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Miller & Rhoads

To-Day we Crowd a Whole Day's Business into a Half-Day

Employees' half holiday, and we're offering irresistible bargain attractions which will bring early morning buyers; allowing us to do a whole day's work in half the time.

Broken Lines of Corsets Reduced

We've discontinued carrying a full line of several numbers of the celebrated C. B., W. B. and Thompson's Glove-Fitting Corsets. Not a thing in the world the matter with the Corsets, but we're carrying other numbers now instead of these, so we close the remaining sizes out at a reduction. No small sizes in the lot—that is, nothing smaller than size 24. These Corsets are in the long or short hip styles—some with high and others with low busts—all white—sizes from 24 to 30, and they were regularly $1.50 and $2.00. This morning we'll sell them at.. **$1.00**

Does Your Boy Need a Suit?

We've a lot of those Natty Wool Crash Suits for boys 8 to 16 years old. They have been selling at $2.75 a suit. We're going to give you the opportunity this morning of fitting him out at a much less price. These Suits are the serviceable gray with a broken plaid. You can't hurt them by washing them—the boy can't hurt them by hard wearing. They're absolutely as near wear-proof as a woolen fabric can be made for boys' wear. Our special price this morning **$1.89**

Lace Yokes at Half Price

Our buyer for the Ladies' Neckwear Department expressed us a special purchase of Sample Lace Yokes, bought at 50 cents on the dollar, and they're ready for you at the same rate. $2.75 Yokes for $1.39; $1.50 Yokes for 75c, and a splendid line of the Solid White Lace Yokes of the regular dollar sorts at 50c.

You Can Get a $2.00 Hand Bag for $1 To-Day

Really these Bags look as good as some of the $3.00 ones we've seen. Just a special "pick up" of new style fall Hand Bags which our leather goods buyer sent in from New York. They've just reached us, and you can get your pick of the lot. Made of feal leather, seal grain and walrus grain leather in the new fall shapes, with strap handles or single handles. These Bags are sold in most stores at $1.50 and $2.00, for some of them are lined with leather; others lined with moire. They come in tan and black with brass or oxidized trimmings. To-day's price, $1.00.

DrawnWorkCentrePieces

This morning we are going to place on sale in our Art Department a lot of 59c and 69c Drawn Work Centrepieces, in fancy designs—all hemstitched. With them are a few Scarfs, which will go at the same price. Splendid values at their former prices, but this morning they'll go at 50c.

Any of these pieces will be stamped FREE OF CHARGE.

SHARP FIGHT OVER RULES OF COUNCIL

New Body May Refuse to Bind Itself Before Organization Is Perfected.

WANT STREET PLAN CHANGED

Distribution of Ward Funds Unending Source of Complaint.

In the first few moments of organizing the new City Council there promises to be a fight which will in many respects settle the alignment of the various factions in control of the municipal situation. The contest will come over the adoption of the rules for the Council, when a strong effort will be made to substitute the newly prepared regulations for those now in effect. The real meat of the situation lies in the composition of the Street Committee and the distribution of street funds by wards, there being strong opposition both within and without the Council to the course which has long been followed.

Some months ago the present Council, dissatisfied with the handling of the street funds and with other conditions which prevailed, appointed a committee to revise the rules of the Council, and this body has diligently worked over the whole schedule. Many of its recommendations met with general approval, while others are opposed on various grounds, and the opposition was able to muster a sufficient vote to have the new rules tabled when they were offered in the Council.

The ground given at the time was that it was not proper for this Council to adopt rules in its closing hours which would bind the incoming body.

Must Adopt Them Early.

Unless the new rules are adopted in the opening minutes of the new Council, however, they will be slow to effect their purpose, since the committees will have been appointed for the coming two years. The present rules call for a street committee composed of fourteen members, one Councilman and one Alderman from each ward. These two compose a ward delegation, which practically has the spending of the amount apportioned for street improvement in that ward. In order to obviate this ward system, the Committee on Rules proposed a general Street Committee, composed, like the other committees of the Council, of five Aldermen and six Councilmen, appointed by the presidents of the respective bodies from the membership at large.

