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EAST END PEOPLE SEEK ANNEXATION

Will Petition Judge Campbell to Return to City Council Lines Including Montrose.

EXPECT FINAL DECREE TO-DAY

Highland Park Will Ask Relief From Proposed Sewer Tax.

Interest again will centre in the annexation proceedings when the case is reopened in the Circuit Court of Henrico County to-day for final hearing before Judge A. A. Campbell, of Wytheville. Citizens residing in the greater part of the territory included in the lines of annexation are apparently contented with the lines as drawn, and it is thought that no great time will be required to hear such arguments as may arise in the court before Judge Campbell signs the final decree. Bills of exception from the rulings of Judge Campbell will be heard to-day, and such appeals as may be made from his decisions will be entered.

It is understood that the officers of the town of Highland Park will seek to have some concessions made to that suburb before the final decree is signed. The town officers are of the opinion that a mistake has been made in the framing of the decree as regards the sewer rights of the town. It is pointed out that the sewers in the town have been built and paid for by the town, and that property owners have been assessed and have paid for perpetual privileges. In providing that in the case of new sewers being built, the property owners are to be assessed for taxes for that purpose, the decree, it is thought, works an injustice to the town. An amendment to the decree on this point will probably be asked by residents of the town.

MONTROSE PEOPLE WANT TO BE ANNEXED

A petition signed by many residents of the East End living in the section known as Montrose, asking that they be included in the lines of annexation, will be presented to-day. In changing the original annexation plan the lines as proposed by the City Council were considerably contracted near the National Cemetery by Judge Campbell, thus leaving out the residents of Montrose, who are now anxious to be included in order that they may derive the many advantages enjoyed by city dwellers. Residents of Montrose seem unanimous in their desire for annexation, and it is believed that their petition to become a part of the city will be granted.

Those favoring an extension of the annexation lines near the National Cemetery are laying particular stress upon the fact that by including this territory, where building lots are comparatively cheap, many persons of moderate means would be enabled to own homes within the city limits, thus enjoying the benefit of the city schools, the municipal water and lighting systems, better street car service, and other city privileges. The idea is in keeping with that of the Chamber of Commerce in lending encouragement to members of the laboring classes to own their own homes.

The plan of annexation as it now stands includes sixteen square miles of territory, including a large area of desirable property, and including both manufacturing enterprises and residential sections. By the annexation proceedings the area of the city of Richmond will be increased to twenty-seven square miles, and it is estimated that the enlargement of the city's bounds will mean a population of 131,672 within the corporate limits. A population of 18,250, according to careful estimates, will be added by the annexation proceedings.

KAHN'S BANKRUPT

Broad Street Clothier Has Liabilities of $31,010.

Joseph Kahn, trading as Kahn's of Richmond, clothiers, of 413 East Broad Street, through his attorney, Harold S. Bloomberg, yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the clerk's office of the United States District Court. His liabilities aggregate $31,010, while assets amounting to $11,701.15 are claimed. Most debts are due out-of-town creditors, the largest of which is $14,360 to Strouse & Brothers, of Baltimore.

Another petition filed yesterday was by John Geisinger, who conducts a restaurant on East Main Street. His liabilities amount to $500.46 and assets of $1,050 are claimed.

Ducking Club Chartered.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday issued a charter to the False Cape Battery and Blind Ducking Club, Inc., Norfolk. Capital stock, $2,100 to $10,000. Ducking club and shooting grounds for members. The officers for the first year are: R. T. Hasler, president, Norfolk; O. V. Halstead, vice-president, Sewall's Point; George E. Petty, secretary and treasurer, Portsmouth.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH NAMES HEALTH OFFICERS

Local Boards Generally Are Re-Elected, Few Changes Being Made. Officers Chosen.

State health officers, including members of different county boards of health, were elected and other important business transacted at the semi-annual meeting of the Virginia State Board of Health held yesterday morning in the office of Dr. Euston G. Williams, health commissioner and registrar of vital statistics.

