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According to the Cloverdale (Cal.) *Reveille*, it has been ascertained that out of 185 cases of successful awinding throughout the State by traveling sharpshooters in various ways, by which people of the rural districts were robbed, some to the extent of thousands of dollars, only nine or ten were subscribers of readers of a county paper.

The French propose to protect their budding disciples of Esculapius. It is definitely settled that foreign physicians practicing in France must be taxed and also pass an examination by a Faculty of Medicine, which has almost unlimited discretion. This is equivalent to excluding all but the most skillful, and these latter will prefer, in the case of Americans and Englishmen, to practice among their richer and more liberal compatriots.

Russia is at present in the throes of a temperance campaign, which the central Government does not seem to be seconding to any extent, if one may judge by the news from the department of Kiev. In that section thirty-six villages sent petitions to St. Petersburg demanding the abolition of all liquor selling establishments within their boundaries. Thirty-five of these petitions were rejected, but the thirty-sixth being accepted the inhabitants of the village thus deprived of its drink turned out and beat to death the man who had drawn up the petition. They said he had been altogether too eloquent.

In a recent work on "The Physiology of Bodily Exercise" Dr. F. Lagrange says that fencing, apparatus gymnastics and riding school lessons may be safely prescribed for the idle person "whose brain languishes for want of work." But for a child overworked at school, for a person whose nerve centers are congested owing to a persistent mental effort in preparing for an examination, for such we must prescribe long walks, the easily learned exercise of rowing, and feeling better, the old game of leap frog and prisoner's base, running games, anything in fact, rather than difficult exercises and acrobatic gymnastics.

While Europe, with five times our population and four times our wealth, has added in twenty years over eight billions to its national debts the United States have reduced their national debt by nearly two billion dollars. Europe spends annually \$887,000,000 for military expenditures, including pensions, whereas we say, "this is the lesson of liberty, these are the fruits of freedom, and the great republic, without debt, without an army, without a navy, goes on in the great race of prosperity and industrial supremacy, distancing those heavily-loaded competitors." It cannot be many decades before this lesson will be learned by the vast population of Europe, who will throw off the incubus that is getting too heavy to be borne by people who do not forget that they were once free under their tribal chieftains before the rise of the splendid monarchies of to-day.

When we study the progress of agriculture we find, says the *New York Times*, most conspicuous illustrations of the tendency of production to exceed the demands of consumers. Corn, for instance, has increased in quantity far ahead of the increase in population. In 1874 the area in this crop was 41,000,000 acres; in 1886 it had grown to more than 75,000,000 acres, an increase of 85 per cent. During these twelve years the population increased only 36 per cent. The same excess has occurred in the production of cattle and hogs and the salable products of these staple agricultural products. It is not difficult to discover the cause of this great and disproportionate increase. The extension of railroads in the great corn and cattle growing regions has forced a vast increase in the population, and has led to the cultivation of enormous areas and the production of enormous crops and herds of cattle with the inevitable result of depressed values.

The passion for heavy ordnance in England, at the best little more than a fad, has, so the *Times-Democrat* thinks, "led that country to go to extremes in the making of guns, and its costly and disastrous failure should be a timely lesson to other powers. Seven guns were made, weighing each 110 tons, sixteen inches in caliber and calculated to throw a projectile weighing 1800 pounds fifteen miles with 800 pounds of powder. The cost of each of these guns was \$150,000, and with only test and practice use four of them are already practically useless, although none had ever been subjected to half an hour of steady firing. It is said by experts that under the best conditions the life of a gun of this kind could not extend beyond the seventy-fifth shot. This would make the expense of each discharge at least \$2000, plus the cost of 800 pounds of powder and an 1800 pound projectile. The guns are also condemned as ponderous and awkward, and hereafter it is unlikely that any gun of more than sixty-five tons will be made."

## RIPE WHEAT.

We bent today o'er a softly form,  
And our tears fell softly down;  
We looked our last on the aged face  
With its smile of peace, its patient grace,  
And hair like a silver crown.

We touched our own to the clay-cold hands,  
From Life's long labor at rest;  
And among the blossoms white and sweet,  
We noted a bunch of golden wheat,  
Clasped close to the silent breast.

We know not what work her hands had found,  
What rugged places her feet;  
What cross was hers, what blackness of night—

We saw but the peace, the blossoms white,  
And the bunch of ripened wheat.

As each goes up from the field of earth,  
Fearing the treasures of life,  
God looks for some gathered grains of good  
From the ripe harvest that shining stood,  
But waiting the reaper's knife.

Then labor well, that in death you go,  
Not only with blossoms sweet;  
Not bent with doubt, and burdened with fears,

And the dead dry husks of wasted years,  
But laden with golden wheat.  
—Jerome Sandreau, in *Courier-Journal*

## HELD FOR RANSOM.

We had been out from Melbourne two days, journeying toward the new town of Murray City, on the Murray River and we were only two miles from a post station, where a guard of mounted police had their headquarters, when the driver of the stage or wagon suddenly brought his horses to a dead stop. This was the day of thirty years ago, before any part of Australia was half civilized by the English, and before the big island had been more than half surveyed. There were plenty of bushrangers haunting every highway, and every stage was usually accompanied by a guard. In our case five of us had put together and hired a private conveyance. It was one of the usual stages, but making a special trip for our benefit. Of the five, three were Englishmen going up to the valley of the Murray to locate land, the fourth was an American who had been in the country two years, and I had hunted in Melbourne only the week before. My companion was named Davis, a widower, and he had his only child along—a bright little girl eight years old. He was going up to sheep-ranch in partnership with a friend already settled, and he could not bear to leave his child behind him in the town.