Whatever action is taken by the incoming Council at its opening meeting as to the adoption of rules will put the body squarely on record as to the ward distribution of street funds.

Annexed Territory Plans.

Another proposed change in the rules to which some members will certainly object, and on which opinion within and without the Council is divided, is the making permanent of the Committee on the Apportionment of Funds in the Annexed Territory, thus making of the new territory practically another ward of the city and giving the committee in charge authority to apportion its funds not only for streets, sewers and general improvements, but for schools, fire protection, water and lights as well. Residents and taxpayers of the annexed territory have raised the point that if this system is to be put into effect with general funds, as well as with the bond issue made under legislative enactment, they should have the opportunity of voting directly on the membership of the committee, thus making that committee in effect the council of a separate township, composed only of the annexed territory.

May Split Committee.

Other important changes in the proposed rules are that no member may serve as chairman of more than one standing committee, nor can a member sit on both the Street and Finance Committees.

President Peters, of the lower branch, has stated to friends that in any case he did not propose to appoint members of the Common Council to both the Street and the Finance Committees.

Opinion seems to be divided on a provision of the new rules dividing the Committee on Grounds and Buildings into two sections, giving the care of parks to one and of public buildings to the other. The necessity for this division has not been stated, especially as the committee has not complained of overwork.

WANT BIG VOTE FOR BRYAN IN VIRGINIA

Democratic Clubs to Be Organized in Every County of the State.

SURE OF ROUSING MAJORITY

Secretary Brenaman Preparing to Begin Work in Absence of Chairman Ellyson.

Although Chairman Ellyson is still abroad and will probably not return here until about September 1st, the work of organization has already begun within the Democratic ranks for Bryan and Kern.

Secretary J. N. Brenaman is in receipt of urgent letters from the committee on suborganization of the Democratic National Committee, asking that the work of forming clubs be pressed vigorously, so that there may be a complete organization in each county and city by September 15th.

The call which is signed by Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and John W. Tomlinson, chairman of the committee on club organization, is in part as follows:

"All organizations in sympathy are expected to assist actively in this work. The chairman of the Democratic State committee in each State is requested to have each county and precinct committeeman organize a campaign club in each precinct on or before the 15th day of September, and to call meetings immediately for that purpose. All existing organizations should meet at once and appoint campaign committees.

"The names and addresses of all campaign organizations, their officers and committeemen should be sent to John W. Tomlinson, chairman committee on club organization, Democratic national headquarters, Chicago, Ill., so that certificates of enrolment, literature, etc., may be sent. No special form of organization or bylaws necessary."

Wants Full Vote in Virginia.

The letter from Chairman Tomlinson to Mr. Brenaman, inclosing the instructions, follows:

The committee has outlined a plan set forth in the inclosed call for club organizations.

It is important that this plan of organization be immediately carried out in every State.

It is suggested that you request your county and precinct committeemen to call meetings immediately for the organization of clubs.

Please note that the committee's plan is to have all clubs organized by September 15th.

For reference we would like you to send us the names and addresses of all county chairmen in your State.

We send by separate cover 100 copies of call for club organization.

P. S.—While we feel sure your State will go Democratic, we hope you will get out a full vote, so that we may have a majority of the popular vote as well as the electoral, and club organization is necessary to do this.

Mr. Brenaman requests that all clubs organizing will notify State headquarters at Richmond promptly, after having communicated with the national headquarters at Chicago on the subject.

See Our Window

if you want to get an idea of the Suits we are now selling at **Eleven Sixty-Five**—they are regular $18.00, $20.00 and $22.50 Suits reduced in prices for quick clearance before inventory.

Straw Hats up to $2.50 **now 95 cents.**

Gans-Rady Company

MAMMY GRIFFIN GOES TO REWARD

Body of Faithful Servant Lay in State at Eleanor Elliott Home.

