



### Negro's Progress in State.

He Owns Property Valued at \$13,500,000. Operates Eight Banks.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—A report of the State Auditor, made public several days ago, shows that the negro race in Virginia owns in personal and real property \$13,500,000.

Richmond comes first in the estimate; Norfolk, second; Petersburg, third, among the cities. Norfolk county leads the counties. Buchanan and Dickinson counties are not shown in the census as having any negroes—an unusual condition for a Southern State.

There are eight banks in Virginia owned by negroes, and five insurance companies. There was but one lynching in Virginia the past year, the only Southern State that can boast this fact.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They do the work whenever you require their aid. These tablets change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, drowsiness into joyousness. Their action is so gentle one doesn't realize they have taken a purgative. Sold by all dealers.

### Judge Williams Trial Set for January 17.

Richmond, Va., January 3.—Monday, January 17, has been set as the date for the trial of Judge Samuel W. Williams in the criminal court of McDowell county, W. Va., on the charge of feloniously assaulting Judge Joseph M. Sanders. Judge Williams and his counsel have stated that he will be present to answer to the charge. The defense will be conducted, it is understood, by the law firm of McCormick, Henton and Company of Roanoke, and W. E. Bibb of Louisa. Mr. Bibb is to be Judge Williams' assistant when he assumes the office of attorney general on February 1.

Taking baby up at night is often the cause of bad colds. Use Dr. Fahrney's Teething Syrup and stay in bed—27c.

### The Afterglow.

I was sitting alone by my fireside, Watching the dying glow Of the pine-knot on the iron, Burning away so slow. And just when the room seemed the darkest, When I thought each spark had gone, Suddenly a tongue of flame leaped up And but for a moment shone. It flickered, and then it vanished, Like a ray of hope to a soul Lost in the pit of darkness Before it reached its goal. It shone but the space of a second, Casting light o'er all the room, So a little ray of sunshine Will dispel the deepest gloom.

The embers were my schooldays, Which had passed beyond recall; Burned away, while I was dreaming, Watching shadows on the wall. Then, when all the light had vanished, Then, when all the joy seemed gone, Suddenly the spark of memory Like the little pine-beam shone. And when the days were darkest, saddest, And the world seemed going wrong Then the memory of my school days Has cheered me with the song.—Dora M. Hepner in January National Magazine.

### Attack of Paralysis.

Henry Bowen, member of Congress from the Ninth Congressional district of Virginia in 1884-1886, was partially paralyzed at his home in Tazewell county, Christmas day. His left side was affected, but it is said that he is not in a dangerous condition and will recover if not other complications ensue.

### A Traveling Salesman.

H. F. Beers, 617 7th Ave., Peoria, Ill., writes: "I have been troubled for some time with kidney trouble, so severely at times I could scarcely carry my grips. After using one bottle of Foley's Kidney Pills I have been entirely relieved, and cheerfully recommend them to all; Foley's Kidney Pills are healing and antiseptic and will restore health and strength. Carson Drug Co."

### Time to Plan for Next Season's Work.

Attention to the details of a piece of work may mean the difference between success and failure in that work, and it is for this reason that we try to give each week matter of the most practical kind on the work that is likely to be in progress during that week. But no attention to details and no knowledge of the best way of doing things, however expert such knowledge may be, will bring success to the man who has not some definite plan of work in mind—who does not know what he wants to do.

And it is just this thing that ails so many farmers. They are working on year without having any fixed idea of what they are really trying to do—perhaps just going along in the same old rut year after year because they cannot get up sufficient energy or initiative to get out of them, or possibly clanging about from one line of work to another as their whims or the successes or failures of their neighbors may indicate. The man who has the idea that there is only one line of work which he can pursue is not likely to be very successful when circumstances and conditions are continually changing. But he is just about as likely to succeed as the man who changes his work every year, who is a cotton planter one year, a stock grower the next, and a trucker the third.—Progressive Farmer.

Itch! Itch! Itch!—Scratch! Scratch! Scratch! The more you scratch the worse the itch. Try Doan's Ointment. It cures piles, eczema, any kind of itching. All druggists sell it.

### Wants to Know Who is Reaping the Profits.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The steady increase in the cost of living is being critically investigated by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. He is seeking to ascertain the exact profits of those who retail food products. He desires to settle the problem whether the soaring prices are caused by the farmer receiving more for his output, whether the wholesaler is demanding exorbitant profits or whether the retailer is securing abnormal benefits.

### Must Not Hunt Game in Snow.

Major Langdon T. Christian, Secretary of the Game Protective Association of Virginia, has called attention to the fact that the hunting season for many varieties of game has expired, and the farther fact that it is unlawful to hunt any game in the snow. Major Christian said:

"The hunting season for many varieties of game has expired. It is still lawful, however, to shoot pheasants, quail and turkeys east of the Blue Ridge, but it is contrary to law to hunt any game in snow. That feature of the law should be rigidly enforced, not only by the officers of the law, but also by all good citizens.

"Farmers and others interested in game protection should, during the cold weather, assist in preserving the birds by feeding them, and also pay attention to the hawks and minks, which are the greatest enemies to quail. In the grown-up portions of the State minks and foxes are becoming more numerous, and means should be employed to destroy them.

