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MRS. MAYBRICK AND THE BARONESS WIN LAND SUIT IN COURT HERE

Judge Grinnan Orders Trust Dissolved and Title Delivered to Owners.

GOING AFTER FULL PARDON

Deed Signed on Day of Woman's Conviction for Murder Is Set Aside.

Sustaining in the main the contention of Mrs. Florence W. Maybrick and her mother, the Baroness Caroline E. von Roques, as to the title to valuable coal lands in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, Judge Daniel Grinnan, in the Chancery Court, yesterday rendered an opinion which settles a long-pending claim, the record being one of the most voluminous ever brought before a Richmond court. The history of the case is weird and interesting, revealing scraps of French life, German titles, English prisons and fabulous wealth in coal veins supposed to lie hidden beneath wild and undeveloped regions of Virginia mountain lands, the papers filed reading more like the adventures of a Monte Cristo than the prosaic proceedings of an American court of law.

The suit was brought by the Baroness von Roques and her daughter, Mrs. Florence Maybrick, against David W. Armstrong, now of New York, formerly attorney and agent for the baroness.

The court holds in substance that the baroness and her daughter are entitled to any lands that have not passed into the hands of bona fide purchasers, under deeds made by Armstrong as agent; that a deed placing the residue of the land in the name of Groome and others for a nominal consideration be set aside and the title revested in the name of Mrs. Maybrick and her mother and also requiring Armstrong to account for the proceeds of all sales made by him, with interest from date of sale. The court holds that Armstrong must execute his agency trust under contract of 1879, and not under the later contract of 1887, which was signed under misapprehension on the day of Mrs. Maybrick's conviction in an English court for the murder of her husband. In this connection it is stated that there was no intentional wrongdoing in Armstrong's actions, and the record charges no criminal withholding of funds, but the court directs the winding up of the trust.

History of Case.

The case is an old and voluminous one, depositions taken under order of the court in a half dozen States having occupied ninety-one days of continuous hearings.

The Baroness von Roques was the daughter of Darius B. Holbrook, a wealthy American and associate of Cyrus Field in financing the laying of the first Atlantic cable. The property in question, large tracts of lands in Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia, at that time having little value and being entirely undeveloped, came into the possession of Holbrook in 1850, and originally amounted to 2,500,000 acres.

The only daughter of Mr. Holbrook, now the Baroness von Roques, married, first, William E. Chandler, of the firm of Powers & Chandler, of Mobile, Ala., a nephew of Justice L. Q. C. Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, and also of Justice Campbell, who resigned from that court to become Assistant Secretary of War of the Confederacy. During the war Mrs. Chandler was at one time captured, charged with being an emissary of the Federal government, and brought to Richmond for trial, and haled before her uncle, Secretary Campbell, who secured her release. On her husband's death Mrs. Chandler took her only child abroad for education. There she married Baron von Roques, of Germany, her only daughter later marrying James Maybrick, a cotton broker of Liverpool and Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Maybrick's Imprisonment.

Maybrick died under suspicious circumstances of poisoning, and an English court charged Mrs. Maybrick with the murder, she receiving a sentence of death, which was afterwards commuted to life imprisonment on strong representations from the State Department of this country that she was an American citizen by birth. The papers in the property suit allege that on the final day of her trial, during the noon recess, papers conveying the property to Harrison T. Groome, for a nominal consideration, came to Mrs. Maybrick and her mother, and were signed under a misapprehension of their meaning. No imputation of trickery is attached to Mr. Armstrong, the American agent, who was not responsible for the accidental arrival of the papers at this critical time. After serving fourteen and one-half years in prison at Aylesbury, England, on strong representations of friends, who were convinced of her innocence, Mrs. Maybrick was finally released on parole, and given permission to come to this country in 1904, where she has lived ever since.

An effort will be made shortly by her attorneys to have the parole made into an absolute pardon, the authorities having practically admitted her innocence on the charge on which she was convicted.

Bona Fide Purchasers Not Involved.

