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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS ARE FLOURISHING

### Falls Mills and Midway Have Live Ones at Work—The Cates Meeting in Bluefield—Tazewell Pastor in Nice Quarters.

The last production of a gossip "turn of mind" in this journal was from the editor as he "loafed down the Clinch." The present effusion is from the same pen or pencil, but not from the "editor," but from the secretary of the County Sunday School Association, and he is not "loafing" on the job this time, but busy, one way and another, all the time, from Saturday afternoon, when he left home until Monday afternoon, when he returned.

Some of the readers of this paper enjoy this kind of gossip and find it helpful, for they have been good enough to say so. It is for the number of "the elect" that these letters are written. I believe in specialists, for they seem to be in demand these days, but I am fully persuaded that to be able to do more than one thing well is an enviable and desirable condition to find yourself in sometimes. If I could do nothing but run a little paper—well, there might be no paper to run after a while. Every man should be able to do more than one thing in order to be reasonably independent. "Well, what's all this hot air got to do with the Sunday School trip?" you ask. Not very much, perhaps, but I was led into this profound "train of thought" by my experience last week. On Friday morning, the paper being disposed of, I handled a big plow part of the day, and followed a harrow and plow drag the rest of the day, and on Saturday morning, I laid off until noon. I mean "laid off" corn rows. We, Mr. Kimball, my "partner in distress," and myself, were anxious to get the "experiment farm" planted by May 1 and we did, but I had to help—was glad to, and I knew how and was able to, and I could have kept at it. I "knocked off" at 12, attended to some correspondence in the afternoon, made two Sunday School speeches on Sunday, etc., so you see there is no good reason why I should be idle, because I can do in some sort of way, more than one kind of work. Now, do you see the point about the "hot air"?

### FALLS MILLS AND MIDWAY.

I go to Falls Mills every chance I have because I like the people there, and they have made me believe they like me to come.

Isaiah Harry, Fink, Dud Baker, Cline and a number of good women, are conducting a good Sunday school at Falls Mills. They are in earnest about a great work. So many folks are half-hearted, and careless when it comes to Sunday School work! Not so with the Falls Mills folks. But Harry complained, and justly, that many of the church folks of that community never darken the door of the Sunday School room. What to do with these "church loafers" in every community, is now, and has always been, a problem. One wise man puts it this way: He says that "any church member who can but wont take some part in the good work of Bible study and the moral and religious betterment of the young people, either has no religion at all, or is as blind as a bat, and is likely some day to wake up in hell." This is putting it strongly, but not too much so perhaps. This class of church members are a great worry to the pastors. They are neither "cold nor hot," and the church would be better off without them. But this aside. We had a good Sunday School meeting. There were 92 in attendance, besides a number of others who "dropped in" to hear what the speaker had to say. I always enjoy the singing at Falls Mills. Harry is the leader. He sings well. His entire school "come to the front" and sing. It wasn't quite warm enough this time to cause Harry to "shuck his coat," which he often does, and when he does, and starts his folks out on "When I Can Read My Title Clear," there will be something going on. Country people enjoy their Sunday services. Town churches, many of them, the most of them, let the choir do all the singing, such as it is, but the country folks sing, not always "accordin' to the book," perhaps, but they sing. John Wesley said that "poor singing means poor religion," and on the same principle I suppose "no singing means no religion." If this be true, there is a woeful lack of religion in many of the churches. And while I am at it, if the pastors and superintendents would request and encourage congregational singing, and not leave it all to the few people in the choir, there would be an improvement along this line.

### MIDWAY ON FLAT TOP.

After a fine dinner and a social hour with Harry and his large and interesting family, we started for the Midway church, where a Sunday School meeting had been appointed for 3 o'clock. Midway is on the top of Flat Top Mountain, about a mile beyond Flat Top yards. We had to climb to get there. Mr. Liddle is the efficient superintendent, and he has one of the very best schools in the county. I was surprised by the size and general make up of this school. There were 135 pupils and teachers present. Mr. Liddle has a class of 18 men. He is doing good work. His efficient helpers are W. E. Jones, Jas.

## SCHOOL BOOKS AGAIN TO FRONT

### Defeat of Johnson Company's Proposition Will Cost Thousands of Dollars, It is Said. Richmond and the Vets.

Richmond, Va., May 3.—Defeat of the Johnson Company's bid for supplying school books for the State is causing endless discussion. The board is composed of eight men. Three of these are elected by the people at large—the Governor, the Attorney General and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Three are elected by the Legislature. Two superintendents are elected by the six.

