's Drug and Grocery Company, consolidated, of New York, taking orders for drugs, etc., from country merchants and collecting the bills in advance under promise of the gift of a gold watch. There is no such company in New York, and the person referred to who is probably conducting his operations under other names, than as given above, without doubt a swindler.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The bill originating in the Senate to allow women to practice law, but for the benefit, especially, of Mrs. Annie L. Smith, of North Danville, was defeated by a vote of 18 to 9 last week.

A bill was introduced in the Senate, Wednesday, by Mr. Blackstone, providing for the separation of the school taxes paid by the whites and negroes and to apply the same to the support of the schools by the race paying the same.

The House committee on roads has reported adversely upon the Kent Railroad Commission bill. The vote in committee was nine against three for the bill. The report has been submitted to the House and it is for that body to say whether the report of the majority shall prevail.

Mr. Saunders introduced a bill, Wednesday, to prohibit preferences by mechanics, manufacturers, brokers and others, and to annul liens obtained by consent or connivance of the debtor within three months of the date of assignment. This is the same bill as was introduced in the committee for courts, but which was not acted upon by the House. He also introduced a bill, which amends the law making it incumbent in a suit for damages for the person injured on a railroad to prove negligence of the company's agents. This applies to railroad's not included.

In the House, Monday, Mr. Chambers, of Northumberland, and in the Senate, Mr. Washington, of Westmoreland, introduced bills for a survey of the oyster grounds. The bills are similar, and provide that as soon as practicable after the passage of the act, the board on the Chesapeake and its tributaries shall cause to be made a true and accurate survey of the natural oyster beds, rocks and shoals of the commonwealth. This survey is to be made with reference to the duty of supervising of the shore, giving courses and distances to be described in the report to be submitted by the board. A true delineation of these surveys is to be made on copies of the published maps and charts of the United States coast and geodetic survey, which copies are to be filed in the archives of the State in Richmond. The bill prescribes in detail how the publication of these surveys shall be made. The duty of supervising of the work is given to the shell-fish commission, under the direction of the board of the Chesapeake and its tributaries.

The board is also made the custodian of all money which may be appropriated by the Legislature to prosecute this labor. The counties in the waters of which there are natural oyster rocks are to appoint three commissioners each to act with the fish commissioner in making this survey. This course is the one Governor McKinney has all along maintained should be pursued before any oyster bill is agreed upon. His idea has been that the result of such a survey as now proposed should be made the basis of such legislation as may be enacted with the view of solving the Virginia oyster problem. Mr. Chambers, the patron of this survey bill in the house, a few days ago, in a speech in the same body providing for leasing the State oyster grounds. That measure fixed the price at \$1 per acre, and the leasehold at twenty years and the limit at 250 acres.

The Governor transmitted to the two houses Monday, a letter from the secretary of the County of Maryland. With this letter was a copy of the joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of Maryland inviting the two States to secure concurrent legislation regarding the taking of oysters, fish and crabs in the waters of the Potomac and Pocomoke. The letter further requests the Virginia Legislature to take steps to receive the committee named in the joint resolution.

Favorable Report on Free Coinage. WASHINGTON, February 10.—The House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures to-day agreed to report favorably on the free coinage bill introduced by Mr. Blaine on the 21st of January. The vote in committee on reporting the bill to the House was eight to five.

BLAINE NOT IN IT.

His Letter of Declination.

Secretary Blaine has written to Chairman Clarkson, of the Republican National Committee, stating that he is not a candidate for the Presidency, and that his name will not go before the Republican National Convention for the nomination. The full text of the letter is as follows:

WASHINGTON, February 6th. To Hon. J. S. Clarkson, Chairman of the Republican National Committee: My Dear Sir,—I am not a candidate for the Presidency, and my name will not go before the Republican National Convention for the nomination. I make this announcement in due season. To those who have tendered me their support, I owe sincere thanks, and am most grateful for their confidence. They will, I am sure, make earnest efforts in the approaching contest, which is rendered specially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the Government being at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment, and will be of far-reaching consequence. Very sincerely yours, JAMES G. BLAINE.

(Signed) JAMES G. BLAINE.

BY THE Hon. Wm. W. STARR.

