

floor, where four stud-poker tables were in active operation. Shortly after 9 o'clock thirty players and would-be players were taken to the Harrison street station, the third patrol wagon also carrying the tables and chips. The proprietors were captured and booked as such.

Made a Voluntary Assignment.

The North Chicago Manufacturing company by its President Otto Benson, and Secretary E. Strom, Saturday made a voluntary assignment in the County Court. The assets of the company were scheduled at \$16,000 and liabilities at \$11,000. Olof E. Ray was appointed assignee. The concern is located at Nos. 51 to 55 Pearson street, and manufactures sash, doors, and blinds. The company claims that it will pay 100 cents on the dollar, and that the cause of failure was insufficient capital.

Items.

A farewell benefit was given to R. H. Rueschaw, champion club-swinger, by his friends at North Side Turner Hall last night.

F. S. Green, a laborer employed by the Counselman Elevator company at South Chicago, fell from a scaffold while repairing a shaft yesterday and was instantly killed. He was unmarried, 22 years of age, and roomed at No. 153 Ninety-second street.

John Burns and Jerry Fitzwater escaped from the Hyde Park Police Station yesterday, but were captured before they had gone far. Burns was arrested Saturday on a charge of burglary and Fitzwater was being held in custody until the police could find a place to send him for a cure of the opium habit.

A petition has been sent Ald. M. J. Conway of the Twenty-seventh Ward for presentation to the Council protesting against granting a franchise for any kind of elevated or surface railroad on North Kedzie avenue. Property-owners on Kedzie avenue from North avenue to Armitage avenue are the signers.

MODERN CHRISTIANITY CRITICISED.

Mrs. Lee Assails Church Doctrine at the People's Debating Club.

Mrs. Julia Lee delivered a lecture before the People's Debating club at No. 116 Fifth avenue last night. In a long address she made a comparison between the religion of today and that established by Jesus Christ from Nazareth. She declared that the doctrine of Christ as taught by Christ differed materially in many points from the doctrines of Christian churches. She cited passages in the Bible as authority for her statements. Her speech was clear, and some of the points raised in her arguments were strongly put.

In the discussion following the lecture Jehu Barr, a Secular Unionist, attacked Christianity. He denied the existence of God and Christ. He declared that if God killed the first born in Egypt to liberate the Jews he must have been a cruel God.

Roofers Will Not Work.

The gravel roofers met yesterday afternoon at No. 246 South Halsted street and decided that they would not return to work today on the Democratic wigwag, because the bosses had imported non-union roofers from St. Louis. Mechanics in other trades may be called out today out of sympathy with the striking roofers by the Building Trades Council. Forty boss barbers met yesterday at No. 355 Sixty-third street, Englewood, and agreed to advance their price for shaving from 10 to 15 cents. Speeches were made by Robert C. Hoy, C. L. Sack, and J. Petro. The boss barbers of South Park will meet next Sunday afternoon to take steps in the same direction.

A Sermon on "Koreah" Teed.

The Normal Park M. E. Church is right across the way from Teed's "heaven." That is the reason, probably, why its pastor, the Rev. H. D. Atchison, preached last night on "False Christs and How to Treat Them." It is needless to say that he had a large congregation.

Capt. Larsen's First Gambling Raid.

Police Capt. Larsen made his initial gambling raid from Central Station Saturday night "pulling" the shoestring establishment of Morgan & Lerton, 157 Clark street. The Captain, attended by Lieut. Gibbons and a half dozen detectives, succeeded in clbowing his way into the small room on the third