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Queries and Answers

Address "Query Editor, Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va." Sign real name. Give, if desired, fictitious name for publication. Persons asking for poems, etc., should send stamp.

Brownsville Incident.

Will you inform me when the soldiers charged with rioting at Brownsville were reinstated in the army? GEO. D. GREEN.

They have not been reinstated.

Pet Stock Books.

Please tell me where I may get some books on pigeons and rabbits. E. W.

You will probably find what you want in the State Library, or they can get it for you.

Various.

Please tell me the weight of the heaviest watermelon and the heaviest sweet potato reported this season. Also whether the Male Orphanage (Mrs. Gill's) is aided by the State, and the number of blocks in Richmond to the mile. MISS MAURICE.

We should be pleased to have information on these weights. No. Sixteen.

School Pension and Flag.

May a teacher retire after twenty years of service and get pension, or must he be retired by board on account of unfitness for further work? Why does flag of United States contain forty-eight stars when there are but forty-six States? A. READER.

Teacher may retire voluntarily. It is impossible that a flag containing forty-eight stars should be a United States flag when there are forty-six States in the Union. The act defines the flag, and the number of stars must be equal to the number of States.

Population of Virginia Towns.

Please give the population of Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Radford, Pocahontas, Staunton, Leesburg and Tazewell. B. F. EPPES.

In the order given: 9,850, 3,344, 2,759, 7,289, 1,513, 1,096.

Colonial Churches in Virginia.

Please give the dates of the following churches: Jamestown, Bruton, St. Luke's, in Isle of Wight. J. C. C.

In the order above: 1607, 1715, 1632.

Strasburg.

Will you be good enough to tell me the altitude of Staunton and of Strasburg in Virginia? McNAUGHTON.

Staunton, 1,366; Strasburg, 637 feet.

"Vindex."

Can you tell me who wrote "Vindex," when it was published and where I may obtain a copy? MU.

John Poage Campbell, of Augusta county, 1808. Some dealer in old books may be able to get it for you.

Brooklyn Bridge.

Please state the age of the Brooklyn Bridge. MANCHESTER.

It was opened in May, 1883.

The Netherland.

Will you be kind enough to give me the address of the Netherland Hotel, in New York City? MISS M. J.

The address as you give it is quite sufficient. The exact location of the hotel is the corner of Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

Papyrus Magazine.

Will you give me the place of publication of the Papyrus Magazine? X. X.

East Orange, N. J.

Kane, the Explorer.

Please inform me whether the explorer, Kane, was a Virginian. A. M. C.

Elisha Kent Kane was born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 3, 1820.

Planting the Holly.

Please inform a new comer to Virginia whether the holly grows well here and the sort of soil it prefers, and also whether the growth is very slow and whether the demand for the wood is considerable. A. A. L.

The holly grows as well in Virginia as anywhere else. Its preference is for a moist, light soil. As to this cultivation interest—the Commissioner cultivation interest—the Commission of Agriculture, Richmond, Va., will send you without charge some highly useful pamphlets. The holly's growth is slow as compared with that of many other trees. In the most favorable circumstances, however, it attains a large size, sometimes reaching a height of fifty feet and presents the advantage, as a timber producer, that it is rarely touched with decay. The demand for the wood is not great, as it is employed almost exclusively in small bits for inlay and that sort of thing, for which purpose it is sawed so thin that a little of it goes a long way.

Greatest Poets.

Please name for me the greatest poet of Germany, England, Scotland and America. MISS F.

Goethe, Shakespeare, Burns, Longfellow. So the general estimate runs.

Vice-President's Name.

Please inform me what is the original meaning of the name of the Democratic candidate for the vice-presidency, Mr. Kern. ROANOKE.

The work is Gaelic and means "footsoldier."

Horse's Mouth.

Please give me formula for a good wash for sore mouth in a horse. D. R.

Borax, two drachms; alum, half ounce; vinegar, one pint; soft water, one pint. Shake and wash mouth morning and evening. Omit hay from feed and give a pint of flaxseed each day till well.

Roaches.

Can you give me a method for exterminating roaches? M. F. W.

In this column the following formula for roach and water-bug poison has been published a number of times, and no one has complained that it did not answer the purpose: Thirty-seven parts of borax, nine parts of starch, and four parts of cocoa mixed and sprinkled about the infected places.

High School Colors.

Will you inform me what are the colors of the Richmond High School? R. H. S.

Navy blue and white.

Salaries of State Legislators.

Please inform me what is the highest salary paid to members of State Senate or House anywhere in the United States. W. OVERS.