"Boys should be encouraged to bring out their traps, as the fur of these animals commands a good price.—Richmond Times Dispatch

Do You Use An Atomizer in treating Nasal Catarrh? If so you will appreciate Ely's Liquid Cream Balm, the quickest and surest remedy for this disease. In all curative practices it is identical with the solid cream balm, which is so famous and so successful in overcoming catarrh, may fever, cold in the head. There is relief in the first dash of spray upon the heated sensitive air passages. All druggists 75c a bottle, including spraying tube, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren St., New York

### Enumerators' Test Easy.

Census Director Durand Sets February 5th as the Date.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for Census Enumerators' places on Saturday, February 5th, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the Census Bureau several days ago. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the Twelfth Census. It will consist of filling-out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form of typical families; and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture from information furnished by the Census Bureau.

All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become Census Enumerators must be citizens of the United States, residents of the Supervisors district for which they wish to be appointed, must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age, must be physically able to do the work, must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits, must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15th.

Application forms, with full instructions for filling-in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the Supervisor of Census for the Supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled-in must be filed with the Supervisors not later than January 25th as any received after that date cannot be considered.

Gold Medal Flour at D. H. Mitchell & Co. The best on the market. Try it.

### GEO. W. RICHARDSON, LAW AND REAL ESTATE.

I will give close and personal attention to all business entrusted to me. Collections, Preparation and Acknowledgment of Deeds a Specialty. If you have property to sell or exchange I would like for you to come and see me or write. I have a large list of Farms in Albemarle and adjacent counties, that I will be glad to show to anyone interested in that section.

- No. 1.—A nice farm of 76 acres, within four miles of Marion, with good 6-room house, barn and other out-buildings. Good land, in fine state of cultivation, well watered, and close to church and school. Price, \$3,500—\$1,500 cash, balance in one and two years.
- No. 2.—A nice farm of 70 acres, in Rich Valley, close to Sugar Grove, with two small houses and barns, close to churches and schools. Price, \$3,000. These are bargains, and if you want them you better come quick.
- No. 3.—Good six-room house and one-fourth acre lot. House well built and finished at only \$1,000.
- No. 4.—3.25 acres in Rockbridge county, six-room house, four horses and all farm machinery for the small sum of \$6,000.
- No. 5.—Eight-room house and one-half acre lot in Marion for \$2,500.
- No. 6.—Eighty-six Acres, one 4-room house, two 2-room box houses on railroad—mineral rights reserved.—Price, \$16,000.
- No. 7.—49 acres of land with a good good three room house, good water, good orchard, close to schools and churches, \$1,500.
- No. 8.—Nine-room house, 115 acres of fine land, close to good R. R. town.
- No. 9.—800 acres of land—about 300 cleared—bargain at \$6 per acre.

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### Corn is Now King of the World.

Near Whiteland, in Johnson County, Indiana, lives a farmer. His farm consists of 130 acres, and he gets up at five o'clock every morning, and has holes in his overalls. His name is Leonard B. Clore. He is the Corn King of the World. A dozen years ago Mr. Clore began to specialize in corn. To-day he sets the world's page in this cereal.

The Clore family very nearly keeps house with father's corn prizes. In the list is everything from a maize-spreader to a piano, including watch, clock, stove, mandolin, lawn swing, an automobile, a quarter section of land in Texas, and a \$1,000 cash prize. One of the incidentals is a silver loving cup valued at \$1,000.

Mr. Clore decided a few years ago that instead of spending so much time in improving their land the corn growers should give more thought to improving their breed of corn. All his efforts have been in that direction. In a specially built barn he germinates the corn in boxes of earth kept at the right temperature in early spring by gasoline stoves. Thus he knows before planting what percentage of the grains will germinate. Two ears of corn may look alike, but the vitality of one may be much higher than that of the other. Mr. Clore is also a judge of what it takes to make a perfect ear; selecting the best ears each fall and planting the hardest grains in the spring, he has in a great way eliminated chance in the growing of corn.—January issue of Hampton's Magazine.

### Urge Rhea to Oppose Mt. Slempp.

Bristol, Va., Jan. 3.—Democrats of the Ninth Congressional district are urging Judge William F. Rhea, corporation commissioner, to return here and make the race for Congress against Representative Slempp.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is not a common, every-day cough mixture. It is a meritorious remedy for all the troublesome and dangerous complications resulting from cold in the head, throat, chest or lungs. Sold by all dealers.

### How Senator Hanna Won the Boy.

When Senator Hanna was walking through his factory in Cleveland, some years ago, on the lookout for new ideas or anything which would aid in the progress of business, he overheard a little red-headed lad remark:

"Wish I had old Hanna's money and he was in the poorhouse."

The Senator returned to his office and rang to have the boy sent to him. The boy came to the office timidly, just a bit conscience-stricken, wondering if his remark had been overheard and ready for the penalty. As the lad twisted his hands and nervously stood on one foot before the gaze of those twinkling dark eyes fixed on him by the man at the desk, he felt the hand of Uncle Mark on his shoulder:

"So you wish you had old Hanna's money and he was in the poorhouse, eh? Suppose your wish should be granted, what would you do?"

"Why," stammered the lad, "the first thing I would do, sir, would be to get you out of the poorhouse."

