

WARNER'S CHARGE IS SENSATIONAL

Pension Commissioner Alleges His Stepmother is a Negress.

FACT IS NOT MATERIAL ONE

It Was Made in Connection With a Suit to Break Will.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25.—Washington is agog over the course of Hon. Vespasian Warner, Commissioner of Pensions, who has sworn that his stepmother is a negress, and that his stepfather, prominent society woman, has the taint of negro blood in their veins.

Commissioner Warner is suing for a fortune left by his father, John Warner. It seems that the father was married a second time about thirty years ago. Just prior to his death years ago, he entered into an agreement with his wife, under the terms of which she was to receive the sum of \$10,000, and an annuity of \$500 on his death, in lieu of her dower. He died about a year ago, leaving an estate valued at \$155,000, and the widow promptly sued to get the will, and asked that she be allowed her third of the estate.

Her children opposed the suit, and in the course of a deposition filed, Commissioner Warner makes the charge that the widow is a negress, and that much of her property is in the hands of negroes. Mr. Warner further alleges that his father was imposed upon and that he did not know his bride was a negress when they were married. It is not stated whether she ever confessed to him, but depositions of several negroes supporting the charge of negro blood in the veins of Mrs. Warner are also submitted.

MAY COMMUTE HAU'S SENTENCE

Grand Duke, Opposed to Death Penalty, May Make Fate Imprisonment.

BERLIN, July 25.—It is known that the Grand Duke of Baden is strongly opposed to death penalty, consequently it is believed that he will commute the death sentence imposed by the court at Karlsruhe upon Karl Hau for the murder of his wife's mother, to imprisonment for life.

POTSDAM, GERMANY, July 25.—The magistrates have investigated the killing of a woman near this city last Wednesday by Emil Simon, of New York, while driving an automobile, and have decided that Simon must remain in prison to await trial.

Simon, according to the Dresden newspapers, made an attempt to escape after the accident, and was arrested in Dresden. He will be brought here under a warrant.

CAMPAIGN CLOSES TO-DAY

Effort of Central Y. M. C. A. to Raise a Hundred Members Nearly Over.

This is the last day of the hot weather campaign for one hundred members being waged by the Young Men's Christian Association, and at least thirty must be landed before 7 o'clock to-night if the venture is a success. Work will be out all day, two by two, and endeavor to bring the thing to pass. It is a novel thing trying to secure members during the hot season, but Richmond can do what other cities will not undertake.

One of the new members secured in the last campaign declares that he will pay ten dollars a year for what is worth at least fifty dollars, and he expressed the hope that many of the association members, especially those who use the baths these hot days.

COLLEGE BILL CUT DOWN

Water Rental Reduced When Error in Statement Was Found.

At the meeting of the Water Committee last night a letter was received from Secretary Ryland, of Richmond College, complaining about the amount of the water bill submitted since the college closed for the season. The original bill was for \$65.00, Superintendent Bolling explained that it was due to an error in fixing the method of charging, and it was reduced to \$24.65.

Threatened to Kill Her

Robert Jones threatened yesterday to kill Sarah, of the Jones family. Sarah was afraid that John might carry out his intention, and she had him arrested.

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The Pills Have Cured the Disease in Almost Every Form and Even in Advanced Stages.

Rheumatism is a painful inflammation of the muscles or of the coverings of the joints, and is sometimes accompanied by swelling. The pain is sharp shooting and does not confine itself to any part of the body, but after settling in one joint or muscle for a time, leaves it and passes on to another. The most dangerous tendency of the disease is to attack the heart. External applications may give relief from pain for a time, but the disease cannot be cured until the blood is purified. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best medicine for this purpose as their action is directly on the blood, making it rich and abundant. When the blood is pure there can be no rheumatism.

Mrs. Ellen A. Russell, of South Goff Street, Auburn, Me., says: "I had been sick for fifteen years from impure blood, brought on by overwork. My heart was weak and my hands colorless. I was troubled with indigestion and vomiting spells, which came on every few months. I had no appetite and lost my weight and strength, falling down when at my work. I frequently felt numb all over. My head ached continuously for five years.

