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CEDAR BLUFF WANTS PEERY

With the New Railroad and
a Candidate For Congress
People will be Happy.

Indian, February 15—Our aged townsman, R. F. Cecil, was suddenly stricken with paralysis on last Thursday, and grave doubts are expressed as to his recovery. He is at the home of his son, W. P. Cecil, where everything possible is being done for his comfort. His two daughters, Mrs. Julia John and Mrs. Ella Davidson, of Texas, arrived today in response to telegrams and are in attendance at his bedside. His other two daughters, Mrs. Swango and Mrs. May, of Kentucky, are expected to arrive tomorrow.

Our town is lively with the advent and coming and going of engineers, surveyors, rights-of-way agents, contractors, etc., all working on the line of the Indian Creek Railway, which, when constructed with its intersection at this place, will cause Indian to deck herself in gay attire and step proudly forth and take her place as "heap big Injun" along with the other prosperous and thriving towns of the Clinch Valley.

And now, if the Democratic convention, which meets in Bristol soon, will nominate our brilliant and talented young Peery, our people, without regard to politics, will unite in a rousing cheer for the new railroad and for Peery for Congress.

High-Priced Land.

The Norfolk and Western has bought from the Gillespie family at Tazewell the right-of-way through some property at Canebrake, which will be used for the extension to Cedar Bluff, says the Telegraph. The price paid is said on reliable authority to have been \$11,000 for eleven acres. The Cedar Bluff extension has been called by some records the Dry Fork cut off. It will extend from Canebrake, above Berwind, to Cedar Bluff, and will connect with the Norfolk and Western's Iaeger Southern branch with the Clinch Valley division. The Iaeger-Southern joins the Pocahontas division at Iaeger and was formerly operated as a lumber road by the Ritter Lumber Company.

Whitewash and Paint Needed.

A glance at the buildings, palings and fences of the town show a decided need of paint and whitewash. Many good residences have a rusty, neglected look, and the palings and fences present not a pleasing appearance. Spring weather will soon be here, and when it comes, painting and whitewashing should begin with a vim. A receipt for a splendid whitewash will be found in this issue of this paper. This is said to be almost as good as paint for either inside or outside work. Better clip this receipt and file it for future reference. And while on the subject, attention should be given to the roofs. An old, dry, half rotten shingle roof not only looks badly but is a prolific source of fires. There are a number of otherwise good residences in this town whose roofs need only a good, live business spark of fire to drop on them on a dry day or night to make a first class fire, to destroy the building, and perhaps a number of others, before the fire company, if we have one, could turn on the water. Better go in debt for a good fire proof Cortright shingle roof. It is necessary than to be turned into the street and then go in debt to rebuild. These are plain matters that everybody should be interested in for their own good, and for the interest of the town.

An Empty Cradle

Mr. and Mrs. Wharton O'Keefe, have had their first, real sorrow. Their brby boy, James O'Keefe, died at their home at Williamson last Sunday after a brief illness. The little body was brought here on Monday, and laid to rest in Jeffersonville Cemetery, beside other members of the family, who rest there. The little fellow was about six weeks old, a fine, promising baby. The young parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

Herb Dodd Married.

Mr. Herbert R. Dodd, of Galax, formerly of Tazewell, and Miss Mary Douglas James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. James, of Yadkinville, N. C., were married at the home of the brides parents on last Thursday afternoon. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for an extended visit to Richmond.

The groom is a brother of Edwin W. Dodd, manager of the Galax Furniture Company, and is now representing the Columbus Piano Company at Galax.

No Ifs and Ans.

There are no "ifs" and "ands" about it. Tate Irvine or Henry Stuart—one or the other—must make the race for Congress. Its a condition and not a theory that confronts the Democracy of the Ninth District, and either Irvine or Stuart will meet the demands of the day and hour. Then we are told that neither of these gentlemen will accept the nomination—a statement we can't believe and wouldn't believe if we could. They are both so true and devoted to the cause of Democracy that they are bound to answer "HERE" when the party calls. And when the awarding of the nomination comes off at Bristol on the first day of March, we believe that either of them will step to the front with the grace of a cavalier and say to the members of that convention: "Gentlemen, it is your duty to command and mine to obey."—Wise News.

