# PROPOSE TO CALL ANOTHER CAUCUS

Petition Is Circulated, and Judge Williams Will Defer Resolution.

## BUSY WEEK IN LEGISLATURE

House Begins Two Sessions To-Day—Woman's College Bill in Senate To-Morrow.

Pending the renewed attempt to secure a Democratic caucus in the House to take action on the congressional redistricting bill, Judge Martin Williams has determined to defer the presentation of his resolution for recommitment of the bill with instructions to cut the State into rigid lines with equal population in all districts. It has been his desire that the matter be settled in caucus, and to permit the members of the minority party to vote on his resolution, if the result can be accomplished in a meeting of Democrats, would be, he feels, inconsistent. But if no caucus can be secured, and if one is held without taking action, he will at once press the resolution to a vote.

Daniel A. Kinsey, of Franklin, who has charge of the call for a caucus, said last night he believed there would be no difficulty in securing, early this morning, the signatures of a majority of the House Democrats, this being required by Chairman Cox. It is still intended to have the meeting to-morrow night.

**Close Vote Expected.**

Both sides to the controversy express the utmost confidence that they will win in the caucus if one is held, and from this it is argued that the vote will be close. It is suggested that the caucus might agree to leave the whole proposition to a consultation of the members from the Fifth, Sixth and Ninth Districts, a majority of these to rule. But inasmuch as both sides have secured pledges of support from outside of these districts, neither is willing to limit its activities as yet to the section of the State involved. This has caused members from districts not affected by the committee bill to take an active interest in the fight.

The whole proposition, it is felt, will stand or fall together—either no changes in districts as they stand will be made, or else Halifax county will go the Fifth District and Giles, Bland and Tazewell to the Sixth.

**Longer Sessions Begin.**

The House of Delegates will begin to-day to hold afternoon sessions, the chair being vacated at 2 o'clock each day to be resumed at 4 o'clock. Adjournment this week will probably come at about 6 o'clock each afternoon, and this will mean doubling the amount of actual time spent in the consideration and passage of bills.

At the head of the calendar, after many motions to reconsider uncontested bills for the purpose of offering amendments, will come Senate bills on their third reading, mainly without objection and ready for passage. These are followed by many pages of House bills on their third reading, very few of which will require any considerable amount of debate. Long, monotonous roll calls are likely to be the rules most of this week.

**Vote on Enabling Bill.**

Special orders will, however, break into this situation. At 12:30 to-morrow the Jordan prohibition enabling bill will came up on its second reading, and will be discussed. Its passage by the House is regarded as a foregone conclusion, although the final vote may not be reached before Wednesday. The Byrd Tax Commission bill will probably be debated later in the week, while other special orders may be set for the matters of the first importance. If any sort of agreement can be reached on redistricting, or if there is a binding caucus, this measure may be taken up and passed.

The House will in all probability, at to-day's session, concur in the Senate amendments to the rolling stock tax bill.

Legislative redistricting is yet to reach the debatable stage. The bill as to the House districts is in the Committee on Privileges and Elections. It is necessary to give the cities of Richmond and Norfolk and the county of Wise one more delegate each, and this means that other localities must give up part of their present representation. Naturally, they prefer not to do so. Richmond will hereafter have six members of the House of Delegates. No move has as yet been made looking to the rearrangement of the senatorial district, this having been left to the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The Woman's college Bill has been made a special order in the Senate for to-morrow, with chances apparently favoring its passage. Otherwise, a not very exciting week is expected in that body.

**TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 90 TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY**

All of the international officers were indorsed for reelection yesterday afternoon at a meeting of Richmond Typographical Union No. 90. For the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration of the forty-sixth anniversary of the union the following committee was appointed: M. B. Pace (chairman), E. L. Parsons, H. T. Bowden, R. L. Woody, H. L. Tenser and W. T. Freeman. The anniversary will occur on May 7.

