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# DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR INVITATION

### Woodrow Wilson Wires General Assembly That He'll Be Here on Thursday.

### SUBJECT NOT ANNOUNCED

### Public Address at City Auditorium After Day of Busy Features.

Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, one of the many Democratic candidates for the presidency of the United States, who will be in Richmond Thursday as the guest of the city and the State, having been invited by the Council and General Assembly, has not announced upon what subject he will speak when he makes his address that night at the City Auditorium. He was given the right to select his own subject.

George Bryan, secretary of the Woodrow Wilson Club of Richmond, said yesterday that he had written the Governor and requested that he wire his subject.

In the meantime preparations to receive the distinguished visitor are going ahead. It is planned to royally entertain him while here. Whether he will address the students of Richmond College, where a Wilson Club has also been formed, will not be decided until he arrives. Should this be arranged the address will probably take place during the forenoon.

One of the features of Governor Wilson's visit will be a public reception at 5 o'clock at the Jefferson Hotel.

**Telegram From Governor.**

In a telegram received and read yesterday by Delegate Cox, of Richmond, on the floor of the House of Representatives, Governor Wilson expressed his pleasure at his approaching visit to Virginia. The dispatch was as follows:

"I appreciate very deeply the honor the General Assembly of Virginia has done me in joining with the Council of the city of Richmond in inviting me to make an address in Richmond February 1.

"I accept the invitation with the greatest pleasure and shall look forward to the occasion as an unusual pleasure.

"(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

The Council committee appointed to receive Governor Wilson consists of H. R. Pollard, Jr., chairman; Councilmen George W. Rogers and John J. Lynch; Aldermen William H. Adams and H. E. Atkinson.

The committee appointed by the House of Delegates is composed of Edwin P. Cox, John Rutherfoord, Dr. C. H. Rolston and C. W. Gregory.

# BOND ISSUE NEXT FOR IMPROVEMENT

### Inevitable Within Year for Street Work, According to City Engineer.

### BROAD STREET'S PAVING

### Mr. Bolling Recommends Asphalt Block From Tenth to Harrison.

An issue of bonds for improvement of streets in the outlying sections will be inevitable within the next year, according to a statement made to the Committee on Finance last night by City Engineer Bolling, in presenting the annual budget of wants for his department. During the past year thirteen miles of sewers have been laid, and in most instances the streets in which these trenches have been cut have been left in wretched condition, while a large amount of grading is needed for extension of streets into the newer sections of the city. Mr. Bolling urged that no further extensions be made on the broad tire ordinance, saying that while three-fourths of the teamsters had complied with its terms, the few remaining narrow tire wagons were doing incalculable damage to city streets. Oiling he held to be the most temporary expedient. Hard rolled gravel, with a bitumen or asphalt binder, he recommended for the outlying streets, while a much more liberal policy of paving thoroughfares subject to heavy traffic was recommended. The asphalt block used on Grace and Franklin Streets he had found most durable, though more costly in the initial outlay, and he recommended a considerable extension of the smooth paved area, especially on streets leading to the cemeteries and in highly improved residence sections.

**Would Pave Broad Street.**

For Broad Street, from Tenth to Harrison, he recommended paving from curb to car track with asphalt block, and with a hard rock paving between the tracks, to give a footing to teams in sleety weather, when the smooth paving is most undesirable. The cost of the city's portion of repaving Broad Street is placed at $154,000.

Altogether Mr. Bolling showed the Finance Committee where $3,558,774.63 could be wisely expended in streets and sewers, though he admitted that probably not more than one-fifth of that amount can be provided this year, unless there is an issue of bonds. He reported the results of a recent visit to Washington and Baltimore to investigate various conditions of street paving, and the methods of those cities in financing such undertakings, Baltimore having now in progress the expenditure of $10,000,000 on street paving, provision being made that wherever such improvements are made a special board of assessors shall immediately increase the valuations of abutting property for purposes of taxation.

Complete lists of the streets in which the City Engineer recommends grading, graveling, curbing or paving were submitted, with estimates of the cost. All of it, of course, cannot be done this year, even with a bond issue. Much of it will have to wait for years, but the City Engineer explained that with these estimates in hand, the Street Committee could pick the most urgent items and proceed with the work, going as far as the appropriation for streets generally in this year's budget will allow.