"About two years ago I began to feel rheumatism in my joints, which became so lame I could hardly walk. My joints were swollen and pained me terribly. "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were recommended to me by a friend, after I had failed to get well from the doctor's pills. When I began taking the pills, the rheumatism was at its worst. I had taken only a few boxes when the headaches stopped and not long afterward I felt the pain in my joints becoming less and less, until there was none at all. The stiffness was gone and I have never had any return of the rheumatism."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have cured such diseases as nervous and general debility, indigestion, nervous headache, neuritis and even partial paralysis and motor ataxia. As a tonic for the blood and nerves they are unequalled.

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WINGFIELD CALLED BY THE GRAND JURY

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termed to push the inquiry to the bitter end. The members are but men, who can ill afford to neglect their own affairs every day, and they are anxious to strike promptly when all information is in hand. The persistent of guarantee that there will be no whitewashing if there is evidence to convict.

Excellent Jury

On the jury are three members of the City Council. President Peters, of the Common Council, has been taking an active part in the examination of witnesses, and the same is true of Aldermen Satterfield and Reynolds. The representatives of the people and the city government are not disposed to make light of the matter, and the public has the utmost confidence in the jury, taken individually and as a whole.

The investigation is being conducted under the common law. There is a statutory law to guide the inquirers, but it was brought out yesterday that this hearing will doubtless result in the passage of a law by the next Legislature to specifically govern such cases, especially where it is charged or shown that there is a combination to affect the price of commodities. It is stated by lawyers, however, that the present law is ample to convict should the facts justify it.

Judge Witt is not disposed to hurry the grand jury. He believes, however, that it is one of grave importance, and, like the grand jury, is anxious to have every witness examined. For this and other reasons, the inquiry has hardly reached the most interesting or sensational stage.

NEGRO DAY AT EXPOSITION

Giles Jackson Asks White People to Help to Make Occasion a Success.

There is a special mass-meeting called for to-night at the colored Y. M. C. A. by the business negroes of the city to determine whether the negro race shall have a "Negro Day" at Jamestown on the 6th of next month.

Giles Jackson, the director-general of the negro department, gave out a statement last night at his hotel here, in which he said: "We are making every effort to make the 'Negro Day' at Jamestown a success of the white people last week. I am now on my way to Washington, where I will meet committees from various States, and we will arrange for excursions from every point to the exposition on that day."

Giles Jackson said that the assistance of the white people is necessary to make the day a success. If the negroes decide to pull out of the event, he believes, he will be the orator of the day. For this occasion plans are already effective, as there have been an important number of the jungles of Africa to Jamestown for the occasion.

The date for the "Negro Day" at Jamestown has been changed to August 3d. The Municipal Band, the leading colored musical organization in the State, will furnish the concert music to be heard by the negro singers will sing. Maggie L. Walker is expected to make an address there.

CITY TO CONDEMN LAND

Enlargement and Improvement of Gas Plant Calls for More Real Estate.

Notice has been served on the Southern Railway and Armature Manufacturing Company and property-owners residing nearby that on September 20th the city of Richmond will apply to the Huston Court for the appointment of commission to condemn land at the gas plant for improvement and management of the works. The notice was drawn and signed by City Attorney Pollard.

SMASH FRONT WHEEL OF NEW AUTO PATROL

The new automobile patrol has caused and suffered several minor accidents, but the machine came to grief in real earnest yesterday afternoon, when Henry and Grace Streets, where, in some way, the left front wheel was smashed, and several spokes in a rear wheel and the muffler broken.

Work on the machine for some hours failed to locate the cause, and it was finally taken to Blenner's garage for repairs. A day or so ago the machine ran into a buggy and turned it over, and on another day it was run into a cart and smashed one of the lamps.

STOLE PIGEONS

John Chambers Charged With Taking Eight of the Birds.

John Chambers was arrested so it was charged, last night, the house of W. A. Smith and stole therefrom eight pigeons, enough to make a fine squab dinner. He was arrested, but was not given the chance of making pigeon pie. The birds were valued by the owner at a dollar apiece.

