OFFICERS RAID "CORN" STILL NEAR MORRISON

R. L. Martin, Clarence Meredith and Frank Simpson in Jail Awaiting Hearing.

LOCAL SALOON MEN ACCUSED

Revenue Deputies Want E. J. Collins for Alleged Complicity, and Other Dealers May Be Arrested for Handling Illicit Product—Output About Three Hundred Gallons a Week.

Charged with illicitly operating a still located near Morrison and having an output of about three hundred gallons of corn whiskey a week, James R. L. Martin, Clarence Meredith and Frank Simpson, the latter a negro, were lodged in the city jail here yesterday to await a hearing before United States Commissioner A. C. Garrett. It is said that one or two other arrests in connection with this case will be made today or tomorrow, and that one of those for whom a warrant has been issued is a well known liquor dealer of this city.

Martin and the negro were arrested shortly after noon yesterday by Deputy United States Revenue Collectors Poole and Martin, of North Carolina. The arrests were made at the still, and it is alleged that Martin and the negro, accompanied by the former's little boy, were in the act of putting the plant in operation when the officers presented themselves.

Third Man at Home.

An hour or so later Chief of Police Reynolds and Detective Sergeant Bridgers, at the request of Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Redman, of West Virginia, arrested Meredith at 2809 Huntington avenue, where he lives with Martin, who is his father-in-law. It is thought that Meredith had learned of the other arrests. When Sergeant Bridgers first approached the house he was told that Meredith was not at home, but later, with the sergeant guarding the back door, Chief Reynolds got into the house by a ruse and located the man in the bath room.

Couldn't Give Bail.

All of the prisoners were taken before Commissioner Garrett, who inquired into the case and fixed the amount of bail to be required of each of the prisoners at $1,500. The men were unable to furnish security, and were placed in jail to await a hearing, which will be given them by Commissioner Garrett next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Deputies Poole, Martin and Carter came here Friday, apparently already well informed concerning the location of the still and the identity of the parties operating it. They did not make their presence known to the local authorities, but went to work on the case at once without assistance. Messrs. Poole and Carter drove to a spot near the still Friday and secreted themselves to await developments. They had been informed that the plant would be in operation on that day, but they learned that the "mash was still sweet," and that there would be nothing doing until yesterday.

Caught at the Still.

Soon after noon yesterday Martin, accompanied by his little boy and the negro, appeared at the still and, it is said, started to work. Then the officers made their presence known, served their warrants and the entire party drove back to the city.

According to the officers, information has been given to the effect that this still has been in active operation all during this spring. It is said that the output is something like one hundred gallons of corn whiskey a day for three days each week. The product has been disposed of in this city and elsewhere in the vicinity, and it is stated that perhaps half a dozen local saloon keepers may be arrested on the charge of handling the stuff.

As estimated by the officers something over $200 per week should have been paid the government for the whiskey sold from this still.

Accuse E. J. Collins.

The dealer whom the officers accuse of being connected with this business is E. J. Collins, proprietor of the Elkton saloon at Huntington avenue and Twety-fifth street. Mr. Collins was at Pine Beach yesterday, but the officers said that they would arrest him today or tomorrow.

Martin claims that he has not violated the law; that he has not operated the still since last February, when the license for the place expired. On the other hand the officers claim to have all the evidence necessary to prove their accusations.

Merely Local.

Young Thomas, afflicted with a green apple pain in his midst, thus explained his condition to his mother: "Mother, I've got an awful bad pain right in the middle of my stomach, but the rest of me feels fine."—Lippincott's.

Brass Band Concert Buckroe this afternoon, 3:00 to 5:30 p. m. 1t

Social-Personal

The arrangements for the May carnival to be held on the Casino grounds next Wednesday and Thursday afternoons are about completed. The affair is to be a very beautiful one, and the chief feature will be the crowning of the Queen of May, who will be present in the person of little Miss Ruth Smith, daughter of Clerk of Courts D. G. Smith. Incident to the crowning of the queen will be the presentation of offerings to the queen by the fairies, zephyrs, floras and the seasons, with all of the months, all represented by little girls and boys. This is followed by a rainbow drill, in which sixteen of the children participate and succeed in getting some splendid effects. After this comes the flag drill and the May-pole dance, both of which are among the most attractive features on the program.