The property of Darius Holbrook was left one-half to his daughter, now the Baroness von Roques, and the other half left in trust for his granddaughter, now Mrs. Maybrick. Much of the property in question has been sold, some of it before the coal veins which make it valuable were discovered. Among other purchasers, a syndicate was formed in Richmond to invest in coal lands, charter members of which were Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson, Judge W. H. Mann, Mr. H. A. McCurdy and others. This was the occasion of bringing the suit to recover the property held by the trustee in a Richmond court, and process was served on Armstrong at the old Exchange and Ballard Hotel, while here negotiating with the syndicate. The court holds in its opinions that such purchasers who bought land in good faith from the authorized agent of the estate are confirmed in their title. Other transfers of land for nominal consideration, intended, it is claimed, for mere convenience of disposition of the land into small lots during the imprisonment of Mrs. Maybrick and the foreign residence of her mother, are set aside, and title revested directly in Mrs. Maybrick and the baroness, both of whom are now in this country.

MRS. FLORENCE MAYBRICK.

Deed Set Aside.

Alleging convenience in disposition, the agent, Armstrong, had title in a large tract of the land conveyed to one Harrison T. Groome. About two years later a sale of a part of the land was made to the Kentucky Union Land Company and others. The exact value of the estate cannot be estimated until a final settlement can be made with the trustee, since at various times portions of the original tract have been sold.

Since her release on parole, Mrs. Maybrick has spent much time speaking and writing on prison reform, having published a book on her experiences in an English prison. She is now lecturing in New Orleans. About two years ago, on the first hearing of the case, she came to Richmond with her mother, and personally appeared in the Chancery Court to give evidence in the pending suit. Depositions have been taken under order of Judge Grinnan in Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

The examination of Armstrong by commissioners and the taking of his deposition occupied nine days, and his testimony alone makes a voluminous typewritten document, giving the history of the trust from its inception.

Will Apply for Pardon.

In the argument here Leake & Carter and Phil Sheild appeared for Armstrong. Mrs. Maybrick and the Baroness von Roques were represented by Samuel N. Hayden, of Washington, and Hill Montague, of Richmond. Mr. Hayden has been the personal attorney for the baroness for many years, and made several trips to England in connection with securing the parole of Mrs. Maybrick. He expects to take up with the Secretary of State shortly the question of obtaining an unconditional pardon, a special order having already been issued permitting Mrs. Maybrick to omit the monthly reports required of paroled prisoners under the English criminal system.

A telegram received last night from New Orleans, where Mrs. Maybrick is lecturing, stated that she will not abandon her tour by reason of any decision in the land suit here.

Mrs. Maybrick Not Elated.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 7.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who is in New Orleans, was told this afternoon of the decision of the Richmond court. Mrs. Maybrick said she presumed the case would be appealed, and it might be a little too early to indulge in expressions of delight.

APPEAL ALLOWED ON THE DECREE OF SALE

Means Long Delay in Foreclosure of Passenger and Power Company Receivership.

BONDHOLDERS ASK STAY

Judge Waddill Grants Petition Which Carries Matter to Circuit Court of Appeals.

United States Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., entered an order in the Circuit Court yesterday on a petition filed by the Metropolitan Trust Company, of New York, trustees of the debenture bondholders in the Virginia Passenger and Power Company litigation, allowing an appeal from his decree of sale looking to a foreclosure of the present receivership, involving the street railway companies of this city, Manchester and Petersburg.

The Bowling Green Trust Company, of New York, trustees, under the consolidated mortgage of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company; the Central Trust Company, of New York, trustees, under the mortgage of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, and certain other creditors, also petitioned the court separately for an appeal, basing their action on certain parts of the decree. These appeals were likewise granted.

The Equitable Trust Company did not enter a petition, though it is interested in the litigation as trustees under the mortgage of the Southside Railway and Development Company.

Will Delay the Sale.

In each case the appeal was asked to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the effect of the action will be to delay foreclosure proceedings until the opinion of the appellate court is handed down. The case on appeal will be heard in February. It was expected, unless the appeal had been asked for, that the foreclosure proceedings would have ended in January.

The specific part of the appeal objected to by the Bowling Green Trust Company, the Central Trust Company and others is that in which Judge Waddill says after the purchase money has been placed in the hands of the court the debenture bondholders may come in and attack the fund. This would, it is alleged, give the Metropolitan Trust Company the right to establish any claim it may have for the diversion of earnings, business and income of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company by the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, or the receivers, and enforce against the property purchased any claim, legal or equitable, to which it may be entitled.

