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**THURSDAY.....APRIL 9, 1903.**

For years past there has been a very deep feeling in the State that the Legislature should pass some law regulating child labor in Virginia and fixing the hours laborers shall be required to work. Up to the present no measure has been adopted by the General Assembly, but several bills on that subject are now under consideration, and while the people may not get just exactly what they want if any measure in that direction becomes a law it will be that much gained and may be amended in the future until the law shall meet the requirements and general approval.

It is not to be denied that children in many portions of the State are taken from home and from school and placed in factories and workshops at a very tender age, and when they should have been at school having their young minds trained that they may not grow up in ignorance. It may be that sometimes they are driven to this by poverty and want, but not infrequently they are placed in these places by indigent parents, who live off the pittance they make in the factories. We are not sure that this should not be a subject of inquiry and a misdemeanor punishable by the courts.

Then again the hours of labor should be regulated. The general government, whether it be heavy or light work, prescribes eight hours a day's work, and many persons have claimed that eight hours even was too long. Laboring people, it appears to us, ought to be willing to compromise on eight hours, and many of them on ten, as they now labor from ten to fifteen hours, thus wearing their young lives away at menial wages and salaries.

Kentucky places the age of employment at fourteen years, and in case of doubt of age the employing parties must require a sworn statement from the parent or guardian of the child seeking employment.

Louisiana raises the age to eighteen years and includes not only factories, work-shops and warehouses, but telegraph and telephone offices, dress-making and millinery establishments.

Massachusetts places the age at eighteen years, and like many others of the States, prescribes ten hours as a day's labor under severe penalties.

In some of these States we believe they have compulsory education, for which reason, perhaps, the age for labor is placed at such a mature age. We have no compulsory school law, although the necessity for such a measure has been seriously discussed by educators, therefore the age for employment could be named at a less number of years, and be a decided improvement on no law at all. Let us hope that our wise legislators will give us the best law on the subject they can enact, and then let the people live up to it until they can get just the law they desire.

Whatever else may be said of Judge Campbell's answer to the charges alleged against him it cannot be denied that he uses one argument altogether in his favor, and that is the fact of every witness against him having been in the present or past his personal or political enemy. We have ourselves called attention to this fact, and it weakens the case against him materially. If what Judge Campbell alleges against Evans and Loving be true there seems no reason why the present investigation should not be followed by others. It is very probable that Judge Campbell has been guilty of improper acts, but his accusers appear to be also culpable. The answer taken as a whole is an able defense.

Another Washington hatchet has come to the front—one that he "cut splinters with" during the War of Independence. It is said to have belonged to one of Washington's escorts by the name of John Harerow. It was handed down the Harerow family for three generations when it fell into the hands of Mr. T. S. Owens, now of Helena, Ala. Mr. Owens was a Confederate soldier in the 22nd Alabama regiment, is a Mason and treasures the hatchet above price. This discovery shows that the great General could cut something else besides a cherry tree.

Dealing in futures, a practice that has carried thousands and tens of thousands to financial ruin in this country, while it enriched a few, received a set-back in St. Louis Monday before Judge Adams, of the United States District Court. The question came before the court upon an injunction of the Chicago Board of Trade to establish the ownership of the quotations of the prices of grain and other commodities, and the court was asked to protect the members of that board of trade in the dissemination of information instructing the public what wagers are being made on the future price of grain, etc. In delivering his decision the judge, discriminating between the legitimate trade, where the goods were actually delivered, and dealing in futures, where it was not delivered and the goods sold were not in existence, said:

Information of the prices made in other parts of the country on grain and other commodities for actual consumption, or export, or even for the purpose of obtaining speculative profit in cases where the grain or other commodities are delivered in fact, or are intended to be delivered, might and undoubtedly would be very valuable to the public, and such information would promote legitimate trade and commerce; but the other kind of information involving intelligence as to the wagers that are being made in the "pit" in my opinion have no legitimate tendency to promote commerce of the country, but on the contrary tends only to excite the gambling propensities of the public. Such is not a species of property which appends to a court of conscience for protection.