Following a general discussion of health conditions in the State, the board entered upon the election of physicians for service on the health boards of the several counties where there were vacancies. The elections resulted as follows:

Norfolk County Board of Health—Dr. Sherwood Dix, to succeed Dr. Sturgis, who resigned to take membership on the County Board of Supervisors; Dr. F. D. Wilson and Dr. W. P. McDowell.

Chesterfield County—Dr. T. S. Shelton, to succeed Dr. Brice, moved from the county.

Dickinson County—Dr. C. C. Phipps, to succeed Dr. E. L. Phipps.

Bath County—Dr. C. M. Thomas, of Healing Springs, to supply a vacancy.

Greenesville—Dr. H. B. Mahood, Dr. E. C. Martin and Dr. George B. Wood.

Emporia—Dr. J. T. Davis, Dr. M. H. Tredway and Dr. E. M. Parker.

In all other counties and towns the old members of health boards were re-elected.

Dr. W. A. Plecker, of Hampton, was re-elected assistant State registrar of vital statistics. Dr. J. O. Fitzgerald, Jr., was elected bacteriologist, and Dr. K. D. Graves was chosen assistant bacteriologist. The usual volume of business routine was speedily disposed of, the board adjourning early in the afternoon. Dr. White was the only member of the board absent. Dr. O. E. Wright, of Jarratts, arrived too late to participate in the business, his train having been delayed.

AVERAGE ONE CASE IN TWENTY YEARS

City Is Unnecessarily Alarmed About Bovine Tuberculosis, Says Dr. Levy.

COOKS ARE MORE DANGEROUS

One Typhoid Carrier Causes More Disease Than All Tubercular Cattle in State.

While the universal and early enforcement of the tuberculin test is highly desirable, the carrying out of such a program, according to Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy, is not as simple as it appears. There is required for its enforcement the co-operation of the State and Federal dairy and food forces, and these, it appears from a correspondence between Dr. Levy and State Dairy and Food Commissioner W. D. Saunders, are, for the present at least, without the resources demanded for so big an assignment.

The limitations of the State dairy and food division in this particular came to the surface in connection with the application of a dairy supplying Richmond for a prompt testing of its herd by the tuberculin method. The desire of this dairy was communicated by Dr. Levy to Commissioner Saunders, who replied under date of July 10 that previous applications of this character from other dairies must have precedence, and that it was impossible to say when it could be reached.

Dr. Levy said yesterday that there is no reason for the people of Richmond to be alarmed over the milk supply, even if it is not pasteurized. He said that, according to statistics in possession of the Board of Health, there might possibly be one death in twenty years in Richmond from bovine tuberculosis.

CARLESS COOKS ARE GREATER MENACE

"If as much care was exercised in hiring cooks as there is about our milk supply, we would be safeguarded much better, as far as general health goes," said Dr. Levy yesterday. "A cook like 'Typhoid Mary,' who carries about with her countless typhoid germs, is more to be dreaded than all the bovine tuberculosis in the State of Virginia. Yet we take little heed of our cooks while we sit in solemn council on bovine tuberculosis and urge drastic measures to combat an alleged evil that may cause one death in twenty years.

"However, I believe, as I have often said before, that we should do everything in our power to improve the milk supply of Richmond, and make it as pure as humanly possible. There are difficulties in the way, as I have found out through correspondence with our excellent State Dairy and Food Inspector, Professor Saunders. Mr. Saunders has been active in the work of improving the dairies and food supply, yet even he finds his hands tied when it comes to testing herds for tuberculosis, a matter upon which the Board of Health of the city of Richmond is somewhat insistent.

"No doubt Mr. Saunders would be glad to lend the Board of Health of Richmond all the aid possible, but his lack of power is shown by the correspondence which has passed between us in regard to the testing of just a single herd. I do not give the name of the owner of the herd for reasons that are evident enough, but the letters of Professor Saunders will show why it takes time to test all the herds which supply Richmond consumers with milk."