**Check Leads to Arrest.**

Bernard Raborg, twenty-four years old, was arrested yesterday on a charge of forging a check for $63.25 on his father, W. L. Raborg. The check was drawn on the Fulton branch of the Commonwealth Bank, it was alleged, and bore what is purported to be the false indorsement of A. E. Hines. The check was cashed by H. P. Williams, a merchant, and he swore out the warrant for young Raborg's arrest.

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# DOG BURIED IN COFFIN AS FRIENDS STAND BY AND WEEP

## Undertaker Bliley Furnished Casket and Carriages, and $5 Worth of Broad Street Flowers Were Left to Wilt Upon Fido's Grave.

Laved with the tears of his heart-broken mistress and surrounded by seven mourners whose walls echoed against the distant hills, Fido a black and tan terrier, was solemnly laid to his eternal rest at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Belle Tucker, of 169 East Franklin Street, in a quiet field just beyond Brookdale Farm, in Henrico county.

Fido passed to the good land of rats and cats several days ago. Mrs. Tucker was inconsolable. He had been her pet for all of his life, and during a large part of her own. When he whined his last and gasped out his dying breath, Mrs. Tucker was standing by his cot. He had been faithful to her in life, and she would not leave him to go down to a pauper's grave, in some faraway and forgotten doggie's potter's field.

When the first pangs of grief were over and her sorrow was in some way subdued, she went to a florist on West Broad Street and ordered $5 worth of flowers. Then she repaired to Joseph W. Bliley, funeral director, at 302 East Marshall Street, and ordered a coffin and two carriages.

Promptly on the minute the carriages were at Fido's late residence. With four other women and two men, Mrs. Tucker got into a carriage, and the solemn procession to the grave was begun. A special casket—of the kind used for infants—had been provided for the little terrier. On the casket were spread the $5 worth of flowers. Mrs. Tucker was in the same carriage with her pet—it having been decided that a hearse was not necessary. And so, with doggie in front, the sad cortege moved from Franklin Street into Broad, and in less than an hour the last sad rites had been performed and Fido had been laid in the dust, only there was no dust in this town yesterday.

It was a solemn scene. A gray and forbidding sky lowered down, and from the northwest a shrill wind blew down the vales. Mrs. Tucker wept softly. Others cried aloud, and the two men sniffed audibly into their clean handkerchiefs. Ah ,what a day was this! Even the hack drivers turned their heads; it was all so sad.

What availeth sorrow? What small comfort do tears bring to a broken heart? In such an hour one can only hope that the mysterious veil divides a darker from a fairer day, and that all mistresses will meet their lap dogs in kingdom come.

But Mrs. Tucker has some small consolation remaining. She has photographs of her pet and even some newspaper clippings about his life and history. Recourse occasionally to these will serve as a balm to her sorrow, and there will always remain the hope of the faithful, that in some fairer clime she may bid Fido good morning and throw him a bone.

The services, it was stated, were simple. Few were the prayers that were said, but they came from the heart. There was no minister to pronounce the last dictum or to swell a note of praise in Fido's behalf. In a two-by-four hole in the ground he was laid away, and only a mound shall show the passing traveler where the little terrier sleeps.

# FRIEND OF BLUES IN BAD FOR KEEPS

## Simon, Who Toted the Drum, and Police Janitor, Ran Real Barroom.

Simon Travers, erstwhile jailbird, honorary member of the disbanded Blues' Band, and an employe of the janitor of the First Police Station, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of running a speakeasy in his home at 225 North Seventeenth Street, which is just in the rear of the First Police Station. Simon was all apology.

"Drat them niggers," he said. "I wonder how they got that licker in here without me seeing it." Policeman Gerring reached over into a shaving mug—for Simon also runs a barbershop—and withdrew a marked half-dollar. Simon didn't know where it had come from.

Then the officers took up a piece of the flooring and uncovered a crate of beer. Beneath a step they found several bottles of whiskey. Simon's surprise was unbounded. He swore and ejaculated that he had no idea where the licker had come from. He hadn't had a drop himself, and nine negroes caught in his place swore that they had not even smelt the whiskey.