Horse's Neck Broken

Mr. Joseph Heldreth lost a fine grey horse on the mountain South of town in a most peculiar manner. Alex Boothie was sent to plow a piece of ground on a very steep hillside, and was getting ready to stir the ground, when the horse slipped on the slippery ground, and rolled several hundred feet to the bottom of the hill. As soon as Mr. Boothie could get to the horse it was found that his neck was broken and that the horse was dead. This is the first accident of the kind recorded or known in this section.

Fields of Knowledge.

The 1910 World Almanac has been issued. It is a wonderful little book—a book to which you can refer at a moment's notice; a book which gives you a quick and positive answer to the thousand and one little questions that you cannot always keep in mind; a book that takes the same position in the world of facts and figures that the dictionary does in the world of words; a book of value to every man, woman and child of intelligence. It places fields of knowledge, vast and varied, within the reach of all. Price 25c; by mail 35c. Address the World, New York City.

Abduction Case For Court.

An abduction case was tried in the police court at Pocahontas on last Tuesday, and John Jones, alias Bob Humphries, of Kentucky, was sent to the grand jury, charged with abducting Pearl Byrd, his sister-in-law, and fleeing to Logan, W. Va. Jones came here several months ago, and married a daughter of Braxton Byrd, of this place. Pearl Byrd, a sister of the bride, made her home with the newly married couple, and the groom became infatuated with her, and abducted her. They were living as man and wife when arrested at Logan. Pearl Byrd is only fifteen years of age.

Mr. Carothers Dead

A. B. White received a message a day or two ago, saying that Mr. David Carothers, his brother-in-law, had died suddenly at his home in Tennessee. Mr. Carothers was here a few months ago on a visit to Mr. White, and while he was getting on in years, seemed to be hale and hearty. He was an old Confederate soldier, a good and true man, and will be missed by his family and community.

They Will Go Back

Reports have been current here for some time that a new weekly Republican paper, with William C. Pendleton, as editor, will be started in Roanoke, in the near future. The matter is being seriously considered by some of the republican leaders of the state, and should the project materialize the paper will be issued in a twenty page form or more, and be the recognized party organ of Virginia.

Record Breaking Month.

As stated in last issue the month of February promises to be a record breaker in the collecting of subscriptions and entering new ones. The tally shows good so far. Now here is a proposition: Every subscriber, after this date, to this paper, who pays up before March 1st gets a six months free subscription to the Southern Planter, one of the best agricultural journals in the South. This a good way to get six months free reading, and of the very best. This proposition applies to new as well as old subscribers. Make the closing days of February tell. Let the subscriptions roll in. Put a dollar in a letter and mail it to this office, and say "credit my subscription to the News and send the Southern Planter for six months."

Mrs. Werth's Father Ill

Mrs. Wm. H. Werth, of this town, and Mrs. J. W. Hicks, of Graham, are with their father in Bland county, who is extremely ill. From reports received here, there is small hope of his recovery.

BARNES GILLESPIE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Tazewell Lawyer Will Be
Given Responsible Position
With the Government.

Positive assurance has been received here that Barnes Gillespie, of the law firm of Greener and Gillespie, will be appointed United States District Attorney for the Western District of Virginia. With the office goes a nice salary, a clerk and a stenographer, all paid for by the government.

An assistant will also be appointed, and the opinion is that Thomas J. Muesey, of Bland county, will get that position.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Gillespie had under consideration the acceptance of the attorneyship, and a few weeks ago he telegraphed the Washington authorities that he would not accept, but reconsidered this week, and decided to accept.

Mr. Gillespie will move the district attorneys office from Roanoke to Tazewell, but so far as is known he has not made known his wishes as to who he would like for stenographer and clerk.

Mr. Barnes Gillespie is one of the ablest members of the Tazewell bar, and will do honor to the high office to which he has been appointed.

LATER—Mr. Gillespie's nomination for district attorney was sent to the Senate yesterday afternoon by the President. Messages of congratulation were received here last night addressed to Mr. Gillespie from Congressman Slem and Mr. Thos. E. Moore, the retiring district attorney.