**What Work Will Cost.**

Granite curbs and gutters through the poorer sections of the city for miles, much of it needed for sanitary reasons, reaches a total of $151,145; granolithic curbs and gutters on streets that are building up with a better class of residences aggregate a total of $166,000, granite spall paving of roadbeds on which there is heavy traffic, including many of the thoroughfares leading into the city, will cost $133,393; repairs and repaving of wornout streets in the business section is estimated at $85,950.

Requests have been submitted to the authorities for smooth paving which, if granted, would cost $666,982. The chief items of this list are Broad Street, from Tenth to Harrison, $154,000; Floyd Avenue, from Morris to Lombardy, $13,500; Randolph Street, from Cary to the cemeteries, $30,638; Lombardy, from Broad to Main, $17,500; Floyd, from Lombardy to Robinson, $40,000; Stuart Avenue, from Park Street to the Boulevard, $36,000; Monument Avenue, from Addison Street to the Boulevard, $35,550; Grace Street to the Boulevard, $28,728; Park Avenue, from Lombardy to Meadow, $16,000; Grove Avenue, from Lombardy to the Boulevard, $48,000, and many other locations. The total estimates for streets generally is $246,382. A large number of branch sewers, as laterals to the main trunks recently constructed, are recommended, a list of the streets and an estimate for each accompanying, the aggregate being $301,760. Bacon's Quarter Branch and Shockoe Creek improvements needed are calculated at $170,500.

**Qualifications in Chancery.**

John B. Myers qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as executrix of John P. Day. The estate is valued at $400.

The Virginia Trust Company qualified as administrator of Henry L. Heartwell. The estate is valued at $10,000.

Alvin B. Hutzler qualified as administrator of Mary Jane Brown. The estate is valued at $1,400.

# CITIES FIGHTING STREET CAR BILL

### Pollard Tells O'Flaherty He Is Totally Wrong in His Position.

### ECHO OF ROW ABOARD CAR

### Necessity of Giving Conductors Police Powers Is Ably Presented.

City Attorney Henry R. Pollard, appearing before the House Committee on Roads yesterday morning, frankly told D. C. O'Flaherty that he was distinctly wrong in his position—wrong in his refusal to vacate a street car recently when ordered to do so by the conductor; wrong in his argument against the exercise of police powers by conductors and motormen, and wrong in his advocacy of the Throckmorton bill. Mr. Pollard's remarks made a visible impression.

An impassioned speech was made by Mr. O'Flaherty. The bill prohibited street car men from acting as police officers at all in cities of more than 15,000 people and of at any time enforcing the rules of the company. Mr. Throckmorton said he would eliminate the 15,000 feature when it was said by witnesses that it would nullify the "Jim Crow" law in many sections.

**Do Not Assume Power.**

A. B. Guigon, representing the Virginia Railway and Power Company, said that leaving this section out left the bill meaningless. "If this Legislature desires to enact a law declaring that the moon is not made of green cheese or that the sun rises in the east," he said, "it may do so, and I shall not object. But inasmuch as no conductor now tries to act as a police officer in enforcing the rules of a company, nor was that attempted in Mr. O'Flaherty's case, nor is there any such law, I don't see the necessity for this enactment."

Mr. Pollard said that Mr. O'Flaherty was disorderly in refusing to vacate the car when ordered to do so, and that such conduct was likely to start a panic in a place where women and children are often crowded. The conductor, he said, exercised his police power only when Mr. O'Flaherty became disorderly, and not in enforcing the company's rules.

Mayor Richardson, Police Justice Crutchfield, Chief of Police Werner and others appeared against the bill. Chief Kizer, of Norfolk, made a speech against it, and there were bushels of letters and telegrams from city officials and circuit judges throughout the State protesting against it. The bill went over until to-morrow.


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# FORMED IN LINE BEFORE DAYLIGHT

### Demand for "Chantecler" Seats Proves That Good Attractions Will Pay.

There was more evidence yesterday to show that Richmond is the best theatre town south of Washington. During the present season hundreds of traveling companies have stranded in the Southern States, and Broadway producers got the idea that it was dangerous territory. But the fault was not with the South. Most of those that fell by the wayside were not good enough to stand up.

Having watched the records from Richmond, the producers have about decided that this is a good town in which to begin rehearsals and in which to put on big attractions for a trial before they are transferred to New York. Accordingly, it is expected that many companies will begin work here in the early fall, and that will mean that authors and producers will come here to see the thing well done.

The engagement of William Hodge in "The Man from Home," at the Academy of Music last week, proved that Richmond has the business if the Academy has the show. Every seat was sold for each of the four performances, and that, too, on the eve of a still bigger attraction.