"Mammy" Emanda Griffin, who for years had been in charge of the first ward in the Eleanor Elliott Home, died at 8:10 o'clock Tuesday night, and yesterday her body lay in state in the front parlors of the institution, where she had labored so long and so well. She had been honored and revered in her life, and there was not wanting respect for her after she had gone to her well-earned reward.

"Mammy" Griffin was sixty years old. When a slave she belonged to the Rev. Henry Duntley, who lived at Halifax Courthouse. Mrs. Duntley helped nurse the old slave in her last hours, and Mrs. L. O. Wendenburg, who had cherished a liking for the servant, was also present to help and to keep watch over the body.

She was loved by all connected with the institution, and even the little babies she nursed always greeted her with their baby smiles. In the past two years she had nursed more than 200 infants, and she always did her work with a faithfulness and efficiency that set a good example for the others in the house.

The funeral will take place from the home at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

NEW SALOON FOR BROAD

Hutzler's Old Place to Be Opened Under Another Regime.

Building Inspector Beck issued a permit yesterday to Mrs. M. C. Anderson, guardian of James W. Allison, Jr., to repair the brick store and dwelling at No. 608 East Broad Street, formerly occupied by Charles D. Hutzler as a saloon. The building will be refitted and refurnished, including a new front, and will be occupied by O. A. Flournoy, proprietor of Doyle's saloon, former occupants of the building at Seventh and Broad Streets, which was torn down recently. Objection was raised to the renewal of the license to the Doyle establishment on account of its location, and the proprietors agreed to remove from the corner of Seventh Street. The Thompson Liquor Company, which occupied the opposite corner of Seventh and Broad Streets, will move to a new one-story store to be erected on the site of the old Custalo house, at No. 702 East Broad Street, as soon as the building can be completed.

Another permit issued yesterday was to Mrs. F. L. Gary to erect a frame tenement, two dwellings, at Nos. 919 and 921 North Twenty-seventh Street, to cost $2,900.

ROBBED POST-OFFICE

Naylor Brown, Wanted in Charlotte County, Arrested Here.

Naylor Brown (colored) was arrested yesterday by Policeman Clarke on a charge of being a fugitive from justice from Charlotte county, where he is wanted for robbing the post-office and a grocery store.

Brown was recognized here several weeks ago, but as there was no warrant for his arrest he was allowed to get away. The warrant came afterwards, and on his second appearance in the city he was arrested. Upon being closely questioned by Clarke the negro broke down and confessed to the burglary.

Writ of Error Granted.

In the Supreme Court yesterday a writ of error was granted in the case of J. N. H. Cornell & Company vs. W. I. Steele. The case is from the Circuit Court of Fluvanna county, and involves the performance of a contract between the parties.

SYNOD TO MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

Lutherans May Unite Three Divisions Into One General Body.

Several questions of more than usual importance will arise at the annual meeting of the Lutheran Synods of Virginia, which will be held in the First Evangelical Luthern Church, on Seventh Street, near Grace, beginning Tuesday night, August 25th, and closing the following Sunday night with a sermon at 8 o'clock.

Ministers and delegates from all of the Lutheran churches in the State will attend. The synod will take up the question of founding a female school in one of the towns of the State. It is understood that a strong bid for the new school will be made by the Richmond representation, but many of the members favor some other location. It is probable also that an additional endowment will be made to the college at Marion.

May Unite Synods.

Another matter of interest is the fact that the three synods of Virginia will probably be united. When the division was made it was thought that it would facilitate the management of the affairs of the church.

The conclusion reached now, however, is that by turning the entire State into one synod, the churches may be administered to better advantage.

The week days, except Tuesday, will be occupied with two sermons and two business sessions. The opening sermon will be preached Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., of Strasburg. Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock the communion sermon will be preached by Rev. George S. Bowers, of Winchester. The educational address will be delivered by Rev. W. D. J. Scherer, of Woodstock. Friday evening Rev. Peter Miller, of Rio, W. Va., will preach the ordination sermon.

