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Good quality of muslin; cut full length and width; low neck.

Plain white or white with colored front.

Nothing to equal this garment in quality and finish at half a dollar.

That's our judgment in the matter, as we've compared the garment with other 50c night shirts that we've carried in stock or seen elsewhere.

White Poplin Worth 19c, Per Yard, **12½c**

A very popular and likewise very scarce White Goods fabric.

We only have a few hundred yards of it and, judging by to-day's mill prices, this Poplin is worth fully nineteen cents.

One of the neatest and most serviceable of the season's white stuffs.

BOARD REQUIRED TO BE INFORMANT

This Apparently the Only Course Provided for Prosecutions in Pharmacy Cases.

DRUGGISTS BEFORE COURT

Provisions of the Law Pointed Out to Justice Crutchfield, Who Continued Cases.

Unless the State Board of Pharmacy makes the complaint, every druggist in Richmond can have an unregistered druggist behind the counter to compound prescriptions of physicians, and the Commonwealth's Attorney and the public are powerless to act in the matter.

This is the law, as was shown to Justice Crutchfield in Police Court yesterday morning, when several druggists were brought to the court upon information secured by Commonwealth's Attorney Minitree Folkes, tending to show that unregistered clerks had filled prescriptions, while no registered or assistant registered pharmacist was nearby.

The statute says that the Board of Pharmacy must be the informant, and that the Commonwealth's Attorney may then act upon this information. If the board never acts—and Mr. Folkes showed that it had not—then the public is at the mercy of the unregistered clerks who fill the prescriptions that are written by physicians.

Justice Crutchfield was impressed with the law, although he did continue the case until September the 19th, in order to allow the attorneys on each side time in which to prepare their statements regarding the case. But the Justice stated that it was clear to his mind that the charges against the druggists were not properly before him, and that unless the Board of Pharmacy acted as the informant, instead of the Commonwealth's Attorney, he would not be warranted in further proceedings.

Some time ago the attention of Mr. Folkes was called to the fact that there were several unregistered clerks in the city who were compounding prescriptions. He was urged to take some steps in the matter. His informants told him that the board had not acted in the matter, and that it was time for the courts to take a hand.

Worked Up Cases.

Messrs. W. D. Ellington and Meredith E. Owen, of Manchester, were employed to ascertain the names of the clerks who were violating the law by filling prescriptions before they had qualified as registered or assistant registered druggists. The two young men went to work with a full list of the names of the clerks in the different drug stores, and yesterday morning the following druggists appeared in court to answer the charges above mentioned:

W. H. Snook, No. 1017 West Main Street, for allowing John A. Fitch, his clerk, to compound prescriptions, the said Fitch not being a registered pharmacist or an assistant registered pharmacist; W. C. Saunders, druggist, at No. 330 West Leigh Street, for allowing Irving Rice to fill prescriptions; W. W. Richardson, Seventeenth and Venable Streets, for allowing Frank Gilmore to fill a prescription; George Arheart, No. 1229 East Broad Street, for filling a prescription; W. P. Partin, Broad Street, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Streets, for allowing C. W. Carr to fill a prescription.

The same charged was placed against each of the men arrested. The statute under which they will be prosecuted is No. 1760, Code of Virginia.

Messrs. Owen and Meredith visited these drug stores and had prescriptions from physicians filled. They would then ask for a duplicate of the prescription, and, after paying for the medicine, would leave with the duplicate. This effectually settled the case against the young men, but the Board of Pharmacy had not acted.

Board Not Informed.

Mr. T. A. Miller, one of the members of the board, was in the Police Court yesterday, and said the matter had not been brought to his attention. That was the reason the board had not acted, he said. The druggists had taken the initiative and gone to the Commonwealth's Attorney to protect themselves.

Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes said, after the postponement of the case, that it was, indeed, a queer law that would not allow him to act when he knew that the statute was being violated.

"The people of Richmond should be protected," he declared, "and I believe that I will be able to show that I have a right to prosecute these cases, whether the Board of Pharmacy takes cognizance of the matter or not."

