

Announcement

The Clearing House Association of Richmond has fixed the business hours of the banks of the city

From 9 A. M. to 2 P. M.

To take effect February 1, 1911 (except on Saturdays, when the hours will be as heretofore, from 9 A. M. to 12 M.). This action of the Clearing House has been approved by the boards of directors of the various banks, and the patrons of the banks are earnestly requested to attend to all of their banking business within the hours named.

J. W. SINTON, Secretary. WM. H. PALMER, President.

GOVERNOR GRANTS PARDON TO SYRIAN

First News Comes From Roanoke That Ferris Was Released on Friday.

SERVED ONLY HALF OF TERM

Slayer of Frank Assaid, Who Was Captured in South America, Breathes Free Air Again.

Acting on a petition signed by the judge, the Commonwealth's attorney, members of the jury and many citizens, Governor Mann on Friday conditionally pardoned Moses Ferris, a young Syrian from Roanoke, who several years ago killed Frank Assaid, one of his countrymen, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Ferris had served about half of his term. No information about the pardon was given out at the Governor's office.

Immediately after the murder, Ferris left the city and could not be located in this country. Finally, it was ascertained that he had gone to South America. The chase and capture were most spectacular. When he was located, United States detectives detained him to work up the case and one was sent to bring him back. At that time there were no direct steamship lines from this country to South America, so the detective had first to go to Europe and then return by way of the South American line to Rio de Janeiro, where the unsuspecting criminal was arrested.

Served Half of Term. The return trip had to be made along the same route. It was necessary to go back to Europe and then take passage to New York. It required several months to land the prisoner in Roanoke, where he was immediately arraigned. Circumstances of the case, however, were such that a sentence of only five years could be inflicted.

He had served only two and one-half years when the petition asking his release was sent to the Governor, who decided that he deserved a pardon. In spite of the fact that the petition was signed by most influential people, the Governor's action is being severely criticized by the press and a large number of the citizens of Roanoke. They think that in the first place Ferris got very much less than his just deserts from the jury and that he should have been farmed to serve out his full sentence.

Another point brought out in connection with the case is that he should be made to pay back in part, at least, the enormous expense to the State for his capture and trial in his labor.

The four trips of the detective across the Atlantic Ocean could hardly be paid for with ten years' work as a convict.

ATTEMPTED HOLD-UP

J. L. Clarke Reports That He Ran and Then Fought Negro. J. L. Clarke, of 119 South Cherry Street, reported to the police yesterday that a negro attempted to hold him up in the rear of the Berkeley Flats, Harrison and Franklin Streets, about 12:50 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Clarke informed the police that the negro started out on him suddenly from the shadows in the rear of the flats and asked him to give up what he had. The intended victim took to his heels and ran to Park Avenue and Harrison Street, where he stopped under a street light, thinking that an officer might pass by and give him assistance. But the negro, he says, followed up and passed him. Mr. Clarke drew his knife and the negro continued on his way. He followed the would-be highwayman to the gate of a house on Chaffin Street, near Harrison, where the latter disappeared.

He went home and informed the police by telephone of the attempt to hold him up.

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NURSES WILL HEAR PRACTICAL TALKS

Convention Subjects Range From Care of Incubator Babies to Suffragettes.

BIG PROGRAM ARRANGED

Virginia Association's Annual Meeting Begins To-Morrow Night.

With representatives from all parts of the State in attendance, the annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Virginia will open to-morrow night at 8:15 o'clock in the assembly hall of Murphy's Hotel, and during the three days' session it is expected that numerous matters of importance to the profession and of interest to the public will be discussed and acted upon.

Among other things which will be brought to the attention of the organization will be that of the examination required of nurses. In some quarters, it is understood, this test of ability of nurses is not stringent enough, and it is believed that the members will adopt resolutions asking that the examinations be made more stringent.