By 5 o'clock yesterday morning a crowd was standing in the cold and ice waiting for the Academy box office to open at 9 o'clock, when the sale of seats for the Maude Adams engagement began. By noon every box seat for Friday night had been sold, and not much space was left in the orchestra when the window closed last night. There was also a big demand for seats for the two performances on Saturday. Miss Adams will present "Chantecler" for the first time in the South, and her engagement will be memorable from the attendance standpoint, at least.

Orders have come from New York that the curtain will rise at 8 o'clock sharp for the evening performance and promptly at 2 o'clock for the matinee. Persons not in their seats by the appointed time will not be admitted until the prelude is concluded. Under a city ordinance no one can stand in the aisles or in the rear of the house, so the problem is what to do with the latecomers. In the event of rain they could not be forced to stand in the street. In view of this condition, the public is urged to be on hand before 8 o'clock Friday night.

# GUNDERSONS IN TROUBLE AGAIN

### New Orleans Shooting Recalls Their Ups and Downs in Richmond.

The dual existence of Mrs. Anethe S. Johnson, who lived in Richmond at 602 Mosby Street from June, 1910, until September, 1911, as the wife of Harold Gunderson, a masseur at the Baruch baths at Murphy's Hotel, and which culminated in a separation of the two, brought about by interference on the part of the police and the Associated Charities, came to an almost tragic climax in New Orleans Sunday night, Charles Johnson, a structural iron worker of Brooklyn, N. Y., traveled to the Crescent City with the intention of killing his wife's companion. According to Associated Press dispatches received in Richmond yesterday, he almost succeeded. However, his aim was poor, and the bullet he intended for the heart of Gunderson lodged in the latter's leg. Johnson was arrested.

The couple got considerable notoriety last October. Gunderson reported to the police that his wife had mysteriously disappeared, but this later proved to be untrue, according to a statement made by the woman to Dr. James Buchanan, superintendent of the Associated Charities. She was said to have declared that she had bene cruelly treated by Gunderson and had been forced to leave him. With her three children she was cared for by Dr. Buchanan. Gunderson made several efforts to see her, but she refused. He firmly maintained that she was his wife, but upon a threat that he would be turned over to the police on a charge of bigamy he confessed that she had a husband. He left the city a short while later.

Transportation for the woman and her children to Washington was obtained, and through the assistance of Adjutant Wiggins, in charge of the Richmond Salvation Army corps, the branch of that organization in Washington was notified that they would be sent there and that they were to be cared for. Employment was found for the woman. She remained in Washington until December 6, when she went to Baltimore, and presumably joined Gunderson. This was the last heard of them until the information received yesterday that Johnson had shot Gunderson in New Orleans.

In the early summer of 1910 the woman sought aid from Dr. Buchanan, declaring that her husband (Gunderson), then posing as a carpenter, did not properly provide for her. Since that time a record of the movements of the two has been kept by the Associated Charities. The two men and woman are said to be Norwegians, and they gave Larrik as their native town.

## WATER IN CITY HALL

**Basement Flooded and Blame Is Put on Outside Builders.**

The basement of the City Hall was flooded late last night, and some damage was done to mechanical fixtures through the negligence of the authorities to enforce proper ordinances in regard to the blocking of streets by building material. The attention of Building Inspector Beck was called to the water, and a hurried investigation showed that it was flowing in through a manhole and conduit through which telephone and fire alarm wires enter the building, the duct across Tenth Street to the basement being on a down grade. Investigation outside showed that workmen for the Fuller Company, contractors for the new Life Insurance Company of Virginia building, had so blocked the gutter with material that water was flowing into a manhole, and thence through the duct to the City Hall. Temporary relief was given at once, and more careful investigation will be made this morning.

Only last week City Engineer Bolling called the attention of the Ordinance Committee to the necessity for requiring builders stacking material in the streets to bridge over the gutters and keep them at all times clear. Mr. Beck said that had the flow not been promptly stopped, the heavy rains of last night would have occasioned much damage, and might have prevented the holding of Police Court this morning, as the floor of that basement room was being flooded.

**Library Committee.**

The following special committee was appointed yesterday to consider the offer of Thomas J Todd regarding the establishment of a public library in Richmond:

Jacob Umlauf, chairman; Councilman H. R. Polard, Jr., and C. E. Richards, Aldermen R. G. Nennolds and Marx Gunst.