California and Nevada pay $8 per diem. New York and Pennsylvania pay $1,500 a session. These are the highest salaries by the day or by the session. A session in Pennsylvania might be very brief, so that a "member" might get his allowance of $1,500 for a time that would make the per diem very large, or the session in one of the first mentioned States might be so extended that the per diem would amount to a sum larger than any stated salary for similar service.

Eyes of Birds.

Can you inform me whether the common impression that the sight of birds is clearer than that of man is correct or not? WILLIS.

Without stronger confirmatory evidence than has yet been given, the probability seems much against it. "Eagle-eyed" is good enough in everything but plain fact. Man and the simians alone have parallel vision and can get one object into the focus of both eyes at one time, and possess the macula lutea, the sensitive concentrated areas of retina; and it is not unlikely that the superior clearness of the upper air, through which much of the bird vision takes place, and the far quicker action both of voluntary and of involuntary focusing muscles in bird eyes are the basis of the apparent superiority of bird vision.

Removing Mildew.

Please give reliable receipts for removing mildew from white goods. OLIVE W. MAYES.

Dunning, Va.

In the hope that some reader may be good enough to send a tried receipt, the above is published.

Rabbits in Chesterfield.

Please let me know if there is not some inconsistency in the Query Column statement as to the date when the rabbit season opens in Chesterfield county. E. S. C.

As this column has commonly given the advice that interested persons shall apply to the local authorities for exact information as to their counties, our correspondent might have saved his time and ours by sending directly to the Commonwealth's Attorney for Chesterfield county for the information he desired. Mr. M. D. Hart, Ashland, Va., will send copy of the game law to any one who will inclose stamp for postage, and this will cover the general question. Such local restrictions as may have been made in individual counties must be learned from those counties, as there is yet no headquarters for such information, a matter which lies in abeyance awaiting some really judicious game-warden legislation.

Betting on Election.

Can you inform me whether the betting on the presidential election of 1892 was favorable to Cleveland or Harrison, especially the Wall Street betting? READER.

Such references as we can find confirm the opinion that the general run of wagers contained decided odds against Cleveland.

Poultry Journal.

Can you give me the address and name of a good poultry journal? A. B. BURRUS.

Try "Poultry," Peotone, Ill.

Some More Killing Frosts.

The first killing frost in 1881 was on October 15th. G. T. CRUTCHER.

Fort Mitchell, Va.

In 1881 the first killing frost was on the night of October the 6th. C. C. PURVIS.

Broaddus, Va.

Fire Drill.

Can you give the outline of a system of fire drill for schools? Mrs. M.

The request is turned over to the office of a city superintendent of schools, where about everything possible is known of the subject, and the Query Column has a promise that the matter will be attended to at once.

Various.

Please name for me the machine shops in Richmond and inform me whom to apply to for position as guard at the Virginia penitentiary and the amount of pay that a guard receives. SUSSEX.

It is out of the question to list all the machine shops in Richmond. Application should be made to the superintendent penitentiary, Richmond, Va. The pay is $65 a month.

Peanut Culture.

Please inform me how to find out about the proper time for digging peanuts, etc. E. T. C.

Write to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Richmond, Va. He will send you pamphlet of information.

Wood and Railway.

Must one have license to sell wood from yard attached to his store? Where will the shops of the Tidewater be located? R. S. L.

No. It is not known to any one whom we have asked.

Dressmaking School.

Can you tell me whether there is a school of dressmaking in Richmond? G. G. COMBS.

Not other than dressmaking establishments, where work people who know little to start with can acquire practice and skill as they are "learning the trade."

That Curry Inscription.

Please inform me where the inscription on Dr. Curry's tomb was taken from. W. K. WILKINSON.

From the lately discovered "Words of Christ."

List of Licenses.

Please tell me whether the list of successful applicants in the June State medical examination has yet been published. U. F. B.

You will find it in the Virginia Medical Semi-Monthly for September 25th.

Second-Hand Desks.

Can I purchase in Richmond second-hand school desks? PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Not except by accident. The superintendent of your division can get the address of some firm which makes exchanges, etc., and has old desks to sell.

Secret Order Emblems.

Please tell me whether the mother or wife or daughter of a Free Mason has the right to wear his badge. SUBSCRIBER.

Somewhat recently a statute was passed in Virginia forbidding persons to wear insignia of secret orders, Confederate Veteran and G. A. R. badges, etc., unless the wearer were member of the order, etc. The statute does not except the wife or mother or daughter of a Mason, and the letter of the law would forbid any one of these from wearing the Masonic badge, while probably no one would ever dream of raising any question about it.

Poems, Etc., Wanted.

