

SECRET ORDER TO ENTER THIS FIGHT

Junior Order of American Mechanics Oppose Appropriations

MR. E. W. MINER SAYS

Committee Will Probably Appear Before General Assembly to Fight the Anderson Bill—Executive Board Meets.

"There is a strong probability that the Junior Order of American Mechanics will make a fight before the legislative committee of the General Assembly against giving the city of Richmond, or any other city in the State, the right to appropriate funds for the support of sectarian or denominational institutions," said Mr. E. W. Miner, State Councilor of the Order and member of the Common Council from Clay Ward.

As a result of the opinion rendered by City Attorney Pollard to the effect that under the new Constitution the city cannot legally make appropriation of public funds for the purpose of maintaining or assisting in the support of charitable institutions not wholly under the city's control, a bill was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Mr. Anderson, authorizing the councils of the cities and towns of the State to make such appropriations to such institutions as they may see fit.

And as a result of the introduction of this bill, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, one of the strongest fraternal orders in the State, is up in arms, and will fight the proposed legislation with all the strength they can possibly command.

From the above statement of State Councilor Miner it would seem that the Junior Order intends taking immediate steps looking to the defeat of the bill, and a special committee will probably be appointed to appear in opposition to the proposed legislation.

Regardless of this, however, it is quite probable that the Senate will pass the bill of Mr. Anderson to-day before the opposition has had an opportunity to corral their forces. But when the law comes up in the House of Delegates for concurrence the fight will be on in earnest.

ALWAYS A FIGHT.

Until the adoption of the new Constitution it was within the province of the cities of the State to make appropriations for the support of such institutions, and during the past few years there has always been waged in the City Council of Richmond a vigorous fight, usually led by Mr. E. W. Miner. He has succeeded in having the appropriation of public funds cut down materially, but the custom has continued to prevail, many of the smaller institutions being largely dependent upon them for support. Without it they could have barely existed.

When the new Constitution was framed there was inserted a clause requiring that before any city could make an appropriation to private charity the General Assembly should enact a law giving them such a liberty.

Therefore, when the question of appropriations to charitable institutions in the budget of 1903 were brought to the attention of the Council, the question as to the legality of such appropriations was referred to the City Attorney, and his opinion was anticipated in The Times some time ago.

And it is probable that despite the proposed fight of the Junior Order of American Mechanics the bill of Senator Anderson will be passed, and the appropriation made this year as usual, although Mr. Miner will make his usual vigorous fight in the Common Council.

MEETING IN SESSION.

When a report called at the residence of Mr. Miner on West Main Street last night he stumbled in upon a meeting of the Executive Board of the State Council of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, a special meeting having been called by the State Councilor for the purpose of considering some urgent matter the exact nature of which could not be ascertained. It is believed, however, that the session was called for the purpose of taking some immediate steps in regard to the opinion of the City Attorney and mapping out a line of battle against any attempt at legislation in the General Assembly.

Present at the conference were, in addition to Mr. Miner, E. T. Keeton, of Richmond, past State Councilor; C. W. Todd, State vice-councilor, of Norfolk; C. Z. Sellers, past State Councilor, of McGeheysville; Thomas B. Ivy, State Councilor, of Petersburg; R. E. Criddle, past State Councilor, of Swansboro; R. Smith, deputy State Councilor, of Richmond; George W. Kinsey, State Councilor's treasurer, of Richmond.

MR. MINER'S OPINION.

Mr. Miner gave his interview in the presence of these fifty or more of the councilors, and it is believed that every word he uttered. The interview follows:

"There is a disposition to work on the sentiment and feeling of the public through the position of the legislature that might be imposed upon one or two institutions in the city of Richmond to keep up a practice which has been hurtful to the best interest of our form of government in the opinion of a number of our citizens. Our disposition is not to impose hardships on any of these humanitarian institutions, but we glory in a

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WOOD IS SENT TO THE GRAND JURY

Stockbroker Arraigned in Police Court Yesterday.

MR. D.A. OVERBY PROSECUTES

Only Three Witnesses Are Examined but the Case Requires Seven Hours to Hear—Wood Gives Bail for One Thousand Dollars.

Charged on a warrant with embezzlement, Clarence B. Wood, a well known club man and stock broker, was arraigned in the Police Court yesterday afternoon in a preliminary examination. After hearing the evidence Justice Crutchfield sent the young man on to the grand jury of the Hustings Court, fixing his bond at \$1,000. Bail was readily furnished.