C. & O. DOUBLE TRACKING.

Mr. Walker Given Contract for Work.

Mr. G. J. Walker, of Charles City county, was in the city yesterday closing a deal with the Mathews-Curtis Company, of Clifton Forge, Va., by which he subcontracts for a large part of the double track work along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad between Grove and Morrisons.

Mr. Walker has for some time been employed on Tidewater Railroad work near Jarratt's, Va., and was called to Lee Hall, Va., on Sunday to close a deal. He has just purchased a new plant, consisting of thirty mules and all machinery necessary to carry on so large a work. While here he will make purchases of supplies, etc., for his camp at Briana.

SERIOUSLY HURT TESTING BOILER

Flues Blew Out at Locomotive Works, Badly Injuring Two Workmen.

J. O. Granger, of No. 2011 Maddox Hill, and R. B. Jenkins, of No. 1110½ Dance Street, were testing a boiler at the Locomotives Works about 2 o'clock this morning, when the flues blew out and seriously injured both men.

The escaping steam hit Mr. Granger with its full force, and horribly burnt his face and the entire upper part of his body. Mr. Jenkins escaped with severe burns about the hands and arms.

The city ambulance was hurried to the scene and Dr. Hudgins attended the injured men. Mr. Granger was so fearfully scalded that his skin fell off at the touch. He was swathed in bandages and rushed to the Virginia Hospital. His condition is very serious. Mr. Jenkins was attended to and left under care at the works. His injuries, while very painful, are not serious.

THE GESANGVEREIN.

Officers Are Chosen and Plans for the Year Discussed.

The Gesangverein Virginia met Monday evening for the purpose of reorganizing and deciding upon a plan for securing a new home, Sanger Hall having been recently sold.

The only change made in the organization was that, instead of a board of directors, the society is now under a board of trustees.

Plans were also discussed concerning the annual celebration to be held early in August.

The officers of the organization are: President, Charles Gasser; vice-president, Adolph Hartung; treasurer, Henry G. Miller; recording secretary, Adolph Volkman; financial secretary, Richard Wenzel. Trustees—W. H. Zimmerman, F. C. Ebel and Max S. Lindner.

Military Examinations.

Captain J. H. Booton and First Lieutenant A. M. Beach, of Company C, Seventy-second Virginia Infantry, Luray, Va., were in Richmond yesterday undergoing an examination for the Virginia volunteers.

Captain Booton is the principal of the high school at Luray.

CELEBRATE LABOR DAY ON EXTENSIVE SCALE

The Labor Day Committee met Monday night with the largest attendance of delegates of any previous session. Much enthusiasm was shown, and everything was decidedly harmonious.

Mr. E. W. Blakey, secretary of Typographical Union, No. 90, was elected marshal to lead the parade on September 3. The Idlewood management was present, and their grounds were selected to hold an all-day celebration. Fireworks and athletic contests will be the features of the day, and the committee has already been presented with several articles from prominent storekeepers as prizes, among the first being Pettit and Company, who have offered three handsome pieces of furniture as prizes in the various contests; and The Globe Clothing Company, which says it will submit a valuable prize. Idlewood will make a special feature of the fireworks, which promise to be the best ever seen there. Another feature of the day will be orations by several prominent speakers.

At the meeting the treasurer reported an excellent financial condition to the committee, being far in advance of any previous occasion, and all the sub-committees reported much progress in their work. From present indications there promises to be the greatest demonstration on Labor Day ever seen in this State.

DOWN TO HARD WORK FOR THE STATE FAIR

General offices of the Virginia State Fair Association have been opened at No. 707 East Main Street, where Assistant General Manager C. W. Smith is in charge, with Mark R. Lloyd as his assistant.

The new offices are thoroughly equipped with provision for the necessary corps of clerks and assistants in the front part of the building. The rear of the offices has been partitioned off and furnished for a board meeting-room, as well as a place for conference between the managers and the corps of outside workers. A suitable place has been reserved for the accommodation of out-of-town visitors who have business with the officials.