But Sergeant Shepherd and Policemen Gerring, Botto and Reid, who made the raid, took the halting Simon to his beloved station, and locked him up. He was shortly afterwards bailed. He was due back at 9 o'clock to stoke the furnace, but did not appear. He may never work again in the First Station.

Simon was arrested, tried and convicted more than a year ago on a like charge. He served time in the City Jail, and, it was supposed, had reformed. He took his little drop occasionally, but had always said that he would never sell another bottle. Last summer he accompanied the Blues to Basic City, and was sober every hour of the eight days' encampment. It was his job to help carry the big bass drum, and a uniform was provided for him. Those were proud and happy days for Simon, and he lived and drank well. This morning he will face the stern J. J. Crutchfield.

## BURGLAR LEFT NOTE

**"I've Got Mine," He Wrote After Robbing Brummell Home.**

Mrs. W. T. Brummell, of 916 North Twenty-fifth Street, reported to the police yesterday that her house was entered some time during Saturday night, and that the thief stole a watch and chain and $27 in currency.

On her bureau, in place of the money, watch and chain, she found a note: "I've got mine," it ran, and then the housebreaker appended something to show that he was not only a thief, but without gentlemanly feeling.

The house was entered through the front door, which, it was said, had been left unlocked.

The police have no clue beyond the note.

**Returns With Prisoner.**

Deputy Sheriff W. W. Sydnor, of Henrico county, returned yesterday from Dayton, O., bringing with him William G. Wynn, under indictment in the Circuit Court for an alleged assault upon a small girl last October. Wynn was captured several days ago. His case will be called at the next term of court.

**Jefferson Hotel Arrivals.**

C. Conner Cowpland and wife, Chicago; J. K. Farley and wife, Edmond Roy, New York; Sidney Bair, Niagara Falls; W. H. Fries, Chicago; W. C. Lord and wife, Lynchburg, Va.; J. A. Armistead, Virginia; Eugene Johnston, George Ransom, North Carolina; J. L. Jeffries, Norfolk; M. K. Kimberley, Baltimore; B. M. Bowman and wife, Norfolk; N. D. Robertson, Indianapolis; S. Fried, New York; William C. Barnett, Brooklyn; C. P. Shaw, Norfolk; J. L. Taub, Jr., West Point, Va.; C. F. Frank, Rochester, N. Y.; Lee W. Frank, Chicago; Mrs. C. Hall, Philadelphia; R. Buckstone, Miss S. Chipendale, E. H. Sothern, New York; Willis F. Gross, Boston; O. D. Levars, Hinton, W. Va.; John S. Robertson and wife, New York; R. W. Williams, H. E. Hoer, Atlanta; J. Haidenstein, New York; J. B. Lee, Philadelphia; J. H. Eckart and wife, Derby, Conn.; George W. Maclean, Battle Creek, Mich.; H. L. Stacy, New York; George D. Hopkins, Alexandria, Va.; F. M. Bridges, Raleigh, N. C.; J. M. Mason, Charleston, W. Va.; Nora Lamison, Iva Goldsmith, New York; C. H. Boynton, Boston; H. W. Foster and wife, Cambridge.

# SHOT ONE PLAYER AND TOOK MONEY

## Policemen Later Fired Seven Times at Hold-Up Artist Without Getting Him.

Joseph Morris, colored, according to information given to the police, yesterday afternoon entered the house of Thomas White, 10 East Charity Street, during the progress of a crap game, held him up at the point of a revolver, shot Algy Hughes, one of the players, through the right elbow, and made his escape with $2.30 in cash.

The complaint of the alleged hold-up was made to Bicycle Policemen Samuels and Thurman, and they immediately arrested White on a charge of operating an objectionable resort. Two hours later the officers surprised Morris at Seventeenth and Lowndes Streets, as he was entering a store. The negro brushed against Policeman Samuels, and as he noticed the brass buttons he fled. Samuels and Thurman both raised their revolvers and fired at the fleeing negro seven times. He never halted in his flight, but they were so close behind him that they believe he must have been struck.