The five of us were well armed, and every hour since leaving Melbourne we had been ready to defend ourselves. As we had met with nothing to alarm us thus far, and as we knew we were close upon a station, no one was prepared for what happened. The stage had no sooner stopped than two men came up on a side, covered us with revolvers, and a gruff voice announced:

"Now then, the first move and off goes yer heads! Step out here one by one!"

I was the first one out. It was just at sundown, and on a portion of the road between two ridges. The two men on that side were rough, unkempt, desperate-looking fellows—fair samples of the other two—and the instant I saw them I knew that we were in for trouble. When we were all out they ordered the driver to turn into a blind road to the right, and we followed after the wagon. As we were ordered to follow the vehicle the leader of the gang said:

"No foolishness, now! The four of us have got our pistols looking right at ye!"

After going thirty rods we were as well hidden from the highway as if we had gone ten miles, and were brought to a halt in a little glade. As there were five to four, you may wonder that we did not make a break. The first man who had moved to pull his revolver would have been shot in the back. Davis could not be counted on anyhow, as his anxiety for his child took all the fight out of him. The driver, if not in league with the rangers was at least treated as neutral. While he was armed he took matters so quietly that we saw he was out of the scrape. The five of us were placed in a row, and while we stood behind us the fourth disarmed us and went through our pockets. We were a poverty-stricken crowd. The \$80 they took from me constituted my worldly wealth, while Davis and the others had been too sharp to trust their money to a stage unguarded. The whole amount did not run out over \$150, and the bushrangers were furious.

"Why, you bloody bloke!" shouted the leader, "you alone ought to have at least \$200 with you!"

"Do you think I'm carrying my money about the country for such as you?" protested the hot-headed victim.

"An' a wishing you hadn't got a penny!" added the second.

"The idea of it! You'll all be hung for this!" growled the third.

Davis and I had said nothing. We didn't see that the case could be helped by protestations. The words of the Englishmen provoked our captors to a white heat, and they were knocked about unmercifully for the next five minutes. Then the leader, speaking to the two of us, asked:

"You are not English?"

"No, Americans."

"I thought so. Where ye bound for?"

"We gave him our destinations. We were a bit sorry to take you money, small as it is, and so delay your journey, but we've got to do both. These three coves is rich, and we ain't going to let 'em off with shillings where we ought to have pounds."

While we were held under guard one of the men went over to the driver and held a consultation with him, and the result was that he turned his team about and disappeared in the direction of the highway. We were then ordered to proceed in a northerly course through the scrub, one man leading and the other bringing up the rear. Not a word had been addressed to little Eva by any of the men, although all had looked at her with softened expression. She realized what was going on, but went through bravely, and when we started through the scrub her father carried her on his shoulder. We traveled for six or

seven miles before halting, and then came upon a camp fire, with a fifth bushranger sleeping beside it. He was rudely awakened, and it then saw that he had his right arm in a sling, having been wounded or meeting with an accident. The camp was a thicket, with a temporary shelter of brush to sleep under. The five of us were ordered to sit down under this shelter, and then every man's feet were tied together at the ankles and a guard took a seat before us. Then the fire was replenished, and the bushrangers gave us such a supper as they could afford, which consisted solely of roast mutton and a flour cake baked in the ashes. When we had eaten this and been offered a drink of water all around the leader sat down before us and said:

"Now, gents, business is business the world over. We have got to have money. We want it to convert these 'ere natives from the error of their ways, and it will take a heap to do it. You first gent, who was so ready with your tongue, how much are you worth?"

"It's none o' yer business, you scoundrel, you," was the hearty reply.

"Well, mebbe not. Bein' as you is so poverty-stricken, I'll put you down for only \$300. Now, you second gent."

"I could raise \$100 if in Melbourne." "That means \$200 for you, then. You'll lie a half o' more. Now, you third gent."

"I'll see you banged for this day's worth," was the reply.

"Ebbe you will, but not until after I see your money. You also go down for \$300. Now, the fourth gent."

"You've got my last dollar," I replied. "I lauded in Melbourne only a week ago."

"That's bad for all of us, but I guess you tell the truth. Now, you fifth gent."

"I might possibly raise \$5 if up at the ranch," replied Davis, "but that would be all. I am poor, and just making a start."

"Is that your little gal?"

"Yes."

"Where's the mother?"

"Dead."

"Shoo! That's too bad. What's the gal's name?"

"Eva."

"Mighty sweet. Say, gal, come and kiss me."

She went over to him and kissed his bronzed and bearded cheek without the slightest hesitation, and he held her for a moment and looked her over and said:

"Sweet as honey! I wouldn't hurt you for all the gold in the world!"

She was allowed to return to her father, and the leader then said:

"We shall hold you three peppy gents until you raise \$200 for us, and as these Americans might give the alarm we shall be obliged to hold them as well. Sorry to do it, but business is business, and if we don't look out for ourselves we can't win."

Each one of the Englishmen swore by all that was good and great that he'd never pay a cent, but the bushrangers only laughed at their words. At a late hour we were ordered to go asleep, and the last thing I saw before my eyes closed was the guard sitting on a rock at my feet. The night passed quietly, and as soon as we had breakfasted in the morning the leader took pen, ink, and paper from a box and said to the Englishmen:

"Now, then, here's the chance to write to your friends to raise the rocks, and I'll see that the letters reach them."