LONG CHASE FOR CHICKEN THIEF

Irving Taliadro Gives Grove Avenue Crowd a Merry Run.

HENS GIVE THE ALARM Makes Second Dash for Liberty, But is Caught Again.

Irving Taliadro, black as the pit of Tartarus, skinny as a barked sapling and as crooked as a country fence from all accounts, who doesn't know his age, cares little about his ancestry, and possesses a devil-may-care attitude toward the world, has the fatal frailty of his race deeply imbedded in his heart. In short, he is a chicken-stealer, and follows up his untidy chicken-stealing habit, that was the cause of his downfall last night, when he gave near a hundred people the merriest and the hardest chase they had ever had.

Irving, with the stealth of one of Nick Carter's bold burglars, was in the hen-house of Mrs. John Lindsey on Grove Avenue, feeling round for a pair of legs—chicken legs. The light was dim, and the boy failed to see an obstacle that lay in his path. Over it he fell headlong, waking up the chickens, and a few chickens waked up the neighborhood. Hens squawked and cocks crew.

Every chicken took up the alarm, and rescue came forthwith. Mr. Lindsey and his boys heard the racket, and Mr. Joseph Branch, living just across the street, started in pursuit, and the crowd gathered with every square, as a snowball gathers more snow going down hill. Down towards Cary Street the negro fled, with the growing crowd close upon his heels. Panting almost breathless, he reached Cary Street, and then headed towards the Reservoir. "Stop, thief! Stop, thief!" was dinned in his ears; but the tumult and the noise of the excited throng only added terror to the boy's heart and fleetness to his feet.

A Red-Hot Chase. Everybody turned out to join in the chase, and the rumor was spread about that a riot was in progress on Meadow Street, and that all the police department had been called out. It was only a chicken thief, but he was so young in pursuit that the fun they wanted. It was a hundred to one, and as fresh pursuers took up the cry the little negro saw that the end was near. He made toward an open field, and there they caught him, the breath coming from his lungs in great, dry gasps, and the crowd pouring from his body in streams.

Out in the field an old negro woman, Rachel Woodson, ran up to the crowd, thinking it was her boy that had been nabbed. She became a little turbulent, and though it was not her son, she, too, was placed under arrest. Mr. Branch took the woman in charge, and turned the boy over to his brother-in-law. When the procession reached Grove Avenue again, the boy made a second dash for liberty. Wrenching himself free from his captor, he started down the street in full flight. But he was already badly wounded, and it was but tempting fate. He was caught again within a square and a half, and then he was turned over to Policeman Pillow. The patrol wagon came for them, and the two were driven to the Second Police Station. There the old woman, weeping, besought them to let her go. She stated that she was a cook for Mr. Rosengale. She had just wanted to see if the boy was her son; but she had to be locked up, for the police, though they might have wished to, could not let her go. Sobbing and in tears, she was led to the cell.

As is customary, the boy, before he was locked up, was asked his age. "Dunno, sir," was his calm response. Then he was led back to the cell, without a feather for his pains.

SECOND GOLF MATCH SET FOR SATURDAY

The Hermitage and Lakeside Teams Will Meet to Battle for Honors.

The second match of the series between the Lakeside and Hermitage Golf Clubs will be played on Saturday, 27th July, and a close game is anticipated. The first game was won by the Hermitage players, but the Lakeside men hope to change that result on Saturday.

A handsome trophy, which is to become the property of the winning club, has been greatly admired by all, and as both clubs are more than anxious to possess it, great interest is being taken in the contest.

Cars will be running over the new Ashland line on Saturday, making the trip to Lakeside in twenty minutes, so players will have the choice of two routes.