Some idea of the magnitude of the steel trust in this country may be gathered from its enormous earnings and the immense capital by which it is operated. For the first three months of this year the earnings have been twenty-nine millions of dollars, which is four millions more than those for the corresponding months of last year. In the report for last year's operations, it is said, will be shown that the cash on hand is sixty-two millions of dollars, while the cash assets are footed up at two hundred and twenty millions. It is also claimed that the net earnings of the trust are thirty millions of dollars more than for the previous year. If this be true it will show that all efforts to put down trusts, especially the steel trust, have been unavailing, and that instead of weakening they are increasing in power and profits.

Mr. Bryan finds himself again in a talking mood. He has just notified his New York friends that he will deliver a series of addresses on political subjects—without invitation so far as the public is at present advised—in several of the Eastern States in May. What Mr. Bryan aims to accomplish is only conjectural. It may be that this tour is in the interest of harmony. Let us hope so, anyway.

Their best task being ended the Norfolk and Newport News newspapers must tackle a harder one in an effort to persuade Uncle Sam that the Ter-centenary is worthy of his financial consideration.

An Atlanta bank cashier is a defaulter in the sum of \$100,000. If the amount had been \$100 there would perhaps be some chance of securing his conviction.

There seems to have been but little difference between Virginia and the United States Government after all—five dollars and fifty cents settled the controversy.

The fact that King Edward walked on roses in Lisbon must not be taken as evidence that the throne of Great Britain is a bed of roses.

**VIRGINIA NEWS.**

Locust Dale defeated Brown's University School on Locust Dale grounds Monday by a score of 8 to 4.

Marriage license issued in Baltimore: James A. Croxton and Lillie B. Harmon, both of Bowler's Wharf, Essex county.

Congressman Rives and family have left Washington and gone to their country home near Brandy, Calpeper county, for the summer.

The old Methodist church near Heathsville has been sold to a certain Taylor of Cape Charles, who contemplates opening a clothing establishment in the building.

The second annual Afro-American fair will be held by the negroes of Fairfield, Northernhampton county, on the grounds of the Northern Neck Agricultural Association at Heathsville in October.

Dr. W. J. Newhall of Lexington passed through our town on Monday, returning from a visit to his father near Centre Cross, in this county. Our people are always glad to see the genial doctor, and his visits, although hurried, are always welcomed. Tidewater (Tappahannock) Democrat.

**Were Not Drowned.**

Jett, Brian, Warren, Braun and Thomas Wilson, who were reported as having been drowned in the Potomac River by a heavy gale by the capes of their boat on Saturday, were not drowned. They were rescued about three hours after the accident, and were taken to St. George's Island, in Maryland. They were nearly frozen. The young men reached their homes in Northumberland Sunday.

**Colored Marriage.**

At Mount Olive Baptist, Church King George, Sunday, April 5, at 3 o'clock A. M. Parker and Aggie Williams, colored, were married. The witnesses were Weldon Hill and Vergie Hill D. Jones and Jennie Parker. Rev. F. N. Strother officiated. After the marriage a dinner was served at the home of the mother of the groom.

**Mayor Hayes Defeated in Baltimore.**

Mr. Lane was the Democratic nominee for Mayor of Baltimore in the primary Tuesday, defeating Mayor Hayes. His plurality was 3,500. Wachtler received the Republican nomination.

**LEGISLATURE.**

**Judge Campbell Files His Answer In The Proceedings Against Him—Says He Cannot Be Removed.**

The answer of Judge Clarence J. Campbell to the charges formulated by the General Assembly, upon which it is proposed to remove him from the office of judge of the County Court of Annapolis, was laid before the Legislature Monday and ordered to be printed. The printed copies will be ready by Thursday, when the House will take up the question of removal, and the members will have before them both the charges and the answer in detail.

Judge Campbell's answer is a highly interesting paper, in 15 pages of close type-written matter he defends himself and scores those who have been instrumental in prosecuting him. He is especially severe on Judge Loving. He characterizes Judge Loving as the "latter day apostle of purity." The Judge also scores the newspapers for the manner in which they have dealt with his case.

Judge Campbell denies the right of the General Assembly to remove him, even though the charges made against him were proved, which he denies in detail. He lays stress on the fact that he holds office under the new Constitution, which he swore to support July 15, 1902, and the Assembly has no authority to remove him for a crime committed prior to that date. Another contention is that causes for removal can only be justified and warranted by inquiry on the part of the whole Assembly sitting as a court.

The House alone, much less one of its committees, is not, he claims, competent to hear the charges and base the findings for removal.