### MRS. STURGIS SPEAKS.

At the close of the "few remarks" made by the visitors, a lady, Mrs. Sturgis, of Falls Mills, who had come along with D. D. Baker and his wife, and others from that section, asked the privilege of "saying something," and of course she was allowed to speak her mind, or a part of it, at least. She is President of the W. C. T. U. at Falls Mills, and hoped, she said to organize a society at Midway and she will, sooner or later. Nobly and grandly has this organization battled for years against intemperance. Mrs. Sturgis said that the fact that West Virginia and Virginia had voted out the saloon was most gratifying, but that the Union would never be satisfied until national prohibition was an accomplished fact, and she'll see it if she lives out her allotted time. And so we closed the Midway meeting. Several people asked me about Mr. Spring, who preached there before moving to Tazewell. The people liked him and hoped to see him and hear him preach again. The Midway and Falls Mills schools will send representatives to the annual meeting next month.

### THE CATES REVIVAL.

I took the late train into Bluefield, and hurried to the sanitarium to see my friend, Henry Hampton, who is under treatment for some stubborn and more or less serious stomach trouble. He seemed to be improving and hopes to get through without a surgical operation.

I went to Bland Street Methodist church at 7 o'clock. Every possible seat seemed to be filled. The large auditorium, galleries, aisles, vestibules and all were packed and had been for an hour. This is a wonderful revival. It began a month ago or more in the skating rink and was transferred to Bland street, Mr. Wiley's church. Up to this time there have been something like 3,000 people to make professions of conversion in Bluefield within the past few months. About 1000 of this number are credited to the Cates revival, which continues with no sign of abatement in interest.

I am not going to undertake the impossible task of a description of Mr. Cates or the great revival. It cannot be put on paper, or in cold type. Hoancker, the faithful reporter, is doing fine work reporting the meetings and he doesn't write shorthand either. He can beat me. I don't see how he does it so well. One thing certain, the power of these meetings is not in Mr. Cates or his sermons. Physically, he is weak. As a sermonizer, he would be put down by a critic as a failure. Spiritually, he is strong indeed. He has no catch words or phrases or performances. He has plain speech. He prays and prays. He talks to and with his God, and then tells the people what he knows and feels. This seems to be about the whole of it. However he has the help of the consecrated pastors of the city, and a large number of good men and women workers. One thing impressed me—the men and women who came forward knelt at the "mourner's bench," as we used to call it. They seemed to be "convicted." Their surrender seemed hearty and entire. But I adhere to my determination not to attempt to describe this meeting or the preacher. Bluefield has been captured, whether conquered and reformed cannot be determined until the June elections. So far as I could learn, few, if any, of the politicians "have believed on him."

### REV. DR. WILEY.

It was my pleasure to meet the scholarly, earnest pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Mabee, and the genial, much beloved pastor of the Bland Street Church, Mr. Wiley, and to enjoy an evening and night not soon to be forgotten, in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley. He is nicely and comfortably "fixed." The parsonage is fine, and was never occupied, I am sure, by two finer people than now. But this gossip must end. Upon reaching home I felt glad I had made the trip to Falls Mills, Midway and Bluefield.

All along the line I saw dogwoods in full bloom, the hills green with grass. Every child I met in the country carried handfuls of violets, which peeped above the grass in every fence corner. The streams were running clear and strong and foam stood on the eddies and pools, where I was told the fish were bitin' strong, and you know what I was thinking about right then, and where I was in my day dream.

### CITIZENS MEETING.

A mass-meeting of the citizens of the Town of Tazewell is hereby called to meet at the Court House at 3 p. m. on Saturday, May 8th, 1915, to nominate a Mayor and Council to be voted on the second Tuesday in June, 1915. J. N. HARMAN, Mayor.

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These men identified with the higher institutions of learning voted against the Johnson books: They are Dr. J. W. Page, Colonel H. C. Ford, and Dr. J. S. Wilson. Harris Hart, of Roanoke and Frank T. West, of Louisiana, voted with them.

The schools are very much in politics and they will ever so remain, and judging by the vote of the men directly elected by the voters, if all of them were as responsive to the demands of the patrons of the free schools, the people of Virginia would not have to pay such enormous prices for school books.