Table listing various institutions and their associated costs, such as 'The Institution which at present receive appropriations from the city are: College Dispensary, \$750; Eye and Ear Infirmary, \$500; Female Humane Association, \$275; Friends' Colored Orphan Asylum, \$200; Home for Incubates, \$200; Homeopathic Free Dispensary, \$250; Infants' Home, \$200; Ladies' City Mission, \$150; Little Sisters of the Poor, \$150; Pickett Camp, \$200; Women's Central Training School, \$150; Retreat for the Sick, \$275; Richmond Home for Ladies, \$150; Old Dominion Hospital, \$150; Richmond Male Orphan Asylum, \$700; Rosemary Library, \$750; Spring-Street Home, \$150; St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, \$800; St. Paul's Church Home, \$200; St. Paul's Church Home for Aged Women, \$150; R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, \$500; Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$500; University College of Medicine, \$750; Virginia Hospital, \$150; Woman's Christian Association Kindergarten, \$600.

SEVERAL SUDDEN DEATHS

Barkeepers of Pocahontas Are Greatly Stirred.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) POCAHONTAS, VA., January 14.—The barkeepers at this place are very much worked up over the sudden death of three of their most prominent dispensers. About a year ago a barkeeper dropped dead while handing out drinks. Within the past thirty days three more have been called home. The first one dropped dead behind the bar, the deaths of the other two were not so sudden.

The town of Pocahontas has decided to extend their school terms three months, giving a session of eight months instead of five, and have made appropriation covering the expenses of same. Pocahontas has a progressive council, and her people are up-to-date. The weather has been extremely cold in southwestern Virginia for the past week. The thermometer has several times jumped below zero.

The coal famine is not effecting this county very much during the cold snap.

OLD MATTRESS ON FIRE

Alarm Turned in from Fifteenth and Main Streets Last Night.

The fire alarm turned in last night shortly after 1 o'clock from Fifteenth and Main Streets was occasioned by the burning of an old mattress, lying on the staircase entering the second floor of the building No. 150, occupied by Jacob Weinstein, the jeweler.

There was no damage to the building, and the services of the department responding were not needed. The fire is supposed to have been started by a spark or ash from a cigar or pipe, carried by some one entering the building. Another theory is that a tramp negro, who was seen near the building, crawled in the stairway to sleep and accidentally set fire to his bed.

TWELVE LIVES BY EXPLOSION

Two Americans and Ten Chinese Were the Victims.

BLOWN INTO FRAGMENTS

Flesh Was Scattered for Several Feet. Unable to Account for the Accident—No Witnesses Survived.

(By Associated Press.) NANAIMO, B. C., January 14.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Hamilton Powder Company's works, Departure Bay, this morning. George Simonsatte, James Fulford and ten Chinamen were killed. Only one body, that of a Chinaman, was recovered. The rest were absolutely blown into fragments.

The gun-cotton storage house exploded first, the concussion exploding the gelignite in the drying house, 400 feet away, where the great loss of life is supposed to have occurred. The ground was excavated to a depth of six feet, where the buildings stood. The buildings were blown into kindling wood, and scattered with fragments of human flesh over several acres. The tramway was torn up and a length of steel rails twisted spirally around a tree like a whip-lash.

Clarence B. Wood, a well known club man and stock broker, was arraigned in the Police Court yesterday afternoon in a preliminary examination. After hearing the evidence Justice Crutchfield sent the young man on to the grand jury of the Hustings Court, fixing his bond at \$1,000. Bail was readily furnished.

The defendant was represented by Messrs. Carter Scott, H. G. Buchanan and Kent Rawley, while Messrs. Harry Sprith, Jr., Leigh Page and Commonwealth's Attorney David C. Richardson appeared for the prosecution. The case was submitted to the Justice without argument, and he rendered his decision within a moment, stating that he thought the evidence sufficiently strong to warrant investigation by a grand jury.

The case was called yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and from then until 10:30 it continued, no recess being taken for supper. However, only three witnesses were examined—two for the prosecution and one for the defense—and two of these were the principals, the defendant, Wood, and Mr. D. A. Overby, from whom it is alleged the young man embezzled \$1,500.

THE ALLEGATIONS.