The Senator laughed and sent the boy back to his work. Today he is one of the managers of a large factory, but he never tires of telling the story that held his first job.—Joe Mitchell Chapple in January National Magazine.

It is a dangerous thing to take a cough medicine containing opiates that merely stifle your cough instead of curing it. Foley's Honey and Tar loosens and cures the cough and expels the poisonous germs, thus preventing pneumonia and consumption. Refuse substitutes and take only the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package. Carson Drug Co.

### Muncy May be Appointed

Thomas J. Muncy, "the silver-tongued orator of Bland," will be appointed Assistant District Attorney for the Western district of Virginia, according to reports in Republican circles.

It is also stated that Thomas Lee Moore, of Roanoke, the present District Attorney for the Western district, will more than likely land a re-appointment. Moore has served eight years, and there has been some talk of his being displaced. Each appointment came to him over the protest of the Republican "organization" in Virginia. He is regarded as an efficient officer.

Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another and the last is always the hardest to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. Sold by all dealers.

### To Name D. L. Groner.

Norfolk, Jan. 4.—It is generally reported in Republican circles that within the next two weeks that D. Lawrence Groner will be appointed United States District Attorney for Eastern Va. by President Taft.

### GOOD NEWS.

Many Marion Readers Have Heard It And Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Marion are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is had no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

A. D. Cormany, Staley's Creek pike, Marion, Va., says: "For two years I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills and will always continue to do so, as the effects of their use in my case were most satisfactory. For some time there was a constant, dull ache across my back that did not yield to the various remedies I tried. Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured at the Carson Drug Co. drove away the trouble and benefited me greatly. It gives me pleasure to recommend this efficient remedy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50-cent box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

### G. O. P. Strong in Ninth.

Democrats Despair of Defeating Slempp and Have No Organization.

Bristol, Va., Jan. 1.—Democratic leaders in the Ninth district regard it as unlikely that they will be able to redeem the district during the coming year. They do not see any indications of a heavy loss by Congressman Slempp, and as the latter has built up a powerful organization, they fear that he will be able to defeat any candidate the Democrats may put out.

For this reason it will be difficult to get up much enthusiasm. The Democrats have practically no organization in the Ninth, and while efforts have been made to get them to organize, nothing has as yet been done in this direction. It is possible, however, that they will heed the cry of the Democracy all over the State to make a big effort to defeat Slempp and send an entire Democratic delegation to Congress from Virginia.

To feel strong, have good appetite and digestion, sleep soundly and enjoy life, use Burdock Blood Bitters, the great system tonic and builder.

### Lands to be Assessed This Year.

As is generally known the lands in Virginia are assessed once in every five years and 1910 is a year in which that is to be done. The Judge of the Circuit Court is charged with the duty of appointing commissioners to do this work, and the appointments must be made before the beginning of the year in which the assessment is to be made. Complying with this law Judge Hutton has made the following appointments for Smyth county: Levy M. Cole, St. Clair district; Jas. Gross-close, Marion district; Rufus W. Buchanan, Rich Valley district. These assessors can begin work at any time and are expected to complete it by the first of July. It is likely that some step will be taken by the present legislature to have these assessments equalized throughout the State.

## READ THIS!

### TEN CENTS WORTH OF DANGER.

After the woman had put on several pairs and examined the "test card" through the respective lenses, she finally succeeded in "fitting" her eyes with what she enthusiastically declared was "just the thing." Now there was my son Jim's wife," she confided to her companion, "she went to an eye-doctor to get glasses fitted; he charged her fifteen dollars for 'em, and I 'low they're no better'n these, 'cept maybe the frames is more stylish lookin'." And see what I've saved—just fourteen-ninety! That comes from lookin' around."

And immensely pleased with herself, this woman had bought ten cents' worth of about the gravest danger that a woman could invest in, for she had selected two pieces of glass, crndly ground but magnifying strongly, and with them she "can see better to read." That "seeing better" will mean an intense strain upon her eyes, but she will not realize what the trouble is, nor the injury the glasses are doing. She will stick to the glasses just as long as her eyes will stand it; while mentally they will be a source of genuine satisfaction to her because they represent those fourteen dollars and ninety cents that she "saved." But some day she will be under the care of a specialist, probably for the removal of a cataract, which will cost ten times the "fourteen-ninety" saved, to say nothing of the suffering entailed, and she will be fortunate if she does not suffer partial or entire loss of sight for the remainder of her life.

It is a significant fact that men know better than to buy these cheap glasses, for when the attendant at the counter was asked who bought the glasses she answered: "Entirely women, and mostly thrifty women of middle age."

It seems incredible that women old enough to know better will take such fearful risks with their eyesight all because of a temporary saving of money, whereas all over the country there are skillful physicians in hospitals who gladly give their services in examining eyes for those unable to pay their fees. The greatest pity is that the law cannot reach these sellers of eye-destroyers who find it easy to escape through the legal loophole of making no pretense of fitting the glasses; they merely offer the glasses for sale and the purchaser herself does the fitting. And through this invasion of legal responsibility the law is cheated out of dealing with those who create an evil compared to which the "patent-medicine" habit is positively harmless.