About the same time that the board was rejecting the Johnson Company bid, the officers in charge of education at the various army posts of the United States, placed nineteen of the Johnson books on their lists, thus refuting the suggestion that the books lacked merit.

### RICHMOND TO TAKE CARE OF VETERANS.

Accommodations will be provided by the city of Richmond for all Confederate veterans who come to the reunion here next month. The money has been raised. Many of the counties and cities have agreed to appropriate money to send all who are unable to bear their own expense of the trip. While here they will be given free sleeping quarters and they will have good and wholesome food. In addition, Dr. George Ross, a Confederate Veteran, has named a medical corps of twenty-five men to look after the old soldiers. There will be no long marches.

Every public building in the city is to be decorated, and all of the principal stores of the city and all of the hotels will be draped in colors. In the capitol square there will be a large Confederate floral decoration.

For the benefit of those who may wish to acquire quarters for the reunion, the lodging quarters committee has opened headquarters at 1103 East Main Street and is ready to furnish a list of all the boarding houses, rooming houses, restaurants, hotels, and all places which can accommodate visitors. William A. Loehr is chairman. All letters will be answered promptly with full information for intending visitors.

### NOTES OF BENBOW.

Mrs. Mary Moore and daughter, Misses Annie and Ruth, expect to leave for their home in Henry county this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Buchanan have recently purchased a Ford car. They have employed William Hager, Jr., as chauffeur.

Messrs. J. P. Bowman, of Horsepen, C. W. Mathews, of Graham, and W. J. Harris were the guests of Joseph Cregar last week. Mr. Harris has just returned from Florida, where he spent the winter.

Mrs. John Puckett is visiting relatives at Graham.

Mr. Mike Cregar, of Washington county, is visiting relatives and friends in the community.

Sunday School is progressing nicely at this place.

Mr. Everett Whitman, of Horsepen, spent the week end with friends in our neighborhood.

Mrs. Pearl Brooks and Miss Fritz, of Asberry's, were callers at the home of Mrs. Vicie Claytor last Friday afternoon.

### ROAD MEETING TUESDAY.

Horsepen, Va., May 3. Editor the News:—Our road commissioners, county road engineer, road superintendents and supervisors will be pleased to meet a large delegation from every section of the county at the courthouse next Tuesday, the 11th, and organize all our forces for two days work on the roads in every section, where there is road to work. The 6th instant is the day designated by Governor Stuart, but after consulting a number of our leading road men they advised that a later date would be more convenient, on account of the people being rushed with farm work this week. Will set the new date at the meeting. If all our people will turn out there will be something worth while done for the roads. Yours truly, D. B. DANIEL, Chairman Board of Supervisors.

## LIGHT AND WATER.

Editor the News:—A writer from this balwick calling himself John, presumably for the reason that it is not his name, has been giving you "one side" of the "light" question in North Tazewell and now for reasons not necessary to mention this writer, sometimes called John, also for his resemblance (on a dark night) to another John, feels impelled to tell you why the "lights went out" in North Tazewell.

Heretofore an arrangement in the nature of a gentlemen's agreement has subsisted between the corporate authorities and the Tazewell Light & Power Company, by the terms of which the former furnished the latter with water for the manufacture of ice and for other purposes, and the latter supplied the former with street lights and received an excess sum of money per month from said corporation.

Sometime ago it was represented to the town that the company would require an increased volume of water and in order to furnish this the town acquired the McGuire spring and largely added to its debt in order to furnish the said company with an adequate supply of "pure spring water" for the manufacture of its product.

Recently, however, the gentlemen's agreement referred to has been abrogated by the company, and the town as represented, already in debt and without resources from which to pay current expenses, discontinued said current and now we only go out during the light of the moon and might just as well be back on the farm.

To add to the acuteness of the diplomatic situation and to discommodate the towns financial prospects, it is said that when a negotiation was pending by which it hoped for slight increase in its contract with the N. & W. Company for water now furnished for engines, etc., the manager of the electric company suggests to the railroad company that they would furnish them with water at existing rates.

The corporation claims that this proposition not only surprised them, but pained their finer susceptibilities; that it had heretofore posed as a consumer, whereas it now appeared in the attitude of a competitor, and under the 97th article of the Hague agreement justified reprisal and remonstrance.

I make this statement to some extent on ex-parte testimony in the hope that matters may be brought to a crisis, and since wars nowadays are only "prosecuted in the interests of peace," we are willing to have it settled by the stern arbitration of arms. We have nothing to fear from submarines, Zeppelins nor search lights. Yours between two fires, JOHN.