**WILL CAMPBELL LOSES?**

It is regarded as hardly possible that the House will fail to adopt the unanimous verdict of its committee that Judge Campbell should be removed from the bench. His removal will require 61 votes in the House and 21 in the Senate. The only doubt seems to be whether the attendance will be large enough. A peculiar feature of interest is Judge Campbell's counsel for the petitioners, Judge Loving, known as a man of great personal courage and physical strength. Trouble is expected to be the outcome of statements that Judge Campbell made about Judge Loving in his affidavit, charging him with violating a trust. Many look for a personal encounter between the judges.

**MASS LIQUOR BILL TO PASS.**

The Mann liquor bill will be reported from the conference committee with the general revenue bill and its passage is assured. The work of the conference committee was completed last night and the bill to be reported will, it is believed, yield a revenue of \$3,000,000.

Under this act State liquor licenses are fixed at \$350 and \$175 instead of \$400 and \$200, liquor dealers unable to obtain a license will be given 30 days in which to dispose of their stocks at wholesale.

**REVENUE BILL DEBATED.**

The General Revenue bill was read by the clerk and explained in detail by Mr. Boaz, chairman of the conference committee. He checked an evident desire of some members to offer amendments by reminding them that the bill had passed the amendment stage and that the House could only receive or reject the report. Mr. Folkes, the only member of the conference committee who did not sign the report, vigorously opposed its adoption. He was particularly severe in his criticism of the Mann liquor section. It had no place in a revenue measure, he said, and it was a violation of the constitution, being an attempt to pass a measure that would drive people out of a legitimate business.

Mr. Catton followed against the adoption of the report. The House adjourned without taking action.

Mr. Mann's motion to the senate the new ratification of Col. J. W. Lane, of Williamsburg, to be a commissioner of State lands, and the appointment was confirmed.

Mr. Brad offered to the house his bill to require keepers of hotels and houses of entertainment, where gas is used for purposes of heating or lighting, to post notices in each room, calling attention to the danger of fire.

Mr. Davis offered a bill to authorize the officers of election in the cities of Charlottesville, Fr. Leicksburg, Staunton, Winchester, Bristol, Bedford and Buena Vista, to take the sense of the qualified voters of said cities, respectively, upon the question whether the incorporation of a city shall be abolished.

During the consideration of the calendar bills on their third reading, an interesting debate was precipitated by the amendment of Mr. Walker to the house bill designed to amend section 587 of the code as to liquor license revoked by local option. Mr. Walker proposed to make the act effective from its passage, instead of from January 1, 1902, as provided by the bill.

Mr. Walker advocated his amendment, and Messrs. Lyle and Wickham earnestly opposed it, contending that it would work an injustice on those liquor dealers whose license had been curtailed in 1902. In the course of his argument Mr. Wickham stated that so far as he knew those dealers whose license had been curtailed had bowed to the public sentiment of the community. He contended that it was just to them to refund the portion of the license covering the period of curtailment.

**DEATHS.**

Albert N. Pointer, ex-Confederate soldier and merchant, of Gloucester county, died suddenly in his home Sunday night, aged 55.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Dunaway died at her home in Lancaster of pneumonia a few days ago. She was sixty-five years old and leaves one son and a daughter.

The remains of Mrs. Bettie Richardson, who died in Charlottesville this week, were taken to Louisa County for interment. The deceased is survived by her husband, B. F. Richardson, and three children, Mrs. V. I. Perkins, Mrs. F. H. Anderson, wife of the county sheriff, and Rev. Z. P. Richardson, all of Louisa county.

**Caroline Local Option Committee To Meet.**

There will be a meeting of the Local Option Committee in Maj. Peatrose's office, at Bowling Green at 11 o'clock on next Monday, April 13th. All attendance is desired as matters of importance will come before us.

Andrew Broadbent, Chairman of Committee, Sparta, Va., April 7, 1903.

**Sale of Valuable Timber Land in Spotsylvania.**

Mr. W. S. Embrey bought at public auction Monday at Spotsylvania county the Forkman estate, situated near Parker's Station and containing 1361 acres of valuable timber land, besides a large residence and good outbuildings. The price paid was \$4,400. He also bought 200 acres of farming land of the same estate for \$650. The property was sold by Messrs. St. George R. Fitzgugh and Lee J. Graves, substituted trustees.