Each one of the three refused point blank to make any attempt to raise money, although it was plain they had a desperate lot to deal with and that they would suffer for their obstinacy.

"Well, some other day will do just as well," laughed the leader, "but I want it understood that each day of delay adds \$25 to the ransom."

We were then tied, given a few minutes to get over our stiffness of limb, and then we all set off over a rugged, scrubby country toward a range of hills. We traveled steadily until noon, and then came to a very secure stronghold among the hills. By placing us in a natural enclosure of about an eighth of an acre, we were surrounded by rocky walls on three sides, and on the fourth the bushrangers built their fire and made their camp. As we were penned in here the chief of the bushrangers announced to the Englishmen that he would give them two days in which to make up their minds to send for the money. If they held out at the end of that time he would take his own measures to extort the money. One of the Englishmen was a large landowner in Australia, another was a civil engineer at Melbourne, and the third was fresh from England, and was intending to start a manufactory of some sort at Melbourne or Sydney. Davis and I both labored with them to make them realize the situation, but they were pig-headed and obstinate, declaring that it was all a bluff, and that the rangers would not dare proceed to extremes. We believed differently. They were escaped convicts, each one outlawed, and a more villainous gang one never looked at.

On the morning of the third day, without having annoyed us in the least during the interval, the chief called for their decision. Each Englishman curtly replied that he would never get another dollar of their money. The civil engineer was the leader, and the most independent. He was seized, tied hand and foot, and after his boots and stockings had been removed, he was placed with his feet to a fire. He stood the torture until we could smell the odor of his burning soles, and then gave in. The other two followed his example without waiting for the torture. Each one wrote a note to a friend in Melbourne, worded by dictation. While the chief was a rough-looking fellow, he proved to have a very fair education. When the letters were ready he took them and started, presumably to find a messenger to act as a go-between. There were four left to guard us, and after the chief had gone one of them bruised some herbs and kindly tied up the Englishman's feet. Our three fellow-prisoners rather shunned Davis and myself during the afternoon, seeming to be put out because we were not called upon to ransom ourselves. But we afterward recalled that they made much of the child and had her with them a good share of the time. Each outlaw also had a good word for her whenever she came near and she was permitted to run about with out restraint.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon this was the situation: Three of the guards were asleep beyond the fire. The fourth sat on the ground with his back to a rock, reading a novel, while he had a rifle across his knees. Davis and I lay close together, talking matters over, and the Englishmen were ten steps away. Little Eva was running about, shouting and playing. All at once we heard the pop of a revolver, followed by a death cry, and as we sprang up two of the Englishmen, each with a pistol in hand, dropped dead. In sixty seconds more every one of the bushrangers was dead. They had coaxed Eva to bring them the pistols, which were lying on the far side of the camp, and she had passed behind the guard and made two trips. As soon as they had the weapons one of them shot down the half-asleep guard, and then the others were slain before sleep was fairly off their eyelids.

The smoke was still hanging over the camp when we began the construction of a litter, and within half an hour we were headed for the highway, carrying the victim of torture along with us. We kept going all night, and we had to go slow, and about daylight came out at the stage station. A squad of mounted police set off for the camp, and on their way to it came across and killed the leaders of the bushrangers, thus wiping out the last of a bad gang.—*New York Sun*.

## Wooden Toothpicks Injurious.

"Don't take a wooden toothpick. Take care of the quills," said a physician recently to a reporter for the *New York Mail and Express*. The two had been dining together.

"I always thought that the wooden toothpicks were the least injurious to the teeth," ventured the scribe.

"The best kind of toothpick any one can use is the quill. It is not injurious to the teeth and little pieces won't break off and get down the throat and cause many other ills," replied the doctor.

"The habit of toothpick chewing is responsible for a great number of human ills. A great many people stick a toothpick in their mouths, and chew on it until the wood is reduced to a pulp before they throw it away. Very often several small pieces of the wood are swallowed. A man once came to me complaining of his stomach. I examined him and found that he was in a very bad condition, caused by this very habit. The small particles of wood that were swallowed frequently lodged in the walls of the stomach, and induced gastric disturbance.

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If one will go through the orchard in winter, or any time before the leaves come, and cut off and burn all twigs which have the eggs of the tent caterpillars, he will save much trouble. The eggs are in rings encircling the twigs. This preventive measure is practicable only with low-headed trees, unless a ladder is used.

Get as many early chickens as you can, it means early laying pullets in comfortable condition any too soon. Sheep need warm, comfortable quarters so that they will not be huddled too close together to retain a little warmth. No open holes or cracks, however small, should be left for the wind to blow through and the snow to sift in, making a cold streak clear across the pen. The ceiling or roof does not need to be high, yet good ventilation should be provided for, while an agreeable temperature of 50 to 60 degrees is kept throughout the sheep pen. No cheap rickety concerns will answer the purpose. But how many really good winter quarters for sheep are provided? In the recent storms in Colorado and Texas sheep perished by the thousands for want of shelter. They suffer everywhere from the same cause. The time is coming when men will better protect their animals.

The profit on sheep growing does not all come from one source. It is not confined to the receipts for wool, nor yet to what the mutton and young lambs bring. Nor, in the case of blooded stock, is it

## SABBATH SCHOOL.

### INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR MARCH 30.

#### The Quarterly Review—Golden Text: Acts iv, 12.

#### REVIEW EXERCISE.

Superintendent.—What did an angel promise Zacharias?