HARDLY EQUIPPED FOR WHOLESALE TESTING

The correspondence includes several letters between Dr. Levy, Chief Health Officer of Richmond, and State Dairy and Food Commissioner Saunders, in which it is brought out that the State bureau has very limited facilities, and that in the specific case of one herd of eight cows near Westhampton it will be some time before the work can be done, as it would have to take its turn with many other applicants. Mr. Saunders, in conclusion, regrets that he is "unable to speak more encouragingly in connection with the availability of his department to deal with this situation."

WHITE MEN HELD

Will Face Grand Jury for Assaulting and Robbing Negro.

Thomas Drummond and James Hagan, the two white men arrested early yesterday morning on a charge of assaulting and robbing Charles Taliaferro, colored, of $11, were sent on to the grand jury from Police Court yesterday morning.

Taliaferro was struck in the head with a beer bottle, and required emergency treatment when taken to the First Police Station with the two prisoners.

The assault occurred at Sixth and Canal Streets. Drummond and Hagan were chased by Paul Beattie, a Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company yard officer, and he was joined by Detective Sergeant Kellam and Policeman Tait, who made the arrest.

Labor Law Violation.

B. R. Benton, manager of the Chemi Company, was fined $25 in Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of employing Cordek Parker, a boy less than fourteen years of age, in violation of a State labor law. The hearing of Henry L. Strang & Co., of 500 North Twenty-fifth Street, charged with a like offense, was continued to this morning. The cases were worked up by Miss Lily Barbour, factory inspector of the State Department of Labor.

Pension Examining Surgeon.

Dr. C. A. Labenberg has been appointed Federal pension examining surgeon for this district.

ORDERS ELECTION IN RECORD TIME

Stuart Signs Order to Vote on Liquor Question Five Hours After Getting Petition.

SLIGHT DELAY IS CAUSED

Governor's Action Would Have Been Quicker but for Apparent Technicality.

Five hours after he had received from James M. Hayes, Jr., acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, a certificate showing that 69,936 names of citizens represented by the clerks of the Circuits Courts of counties and Corporation Courts of cities to be legally qualified voters, are signed to the petition asking for an election on the question of State-wide prohibition, Governor Henry C. Stuart issued the order for the election, which will be held on September 22.

The text of the executive order is as follows:

"Secretary of the Commonwealth:

"Sir,—Let writs of election issue to the sheriffs of the counties and the sergeants of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth to cause an election to be held in this State, Tuesday, September 22, 1914, on the question of prohibiting the manufacture for sale and the sale of intoxicating liquors in this State, in accordance with the provisions of an act approved February 18, 1914.

"Your truly,

(Signed) "H. C. STUART,

"Governor."

TECHNICALITY DELAYS ISSUANCE OF ORDER

The certificate from the acting Secretary of the Commonwealth was handed to the Governor by his private secretary, Alexander Forward, precisely at 11:15 o'clock. But for a technical difficulty of minor note, which was detected at the eleventh hour by the executive, the order would have been issued probably before noon. Desiring to obtain a clear understanding of the law on this point, and thereby guard against any possible complications, Governor Stuart communicated with Attorney-General John Garland Pollard. The opinion of the Attorney-General, which was to the effect that the point raised could not interfere in any way with the procedure of the executive in ordering the election, was received at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and a few minutes later the election order was issued.

The doubt in the Governor's mind was due to the obvious unfamiliarity of the person who wrote the enabling act with the governmental system of the State. That section of the act which prescribes the manner of calling an election on the prohibition question directs that writs of election shall issue to the sheriffs of the counties and "the sergeants of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth." The reference to "sergeants of the towns," besides being superfluous, will have the effect of adding to the cost of calling the election, Towns being subject to the government of counties in which they are located, the county sheriff is the officer vested with authority to "cause an election to be held" under the order issued by the Governor.