Miss Mariam Norton has returned home after spending two weeks with relatives in Isle of Wight county.

Miss Gertrude Johnson left yesterday for Scranton, Pa., to visit relatives.

Mr. L. A. Meyers has returned from a business trip to Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mrs. C. B. Whitney and her daughter, Miss Alice, returned yesterday from a trip to Atlantic City, Camden and Philadelphia.

Rev. Dr. Horine, of Congress Heights, Washington, arrived in the city yesterday and will occupy the pulpit of Trinity Lutheran church today.

Miss Mary McIntosh, of Scotland, is visiting her cousins, the Misses Barclay, on the Boulevard.

Miss Frances Richards has returned to her home in Lynchburg after a visit to her cousins, the Misses Davis, on Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Margaret Wilbertson has returned home after spending two weeks with relatives in Harrisonburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beale, and little daughter, of Norfolk, are the guests or relatives in this city.

VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES

Wills and Barron, in "Happy Hooligan and the Insurance Agent," a one-act farce that is guaranteed to produce a laugh a minute. Both the members of this team are said to be exceedingly clever.

Second on the bill will be Samuel P. Phillips, who impersonates famous actors of the past and present, and whose act is said to be both novel and clever. Among the players impersonated are Joseph Jefferson, David Warfield, James A. Hearne, William Gillette, Wilson Barrett, Sir Henry Irving, E. H. Sothern, Nat C. Goodwin and Robert Mantell.

A feature of the performance will be the special music, under the direction of Professor Smidt.

The pictures will include several of the latest by Pathe and Selig.

At Wonderland.

The largest crowds in the history of the place packed Wonderland at every performance last night and the audiences were more than pleased with Mlle Tina, "the lightning change artist" and Miller and Mack, the dancing marvels.

For the first part of the coming week the show will be made up of Miss "Jolly" Ruth Garnold, said to be a comedienne of considerable ability, and Eckert and Francis in a high class comedy sketch. Mr. Eckert is said to be one of the best erman comedians in the business, while Mr. Francis is said to be a singer of more than average ability.

An entirely new picture program goes on Monday at Wonderland, and includes three late subjects of the popular French Pathe make

Dreamland's Program.

The management of Dreamland has secured two vaudeville acts to be presented in connection with the moving pictures during the first three days of this week. The headliner will be Frank and Della Williams, "singing, talking and dancing comedians," in a comedy sketch.

Zano, "the magician," furnishes the second number.

An especially attractive moving picture program is said to have been provided for tomorrow.

GREAT PILE OF CORD WOOD IS DESTSOYED

P. B. Hiden, of This City, Loses $2,500 Worth of Pine in Fire at Trevillian Station.

About 800 cords of pine wood belonging to Mr. P. B. Hiden, of this city, was destroyed by fire at Trevillian Station, on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway near Gordonsville yesterday morning. There was no insurance on the wood, and Mr. Hiden places his loss at $2,500 or more.

The fire started on a farm about a mile distant from the station and though fifty men fought to keep it back, it reached the station and destroyed the great pile of wood which had been placed near the siding for shipment.

The wood made such a hot fire that trains could not pass it for more than four hours and a half.

Don't fail to hear the Eagle Band Concert at Buckroe this afternoon; 3:00 to 5:30 p. m. 1t

CROWD FOR FIRST GAME

Seven Hundred Fans See Athletics Wallop North Enders.

CONTEST FAST ONE THROUGHOUT

Speakman Had His Opponents "Up a Tree", and They Connected With Only Four of His Twirlers For Safe Drives.

With almost perfect weather and before a crowd of about seven hundred enthusiastic fans, a majority of whom were ladies, the North End baseball team went down to defeat before the Newport News Athletics to the strains of 5 to 2 in the opening game of the regular Peninsula League season on the Casino diamond yesterday afternoon.

The North End bunch looked good at the start, Powell crossing the rubber for the first run on a single by himself, a steal and a wild pitch by Speakman. There was no more scoring from then until the last part of the fifth, when the Athletics landed on Reynolds for a total of five singles, which combined, with the loose playing of the North End infield netted them four runs.