School.—A son who should be the forerunner of the Saviour.

Supt.—How did Zacharias begin his song at the birth of John the Baptist?

School.—That did Simeon say when he took the child Jesus in his arms.

Supt.—What did he predict concerning his infant son?

School.—That should be called the prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his way.

Supt.—What good tidings of great joy did an angel bring to the shepherds of Bethlehem?

School.—Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Supt.—What was the song of the angels at the birth of the Saviour?

School.—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

Supt.—What did Simeon say when he took the child Jesus in his arms?

School.—Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.

Supt.—Where did Jesus live during His childhood?

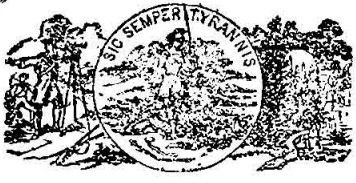
School.—With His parents at Nazareth, a town of Galilee.

Supt.—Where did His parents go every year?

School.—His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

Supt.—When did they take Jesus with them?

School.—When He was twelve years old.



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A NEW TARIFF BILL.

The new tariff bill just completed by the Ways and Means Committee is a liberal compliance with the pledges made by the Republican party during the last campaign.

Thus the duty on sugar, which is used by every man, woman and child in America, has been reduced about \$26,000,000.

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mittee has done its work well, and it now only remains for Congress to ratify it, and settle for many years to come the perplexing question of tariff revision.

NEW LAWS.

The following are among the new laws passed by the recent legislature:

That if any person sell, barter, give, or furnish, or cause to be sold, bartered, given or furnished, to any minor under sixteen years of age, cigarettes, or pistol, or dirks, or bowie knives, having good cause to believe him or her to be a minor under sixteen years of age, shall be fined not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars.

That hereafter jurors summoned to court shall be paid for their attendance whether they serve or not.

Very often men are summoned to court from a distance of many miles and lose a whole day from their work, and if not sworn to try a case get no pay.

GEN. MAHONE MAY GO TO PARIS.

It is stated that President Harrison has selected Gen. Mahone to be consul general to Paris. The statement lacks any and all official verification.

BUCHANAN TO RETAIN HIS SEAT.

The House Committee on Election Tuesday decided the contested case of Bowen against Buchanan, from this (Ninth) district, in favor of the sitting member.

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THE new Tariff bill places a duty of five cents on imported cider. This may not be good news to Prohibition states, but it is eminently proper that the native product should be protected.

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THE BLAIR BILL.

How the Republican and Democratic Senators Voted.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Senate voted on the third reading and engrossment of the Blair bill yesterday afternoon. When the vote was concluded and it was known that it had resulted against the bill, Mr. Blair changed his vote from yeas to nays, so as to make a motion to reconsider.

Yeas—Republicans: Allen, Allison, Chandler, Cullum, Dawes, Dolph, Edmunds, Everts, Higgins, Hoar, McMillan, Manderson, Mitchell, Moody, Morrill, Pettigrew, Platt, Squire, Stanford, Stewart, Stockbridge, Teller, Wilson, of Iowa. Democrats: Barbour, Colquitt, Daniel, George, Hampton, Hearst, Pasco, Pugh. Total, 31.

Nays—Republicans: Aldrich, Blair, Davis, Dixon, Farwell, Frye, Hale, Hawley, Hisecock, Ingalls, Jones, of Nevada, Pierce, Plumb, Sawyer, Sherman, Spooner, Walcott. Democrats: Bate, Berry, Blackburn, Bloodgett, Cookrell, Coke, Faulkner, Gorman, Gray, Harris, Jones, of Arkansas, Kenna, Morgan, Payne, Reagaa, Turpie, Vest, Voorhees, Walthall and Wilson of Maryland. Total, 37.

The following pairs were announced: Messrs. Butler, Vance, Paddock, Casey, Gibson, Brown, and Call, who were opposed to it.

Mr. Blair entered a motion to reconsider the vote, and then on motion of Mr. Edmunds, the Senate proceeded to reconsider executive business.

An Ex-Lieut. Gov. of Va. Dead.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 25.—Judge William L. Jackson died this morning, at 3:45 at the Fifth avenue hotel, of Bright's disease, in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

Judge Jackson was a member of Stone-wall Jackson's staff during the late war; was Lieutenant Governor of Virginia and has presided over the Jefferson county circuit court here for the past seventeen years.

[Judge Jackson was Lieutenant-Governor under H. A. Wise. Ed.]

Lost

On Monday, 17th inst., on the road leading up Staley's Creek, an old leather purse, with double clasps, which contained two \$10.00 gold pieces, one \$5.00 bill and a small quantity of change, not over \$1.00. I will give a liberal reward to the finder if returned to me.

Geo. W. Hutton.

Rural Retreat Letter.

RURAL RETREAT, VA., March 25, 1890. Since I last communicated for your valuable paper at its former place of publication, there has been a great deal of sickness in and around town, from which several deaths resulted.

Your correspondent had the privilege of attending the closing exercises of Lambert and Glade public schools recently. The teachers, Messrs. M. C. and S. D. Steffey, respectively, had their pupils well trained, and the interesting program reflected great credit both on the students and teachers.

The recent cold snap has injured the wheat crop very materially in this section. Fruit are also injured.

Mr. E. J. Hall, formerly of this place, but now in business at Roanoke, paid us a pleasant visit quite recently.

