

NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

TONNAGE TAX BILL A LAW

Both Houses of the General Assembly Pass It.

SALARY OF INSPECTORS

Senator Maynard, of Portsmouth, of "Agents not Wanted"—Land Grabbers' Law Suspended—A Bill Re-committed—A Creek Made a River by Legal Enactment—Land Office Abolished—Set for Hearing.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 21.—The bill imposing a tax of 15 cents per ton on fertilizers now only lacks the Governor's signature to be a law. After wrestling with the bill nearly the whole day it was passed, with some amendments of an unimportant nature.

When the bill came back from the committee to which it was referred yesterday at the request of the fertilizer people, there were several amendments suggested, to which the Senate promptly agreed, the most important being the one requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture to give bond in the sum of \$30,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, and providing that the inspectors required shall be chosen from the several grand divisions of the State, and that not more than one shall be appointed from any one congressional district.

SALARY OF INSPECTOR. An amendment offered by Mr. Barksdale was adopted, making the salary of inspectors \$75 a month and expenses. An amendment offered by Senator McHwaine was adopted providing that any surplus derived by the tonnage tax over and above the expenses of inspectors and cost of analysis shall be used in experimenting in plant production.

THE VOTE. The bill was then passed after a few more amendments had been offered, by the following vote: Ayes—Senators Blakey, Bruce, Clayton, Cogbill, Duvall, Donohoe, Eggleston, Flood, Glass, Gold, James, Keezell, Lupton, Mann, Massie, Maynard, McIlwaine, Morris, Mumford, Ople, Shands, St. Clair, Steele, Tate, Tyler, Walker, Whitehead and Wickham—28.

Noes—Senators Barksdale, Fairfax, Lyle, Sands and Wallace—5. Senator Jeffries, who was opposed to the act, paired with Senator Harvey, who favored it.

LODGE INCORPORATED. The Senate, besides the fertilizer bill transacted considerable business today. Senator Tyler got through, under a suspension of the rules, House bill to incorporate Newport News Lodge, B. P. O. E. No. 315.

BILLS INTRODUCED. Senator Maynard introduced the following bill: "That it shall be unlawful for any agent or solicitor to call at or enter any notice posted at or near the front door or gate 'Agents not wanted.'"

The bill provides for a fine of \$5 for a violation of the act. Senator Eggleston introduced a bill to repeal an act to define the powers and limitations of building and loan associations. The patron states that the object of the measure is to take from the associations the power to charge usurious interest.

A bill was offered by Senator Cogbill to amend the act in relation to working and keeping in repair roads and bridges in Gloucester. Senator Tyler offered a measure to amend certain sections of the charter of the city of Newport News.

A bill was presented by Senator Eggleston to amend the charter of the town of Chase City.

THE "LAND GRABBERS." Senate bill introduced by Mr. Glass to suspend for a period of 40 days the operation of the "Land-Grabbers' Law" came back to the Senate with a House amendment, providing that nothing contained in the bill should be construed as interfering with applications pending at the time the bill is passed.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment. HOUSE BILLS PASSED. The following House bills were passed: To incorporate Hampton Lodge of Elks.

To amend act incorporating United Land and Investment Company. To amend charter of Potts Valley Railroad and Iron Company.

IN THE HOUSE. The bill "to authorize the president of any mining, manufacturing, or storage company, or any person or firm engaged in the mining, manufacturing, or storage business, with the approval of the county or corporation courts to appoint public agents, who shall be authorized to act as conservators of the peace within certain limits," was held up in the reading by Mr. Folkes. The patron of the bill, Mr. Patten, wished to have it passed by, but Mr. Folkes, in a two-minute speech, pointed out that the bill, in his opinion, was one of the most iniquitous ever before the Legislature, in that provision was made for the introduction of Pinkerton detectives and for the inauguration of disturbances such as have occurred at the Homestead mines in Pennsylvania.

After Mr. Folkes' motion the bill was recommitted to the committee for courts of justice, after the motion to pass by had been voted down.

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To amend and re-enact section 27 of the Code of 1887, in relation to the securities to be deposited with the treasurer by foreign and home insurance companies.

To repeal an act entitled an act providing for the working and keeping in

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(OF PHILADELPHIA) Richard Harding Davis will have in a January number of the Post a story, La Lettre d'Amour, that will appeal with equal force to both men and women. It is characterized by that distinction of style and subtle charm which pervade all of Mr. Davis' work.



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PETERSBURG. WILL BANQUET DOCTORS - A TROUBLESOME CASE - ENDORSEMENT.

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THE DAVIS-POWELL CASE. There has been a decided change for the better since Police Justice Brown punished W. H. Davis so severely on the charge of shooting into another man's house in East End under the impression that it was the home of Rev. T. J. MacKay.

"I am not bothered any more by them," said Mr. MacKay, "and I do not expect any more trouble." The minister now walks abroad without a body-guard.

The end of the Davis-Powell case is not yet, for a number of citizens in East End have announced their intention of prosecuting them for felony. The first proceedings were under misdemeanor statutes.

In the meantime, the preacher has not yet entered suit for slander against those who have been spreading evil reports about him. These evil reports, he says, have about died down, but their effect remains, and will remain until the preacher is vindicated by the law.

ENDORSED FOR ATTORNEY. The Democratic City Executive Committee has endorsed C. C. Mitchell for the appointment of Commonwealth's Attorney, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. K. M. Newton. It is expected that this appointment will not be made until the Legislature gives the city a City Attorney. When this is done the Judge of the Corporation Court will appoint the Commonwealth's Attorney.