Not Ready for Sale.

The Metropolitan Trust Company, in its petition, presented forty-nine assignments of error, and object to the decree in its entirety. Its allegation is that the decree should not have been issued until every question of the legality of the debenture mortgages had been settled.

The appeal is issued with the requirement that a bond of $75,000 be given within the next ten days, conditioned on the obligation of the appellants to pay damages and costs arising in the event that they fail to make good the plea. The bond will be shared in by all those asking the appeal.

Carl Taylor, of New York; R. B. Davis, of Petersburg, and Judge L. L. Lewis, of this city, are attorneys for the Metropolitan Trust Company. Numerous other attorneys are interested for other creditors. The railways are represented by Munford, Hunton, Williams & Anderson. The decree of sale was entered by Judge Waddill October 24th.

Elect Old Officers.

Henrico Union Lodge, No. 136, A. F. and A. M., met last night at Masonic Hall, on Twenty-fifth Street, and re-elected the same officers for the next Masonic year, as follows: Worshipful Master, John L. Satterfield; Senior Warden, J. H. Hardwicke; Junior Warden, Frank T. Bates; Treasurer, W. M. Williams; Secretary, Clarence E. Hughes; Senior Deacon, J. A. Bennington; Junior Deacon, Horace G. Brown; Chaplain, O. R. Kelly; Tiler, J. O. Phillips; Steward, George R. Pitts.

Meeting of St. John's To-Night.

St. John's Lodge, No. 36, A. F. and A. M., will meet to-night at 8 o'clock, at the Masonic Temple. Officers will be elected, and a full attendance of members is requested.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday from the clerk's office of the Hustings Court to the following: Arthur A. Grubbs and Lottie Estelle Marshall; Albert P. Martin and Martha M. Wescel; James D. Cameron and Kate Campbell; George J. Miller, Jr., and Lena Bell Betts.

Nurses Reappointed.

Governor Swanson yesterday reappointed Misses N. J. Minor and S. H. Cabaniss as members of the Board of Examiners of Graduating Nurses for the State. Their terms are for five years each from December 1st.

MUTINY CHARGE AGAINST NEGRO

Threatened to Kill Captain of Cherubim with Axe While in Navigable Waters.

Arthur Carter, colored, will be tried before United States Commissioner Melvin Fiegenheimer this afternoon on a charge of attacking Captain James H. Thorington of the vessel Cherubim, with an axe, and with having attempted to create a mutiny aboard the ship. Carter will be brought to this city from King William county to-day by Marshal Treat.

The assault on the captain was made when the ship was "in navigable waters within the jurisdiction" of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Marshal Treat left for West Point last night.

The offense was committed last week. The captain's story is that the negro attacked him with an axe, without cause, and that but for the intervention of other members of the crew he would have been killed. One of the crew, a negro, was struck by the negro and severely injured.

The maximum penalty for the offense, under the statutes, is a fine of not more than $1,000, and imprisonment for not more than five years, but either o rboth may be imposed, at the discretion of the court.

LAWYERS TO MEET

City Bar Association to Hold Quarterly Session To-Morrow Night.

Mr. Maurice A. Powers, secretary of the Richmond Bar Association, has sent out notices for the quarterly meeting of that body, to be held at the Commonwealth Club to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The meeting promises to be of much more than ordinary interest, as besides disposing of routine business, the association will hear an address by Judge George L. Christian relating to "Reminiscences of the Older Bench and Bar of Richmond."

Applications of twenty-seven lawyers who desire to become members will be voted upon, and several important measures will come up for consideration. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The judges and clerks of all the courts, Federal, State and city, have been invited, and will be the special guests of the association. President A. B. Guigon will ocupy the chair, and indications are that the meeting will be a most interesting and enjoyable one.

Writs of Error Allowed.

In the Supreme Court yesterday a writ of error was granted in the case of Bradley & Co. against the city of Richmond, from the Corporation Court of this city. This case involves the payment of a license tax assessed against the plaintiffs in error.

A writ was also granted in the case of the Norfolk and Western Railway against Thomas, trustee, from the Circuit Court of Appomattox.