Colonel Robert Hough, of Baltimore, one of the best-known starters in the country, has accepted the position as starting judge for the races here during State Fair Week. Colonel Hough declined several very flattering offers so as to take charge of the racing here this fall. He was for some years starter here for the old State Fair. He is a member of the American Racing Congress, and is secretary of the Maryland-Virginia Circuit.

His acceptance here will insure a long string of the finest racers in the country, as racing men everywhere know his reputation for fairness, and often cut other tracks for the purpose of going on tracks where Colonel Hough is the starter.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Chesterfield County Makes Appropriation for Jamestown Exposition.

CARNIVAL OPENED LAST NIGHT

Man Goes to Sleep in Field and Wakes Without Shoes or Hat. Personals and Briefs.

The board of supervisors of Chesterfield county yesterday made an appropriation of $1,500 for the Jamestown Exposition. Chesterfield county will be represented at the exposition in 1907. Hundreds of citizens from Manchester and the county will be in Jamestown at some period during the exposition and they wish to look upon the exhibit furnished by Chesterfield.

The supervisors also passed a resolution offered by Mr. Joe Mittendorf, providing for a special levy upon all citizens of the county for the purpose of making better roads. There was not a dissenting voice heard when the resolution was passed.

It is the intention of the members of the board of supervisors to make the thoroughfares of the county much better.

The Carnival Opened.

The Hampton Amusement Company opened its carnival in Manchester last night. The tents are pitched on the lot near Fifteenth and Hull Streets, and there are ten large shows besides three free exhibitions.

More than a thousand persons were present last night, and Hull Street for two blocks was crowded.

The entertainment in the Christian Church Tabernacle last night was much enjoyed. The moving picture machine was used for the first time.

The entertainment will be repeated tonight with a change of programme.

Shoes and Hat Lost.

James B. Lee went to Richmond Monday night, and didn't return until a late hour. He walked into the lot at the corner of Fifteenth and Hull Streets and stretched himself out for a nap. He didn't get up until the sun was shining into his face and all the world was looking beautiful. Lee jumped "all-a-sudden," and found that he had no shoes or hat. He had been robbed while he slept. He reported the matter to the police and received their sympathy.

Personals and Briefs.

After a pleasant visit to friends in Chesterfield county, Miss Myrtle Jewett has returned to her home, Twelfth and Semmes Streets.

Mrs. Boyd E. Hudson, of West Point, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cheatham, of Hull Street.

Three candidates were initiated at the meeting of the Manchester Aerie of Eagles last night.

Mr. Lacey Fendley has returned from his vacation. He visited Atlantic City, New York and other places of amusement.

Mrs. Edyth Holt, of No. 1322 Porter Street, is visiting relatives at Amelia Courthouse.

Mrs. J. A. Davidson, of Farmville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Paul, of Manchester.

Mrs. Virginia Robinson and Miss Bertha Moody left yesterday for Ocean View to spend several weeks.

John Bunyan Dunnavant paid the Mayor $5 yesterday morning for the privilege of yelling fire, murder and a few other startling names.

Miss Ethel Wakefield, daughter of President John S. Wakefield, of the City Assembly, is very ill at her home, No. 208 East Eleventh Street.

Victor Hague, a well known young man of the city, who has been in Colorado for some time for his health, is reported as being ill, and will return to Manchester in a few days.

Mr. John W. Massie is spending several weeks at Ocean View.

CANDIDATES COMING OUT FOR TWO YEARS HENCE

Although the election is almost three years off, there is considerable gossip about the probable candidates for the fat plums in the municipal government for the next time. City Sergeant J. C. Smith will have opposition in the person of Sheriff John E. Epps, whose friends are now arranging for his campaign, and Mr. J. Herbert Mercer will likely be a candidate for the position of sheriff. He is now deputy under Sheriff Epps, and is thoroughly acquainted with the working of the office.