Sunday, the last day of the convention, the Sunday school rally will be held, and two sermons preached by members of the synod. Many of the city churches of other denominations will be filled by the visiting preachers. Already a number of engagements have been made. The program will not be complete before next Sunday.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

Nine Recruits Added to Company C, Light Infantry Blues.

At the meeting of Company C, Richmond Light Infantry Blues, Tuesday night, the following new members were elected: Herbert S. Ragland, Norfleet S. Smith, William McConnal, James S. Manning, Robert M. De Shields, Lewis H. Gates, Hunter B. Gates, Dr. Julian W. Sloan and A. R. W. Mackreth.

The new men will be drilled every night until the battalion leaves for Boston. Forty members of Company C will make the trip, and there are several doubtful ones still to be heard from. Altogether, Captain Tucker expects to take about fifty men.

Howitzers Elect New Members.

At the regular Tuesday night meeting of the Richmond Howitzers the board on membership made favorable reports on several applications, and the men handed over a half dozen new ones, which the board will take under consideration this week. Captain Myers was unable to be present at the meeting on account of sickness.

DREW GUN ON OFFICER

Negro Hobo Threatened to Shoot, But Later Surrendered.

After appearing before Magistrate Lewis on two warrants, one charging trespass on railroad property and the other carrying a concealed weapon, John H. Williams, a negro hobo, was sent to the Henrico jail, where it seems likely he will remain for some time. When Policeman J. W. Light approached the negro yesterday morning for the purpose of arresting him for trespass he showed fight, drawing a pistol with threats of using it should he be hard pressed. The policeman did not halt, but slezed the negro by the arm and forced him to surrender the weapon.

The magistrate fined Williams $2.50 for trespass and $50 for carrying the weapon, also requiring good behavior security for sixty days. In default he went to jail.

TO SUCCEED KRAUSE

John P. Yeamans Appointed Grand Steward of Grand Lodge.

Mr. John P. Yemans, superintendent of the Masonic Temple, was yesterday appointed grand steward of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to succeed the late William Krause. The position is one of honor, and was sought by many prominent Masons from all parts of the State. Dr. Joseph W. Eggleston, grand master of Masons in Virginia, made the appointment after considering a number of applications.

Mr. Yeamans is a member of Joppa Lodge, No. 40. He is also a member of the Knights Templars, a Shriner and a Royal Arch Mason. His long experience as superintendent of the Temple makes him well-fitted for the position.

SPLIT WIFE'S HAND

Charles Braxton (Colored) Is Sent On to Grand Jury.

Charles, alias George Braxton (colored), called in Police Court yesterday morning to answer to the charge of felonious assault on his wife, Callie, was sent on to the grand jury.

The evidence showed that Braxton, his wife, her two sisters and their daughter, were fighting in a dark room on August 5th. It could not be proved who did the cutting, but suspicion is directed strongly toward Braxton. The woman lost much blood, and medical aid was summoned, her hand was split to the wrist.

AFTER BLACK BASS

Judge Witt Will Spend Vacation Fishing at Nimrod Hall.

Closing what has proved to be a busy summer term of the Hustings Court, Judge Witt adjourned the court yesterday to the first Monday in October. As soon as a few odds and ends have been cleared up and orders signed, the judge will go to Nimrod Hall for his vacation, which will largely be spent in bass fishing, in which sport he is a recognized expert.

DR. QUICK NOT TO LEAVE HIS WORK

Declares That He Will Resist Attempt of V. P. I. Board to Dismiss Him.

Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd, counsel for Dr. W. J. Quick, and Mr. H. M. Smith, a member of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, left for Blacksburg yesterday, where to-morrow Dr. Quick will appeal from the decision of the board dismissing him from the service as head of the bureau of husbandry of that institution.