Miss Willie Howe, who has been spending the winter with her sister Mrs. Baumgardner, in Roanoke, returned to this place last week.

Mr. M. F. Umberger, of Blue Spring, Smyth county, starts from this place to-day for Bertha Zinc Mines, where he will open a boarding house.

Misses Ruth Pepper and Minnie Gammon, who are attending Plumer College, spent Saturday and Sunday at home in this town.

Mr. D. F. Copenhaver and Rev. Givens, who have been spending several weeks in Grayson county in the interest of the Farmer's Alliance, returned home last week.

Two young gentlemen from Wytheville spent Sunday in town. There certainly must be an attraction!

James Straw, Esq., who has been quite ill for some time past, is convalescing.

Communion services were held in the Lutheran church last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Bailey, of Burk's Garden, preached some very interesting sermons within the time.

DR. ROBERT BLACKWELL, RESIDENT DENTIST, MARION, VIRGINIA.

Can be found in office (Main Street, opposite Bank) on court days, 3rd Monday in each month, and for two weeks thereafter. Will visit Chatham Hill 1st Monday and remain several days; Emory the following Saturday and Glade Springs Saturday after the 2nd Monday

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S. N. HURST, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND Notary Public for Pulaski and Wythe Cos PULASKI CITY, VIRGINIA.

TO CONSUMPTIVES. The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease CONSUMPTION, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure.

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RACKET STORE. I take pleasure to inform the citizens of Marion and the county of Smyth that I have recently added to my stock, new and attractive goods, consisting of Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries and Confectionaries.

Dickinson's New Store. Has now in stock a full line of Drugs, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, Lamp Fixtures, TOBACCO, CIGARS, FLAVORING EXTRACTS, FRENCH CANDIES.

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NORFOLK & WESTERN R. R. TIME TABLE IN EFFECT FEB. 9, 1890. Trains leave Marion: EASTWARD. No. 2, No. 4, No. 10. 1:37 A. M., 6:45 A. M., 3:00 P. M.

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The postoffice at Marion, Va., is open daily (except Sundays) from 7:45 a. m. till 7:00 p. m.

Money Orders issued and paid from 9:00 a. m. till 4:00 p. m.

Mails closed going East at 2:30 p. m. and 9:30 p. m.—going West at 10:45 a. m. and 9:00 p. m.

Office open on Sundays from 12:30 p. m. till 1:30 p. m.—one hour.

Mail for Grayson leaves at 7:00 daily a. m. (except Sundays), arrives at 5:30 p. m.

Mail for Holston Mills arrives daily (except Sundays) at 11 a. m. and leaves at 12 m.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Sunday-School at 9:15 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. Sunday-School at 9:30 a. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Preaching by special appointments, as there is no pastor at present.

Sunday-School every Sunday at 9:15 a. m. Missionary School every Sunday at 8 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH, COLORED.

Preaching the 1st and 3rd Sundays in every month at 11 a. m. and nights of same days at 7:30.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30. Sunday-School every Sunday at 9:30.

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LOGGERS.

Marion Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M., meets in Masonic Hall, corner Main and Church streets, on the evening of the 3rd Monday of every month.

D. C. MILLER, W. M. Marion Royal Arch Chapter No. 54, meets at Masonic Hall on the evening of the 1st Monday of every month.

E. J. HALLER, High Priest. W. H. H. Lynn Commandery of Knights Templar, meets at Masonic Hall on the second Saturday of every month.

H. B. HALLER, E. Commander. Thompson Lodge No. 88, I. O. O. F., meets in their Hall on Main street, (west end) on the 2d and 4th Tuesdays of every month.

J. J. SCHAEFER, N. G. F. Lookout Encampment No. 31, I. O. O. F., meets in the Odd Fellows Hall, on Main street (west end), the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month.

J. N. HALL, C. P. Lone Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. T., meets in old Masonic Hall on Broadway, every Saturday.

D. C. MILLER, C. T.

TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE.

Briefs and Personals.

Spring is coming.

Garden cleaning is now in order.

Go to Craghead & Wright's for garden seeds.

Mr. Geo. Harman, of Olympia, was in town Monday.

A nice line of dress goods at Craghead & Wright's.

Barnum's circus will exhibit at Bristol sometime in May.

A full line of all kinds of groceries at Craghead & Wright's.

Sheriff Harkrader, of Wythe county, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. V. L. Sexton, of Chatham Hill, paid us a visit last Monday.

Large stock shoes at Venable & Co. at greatly reduced prices.

There is talk of another change in the schedule of the N. & W. Railroad.

Brown sugar 7c. lb., granulated white sugar 8c. lb. at Venable & Co.

Mrs. W. A. Johnston, of Wytheville, is visiting her father and other relatives at Olympia.

Our Racket Store man, I. H. Spratt, is moving straight along and selling goods as low as ever.

The wedding bells will soon be heard in this town again soon. Can you guess who it is?

Remarkable, yet true. A. B. C. Alternative has cured Blood Diseases after physicians failed.

Miss Okie Sprinkle has gone to Baltimore to lay in a new supply of millinery and dress goods.

Vegetable and harmless, yet a monster destroyer to any Blood Taint. A. B. C. Alternative. Try it.

Stop in the Racket Store as you go east or west and see what nice cheap goods I have. I. H. Spratt.

Died, in Rich Valley, on the night of March 22nd, Mr. Jas. Atkins, aged about 70 years, leaving one daughter.

Large stock of clothing for men and boys at less price than they can be found elsewhere at Venable & Co.