An address by Governor Mann will be the vedical feature of the initial session to-morrow night. It will welcome the members to Richmond and Virginia. Miss Ethel R. Smith, of Norfolk, presider will respond.

Dr. Beverley R. Tucker will preside at this session, which will be open to the public.

Dr. Harry Taylor will give a stereopticon lecture of the work of physicians and nurses in the mission field of China.

First Business Session. The first business session will open Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock when Miss Smith will make her annual address. This will be followed by the disposition of routine business, including the reports of officers and chairman of committees.

"Opportunities and Responsibility of the Young Graduate Nurse" will be the subject of an address by Miss Isabelle Melsaer, of Benton Harbor, Mich., at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. This will be followed by a general discussion.

Miss Burton, of Hartford, Conn., will read a paper on "The Administration of Anesthetics by Women." At 5 o'clock Dr. D. S. Freeman, executive secretary of the State Anti-Tuberculosis Association, will talk on the work of the fight against the white plague in Virginia.

At 8 o'clock the Richmond nurses will tender a reception to the visitors at the Elks' Home. This social feature will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Care of Incubator Babies. The final session of the convention will open Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. "The Care of Incubator Babies" will be the subject of a paper to be read at this time by Mrs. Thelma Smith, of Norfolk. Discussion of it will be led by Miss Elizabeth Detwiler, of Richmond.

At 10 A. M. Miss Isabel Stuart, of the Teachers' College of Columbia University, New York, will read a paper on "The Training of Hospital Administrators, and the Relation of the Hospital to the Community."

A discussion of the Chesapeake movement will also take place at the closing meeting. Miss Mary Johnston, of Richmond, will deliver an address on "Why Nurses Should Be Interested in Equal Suffrage."

Following this and the election of officers the convention will adjourn.

CONDITION SERIOUS

W. Scott Hunt, Victim of Accident, Still at Memorial Hospital.

W. Scott Hunt, the druggist, whose condition was fractured and who sustained severe contusions about the head when he was thrown from his motorcycle as it ran into an auto-truck at night, was reported yesterday from the Memorial Hospital as being in a serious condition. His physicians have been unable to learn the full extent of his injuries.

PARTIALLY CLEARED

Mystery of Farmer's Death Started With Quarrel.

Concord, N. C., January 29.—The mystery surrounding the death of Sydney Barrier, the prominent farmer of this county who was shot and killed a mile from the city about midnight last night, was partially cleared today, following an investigation by coroner. Barrier, it seems, had a quarrel in a near-by saloon with a neighbor, and invited the latter outside to fight it out. This challenge was declined, and Barrier left the place alone. A moment later a shot was heard, and a moment later it was alleged, that caused his death. Who fired it is not established. James Platt and George Motley, farmers, who were hitching a mule to a buggy outside the place near where Barrier fell and died, were arrested and are held on suspicion, though it is reported neither was concerned in the quarrel. John Saffit, with whom Barrier had the row, was not arrested. The coroner will render his verdict to-morrow, after further investigation.

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UPPER BERTH TO COST LESS MONEY

New Pullman Rates Effective on All Railway Lines Beginning Wednesday.

LOWER BERTH RATE STANDS

But if You Crawl to Top of Car There Will Be a Reduction of 20 Per Cent.

Although it was said yesterday that the new tariff sheets had not been received, railroad people have been advised officially that beginning Wednesday all upper berths in Pullman cars will be reduced 20 per cent. in price, with scattering reductions in rates for lower berths. So far, however, local officials have not been notified of any rate changes in the latter, which are supposed to stand.

As an illustration as to how the revised tariff will work, an upper berth from Richmond to Washington will cost \$1.20, while a lower will cost \$1.50. An upper from Richmond to New York will tax the traveler \$1.60, as compared with \$2 for a lower. A section, for instance, from this city to New York, will be sold for \$3.50, as compared with \$1, the rate long in effect.