Governor Stuart was at first undecided whether to overlook the palpable blunder made in the drafting of the enabling act by which the calling of the election is thus complicated. He therefore consulted the Attorney-General. The provisions of the enabling act allowed the executive ten days to consider the matter, but he saw no occasion for delay.

ORDER CAUSES JUBILATION IN CAMPS OF "DRYS"

There was jubilation in the camps of the "drys" throughout the State when the news of Governor Stuart's action was telegraphed from Richmond to the antisaloon leaders in the different cities and counties. The opponents of State-wide prohibition in Richmond viewed this latest development philosophically.

While some of the "wets" expressed their conviction that an inspection of the names signed to the petition will show that some thousands of the signers are not qualified voters, all admitted their belief that the number of qualified voters on the list is too great to warrant challenging the petition. They ascribed the alleged invalid signatures on the petitions to carelessness and inadvertence on the part of Anti-Saloon League representatives who circulated the petition in different parts of the State. It is understood that this phase will be investigated, the lists of names being accessible to the "wet" campaigners, having been entered on the records of the different courts with whose clerks the petition was filed for certification.

Related petitions were received at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth yesterday morning from Norfolk, Staunton, Elizabeth City County, Halifax and Portsmouth. These brought the grand total of signers to 71,597.

Shooting Is Accidental.

Charles Long, who accidentally shot Augustine Regali in a finger on Monday night, and who was afterward arrested on a warrant charging him with feloniously shooting the boy, was dismissed in Police Court yesterday morning. It was clearly proven that the shooting was accidental.

Gambler Fined $200.

Richard Chappell, charged with running a gaming resort at 1708 East Franklin Street, was fined $200 and placed under $300 security for ninety days by Police Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning. He appealed, and bond in the sum of $300 was given for him by George W. Glass.

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OWEN CLAIMS VICTORY FOR LOCAL OPTIONISTS

Secretary of Local Self-Government League Discusses State-Wide Petition.

SIGNERS MAY NOT VOTE DRY

Many People, Says Mr. Owen, Wanted to Have Issue Settled, and So Petitioned for Election, but Will Vote Against Prohibition.

Ben P. Owen, Jr., secretary of the Virginia Association for Local Self-Government, in commenting yesterday on the number of signatures to the petition for a State-wide prohibition election, said:

"The signatures secured for the State-wide election cannot be regarded as any index as to the strength of the forces opposing a continuation of the present local option plan, and the substitution thereof of State-wide prohibition. While the number of signatures filed with the Governor does not represent one-third of the qualified vote, even if all of these voted for State-wide prohibition, they would not represent anything like a majority of the qualified vote.

"Securing signatures calling for an election does not signify that those who signed that call will vote for State-wide prohibition, because the information which we have secured from all sections of the State, and from many persons whose names appear upon the petition, is that they signed the call in order to have an opportunity 'to vote and get rid of the question,' and they stated when they signed that it was not their purpose to vote for State-wide prohibition. Many others signed as the easiest way of getting rid of importunity. It was freely stated by those who carried around the petitions that what they desired was to get names, and that signatures did not bind them.

MANY SIGNERS NOT FOR STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION

"In a great many cases, where the signatures were given the statement was made, 'I will sign, but I will not vote for State-wide prohibition.' It is also a fact that many signers are not qualified voters. Giving the State-widers everything they claim on the face of the petitions, they are far short of a majority of qualified voters.

"Putting the accepted system of accounting in such matters to this petition problem, it will be found that the State-widers cannot reasonably rely upon anything like 69,936 votes in the coming election.

"In the hunt for signers, every argument known to the political canvasser was used to induce people to sign. Voters were advised by many canvassers that signing a petition did not commit them to State-wide prohibition, that the act of signing only provided the opportunity to have the enabling act submitted to the people for ratification or rejection. Under these circumstances, a great many signers will vote for local option as against State-wide prohibition. These facts are borne out by hundreds of letters received by the Virginia Association for Local Self-Government.