Rally in the Ninth.

North End was never dangerous from the fifth session until the ninth, when they brought a bunch of the fans to their feet by starting what looked like a Garrison finish of the fireworks variety, but it only netted them one run and fizzled out. Shawen started the fireworks in this session by landing on the nose of one of Speakman's benders and smashing it out to center field for three bases. Searles the next man proceeded to lose the ball in the river on a long drive down the first base line, but on account of a ground rule he was allowed but two bases and he died on second as the remaining batters could not bring him in.

Reynolds was on the firing line for North End and barring the fatal fifth inning pitched a good game. Simpson who succeeded him in the seventh seemed to have the Athletics well in hand for the remaining innings striking out the first three men he faced with but ten pitched balls.

Speakman Had 'em Up Tree.

Speakman was on the mound for the Athletics and the languid delivery he handed out seemed to have the North End batters up a tree, as they only connected with his service for a total of four hits.

The features of the game were Reed's pretty drive to right field for three bases, Shawen's bingle to the same garden for three bags, Searles long hit down the first base line, and the pitching of Speakman for the Athletics.

The Teams.

The line-up and score follows:

Athletics—Land, ss; Foley, M., 3b; Roaten, c; Garvey, 1b; Read rf; Blanford, cf; Foley, lf; Mountcastle and Rice, 2b; Speakman, p.

North End—Powen, cf; Nexsen, rf; Shawen, 3b; Searles, 2b; Richardson, 1b; Bryan, c; H. Hughes, ss; Burbage, and VanPelt, rf; Reynolds and Simpson, p.

Score:		R.	H.	E.
Athletics	00014000x	5	7	3
North End	100000001	2	4	0

Summary—Two base hits, M. Foley, Searles; three base hits—Read and Shawen; bases on balls, off Speakman, 4; off Reynolds, 1; left on bases—Athletics, 1; North End, 6; wild pitches, Speakman, 1. Struck out by Speakman, 5; by Reynolds, 6; by Simpson, 4. Double-plays—Roaten to Rice. Time—1:20—Umpire, Rayfield.

STATE I. O. O. F. CONVENTION.

Representatives of Local Lodges Off For Bristol.

Among the Odd Fellows who left yesterday for Bristol to attend the Grand Lodge, which meets in that city next Tuesday, were:

G. W. Whitley and S. S. Davis, from the Pocahontas Encampment; Robert Gunning, from Newport News Encampment A.; H. Clark, from the Old Point Encampment; R. W. West and C. H. Richardson, from East End Lodge; N. E. Cofer, from Silver Link Lodge; W. C. Matthews and Wm. Wilde, from Newport News Lodge, and Dr. R. Lee Robinson, chairman of the credentials committee of the grand lodge.

High School vs Academy.

The baseball team of the High School will cross bats with the team from the Newport News Academy, Tuesday afternoon on the Casino Diamond. The High School team has already defeated the Academy nine once this season but by a close score and a close game is expected.

WHO PAID FOR SKYSCRAPERS.

Who Provides the $250,000,000 Invested in Wall Street Facilities?

I take it that no effective denial can be entered against the assertion that many of the superb buildings which are massed in Wall Street district of New York are largely devoted to housing concerns which draw their revenue from the speculative public. This same public partially paid for their erection—it continues to contribute the funds which make such investments profitable.

The reader will be appalled by the facts I am about to cite and the unanswerable proof I am about to submit:

It is not alleged that what is known as the Wall Street district is entirely devoted to the purpose of speculation. It includes hundreds, and possibly thousands, of firms which have no direct concern with the various exchanges; but it is possible to arrive at a reasonably close approximation to the total paid by those who defray the cost of the Wall Street Game.

The tax books of New York City show that the Wall Street district is assessed at a figure between $200,000,000 and $300,000,000, the exact amount being dependent on what may properly be included in the term "Wall Street district." Within the most reasonable boundaries for this district must be included property worth at least the former figure; and it may be assumed that the real selling value is at least twenty per cent in excess of that assessed against the owners.