For clover, timothy and garden seeds, call on Craghead & Wright.

Mr. Louis P. Summers was, Saturday, confirmed by the United States Senate as postmaster at Abingdon.

Mr. J. B. Rhea will leave for Knoxville, Tenn., to-morrow morning to lay in a stock of spring and summer goods.

Messrs. A. G. Pendleton, M. Weifer, and W. P. Francis, went to Roanoke city last Tuesday morning on business interest.

We are sorry to learn that Martin Davis, Esq., of Rich Valley, is quite sick. We hope that he will soon be up again.

Mr. Thomas W. Walthall, traveling agent for the Lynchburg Advance, was in town yesterday, and paid us a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Susan Musser is quite sick at her home. She was taken last Sunday night with epilepsy. We hope to hear of her recovery soon.

Mr. Ellis Reeves and wife, of Grayson county, boarded the train at this place last Saturday for Texas, where they expect to reside in the future.

The contract for heating apparatus for the public building at Abingdon, has been awarded to Crook, Horner & Co., of Baltimore, at their bid of \$3,325.

Dr. David H. Buchanan, of this place, who has been attending the Va. Medical College at Richmond, is now at home, and will remain until next October.

Please remember that Arbor Day is less than two weeks off. It comes on April 9th. If you want to be public-spirited and patriotic, prepare to plant a tree.

Dr. Jacob C. Anderson, of this county, has returned from Brooklyn, N. Y., where he has been attending the Long Island Medical College and Hospital at that place.

New attractions added daily to our already large stock. Just received a lot of beautiful beaded silk wraps, at half usual price, Ladies' hats, etc., cheap at Venable & Co's.

Mr. J. F. Keller, who resides near town, sold his fine saddle horse (Fancy) last week for the sum of \$225.00. Mr. Keller is a good horse trader, but is a fair man in trading.

We propose to run a first class job office and when in need of anything in the job line give us a call and get prices. We will meet on equal footing and part on the square.

Beautiful line of dress goods in Buntings, Challies, Satines, white goods and every description, color and price in fine medium and cheap woolen goods at Venable & Co.

Dr. Joseph E. Johnson left last Sunday for Richmond to attend the examinations in Pharmacy. Joe is an excellent druggist, and will come out all right when he is examined.

Mr. A. S. Francis, postal clerk on the route leading from Washington, D. C. to Charlotte, N. C., was spending several days of last week among his relatives and friends at this place.

A full line of GOOD CLOTHING for MEN, BOYS and CHILDREN, from the CHEAPEST to the best has just been RECEIVED and NOW for SALE to all who need, at J. B. RHEA'S.

Misses Laura and Rosa Dickey, of Grayson county, who have been visiting the family of A. M. Dickinson for several days, returned to their studies at the Institute in Glade Spring last Saturday.

Col. Jno. E. Helms, of the Morris-town (Tenn.) Gazette, paid us several pleasant visits last week. The Col. is an old newspaper man and publishes a good paper, which is amongst our best exchanges.

Your attention, this week, is directed to the card of Dr. Robt. Blackwell. The Dr. is a dentist of experience, and is gaining practice at every point he visits. His charges are reported to be very reasonable.

We have in all our new spring stock now, and we ask you to examine our stock and prices. Everything in our stock is nice and new, and we will sell goods at a much less profit than others do. Venable & Co.

We had a pleasant call yesterday from Dr. Eugene H. Judkins, of Portland, Me. The Dr. has been in our county for several months, visiting at Plasterburg. He married Miss Ada Poston while she was in Maine.

In the spring, cleanliness is an all important virtue. Householders should be careful about removing decaying matter and stagnant water. Lime sprinkled in yards and areaways will improve the surroundings considerably.

A wide-awake man in every county to take charge of a paying business. For particulars, address, STEPHEN S. CRESS, Sugar Grove, Va.

Messrs. Craghead & Wright place their advertisement in this week's issue. They have a nice stock general merchandise, and will do as they promise. They are good men.

The communication from Pulaski City was received too late for this issue; it will appear in our next. Correspondents will please get their letters here on Tuesday before publication day—Thursday.

Geo. A. Sullivan, editor of the Montgomery Democrat, paid us a pleasant visit last Tuesday. Geo. is not satisfied by making money fast enough in the newspaper business, but has gone into the real estate (boom) business.

People who are lamenting the failure of the ice crop hereabouts will be interested to learn that in Siberia there is a tract of territory thirty miles square entirely covered with ice sixty feet deep. There has not been a thaw there in one hundred years.

A little powdered potash thrown into rat holes will drive the rodents away that are so annoying in cellar or kitchen; cayenne pepper will have the same effect on rats and cockroaches, and a mouse will never gnaw through a piece of cotton sprinkled with cayenne, that is stuffed into his hole.

To estimate fully the value of Godley's Lady's Book is a difficult task; the Easter number is a real gem. Beautiful illustrations, exquisite fashions and good literature, fill its pages; besides which, each reader is entitled to the choice of a cut paper pattern. All this is given for only \$2.00 a year. Godley Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Killed by the Cars.

Mr. Meek G. Dungan, son of C. J. Dungan, Esq., who lives near Seven Mile Ford, had one of his legs cut off and the other badly mashed by the cars in the Norfolk & Western railroad yards at Bristol on the night of the 25th inst., from the effects of which he died yesterday.

His remains were brought to his father's residence last night, and will be buried to-day. We tender the family our sincere sympathies in their severe trial.