HOUSE IN BLAZE AFTER CONCERT

Audience Disappeared Before Blaze, of Incendiary Origin, Was Noticed by Policeman.

Ten minutes after the close of a concert in his front parlor last night, the home of John Green, colored, No. 314 North Gilmer Street, was in a bright blaze, and strangely, neither the negro nor his wife could be found in the neighborhood. Policeman Krengle declares that he was the first person to enter the house, and he is authority for the statement that the blaze was undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

The officer, in a quick survey of the situation within the house, saw that sofas, chairs, tables and everything else inflammable, had been drenched in kerosene. He, with the assistance of Sergeant Schumaker, threw much of the burning furniture into the street, but the contents of three other rooms were entirely destroyed.

The house was frame, and before the department arrived flames enveloped the building. A neighbor passed the house just before the fire started, and say" at least a half dozen people were there. John and his wife did not return until long after the fire was out. They could not explain its origin.

The police will investigate. The damage is estimated at approximately $300. It was midnight when the firemen left the scene.

MASTIN PLEASED WITH CONDITIONS

Secretary of State Board of Charities Home from Inspection in Valley.

The Rev. J. T. Mastin, secretary of the State Board of Charities, returned to the city yesterday from an extended trip through the Valley section of the State, where he went to inspect county institutions. He visited Lexington, Staunton, Harrisonburg, Winchester and Woodstock, and found conditions in all these places exceptionally good.

"The people of the Valley have the best system of almshouses I have yet seen in the State," said the secretary just after he arrived in his office from the train. "At Staunton the almshouse is an exceptionally good one, and the method of keeping it is modern in every respect.

"The five counties which I have just visited have on the aggregate $120,000 worth of real estate in connection with their almshouses, and the products from these farms, which are well managed by capable men, about support the inmates. They have nice brick quarters for the paupers, and they are kept neat and clean. The buildings in Rockbridge are not so modern as some of the others, but plans are now on foot to construct new ones.

"The jail in Woodstock is especially unique. It cost $15,000, and is modern in every particular."

Mr. Mastin will leave in a few days for Ohio and Indiana to study prison conditions in these States, and also to look into the workings of the juvenile courts. While in Indiana he will visit the Girl's School of that State, as the Virginia authorities expect later to take up the question of caring for the children who are now in the almshouses of the various counties and cities of the State.

Mr. Banks a Caller.

Mr. B. C. Banks, of Wytheville, secretary of the Virginia Mineral and Timber Exhibit Company, was in the city yesterday. He left last night for Norfolk to look after some matters in connection with the exhibit, which is still on the exposition grounds.

Governor Returns.

Governor Swanson returned yesterday morning from Roanoke, where he delivered the annual address before the Elks' Lodge of Sorrow on Sunday. The Governor spent the greater portion of the day in his office looking after routine matters.

WILL SEE PROCESS OF MAKING PAPER

Correspondents of The Times-Dispatch from Two States Meet Here To-Morrow.

The program for the first annual meeting of The Times-Dispatch Correspondents' Association, which meets at noon to-morrow in the auditorium of Murphy's Hotel, is practically complete, every minute of the time for the two days of the association being taken up with either addresses, discussion or social features, the meeting reaching its climax in the banquet on Thursday night.

Organization and appointment of committees at the opening meeting to-morrow will be followed by a luncheon at the Jefferson Hotel, when all will have an opportunity to make acquaintances and exchange experiences, one of the most enjoyable as well as valuable features of the formation of such an association as is proposed.

More than 150 acceptances have been received, and a large attendance of city and county news writers from Virginia and North Carolina will be present.

Plans for the special issue of The Times-Dispatch, to be run off as a souvenir late to-morrow night, are also progressing, although none of the actual work will be done until the visitors are in the building, when facilities will be given for viewing every process in the making of a newspaper, from writing the copy to mailing the finished product.

Major Daniel Leaves.

Hon. John W. Daniel, who has been in the city several days, the guest of Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, left yesterday afternoon for Washington to look after his senatorial duties at the short session of Congress. Major Daniel was a caller at the Capitol during the day and spent a short while with the Governor.

Will Pay Interest.

The clerks in the office of the Second Auditor of the State are making out checks covering the semi-annual interest on the State debt, which amounts to about $420,000, and which is payable on January 1, 1909. More than two-thirds of the entire amount will go to bondholders residing in Virginia.

