

ANENT DOGS AND TAXES.

We understand the new legal city blanks will be ready this week so that processes may issue at once against those who have not paid their dog tax. We further learn it is the plan to prosecute a dozen or so delinquents at first and follow this up till every delinquent is reached. We are told there are two classes of objections to be raised by some of the delinquents.

First, that the city has no authority to levy a dog tax. If such will look into the statutes and see what special powers they confer in cities and villages, under 81st. they read "and to impose a tax on dogs," is specifically named as one of the city's powers. Now turn to the city ordinances and see what the city has done under that special authority of the statute. It has levied a tax of one dollar per annum on each male and two dollars on each female dog kept within the limits of the city. No ordinance could be more clear, definite and specific than this one is, and persons foolish enough to take an appeal to the circuit court would be beaten instant.

Second, that some will claim they do not own the dog. If they will read the first section of the dog ordinance they will see that a person don't need to own the dog to make him liable. City Attorney Smoot was not taking a nap when he framed that, nor building a fence so you can throw a dog through every crack. That ordinance will hold dogs and also any person who has been giving a dog a home whether owning him or not.

What we blame the city for is that this work was not begun two months ago. But then, it has from now till July, 1898, to finish the job.

Eli Perkins will come next week Thursday night, 18th, in McDonald's hall. Eli has sent us a ticket good all over the world for 962 years. We anticipate a rare treat. It is under the auspices of the First Evangelical church, one of the most thoroughly alive and successful of our churches. It has vindicated its right to be, and therefore is entitled to the most cordial support.

Pumping Engineer Laing says he is not to blame because the water is not shut off at the end of 15 days. Clerk Finney gives him a list of delinquents at once, and he starts to shut off the water and some officials put their hands on his shoulder and say "Go slow here and there, Mr. Laing." Who does that?

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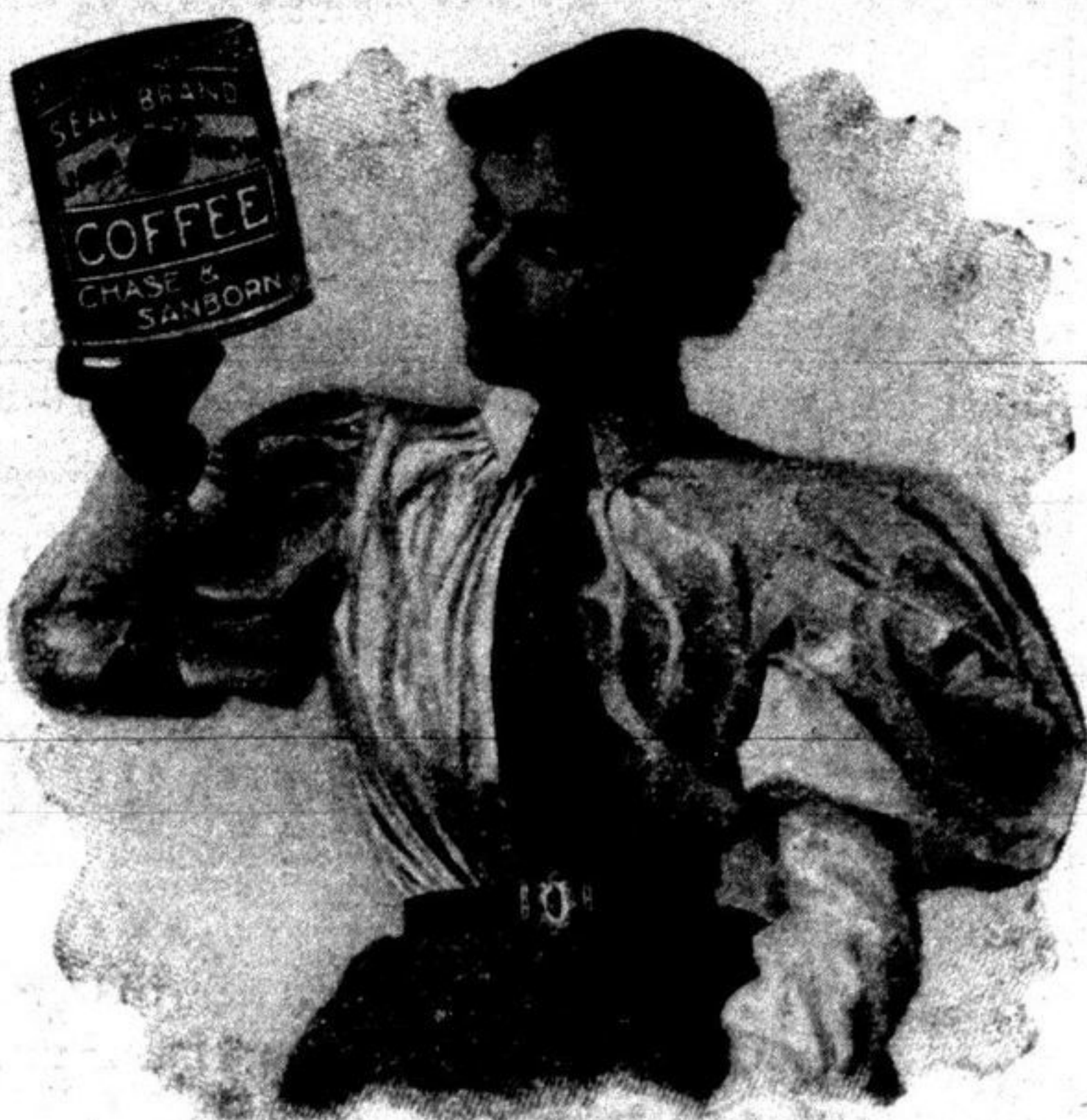
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