It was shortly before 5 o'clock when Morris entered White's house. He aimed his gun at White's head and demanded a dollar. White refused to come across, and other negroes in the house shuffled about uneasily. Algy Hughes made as if to rise from his seat, and a bullet went through his arm. Willie Coles ,who is also said to have been playing, rose and was confronted with the same gun. Morris forced Coles to go through Hughes' pockets, and there he got the cash. Enough was left, however, to pay for a warrant, and Morris is now a fugitive from justice.

Morris is well known to the police and is said to have been arrested times without number.

Hughes, after being shot and treated in the City Hospital by Dr. Hulcher, was arrested on a warrant sworn out against him several months ago. The warrant charges him only with a misdemeanor. White was arrested, and the only man who escaped was the one who caused the most trouble.

## DUE HERE TO-NIGHT

**Mayor to Greet Miss Eva Booth at City Hall To-Morrow.**

Miss Eva Booth, of New York, and her party, consisting of Colonel William Peart, who is second in command of the work in this country; Colonel R. E. Holtz, in charge of the Atlantic Coast States, and Major Erickson, one of the great singers in the Salvation Army, will arrive in Richmond this evening.

During her stay in this city Miss Booth will be at the Jefferson Hotel.

To-night Colonel Peart, assisted by Colonel and Mrs. Holz and a number of visiting officers, will conduct a special service in the Salvation Army Hall at 918 East Broad Street. This is a public service and will be of a very interesting character. Special music and singing will be a feature, in addition to the addresses by Colonel Peart and Colonel Holz, who are both men of wide and interesting experiences.

To-morrow at noon Mayor Richardson will extend a public welcome and reception to Miss Booth in his reception rooms in the City Hall. This will furnish all who care to take advantage of it a unique opportunity to come into personal contact with Miss Booth.

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# WANT HOSPITAL TO BE FREE TO ALL

Councilmen Discuss Offer of Charlotte Williams Corporation.

## ANNUAL COST PUT AT $50,000

Questions of Operation and Terms of Admission Are Subjects of Debate.

Conferences will be held this week between subcommittees of the Council Committees on Finance and Relief of the Poor, and the board of the Charlotte Williams Hospital in regard to a plan of management in the event that the city accepts the institution which has been offered as a free public hospital. Eppa Hunton, Jr., has made it clear that the present owners are not wedded to any particular plan, merely that they hold as a trust certain charitable property which was given for the relief of the indigent sick of Richmond, and they hold it to be a part of their trusteeship that in turning it over to the city, proper safeguards shall be thrown around the management to see that it carries out the intent of those who gave the funds with which it was erected. The present plan under consideration as proposed by Mr. Hunton is for a board of seven, to consist of the Mayor of the city and the chairman of the Council Finance Committee ex-officio, and five citizens to be nominated every two years by the Charlotte Williams Corporation, and elected by the City Council, the Council to have a right to elect at large if the corporation fails to make a nomination.

**Considers Arrangement Fair.**

Chairman H. R. Pollard, Jr., of the Finance Committee, who may be called the father of the new hospital plan, since he first suggested it both in the Council and to the Charlotte Williams board, considers this a fair and liberal arrangement, guaranteeing the purposes of the hospital, yet giving the city the right every two years to get off the board any one who might prove objectionable. The Charlotte Williams Corporation has suggested as the first board John L. Williams, Eppa Hunton, Jr., E. L. Bemiss, E. D. Taylor and James Caskie.

"I have not had the opportunity of giving the proposition careful study," said Councilman Gilbert K. Pollock yesterday, "as I am not on either of the committees to which it has been referred. But it seems to me that there is but one question involved—whether the city can afford to operate a large free hospital. The Committee on Relief of the Poor, which I understand, is now operating a free hospital in the almshouse, has recommended the erection of a city hospital of adequate size and modern construction, separated from the almshouse. The offer of the Charlotte Williams Corporation is to turn over to the city a plant we could not duplicate for $300,000 for $40,000. But whether we build a hospital at the expense of the city of say $250,000 for initial outlay, or whether we accept this offer and secure this plant by the payment of the mortgage of $40,000, there is yet to be considered the annual cost of maintenance which I have been told will be from $40,000 to $50,000 a year. The hospitals are all doing such charity work as their means allow. If the city operates a free hospital, would they stop this and turn over to the city all charity cases? In that event the annual cost would be even greater than has been stated."