**Farms Wanted.**

Anywhere in Virginia and adjoining States. Also Orchards, Mills, Stores and nice Homes. Somerville & Co. Newport News, Va.

**SPOTSYLVANIA COURT.**

**The Mrs. Jones-Estes Case Settled—Good Roads Meeting—Much Disorder From Drinking—Colored Man Found Dead on Roadside.**

Every member of the local fraternity of this city, except one, and Hon. T. Weldon Berry, of Stafford, attended Spotsylvania court Monday. Such a brilliant congregation of legal talent has not been seen at the historic village for many years. Besides those there were present a number of our business and newspaper men, including James R. Rawlings, H. L. Wallace, Elton Ulrich, Capt. M. B. Rowe, Henry Warden, C. C. Rowlett, Lawrence Perry, Mayor M. G. Willis, John Brazer, C. H. Harrison, R. B. McCallay and the representative of this paper.

**THE JONES-ESTES CASE.**

A case that has been hanging fire in the court for several months was that of Mrs. Mary E. Jones against Lucius M. Estes, in which Mrs. Jones charged Estes with assaulting her last fall by using profane and abusive language. The court room was crowded all day to hear the evidence and a large number of witnesses testified, a majority of whom were ladies. Hon. A. T. Embrey was counsel for Estes, and Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves and Judge J. T. Goodrich for Mrs. Jones. The jury fined Estes \$15 and cost, the total being \$45.

**GOOD ROADS.**

A meeting was held in the courthouse during the intermission of the court to consider the good roads question. It developed that there was much opposition to the movement, many seeming content to leave the roads to take care of themselves rather than have a bond issue or increase of taxation. Mr. Lewis Boggs was elected chairman of the meeting and Mr. G. J. Fletcher made a motion that a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to ask from the legislature authority to issue bonds for building roads, and bonds to be issued if a majority of the people of the county voted for it, there was much discussion, and in the end several were for the fact at the same time to speak against it. A motion was made by Dr. Davis to postpone the meeting for twenty minutes to gather a larger crowd, but was defeated.

Capt. M. B. Rowe moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to draft resolutions to be submitted at a meeting at May court proposing a plan for improving the roads of the county. This was carried. The committee appointed are: Courtland, Henry Warden, chairman; Capt. M. B. Rowe, Berkeley, W. G. Dillard, Livingston, M. L. Walter, Chancellor, T. P. Payne. On motion of Capt. M. B. Rowe, Mr. Henry Warden was elected Vice-President of the Good Roads Association of the State to represent Spotsylvania.

**TEMPORARILY STAYED BY DRINK.**

There were more men under the influence of liquor than we have ever seen at Spotsylvania. Lum Lloyd, of Livingston, tore nearly all his clothes off in his frenzy, and struck the fence with his fist, trying to knock it down, injured his hand badly. Sheriff Harris called to his assistance four men, who picked him up bodily and put him in a wagon with a chum, Boyd Brooks, and the wagon was driven off in a gallop. Brooks jumped out of the wagon while the mules were on a dead run, but the driver came back and he was again put in and the pair were carried home.

**NOTES.**

John Allen, colored blacksmith, living near Waco, Orange county, got on a spree Saturday night and was found dead on the roadside Sunday morning.

Reports from all over the county indicate that the fruit crop was materially injured by the recent cold snap.

The best informed people say that local option will win by a large majority in the coming election.

**COURT PROCEEDINGS.**

Commissioner's report on county treasurer's bond approved and ordered certified.

Account of W. C. Reynolds as guardian of W. H. P. and Jas. M. Tanner, infants, confirmed and ordered recorded.

W. L. Jones qualified as overseer of roads in Chancellors District.

Commonwealth vs. James L. Carter for violation of liquor revenue laws—judgment of acquittal.

Commonwealth vs. Parker Harefield for violation liquor revenue laws—judgment for costs.

Same vs. Alice Wheeler for similar offense—judgment for costs.

Same vs. Ida Radd for similar offense—judgment for costs.

Writ of habeas corpus awarded in case of Annie Johnson vs. Wm. H. Johnson.

Lee J. Graves appointed and qualified as guardian of Hattie T. Wallowhoughy, infant.