ELECT DR. PENDLETON.

Will Be Surgeon at State Farm in Place of Dr. Edwards, Resigned.

The Penitentiary Board yesterday elected Dr. J. S. Pendleton, of Scottsville, surgeon for the State Farm in place of Dr. Edwards, resigned.

Dr. Pendleton is a well known physician of Scottsville, and was for twenty-five years a member of the board of the Medical College of Virginia, having been appointed by Governor Cameron. He came highly recommended by the faculty of the college.

Dr. Edwards resigned to enter upon a larger field, and will return to Allegheny county, whence he came, and where he will be associated with his father.

RAIN INTERFERED.

Tearing Down of Henrico Jail Walls to Begin To-Day.

All during yesterday people strolled around by the Henrico Courthouse expecting to see the razing of the new county jail walls, but they were disappointed. On account of the slight rain which fell during the morning Mr. McClay, who has the task to accomplish, delayed starting the work. As this is the last day to begin tearing them down, Mr. McClay will doubtless begin on the walls this morning.

Painted the Jail.

In recognition of the kindly treatment he received while a prisoner for one month in the city jail Buck Nickols painted two score or more of signs on the walls around the popular "ville" and fixed up the offices in a neat and attractive style. He came from jail yesterday after having served one month. The jail officials were sorry to part with him, for he had been a good prisoner and had done a lot of good while in the jail.

Return from Convention.

Messrs. Archie Burke and Wiley Lawrence, delegates from the Richmond Lodge of Elks to the Grand Lodge meeting in Denver, returned from the West Monday night. They said that they had a fine time, and that the lodge was attended by a great number of delegates. Philadelphia was selected as the city for the next convention.

Still Unimproved.

Dr. J. W. Little, who is attending Judge James D. Yeomans at his home on the Ashburn Farm, in Virginia, states that his condition is still unimproved. Judge Yeomans was appointed on the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Cleveland, and served until March 2, 1906. He has been ill for several months.

Last Call for Dog Tax.

The last call has been made for the Henrico county dog tax for 1906. The collection will be placed in the hands of constables for all those who have not paid by the last of July.

OLD DOVER MEETS AT COLD SPRING

Baptist Hosts of This Section Gather at Hanover Church in Annual Session.

MANY GO FROM RICHMOND

Churches Here and in Other Parts of the Territory Well Represented.

The Dover Baptist Association, which has reached the venerable age of one hundred and twenty-three years, is holding its annual meeting this week with Cool Spring Church in Hanover county. The session began yesterday morning and will continue through to-day and to-morrow.

The meeting opened yesterday most auspiciously with morning and afternoon sessions and a bounteous dinner at intermission. The churches in the association are well represented and a large company went out from Richmond, most of them returning last night.

Letters from the Churches.

Mr. T. H. Ellett, of this city, is president of the association, and makes an excellent executive officer. The letters from the churches were read at the morning session yesterday, and these are of a highly gratifying nature.

The report of the Education Board, which supports young men, who are preparing for the ministry at Richmond College and the Seminary, showed a good financial condition. Drs. Hatcher and Whitsitt spoke on the work of the board.

Drs. Taylor and Hatcher spoke on the good work of the Sunday school and Bible Board, of which Dr. Fitcher is the tireless, wise and pushing secretary.

The association had an intermission at noon for dinner, and an excellent board was spread before the large assembly.

The first work at the afternoon session was a report by Mr. J. B. Wood on the Orphanage at Salem. Dr. Hatcher followed with a general historic sketch, and told of the present status and growing work of that institution. Mr. T. H. Ellett stated that the Orphanage was in need of a buggy horse. A collection was taken up immediately, and nearly enough secured for a good animal.

Evangelistic Work.

The last and one of the most important discussions of the evening was of evangelistic work. The subject was discussed by Drs. McDaniel, Jones and Taylor. There was general concurrence in opinion of the importance of this work. But it was agreed that the pastor should accomplish this mission, and that professional evangelistic work should be avoided.