There are no new developments in the situation here, but it is expected that if the inquiry is gone into, as it probably will be, there will be some sensational developments. Speaker Byrd declared before leaving that, unless Dr. Quick was afforded the relief and protection he is seeking, the force of his fight would be severely felt by the management of the institution. The case is one of peculiar interest, as it may involve far more than the mere dismissal of Dr. Quick.

In a statement yesterday Dr. Quick said that he would not leave the V. P. I., adding that he had been unfairly treated.

MANY APPLICANTS

Position of Deputy Building Inspector Sought by Fifteen Candidates.

Applications for the position of Deputy Building Inspector continue to come in to Inspector Beck every day, fifteen acknowledged candidates being in the field, while others have admitted that they would take the place under pressure. The appointment will not be made until some time next week. Before the passage of the ordinance Mr. Beck said he would prefer for the position a man with a practical knowledge of brick and concrete work.

Among those who have made formal application for the position are R. M. Jones, insurance agent; John H. Ebert, contractor; E. M. Roscher, lawyer; Louis H. Ragland, bricklayer; C. S. Thurston, bricklayer; P. P. Pilcher, mechanical engineer; Philip Kritger, bricklayer; M. J. Moore, engineer; Nelson Powell, contractor; John E. Butler, engineer; Charles H Langford, builder; Daniel Hallihan, constructor; T. D. Davidson, bricklayer; A. L. Hobson, patternmaker, and Henry L. Rhodes, bricklayer. The position pays $1,200 a year.

BLED NEARLY TO DEATH

Rufus Morris Found Dangerously Wounded in Height of Storm.

While the storm was at its highest last night Rufus Morris (colored) was found in a badly wounded state on Seventeenth Street, and was at once conveyed to the First Police Station, where his injuries were attended by Dr. Hoskins, of the city ambulance corps.

The negro did not know who had struck him. He had lain in the downpour for a considerable time before being discovered, and was in imminent danger of bleeding to death. He was intoxicated, which probably saved him long enough for the ambulance surgeon to work on him.

NO FINAL DIAGNOSIS

Health Authorities Not Certain About Smallpox at City Home.

It has not yet been definitely determined whether the case of the woman, Mary Venable, at the colored City Home, is one of smallpox or not, City Medical Inspector Foster said last night he hoped to be able to determine it definitely to-day. "Meanwhile," he continued, "the woman is isolated, and the Board of Health has supplied the home authorities with an abudance of virus. I think every proper precaution is being taken."

Should the case prove to be smallpox the woman will be moved to the city smallpox hospital to-day.

JUDGE INGRAM BACK

Law and Equity Court Will Open September 14th With Big Docket.

After hearing an important murder trial in the Circuit Court of Floyd county, Judge Ingram, of the Law and Equity Court of this City, returned yesterday in fine health and ready for the opening of the next term of the Law and Equity Court on September 14th. Some of the largest cases ever on the docket of this court will be heard, a number of damage suits, ranging in amount from $25,000 to $100,000 being set for a hearing.

Alleged Theft of Wire.

George Mosely (colored) was arrested yesterday morning by Sergeant Kraff and Policeman Duffy on a charge of stealing about thirty pounds of copper wire from the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, by which he had been employed for a number of years. He was locked up in the First Police Station.

TOBACCO EXPERTS EXPECT BIG CROP

Weather Conditions Ideal and No Danger Now of Serious Loss.

According to to the dealers who have been watching the crop since it was planted in the early summer, the tobacco business for this year will be the largest and the most satisfactory that Virginia has seen for the last ten years. As near as can now be calculated, the acreage is about 25 per cent. larger than last year, and if the weather conditions do not change for the worse in the next few weeks the quality will be finer.

Thus far the growing and curing seasons could not have been better. There was just enough rain in the early part of the summer to give the crops a good start, and, though other crops were damaged to some extent by the dry weather, the tobacco had reached the stage where the dry weather could not hurt it.