Mr. McCall Withdraw

It is understood here that Mr. Geo. W. McCall, who has been a candidate for the United States Marshalship for the western district of Virginia, has withdrawn from the race, and that the appointment will go to S. G. Proffit, of Floyd county. Tazewell people do not relish the idea that Mr. McCall's political aspirations must be sacrificed for purely political reasons. Mr. Slem does not want to, and cannot, give all the good plums to his Ninth district. In this connection the following is taken from a recent issue of the Times Dispatch, which is a special from Washington:

"The contest for the marshalship becomes more interesting daily. Postmaster General Hitchcock, who has no direct connection with the position, but who likes to look after the political end of things at Washington, is said to favor S. Brown Allen for the job, but Chairman Slem and National Committeeman Martin, of the state organization, are opposing him. Messrs. Slem and Martin were at the White House recently and the purpose of their visit was to talk over Virginia patronage.

"The Valley people are knocking Slem for his apparent desire to take all the good pie for Southwest Virginia. They say that L. P. Summers, with patronage worth \$78,000, is enough for the Ninth, and that Thomas Lee Moore, of Montgomery, which adjoins the Ninth, and his assistant, S. Harris Hoge, of Roanoke, are in the same section. The only other important office, they argue, is now in the Tenth district, but Slem would take that for S. G. Proffit or H. G. McCall.

The situation is interesting. If Slem had his way, the opposition declares, McCall would be appointed Marshall, but in order to make a good front before President Taft, the organization will, it is charged, offer Proffit, who is of the Fifth, on the ground that his appointment, with about \$15,000 worth of patronage, will help to secure that district for the next house of representatives; this Messrs. Slem and Martin know is a powerful appeal to the President in this hour of factionalism in his party. In the event that the program is carried out to this point Barnes Gillespie, of the Ninth, may succeed Moore as district attorney. The Tenth district is going to make a desperate fight to hold what it has. The Republicans in the Old Dominion are not as harmonious as one might think. Some bitter controversies are promised for the next few months."

Fine Farm Sold.

W. P. Payne, who is preparing to build the new hotel in town purchased last week the nice farm of Isaac Belcher in Horsepen Cove, the price being \$10,000. The farm contains 224 acres. It is understood that Mr. Payne bought this farm as an investment, which goes to show how Tazewell people value land in their own county.

Miss Lettie Crawford Dead.

The many friends and acquaintances of Miss Lettie Crawford were pained and shocked to hear of her death, which occurred in Bluefield on Monday. She had been ill with pneumonia for only a few days, and her friends were hopeful, when her case took a sudden turn, and she quietly passed away. She was twenty-one years of age, the only daughter of Mr. James Y. Crawford, formerly of Tazewell but now of Abingdon, and was born and reared in this town and many of her young friends here sorrow greatly that they will see her bright face no more. Two brothers Norman, of Bluefield and Jno. of Macon, Georgia, are the only surviving members of her family except her father. Her mother died here some years ago, and it is pleasant to think that mother and daughter are together again. In this there is compensation. The remains were interred in Bluefield.

Young Boy and His Books.

Do you know that this town is more or less flooded with bad, pernicious books, and that the young boys, and girls, too, from twelve years up, are reading them constantly? If you don't, you should know it, and the object of these "few feeble remarks" is to enlighten you. The "blood and thunder" stories, many of them, are on a par with the low flung, demoralizing and corrupting plays and shows traveling over the country, all of them doing the devil's dirty work to perfection. Young boys are naturally fond of such exciting tales, and devour them with eagerness, not only corrupting their morals, but destroying utterly their love for and interest in useful and necessary reading. The assertion is ventured that many an imperfect lesson is recited in the High School here, not on account of the study being difficult, or lack of time for its preparation, but because of time and attention wasted—worse than wasted—in reading some cheap, sorry novel. Let Professor Carson and his assistants do a little investigating along this line, and a statement will be found correct: A boy at a tender age had better not— a thousand times better not read anything at all than read a bad book. The memory is impaired, time wasted, and a love for pure, useful reading destroyed, and often careers of crime superinduced by reading "these trashy, blood-curdling stories. If parents and guardians can't control the matter any other way, use these books, whenever found, to kindle the morning fires. There should be a strong prohibition sentiment generated, which would keep such trash out of all book stores. Where's the constancy in fighting to keep out the sale of liquor, and at the same time permitting these sources of poison of the mind and morals to find a welcome in the homes of the people.