### SHAWVER MILL NOTES.

Shawver Mills, May 5.—The farmers are busy planting corn.

An all day meeting was held at the Christian Church Sunday last. Dinner was served on the ground. The address delivered by Rev. J. T. Hunley was greatly enjoyed by all present; also glad to have our pastor, Rev. W. S. Bullard, with us.

Miss Hallie Lefell, who holds a position in Bluefield, spent Sunday with parents recently.

Misses Nancy Shuffelbarger and Gracie Belcher spent the week end on Cove Creek.

Mary Virginia and Jessie Lambert, Nannie and Craig Lefell made a flying trip to Mr. Levett's on Wolf Creek last Saturday.

### PUBLIC MEETING AT SHAWVER MILLS.

The Christian Womans Board of Missions of the Shawver Mills Christian Church will render the following program next Sunday, at 11 a. m.: Subject, "The Open Country for Christ."

Devotional,.....Mrs. C. E. Gregory Duet, "Trust to the End," Misses Neel and Lefell.

Five Minutes Talk,.....Rev. D. A. Lefell Leaflet,.....Miss Bessie Lefell Recitation,.....Miss Mary Belcher Duet,.....Misses Nona Lefell and Virginia Belcher.

Five Minutes Talk,.....B. P. Lefell "Phollander Belding's Mistake," Miss Cynthia Repass.

A Letter From a Missionary, Miss Ada Lefell.

Duet,.....Misses Lora Neel and Della Lefell.

"The Disinterested Woman,".....Mrs. Belcher.

Offering, Misses Belcher and Crabtree Benediction,.....D. A. Lefell The public is cordially invited to attend.

### LOCALS

Hon. John Litz, of Coeburn, was guest of his brother, A. Z. Litz.

Rev. J. N. Harman, preaches at Pounding Mill next Sunday, and will represent the County Sunday School Association in a few remarks along with his discourse. No sermon can be called "a good sermon" that is devoid of Sunday school spirit and idea.

Dr. Ferguson, editor of the Southern Planter, Richmond, and Major J. T. Cowan, the well known stockman of Montgomery county, were the guests of Mr. H. S. Bowen, Witten Mills, several days this week. It goes without saying that these distinguished visitors greatly enjoyed their visit although they did not come to Tazewell.

## POCAHONTAS TEAM GETS SEVERE JOLT

### Trys a Fall With Tazewell Aggregation and Oh, What a Walloping They Got—The Playgrounds for the Boys

The boys and girls of the High School are very grateful to the Board of Trade for their valuable contribution of \$30.00 to help defray the expenses of the Inter-scholastic track meet, to be held in Tazewell on May 22nd, 1915. We are in hopes all the citizens will come out to it. We are sure it will be up-to-date in every respect, as the management has been placed in the hands of Prof. Miner, of Bramwell W. Va., who understands how to make the meet a success. Everybody is invited without money and without price.

### THE BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYGROUND.

We are more than thankful to those who were instrumental in buying the playground for the school and town, and we are in a position to state that no person or organization could appreciate it more than the boys and girls of the school. If any one individual should have the credit more for landing this proposition, it should be given to Hon. Barns Gillespie, who pushed the deal to a successful conclusion.

### SOME GAME SATURDAY.

Oh, but that was some game Saturday! We have never seen better amateur ball played on any diamond. The local team distinguished itself in playing fast and sensational ball. Very few errors were made and the team work is getting better all the time. Tazewell should feel proud of their school lads for playing such a swift game against Princeton's crack team.

We had a game with Pocahontas the 4th on our diamond, and if there ever was a walloping administered to any team Tazewell administered it to Pocahontas. The score was about 20 to 1 in favor of Tazewell.

The school authorities believe in athletics to the extent that it does not interfere with the regular work of the school, and to the extent that it is an incentive to better intellectual development.

### NOTES OF ASBERRY'S.

Asberry's, May 5.—Rev. Mr. Mort filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday and preached a fine sermon.

Perry, Arthur and Herman, the three young sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Goodwin were visiting relatives at Broadford Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. B. Asbury spent Tuesday with Mrs. M. C. Shrader.

Mr. James B. Neal spent Sunday with his brother, Dr. W. O. Neal, who is in Bluefield Sanitarium for treatment. Dr. Neal is reported as getting along nicely.