So far the crop has not been burnt at all. Another thing which had greatly rejoiced the farmer has been the absence of worms. This has been so marked that on few of the farms has it been necessary to go over the leaves for the first time. Primings will begin to appear on the local market about September 1st. The warehouse doors will be opened for regular business by the middle of the month.

TO HOLD BIG MEETING

Colored Baptist Sunday School Convention Begins To-Day.

At 9 o'clock this morning the colored Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet in its forty-ninth annual session in the Second Baptist Church, and according to the statement of Nelson Williams, corresponding secretary, it will be the most largely attended convention held by the colored Sunday schools of the State for many years.

The convention will be presided over by R. T. Hill, president of the organization. The morning session will be devoted to the enrolment of delegates, appointment of committees, the addresses of welcome and other preliminary features, including the election of officers. The visitors will be welcomed by Rev. Z. D. Lewis, pastor of the Second Baptist Church; M. P. Burrell, president of the Richmond Sunday School Union, and Miles B. Jones, superintendent of the Second Baptist Sunday school. The response will be made by J. T. Newsom, of Newport News. Following these speakers, President Hill will deliver the annual address.

CROSS-WARRANTS IN MELON CASE

Owner of Patch, His Son and Employe Charged Now With Felony.

Because of the absence of material witnesses for the Commonwealth, the watermelon case against "Bud" Turner and others was continued yesterday until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. All of the defendants were at the county courthouse to stand trial for the alleged attempt at watermelon stealing, and although the case did not come to trial, the occasion was not entirely devoid of interest to J. W. Barnes, owner of the melon patch, and others at whose instigation the warrants against Turner and his associates were issued. Six cross-warrants were sworn out by Turner and other members of the alleged gang against J. W. Barnes, his son, Edmund Barnes, and Julien Watkins, the negro farmhand, who wielded the shotgun with such telling effect on the night of the encounter. Four of the warrants are for Edmund Barnes, one for his father, and the sixth for the negro Watkins, each one charging felony.

The watermelon escapade has now become so complicated, involving so many persons with grievances to be satisfied, that 'Squire George W. Thomas has called Magistrate Lewis to sit with him at the hearing on Tuesday.

SIGNED BY GUNST

Acting Mayor Approves Final Appropriation for Settling Basin.

Acting Mayor Gunst returned to City Clerk Ben T. August with his approval yesterday the resolution appropriating $6,341 for the completion of the settling basin flume. By its terms the Committee on Water is directed to negotiate a final settlement with the contractors for the settling basin accounts, but not to make payment of the 10 per cent. of the flume contract reserved because of failure to deliver the work on time, until such payment has been authorized by the Council. Members of the Committee on Water state that the contract with the Crouse Construction Company for the flume provided that the payment was to be made subject to the approval of the Committee on Water, and that since the contract has been entered into it would not be fair to the contractor to add the extra provision requiring the approval of both branches of the Council before making the final settlement.

Bring Johnson Back.

Governor Swanson has issued a requisition on the Governor of Pennsylvania for Samuel Johnson, who is wanted in Accomac county for murder. The man is now under detention in Philadelphia, and a Virginia agent has gone there to bring him back for trial.

DRUNKARDS WEEP AS NAMES ARE POSTED IN SALOONS

No More Foaming or Sparkling Stuff for Habitual Soaks Whose Shoulders Droop From Hanging Long Over the Bar---Blacklist Goes Up To-day.

Weep no more for Colonel W. H. W. Holmes, late of the English army and veteran of the Civil War, or for Vagabond Jones or Slew-Footed Smith, for tears will but be sapped up in desert sand, and hogsheads of the briny drops will not bring even one more drink to the parching tongues and blistering throats of those who have so long been used to looking upon the wine when it is red and quenched their undying thirst with foaming lager. The day of the toper is done, and the darkness that settles over far-away Gobi shrouds the drunk in impenetrable gloom. Wherefore weep no more, for all man's tears are in vain. Take things calmly and await the day when, after Charon has steered his passengers across the silent Styx, a diviner nectar than that manufactured in Milwaukee may be quaffed by famished lips.