# NANNIE REEDER GRANTED DIVORCE

### Husband Neglected Her After Roosevelt Gave Him Job of White House Footman.

On evidence which was sufficient to justify action, Judge Grinnan, in the Chancery Court, yesterday granted an absolute divorce to Nannie B. Reeder, a respectable colored woman, from her husband, Charles A. Reeder. Reeder was employed at the White House as a footman by Theodore Roosevelt while President. The distinction which the job gave him is claimed to be responsible for Reeder's desertion of his wife. After he went to work for Colonel oRoosevelt, Nanuk Reeder alleged that the footman neglected to provide for her, and her latest information was to the effect that he was now serving President Taft. A dispatch from Washington last night, however, stated that the White House said Reeder had not been employed there in three years, having gone out about the time Colonel Roosevelt started on his shooting trip through Africa. He is now employed as a messenger in one of the departments at Washington.

Nannie Reeder presented testimony to show that she and Reeder were married in 1901. She attributes his downfall, from her standpoint, at least, to his job as footman to a President. She testified that when he neglected to provide for her in Washington she was forced to return to Richmond, where she has since resided with her mother. The woman stated to the court that to the best of her knowledge Reeder is one of President Taft's servants. Reeder lost his White House job shortly after he lost his wife.

## BECK'S DEMANDS

**Wants $57,722.96 for Maintenance of Public Buildings.**

Maintenance of public buildings under general control of the Grounds and Buildings Committee will cost $57,722.96, according to an estimate furnished the Council Committee on Finance last night by Building Inspector Beck. Mr. Beck proposes extensive repairs to the City Hall, including a complete overhauling of the electric installation and a new system of electric lights to supplant the old-fashioned gas fixtures, the estimate of City Electrician Thompson for this work being $9,000. New tile flooring for the first floor corridors to cost $1,367, a vacuum system of heat regulation to cost $1,500, new mail chute to cost $1,200, remodeling of elevators to cost $5,000, and other general repairs, including painting and repointing stone work, bring the total for this building up to $32,061.50. Heat and hospital supplies at the City Jail will cost $1,800. No item is made for the First Regiment Armory, as that is pending under another resolution, but Major L. T. Price and several members of the First Regiment Association appeared in behalf of a new armory building to cost $105,000. The Chemist's laboratory will cost $1,350; the City Auditorium, $2,068.25; the Howitzer Armory, $1,652.76, and the Blues' Armory, $4,344, the chief items of this last estimate being opera chairs, apparatus for gymnasium and rifle racks. Light, water and power for city buildings will cost $5,000, and fuel and ice is placed at $3,565. The payroll of janitors for these buildings aggregates $16,068, sixteen men being employed at the City Hall as machinists, firemen, elevator men, watchmen and janitors.


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# ABBOTT BOOMING JUDSON HARMON

### Can't See Anything Except Ohio Governor as Democratic Nominee.

That Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, is also making political hay while the sun shines and is not allowing Governor Woodrow Wilson to harvest the whole crop of Democratic convention delegates was made apparent last night by Willis J. Abbott, publicity manager of the national Democratic campaign in 1908, at the Jefferson Hotel.

For the first time, Mr. Abbott, who is representing the San Francisco Exposition Company in its publicity campaign, admitted that he was the representative, unofficial manager and possible publicity agent of the Harmon boom.

"Governor Harmon is the only Democrat who can carry the national election. It is impossible for Governor Wilson to receive the Democratic nomination," was Mr. Abbott's emphatic assertion. "People think that because he has not sought publicity that his candidacy is not being pressed. He told me once that he did not feel that it was to the credit of any man who might be looked upon as a presidential candidate to press his own cause. It is for this reason that so little is said about him, but I can assure you that he has a host of friends throughout the country who would be only too glad to say what they think of him were they given the chance.

"In the meantime, I can say that at the present moment, Governor Harmon's friends control a considerable majority of the States which will give their electoral votes to the Democratic presidential candidate."

Mr. Abbott, who is in Richmond to urge an appropriation from the Legislature for the Virginia exhibit at the Panama Exposition, was not inclined to take up the political situation. He was first out, he said, for the advancement of the San Francisco Exposition, but everywhere he goes he is first, last and all the time for Governor Harmon as the next President. He stated that he believed the recent campaign of mudslinging against Wilson had injured him so in the public eye that his nomination was not to be thought of.