SEWING CLUB

The sewing and embroidery club held their regular meeting with Miss Isabelle Leslie, as hostess, on Monday night. There was a great array of youth and beauty present, and between much talking, some sewing and a few games, and no sewing or embroidering at all, the girls managed to pull through the evening, but it was a hard pull. Somebody had a resolution to offer, it is said to this effect: "Resolved, by the Embroidery Club, in club assembled, on this February 14th, 1910 that a club composed entirely of a lot of old maids, is a delusion, and a weakness to the flesh." Instead of passing this resolution the young ladies talked of revising the constitution and by laws at the next meeting.

DAMAGE CASE IN U. S. COURT

Attorney Wm. H. Werth argued before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond last week, the damage case of Chas. Gross against the Longpole Lumber Company, for injuries Gross sustained, while in the employe of the company near Honaker. The case is an appeal by the defendant from the decision of the federal court at Lynchburg, which gave a decision in favor of Gross.

"Freddie" An Insurance Magnate

Mr. Fred W. Pendleton, assistant postmaster here for several years, has resigned and will devote all his time to the insurance business in which he has been engaged for several months. Mr. John S. Pendleton will be his successor.

Mr. Pendleton, during spare moments from his duties as postmaster, has built up a nice little fire insurance business, and will do more now as he will devote all his time to it.

Better Than a Cure.

It is well to cure a cold, but better to prevent it. As soon as you feel a cold coming on, take one or two "Lane's Pleasant Quinine Tablets." You will not have a cold and the tablets will leave you feeling better than ever. They cure grip in a few hours. 25c a box at druggists and dealers,

BRIEF SKETCH OF THE WASHINGTONS

Some Incidents in the Life of
The First President and His
Wife—Mount Vernon.

It could be safely said that there isn't a six year old child anywhere that doesn't know something of the life and history of George and Martha Washington, or of at least George. But thought perhaps as the twenty-second is so near that it might be of interest to give a few memories of them that I have gleaned from different sources.

Lincoln, when he began to read made Washington his ideal and copied him in his moral qualities as nearly as he could all his life; and the people of the nation ascend in the scale of wisdom and virtue as they look upon and love Washington, Lincoln, and such and are transfused into the likeness of their features.

As excavations were going on at South Bethlehem, Pa., in the formation of a new park the other day, there was discovered in the solid stone a statue of George Washington. Nature had used the chisel so delicately as to make Washington's face so plain that a school child would instantly recognize it.

The old courthouse where Washington's will, which contains twenty-seven pages, reposes is one of the most picturesque in old Virginia, and contains many interesting records. The deed for Washington's pew and the record that he paid a higher price for his seat than any other member of the church at Pohick, the little sanctuary, in the Mount Vernon parish is here, with his commission as lieutenant colonel of his majesty's forces which was given him when on the Braddock expedition. There are other items of quite another nature since they show indictments against our greatest American for failing to keep the wharves and roads on his estate in good repair—most probably when the nation's affairs kept him away from his country—also—far—neglecting to turn in his lands and property for taxation.

Washington was in his day one of the richest men in the county and Mrs. Washington as the widow Custis, brought a goodly fortune to Mount Vernon from her home, the White House on the Pamunkey river. The orders which went to London for furniture, decorations, clothing, books and various luxuries, from Mount Vernon were many and frequent.

There is on exhibition at the National Museum at Washington some articles of apparel once worn by Mrs. Washington. A pair of white satin slippers is among them, and are "small lives" which show that the wife of our first President had a rather short and a very broad foot. Washington's tenderness and love for his wife are well known and when his body was prepared for burial his friends were more than ever touched when they found the miniature of Martha Washington next his heart. There it had lain for over forty years, suspended by the slender gold chain, placed there when he brought his bride to his home at Mount Vernon.

