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HUNDREDS OF WORKMEN.

Some New Phases of Industrial Development, and how they are Operated--Summer Hotel to Open--Orderly Town--Personals.

(Staff Correspondence of the Spectator.)

Buena Vista, Va., May 30th.—In my knockabout trips through the industrial sections of Virginia I am impressed as never before that we are living in an age of specialties. The professional and scientific world is no less exacting than is becoming the industrial world. Competition in all lines of industry is so sharp and the standard of excellence in the manufactured wares so high, that the laborer of other days is becoming the artisan of today—not his labor in many cases less remunerative. The mechanic to succeed must be skilled, must attain proficiency in the highest degree in some one thing be it ever so small. The "jack of all trades" and the "good all around man," has scant demand for his services and is virtually a back number. A case in point came under my observation today that will illustrate the new condition. While sitting in the Superintendent's office of a big industry, several men came in and applied for work. "What can you do?" was the sharp question first at the first applicant. "Most anything, have worked several trades, good all around man," was his answer. "We have no work for you" was the officer's reply. Of the other men, one was an engineer at once taken and without recommendation. And there stood the first applicant, a fine specimen of physical manhood, mistified at his rejection and growing discontent, turned away. He was good at several trades; skilled and proficient in nothing.

So it is with the fast moving world and Buena Vista is up with the procession, and counting her five industries, challenges comparison with many a larger and older town. The stranger who came here during the boom; made and lost his fortune, will hardly credit the substantial thrift and activity in business that I find here today. There are an even half dozen industries, five of them large and monied plants, viz:—Va. Iron, Coal & Coke Co.'s Furnace, Columbian Paper Mills Co., Blue Ridge Tannery Co., Buena Vista Woolen Mills, Brick Works or Southern Clay Products Co., and the Buena Vista Saddle & Harness Co. At the first of these—the Furnace—I found as foreman of the yards our former townsman Mr. E. I. Jones, who has been here several years. The furnace he informs me is averaging about 150 tons per day, with 185 tons as a high water mark. As the property was built for only 120 tons, it is clearly being operated much beyond its natural capacity—a fact that speaks much for the ability of its Superintendent, Mr. Percival Johnson, an Englishman. His company operates two furnaces at Roanoke, one each at Pulaski, Graham, Bristol and many others outside the State. Today's figures at the weighmasters office show 14 cars coke, 8 cars limestone and 25 cars ore received. A pretty good showing for incoming raw material, to say nothing of the large outgoing product. To keep this vast industry going, time keeper C. R. Mann reports 500 men on his pay roll. These are divided into night and day shifts, and by the way, our Staunton readers will remember Mr. Mann, as clerk many years since in the dry goods house of C. A. Gladke.

Passing to the Pulp or Paper Mill I find another busy force of more than a hundred operatives, under the active management of Superintendent Harry N. Egolf, a Pennsylvanian and another example of the youthful men from the North and West who are taking such a prominent part in the industrial development of Virginia. Mr. Egolf, though young has had 10 years practical experience in his line of business and is better qualified for his duties than many an older man. His industry is comparatively a new one in this State and presents to the visitor many interesting features. As I looked upon the heap of poplar wood piled in cord lengths, it was hard to realize that it would soon come forth from the machines in the finishing room, sheets of white, glossy, writing paper. The transformation from wood to paper is accomplished in a surprisingly short time. The woods used are poplar and linn and are shipped here from all over the State, by a traveling purchasing agent. When it arrives here the timber is carefully barked and the hard wood cut by machinery into fine chips. These are cooked in a kind of acid or liquor and otherwise chemically treated till it becomes a thick, jelly looking mass. Macerated linn rags are added to give strength. The jelly mass then passes through a series of rollers that extract the water and compress the fiber into long ribbons of white paper. These are wound on large spools or cut to sizes as it comes from the machine. The wood thus consumed in 24 hours is about 30 cords (for the mill runs night and day) and the

manufactured product has the world for its market. A large consignment in the pulp shape goes regularly to Germany, while the writing and card papers—a beautiful article—find ready sale in the Northern cities. Much of it also goes to Mexico. I have been in other paper mills, but wish to say right here that the Buena Vista product is equal to any and strictly first quality.

Another industry here that attracts the visitor is the woolen mills. When working on full time they employ 125 operatives—both men and women—Mr. David R. Miller is secretary of the company. In his absence I was courteously shown through the buildings by foreman, G. W. Fansler, an Albatross county man, and on whose authority I learned much of interesting detail concerning this large industry. From him I learn that the mills are engaged in government contract work. That is, the government goods manufactured here is for uniforming the soldiers in the U. S. army and navy. During the last 18 months, 250,000 yards of dark blue navy goods has been turned out, besides a quantity of the sky blue kersey.