The following players for Saturday's game have been matched up as follows: Lakeside, H. K. Ellyson vs. H. S. Jones. F. J. D. Mackay (Capt.) vs. G. Harrison. Dr. William Fleming vs. E. T. Orgain. G. Gray vs. C. L. Kirk. M. M. Binford vs. John B. Orgain. P. Cladot vs. George H. Keesee. W. W. Long vs. John B. Young. O. B. Hill vs. M. M. Marlin. L. J. Jones vs. Thomas Bolling. M. C. McKnight vs. John B. Young. R. L. Powers vs. John B. Young. W. Johnston vs. C. E. Borden. D. Macdonald vs. J. P. Learey. C. H. Guy vs. John B. Young. E. M. Pilcher vs. D. M. Blair. L. Antrim vs. Jackson Guy. Then, Ellyson vs. Dr. W. S. Campbell. N. L. Sills vs. A. Antrim.

MYSTERY OF MORRIS'S DEATH

Coroner's Jury Unable to Solve It—Was Killed by Street Car.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., July 25.—A coroner's jury today failed to solve a mystery surrounding the death of George W. Morris, the eighteen-year-old boy, who was killed by Hampton car between this city and Newport News about midnight last night. Morris was run over and decapitated by a car full of passengers on the Buckroe Beach trolley. The coroner states that he did not see the body until after he struck it. The head was cut entirely off and the body was bruised or mangled, and it seems apparent that the young man was lying on the track before the car approached. It was first thought that the boy had been robbed and his body put on the track, but the finding of a handsome gold watch in his pocket caused the authorities to drop that theory. The officers are inclined to believe that Morris was either drunk or crawled on the track with the deliberate intention of committing suicide. Morris left the home of his brother-in-law here a week ago Monday at the station by a delegation from Naomi Lodge, and was not seen alive again.

PYTHIANS HAVE ENJOYABLE TIME

Richmonders Visit Petersburg and Are Most Cordially Received.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, Va., July 25.—Pythian Hall was gay to-night at the regular meeting of Naomi Lodge, of this city, the special feature being an official visit from Grand Chancellor John H. Dickson, accompanied by forty Richmond Pythians, who came over on a special electric car and were met at the station by a delegation from Naomi Lodge, marching up Sycamore Street in double column, and making the welkin ring with cheers and songs. A large number of members of Naomi Lodge and many guests from Bureka Lodge gave the visitors a warm welcome, and the Grand Chancellor, Dickson, Supreme Representative David C. Richardson and others, many members of Naomi Lodge, were present at to-night's meeting.

HAYWOOD CASE TO JURY TO-NIGHT

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the strong note of abuse of Orchard and condemnation for the Pinkertons. Extreme harshness at first interfered somewhat with the speaker's flights of oratory, but a liberal use of innuendoes effected some relief, and by the time Mr. Darrow reached the labor troubles in Colorado he threw all restraint aside, and, in spite of a rambling from the court, he rose to even greater heights than yesterday in his assault on the existing order, past and present. He would speak, he said, upon the subject of deportations and await the instructions to the jury later.

Defends Missing Witness. Mr. Darrow defended the action of Jack Simpkins in disappearing. He argued to the jury that at the time of Steinberg's death no man named Simpkins reached the labor troubles in Colorado. He argued that Simpkins for remaining in hiding during the present trial, and brought a bold accusation against the jury he was addressing, when he said: "Possibly a year hence every man who has not been hanged can get a fair trial in Boise."

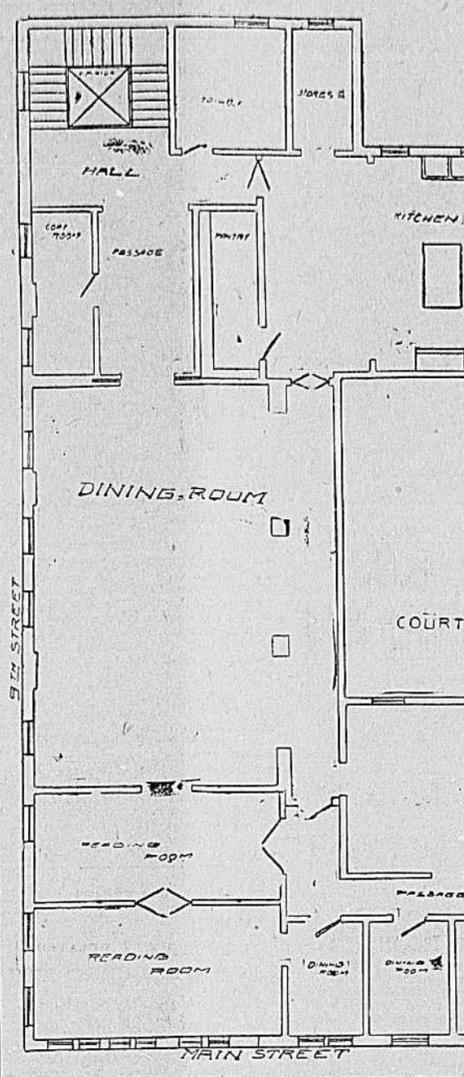
He explained the action of the Western Federation of Miners in rejecting Simpkins a member of the executive board, on the ground that an "unlucky man and brother" was should stand by him until he is tried and convicted.