Shortly before her death Mrs. Washington burned every letter that each had written to the other with the exception of two. These as well as I remember were concerning his will, one of which I have a copy but will not give for lack of space.

It was a very busy life the mistress of the mansion on the Potomac lived. She daily inspected the kitchen, dairy and cellar and with her own hands gave out the supplies for the days meals. There is a record of her having cut out on a long summer day thirty-two pairs of trousers for the men servants about the place. She also accomplished, much fancy work, embroidering many chair and stool covers in the old fashioned wool work. She did exquisite netting for curtains, dollies and for bordering the general counterpanes for the great four-posters of old. Specimens of all this work are cherished in various places in this country and abroad. A chair and a stool some of the fine netting, with Martha Washington's mahogany desk, and many other mementoes of the distinguished dwellers at Mount Vernon are treasured in a beautiful Washington home by the only surviving great granddaughter of Martha Washington. Here are silver, china and ornaments from Mount Vernon, with miniatures of General and Mrs. Washington. This house is Tutor Place the Georgetown home to which came Martha Custis, Mrs. Washington's eldest granddaughter, as the bride of Colonel Peter. The daughter of this "Patsy" Custis still lives in the home to which her mother came as a bride, and she is now owner of

those priceless historic treasures.

This aged lady who was Miss Britannia Peter, married, many years ago, Commodore Beverly Kenyon was born in 1815 and now at the age of ninety-five, she is the one living link in the third generation since the day of George and Martha Washington.

"Here's to the tree and the cherries it bore;
Here's to the hatchet that smote it full sore;
Here's to the colors, the red, white and blue;
Here's to his sword with the laurel entwined;
Here's to the hero in all hearts enshrined!"

M.
Pleased With Peery.

Bandy, Va., Feb. 12, 1910.
Editor of the C. V. News: I have just looked at the proceedings of the Democratic mass meeting of our county and see that the wise men of the Democratic party of Tazewell county have taken the right view of the situation and instructed for Geo. C. Peery for Congress. No better choice could have been made in my judgement. I think we will nominate him and elect him.

Yours truly,
A subscriber.

A Cabinet Maker in Town.

Mr. W. S. Leflor, a cabinet maker, has moved to Tazewell from Wise county. He has opened business in the Tynes store on Tazewell Avenue and is prepared to do any and all kinds of repairing, polishing and upholstering of furniture, chairs, etc., of all kinds.

Mr. Leflor has had many years experience as a piano builder, upholsterer, etc., and should find employment there. Call on him at Tynes Store, on Tazewell Avenue.

North Tazewell.

North Tazewell, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Peggy Beavers who has been very ill with pneumonia is rapidly improving.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Spurgeon, on Wednesday night of last week and left a fine baby boy.

Mabel Williams entertained quite a number of her young friends Friday night. All reported a fine time.

Among those present were Misses Evelyn McCall, Nannie Rose Whitley, Irene Peery, Cora Britts, Messrs. Raymond Peery, Jim Bane Peery.

Katie Porter, who has been visiting her friends at North Tazewell has returned to her home in Graham.

Mr. J. D. Gillenwaters, who has been on the sick list for the past week is able to be out again.

Mrs. L. L. McGuire of this place, was visiting in Crockett's Cove, on last Saturday and Sunday.

C. E. Harman who got his foot shot badly sometime ago, is improving fast.

C. W. Sluss, sustained a mashed foot by a log on last Thursday.

Mr. J. E. Litz, of Tip Top, has moved his family to the old Litz farm. We are glad to welcome such a good man in our community.

Mrs. Charles Sluss who has been quite sick for sometime is convalescent.

John Hurt has moved his family to Hemphill, W. Va.

Mr. Rages Sluss made a flying trip to Welch on business one day of last week.

Miss Blanche Whitley and her cousin Miss Custard were visiting relatives at Pisgah the latter part of last week.

Rev. J. R. King filled his regular appointment at Gravelly Hill Sunday afternoon. Not many ventured out on account of the bad weather.