Up the railroad track from the woolen mills, is the tannery operated by the Blue Ridge Tanning Co., an industry that is familiar to our readers, but for that reason none the less important and helpful to this industrial community. It gives employment to scores of men who in the course of a year convert 1,000 hides into as many sheets of excellent leather, mostly for belting and sole leather purposes. This value added stock finds ready sale in the Philadelphia and Boston markets. Mr. J. E. Dawson, of Cumberland, Md., is the superintendent in charge, and a veteran in the tanning business. He tells me that this company is operating two other tanneries in the State, one at Salem, the other at Bluff City, Giles county, and both large plants. At the latter place Mr. J. M. Kunkle, a well known former resident of Pond Gap in Augusta county, is the superintendent.

Still another industry here, a new enterprise; and one that the people like to talk about, is the Southern Clay Product Co., engaged in the manufacture of tiles and fire brick. This company has an unlimited supply of the best fire-clay material and are turning out vast quantities of the best manufactured article.

The Buena Vista Saddle and Harness Co. is yet another industry. It has not such large interests as those enterprises already mentioned, but is one of these small solid industries that are valued in every community. It is the maker of the celebrated "Wagon" saddle, and is the business that did not suspend during the dark days succeeding the boom collapse of ten years ago. In its employ I found two of Augusta's former citizens, G. M. Speck, of near Fishersville, and J. W. Silling, of near Mt. Solon.

So much for the industries. The town proper is keeping pace with its big industries. Its large and handsome summer hotel is soon to be filled with guests, its merchants are doing a solid business, it has a bank, an organized city government; with hustling and circuit courts; an excellent graded public school, several hotels, churches of all denominations, electric plant and an excellent water supply.

City Treasurer A. O. Burks is a believer in his town, in its present and its future prospect. In behalf of its order and good government, he asserts that since Buena Vista has become a municipality, no murder has ever been committed. Cerew bells ring each night at 9 and there are no disorderly public places. What impressed me most favorably and what will impress the average visitor here, is the unusual courtesy of the city's officials. From the mayor to the chief of police, they are as courteous and obliging a set of men as I ever saw in office.

Here as elsewhere in all the live towns I find a goodly number of men from old Augusta and Staunton. They have settled here most of them years since and have grown up with the town. In nearly every instance they are doing well and are occupying positions of trust and emolument. Besides those already mentioned is Shirey and Brown, the leading druggists. W. H. Shirey and Wm. M. Brown, both formerly with Dr. N. Wayt & Brother in Staunton. Mr. Shirey is President of the City Council. E. W. Randolph, of Greenville, Cashier in Manufacturers and Merchants Bank; Elijah Lee, of Striding Springs, is mayor; Harry L. Gilkeson, of Staunton, hardware merchant—has as large and valuable a stock as will be found in this section; C. W. Ruebush, proprietor of a large general store and member of city council. His brother, J. C. Ruebush is farming near here, both of Greenville; T. H. Keller, of Buffalo Gap, ticket agent and operator for C. & O. Ry.; J. W. Waddy, of Greenville, postmaster, and his son C. W. Waddy, attorney-at-law, a bright and rising young man; John K. Wright, of near Barberbrook, chief of police; J. M. Henkel, of Staunton, has been constable, justice of the peace and mayor; R. A. DePriest, from Mt. Sidney, tinner and plumber, has a large double store well stocked; W. H. Wolfe and family, of Staunton, commercial traveler and insurance; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Brown and family, of Lynchburg, keep a boarding house in the City Hotel; Mrs. Yetta Lehman and daughter, Miss Essie, of Staunton; Mrs. W. H. Ballie and family, of Staunton, her son Gilbert, stenographer and typewriter in law office; Chas. M. Patterson, of Pond Gap, at the tannery, and Thos. Dorsey, of Staunton, formerly at the News office, Staunton, but now moving here with his family, is re-establishing the Buena Vista Advocate. A. S. MORTON.

AMENDMENTS TO LUNACY LAWS

Of Interest to the Public and the Officers of the Law

The new lunacy law passed by the last Legislature is a great improvement on the old law. The amendments are all on the line of economy. Instead of having three magistrates, the new law requires only one magistrate or judge of county or corporation and two physicians, to constitute the commission to inquire whether a person is insane. The physicians shall, in presence of the judge or justice, (if practicable) by personal examination of such person, and by inquiry, satisfy themselves and the judge or justice as to the mental condition of the patient. If the two physicians do not agree, a third will be summoned. The 15th question of the interrogations is as follows: "Is it the opinion of the examining physicians that the patient is insane, and should be placed in a hospital for the cure and treatment of insane persons?" Both examining physicians and the judge or justice shall sign the commitment papers. Each county or corporation shall be provided with necessary blank forms by the clerk of the court to be paid for out of the funds of the said county or corporation.

The interrogations to the witnesses and the answers thereto shall be in writing; and, together with a written statement by the commission of any matter known to them as to the facts of insanity, shall be promptly transmitted by the judge or justice with his order and a record thereof shall be kept by the clerk of the county or corporation court. All expenses incurred in committing a patient to any State hospital shall be borne by the county or corporation from which such patient is sent.

Before delivering an insane patient to the authorities of any hospital, the sheriff or jailor or the person in whose charge the insane person is, shall see that the said insane person is clean, free from vermin and any contagious disease, and properly clothed. All insane persons applying for admission to any of the several hospitals of the State, shall be, when so required by the superintendent of said hospital, delivered to the agents of the said hospitals at the nearest or most convenient railroad station or steamboat landing, at the expense of the county or corporation, or of the insane person if there be any estate.