It is alleged by Mr. Overby, who is a member of the House of Delegates from Lunenburg county, that last September he placed in the hands of Mr. Wood the sum of \$1,500, with discretionary orders, that Mr. D. A. Overby, from whom it is alleged the young man embezzled \$1,500.

Without notifying him, he is further alleged to have received the money and shortly afterwards called upon Mr. Overby for an additional \$500. This he forwarded, having confidence in the wisdom of his broker and hoping to protect the holdings already purchased. Later he was advised that the entire sum had been wiped out by a turn in the wheel of fortune, and that he owed Mr. Wood the sum of \$100 for money advanced to protect his customer's interests. This last allegation is said to have happened on October 6th.

When Mr. Overby came to Richmond to attend the session of the General Assembly he called upon Mr. Wood for a statement. This was furnished, but it did not please him, giving, as he says, no satisfactory explanation of the transactions.

After consulting with friends Mr. Overby decided to get a warrant against the young man, charging embezzlement. Wood was arrested, arraigned in the Police Court, and gave bond for his appearance yesterday. This was on December 19th.

The hearing yesterday aroused lively interest in the court room being crowded for a good part of the time.

READY TO CONDEMN

Shafer Building to Be Appraised for Government Purchase.

Judge Lewis, United States District Attorney, is preparing to file in the United States Courts an order for the condemnation proceedings, incident to the government's proposed purchase of the Shafer building for the new post-office site. These papers are now in the District Attorney's office and are ready to be entered in the United States District Court.

It is probable no steps will be taken in this matter until after the meeting of the congressional committee on Grounds and Buildings in Washington to-morrow morning.

At that time the committee will hear the citizens of Richmond and against the purchase of this property.

An advocate of the present site for the office says that one of the chief advantages of the location on Main Street is the proximity to the railway stations.

living four miles west of town was burned Sunday evening. Insurance. Hon. A. G. Preston was circulating among his friends yesterday, having entirely recovered from a dangerous illness, which held him down for the greater part of the summer and fall. Quite a number of Boeotour packers will attend the Cannery's Convention soon to assemble in Washington city.

Verchatt a Bankrupt. A petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday afternoon in the clerk's office of the United States District Court by Mr. R. M. Hirsberg, the dry goods merchant doing business at No. 151 East Main Street.

The papers were filed by his attorneys, Messrs. William and Henry Fliegenheimer, and an order was entered appointing Mr. Melvin Fliegenheimer receiver. Mr. Hirsberg's liabilities are given at about \$7,000. His assets amount to \$3,500.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED—IN MILLINERY DEPARTMENT, makers and apprentice girls. Apply at 4 P. M. to-morrow at J. H. Busby's, No. 90 Broad Street.

WANTED, A GOOD COOK FOR SMALL family; light work and a good home. Apply at No. 55 N. Harvie, corner of Park Avenue.

LOST. LOST—A PAIR OF GOLD SPECTACLES some where between Twenty-first and Twenty-ninth Street. Return to J. G. Dill, Twenty-first and Franklin Street, and receive reward.

LOST—A JAPANESE PUG DOG, WHITE and black spotted, answers to name between Twenty-first and Twenty-ninth Streets, will receive a reward if they are returned to J. G. DILL'S, Twenty-first and Franklin Streets.

LOST—JANUARY 14TH, BROOCH, SET with pearls; diamond in center. Reward if returned to South Laurel.

THE FINDER OF A PAIR OF LADIES' GOLD SPECTACLES, which were lost between Twenty-first and Twenty-ninth Streets, will receive a reward if they are returned to J. G. DILL'S, Twenty-first and Franklin Streets.

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WANTED, TO EXCHANGE PEACOCKS, with beautiful plumage, for something of equal value. Address Box 33, Waverly, Va.

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WANTED, TO EXCHANGE EIGHT months' old Pointer BITCH, thoroughbred, for best offer. Address POINTER, Fort Lee, Va.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—PHYSICIAN'S HORSE AND Phaeton; No. 1 horse and trained to stand; will sell at a bargain. Address Physician, care Leader Office.

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WANTED, TO EXCHANGE ANY PERSONAL property that you do not need for something that you do need free of charge. Cut out the Free Coupon and advertise your wants in the Sunday or Daily Times.

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WANTED, EVERY MAN, WOMAN OR child who is seeking employment to cut out the Free Want Ad. Coupon and advertise in the Sunday, Daily or Weekly Times.