A Rare Musical Instrument.

Mr. T. H. Thurman, Esq., of this place, has a musical instrument called Grand Harmonicon, which is fixed in a mahogany stand. The tones are produced from glass vessels of various sizes, three octaves. The music is soft and melodious, and it is about the size of a common organ. It is a rare musical instrument and is a great curiosity to the musical world.

Very few of them were ever made. Mr. Thurman can perform on this singular instrument well, and has been offered high prices for it, but as it is an old family relic he does not feel willing to sell it.

Off for the West.

Mrs. B. F. Davis, who has been visiting relatives and friends in this county since last January, left this place on yesterday for her home in Michigan, Texas, accompanied by Miss Blanche Vandegriff. Miss Ellen Bonham, of this place, will also go with them but will stop at Fort Worth. Mrs. Bettie J. Duncan, nee Davis, of Telford, Tenn., will join the party and go to Midlothian. Our best wishes go with them.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. Nettie Martin, wife of Robert Martin, deceased, died very suddenly at her home near this place last Monday evening, aged 63 years. She leaves seven children (all grown) to mourn their loss. Her remains were taken to Ebenezer church cemetery for burial on Tuesday evening.

Town Lots for Sale.

We are requested to say that Carnegie City or Big Spring town lots will be sold at private sale on the premises, Tuesday, April 15th. Oscar Derr & Co., Real Estate Agents, Roanoke, Va., will give further information or make selections for purchases on day of sale, free of charge.

Petroleum Found.

There is quite an excitement in Chilhowie neighborhood, 4 miles Northwest of town, caused by the flattering prospects of the existence of petroleum in large quantities. It is found on the land belonging to Mr. Elijah Faris, who has the marble quarries.

Wanted

A wide-awake man in every county to take charge of a paying business. For particulars, address, STEPHEN S. CRESS, Sugar Grove, Va.

Off for Richmond.

Sheriff F. W. Leonard and Wm. S. Francis left for Richmond last Tuesday morning, having in charge, for the penitentiary, Miller Jones, white, and Barton Anderson, colored. Jones was convicted last August for horse-stealing. He intended to take an appeal but abandoned it. Jones goes to serve out the four years fixed by the jury. Anderson was convicted last week in the county court for breaking into Mr. V. S. Morgan's smoke-house with intent to steal. He is to serve two years.

I. O. C. F. Booming.

We are informed by one of the zealous members of the I. O. C. F., that the Order in this district is booming. McCabe Lodge at Abingdon is increasing its membership, and Thompson Lodge at this place is also adding new members to its roll. Two new Lodges are to be instituted in this district very soon by District Deputy J. J. Scherer. The Grand Lodge will hold its next meeting in Roanoke city next month.

M. Weiler

Has just opened up the largest line of ready-made clothing, Shoes, Slippers, Hats and Gent's Furnishing goods ever shown in Marion. His prices are lower than anybody's. Give him a call.

A Reward of \$250.

The Governor has offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction each of John Henry and William Baisden, charged in Buchanan county with the murder of Robert L. Irons.

Everybody, Look Here!

When you come to town call and see me at my blacksmith shop. I have something important to tell you, and it may put some money in your pockets if you call soon.

R. F. NICKELS.

Death of Mrs. Hugh Copenhaver.

Mrs. Victoria, wife of Hugh B. Copenhaver, died at her home on South Fork, in the west end of this county, on the 25th inst., leaving a kind husband and six children.

The Twin Cities.

Bristol, Va. and Tenn., have reason to be proud of the Daily News, which made its appearance last Thursday. It is a real nice, new paper. We receive it every morning and appreciate it highly.

Postmasters Appointed.

Fourth class postmasters for Southwest Virginia have been appointed as follows: C. E. Phelps, Barren Springs, Wythe county; H. F. Lemons, Belfast Mills, Russell county; W. B. Powers, Crane's Nest, Wise county; H. B. Shell, Wabash, Giles county; E. Hatcher, Abraham, Floyd county; R. P. Lovell, Centre Mill, Montgomery county.

A SPECIMEN LETTER.

Written by a Logan Co. (W. Va.) Postmaster to Gov. Boreman. WHEELING, Feb. 19, 1883.

MR. EDITOR:—I desire to give you a true copy of a letter written by a postmaster of Logan township, West Va., to Governor Boreman, whilst he was governor of this State, which reads as follows:

Dear Governor I sent my self down on my stool this mornen to write you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along up here among the rebels we have had no trouble since your troops came to Logan the rebels are a fraide to cheer they had bin giving me a great deal of trouble I am a very poor man had but one cow and 1 old hos my cow took the hollow horn an a rebel naber came along an tole me to cut her tale off which I done prity soon another one came a long an tole me to saw both of her horns off close I commended the job and before I got it done the cow was ded my old hos then took sick a rebel came a long and tole me to give him a in junction of tobacco whilst me and my wife was doing this the confounded old hos kicked my old women in the belly and I belive she will dye—

now mr govner you see all my bad luck I have been post master for a long time and have not reced any pay I desire a favor of you it is now songing time I would like to git out and dig me a few pounds of seng and finde me a bee tree or two and catch me a few ground hogs but I am bare footed no moccasins no lether to make any pleas make me a pare ov moccasans cause I do not wish to go into the woods bare footed not that I am a fraide of snakes cause I was struck a few days ago with a large rattel snake Just betwene the eyes I sucked the pissen out and went on a bout my businis un harmed I am only a fraide of thorns bryers & snags such as I cant suck out but I am sorry that I have not got a clean rag to role my letter up in but you will recollect that my wife got cicked with the ole hos & hasnt bin abel to wash yours P. M. X.