Wanted Elsewhere.

Linwood George, the white man who was recently sent to the penitentiary from Norfolk for robbery, is wanted in Washington on a similar charge. Since this fact has become public the friends of George have abandoned the idea of asking Governor Swanson to pardon him.

VISITORS FROM CAROLINA HERE

Editor Varner Conducts Ten Young Ladies, Winners in Contest, on Tour Through East.

H. B. Varner, editor and proprietor of the Lexington, N. C., Dispatch, arrived here yesterday afternoon with ten attractive young ladies of the Tarheel State, the successful candidates of the fifth annual outing contest conducted by that paper. They will spend a day here, attending the theatres and seeing the historic sights, and will depart on a trip extending over ten days and visiting the cities of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

When seen yesterday at the Lexington Hotel, where the party is stopping, Mr. Varner, who acted as spokesman, said: "We have had so far a very successful trip, and while we have not as yet seen much of the city, the young ladies all seem delighted with it. I intend to conduct them around Hollywood Cemetery, the State buildings and to the theatres. This evening we will spend at the Jefferson Hotel at a little supper after the theatre. I regret very much that we will not be able to attend the meeting of the correspondents of The Times-Dispatch, which begins Wednesday, but our limited stay in the city will not permit us."

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Varner, the chaperons, the party is composed of Misses Clatie Foster, of Lexington; Pearl Lyon, of Cooleemee; Bettie Hendricks, of Boonville; Nena Koontz, of Lexington; Minnie Owen, of Thomasville; Lucile Hege, of Lexington, and Mrs. C. R. Myers, of Salisbury. Mr. Fred O. Sink, business manager of the Dispatch, is also a member of the party.

Lady Maccabees to Meet.

The regular review of Richmond Hive, No. 3, will be held to-night at Fraternity Hall. Election of officers and other important business will be transacted and explained.

Every member is urged to make a special effort to be present, as this meeting will be one of great interest and importance.

ANGLE FIGHTS TO ESCAPE PRISON

Danville Distiller, Who Got Four Years and $15,000 Fine, Comes Here on Appeal.

ATTORNEY WITH GRAND JURY

Claims That Prosecutor Assisted in Secret Session, Contrary to Law and Practice.

Judges Goff, Pritchard and Brawley, in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, yesterday heard argument in the case of T. M. Angle, a Danville distiller, plaintiff in error, against the United States, defendant. The case was appealed from the District Court in Danville, in which Angle was sentenced to four years' imprisonment and fined $15,000.

Angle was indicted at the April term of court on five counts, charging him with removing and concealing a large quantity of distilled spirits upon which the tax imposed by law had not been paid, and which was alleged to have been produced at the Dry Fork distillery, of which Angle was the proprietor. Another charge was that the accused had attempted to defraud the government of tax on a large percentage of the liquor produced at his plant.

The chief ground on which attorneys for the plaintiff ask a reversal is that the Assistant District Attorney, while the grand jury was investigating the matter, remained in the jury room and advised, assisted and directed them in the examination of witnesses, contrary to the law, which provides:

"That it shall be unlawful for any attorney for the Commonwealth to go before the grand jury during its deliberations, except when duly sworn to testify as a witness."

The case was submitted late yesterday afternoon.

The cause was argued by R. W. Peatross, of Danville, and James J. Britt, of Asheville, N. C., for the plaintiff, and by Thomas L. Moore, of Roanoke, for the government.

INDICTMENTS FOUND

Grand Jury Adjourned to December 18th After Hearing Criminal Docket.

After finding twenty-five true bills in criminal cases sent on from the Police Court, the December grand jury yesterday morning was adjourned over by Judge Witt until December 18th, when it is expected that several matters now pending will be taken up, among others the developments in the murder of Mary Murphy, which is now under investigation by the Police Department and a coroner's jury.