The wind storm we had on last Friday did great damage to our town as well as to the farmers.

A protracted meeting started at this place last Sunday, conducted by E. Wiley, and assisted by D. V. York, of Appalachia, and R. A. Kelly former minister of this place.

Mayor and Mrs. H. G. Peery left Tuesday to visit their daughter and Dr. and Mrs. Sherantine at Glencoe, Md., and will visit other points north before returning.

Miss Victoria Mitchell, teacher in Clinch Academy, spent several days last week visiting in Bluefield.

Bane Peery, Robert Whitley George McGuire, Hearschell Asbury, Garland Peery.

J. W. Campbell made a flying visit to Bluefield last Friday.

Miss Josie Gross is the guest of friends here.

Mrs. Joseph Howard, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mrs. Frank Forbes, who has been real sick, is better at this writing.

NEW ROAD LAWS FOR THE COUNTY

Bill is Now Before the Assembly to Repeal the Existing Regulations.

The new Tazewell County Road bill, now before the legislature, is regarded as the best measure yet offered, and is ample and explicit, perhaps, as is necessary for perfect road system for the county.

The bill is now pending, and will pass, it is thought, without opposition within the next few days. We will give the readers of this paper the salient points and provisions of the new law in our next issue. The bill was drawn, it is understood, by Attorney A. S. Higginbotham, of this town. The citizens and taxpayers of the county will rejoice, if at last, a system of road building and improvement is devised which will give them at least some show of their money's worth.

Churches Consolidated

The following, taken from the Louisville Evening Post, of the 14th, will be of interest to Presbyterians and others, in this section. Rev. Dr. J. Sprill Lyons is a Tazewell boy, who has become a great preacher: "According to announcement, the congregations of the First Presbyterian church, Fourth avenue and West minister Presbyterian church, First Street, voted Sunday on the proposition to unite, which had been under consideration for some time. The decision for union was unanimous at Westminster church, and the vote stood 124 in favor of union at the First church, twenty-nine members dissenting.

Actual consolidation depends upon the action of Louisville Presbytery, composed of a pastor and elder from each Southern Presbyterian church in the city and surrounding counties. It is believed that the Presbytery will vote to ratify the vote of the congregations.

The plan of union calls for the sale of the property of the First church, as soon as a fair price can be obtained, and the erection of a large and modern church plant at First and Ormsby avenue. Pending the sale services are to be held at the First church, except Sunday evenings, when Dr. J. S. Lyons, the pastor, will preach at the other church. Sunday schools will be maintained at both churches.

The combined congregations would make a membership of approximately 1000. Officers of the churches state that the consolidation is regarded as best for the interest of the churches and the work they seek to accomplish."

New, Free Premium Offer.

As stated elsewhere, we want to make the month of February the biggest yet. Every subscription, new or old, received in this office after this date, and before March 1st, means six months free subscription to the Southern Planter, a fine, large, agricultural paper, published in Richmond. Of course, you are going to pay your subscription soon any way. Pay it a little sooner and get the Planter. If you are already paid up, your subscription will be advanced a year, and you can get the Planter just the same. Let 'em come; if you want the Planter, say so when you write or send.

REPORT FALSE

The report was current on the street yesterday and the day before that Mrs. Geo. W. Gillespie, who is now in Florida for her health, was extremely ill, and that a telegram had been received here, summoning her physician, son and nurse to her bedside at once. Neither of these reports are true. A telegram was received from her husband on Wednesday saying that her condition was good. Her son, Mr. Barnes Gillespie left on Wednesday evening for Florida of his own accord to see his mother, and took a nurse along to be of service to Mrs. Gillespie, but not in answer to any telegrams summoning them there. Every letter and message so far received from them states that her condition, while not greatly improved, is no worse than when she left Tazewell. These facts are published for the satisfaction and relief of that excellent lady's many friend and relatives in this section.

Trespassers Take Notice

This is to give notice that I positively prohibit hunting of any kind whatsoever, on my premises, including fox chasing or any other kind of hunting with dogs, and will positively prosecute any violation of this notice to the full extent of the law.

G. W. Doak.