Spring Stock! Everything New!

—Novelties in all Kinds of—

DRESS GOODS AND TRIMMINGS!

We are now prepared to offer to the trade the finest and by far the largest stock of goods ever offered here. Ladies, do not order your fine dress goods until you see our stock. You are bound to admit that you never saw such a display as we can now show. We have 100 pieces Satines at all prices, from the cheapest to real French. About 150 pieces Gingham and Chambray at all prices. 25 pieces White Goods. The very latest styles of Woolens in prices from 5c. to \$1.00 per yard. We show a beautiful line Stripe and Side band Goods now all the fashion. Vandyke Laces and Collars, Foster's undressed Hook Kid Gloves, only \$1.00. Greatest bargains ever offered here in Straw Mattings. Cheap CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, Etc. We have 150

Boys and Childrens' Suits

at half what they will cost elsewhere, suits all sizes. Largest stock BOOTS AND SHOES ever offered in the town, at prices unheard of before. Immense stock MENS' CLOTHING, which we beg you to see before buying elsewhere, for we know we can save you big money. Largest stock of

Crockery, Hardware, Groceries, Hats, &c.

we have ever offered. Remember our stock is all bran new and fresh, and bought cheap, and if you will examine our prices you will buy and be pleased. Truly yours, etc.,

VENABLE & Co.

Appointment of Cadets.

There will be a competitive examination held at Marion, Va., on Friday, the 25th day of April next, before a board comprised of Dr. Robert J. Preston, Prof. George W. Miles and Judge F. B. Hutton, for the selection from the Ninth District of Virginia of a cadet for the United States Military Academy at West Point, and for selection of a cadet for the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The military cadets must not be under 17, nor over 21 years of age. The naval cadets must not be under 15, nor over 21 years of age. Each young man who intends to attend said examination should write to the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, for the regulations on the subject of admission to said schools. Cadets must be actual residents of said Ninth District.

JOHN A. BUCHANAN.

Sugar Grove Letter.

SUGAR GROVE, VA., } March 25, 1890. }

Rev. Mr. Glenn, of Marion, fulfilled his appointments at Sugar Grove last Saturday and Sunday, and preached two excellent sermons to large and attentive audiences.

Mr. Everett Hayes has gone to Jeffersonville, Va.

J. W. Durham, of 7 Mile Ford, is visiting the place of his boyhood.

Messrs. Sam'l Wright and Sam'l Wilkinson have gone to Missouri.

A. B. Pafford has returned to his home in Bramwell, W. Va., to work at his trade.

Dr. E. M. James has sold his farm to Mr. Grimsley, of Ashe county, N. C. The Dr. will retain possession until autumn, when he anticipates going to the far west.

C. J. Chisenall, Esq., expects to look after the mineral business this week on the Dickinson and Williams' land.

J. H. Harris has returned from Washington, D. C. He is now at his home in Grayson county. S.S.

TOT'S HAIR TONIC.

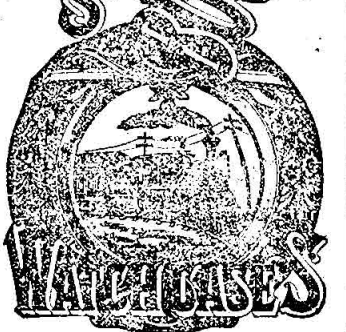
A Superior Preparation for Cleansing the Scalp and Preventing the Hair from Falling Out. Testimony of C. W. GLEAVES, M. D.

I have used Tot's Hair Tonic for the past twelve months and consider it the best preparation I have ever used for the hair. I know the formula from which it is made, and there is nothing injurious to the hair or scalp. C. W. GLEAVES, M. D., Wytheville, Va., Feb. 4, 1890.

For sale by druggist, or sent by mail on receipt of price, 50 cents per bottle. Address TOT, the barber, Wytheville, Va.

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Seed of Hardy Cactus, mixed, 15 cents per packet, postpaid. Address, W. P. KIMBALL, DOUGLAS, WYOMING.

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"To take or not to take it, is the question—
Whether it is better to be a spinster than
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A spinster—braving the smiles of those who would insist
That lack of lovers caused my lonely state—
And see my eyes grow bright as tho' I bated
In the immortal count of Leon sough!

Thousands of women owe their fresh
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An Owensboro (Ky.) dog followed a
street car in that place for nearly a year,
and traveled in that time 40,000 miles.
His travels were cut short by a piece of
poisoned meat, and the Owensboro
Messenger thus illuminates his career:
"The queer freak of the dog's follow-
ing the car was a singular illustration of
his faithfulness. In the early days of
last March a countryman came to town,
bringing the dog with him. He con-
cluded while here to take a street car
ride, and when he got on the car the dog
tropped along behind, as he had been
wont to do with his master's wagon.
When the man got off the car he passed
out the front, instead of the rear, where
he went in. The dog thus missed him,
and nothing could induce the animal to
leave the car without his master. He
followed that car for days, almost re-
fusing to eat, but at last he grew to like
the business and followed it to the day
of his death."

According to a recent calculation,
there are 150,000 Government employes
in the United States.
A man like to have good neighbors who
he must love his neighbor as himself.
A storm moves 55 miles per hour.

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for
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