A woman went into a Ten-Cent Store and stopped at a counter full of spectacles and eyeglasses which a placard said were "10 cents for any pair." With the glasses were "test-cards," squares of cardboard on which were printed inscriptions in various sizes of type—sixteen in all—by perusal of which one was enabled to accomplish the seemingly simple task of fitting his eyes with glasses. To this end instructions were set forth as follows: "Hold the sheet from 12 to 14 inches from the eye in a good light. Beginning at the top, note the finest print that can be read with ease. The number printed above the top of the line singled out is the focal number of the glass required."

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MARION VA., JAN. 7, 1910.

**The Income Tax.**

A list has been published showing the income tax paid by the different counties of the State. We note that Smyth stands well up in the list and contributes to the State \$650.59, while the great county of Washington with twice the area and population pays only \$434.83, and again the great county of Scott pays only \$29. Wise leads in the South-west and pays \$1,450.58. We mention these amounts to show the inequality of our assessing system, or the unequal execution of the law. In many counties this tax is practically ignored. A dozen counties do not contain a man whose income from all sources amounts to more than \$1,000—at least that is what they have all solemnly sworn to. The law should be enforced in all counties alike or wiped from our statute books.

**Rev. I. W. Williams Testifies.**

Rev. I. W. Williams, Huntington, W. Va., writes us as follows: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that Foley's Kidney Remedy will do all that you claim for it." Carson Drug Co.

Will the South ever have a winning white man's Republican party? That is the great political question of the day. Alvah H. Martin, of Norfolk, has set out to solve the problem. He says yes. If he fails to accomplish his purpose, it will be the first thing he ever started out to do that didn't materialize. However, Mr. Martin doesn't say much about it; he just smiles quietly, and his county, the richest and the most important in the Democratic State of Virginia, rolls up a Republican majority. It is said that if he would allow his party to nominate him, he could be Governor of the State. Alvah H. Martin's career has been a romance. Coming of a fine old family and endowed with brains and pluck, he has overcome all obstacles and risen to eminence from a modest start in the clerk's office of Norfolk County. He is looked upon as the foremost financial authority in Virginia, and great banking institutions implicitly rely on his advice. He has done more for Norfolk than any other citizen. His money helped to build her, and his influence at Washington has gotten for her such things as the Jamestown Exposition and the return reception of the world-girdling fleet. A director in railways, improvement companies, banks, clerk of the busiest and most important circuit court in the State, president of a bank that has achieved remarkable success, he still has time to work for the community.—*Lealie's Weekly.*

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**TO THE CITIZENS OF MARION:—**

At the request of your Council, I state below what the Council proposes to do toward the betterment of the water system, if directed by your votes at the election on the 12th of March to issue bonds for this purpose:—

**FIRST.** To lease from Geo. M. Atkins his two springs above Aitoway, for a period of 99 years at \$350 per year. The Council has an option for these springs, which expires on the 8th of April, and which gives all necessary permits and privileges and every reasonable assurance as to keeping the springs uncontaminated by drainage, etc. These springs have been reported by a competent engineer (Mr. P. H. Winfree) to flow nearly ten times as much water every twenty-four hours as the present town spring, showing at the time of measurement 2,250,000 gallons as compared with 250,000 gallons for the present spring. The water of the Atkins' springs has been shown by chemical analysis to be considerably better for drinking purposes than our present supply. They have the added advantage of being above the town of Aitoway, the drainage from which is a constant menace to our present supply. They are furthermore over 66 feet higher than the present spring, assuring a more rapid and constant flow of water to the higher parts of the town.

**SECOND.** To build a suitable concrete basin and proper retaining walls for the collection of the water from the Atkins' springs, and to lay a 12-inch pipe on a grade from these springs to the end of the present pipe-line. This work is estimated to cost something near \$6,000.

**THIRD.** To repair the old pipe-line from the Preston spring to town where it may be found necessary. The cost of this will depend upon the effect which the added pressure of water may have upon this old pipe.

**FOURTH.** To lay new and larger pipe within the town upon such streets as are now inadequately supplied. This will be done as far as the funds remaining will permit and in the order of greatest need. You will understand that the amount asked for will not permit of laying new pipe all over town, but those laid will be located with a view to the future completion of an entirely new system. Present necessities are perhaps somewhat as follows: From Main up Cemetery street; from Main up College street and out Scherer street; from Main to territory North of Railroad; from Main up Sheffey avenue; on East Main street to the Killinger addition; from Main out Church street or Needmore. There should be a six-inch pipe on Main street from the Depot to College street, but the money available will hardly be sufficient for this if other more immediate necessities are relieved. There should also be new fire-plugs and the system so arranged that the entire water supply could be confined to Main street in case of a serious fire in the business section.

The plan proposed will give an abundance of water for family use until the town grows considerably, and while it is not all that could be desired for fire protection, it will equal in this respect most towns of the same size.