PHILADELPHIA, February 8.—The congregation of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church were started yesterday morning by their rector's statement of the impending horrors of the Russian famine. Just prior to the sermon Dr. McConnell announced that the collection would be for the benefit of the czar's starving subjects, and then went on to give a few facts learned, he said, from investigation of his own. "There are from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 Russians," said the preacher, "who are now or will be suffering from famine as a result of the failure of the crops. With all that the civilized world can do to relieve the suffering there will be from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 people who must absolutely starve to death. No earthly agency can save them."

Continuing, Dr. McConnell said: "Each of you in this congregation can now do something measurable toward saving human lives. I don't believe that ever again lives can be bought so cheap. I mean that the same outlay on your part can never again be so effective as now."

Hotel Royal Burned.

NEW YORK, February 7.—A disaster, appalling in horror, bringing to mind the terrible occurrences in Park Place, still fresh in the public mind, happened in this city early this morning. Hotel Royal, that well-known landmark which has stood for more than a quarter of a century at the southeast corner of Sixth Avenue and Fortieth street, was burned to the ground and a large number of people were burned, suffocated or crushed in the ruins.

At the time of the disaster there were twenty-one hundred and fifty guests in the hotel. The hotel employees all told numbered fifty-five. Of this number of people five have thus far been found dead, six are in the hospital and sixty three have been reported alive. One hundred are still missing. The number dead will probably not exceed, at a later estimate, thirty persons.

The Penalty of Usury.

The Virginia Court of Appeals recently decided a case taken up from the Shenandoah Circuit Court, involving important principles of law. It seems that General Meen, the plaintiff in the original suit, had borrowed \$50,000 from Mr. Dulaney, to whom he had given a deed of trust on land to secure the borrowed money. Dulaney proceeded to sell the land, and Meen sued out an injunction to restrain the sale, on the ground that the transaction was usurious (over six per cent. interest paid). The lower court decided that Dulaney should lose the amount of interest usuriously charged, which amounted to about \$8,500. Appeal was taken and the Court of Appeals set that verdict aside and decreed that the whole interest, amounting to about \$35,000, should be forfeited.

Large Pensions for Confederates.

JACKSON, Miss., February 9.—The House has passed a bill appropriating \$61,200 a year for pensions. This will give those now on the roll \$50 a piece. The present appropriation is only \$30,000. The bill provides that all indigent Confederate soldiers shall be entitled to \$50 per month, unless the number at this rate exceeds the appropriation, in which event the amount shall be prorated between them. It is estimated that the indigent class will number at least 5,000 on the rolls in a few years, compared with 1,250 now on. If this turns out true, the amount each will receive will only be about \$12 a piece. The bill makes the Auditor Pension Commissioner.

Ralph Wilkes Sold for \$30,000.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 8.—Dr. W. F. Galbreath sold the great Ralph Wilkes (two-year-old, 2:18) to George Leavitt, Boston, Mass., for a fancy price. The Doctor stated that the price was larger than that paid for Constantine. Constantine sold for \$27,000. It is understood that the price was \$30,000.



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Messrs. Crockett & Winder: Gentlemen—I used some of your mixture A last year on sweet potatoes in very poor land and it gave me perfect satisfaction, and I think it is as good fertilizer as any for sweet potatoes. I shall use it again this year. Yours respectfully, Wm. D. Tunnell, Onley, February 4th, 1891.

Messrs. Crockett & Winder: Gentlemen—Having used your Mixture A on sweet potatoes last year, I take pleasure in saying that it is an excellent fertilizer, and I believe there is none better on the market. Very respectfully, R. W. Ames, Accomac C. H., Feb. 16th, 1891.

Messrs. Crockett & Winder: Gentlemen—I used your mixture A last year on my sweet potato crop. Will say I made more potatoes and sold them for more money than I ever did before. I shall surely use it again this year. Robt. C. Ashby, Jamesville, February 5th, 1891.

Messrs. Crockett & Winder: Gentlemen—I used your mixture A, last season by the side of other No. 1 fertilizers. The mixture A was decidedly the best of all. Will use it again this season. Very respectfully, R. W. Ames, February 2d, 1891.

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