WANTED, TENANTS FOR ROOM in suite or single, with or without board; furnished or unfurnished. Apply to 9 South Street.

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WANTED, A REGISTERED OR REGISTERED ASSISTANT DRUGGIST, good salary to a good man; send reference. Address Lock Box 17, Fincastle, Va.

WANTED, A POSITION AS COLLECTOR or solicitor; experience and best of reference. Address B. P. O. Box 47, city.

A PRACTICAL NEWS AND JOB COMPOSITOR, who can also do the editorial work and solicit advertisements, would like to get in communication with some weekly newspaper at a county seat in Virginia or North Carolina, where there is an outfit, and where push and energy is lacking to make a live paper. Address LONG PRIMER, care of Swank's Pharmacy, corner Twenty-ninth and F Streets, Richmond, Va.

WANTED, FOR U. S. ARMY: ABLE-BODIED, unmarried men, between ages of 21 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to RECRUITING OFFICER, 110 East Broad, Richmond, Va.

WANTED, TRAVELING SALESMEN to carry side line for mill supplies—patent hardware and oil trade, on commission; state territory you travel through. Box 3, Richmond, Va.

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WANTED, BY A BRIGHT BOY OF about 14 or 15 years of age, work of some kind in office or store; would be willing to make himself useful. Address JOHN CASSELL, 90 N. Tenth Street.

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WANTED, A REGISTERED OR ASSISTANT DRUGGIST; must have reference and sober; good salary to the right man. Address Lock Box 17, Fincastle, Va.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

WANTED, A POSITION IN SOUTH-west Virginia or in West Virginia with a railroad contractor as timekeeper, commissary clerk, or as book-keeper and clerk combined; satisfactory references. Address A. B. C., No. 107 Fourteenth Street, Lynchburg, Va.

WANTED, A TRAVELING POSITION with some good, reliable house for Eastern and Western States; would accept any line except whiskey and tobacco, but prefer a light line and one that would require the field work; offers; would be a good collector; willing to begin with a small salary and expenses. Am strictly honest, sober, energetic; do not care for money, but would like to make "ENERGY." Lock Box 55, Goldsboro, N. C.

WANTED, POSITION AS WATCHMAN by good, reliable man; first-class references. Address A. B., 17 North Seventeenth Street.

WANTED—BY YOUNG MAN WITH a fair education, to do work of a kind, understands handling horses and has had experience in grocery business. Address Grocery, care Leader Office.

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YOUNG MAN, 19 YEARS OLD, WISHES work of some kind; willing to make himself useful to his employer. Address, stating terms, YOUNG MAN, care this office.

WANTED, BY A YOUNG MARRIED man, a position as manager on a farm; can give good references. Address D. C. CO., Dillwyn, Va.

WANTED, POSITION AS COLLECTOR by young man with experience; good reference; capable and honest. Address XXXX., care this office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A BOOK-keeper of experience, who can give good reference. Address at once, E. A. H., care Leader Office.

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WANTED—A POSITION AS TEACHER in private family; small children preferred; qualifications in English and music; would be willing to assist in sewing; terms very reasonable; can give best of references. Address Y. Z., Sutton, Buckingham county, Va.

WANTED—A YOUNG LADY WISHES a position as companion, and will be willing to help in sewing. Address Box 14, Hakee, Westmoreland County, Va.

POSITION WANTED—AN ENERGETIC lady of experience in public school work, desires a school in the country, beginning April 1st and to continue as long as parties desire; correspondence solicited. Address SMYTHSON, Oak Tree, Va.

WANTED, BY YOUNG LADY, Position as cashier, copyist or assistant book-keeper. Address B. B. M., care this office.

WANTED, POSITION BY YOUNG LADY as private teacher, or would like charge of school for balance of session. Address TEACHER, care this office.

A GOVERNMENT WANTS A POSITION with a family to teach, and willing to be otherwise useful; best reference given. Write at once to Miss B. T., 121 E. Main.

WANTED, POSITION BY ARTIST model (Western lady) to pose for artist and photographers. Address H. Y. Z., care this office.

WANTED, A POSITION BY AN EXPERIENCED stenographer. Miss M., care this office.

WANTED—A LADY OF REFINEMENT, quick and energetic, desires a position to teach beginners, and would be willing to assist in the care of the children or household duties; would accept a position as matron in linen department or hotel or some public institution, companion for elderly lady; would not object to traveling. Address F. L. M., care this office.

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