Major Werner, that stern and strong right arm of the law, the terror of evildoers and the admiration of the law-abiding, has upon his desk forms upon which shall be inscribed the names of all those who stick too long to the uneasy and rickety vehicle steered by Mr. Booze.

Whenever these stray ones may wander into their former cool retreats and long-loved haunts, they will be met with a placard, which shall say: "Sell no drink to Slew-Footed Smith, on pain of a heavy fine." Then Smith will tear his hair and gnash his teeth. The imperturbable barkeeper will say to him: "Hence, man; thou shalt never more drink across my bar. Hie thee to the cooling Shockoe or the turbid James, and there quench that thirst which wraps thee round like a coil of stinging vipers." And the man will go forth upon the dry streets and bemoan the day when his eyes first gazed upon the noonday sun.

Whenever a sad-eyed wife, a pleading mother or a piteous child goes to Major Werner, and informs him that one of the household is falling too often by the wayside, and that a meagre table is set for the hungry family, his name will be inscribed in burning letters on the fateful placard, and there will be no more drink for him in town. His song will be "Good-by, booze," and his melancholy notes will rise to the silvered heavens like the wail of a lost ghost.

Many a heart will be sad to-day, but there will be more that are glad. Probation Officer Poitiaux's water-wagon will be loaded down to the breaking point. W. H. W. Holmes will be put in charge of the reins, and at night his rubicund nose will light the way past all places of danger.

THINKS BABIES ARE MURDERED

Coroner Taylor Has Theory That Many Infants Are Being Killed for a Price.

Believing that there is an organized system for murdering small infants, Coroner Taylor yesterday notified the Chief of Police of his suspicion, and the latter will take up the matter at once, though he does not seem to think there is an increase in the number of dead babies found.

But Dr. Taylor holds a theory that there are several women in the city engaged in "baby farming," and that they do away with the infants placed in their charge for a price. Several dead babies, found in alleys or in the river, have recently come into the hands of the coroner, and he says that there is an increase in the number of infants whose ages range from a day or two days up. This strengthens his suspicion that murder is being committed, and he accordingly notified the Police Department of his theory.

Major Werner said yesterday evening that the department would take hold of the matter, and make every effort to discover whether there is such a system in existence here.

TWO STILLS RAIDED

Deputy Makes Important Seizures in Wise and Scott Counties.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector D. C. Catron, of the western district, has reported two recent distillery seizures, which he made in Wise and Scott counties.

The first was at Lipps, in Wise county, where the raid resulted in the capture of a still. Robert Day, the alleged owner, escaped to the mountains, and was not arrested.

The second raid was at Fort Blackamore, in Scott county, where a large and valuable plant was seized. M. S. Frayser and Clarence Compton, the owners, were arrested, and pleaded guilty to the charge of operating an illicit plant. They are now doing time in the county jail at Gate City.

There is a good deal of raiding going on from time to time in the State, and it looks as if most of it is in the western district.

W. L. DOUGLAS

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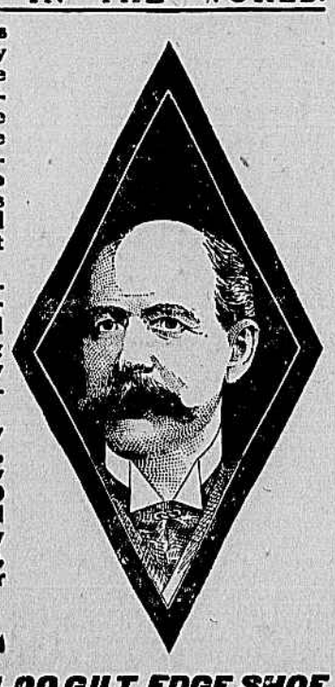

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