Governor Harmon, he said, is the only Democrat who stands a chance of swinging into his column the great electoral vote of New York State. Wilson could carry New Jersey, he admitted, but not the other States that show such a huge electoral vote.

# WARRANT FOR TWO SECURED BY ELMO

### Holland and Wood Arrested on Charge of Disorderly Conduct.

On complaint of E. Elmo, who, it was stated, had been in fear of bodily harm from the two men, Clarence B. Wood, Jr., and Harry Holland, the former of whom is under $1,000 bond his appearance in a Federal court, were arrested last night on a charge of disorderly conduct.

The men were taken to the Third Precinct Station, where Elmo swore out a warrant against them, alleging that they had entered his room in the Lafayette House, and that he, to escape them, had fled to an adjoining room.

Wood is an officer of the Broad Rock Distilling Company, which was seized recently by internal revenue officers for alleged irregularities, and was, with others, placed under arrest. He was released under bond for his appearance in court at the April term. Elmo was at one time bookkeeper for the distilling company, and, it is said, was discharged. After the arrest of the officers of the company he was suspected, it is said, of having been the informer. He stated last night that Wood and Holland came to his room, and he escaped. The police were called, Officers Moore and Webster answering. Wood and Holland were arrested in a nearby saloon.

# STRICKEN WHILE IN CATHEDRAL

### Mrs. Davis Dies at Sacred Heart a Few Minutes After Entering Door.

Mrs. E. T. Davis, of 721 Spring Street, died in the Sacred Heart Cathedral a few minutes after 8 o'clock last night of heart failure while mission services were being conducted. As she was entering the cathedral, Mrs. Davis felt an attack of dizziness, and asked her daughter to assist her. Her condition was apparent to several women who were standing in the vestibule, and Mrs. Davis was removed quickly and quietly to a bench in the rear of the cathedral. The congregation had been seated, and not more than a dozen people knew at the time that she had died.

Father James B. O'Reilly was called, and in the meantime friends hurried to the residence of Dr. Daniel J. Coleman, who arrived with his assistant, Dr. M. Grove-Hagen. The physicians realized, however, that the attack was fatal, and in a few moments Mrs. Davis passed peacefully away. She was fifty-three years old, and is survived by her husband, three daughters and two sons.

As the congregation was filing out of the cathedral the news of her death created much distress.

## REMOVE PLATE FROM LEG

**Leo O'Neil, Who Was Run Down by Engine Two Years Ago, Is Improving.**

Leo O'Neil, the small son of C. H. O'Neil, of 808 North Fifth Street, who was run down by a piece of apparatus of Company No. 3, of the Fire Department, at Fifth and Baker Streets more than two years ago, underwent a second operation last Friday. At the time of the accident he was taken to the Virginia Hospital. It was found that one of his legs had been terribly shattered. In the hope of restoring the use of the limb a plate was inserted. It remained there until Friday, when it was removed by surgeons. The operation was reported a splendid success, and the patient was said to be rapidly improving.

The boy is a familiar figure on the streets of Richmond. Almost any afternoon he can be seen in the business section of the town hobbling about with the aid of a crutch while he sells newspaper to earn a few pennies.

**Marriage License.**

A marriage license was issued yesterday in the Hustings Court to Burfoot L. Childress and Bessie B. Gentry.


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# WILL NOT OPEN STUART AVENUE

### Street Committee so Decides After Hearing From Many Citizens.

After a somewhat stormy hearing, lasting more than two hours, last night the Council Committee on Streets rescinded its former order directing that encroachments be removed from Stuart Avenue between the Boulevard and Sheppard Street, through the Soldiers' Home property, but at the same time reaffirmed the right of the city to open this street when such step should be desirable, and directed the City Attorney to resist any application that may be made by the Soldiers' Home trustees looking to its permanent closing. Judge George L. Christian, who appeared for the Soldiers' Home, gave notice that immediate application would be made to the General Assembly to close the street permanently, as a protection to the State property occupied by the Soldiers' Home, and also to the Battle Abbey, now being erected.

The Soldiers' Home tract originally embraced six city blocks, bounded by the Boulevard, Grove Avenue, Sheppard Street and Kensington Avenue. On the plans of the suburb once known as Sidney, in which many lots were sold before the Soldiers' Home was erected, and long before this section was annexed to the city, the regularly laid off streets are duly mapped out, Deep Run Street, bisecting the tract north and and south, and both Hanover and Stuart Avenues continuing through it east and west.