It is ultra-conservative to assert that one third of this capitalization is employed in catering to speculative enterprises and employment. This constitutes an item of $75,000,000 for New York City, alone, and the nation will swell this to $100,000,000 and more.

We have taken no account of the cost of the fixtures in the thousands of offices in these buildings; neither has mention been made of many other items which properly belong in this calculation. The total amount of fixed capital invested in the speculative game in the United States is approximately indicated in the following:

Invested in Exchange Buildings, $25,000,000. Value of Membership Tickets, $100,000,000. Invested in Office Buildings, $100,000,000. Figures and Incidentals, $25,000,000. Total $250,000,000.—Frederick Upham Adams in the May Everybody's.

Building Operations in 1908.

The total cost of the buildings erected in the principal cities of the United States in 1908 was $546,467,390, according to Jefferson Middleton, of the United States Geological Survey, who has collected statistics on this subject in connection with his investigations of the clay-working industries. In 1907 the cost of buildings in these same cities reached a total of $626,348,890. The decrease in cost in 1908 therefore amounts to $79,861,500, 12.73 per cent.

Rank of Cities

The relative rank of the cities in cost of building operations is interesting. New York is first, the cost of its buildings exceeding the cost of those of its closest competitor, Chicago, by $50,584,582, or more than 75 per cent. If the cost of operations in Brooklyn, the third city in rank, is added to that for New York, the total will be $163,684,622, or 30 per cent of the cost of the building operations. Of the cities included in the table, San Francisco is fourth in rank, Philadelphia is fifth, and St. Louis is sixth. Seventh in rank is the small though rapidly growing city, Seattle, which spent more for buildings in 1908 than Pittsburg, which was eight, Boston, which was ninth, and other cities much larger. This great activity in Seattle is ascribed to the extremely low prices of building materials and labor.

Character of Buildings.

Of the permits issued or buildings erected 38.64 per cent were for buildings of fire-resisting materials, and 61.36 per cent for wooden buildings, corresponding closely to the percentages in 1907. The average cost of brick or fire-resisting buildings in 1908 was $9,089 and of wooden buildings $2,101.

Chicago reported the largest number of brick buildings—8,208, with an average value of $6,818; Philadelphia the next largest number—6,778, with an average value of $2,308. Brooklyn reported the third largest number of brick buildings and New York the seventh, though in cost of buildings of this class it is first. New York reported 1,884 brick buildings costing $103,064,486, or nearly twice as much as Chicago's 8,208. The average cost of fire-resisting buildings in New York was 54,705. No wooden buildings were erected in the borough of Manhattan, those reported for New York being in the Bronx. The largest number of permits for wooden buildings was issued in Seattle—7,777, the average cost of the buildings being about $1,000. The next largest number of wooden buildings was reported by Los Angeles—4,679, costing on an average $1,283. The greatest cost for wooden buildings was reported by San Francisco, the average cost being $3,641. Chicago, which reported the largest number of brick buildings, was eighty in number of wooden buildings. Except for Reading, where none were erected, Philadelphia reported the smallest number of wooden buildings—45, with an average cost of $1,482.

A Smoking Suggestion.

The child saw Mr. Smith, wearing a silk hat and smoking a cigar, go past the house. "Mamma," said she, "why doesn't Mr. Smith fix the draught so's the smoke'll go up his chimney?"—Town and Country.

Solitude.

Solitude is the nurse of enthusiasm, and enthusiasm is the true parent of genius. In all ages solitude has been called for—has been flown to.—Isaac Disraeli.

CHILDREN GO TO BOTTOM OF RIVER IN CAISSON

Unique Demonstration of Safety of Williamson Diving Apparatus.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot gives the following account of a very unique demonstration of the safety of the Williamson submarine apparatus in Norfolk a few days ago:

"The diving appliance of Captain Charles Williamson was successfully tested at the foot of Bute street yesterday afternoon when the safety of it was demonstrated. Five girls and boys, all under the age of thirteen, were given the opportunity of seeing the bottom of the river, and each went down in the appliance for that purpose.