Most of the Richmond delegates returned on the train arriving here at 7:45 o'clock. The association will be in session two more days before all work is completed.

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS

There is no denying the fact that the supply of good, rentable houses in Richmond is not equal to the demand on the part of good paying renters. An investigation of the rent lists of the various agencies, which show the limited number of houses marked for rent and available September 1st, prove this beyond question. It is more than likely that this condition of affairs will start up afresh a building boom.

There are evidences that such will be the case, the best evidence being that whenever an auction sale of eligible vacant lots is announced, it attracts buyers who do not go to every sale, men who have or control money for profitable investment, and, when they find that buying vacant lots and building upon them comfortable houses for rent is a good investment, they attend auction sales and watch closely for bargains.

A well-known real estate agent predicts that much Richmond property will be bought for this purpose in the near future.

J. Thompson Brown and Company sold five lots n a lump on Ivy Street, near Strawberry, yesterday for $4,070. The lots were knocked out to Wyatt and others, and it is understood that "Wyatt and others constitute a syndicate, which has purchased the lots as an investment, and that it is the purpose of the syndicate to erect houses for rent on these lots.

Another cloudy, rainy and sloppy day made the real estate business quite dull yesterday. There were no auction sales, and none of the agencies reported privat sales. Possibly some were made, but, if so, they were not such as the agents delight to tell about.

FREAK POSTAL CARDS CAN'T GO FOR A CENT

Leather Card, Especially Popular, is Outlawed if Writing is On It.

The postoffice people are having a great deal of trouble with fancy postal cards. Dealers in notions and fancy goods have put out thousands of novel and fantastical so-called postal cards, with humorous pictures and designs and explanatory printed matter ornamenting one side.

A space is left for the sender to write a line or two, and that is where the freak postal cards bob up against the laws, rules and regulations of the Postoffice Department. These laws provide that all postal cards, to get through the mails at a one-cent rate, must be made of cardboard similar to that used by the government in making the regular postal card. If a card is made of any other material it comes under the head of merchandise, and if a line other than the address is written upon them, even the signature of the sender, it becomes first-class matter, and a two-cent stamp is necessary to carry them; and if a two-cent stamp is not attached the card remains in the office where deposited.

One of these freak postals, and a very popular one, is made of leather, and others are made of woodboard.

Nine out of ten senders put only a one-cent stamp on these freak cards, and one cent will carry them if there is no writing on the message side of them; but a very large proportion of those mailed under a one-cent stamp have writing on them, never more than a few words, but enough to consign them to the wastebasket.

These leather and other freak cards can go through the mails with writing on them if a two-cent stamp is pasted on. Otherwise they hang up in the office where mailed. Several thousand are now thus hung up in the Richmond office.

MANY CHANGES IN OFFICE SYSTEM

Part of Chesapeake and Ohio Clerical Force Now in Whitlock Building.

MUCH CRAMPED FOR ROOM

In Few Years New and Permanent Headquarters Will Be Necessary.

The additional offices for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway located in the Whitlock building, adjoining the regular office (Pace) building of the system, which were necessitated by the expansion in all the departments of the railway, have been furnished and completed, and the accounting department has moved into their new headquarters.

This move was occasioned by the steadily increasing volume of business which has been going on for some years, and by the simultaneous increase of the clerical force to meet the larger demands; but it may be regarded as only a temporary headquarters, for it is understood that even the present increased office room will be soon outgrown and that the management is determining in the next two or three years either to secure an entirely new office building or to take offices in a larger building that will be entirely convenient and suitable for the needs of the business.

The Whitlock building has been leased for two or three years, after which new and permanent offices will be secured. The newly opened offices are occupied by L. B. Enslow, auditor of disbursements, and G. W. Poe, auditor of passenger receipts, on the second floor of the building. The entire third floor is occupied by O. D. James, auditor of freight receipts. In addition, the management in perfecting arrangements for a board room, which has now become an absolute necessity. This will be in the offices at present occupied by M. T. Spicer, chief clerk to the president, and adjoining the offices of the president, on the second floor. The room next to the president's office, and now occupied by the freight traffic manager, will be used for offices to the chief clerk to the president, and also as entrance for callers to the president's office. These changes are now under way and will be completed within a week or ten days.