ROANOKE. ESCAPED PRISONER CAUGHT BY BLOODHOUND.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—A special from New Castle, says: Wednesday one of the prisoners, a negro, confined in the Finecaste jail broke out and left for the mountains. The sheriff secured a bloodhound and tracked him to this place, where he was quietly arrested in the store of Walker & Caldwell.

The bloodhound entered the store, and after sniffing at the heels of many people, lifted himself up with a speech more powerful than a babel of tongues and placed his forepaws on the shoulder of his man.

The negro, in abject terror, backed down and surrendered.

PAIN-KILLER. A bold and well-known candy has been put on the market, which cures colds, coughs, catarrh, weak stomach, indigestion, cramps, or pain in the stomach, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism, and dysentery. It has lost none of its good nature by repeated trials, but continues to occupy a prominent position in every family medicine chest. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', Price 25c. and 50c.

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MORMONS IN SUSSEX. I learned to-day from a gentleman from Sussex that two Mormon Elders are holding meetings and are circulating their literature in the neighborhood of Elms Postoffice, in that county. They have made one convert.

TWO MARRIAGES. Miss Jennie Hood Livesay and Mr. Nathaniel Robert Burrow, both of Prince George county, the former of Brandon, and the latter of Burrowsville, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The ceremony was solemnized in Brandon Episcopal Church by the Rev. E. T. Towson. Mr. Joe Burrow, brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Miss Mollie Livesay, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Misses Minnie Livesay, Annie Moss, Julia Danacott and Helen Adams. The ushers were Messrs. George Hatth, Collier Laughridge, Joseph Harrison and Leonard Brady. The church was elaborately decorated in honor of the occasion. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Alex. Livesay, of Brandon. The groom is a popular citizen of Prince George county. The bridal presents were numerous and costly.

There was a pretty marriage yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Ocean Church, in Dinwiddie county. The parties to this union were Mr. Jeter Thomas and Miss Belle Mende. Rev. Mr. Bay officiated. The ushers were

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Messrs. John Thomas, brother of the groom (best man), Berkeley Clarke, Robert Powell and Heath Booth.

OPEN AIR CONCERT. Mr. W. B. Thomas, late of Michigan, has taken charge as director of the Grey's Band. The band will give an open air concert on the corner of Sycamore and Lombard streets tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

ASSAULTED NORFOLK MAN. John Carter, a colored butcher of this city, who was convicted in the Corporation Court of this city of feloniously assaulting John Thomas, of Norfolk, with a beer bottle, and whose punishment was fixed at one year in the penitentiary, and whose sentence was subsequently commuted by the Governor to six months' imprisonment in the city jail, was released from jail this afternoon, having been pardoned by the Governor.

ANNOUNCEMENT. Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Lillian Louise Gates and Mr. Robert Lee Bowman, which will take place Wednesday, January 3d next, at 6 p. m., in St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, N. C. The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gates, of Wilmington, and the prospective groom is a prominent druggist of this city.

APPOINTMENT. Mr. William Criketon to-day resigned the office of High Constable. This afternoon Judge Mullen appointed Mr. John A. Mallory to the office for the unexpired term. Mr. Mallory qualified this evening by giving bond in the penalty of \$500.

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Captain T. J. Milligan, of this place, an experienced oyster and fish man, representing the wholesale fish house in Philadelphia of F. P. Larkin, took cold from exposure on a recent business trip to North and South Carolina, and is, in consequence, on the sick list.

Dr. John C. Wisor, surgeon in charge of the Chesapeake and Ohio hospital in Clifton Forge, spent several days on the Shore this week duck-shooting. He was with Captain Harry Merry's party at Cobb Island.

J. W. Allen, of Pocomoke, and W. T. Ellis, of Portsmouth, were registered at the Northampton yesterday.

Thomas E. Gay, of Damascotta, Maine, registered at the St. Charles Hotel this week, and later went over to Portsmouth. He represents the Kennebec Natural Ice Company, which has an extensive trade at Portsmouth and at this place.

W. Kowalcyver, W. H. and J. M. Ryder, and A. V. Snyder, of Brooklyn, N. Y., have returned from a two weeks' gunning expedition on Skidmore Island.

Mr. James Irwin, lumber dealer from Philadelphia, has returned home from a business visit to Northampton. He registered at the Cape Charles.

Mr. Clement S. Whittington, of Cape Charles, assistant engineer on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk steamer Old Point, has placed the Cape Charles correspondent of the Virginian-Pilot under obligations for courtesies.

Mr. Henderson D. Travis, proprietor of the Northampton Hotel, returned from the seaside to-day with a large bunch of ducks. The gentleman is an expert shot.

Mr. John T. Daniel, of this place, administrator of the estate of the late Frances C. Rolley, will make sale next week of the personal property of decedent. This will probably be the largest sale of the kind ever made on the Eastern Shore, the appraisal list covering about a thousand items.

Miss Page Nottingham, of Eastville, was on a visit here this week among friends.

Mr. Warren B. Rutter, of Philadelphia, has returned to his home. He was here in his official capacity as purchasing agent for the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk.

Mrs. E. Warren, of Chesapeake, is in Fairhaven, N. J., visiting relatives. Miss May Paulette, of Farmville, is in Cape Charles on a visit to her school friend, Miss Ruth Wilson.

Joseph B. Savage, of Franktown, and Thomas I. Kent, of Parkley, have taken advantage of the bankrupt law. Master Charlie Vincent was badly burned by a powder explosion the other day.

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