**Opposed to Any Change.**

Another point of discussion is whether there shall be any charges in the proposed city hospital. Some members of the committee have stated that they will not vote either to accept this offer or to erect a city hospital unless it is to be an all free institution, while others believe that a moderate scale of charges should be made for those who are able to pay, giving absolutely free treatment to those who require it. How to make a rule regulating admission to an all-free city institution, without placing the stigma of pauperism on the inmates on the one hand, and without taking those cases which properly should go to some private or general hospital, is one of the problems yet to be solved. From the hearing Friday night it would seem that the medical profession is solidly in favor of the acceptance of the Memorial offer, including even those physicians who now lease the building, and who will be put to some inconvenience and possible loss by the change, and it was significant that the plan had the unqualified indorsement of trustees of both medical colleges.

"The issue is now squarely presented," said one Councilman yesterday. "It seems to me that we must either accept this offer and face the cost of annual maintenance of a free institution, or else we must give up all talk of a city hospital and enter some arrangement with the public hospitals here to treat city cases. It is foolish to talk of building a city hospital on the Woman's College site, when we have a modern and well-equipped building offered to us on equable terms, and are not certain that we can afford to maintain it."

# WILDCAT STOCKS WILL BE BARRED

Milstead-Old Bill Would Protect Public From Fraudulent Concerns.

## EXAMINE THEIR ACCOUNTS

Permits to Do Business to Be Issued Only by State Bank Examiner.

Inasmuch as E. W. Milstead, member of the House of Delegates from Newport News, has apparently piloted his bill for the protection of the public against fraudulent and valueless stocks in wildcat companies over the shoals of committees and prior readings and has conducted it well on its journey toward final passage, an explanation of its provisions will be of interest to the public. Curtis L. Old, of Norfolk county, is co-patron with Mr. Milstead. The latter saw the measure through its second reading and engrossment on Friday.

All corporations or partnerships or associations (other than State and national banks, trust companies, real estate mortgage companies dealing exclusively in real estate mortgage notes, building and loan associations and corporations not organized for profit), whose charter and methods of doing business indicate that its capital is impaired or that it is unsafe and jeopardizes the interests of its stockholders or investors in stocks or bonds offered by it for sale, are to be known as investment companies. Those organized in other States are known as foreign investment companies.

**Must Divulge Plans.**

Before attempting to sell any stocks or bonds other than the bonds of the United States or of Virginia or of some municipality in this State, or notes secured by mortgage on real estate in Virginia, the concern must file certain documents with the State Bank Examiner. These must include full details of the plan upon which it intends to do business, copies of its contracts, bonds and other instruments which it proposes to sell, itemized accounts of its financial condition, and any other information which the examiner shall require. The papers are to be filed under oath.

Foreign investment companies must also file their written consent, irrevocable, that action may be begun against them in any county or city in the State where a cause of action may arise or where the plaintiff resides, by serving process on the State Bank Examiner, who is to this extent the statutory agent in Virginia.

**Examiner Decides on License.**

These statements are to be examined by the banking official, and if he deems it advisable he is to make a detailed examination of such investment company's affairs, at its expense. If he finds that it is solvent, that its plans and contracts provide a fair, just and equitable plan for the transaction of business, and in his judgment they promise a fair return on the stocks offered for sale, he is to issue a statement. This shall recite that the company has complied with the provisions of the act by filing its detailed statement, which is in the office of the State Bank Examiner for public inspection, and that it is permitted to do business in this State. But this declaration shall also recite, in bold type, that the examiner in no wise recommends the securities to be offered for sale.

If the bank examiner finds that the charter or articles of incorporation, plan of business or proposed contract contain any provision that is unfair, unjust, inequitable or oppressive to any class of contributors, or if convinced that it does not intend to do an honest business nor promise a fair return on the investment then he shall notify the company of his findings, and it shall transact no business in this State until it makes such changes as he shall demand.