Others to move into the new building are Mr. Lowry, and the freight claim department under Mr. Gilbert and Comptroller L. F. Sullivan, all of whom will move to the second floor. Mr. G. B. Wall will move from the top floor of the old building to make room for T. C. Cabell, engineer of maintenance of way. The offices of Purchasing Agent W. F. LaBonta, who has moved down to the corner of the building on the ground floor, are being remodelled for the use of District Freight Agent Lehman and General Agent Cary, of the Kanawha Dispatch. Contracting Agent Macon and Traveling Freight Agent Brander will also move from across the street into the offices being prepared on the ground floor of the general building office.

There has been much shifting about in the arrangement of the offices, and the fact is apparent that soon all the available space on the block between Eighth and Ninth Streets on Main will be occupied by the Chesapeake and Ohio, and that for further expansion of room they will have to look elsewhere, when that necessity becomes unavoidable. Where the road will locate the authorities will not say, but it is understood that they are preparing themselves for an entirely new location for their offices.

RAISED ROW BECAUSE LAUNDRY WAS LOST

Proprietor Draws Pistol on Negro, Who Has Him Carried to Court.

M. B. Florsheim, proprietor of the Royal and the New York Laundries, was in Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of threatening to shoot Browley Young, a negro, who claimed that all of his laundry was not returned to him.

The testimony showed that the negro had entered the Royal Laundry and created a disturbance, after having been paid 75 cents for seven collars, that he claimed had been lost. He claimed that he had a suit of underwear in the laundry and raised a disturbance about this. When he was ordered out of the place at the point of a revolver, he swore out a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Florsheim.

The case was dismissed.

Mr. Florsheim, when asked yesterday if he accepted laundry from negroes, as indicated by the testimony in this case, replied in the affirmative. He said:

"I do not cater to the colored trade, but there are so many agencies, and when the negroes bring their laundry here it is received. I have several negro patrons who are good customers and whose linen is as clean as that sent by white people. One of the hotels in the city asked me if I furnished laundry to negroes, and I told them I did, but that I did not especially cater to the trade."

INVESTIGATONS ARE PREPARING REPORT

Legislative Committee to Look Into V. M. I. Affair, Ending Labors.

The committee on the investigation of the affairs of the Virginia Military Institute, composed of Delegate J. R. Swift, of Spotsylvania; Senators William E. Garrett, of Henry, and Lewis H. Machen, of Alexandria, and Delegate R. E. Peyton, of this city, were in the city all day yesterday, engaged in preparing the report on their findings.

The committee continued its meeting last night, but were able to get through only the rough draft of their report, which is said to be very lengthy, covering between four and five hundred pages. The report cannot be filed today, owing to the enforced departure of one of the members from the city, and it may be two or three days before it can be sent to the Governor.

The committee was occupied six days in its sitting, and during that time accumulated a vast amount of evidence, as every detail was carefully gone into. What the nature of the report is cannot be said, as none of the members are desirous of giving out any particulars until after the report has been filed with the Governor.

$14.75

Is the new price on hundreds of our Finest Suits which sold up to $28.00

Gans-Rady Company

LAST CENT IS PAID.

Capitol Commission Finishes Work and Pays Contractor.

The State Capitol Commission held its final meeting yesterday, and settled all the details of that body in connection with the repairs and renovation of the Capitol. Governor Swanson presided, with Mr. T. H. Bigger at hand. The last bill was paid, and the commission adjourned sine die.

The work necessitated the expenditure of every dollar of the $250,000 appropriated for the purpose, and Contractor Chesterman was paid the last cent due him on the work. The detailed statement of the account will be made and presented to the Governor by the secretary of the commission, all the bills having been carefully audited from time to time.