**One-Third Given to Battle Abbey.**

The last General Assembly donated the two blocks forming the western end of the tract, facing one block on the Boulevard and running back two blocks to Sheppard between Kensington and Stuart, as a site for the Battle Abbey.

Since then the Benedictine Institute has been erected beyond the Soldiers' Home property, at the corner of Stuart and Sheppard Streets, and real estate interests still further out petitioned for the opening of Stuart Avenue between the Battle Abbey and the Soldiers' Home. Finding that lots had been sold in the Sidney tract, fronting on what was mapped as a through open street, thus presumably giving the city right of way, the Street Committee recently ordered fences and encroachments removed.

Judge Christian, who appeared for the Soldiers' Home board, contested this view, and asserted that one of the cottages and several of the outbuildings of the Soldiers' Home group were in the sixty-foot strip sought to be used as a street, and that the institution would be greatly damaged and the State's property injured by such a step, pointing out the possibility of the whole tract being made into a memorial park at some future date, in which the grounds around the Battle Abbey would form a part—a plan which would be frustrated by opening Stuart Avenue.

**Lee Park Seeks Opening.**

Attorney C. V. Meredith appeared for the Lee Park Company, urging that the street be opened, both as affording a four-sided entrance and proper surroundings for the Battle Abbey, and as giving better access to the section beyond. He claimed that his clients had purchased property on the assurance that the streets would be opened as mapped in the plan of Sidney. The committee decided that in view of the opposition of the Soldiers' Home board it would not open the street at this time, but reserved all legal rights in the premises, directing the City Attorney to resist any steps that may be made in the General Assembly looking to the perpetual closing of Stuart Avenue.

The City Attorney was also instructed to secure from the General Assembly such modifications of the present statute as will simplify the procedure in assessment of damages to property by reason of grading streets, a matter which now takes many months, and is bound up in much red-tape, some recent resolutions regarding assessment of damages having gone to record in the Council and various committees as many as ten or twelve times before the street was actually ordered graded.

Suitable resolutions offered by Councilman Pollock were adopted, expressing regret at the retirement of J. Taylor Stratton, who has for many years served as clerk of the Street Committee, whose resignation takes effect February 1. Mr. Stratton briefly and feelingly acknowledged the action taken by the committee.

## FALL COSTS LIFE

**James L. Crump Dies of Injuries Caused by Tumbling Down Ice-Coated Steps.**

James L. Crump, forty-four years old, who fell down the steps of his home, 109 East Marshall Street, which were coated with thick ice, on January 17 and fractured his skull, died last night about 7 o'clock at the Virginia Hospital. At the time of the accident it was practically certain that he could not recover.

Mr. Crump leaves one brother, L. M. Crump, of 203 East Seventh Street, South Richmond, and one sister.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence of his brother. Interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

## DRINKS FIERY ACID

**John Firth, Out of Employment, Swallows More Than Ounce of Poison, but Is Saved.**

Despondent, it is said, because he was out of employment, John Firth, twenty-five years old, of 1321 West Cary Street, swallowed more than an ounce of carbolic acid at 5 o'clock last night, and but for the heroic work of Dr. Watts, of the city ambulance corps, would have died.

Members of the young man's family stated that Firth swallowed the poison through accident, though he pleaded with the ambulance surgeon to let him die.

Dr. Watts restored him after an hour's hard work, and the patient was left at home.

## NEGRO MODEL DEAD

**Leander Sharp Perry Once Posed for Edward V. Valentine for Two Famous Statues.**

Leander Sharp Perry, the negro who achieved fame by posing for Edward V. Valentine, the sculptor, died at his home, 212 North Madison Street, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Sharp, as he was familiarly known, had during late years been employed as driver by Dr. Lewis C. Bosher. He had served in the same capacity to Dr. Frank Cunningham up to the death of that physician about twenty-five years ago.

Sharp posed before the famous sculptor for the "Nation's Ward" and "Knowledge Is Power."

The funeral will be held from his home at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

**FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE VISIT NEW STORE OF STRAUS**

The Straus Cigar Company moved yesterday into its new home at the corner of Main and Tenth Streets, which was recently vacated by the Virginia Trust Company. The building has been greatly changed and improved. The largest humidor in the South has been installed, with room enough for 750,000 cigars. A welcome was extended by Charles E. Straus and Allyn C. Straus, and a checker at the door reported that 5,700 persons dropped in during the day. The new store was beautifully decorated with flowers, which had been sent by friends with best wishes.


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