PROSTRATED BY HEAT

J. W. Davis Gives Way While At Work.

J. W. Davis, an employe of the Bristow & Moore wagon factory, at No. 140 East Franklin Street, became prostrated with the heat yesterday afternoon while at work. Davis was pretty sick for a short time. He was attended by Dr. Woodson, of the ambulance corps, who later took the ill man to his home, No. 251 East Marshall Street.

BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB



FURNISHINGS ARE ALL PURCHASED, AND CLUB WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Floor plans of the new home of the Business Men's Club of Richmond is shown above. The clubhouse will be on the top floor of the Bank of Richmond building, at the corner of Ninth and Main Streets, and work is progressing rapidly in making the necessary changes to conform with the above design.

The entrance to the fourth floor, and a high-speed elevator carries one to the building some time in August, and the club hopes to be fully established in its new quarters by the first of September. Contracts have been let for all furnishings, including rugs, dining-room, kitchen and office furniture, all of which has been bought from local firms, and much of which is ready for delivery.

the secretary of the club, and on the Main Street end are two small private dining-rooms, which may be engaged for small parties. The kitchen arrangements are most complete, and include ample pantries and a freight elevator reaching to the alley behind the building, from which supplies may be loaded. Abundant toilet arrangements are provided, and altogether the appearance of the club is most attractive. It is thought that the contractor will complete his work on the building some time in August, and the club hopes to be fully established in its new quarters by the first of September. Contracts have been let for all furnishings, including rugs, dining-room, kitchen and office furniture, all of which has been bought from local firms, and much of which is ready for delivery.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BELL

Missouri Paper Makes Editorial Mention of Death of Richmond Woman.

The St. Louis Missouri Democrat, of St. Louis, Mo., under date of July 19th, has an extended notice of the death of Mrs. Madeline L. Bell, who died at 2521 West 5th Street, Richmond, Va., on July 5th. The obituary from the Times-Dispatch is quoted, and the editor goes on to pay a high tribute to Mrs. Bell, who was a daughter of a distinguished Missourian, General I. P. Owen. Mrs. Bell was a cultured and refined lady, and had many friends in Virginia, as well as in Missouri.

WILL EXY MONDAY

First Check Received for Jamestown Encampment by Company C.

Captain Charles M. Wallace has received the checks from the United States disbursing officer for the War Department for the payment of Company C, Seventh Regiment, Military Institute camp at the battle of Gettysburg, Monday night at their next regular drill. This is the first of the company checks to be received.

LOUSE IS IMPROVING

Little Girl Hurt in Explosion is Getting Better.

Little Louise Kahn, who was badly injured in the explosion of a dynamite cap on Tuesday afternoon, is getting better every day. She is still in the hospital, but is able to sit up in bed. The doctors are optimistic about her recovery.

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF THE SOUTHWEST

Captain Thomas W. White.

Captain White, of Washington county, died suddenly July 23d, aged sixty years. He was a son of Colonel W. G. White, one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Southwest Virginia. He was with the Virginia Infantry in the battle of New Market, where he was severely wounded in the hip by a fragment of a shell, and famed for gallantry by Colonel Shipp.

DIED IN PULASKI

Brother of Well-Known Richmond Clergyman Died Yesterday.