Curious to See Effect. Just what effect this arrangement will have on that daily demand for lower, railroad seats are difficult to say, although they believe that hereafter passengers will be able to secure the best quarters more easily than heretofore. Especially will this reduction be appreciated by passengers on the "long haul" for thousands of them who are traveling every day would buy cheaper accommodations if there were any to be had. When this element, therefore, is willing and anxious to sleep upstairs there will be more accommodations downstairs for others who are glad to pay the top price for the bottom berth. Ticket agents, at all events, believe that in the future they will not have to deal with so many natural born kickers—kickers who will go gladly into upper berth after securing at the discrimination and inconvenience heretofore.

Some Complex Rates. But traveling people are curious to know whether or not there will be a readjustment of rates on a more common sense basis. A man traveling from Raleigh to Richmond over the Seaboard Air Line, for example, pays \$2 for a Pullman berth to Raleigh and \$2 to Washington—in the same car—he pays \$2; from Raleigh to Baltimore—in the same car again—he pays \$2, although there is a big difference in the amount of railroad fare from Raleigh to Baltimore than from Raleigh to Washington. The same system applies on other roads leading out of Richmond. If the \$2 rate is to stand, an upper from Raleigh to Richmond, or to Washington or Baltimore will be \$1.50 in each instance. But there is a big difference in the day rate, which is based upon mileage.

Not the Same Here. Attention was called yesterday to a curious feature of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The day Pullman rate from Richmond to Gordonsville is 40 cents; a seat in a chair car—owned by the railroad and not by the Pullman Company—costs 50 cents. This, of course, is a very small matter, yet it shows the complex system of charging people for extra accommodations.

A new feature of the rate scheme is the establishment of an intermediate lower berth rate. Heretofore a rate of \$1.50 has been collected for a certain time and distance, and the next higher rate amounted to 50 cents more. In the revised tariff rates, \$1.15, \$2.25, etc., have been put in wherever it was necessary to bring about an equalization of the lower berth rates.

Mrs. Gilman to Speak. Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, prominent throughout the world of letters, will lecture to-night in the auditorium of the Mechanics' Institute under the auspices of the Equal Suffrage League. It is expected that many men and women interested in the movement of "votes for women" will be present to hear Mrs. Gilman.

The meeting will be presided over by Miss Mary Johnston. Miss Johnston, of the Equal Suffrage League, will give a tea this afternoon.

Names Sponsor Staff. George W. Gordon, general commanding, United Confederate Veterans, has announced the following appointments on the "sponsorial staff" for the Little Rock reunion in May: Miss Mary Hunt, president; Mrs. W. T. Long, secretary; Miss Mary Elise Stewart, treasurer; Mrs. Rock, Ark., maid of honor; Mrs. Julia Johnson Churchhill Hankins, of Little Rock, Ark., chaperon; Mrs. L. B. McFarland, of Memphis, Tenn., matron of honor.

December Good Month for Atlantic Coast Line. Receipts of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway according to the monthly statement of earnings and expense reported yesterday, showed an increase of \$221,359.14 in receipts for December, 1910, as compared with the same month of the previous year. Operating expenses and taxes for December, 1910, were \$1,924,223.22, as compared with the same month of the previous year they were \$1,694,978.14, an increase of \$229,245.08. Net receipts fell off slightly, the total for December being \$1,123,825.84, while in the previous year they amounted to \$1,197,868.53, a decrease of \$74,042.69. Net receipts for the month of December, 1910, are as follows: Receipts, \$1,123,825.84; operating expenses and taxes, \$1,478,674.27; net receipts, \$1,442,516.92.

Arrested for Stealing Clothing. Ella Harris, colored, was arrested last night on suspicion of having stolen clothing from W. C. Clements.

Old Jewelry Remodeled. You may have pieces of jewelry—valuable in themselves—but have been neglected for years. You will be surprised how beautifully they can be made over, at small cost. SCHWARZSCHILD BROS.