SAYS ONLY 60 PER CENT OF SIGNERS WILL VOTE DRY

"That many persons who will vote for local option in September and against State-wide prohibition signed these petitions, and that many who will not vote at all also signed them, is self-evident. There is no way to accurately sift the petition returns, and separate the local optionists from the State-widers, and in view of this fact the basis of calculation has long ago been adopted by nonpartisans and by entirely reliable bureaus of statistics to get at the facts. That basis, as already pointed out, is 60 per cent of the face of the petitions. In plainer words, experience and results in other States show that only about 60 per cent of large petitioners of this character go to the polls and vote the way they have signed.

"That a majority of the voters of the State are against State-wide prohibition and in favor of local option is a reasonable conclusion. If they had not been these other names would have appeared on the petitions, as the entire State was vigorously combed to make a big showing. It is to this unsigned majority that the advocates of local option and local self-government look for victory."

Fined for Assaulting Woman.

Charged with assaulting Mary Hall, colored, Tom Vaughn, also colored, was found guilty at a hearing before Justice of the Peace H. S. Sunday, of Henrico County, yesterday morning, and was fined $5 and costs. Enraged over some trivial matter, Vaughn is said to have beaten the woman unmercifully.

WEEKLY ATHLETIC EVENTS ON MODEL PLAYGROUNDS

Four Group Teams on Each Ground to Compete for Special Honors—Rules of Contest.

Beginning this week, weekly athletic events for boys will be held in the three model playgrounds, Chimborazo, Clarke Spring and South Richmond. Each week during the summer the boys will compete in contests in chinning, jumping, running and other such events. The day for the contests will be announced on the playgrounds by the directors.

Unlike former athletic contests in the city, these will be conducted under the group system, as recommended by the Playground Association of America. All boys competing in the contests will be grouped according to age. There will be four such groups on each of the playgrounds. This method is used to eliminate the tendency on the part of all boys to win just for themselves. To win now means to win for the group and not for the boy's self. For example, if ten boys are in one group and enter the chinning contest, the total number of times chinned by the boys in a group will be the record for that group. The records of the groups in each contest will be compared, and the group winning the largest number of points will receive a prize at the close of the playground season.

The athletic badge contest is the first event on the program just adopted for the three playgrounds mentioned. To all boys of any age who reach the standards in the events in this contest a bronze button will be awarded. These buttons are given out by the Playground Association of America, and it requires good work on the part of any boy to win one. The requirements for this badge will be made known to all boys interested by the playground directors. All boys competing for the button will be grouped according to age. The button contest will cover a period of three weeks. Other events to be held after the button contest are baseball throwing, football kicking, high jump, shot put and relay race.

NEITHER HAS AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE CITY FARM

Bond Issue Ordinance Merely Provided Funds Without Instructing Purchase.

OPINION OF CITY ATTORNEY

Administrative Board Without Power to Act Until Matter Is Referred to It by Two-Thirds Vote in Either Branch of City Council.

The Administrative Board, according to Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson, has no authority to purchase the city farm, until directly authorized to do so by an ordinance referred to it by a two-thirds vote of the branch of the Council in which such an ordinance is introduced.

An opinion to this effect was rendered yesterday by Colonel Anderson. It was asked for by the board last week, when it became apparent that the bond issue ordinance, which made a $25,000 appropriation for the purchase of a city farm, failed to designate the purchasing authority. In some quarters it was believed that the enterprise should be carried through by the Public Utilities Committee of the City Council. This view was held by the members of that committee, who appointed a subcommittee to take the matter in charge.

Under Colonel Anderson's ruling, it appears that even the Public Utilities Committee is without definite powers in the matter. The appropriating ordinance, he holds, merely provided the money, leaving it to a supplementary ordinance of the Council to direct the purchase of the farm. It is believed, however, that the subcommittee which now has the enterprise in charge has the power to recommend an ordinance directing acquisition. The committee is scheduled to hold a meeting at 8 o'clock to-morrow night.