Mr. W. L. Goodwin, who is working in Thompson Valley, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Mr. James Asbury was visiting his friends at Pounding Mill Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. William Walk was visiting in this community Friday and Saturday. Mr. Warner Lambert, of Ceres, spent Sunday with his uncle, Mr. A. J. Lambert.

Mrs. H. B. Edmonds spent the day Tuesday with Mrs. W. G. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Shrader had as their guest to dinner Sunday, Mr. Ed. Holmes, of Tannersville, and Mr. Bige Lambert, of Ceres.

Mr. Ed. Ellis spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. W. P. Vanhooser.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walk, of the Thompson Valley community, were visiting Mrs. Walk's aunt, Mrs. W. G. Goodwin here last Friday.

Mr. James B. Neal made a business trip to Tazewell Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Lambert has been on the sick list for several days.

Mrs. W. T. Correll and children spent Sunday with her husband, who is at the home of Mrs. Correll's sister, Mrs. D. W. Lynch.

Mr. W. P. Vanhooser, who has had pneumonia, is almost well again.

Mr. J. Robert Neal spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Mr. A. J. Lambert spent the latter part of last week with his son, Mr. James Lambert in Smyth county.

### NEWS OF POUNDING MILL.

Pounding Mill, May 5.—Mrs. Robert McGraw, of Steelsburg, is in the city on her way to the "poor house" to visit her son, John, who is superintendent.

Miss Mona Maxwell, age 15, will enter the Catbwa sanitarium soon to be treated for tuberculosis.

Mrs. R. K. Gillespie and Mrs. R. M. Sparks were at Richlands yesterday p. m. to see Mrs. W. B. F. White, who has been dangerously ill, but is reported better today.

Mrs. W. B. Steele returned from Bluefield this afternoon, where she has been since Sunday night attending the Cates revival and visiting numerous friends. She reports a most wonderful meeting.

She said she thoroughly enjoyed the good sermon on Sunday night if she changed from one foot to the other, and then both, and got along real well; also that the meeting is a most wonderful one—1,000 conversions to date, making over 3,000 in all from the different meetings held there recently. She says she could hardly leave the meeting at all.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davidson, of Bluefield, will visit their aunt, Mrs. H. W. Christian on their way from Bondtown, Honaker and other points.

Miss Mary Bell Altizer, of Richlands, is looking after the postoffice and store today, her brother, J. T. Altizer, having gone to Richlands to attend the big lot sale.

Mrs. C. P. Williams got uneasy and left Saturday night for Richmond to be with her husband, who on Thursday last was operated on for gallstones. His gall bladder was so decayed that it had to be removed, so he will have no fears in the future along that line. He is reported as doing nicely.

Rev. J. N. Harman, of Tazewell, will preach in the Christian church here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. It is hoped that all will remember and not forget as they did the temperance meeting last Sunday, only two members being present.

About fifteen new pupils at the Sunday School of the Church of God, and quite a crowd were present for prayer service.

Rev. Mr. Greer, of Maxwell, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday night.

Mr. Ernest McMullin took in the closing exercises at the Wittens Mills High School last Saturday night.

Mr. Albert Maxwell visited his sister, Mrs. R. M. Sparks Saturday night and Sunday.

Dr. G. L. Zimmerman and R. M. Sparks motored to Richlands in the former's car to attend the lot sale.

Mrs. Nancy Davis returned last week from a visit to her son, T. J. Davis and family in Cincinnati, O., and is now visiting her nephew, Dr. Williams, at Richlands.

Mrs. W. B. Steel and daughter, Miss Uva and little Dora Newman drove down and spent last Friday with her brother, James E. McGuire and family near Cedar Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinett are improving their residence with a fresh coat of paint. A. C. Collins is doing the work.

Miss Rebekah Davis spent Sunday night and Monday in Bluefield. Rex Steele went to the land sale at Richlands today.

Mr. A. J. Pettis is suffering from a broken foot.

### MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25.

The Tazewell Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy have selected May 25th as the date for the Memorial Day exercises in this town. Arrangements are under way to serve a free dinner to the veterans of the county, who are present, rooms in the Old Inn having been selected for the purpose. In keeping with the usual custom the friends of the cause living in the country will be expected to provide a share of the food to be served. Mr. J. W. Chapman has consented to deliver the Memorial Day address.