LIQUOR WILL PLAY PROMINENT PART

Candidates for Legislature May Be Catechised Regarding Referendum.

TAX RAISE WOULD RESULT

Loss of Revenue Would Mean Higher Rates—Effects on Senatorship.

In the coming campaign for members of the Legislature, the question of referring State-wide prohibition to a vote of the people of the whole State will surely be an issue. Not only will the Anti-Saloon League, in its forthcoming annual convention at Newport News, reaffirm its demand for a referendum, but some of its officers are noted as saying that aspirants for legislative honors will be asked to state their position on this question.

Naturally, in some places the issue will not be raised. There are some sections of the State where the people are not thinking on the question, this being notably true in those backwaters which will return Republican members. In the doubtful districts party lines form the principal issue. Besides, the attitude of the Republicans in the last Legislature is well remembered, for they stood together almost unanimously, as a matter of party policy, for the Strode and Myers bills, saying freely that they desired to make the majority party responsible for the loss of revenue which embarrassed it in every way possible.

May Make Statements. Recently there have been rumors to the effect that some men prominent in public life are considering the referendum as a means of raising money. In more than one instance, it is said, the opinion will be favorable to the project. There is no suspicion, considering the character of the men thus spoken of, that they have in view anything other than their honest convictions.

The presumption is, that should a referendum bill get through the Legislature, there would be added an amendment providing for an increase in the rate of taxation on case contracts. There is no secret about this, and some prohibitionists have expressed themselves as favoring a policy which would apprise the public of what it might expect in the event of prohibition becoming a fact. Such a feature would be the most prominent of the proposed amendments to the Strode bill, offered in the Senate last winter, and its probability has been frequently discussed.

Must Raise Taxes. Whether or not such an amendment would be a feature of the referendum bill no officer of the State attempts to controvert the proposition that an increase in taxation would be an absolute necessity with the present liquor licenses. The treasury of Virginia is empty, and the cutting off of other revenue would mean a serious situation. Inasmuch as the Republicans, if uninformed, would almost certainly vote for prohibition, and could easily carry out their program, it is thought that the people should be informed of the fiscal result of such a policy, for which the dominant party would be held responsible.

But among those active in politics there seems to be as much opposition to prohibition as ever, and perhaps in some quarters this opposition is more pronounced than before. The conviction seems to grow that the reformer who would prohibit liquor is right and not Democratic—that the people of Lee county have no moral or political or economic right to legislate for the State.

Affect Senatorial Race. Apparently, the liquor question will form a feature of the contest over the two seats in the United States Senate. Representative Carter Glass has evidently determined to burn his bridges behind him in the liquor question and to stand, whenever questioned, for a total prohibition. The impression prevails that neither of the other three will assume such a position, but it is argued, judging from political history, that they will find it difficult to avoid some sort of pronouncement.

It is thought that the liquor question will be for Mr. Jones to avoid a statement, in view of his evident alignment with Mr. Glass in the campaign.

Since the Anti-Saloon League has, since its last convention, lost the two most important dry cities in the State—Lynchburg and Danville—and since its committee announcements for the meeting say that there are now 500 "wet" cities in more than 100 counties, it is expected that demand at the meeting will be strong for some sort of policy that will get rid of the "wet" cities. This is the result of the increase in cost of State licenses.

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SPEEDS TO STATION WHILE UNDER ARREST

Senator Watson Horse Show Man

Successor to Elkins Took Active Interest in Richmond's Ring Exhibitions.

Every resident of Richmond who attended the winter indoor horse shows, held at the auditorium near William Byrd Park, remembers C. W. Watson, of Fairmont, Va., who was recently elected to succeed the late Stephen B. Elkins as United States Senator. Mr. Watson's staid manner and dignified bearing have been classes, and, indeed, Lord Baltimore and My Maryland first came into prominence at the Richmond show.