THREE ENGLISHMEN HERE

Arrive in Virginia at Instance of Commissioner Koiner.

Commissioner of Agriculture Koiner's trip to Europe in the interest of immigration to this country has already borne fruit. Three sturdy young Englishmen put in their appearance in the Capitol building yesterday and stated that they had come to get good farms in Virginia. The men saw Mr. Koiner, who sent them on to the Old Dominion. They are Messrs. H. J. Haggett, J. A. Turner and H. C. Gay.

In Bankruptcy.

In the United States District Court yesterday before Referee T. B. Snead, E. J. Vaughan, merchant, No. 106 East Broad Street, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy through his attorneys, Messrs. Gardner and Lightfoot. Liabilities are scheduled at about $4,000, assets $3,000. No exemptions are claimed. John B. Lightfoot was appointed receiver.

DOUBLE LICENSE TAX ON ELECTRICAL MEN

The Committee on Electricity held its monthly meeting in the City Hall last night.

Mr. R. H. Ball, of Ball & Clark, electrical contractors, appeared before the committee and protested against the payment of a double license tax. He said he had already paid a tax of $10 to the City Collector, and had since received notice that under a new law he would be required to pay to the City Treasurer a license tax of $25, both for the year 1906.

City Electrician Thompson explained that several contractors had been to see him about this, and he referred the matter to the City Attorney, who advised that the first tax assessment which was paid to the City Collector, was under the old general law, whereas the new license tax was under a recent ordinance, containing specific provisions with regard to electrical contractors and electricians. Mr. Thompson said the City Attorney held that each tax should be paid, and that as soon as reported after this was done he would prepare proper legislation for the Council to authorize a refund of all money paid by reason of the double and erroneous assessment.

City Electrician Thompson presented the following names, as required by law, from which list the committee proceeded to ballot to elect an electrical inspector, the term of Electrical Inspector W. H. Minor having expired: W. H. Minor, T. L. Martin, O. E. Spott. The vote resulted: Minor 7, Spott 1, Martin 0. Mr. Minor was declared duly re-elected.

Sundry matters of a routine nature, including the payment of bills, were disposed of.

WORKED, PERHAPS, AS PARTNERS IN CRIME

Detectives Wren and Wiltshire arrested a negro, named Dave Taylor, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for breaking into the seed store of T. W. Wood & Sons, at 1707 East Franklin Street last Sunday, and robbing the cash register of $10 and securing a pair of pants.

About the same time the man was jailed, the two detectives found out that the store of Harry J. Reubens, at No. 128 North Eighteenth Street, which was entered on July 14th, and a large amount of clothing, whiskey, cigars and tobacco secured, had been entered by Willie Robinson, alias Captain Billy, a notorious old negro, who is now in jail as a suspicious character.

It is suspected by the detectives that the men have been working together and that they have aided each other in their recent robberies. Both have a criminal record.

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT JULIUS SYCLE'S SONS

Workmen are busy transforming the front of the store of Julius Sycle's Sons. The old front will be replaced with a handsome plate-glass front, giving the store twice the window display and space it now has. During the rebuilding the entrance to the store will be on Second Street, just around the corner from Broad. The interior will also undergo improvements as soon as the front is completed.

Put Under Bond.

James A. Williams, a negro, for non-support of his wife, was given a hearing in the Hustings Court yesterday, and was placed under bond in the sum of $300 to give his wife $10 each month for one year.

Virginians in Paris.

Misses Rose and Mabel Goode, of Boydton, registered at the office of the European edition of the New York Herald in Paris yesterday.

SPECIAL SITTING FOR BUTTON CASE

Supreme Court to Meet Next Tuesday to Hear Motion for Mandamus.

MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST

Legality of Election of Insurance Commissioner by Legislature to Be Passed Upon.