EXTRACT OF TEXT OF LEGAL OPINION

An extract from Colonel Anderson's opinion, bearing upon the powers conferred by the bond issue ordinance, follows:

"This ordinance merely provides the funds, and does not confer authority to act upon any one. Before action can be taken, therefore, it is plain that some resolution directing the acquisition of a farm should be introduced in the Council. Such a resolution would, under the provisions of an ordinance approved January 17, 1913, 'unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the branch of the Council in which it was introduced, stand referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities, whose duty it would be to consider and report upon the resolution, or under the practice of our Council, which seems to be sanctioned by section 15 of chapter 7 of the City Code, as amended January 17, 1913, said committee might consider the matter and then introduce an ordinance relating thereto.

"I am of the opinion, therefore, that the Administrative Board has no authority or duty in this matter, unless it be especially referred to them by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the branch of the City Council in which an ordinance directing the acquisition of a city farm has been introduced."

Little Girls Aid Charity.

Miss Mary Woodward and Miss Hester Stuart, nine and eleven years old, respectively, gave an entertainment at the home of Mrs. J. B. Woodward, 710 Chamberlayne Avenue, Ginter Park, for the benefit of the Ice Mission fund, and secured 70 cents to aid this charity. The Times-Dispatch yesterday received from "A Friend" $1, which has been turned over to the mission.

Fined $20 for Cruelty.

I. J. Smith, of the I. J. Smith Company, Inc., was fined $20 in Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of cruelly treating two mules.

ACCEPTANCES POUR IN FOR BIG TRADE WEEK

Second Annual "Better Acquaintance" Effort Sure to Be Successful. Plans Are Completed.

Members of the Trade Extension Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Business Men's Club and added the final touches to the program which has been arranged for the entertainment of the hundreds of merchants who will come here for the second annual "Better Acquaintance Week," to be held August 10 to 15. The new plan for the refund of railroad fares to merchants who avail themselves of the attractive event which has been arranged was discussed in the meeting, and it was stated that hundreds of letters of acceptance to the invitations which have been sent out are being received.

Judging from the number of acceptances which have already been received and from statements made to members of the bureau by traveling salesmen, who are in close touch with the merchants in this section of country, the number attending "Better Acquaintance Week" this year will far exceed the attendance in any past year. Members of the bureau are enthusiastic over the plans formulated for the entertainment of the visiting merchants, and it is confidently believed that the week will prove of great value to Richmond people as well as to the visitors.

The program for the week, which has already been published, has many attractive features, and it is believed to be one which will be of great interest and profit to all merchants. From the letters of acceptance which have been received, it is thought that nearly all of the merchants who will attend the event will come to Richmond prepared to spend the entire week, although there are some who will remain only for a day or two. Merchants throughout Virginia and the Carolinas, as well as those here who are arranging for their entertainment, are planning to make the gathering a great success in every respect.

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GIGANTIC MILITARY PARADE

Will Be Held on Hundredth Anniversary of Composition of National Anthem by Francis Scott Key. Governor Stuart Deeply Interested.

Every military organization in the State of Virginia has been invited by the city of Baltimore to participate in the Star Spangled Banner Centennial, which is to be celebrated there from September 6 to 13, inclusive. The invitation was received yesterday by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale, and General Charles E. Macklin, of Baltimore, chairman of the Centenary Commission, will visit the State on a campaign at Governor's Island next week to personally extend the militiamen to join in the Roger event.

The Star Spangled Banner, the 100th anniversary of the composition of the great patriotic song, which was written by Francis Scott Key while a prisoner on a British warship during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, one of the principal defenses of Baltimore, is to be celebrated in a big way. It is planned to have a gigantic military parade on the exact date, September 13, to do honor to the celebrated song.