So pleased was Mr. Watson at his success that he gave the Richmond association his check for \$500 to purchase a challenge cup to be offered for the best heavy harness horse shown in Richmond. This cup is still in the possession of the association, as the harness show was discontinued the year after the gift was made.

Confederate veterans also remember the new United States Senator, for on his last visit here he presented Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans with \$500 to buy the maintenance of the veterans at the Soldiers' Home. It's a far cry from driving a saddle-eyed mule in a coal mine at Fairmont, Va., to driving a winning horse-stepper at Madison Square Garden in New York, and at Olympia in London, at the international exhibition, but that's what Mr. Watson accomplished. He drove, as an eight-year-old lad, a \$50 mule in the coal mine which has since given him an enormous fortune, and some forty years later won the blue ribbon in New York and London.

With Lord Baltimore and My Maryland, and some forty years later won the blue ribbon in New York and London. His prize four roiled in the patriotic names of Virginia, West Virginia, My Maryland and Lord Baltimore, and their victories have done much to land him in the hall of fame of the great of all social clubs—the United States Senate.

ORDERS OPPOSE IT. Want No Outside Help in Matter of Universal Mileage. Resolutions have been adopted by the United Commercial Travelers' Association holding that the order does not favor an outside, or non-union, attempt to bring about an interchangeable or universal mileage system for all the railroads in this country. The association has been active in regular organizations, with the aid of the Interstate Commerce Commission, can look after these matters without external aid.

Runs Car Into Tree. But trouble for Mr. Lindenberger did not end with arrest for last night he smashed his car against a tree in front of the Richmond Hotel as he was attempting to avoid collision with a motor car.

Mr. Lindenberger drove down Ninth Street and turned into Grace, where he found that he was almost on top of a motor car. He was not to strike him, and the car went into the gutter on the south side of the street. Several spokes of the rear wheel were broken, and the car was damaged. A new wheel was put on and the machine was towed into a garage.

Broken down Mr. Lindenberger got out and, without a word, walked off. Joe Sargent, of 222 North Seventeenth Street, who was driving the car, informed the police that Mr. Lindenberger was driving very slowly at the time. He was summoned to appear as a witness.

CAUGHT BETWEEN CARS

Conductor W. R. Branch Fractures Forearm, and Is Taken to Hospital. W. R. Branch, conductor of car No. 542, of the Broad and Twenty-ninth Street car line, was seriously hurt early yesterday morning when he was caught between two cars at Robinson and Broad Streets.

Branch was standing on the step of the front platform, talking to the motorman, it is said, and did not notice the approach of a car going in the opposite direction.

He was caught between the two cars, knocked from the step, and rolled for a considerable distance. The city ambulance was hastily summoned, and Dr. Tume came to his assistance. The physician found that Branch was suffering from a fracture of both bones of the left forearm and a sprained shoulder and hip. He was immediately taken to the Virginia Hospital. His home is at 2211 Beverly Street.

Death of Nathan W. Walden. Nathan W. Walden died last night shortly after 9 o'clock at his home, 224 Randolph Street. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Rob Saloon and Get Charity Box. Trice and Barrett Caught in Act After They Had Smashed Glass Door. Alleged to have been caught in the act, H. B. Trice and W. R. Barrett, white men, were arrested last night by Police Officer Warriner on a charge of breaking into the saloon of H. E. Rubenstein, 1301 East Cary Street, and stealing therefrom a quantity of cigars, and a small amount of money.

Police Officer Warriner, who was patrolling his beat on the other side of the street, heard a jingle of falling glass, and looking over saw Trice coming out of the saloon. He rushed outside, and over and caught him before he could make an attempt to escape. Barrett was several feet outside, and the short distance away. When he saw the gleaming buttons on the officer's coat he started to run. Pulling Trice after him, Warriner gave chase. Trice, after the feeling man at the point of his gun. He stuck to both while he called for the patrol wagon.