Mr. John P. Stuart died at his home in Pulaski, Va., yesterday. He was a brother of the Rev. Charles E. Stuart, pastor of the Baptist Church of this city. Rev. Mr. Stuart was advised on Monday of the serious condition of his brother, and left for Pulaski on Monday night for the funeral arrangements to be known here.

OBITUARY

John E. Whittaker. Mr. John E. Whittaker died at 9:45 P. M. yesterday at his residence, No. 147 East Main Street, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Miss Lella J. Nunnally. Miss Lella J. Nunnally died yesterday at a terminus at 6 o'clock at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Amanda S. Nunnally, No. 217 East Clay Street, in the fifty-third year of her age.

Mrs. Mary E. Saunders died Wednesday night at the residence of her son-in-law, Joseph E. Saunders, No. 924 West

MACHINERS CATERING TO THE PEOPLE. Fancy White Eton Suits Half Price. \$2.98 White Separate Etons, baby Irish trimmings, selling now for \$1.50. \$5.00 fancy trimmed linen Etons now \$2.50. \$6.48 and \$5.00 fancy trimmed White Linen Pony Coats and Etons, now \$3.50. Last Cut in Robes. \$10.00 and \$15.00 White Dress Patterns, in fine lawn, handsomely trimmed, every thing ready for making. Special now \$5.00. \$20.00 Fancy Robe Patterns, in linen and batiste, now \$7.50.

ANXIETY FOLLOWS RECENT ROBBERIES

Negro Woman Sees White Man in House on Shaffer Street.

Following the many robberies recently reported in the West End, and Second Police Station has been besieged nightly with calls from terrified women and anxious men who fancy they see all sorts of suspicious characters and night hawk's skulking in the neighborhood of their premises. Wednesday night the station was kept unusually busy. Sergeant Stokes was on the telephone nearly every fifteen minutes replying to the requests that an investigation be made. The officers got the same thing was observed last night, though in less degree.

A negro woman reported to Policeman Louis Hulcher that she saw a white man at a window in the house at No. 215 Shaffer Street. She described him minutely, and the officer immediately investigated. He found all calm and serene. The house is vacant.

With every crackling of the roof from the intense heat, and with every noise made by the wind banging a shutter against the house, a heart wakes up in dread. Someone is certainly in the house, and anxious men and women will not be comforted until the police are called. The officers go to the place, and find no one there, and the window made no humming noise. But people are tense with anxiety, nevertheless.

SHACKLEFORDS, VA., JULY 24

Mr. William Schuyler Roane, a Confederate veteran, and probably the oldest person in this county, died at his home in the lower end of King and Queen county to-day, in his eighty-ninth year.

For several years past Mr. Roane had been a great sufferer. Previous to his sickness he was a man of much energy, and had accumulated considerable property. He leaves six children, Mrs. Sue Broadus, Mrs. Thomas Bowden, Mrs. Charles Roane, R. L. Roane, A. T. Roane, and John R. Roane. Funeral Thursday.

Mrs. J. J. Pound

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LURAY, Va., July 25.—Mrs. J. J. Pound, aged about seventy, died at her home near Rileville, this county, at an early hour this morning. Mrs. Pound before her marriage was a Miss Menefee, a member of one of the old families in the Valley of Virginia. Her death was due to infirmities incident to old age.

DEATHS

LURAY, Va., July 25.—J. W. Coverstone, a well known citizen of Shenandoah county, and one of the oldest Masons in the State, died at his home in that place yesterday.

NUNNALLY.—Died Thursday evening, July 25, 1907, at 6 o'clock, at the residence of her mother, 217 East Clay Street, Miss LELLA J. NUNNALLY, in the fifty-third year of her age. Funeral notice later.

WHITTAKER.—Departed this life July 25, 1907, at 9:45 o'clock P. M. at his residence, 147 East Main Street, Mr. JOHN E. WHITTAKER, in the sixty-fourth year of his age. Funeral notice later.

One precious to our hearts was gone; The voice we love is still; The place made vacant in our home Never can be filled.

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