I trust that this issue will meet with your approval and that we may be able to give relief to those who are paying for water and not getting it, as well as to get some protection from fire which under present conditions can easily destroy property whose value is ten times the amount asked for. You cannot expect your town to grow and prosper without an adequate water supply, which we certainly have not at present and which we will never be able to get from either or both of the present springs. I sincerely trust that no voter will allow himself to be influenced in this matter by any feeling that he may have against any member of the Council or against any town officer, for the improvement of the Water System means to them merely a large amount of additional work, with no personal advantage except that shared by every other citizen. I hope also that no voter will be influenced by the fact that there is plenty of water at his house, but will remember that we are living in a community, where each citizen owes a duty to every other citizen. Some may prefer that this work be done by a new council and new

town officers, but I call your attention to the fact that a bond election could not be held until December, which would delay the work of improvement until the Spring of 1911, and in the meantime your fellow citizens who are without water would have to continue to suffer the inconveniences of a water famine. Moreover, it is exceedingly doubtful whether you will ever again be able to get the Atkins' springs upon the reasonable terms offered.

Very respectfully,  
**JOHN P. SHEFFEY, Mayor.**

**SAVED AT DEATH'S DOOR.**

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing forty pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the forty pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme—50 cents at the D. M. Smith Drug Co.

**Death of Alfred Smith.**

On Friday, December 24, 1909, "Uncle" Alf. Smith, colored, died at his home in this place. He was one of the oldest and most highly respected colored citizens in the town. He was noted for his honesty and straight-forwardness. He was a model colored citizen and many of his race who are still young would do well to pattern after "Uncle Alf. Always polite and courteous he commanded the respect of the entire community.

**A WILD BLIZZARD RAGING**

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and grippe—that terror of Winter and Spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up" nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat gripping cough. When grip attacks, as you value your life, don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottle cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley, Miss., "after being laid up for three weeks with Grip." For sore lungs, hemorrhages, coughs, colds, whooping cough, bronchitis, asthma, its supreme—50-cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed by D. M. Smith Drug Co.

**Death of Mehlin Anderson**

Mehlin Anderson died at his home near this place, in Mitchell Valley, last Tuesday night. The deceased came to this county from Tazewell about six years ago. He was a Confederate soldier and an upright citizen. He was about seventy years old and esteemed by all who knew him.

Dr. Fahrney's Teething Syrup is the best remedy for any sickness baby gets, no matter how young or how old—try it!

On last Saturday Mr. Marco Williams and Miss Gussie Musser, both of Atkins, were married in Bristol, Parsons Burroughs officiating. On the following Tuesday Harrison McCreeger and Miss Lina May McClellan, of near Olympia, were also united in marriage at the Bristol mecca.

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**MARRIED**—At the Marion Circuit parsonage on December 24th, 1909, Mr. James Rector, of Seven Mile Ford, and Miss Ocie Bales, of Atkins, were united in marriage, Rev. G. A. Maiden officiating.

**10,000 Turkeys Wanted.**  
The D. H. Mitchell Co. wants ten thousand fat Turkeys. They will pay the highest market price for the same.

**No Man is Stronger Than His Stomach**

A strong man is strong all over. No man can be strong who is suffering from weak stomach with its consequent indigestion, or from some other disease of the stomach and its associated organs, which impairs digestion and nutrition. For when the stomach is weak or diseased there is a loss of the nutrition contained in food, which is the source of all physical strength. When a man "doesn't feel just right," when he doesn't sleep well, has an uncomfortable feeling in the stomach after eating, is languid, nervous, irritable and despondent, he is losing the nutrition needed to make strength.

Such a man should use **Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery**. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enriches the blood, invigorates the liver, strengthens the kidneys, nourishes the nerves, and so **GIVES HEALTH AND STRENGTH TO THE WHOLE BODY.**

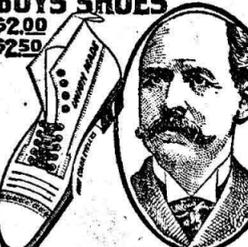
You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic medicine of known composition, not even though the urgent dealer may thereby make a little bigger profit. Ingredients printed on wrapper.



Mr. John L. Lindsey retired as Jailer of Smyth county last Friday. He was succeeded by Mr. Rowland Hopkins, of St. Clair Bottom. Mr. Lindsey has filled this position for several years, and has been a faithful and efficient officer. He has also been janitor of the new court house since its erection, and in this connection was a trustworthy and painstaking custodian—always looking after the care and protection of the property. Mr. Hopkins is a good man and we may expect of him the same care and efficiency of his predecessor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stone had for their Christmas guests—Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Marion, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Hill and children, of Radford, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Huffard and baby, of Kingsport, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Early and infant, of Bluefield, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Conley Stone, of Roanoke, Va.—Wytheville Enterprise.

**W. L. DOUGLAS**  
\$3.35 & \$4. SHOES  
BOYS SHOES  
\$2.00  
\$2.50



**THE LARGEST MAKER AND RETAILER OF MEN'S FINE SHOES IN THE WORLD.**

"SUPERIOR TO OTHER MAKES."  
"I have worn W. L. Douglas shoes for the past six years, and always find they are far superior to all other high grade shoes in style, comfort and durability." W. G. JONES.  
119 Howard Ave., Utica, N. Y.  
If I could take you into my large factories at Brockton, Mass., and show you how carefully W. L. Douglas shoes are made, you would realize why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater value than any other make.  
CAUTION—See that W. L. Douglas name and price is stamped on the bottom. Take in a substitute. If your dealer cannot fit you with W. L. Douglas shoes, write for Mail Order Catalogue. W. L. Douglas, Brockton, Mass.  
FOR SALE BY  
Marion Bargain House.