**Public May Inspect.**

Annual reports are to be filed with the bank examiner, and agents must register with him. Double entry accounts must be kept and trial balances be taken at least once a month. All books and accounts must be open to public inspection during business hours. The bank examiner may make examinations at any time he may see fit. If he finds anything radically wrong, he is to report at once to the Attorney-General, who must apply immediately to the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond for a receiver.

Heavy penalties are applied to persons who break the law. In all cases appeals are allowed to the State Corporation Commission and then to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Milstead has learned that of some 600 applications in Kansas since the law went into effect, the State Bank Commissioner has granted only forty-nine permits to do business. Rather than apply after the first year, wildcat concerns have kept out of the State, it is said. The effect of the law is said to have been that only honest concerns dealing in stocks now desire to make the application.

## WATCHMAN ROBBED

**Man Employed by Dr. Horsley Held Up by Two White Men.**

Running out on the street in his night clothes and an overcoat, Robert Gaines (colored) yelled for the police early yesterday morning and said he had been robbed.

Policeman Werner and others were near at hand, and Gaines told them that the robbers were in a nearby restaurant. There the officers found and arrested J. L. Glenn and John Higgins, both white.

Gaines said that the men entered his room at 121 West Grace Street, property which he has been employed to watch by Dr. J. S. Horsley, and that one threw a flashlight into his face while the other pointed a wicked-looking revolver at his head. His pocketbook, containing $15, was lying on a table near at hand. They grabbed the money and ran. He followed them out into the street, and succeeded in attracting the attention of several police officers.

Higgins has served the Police Department as a special officer, and is known as an amateur detective. He is not now connected with the Police Department, and, it is said, never will be connected with it again.

**Arrested for Assault.**

On a warrant sworn out by C. L. Chalkley, charging that they had attempted to assault his son, W. A. Chalkley, Wirt Nell, Arthur Crowder and Waverly Sharp were arrested yesterday in South Richmond. They will be given a hearing this morning in Police Court, No. 2.

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# WILL RUSH WORK ON NEW RAILROAD

Transfer of Seven Pines Line to Urbanna Company to Be Effected in Thirty Days.

While no date has yet been fixed, the transfer of the Seven Pines trolley line to the newly organized Richmond, Urbanna and Peninsula Railroad will take place within the next thirty days, when patrons of that line will lose their present privileges of transfers to and from the lines of the Virginia Railway and Power Company. The final ordinance permitting the sale was signed by Mayor Richardson on Saturday.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Urbanna road must within thirty days post with the city a bond of $50,000 to secure faithful compliance, the stipulations being that it is to begin surveys in ninety days, actual construction work in nine months, and complete the line to the Pamunkey River in two years. Work is at all times to be pushed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and the road is to be completed to Urbanna within five years. John C. Robertson, organizer of the new company, predicts that the entire line will be in working order in much less time than that agreed upon. For the present the Urbanna company proposes to purchase electric current from the Virginia Railway and Power Company and to continue the operation of the Seven Pines line at the schedule agreed upon in the ordinance—a slightly better schedule in the rush hours than is given at present. The company has agreed to charge a 5-cent fare good to Seven Pines, and to sell six for a quarter tickets, school tickets and half price labor tickets, good before 7 A. M. The only loss to those living along the route is the transfer.

Branching off at some point this side of Seven Pines, preliminary surveys have already been made for the road through Henrico, Hanover, King William, King and Queen and Middlesex counties. The most expensive part of the construction will be the bridges over the Chickahominy, the Pamunkey, and Mattaponi and the Planketank Rivers. Otherwise the road will run through a flat, level country, requiring but little grading.

A contract has already been signed under bond with Eichelberger & Co., to construct the new road as far as the Pamunkey River, the contractor to be paid in bonds of the company, and Mr. Eichelberger expects to get to work as soon as the rights of way have been secured and the line definitely surveyed and located. Most of the right of way has already been given by farmers interested in securing better transportation facilities.