Indictments found yesterday include the following: Elijah Brown, malicious wounding; Henry Davis, housebreaking; Emanuel English, malicious wounding; P. F. Fridler, malicious wounding; Joseph L. Hart, murder; William Hunt, alias Silas Hurt, three indictments for malicious wounding; George Hadley, malicious wounding; Lucy Johnson, grand larceny; Willie Johnson, malicious wounding; Arthur Lewis, two indictments for housebreaking, and one for malicious wounding; Rosa Patterson, housebreaking; H. L. Richardson, housebreaking; H. L. Richardson, burglary; Leslie Selden, burglary; Frank Starke, alias Dempsey Letta, robbery; Henderson Taylor, alias Eddie Jones, three indictments for burglary; George Turner, grand larceny; Richard Walford, housebreaking; Junius Walker and Isaiah Curry, malicious wounding; Ola Wood, grand larceny.

FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

Messrs. Eggleston and Stearnes Doing Much Work Out in the State.

Secretary R. C. Stearnes, of the State Board of Education, has returned from Buckingham, where he went on Saturday to take up some school matters with the county authorities. He says a movement was started for the consolidation of several small schools into one larger one at Axtell, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

Superintendent Eggleston will start out on a tour to-day in the interest of education, and will be gone during the rest of the week. He will speak in Louisa to-day in the interest of better school houses, and will go from there to Farmville to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the board of visitors of the State Female Normal School on Thursday.

Mr. Eggleston will make educational addresses in Brunswick county on Friday and Saturday and will return here Saturday night.

SUFFERED BROKEN HIP

John Boyd, Too Slow in Crossing Car Track, Is Knocked Down.

Too slow in crossing the track in front of a street car, John Boyd, thirty-five years old, of 636 North Twenty-seventh Street, was knocked down at Twenty-fifth and Broad Streets last night, and suffered a broken hip. He was removed to the Virginia Hospital, where the injured limb was set by Dr. H. Stuart MacLean.

Boyd is a fireman on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and has a wife and two children. His condition two hours after the operation was favorable. He was taken to the hospital in the city ambulance.

TOOK DETECTIVE FOR PAWNBROKER

But the Wily Sergeant Fooled the Wire Thief and Leads Him Off to Jail.

Overanxious to get rid of a large assortment of freshly cut copper wire, Logan Graham, of Taylorsville, Va., who claims to have come to Richmond on an electric car from Ashland, last night walked into a trap, the triggers of which had not been previously set, although they sprung opportunely and the game was caught.

Sergeant McMahon was standing near Brook Avenue and Marshall Street when the negro came trudging along, bending under his heavy load. Not one word did the sleuth utter. "Whew! It's heavy. Tell me where a pawnshop is?" asked the negro, and the detective sergeant said: "Follow me."

The detective took the lead.

Straight up Marshall Street the couple went, and at Smith Street they halted. "Here's the shop. Sergeant Brooks is the broker. Walk in," and in the negro walked. "Show your wares," is what Sergeant Brooks told the unsuspecting victim, who poured the contents of a suit case—fifty pounds of wire—on the floor.

"I can't fix the price," quoth the man in charge of the station-house, "but I'll give you a lodging, and maybe Justice John will give you more than you want on the wire to-morrow." It was to a darkened cell for Logan, and Sergeant McMahon led him by the hand.

DELAY AUTOPSY, SAYS DR. TAYLOR

Thinks That the Best Way to Determine Whether Electric Current Kills Murderers.

CONSIDERS END PAINLESS

New Jersey Doctor Might Be Like Frankenstein, Who Raised the Devil, Says Coroner.

While he admits it is well within the pale of possibility for a man to be revived after the legal amount of electricity has been passed through his body, Dr. William H. Taylor, the City Coroner, does not take much stock in the theories of several New York physicians that criminals sent to the electric chair die rather from the knife of the physician performing the autopsy or the quicklime in which the bodies are buried. He sees no use, in the first place, of resuscitating the people whom the law is trying to get rid of, and considers electricity a speedy and apparently painless method of killing them.

Would Be Like Frankenstein.

"If they succeed in restoring a man after he has been electrocuted," he said, "the only thing that interests me is what they will do with him. It would be worse than barbarous to electrocute him again. Still the law says he must die. Should Dr. Frank G. Scammell, of Trenton, N. J., succeed in reviving Thomas MacKenzie, his plight would be worse than that of our old friend Frankenstein, who raised a devil and then didn't know what to do with him. Even then nothing would be proved.

