

## **HE IS DETERMINED TO MAKE HUGO DRYER**

A REIGN OF TERROR EXISTS AMONG THE LOCAL BOOZE VENDERS  
A Sweeping Raid Made in Niggertown – Quite an Amount of Intoxicants  
Confiscated and Arrests were Made.

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Sheriff Loftin is determined to make Hugo dryer, the thirsty thirstier, the eggnog niggles, the beer tasteless, and the foaming cheer cheerless. It is going to be bad indeed.

Thus sayeth the chief police officer of Choctaw county, and the raids and arrests made during the past three or four days would seem to attest that our sheriff is a man of deeds rather than of words.

Niggertown has been the scene of his operations, for the niggers, more than any other of Hugo's population, appear to be the chosen few to deal in goods wet and stimulating. And for which all this trouble, furor, ill consequences, etc., are brought about and with the results, baneful and dark in their nature, as hereinafter related.

Monday night the sheriff with J.T. Deweese, constable, made a complete sweep of the dusky district, deploying well about the liquor venders' strongholds and taking prisoners the whole business, booze as well as proprietors. Mattie Taylor, a well known wench, was called on, but no whisky or beer was discovered at her place.

Forty-eight quarts were found at Bill Lacy's place, however, and today Bill rests perhaps mediating over his past sins in the county calaboose. The beer was found under lock and key in an outhouse, the beer being on ice.

Andrew Goodlowe had in possession a case of whisky, and Bud Lacy had thirty-six quarts of beer, which with the rest was confiscated.

The more interesting scoop was made in the Hayes hotel, of which Myrtle Tarrants, proprietor. Just as some men in an automobile were [unreadable] to receive an armful of bottled beer, Sheriff Loftin and Constable Deweese stepped forward, took charge of the drinkables and Myrtle. She was later released on giving a bond in the amount of five hundred.