## MAY APPOINT KIZER

**Norfolk Hears That Its Police Chief Is to Be Made Assistant Auditor.**

According to Norfolk reports, Chief of Police Charles G. Kizer, of that City, may be appointed a clerk in the office of the State Auditor of Public Accounts.

Auditor-elect C. Lee Moore said last night that he had as yet announced no list of appointments, and had not completed his consideration of applications made for positions in the department. Under the circumstances, therefore, Mr. Moore said he could neither confirm nor deny the report from Norfolk as to the appointment of Major Kizer. The Norfolk report had it that Major Kizer would be made Assistant Auditor, the position for many years held by Mr. Moore under Colonel Morton Marye and more recently under Auditor S. R. Donohoe.

## GET LITTLE GAMBLERS

**Eight Negroes Arrested on Charge of Playing With Festive Dice.**

Eddie Winston (colored) was arrested early yesterday morning on a charge of running an objectionable resort at 7 East Charity Street, and seven men who were alleged to have been gambling in the place were also arrested.

Bland Tinsley (colored) was arrested on a like charge, his place being at 211 1-2 West Duval Street, and here four alleged crapshooters were caught in the police dragnet.

Frank Gross (colored) was arrested on a charge of assaulting Junius Johnson.

# LOCAL CHINESE TOAST REPUBLIC

Celebrate New Year in Woo Buck's Back Room, Where Feast Was Spread.

In celebration of what is probably the last new year under the old regime they will ever know, the twelve Chinamen of Richmond, three visitors from Washington and Norfolk, and Jim Cunningham, the local Chinese vice-consul, gathered in the laundry shop of Woo Buck, 1716 East Main Street, last night and bade goodby to the old order and a cordial welcome to the new.

Jim Cunningham, who knows more of China and Chinese customs than any man in Richmond, was the guest of honor, and likewise the master of ceremonies. In the little room in the rear, which Woo Buck for the time calls home, the Chinamen sat down to a feast which no white man has ever known. Not one of them had a queue.

First, after a little harangue by the vice-consul and a reply by the host, the guests sat down to dinner. The menu was long and varied, made up of several courses. It consisted of bird's-nest, roast shoat, roast duck, bamboo sprouts, gaubh bou (made of chicken chop suey and concomitants), chow mean (chicken, fried noodles, duck, etc.), foo young doong (eggs, ham and mushrooms) and rice wine, with real Chinese whiskey on the side. Dessert came in the shape of ginger and lyshee nuts. The Orientals had everything from soup to nuts.

As the chop sticks were working on the dessert and the Chinamen were draining a glass of rice wine, Woo Buck arose from his seat at the head of the table and toasted the new republic. Solemnly the others clinked their glasses, and a silent toast to the new regime was drunk. Jim Cunningham said that the Richmond Chinese, even the older ones who were born and reared under the Manchu dynasty, were delighted with the republic. It means for them a new chance, an opportunity to return and live in their native land. It will mean cheaper prices, fish and bird's nests for all. Traffic in opium is almost at an end, and the Chinaman is awakening from his long sleep.

The occasion last night, though it may be the last of its kind, was carried off with all the ancient and customary completeness. Those who owed each other paid off their debts and settled old scores in friendship. They laughed and chatted among themselves, drank again to the republic and the first President, and then went home. The visitors were Him Loc, Sam Ling and Ah Wing Foo.

The celebration will continue through the week.

## ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

**Mr. Gross Delivers Address Before Large Audience at Academy.**

Before an audience which comfortably filled the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon, Willis F. Gross, of Boston, member of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, delivered an address relating to the principles of Christian Science.

The light rain which fell kept many persons from being present, but those who did attend gave close attention to the speaker while he explained the fundamentals of the cult which was founded by Mrs. Eddy.

The Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, was founded for the purpose of spreading the ideas of Christian Science, and its members embrace men who give almost their entire attention to lecturing throughout the country upon the tenets of the sect.

**Westmoreland Club Meeting.**

The Westmoreland Club will hold its thirty-fifth annual meeting at the clubhouse to-night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, at which officers will be elected. The usual supper will be served.

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