"The current that goes through one man's body without producing death might instantly kill hundreds of others. I doubt if the authorities will allow him to try the experiment."

There is no doubt, Dr. Taylor says, that electricity will kill as quickly and as surely as any other mode of execution. He explains that it is very similar to drowning or hanging; that many apparently lifeless persons have been restored by quick work. If the assistance, however, had not been prompt, death would have been as sure as that resulting from a broken neck. "Men have died from electricity in the open, even with the best medical attention at hand," he said, "so there is no reason why they shouldn't be killed by the current in the death chair."

Dr. Taylor agrees with the others that in many cases the autopsies are performed too quickly. He thinks that twelve hours should elapse before the body is placed under the knife of the coroner. Should a man revive of his own vitality during that time, there would be much more ground for the theory that electrocution does not kill.

GEORGE W. HILL DEAD

Well-Known Sporting Man Passes Away at Hot Springs, Ark.

A telegram was received here last night from Hot Springs, Ark., announcing the death in that city at noon yesterday of Mr. George W. Hill, a widely known sporting man, whose home was in Richmond for many years. The funeral will take place at Hot Springs to-morrow.

Mr. Hill was born at Meherrin, in Lunenburg county, and was sixty-seven years of age. He fought throughout the war as a Confederate soldier, and was severely wounded at the battle of Sharpsburg. He was widely known in sporting circles here and at several of the summer resorts of the State, particularly the White Sulphur springs, where he had spent nearly every season for the past thirty years. He also spent considerable time in New York and other large cities.

Mr. Hill's parents removed to Missouri after the war, and they are thought to be dead, though he has several brothers in that State, one sister at Meherrin, and a niece at Barton Heights. He is also survived by his wife.

Mr. Hill was a man of fine bearing and physique, and had a large number of warm friends here and in other places where he was well known. His last illness was of short duration, he having been taken sick only about two weeks ago.

JUDGES STUDY PLANS

Inspect Scheme for Court Quarters in New Federal Building.

In compliance with a request from Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., L. A. Simon, an employe in the office of the supervising architect of the United States, was in the city yesterday. The purpose of the visit was to let the judges, now in attendance upon the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, have an idea of how they will be located in the new building, work on which will begin as soon as temporary quarters have been built.

There has been no alteration of the plans as previously submitted, and the question seems to be whether or not the Court of Appeals, or the Circuit and District Courts shall take the fourth floor. The judges assembled yesterday afternoon, when the plans were inspected.

Indications are that the Circuit and District Courts will go up to the fourth floor, and that the third floor will be occupied by the Court of Appeals. "It will make no difference to me then; there will be an elevator; and we won't have to climb steps," said Clerk Brady, of the lower courts.

Mr. Hubard Sick.

Commonwealth's-Attorney Edmund W. Hubard, of Buckingham, is in the city for the purpose of undergoing a surgical operation at one of the local hospitals. Mr. Hubard is widely known in Virginia, having served many years in the Legislature and also in the recent Constitutional Convention. He is accompanied by his brother, Mr. Willey J. Hubard, clerk of the Circuit Court of Buckingham county.

Coat of Arms for Printing Craft.

Mr. Dietz, of this city, has designed a very beautiful coat of arms for the printing craft of the world. The designs is founded upon the original arms presented to Guttenberg, "The Father of Printing," by the city of Frankfort-on-the-Main, his birthplace. It is worthy of note that Mr. Dietz was also born in this ancient city.

Extra Policeman Appointed.

In response to the complaints of citizens of Fairfield District of lawlessness along the Williamsburg Turnpike, Judge R. Carter Scott has appointed Walter H. Shurn as special policeman to patrol the section said to be infested with all kinds of petty lawbreakers, who make themselves troublesome to the farmers.

Missionary Alliance.

The meetings under the auspices of the Christian Missionary Alliance, now in progress at the hall, No. 1 North Seventh Street, are growing in interest, with addresses by Miss Mary G. Davis and Rev. William Christie, a missionary from China and Tibet. Meetings will be held every day this week at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. Stereopticon views are followed at 8 P. M. by talks on Bible and mission themes.

Repair Permit.

A permit was issued from the office of Building Inspector Beck yesterday to James Hartley, to repair a brick dwelling No. 803 North First Street, to cost $125.