### EULOGY BY A FRIEND OF CAPTAIN HENRY BOWEN.

Death is no more than a decree in equity. In taking from our midst Captain Henry Bowen, God has claimed one of His jewels, which he always takes first. While Captain Henry Bowen was no relation of mine, but a personal friend, made so by past events, but nothing I can say now will do him any good as a mans good deeds are not known until after he is dead. But he has said so many good things about me in my absence, which have come to my ears, and made me feel good, I cannot be satisfied without saying something for him. In taking him away, Tazewell has lost a star that I doubt if ever can be replaced fully, knowing him as I did. But he is gone. I hope others may be benefited by the life he lived. W. P. PAYNE. Tazewell, Va., May 5.

### RUMMAGE SALE MAY 14.

The ladies of the Cemetery Association will hold their regular Rummage Sale in the City Hall on Friday, May 14th. Doors open at 2 p. m. Those contributing are requested to have their parcels ready on Thursday, when the delivery wagon will call. By order of the President.

### DOUBLED IT UP.

A statement of account was sent our friend, Mr. J. E. Ritter, away out in North Dakota, the land of howling winds and jack rabbits. He replied promptly and doubled the amount of the bill, and says, "We couldn't very well get along without the paper. It is better than a letter from home." And so the old paper keeps Tazewell wanderers in touch with the old home.

### Men's Sunday School Class to Be Photographed.

Every member of Mr. A. St. Clairs Sunday School Class is urged to be present next Sunday morning. After the class exercises are over it is proposed to have a photo made of the entire body. Every member of the class is specially urged to be present—old and new members as well. Don't fail to be present, and see that your neighbor member comes along.

## STUART'S TRIBUTE TO CAPT. H. BOWEN

### Governor Sends Telegram of Sympathy—Funeral and Burial, And List of Pallbearers.

The funeral and burial of the remains of Hon. Henry Bowen, took place last Friday afternoon, in the Jeffersonville Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of people. The pall-bearers were:

Active—H. S. Bowen, Capt. R. T. Bowen, W. J. Gillespie, W. T. Gillespie, S. J. Thompson, H. P. Brittain, T. Ritchie Peery and Cecil Peery.

Honorary pall-bearers—J. W. Chapman, J. S. Gillespie, R. R. Henry, Geo. C. Peery, W. O. Barns, J. G. Barns, J. Sanders Gillespie, R. K. Gillespie, J. S. White, O. B. Barns, H. R. Copenhaver, Geo. Ward, A. J. Myers, Oscar Thompson, Geo. W. Gillespie, S. M. B. Coulling, John Barnes, Jim Harvis, J. Powell Royall, Dr. C. W. Groover, E. M. Moss, Dr. R. P. Copenhaver, S. C. Bowen, S. S. F. Harman and W. F. Harman.

As stated in last issue of this paper Capt. Bowen died at his home in the Cove on Thursday afternoon of last week, after a long and painful illness. Brief services were conducted at the home on Friday after which the remains were brought here for burial. A large number of friends and relatives from different sections of the country, attended the solemn services.

As a mark of the high esteem in which he was held, the following telegram was received by his widow from Governor Stuart:

"I am greatly distressed by the sad tidings of the grievous blow that has fallen upon you. The loss is not yours alone. The State has lost a son in whose life and character were exemplified in a high degree the qualities of honor, courage and patriotism, which for five generations characterized and distinguished the name he bore. A gallant soldier, and upright citizen, honorable in all relations, he worthily typified the race of men whose swards drove out the Indian and alien, and whose good right arm carved from a wilderness the paradise of the mountains. Please know that my sympathy goes out to you and yours in this dark hour of affliction."

### GRAND JURY WILL MEET MAY 18

The regular term of court will convene on May 28th, but Judge Kegley has called a special term for Tuesday, May 18th, at which time the grand jury will be in session, and all criminal cases will be tried and disposed of immediately after the adjournment of the grand jury and before the regular term begins.

The Supreme Court of Appeals meets at Wytheville on June 1st, and Judge Kegley desires to complete the bulk of the cases in his court before the Supreme Court opens. Heretofore there has been much difficulty in trying cases at the regular May term of the court on account of conflicting engagements of lawyers in the Supreme court.

Processions have been issued for a jury and for witnesses to appear on Tuesday, the 18th.

The present indications are that the May term will not last longer than June 1. There are no criminal cases of much importance to be tried, and the civil docket is light.

### STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE MERCHANTS AND FARMERS BANK, Inc.

located at Richlands, in the county of Tazewell, State of Virginia, at the close of business May 1, 1915, made to the State Corporation Commission.