In response to the letter of Governor Swanson that the Supreme Court of Appeals convene as soon as possible to hear the application of Colonel Button for a writ of mandamus against the State Corporation Commission, to determine as to his right to hold the office of Commissioner of Insurance as the appointee of the State Legislature, Judge James Keith has ordered a sitting of the court on July 31st, and as many days thereafter as may be necessary in the hearing of the case.

Colonel Button was elected by the Legislature, but on going to take the oath of office and to file his bond, the commission refused to qualify him on the ground that there was some question as to the right of the General Assembly to elect the officer. The affair created a good deal of talk, and there was much comment as to what course Colonel Button would take. He decided to ask for the writ of mandamus, and recently secured Messrs. Hill Carter and Samuel L. Kelley as his counsel.

After the receipt of Governor Swanson's letter, Judge Keith directed the following order to be entered by Clerk of the Court H. Stewart Jones:

"Upon the written request of the Governor, it is ordered that a special term of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia be held at Richmond on Tuesday, the 31st day of July, 1906, and from day to day thereafter until the business before the court shall have been dispatched, for the hearing and trial of the case arising upon the application of Joseph Button for a writ of mandamus against the State Corporation Commission, and for the transaction of any other business which may be brought before the court at such special term.

"Given under my hand this 23d day of July, 1906.

"JAMES KEITH,

"President Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia."

Lewis's Sentence Commuted.

Governor Swanson yesterday took under advisement the petition for commutation of sentence of the trial judge and nine jurors in the case of Robert Lewis, colored, who was tried and sentenced to the death penalty for the murder of a negro, Gilmore White, near Covington, Va. The Governor commuted the sentence to life imprisonment, and so announced his decision.

The trouble between Lewis and White was the outcome of a difficulty at a negro dance though, it is said there had been some misunderstanding before, when the latter had threatened to kill Lewis.

Bowling Green Unveiling.

Governor Swanson will go to-day to Bowling Green, where he will deliver an address at the unveiling of the Confederate monument at that place. Other speakers will be Mr. Joseph Bryan and Captain Robert E. Lee.

It will be a historic day in old Caroline, and there is expected to be present one of the largest crowds that was ever seen on a like occasion. The day's programme will be rounded out with a big dinner, to which the thousands will sit down in a hearty and contented enjoyment.

BOY, SHOT BY BROTHER, DIES IN HOSPITAL HERE

Willie Pegram, the thirteen-year-old boy who was accidentally shot by his brother at Wakefield, Va., Monday, died at the Memorial Hospital yesterday morning. Loss of blood, more than anything else, is said to have been the cause of death. Upon operating Dr. Horsley found a great quantity of blood, and says that the case was practically hopeless from the first.

Miss C. M. Moore Leaves.

Miss Clyde M. Moore, of Wilson N. C., who has been spending several weeks visiting her friends in Richmond, has gone to Petersburg, where she will visit her friend, Miss May Taylor.

Miss Moore is the daughter of Dr. Charles Moore, of Wilson, where he occupies a prominent position in both the social and business world.

Studying Road-Making.

State Highways Commissioner P. St. J. Wilson is visiting Roads Engineer Shirley, of Baltimore county, Md., where he is inspecting the roads of that county and receiving the benefit of Mr. Shirley's experience in the art of road-making and improvement.

Mr. Wilson has learned that there are about 51,800 miles of roadway in the State and that about 1,600 have been improved.

Westbrook Right of Way.

Hearing was begun before the Henrico Circuit Court yesterday in the condemnation proceedings brought by the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway Company against Miss Minnie E. Young.

Mr. Frank Sutton, a real estate agent, said that if the railroad runs over the narrow strip of land it wishes condemned, the rest of the property would be damaged from 25 to 33 per cent, as residence property. The land involved is the Westbrook tract and the railroad wishes to have the part it wants appraised and its sale compelled. The Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Company was represented by Mr. E. Randolph Williams. Mr. C. V. Meredith represented the defendant. The case was continued.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The Cetral Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Broad Street Methodist Church. The casting up of accounts for the recent entertainments will be made.