There is request for Charles Ingersoll's "Speech at the Tomb of Napoleon," "The Burial of the Last Confederate," "The Convict's Soliloquy," "Little Annie Rooney," "Where the Sweet Magnolia Blooms." Will some one kindly send copy?

With thanks to the sender, the verses asked for some weeks ago are given here:

Mother, Home and Heaven.

There are three words that sweetly blend,
That on the heart are graven;
A precious, soothing balm they lend—
They're Mother, Home and Heaven!

They twine a wreath of beauteous flowers,
Which, placed on memory's urn,
Will e'en the longest, gloomiest hours
To golden sunlight turn!

They form a chain whose every link
Is free from base alloy;
A stream where whosoever drinks
Will find refreshing joy!

They build an altar where each day
Love's offering is renewed,
And peace illumes with genial ray
Life's darkened solitude!

If from our side the first has fled,
And home be but a name,
Let's strive the narrow path to tread,
That we the last may gain!

WEEK'S BANK STATEMENT

Reserve Being Reduced, But Still Above Requirement.

NEW YORK, September 26.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week show that the banks hold $50,039,550 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of $178,975 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows: Loans, $1,312,020,500; decrease, $6,132,300; deposits, $1,405,935,000; decrease, $6,628,500; circulation, $54,116,500; decrease, $325,000; legal tenders, $80,328,800; increase, $664,300; specie, $321,194,500; decrease, $2,500,400; reserve, $401,523,300; decrease, $1,836,100; reserve requirement, $351,483,750; decrease, $1,657,125; surplus, $50,039,550; decrease, $178,975; United States deposits, $52,373,600; decrease, $174,100.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks at the close of business yesterday was 28.56. The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York, not members of the clearing house, shows that those institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,044,808,200; total cash on hand, $98,933,500, and loans amounting to $949,792,800.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN SMYTH COUNTY

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of America. The country itself is ideal for habitation—a country of mountains and rivers, its rugged aspect relieved by fertile farm lands and peaceful homes, eminently suited for the nurturing of that high type of civilization which is Virginia's pride. Though its improvement has been rapid, it yet remains in many respects an undiscovered land, offering to the hand of industry abundant fruits for energy expended and to the capitalist a liberal increase on investments.

Smyth county, in the midst of this pleasing country, with all of those characteristics which render the section so attractive, and with undeveloped wealth sufficient for the support of a population more than twenty times the number of its present inhabitants, invites the attention of the home-seeker and investor.

Educational and Religious.

In the matter of education Smyth county has made rapid progress in very recent years, and is right in line with the educational awakening all over Virginia and the South. There are now sixty-odd public school buildings in the county, with something like a hundred teachers employed, and this county has within the past three years doubled the salary of its school teachers, thus securing the best talent to be had in the State. Within the past few years nearly $100,000 has been expended in the erection of new and modern school buildings. The two best and costliest of these are in this town and in Saltville. Both have been told about and pictures of the up-to-date buildings printed in the Educational Department of The Times-Dispatch. In addition to the public school facilities there is located in this town a first-class girl's school, most favorably known far and near as the Marion College.

There are forty-odd churches of the various denominations within the county. Five white churches and two colored congregations are in Marion. The moral and religious condition of the people is above the average, and the good people are to be excused for boasting of the fact. They do boast a little, and one of the good men of the town, who was in something of a boasting humor to-day, told me that there has been no licensed sale of whiskey in all of the county for thirty years, and that a "blind tiger" in and around Marion is unknown, and should that disreputable animal make its appearance public sentiment would in a few hours hunt it down and put an end to its performances. The same good citizen told me that the jail is nearly always empty, and that the criminal expenses of the county for the past several years has averaged less than $500 per annum. Last year there was but one conviction for a felony, and the victim was a citizen of another county, who committed his offense while passing through.

Railroads and Turnpikes.

The Norfolk and Western Railway divides the county practically in half, running east and west through the central valley of the Holston, affording easy connection with the Virginia and Southwestern and Southern systems at Bristol, forty-four miles west, and a convenient passenger and freight route to the markets of the East and North. On the Norfolk and Western, in the central valley, are located the thriving towns of Chilhowie, Seven Mile Ford, Atkins, and, of course, Marion, which is the largest station on the line within the county. Saltville, which is the next largest town, is reached by a branch road running out from Glade Springs, in the edge of Washington county.

Toward the south from Marion, and together with the Virginia Southern Railroad, opening up for successful development the rich mineral and timber lands of the Rye Valley region, and extending from Marion nearly forty miles into the very heart of the richest body of spruce timber in America, runs the Marion and Rye Valley Railroad. This is a standard gauge road built especially for the development of the mineral and timber interests which it reaches.