Lee J. Graves appointed and substituted trustee in the place and stead of Wm. A. Little, Sr., in deed trust from Sallie A. Lefoe.

**John Wise in Hanna's State.**

John W. Wise, of Virginia, has accepted an invitation to address the State Bar Association of Ohio at its July meeting, on "The Moral and Legal Aspect of the Race Question."

**FORCED TO CLOSE SCHOOLS.**

**Colonial Beach Has No Funds With Which to Pay Teachers.**

The public schools closed at Colonial Beach a month earlier than last year because there was no money on hand to pay the teachers. There is still some \$1,200 due the town in taxes, but only about half of that is collectable, as the rest is delinquents usually carried over from year to year. The rest cannot be collected now, as property owners there have no money until the season begins. With expenses more than doubling for current expenditure during the summer months, the outlook is said to be very blue. Town warrants are offered for 80 cents on the dollar, with no takers.

**"Morven Park" Estate Sold For Big Price.**

E. B. White, of Leesburg, recently purchased the beautiful "Morven Park" estate from John C. Scott and Elizabeth H. Scott, formerly of New York. The consideration was \$67,500. This estate contains over 1,000 acres and is located just outside of Leesburg.

**IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE Circuit Court of the County of King George on the 7th day of May, 1903.**

Mary A. Tallero.....Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 H. S. Tallero.....Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain for the plaintiff, against the defendant, a divorce a vinculo matrimonii.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And if he further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in The Free Lance newspaper, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this county on the first day of the next term of the County Court.

A copy—Teste  
 E. L. BUNTER, Clerk.  
 W. A. ROSE, P. S.  
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**Red Men's Bazaar,**  
**APRIL 14-18, 1903.**

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If you are interested in seeing and knowing what the season has produced—both in style and materials, then we earnestly invite you to call and inspect the elaborate display of

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We want a chance to convince you that you can save money on every purchase made here, and the saving is safe, sure and positive.

If big values for little money will do it, the convincing is easily done. Never have the words "MUCH IN LITTLE" conveyed so important a meaning to the buying public.

Right here we want to say that at no time could so little money purchase so much exclusive-ness, style and quality in up-to-date goods.

You'll find a lot of pleasure in these goods and we know you will have many a pleasant word to say about them.

**CAN YOU AFFORD TO ALLOW THIS OPPORTUNITY SLIP BY?**

**WHY IT PAYS**

to shop here.

The most convincing argument we can offer is to try to match the quality, style and finish of the goods we are now offering at our prices. The harder you try the more thoroughly you'll be convinced it can't be done.

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During this month we have arranged to outdo all our former efforts in giving the greatest possible value for the money and just now we are showing the most widely assorted lines in the

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This offers you a decisive and gratifying opportunity to inspect the very latest and best of this season's goods, AND THEY'RE MONEY SAVERS, every one of them.

Some of the most exclusive styles and patterns that will be much wanted are marked so low they will go quick. You'll have to be prompt if you wish to see them.

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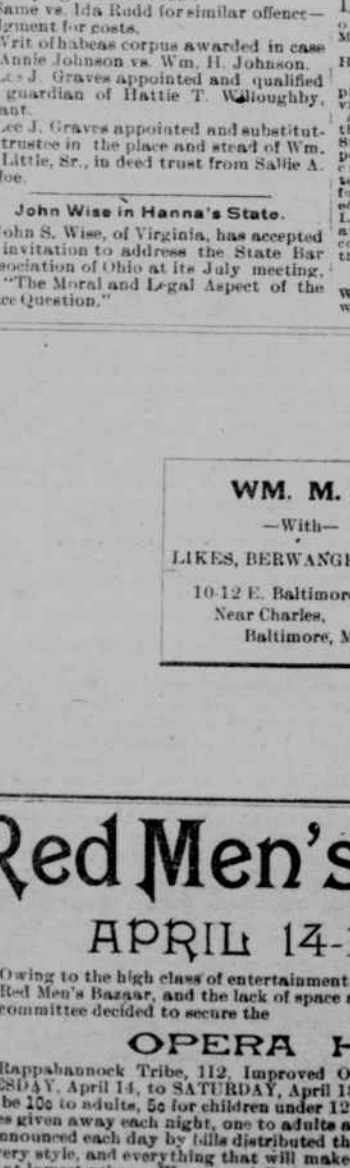
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