**Weaver Hardware Co.**

Is in Town With a Full Line of Heating and Cooking **STOVES**

Cheap and High Priced Ranges, Sash, Doors, Page Belting, Guns, Ammunition, Etc., Etc.

COME IN AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE.

**REMOVAL NOTICE!**

We have moved our business from Holston Hotel building to **THE SEAVER BLOCK,** (Room formerly occupied by Picture Show), where we shall be glad to see all of our old customers, and as many new ones as possible. Thanking you for your past liberal patronage, and soliciting a continuance of same, with the assurance of our best attention, we are most respectfully,

**C. A. JONES & CO.,**  
SEAVER BLOCK, MARION, VA.

**W. E. HODGES'**

**BIG SALE**

IS NOW GOING ON IN FULL BLAST.

**SUITS AND OVERCOATS**

AT

**LESS THAN HALF-PRICE.**

Don't wait until it is too late and then be sorry.

WE PULVERIZE THE PRICES.

**MAIN STREET W. E. HODGES, MARION, VA.**

**FOLEY'S ORINO LAXATIVE**

for all stomach troubles—indigestion, dyspepsia, heartburn, gas in the stomach, bad breath, sick headache, torpid liver, biliousness and habitual constipation. Pleasant to take.

For Sale by Carson Drug Co.

**Christmas Suggestions.**

We name below a few of the many articles found in our store:

**UNIVERSAL ALCOHOL STOVE, ROSETTE WAFERS and PAITY IRONS, KORNU KOPIA IRONS, WAFFLE IRONS, COFFEE PERCOLATORS, BREAD MAKERS, FOOD CHOPPERS, ENAMEL WARE, WASHING MACHINES, ASBESTOS IRONS, CARVING SET, SKATES, GUNS and RIFLES, POCKET KNIVES and RAZORS, SCISSORS and SHEARS, CARPENTERS TOOLS.**

It will pay you to call and look over some of the specialties we carry in **KITCHEN WARE.** We have all the latest ideas in Labor Saving Devices for Kitchen Use, and our stock General Kitchen Ware is the Largest Shown in Town.

**Theptinstall & Staley,**  
Hardware, Paints and Oils.

# MONEY TO BURN

IF YOU HAVE MONEY TO BURN keep it in the house where it may be burned, lost or stolen, but if you want to keep it safely where it will always be ready for you when needed. Deposit with us. A check account will give you better business standing in the community and a prestige that you may never have enjoyed before. If your name is not on our books, we will be pleased to open an account with you.

## Marion National Bank

# MARION NEWS

## Local Items.

Capt. John M. Preston, of Seven Mile Ford, was in the city Wednesday.

W. S. Poage, the Wytheville attorney, was in attendance upon Circuit Court Thursday.

Messrs. Geo. L. and H. Harmon, of near Olympia, were business visitors to Marion Monday.

W. N. McGhee, J. J. Dungan and Oel Boothe were attending Circuit Court from Seven Mile Ford Tuesday.

James Debord, of near St. Clair Bottom, has accepted the position book-keeper at the Virginia Table works.

Mrs. Levi Williams was stricken with paralysis last Saturday at her home near Adwolve. Her condition quite critical.

Mr. Geo. W. Buchanan, a prominent citizen of near Ellendale, was paralyzed last Friday. He is seventy years old and it is feared he cannot recover.

Rev. M. M. McFerris was duly called as pastor of the Presbyterian church last Sunday. Revs. J. Bittinger and Carson were present and took part in the installation.

The two-year-old child of Mr. and J. E. Sayers was drowned in Sayers creek last Thursday. It is thought the little fellow was trying to cross the creek on a foot-log and fell.

Mrs. E. O. Hughes passed through Marion last Saturday returning home from Black Lick, Boone county, where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. William Hughes, the mother of Mr. Hughes.

Kind of Rubbers at the Low Prices at Marion Clothing Co.

are pleased to note that Mrs. B. Copenhaver, who has been at her home at Adwolve for the last two weeks, is now convalescing. Master Victor B., Jr., the big grand boy, is also getting along.

want all your Hides, green or D. H. Mitchell & Co.

A. A. Tibbs recently resigned Supervisor of St. Clair district. He sold his farm and expects to return to the county this spring.

Hutton has appointed as his successor Mr. Martin Houston, a resident of the district and it is believed he will give satisfaction to the people.

lot of Hats and Caps for sale at Marion Clothing Company.

W. Richardson, our live real estate agent, has recently sold the property belonging to Elbert S. Keesling in as the F. Hutton place near Grove to Walter C. Cox, of Boone county, for the price of \$10,000. Mr. Cox will move to this place in the early spring. He is a son of the Mr. Cox who bought the A. A. Tibbs farm near South Grove.

Both of these gentlemen will be good citizens and we gladly welcome them to our county.

you want to get a Good SUIT go to the Marion Clothing Company.

Stockholders of The Marion National Bank met in the Bank building last Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. and re-elected the old Board of Directors and found the institution in the most flourishing condition. The report of Cashier T. E. King was read and showed that 1909 was one of the best years in the Bank's history. The people of our county who have this section can find no safer place for their money than The Marion National Bank. The cash and his assistants are most obliging gentlemen and will treat you

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## State-Wide Petitions.