"Miss Evangeline Shaw, the nine-year-old daughter of Manager J. B. Shaw, of the Citizens Telephone Company of Newport News, was the first of the little people to make the descent. She went down into the tube without fear, and after gazing interestedly at the things at the bottom of the Elizabeth, she came up and was presented with a medal by Captain Williamson. She again went down with Captain Hudson and was followed by the other children, who seemed to enjoy the novelty of their experience?

"The following children went down into the tube: Miss Evangeline Shaw, aged 9, daughter of Manager J. B. Shaw, of the Citizens Telephone Company of Newport News; Master Charles Wesley Hudson, aged 8, grandson of the inventor; Miss Lavinia Phoebus aged 13, and Miss Ruby Shaw, six years old."

A CARD.

To the Democratic Voters:

An unsigned circular has been industriously circulated for several days, of which the following is a copy:

"Feb. 20th, 1908.

"House bill No. 168.

"To create a fireman's relief fund and to increase the efficiency of the fire department in the cities, towns and counties of Virginia.

"Passed the House by the recorded vote of ayes, 53; noes, 19.

"The member from Newport News not recorded in the affirmative or negative; nor as being paired.

"March 4th, 1908.

"House bill No. 183.

"To regulate the employment of children in factories, workshops and mines in the Commonwealth, and to prescribe penalties for violation of such regulation.

"Passed by recorded vote of, ayes, 42; noes, 38.

"Member from Newport News not recorded as voting Aye or No; nor as being paired.

"March 9th, 1908.

"Senate bill No. 126.

"For the establishment of libraries in the public schools of the rural districts, and to appropriate money therefor.

"Passed the House by the recorded vote of, ayes, 55; noes, 1. Mr. Barrett.

"The member from Newport News cast the only NEGATIVE VOTE."

While ordinarily I pay no attention to anonymous communications, the above has the impress of authority and its purpose is so unmistakable that I desire to occupy but small space to expose its fallacies and prevent, if possible friends of mine from being misled by its conclusions. The circular is remarkable in at least the respect that it makes no mention of my stand on the bill by which the pilots attempted to increase their receipts by $60,000 addition from the shipping interests of Tidewater ports, which was reduced to $30,000 additional by reason of my fight—and for this some are opposing my re-election.

Replying seriatim: I—I supported the Firemen's Relief bill, although every fire insurance company represented by my firm was bitter in opposition—or why the Firemen's complimentary banquet to Senator Holt and myself, I voted for the enrollment of the bill, WHICH DECIDES THE FATE of all bills, with rare exception; on its passage, February 28, the opening day of the Blackstone hearings, I was at my post in committee room deciding the fate of Judge Blackstone. Had the fate of the bill been in doubt, the friends of the measure would have notified the committee in time to temporarily adjourn for a recorded vote.

II—I was in favor of the Child Labor bill, and so voted on its final passage in the House, February 28 (See page 701 of the House Journal.) When the bill was returned from the Senate with some minor amendments, I was temporarily absent. I could have had no notice of it, because bills returned from the other House with amendments do not appear on the calendar. I objected to including "mercantile establishments" in the same class as "mines and factories," and had the words stricken out by amendments (See page 513)—but when the committee to whom it was referred back reinstated the words, I voted for the bill notwithstanding my objection to one feature of it.

III—This demonstrates to what extremities my opponents and their managers have gone to pick some flaw in my otherwise invulnerable record.

I voted against this bill because it carried a $5,000 appropriation of State's money, and discriminated against the cities, who pay half of the taxes, in the distribution of the fund—it only applying to libraries in rural schools.

More cards such as this, and I am quite sure the purpose will react on the heads of those who would stealthily injure my record. I have consistently refrained from any form of attack upon by honorable opponent. I appreciate the fact that his record as well as mine is a legitimate object of attack. However, when I see fit to thus attack him, I will do so over my own signature, and not by innuendo or through the medium of hirelings; or I shall do so in legitimate discussion from the hustings.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. E. BARRETT.

Special Excursion to Mathews County.

The Old Dominion Steamship Co's. steamer Mobjack will make a special excursion to Mathews County today, May 9, leaving Old Point at 8:00 a. m. Fare, round trip, $1.10.

W. H. LANDON, Agt.

Brass Band Concert Buckroe this afternoon, 3:00 to 5:30 p. m. 1t