STUART IS MEMBER OF CENTENARY COMMISSION

Governor Stuart has been made one of the vice-presidents of the Centenary Commission, taking an active interest in the preparations. He has appointed as Virginia commission Colonel Lewis Ginter, of Richmond; Colonel Lewis Randolph, of Norfolk, J. B. Dollins, of Lynchburg, T. C. Worthington, of Petersburg, and D. D. Spilman, of Staunton. Governor Stuart will be a guest of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution by invitation of Colonel Charles Carroll, the last signer of the Declaration of Independence, who will be the guest of honor at the dinner of the society in Baltimore on the night of September 12. It is expected that the commission will have their headquarters at the Richmond Hotel, in Richmond, Governor Stuart will arrange for a special train for the party, and has been assured that every facility will be taken to make the journey comfortable.

The Virginia militiamen will be the guests of Baltimore while there, and the expenses of the party will be borne by the city of Baltimore.

General Sale, as well as Governor Stuart, is expected to take a large representation of Virginia militia.

Look Out for Joy-Riders.

Joy-riders in automobiles will be kept busy if they hope to escape the eagle eye of Police Warner yesterday afternoon. The officer was on the lookout for speeders and was busy after from midnight until the early morning, as it happened, when he found that the most of the speeders are fast asleep at that hour of the night. But this doesn't mean that there won't be policemen looking out for speed artists in the earlier hours of the night.

Wife-Beater Punished.

John Cottrell, charged with abusing and beating his wife, Mrs. Julia Cottrell, was fined $10 and placed under $100 security for thirty days by Police Justice Crutchfield yesterday.

VIRGINIA APPLE CROP TO BE RECORD-BREAKER

Growers Are Apprehensive Over Possibility That Railroads Can't Move Yield.

SHIPMENTS WILL BE HEAVY

Appeal Is Made to Corporation Commission to Assist in Having Transportation Companies Furnish Ample Cars to Avoid Delay.

The Virginia apple crop this year will exceed the yields of the orchards for many years past, in all probability. So abundant is the apple crop in Augusta, Albemarle and Patrick Counties the growers are apprehensive lest the railroads fail to supply them with sufficient cars to move the enormous yield of the fruit trees.

The alarm of the growers on this score is evidenced by several appeals made to the State Corporation Commission to take up the matter with the railroads immediately, thus giving the roads ample time to be prepared to furnish cars to meet the extraordinary demands that will be made on the carriers.

Not only is the apple crop superabundant in the fruit growing counties, but the size and quality of apples surpass the best yields in many years. The shipments to foreign markets will be the heaviest on record, it is believed. The consumption of Albemarle pippins in England has been steadily increasing in the past decade. Other species of the Virginia apple are likewise growing in popularity abroad.

GROWERS ARE UNEASY OVER MOVING CROP

Some idea of the uneasiness of the growers over the prospect of moving the apple crop may be obtained from communications received yesterday by Secretary R. T. Wilson, to be transmitted to the State Corporation Commission.

W. A. McCumb, recently of the Augusta County Fruit Growers' Association, writes from Staunton a presentation of the conditions, which reads in part as follows:

"On behalf of the Augusta County Fruit Growers' Association, I desire to respectfully notify your commission that Augusta County will, from present indications, ship and deliver 1,000 and 1,500 car loads of apples this fall. The shipments will commence on September 15, and continue until December 1. We have no cold storage facilities in this immediate vicinity, and, therefore, the apple crop will have to leave here promptly after it has been picked and barrelled.

"I take the liberty of thus early notifying you of the conditions with which we will be confronted here, so that you may, if you see fit, co-operate with us in obtaining for this county the necessary number of cars to enable the fruit to be moved promptly.

"Two years ago Augusta County produced and marketed 1,365 car loads, and there was very considerable delay in getting cars for moving the crop. During our controversy with the railways on the subject, we applied to the Commission to aid us in the matter, and were informed that the commission was not able to render material assistance for the reason that it was not posted a sufficient time in advance to enable it to see that the wants of this community were properly looked after in this respect."

A communication from C. M. Robertson, manager of the Virginia Fruit Growers, dated at Staunton, makes representations similar to those set forth by the Augusta County association.