The Marion and Rye Valley and Virginia Southern roads, which are practically one system, handle a very large amount of logs and sawed timber, the latter being brought from the large band-mill of the Fairwood Lumber Company, in Grayson county, and from smaller mills along the roads, while the unsawed logs are brought from the logging camps to the mill of the United States Lumber Company, at Marion. In addition, the Marion and Rye Valley brings to the Norfolk and Western for shipment to market a great deal of iron ore, produce and other freight and express. The county is well supplied with shipping facilities, no point being unduly far from a railroad.

No county in the State has given more attention to turnpikes and good roads than Smyth. There are within its borders over 600 miles of good turnpikes and graded roads. Running east and west through the middle valley is a first-class macadamized road, formerly the old stage route, and from this there branches out in all directions roads leading to every part of the county.

Of the wealth of the county in timber, minerals, water power, iron ore and agricultural products I will speak more in detail in a future letter.

There are four strong banks in the county—two in this town, one at Saltville, and one at Chilhowie—the combined resources of which are close to $1,000,000, and the combined deposits to very nearly as much.

Some Facts About Marion.

I have taken up so much space to talk about the county, I have but little left in which to tell of the activities of Marion, the county seat; but that does not matter, as I am to come here again in the near future to tell of the varied enterprises of the town, and will then go more into detail. I asked Judge G. W. Christian, the secretary of the Board of Trade, to tell me in a nutshell what his town has in the way of industries. His summary, though brief, tells a great deal, and from it I gather the following facts: Marion has now a population of 3,000. It has a $20,000 public school building, a $50,000 courthouse, which is one of the handsomest and best arranged in the State, and differs from all others I have ever seen in this or any other State, in that it has within its walls a well-arranged and commodious theatre or opera house.

Among the industries in active operation may be mentioned a large wagon and plow-handle factory, a saw and planing mill, a foundry and machine shop, a flouring mill, a furniture factory, a large band sawmill, a telephone exchange, two hotels, two banks, twenty-three retail and two wholesale stores, and an electric plant, which lights the streets and the public and private houses and can furnish any amount of power for the movement of industrial machinery.

Marion's Wants.

I asked the secretary what the town needs and what can it sustain in the way of new industries. He enumerated the following: An iron furnace, a brick-making plant, an ice factory, a box factory, or any other kind of woodworking establishment, a steam laundry, a bakery, and any of the smaller industries.

But of the abundance of raw material in easy reach of Marion and other inducements to manufacturers I expect to write more in detail later on, perhaps in a few weeks.

It may be proper to add just here that there can be no healthier town in the State than Marion. It has an altitude of 2,250 feet above the sea level, has splendid natural drainage, is free from marshes, and therefore malaria and fevers are unknown, while the climate is all that can be desired. Marion has a fine supply of pure freestone water coming by natural flow from bold springs three miles south of the town. The streets are well paved, and are kept clean and neat. The people are warm-hearted, cultivated, hospitable and industrious, and altogether I think the public-spirited citizens with whom I have talked have a perfect right to boast of their town.

REAL ESTATE NOTES IN AND OUT OF CITY

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report much active inquiry and a number of good sales, but, as in Richmond, the most of the transactions were on the small order.

The men who are handling Ginter Park property report considerable inquiry and some sales.

There will be a number of interesting auction sales the present week, among them a building lot on Floyd Avenue, corner of Park Street. This lot will be sold Tuesday afternoon by J. Thompson Brown & Co. On Thursday the same firm will sell a number of building lots and a brick dwelling on Muller Hill, adjoining Barton Heights. To-morrow afternoon A. J. Chewning Company will offer several splendid pieces of property in Barton Heights, among them three good homes.

GINTER PARK NOTES.

All Signs Point to Improvement and Development of the Splendid Suburb.

Ginter Park is steadily developing into a well-rounded community and in a manner most satisfactory to the dwellers therein. The school facilities have already been increased and another teacher secured to meet the needs. There are over seventy-five pupils now enrolled.

The kindergarten, under the management of Miss Vest, promises to be a great success, and opens the 1st of October. The performance of "Mr. Bob" given at the assembly hall last Thursday evening was a triumph and filled the house. It was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Kindergarten Association for the benefit of the kindergarten.

On October 15th, Messrs. Henry C. Stuart and Harry St. George Tucker will address the voters at the Ginter Park Assembly Hall.

During the winter a series of concerts and lectures will probably be given at the assembly hall.

Plans are being discussed for the complete restoration of the roadway along the line of the old Brook Road. This improvement is very badly needed, as the construction of the Ashland electric line almost destroyed this fine avenue and injured abutting property, and has checked development.

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