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Bridgewater Briefs.

Chas. E. May, of Dooms, spent Sunday here with relatives and friends. Misses Carrie and Sadie Davies were callers at Samuel Forrer's last Sunday.

Miss Anna White is visiting friends and relatives at Mossy Creek this week.

Mrs. Mary Irvine, of Long Glade, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Hite, last week.

Miss Loa Fishburn, of Basic City, and Miss Sallie Kelley, of Staunton, are visiting J. S. McLeod and other relatives here.

Paul L. Miller left Monday for Craigville, where he has a position with the Virginia Portland Cement Co.—The Herald.

Americans are known as dyspeptic people. The extent of this disease may be inferred from the multitude of so called "medicines" offered as a remedy. They are often in tablet form and have no value except as palliatives of the immediate effects of dyspepsia. The man who used them may feel better, but is surely getting worse. They do not touch the real cause of the disease. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a medicine specially prepared to cure diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. It is not made to give temporary relief but to effect permanent cure. In ninety-eight cases out of every hundred it cures perfectly and permanently.

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From Clifton Forge.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Paxton have returned from a very pleasant visit to Norfolk and Richmond friends.

Mr. C. I. Divine and wife, I. B. Snapp and wife, W. G. Dudley and wife and Mrs. G. W. Kincaid returned from Milwaukee last week. They left Mr. Kincaid behind to attend to his official duties as representative of this division in the grand meeting of the B. of L. E. He will return next week.

Mr. B. L. Cash, youngest son of Mr. J. C. Cash, of Greenville, died at the C. & O. Hospital here on the 14th instant from an injury received near Graham, while crossing the railroad track to make a signal. A car from the rear closed in upon him and a standing train.—Clifton Forge Review.

Death of Mrs. Plumb.

After an illness of only a few days, Mrs. Bertie Plumb, wife of Mr. Charles Plumb, died Tuesday night about 8 o'clock. The death was a very sad one, as she left a husband and two little children, the youngest only nine months old. Mrs. Plumb was a Miss Lawrence, of Bath county. She was only 23 years of age.—Waynesboro Herald.

THE UNIVERSITY FINALS.

The Address Before the Literary Societies by the Hon. Charles Dudley Warner.

Following is the program of final exercises, subject perhaps to some slight modifications:

Sunday, June 10: 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon (University Chapel), Rev. G. B. Strickler of the Union Theological Seminary, Va. 8 p. m.—Address before the Young Men's Christian Association (Public Hall), Rev. G. B. Strickler of the Union Theological Seminary, Va.

Monday, June 11: 11 a. m.—Address before Literary Societies (Public Hall), Charles Dudley Warner, of Hartford, Conn. 8 p. m.—Final Celebration of the Literary Societies.

Tuesday, June 12: 11 a. m.—Address before the Faculty (Public Hall), Hon. J. L. M. Curry, of Washington, D. C. 3 p. m.—Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association (Y. M. C. A. Hall), 8 p. m.—Reception to the Alumni and guests (in Rotunda.) (Tickets can be obtained at the Chairman's Office on Monday and Tuesday.)

Wednesday, June 13: 11 a. m.—Address before the Alumni (Public Hall), Wm. Leigh Robinson, Esq., of Washington, D. C. (Tickets for Dress Circle furnished Faculty, officers and graduating students.) 8 p. m.—Closing Exercises of University.

Highland Personals.

Messrs. Wm. Hevener and Gien Mauzy spent a part of last week in Staunton.

Mrs. G. W. Hevener, of Swoope, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Trimble.

Mr. George Swadley, of Arvada, Colorado, is visiting at his old home at Hightower.

E. H. McClintic, Esq., returned on Wednesday from a trip to Staunton. Mrs. S. J. Carson accompanied him and will spend some time at her home at Deerfield.—The Recorder.

The Court's Mistake.

A woman who had ignored a subpoena to appear as a witness in a case recently tried in Westmoreland, Kan., was brought before the court by the Sheriff to answer for contempt. "What reason, madam," said the Judge severely, "have you for not obeying the summons of the court?" "I hadn't got home, Mr. Judge," she replied, "only we have a small box down at our house and I thought you might be kinder sorter prejudiced agin' it." The court was instantly adjourned and the Judge, Sheriff and onlookers stampeded for the outside.

Breaking in a Pen Point.

"All pens are alike to me," said the clever young woman, "and all pens would be alike to you, if you only knew how to break them in. Don't moisten your new pen between your lips before you begin to write. Don't say charms over it. Take your steel pen, dip it into the ink, then hold it in the flame of a match for a few seconds, wipe it carefully, dip it into the ink, and you have a pen that will make glad the heart within you."—Washington Post.

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On top of the Cuban postal scandals it is now said by an official, who has just returned from Cuba, that the customs service is honeycombed with fraud and that an investigation will disclose a condition even worse than that the postal frauds.

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