Have you signed a petition for the submission of the State-wide prohibition question to a vote of the people? The question is before the people of Virginia for solution and we see no reason why it should not be met. It will give the State-widened and local optionists a chance to present the question in all its phases and let the people decide what they want. The Anti-Saloon League will meet next week in Richmond and decide whether the petitions will be presented to the Legislature and an election asked for—the date of the meeting is the 17th of January. Among the prominent speakers on the program we see the name of Dr. J. J. Scherer, of Marion. It is not likely, however, that Dr. Scherer will attend as he is in very delicate health.

Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another and the last is always the harder to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. Sold by all dealers.

The out-house belonging to Mr. Wythe Hull, located within 20 feet of his residence, was burned down Tuesday night. There were about 2,000 feet of oak lumber in the building, which was the principal loss. The fire was discovered about two o'clock in the morning by Mr. Gus Williams, watchman at the Va. Table Works, and he gave the alarm. The still condition of the atmosphere was the only thing that saved Mr. Hull's residence.

Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. It invigorates the entire system and strengthens the kidneys so they eliminate the impurities from the blood. Backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles are all cured by this great medicine. Carson Drug Co.

## PROCEEDS OF "FETE IN FLOWERLAND."

Statement as held by Committee:

Dues Receipts	\$93.75
Total on Program	24.50
Cost of Theatre	12.00
One item in Marion News	1.00
Credit by two Tickets	1.00
One item in Marion Democrat	1.00
(estimate price of same fixed by editors \$1.00), bill rendered of same	3.00
Credit by two Tickets	1.00
Costumes furnished, copies of music, railroad fare and errands	14.00
Expense of Program	7.50
Total net proceeds	81.00

Thirty-three and one-third per cent. of net proceeds to local needy tuberculosis patients \$27.00, with \$10.00 from same for local service in securing the talent.

Thirty-three and one-third per cent. of net proceeds \$27.00, deposited with Dr. Raleigh Martin, of Lynchburg, Va., for needy tubercular patients throughout Virginia.

Thirty-three and one-third per cent. of net proceeds \$27.00, to directress of Fete in Flowerland for directing same. A balance of \$1.00 from above additions will be added to Marion fund to prevent trouble of new checks, receipts, etc.

Committee: ROSALIE L. KABLER.

## HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. Wholesale Drugists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The Bristol Masonic Lodges are preparing to build a modern Masonic temple to cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 on their lot East of the Norfolk and Western and Southern freight depot, and fronting on State street. This is one of the best lots in the city, and that it would make a most desirable location for such a building is admitted.

Rev. I. W. Williams Testifies. Rev. I. W. Williams, Huntington, W. Va., writes us as follows: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that Foley's Kidney Remedy will do all that you claim for it." Carson Drug Co.

Rev. Squires Not to Accept Missouri Call. Norfolk, Jan. 10.—The Rev. W. H. T. Squires, of the Knox Presbyterian church, Norfolk, announced today his declination of the call to be evangelist for the Presbyterian Synod of the State of Missouri. His reason was that he did not feel that his work in Norfolk had been finished. He came here from Bristol, Tenn., nine months ago.

Will Be Here 17th and 18th. Mr. Geo. H. Poling of the firm of H. Silverthorn Co., Lynchburg, Va., will be in Marion on Monday and Tuesday, January 17th and 18th, with a fine line of Watches, Jewelry, Diamonds, &c., and will be found at the Valley House sample room.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*

## Farm Lands High.

The fine estate of the late David Cole, located near Chilhowie, this county, was sold at public auction last Saturday by Special Commissioners N. C. St. John and B. F. Buchanan. It was sold in parcels as follows—220 acres, which includes the residence, to J. B. and J. L. Vance at \$102.00 per acre; 177 acres, which includes the bottom land, to R. F. Hubble at \$126.00 per acre; 34 acres to Mrs. R. F. Hubble at \$67.00 per acre; 92 acres to C. L. Richardson at \$56.00 per acre; 66 acres to Joseph N. Umberger at \$65.00 per acre; 31 acres to E. R. Fry at \$75.00 per acre. The entire farm of 621 acres brought \$58,966.25. This is a fine price and shows the value of farming land in Smyth county.

## MAKING LIFE SAFER.

Everywhere life is being made more safe through the work of Dr. King's New Life Pills in constipation. Bileousness, dyspepsia, indigestion, liver troubles, kidney diseases and bowel disorders. They're easy, but sure, and perfectly build up the health—25-cents at D. M. Smith Drug Co.

N. C. St. John, the Chilhowie, attorney, was looking after legal matters in Marion Tuesday.

## 1-2 PRICE 1-2.

I have one outfit of Broom Machinery and all necessary tools for making broom—also one reliable 120 Egg Incubator, good as new, and one Large Black Goat well broken to harness. Will sell above cheap or trade for anything I can use. J. B. FOLDEN, Marion, Va.

## Newspaper vs. Circular Advertising.

(BY J. W. WATKINS.)  
I don't wish to discourage any means of advertising but I cannot for the life of me understand why a paper which goes into the majority of the homes tributary to the town where it is published is turned down for bills or circulars. Men of apparent business acumen will sometimes do this. I positively can't understand it. A minute's thought ought to suffice to convince such a person it is a losing proposition.

It is a mistake for a merchant to think that people are dying to read his ads. They are not. Men are not ad. readers to any great extent. But women read the ads. and you must aim to have your ads. reach that class. They can see a bargain at a glance, where a man wouldn't recognize one if he met it in the road. Here is where the newspaper ad. scores over bills. Let the average man get an envelope out of the office or box and on opening it finds it a bill and he will wad it up and throw it away. The wisdom of his doing so is apparent. It does not reach the house perhaps not more than one member of the family reads the cumbersome thing until it is destroyed. How about the newspaper. It would be a sorry day for any hubby, on getting it out of the office or box to wad it up and throw it away. In fact he wouldn't have a disposition to do so. He takes it home, reads the news, and the ads. meet his every gaze. He can't get away from them. He reads them purposely or inadvertently. Then the wife, the girls, the boys, the hired help in their turn.

But why say more? The newspaper advertising costs less and brings far greater results. It is dignified way of getting your wants before the people. Any other way is not.—Brains.

**WE EXTEND** To our friends and patrons our best wishes for the **NEW YEAR** and desire to thank you very kindly for your liberal patronage during the **PAST YEAR** and trust that these relations may be further extended during the **COMING YEAR**.  
"SINCERELY YOURS,"  
**G. M. FISHER & BROTHER,**  
JEWELERS.  
MARION, : : : : VIRGINIA.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

**Are Doctors Any Good?**  
Foolish question! Yet some people act as if a medicine could take the place of a doctor! The best medicine in the world cannot do this. Have a family doctor, consult him frequently, trust him fully. If we did not believe doctors endorsed Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs and colds, we would not offer it to you. Ask your doctor. No alcohol in this cough medicine. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.  
If we did not believe doctors endorsed Ayer's Pills for constipation, biliousness, sick-headache, we would not offer them to you. Ask your own doctor about this.

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## Death of O. H. Wheeler.

I cannot describe how I was shocked to hear of the sad death of Oliver H. Wheeler who lived in Philadelphia. He died after a few days' sickness with pneumonia.

He was employed in the navy yard at League Island and had been at work there for several years as a machinist.

Oliver joined the volunteer infantry and served through the Spanish-American war and was in the Philippine Islands and was honorably discharged.

Although he is now gone his kindness to his family and friends will be an everlasting record of his manhood. He was 32 years, 4 months and 4 days old.

He was united in marriage to Miss Francis Wood, of Camden, N. J., who with three children survive.

## A FRIEND.

**SAVED AT DEATH'S DOOR.**  
The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing forty pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the forty pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme—50-cents at the D. M. Smith Drug Co.

Notice of Meeting of Stockholders of Smyth County Telephone Exchange, Inc.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Smyth County Telephone Exchange, Inc., will be held at the Assembly Hall, Smyth County Court House, Marion, Va., on Tuesday, January 18, 1909, at 10 a. m. JAMES D. TATE, Pres. B. E. COPENHAVER, Sec.

## TO OUR PATRONS:

We desire to return our thanks to all our customers for their patronage during 1909. We solicit a continuance of the same during 1910, and in this connection, especially owing to our recent misfortune by fire, ask all who are due on account to come in and settle the same in full at once. This will be greatly appreciated. Again thanking you, we remain,  
**Very truly yours,**  
S. H. WOLFE.

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## 10,000 Turkeys Wanted.

The D. H. Mitchell Co. wants ten thousand fat Turkeys. They will pay the highest market price for the same.

**FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEY AND BLADDER

## 10,000 Rabbits Wanted.

We want ten thousand Rabbits. Let us have this game. Will pay cash or goods. The D. H. Mitchell Co.

To feel strong, have good appetite and digestion, sleep soundly and enjoy life, use Burdock Blood Bitters, the great system tonic and builder.

## "CLOTHES BEAUTIFUL"

# YOUR SIZE - YOUR PRICE

## ODD-END-SALE

FOR GENTLEMEN! Christmas and the cold weather made brisk selling—and brisk selling always leaves broken stocks. With an never-changing rule of always keeping lines at their very best, we are going to urge these out with the prod of . . .



# GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Not a thing the matter with any of them—not a style or material or color that isn't chic—span new and up-to-date. They include **SUITS AND OVERCOATS** for men, young and old, garments from the famous lines of the "Clothes Beautiful" made by Master Tailors, SCHLOSS BROS. & CO., Baltimore-New York.

**W. W. HAWKINS & COMPANY**  
MAIN STREET  
MARION, VIRGINIA

# CREAT BIC Reduction Sale of Clothing

We are now selling our Extreme Heavy Weight Suits and Ulsters At Cost and a lot of Odd Suit at and Below.



**SUITS**  
\$3.25 now, formerly \$4.00  
4.00 now, formerly 5.25  
5.00 now, formerly 6.50  
8.00 now, formerly 10.00

**ULSTERS**  
\$3.10 now, formerly \$3.75  
4.10 now, formerly 5.26  
8.00 now, formerly 10.00

We have made by sacrifices in the prices of Underwear and Gent's Furnishings. We guarantee the prices on anything we sell.

**Marion Clothing Company**

