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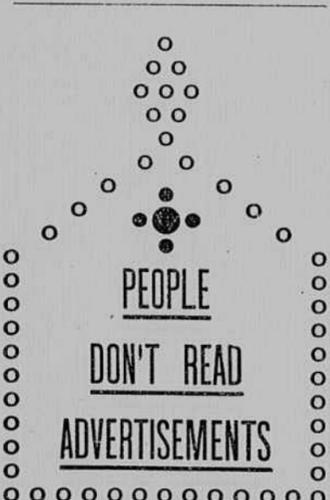
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## The Roanoke Times.

The Game of Ball. A great game of ball will be played this afternoon between two amateur teams known as the "Virginians" and "Roanoke Machine Works Boys." The batteries are Keefer and Kelly for the Virginians and Pollock and Boyd for the R. M. W. boys. The game will take place in the Lewis addition and will be called at 3:30 o'clock.

## THE RIVERMONT BANQUET.

### A Successful Event in the Hill City.

James S. Simmons, Captains Rogers and Judge McLane, of Roanoke, Made Fine Speeches—Senator Daniel Delivers a Strong Address—The Other Toasts and Responses—Many Prominent Roanokers Present—An Elegant Banquet and a Pleasant Occasion.

LYNCHBURG, April 17.—[Special]—The Hill City and the Rivermont Company, with true Virginia hospitality, entertained to-day and to-night the real estate agents of Virginia. The guests were met by the reception committee of the Real Estate Exchange and escorted to the rooms of the exchange, where they were met at three o'clock by the committee on grounds and vehicles and driven over the property of the Rivermont Company.

About 9 o'clock the guests of the company to the number of 200 assembled in the opera house. After discussing an elegant repast Capt. C. M. Blackford, president of the Rivermont Company, opened the speech making with a warm address of welcome. He was an ideal toast master, showed the speakers out on the thin ice of conversation with a spirit and a happy inspiration that won half the volleys of applause. He outlined the birth of the Rivermont enterprise and paid high tribute to the sagacity of Major E. S. Hutter, in whose brain the enterprise was born, and the energy of Peter J. O'cey, whose industry and perseverance carried it out to a success.

The following toasts were responded to as follows: First, Virginia: Our Beloved Mother, her sons bring to her the first fruits of their repewed energies as an olive offering of their love and a pledge that their industry shall be devoted to her alone.

Second, The City of Lynchburg: The first great cause of our enterprise soon to be part and parcel of our being. Hon. Robt. D. Yancy, mayor of Lynchburg. Third, Our Guests, The Real Estate Merchants of Virginia: Their sagacity has developed the true resources of the State and their energy has aroused to action its dormant powers. We welcome them amongst us as harborers of assured success. Capt. M. M. Rogers, of Roanoke.

Fourth, Our Sister Land Companies, Our Rivals in the Common Cause of Building up Our Home: We greet them without envy and hail their success without jealousy; there is work enough for us all. John H. Lewis, of Lynchburg.

Fifth, The Hustlers of Virginia: They have added a new word to the vocabulary of our tongue and made the now South the wonder of the nation; honor to whom honor is due. Judge George B. McLane, of Roanoke.

Sixth, The Rivermont Bridge, the Marriage Tie Which Makes Two Cities One: What it has joined together man cannot put asunder. Hon. John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg.

Seventh, Ourselves, the Rivermont Company: To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not be false to any stockholder. Major Peter J. O'cey, vice-president and general manager.

In responding to the toast, Virginia, Mr. James S. Simmons, of Roanoke, gave utterance to the following little gem: "Who could do justice to such a subject? Can any man say enough in sounding the praises of this grand old commonwealth or forecasting her magnificent possibilities? I would say nay, and least of all one of my humble pretensions. It would have been far more fitting to have assigned this pleasing duty to one who first saw the light of heaven from her sacred soil, and yet had it been so ordered that a favored son could not have felt more proud of the honor than whose youthful feet first pressed her bosom some ten years ago when as but a boy he came seeking his fortune among her hospitable people.

"I further appreciate and thank you for the distinguished honor of being called upon in a representative assemblage like this to say a word in behalf of the State of my adoption, and of the State whose grand and rapid industrial developments is now commanding and exciting the wonder and admiration of not only the various States of our Union, but I may almost say of the entire world.

"As you are all aware, the history of Virginia is the history of almost our entire country. In our grand galaxy of States none bear a more worthy or have a more honorable position. She is justly styled the "mother of States," the "mother of Presidents" and the achievements of her sons, both in the field and the councils of the nation, when battling for the rights of our common country, have ever been of a character to surround her with a halo of glory. But we are not here to refer to her accomplishments in the line of political history. We desire simply on this occasion to speak a word on the subject of the marvelous industrial development that has characterized the history of the State within the past ten years.

"You are well aware that for many years it was known, or at least believed, that in our forests and in our mountains lay stored treasurers of inexhaustible riches. These riches were permitted to lie dormant, however, until it became the good fortune of the energetic, enterprising and sagacious men of to-day to uncover them and to make known to the world the universal advantage and opportunities they offered in connection with other material interests, agricultural and otherwise, for emigration and profitable investment.

"I think I can truthfully say that the initial movement in the work of development of our resources, begun about ten years ago, has already borne rich fruit and I can safely predict that our achieve-

ments, great as they have been in the past, will be eclipsed within the coming years. Indeed it seems to me that the Virginia of to-day presents such a promising field in the daily revelation of some new source of wealth and in the opening up of new lines of industries that she was fore-ordained to be a center where manufacturers of almost every range could congregate when time was ripe."

Capt. M. M. Rogers responded to his toast as follows: "GENTLEMEN: The sentiment recognizes the existence of vast resources and powers and only ascribes to the real estate men their development. This is very true. The conditions already exist. The resources are around us in limitless profusion though undeveloped; the powers are there but dormant. It was the eccentric John Randolph of Roanoke who described the guinea section of Cumberland county as a region for which God had done more, and man less than for any other on the face of the globe. The work of developing and utilizing these grand resources have been too long delayed.

"Old Virginia has been satisfied to wear out her soil in the old routine of corn and tobacco and turn her back upon her true sources of wealth and prosperity, but she has at last awakened to her grand opportunities; she has taken her place in the front rank of the march of material development and manufacturing prosperity, and the real estate men are in the van—the foremost front—of this progressive movement. The toast speaks of dormant power, I think that drowsy adjective might be applied to the unwillingness they have theretofore shown to put their money into manufactures. But we will not quarrel with them for the past if they fall into line for the future, and the Rivermont Company has bridged over their difficulties for them.

"Yes, it has built them a bridge which is a miracle of engineering art and a monument to the sagacity and enterprise of those who conceived and executed the bold design. I do verily believe that the completion of this beautiful and enduring structure marks the beginning of a new and glorious era of prosperity for Lynchburg. It is the crisis of her fate; for there is, gentlemen, with communities as with individuals a tide in their affairs which taken at its flood leads on to fortune. Such a flood tide has set in for this city and its suburbs, and my ardent hope and belief is that this flood tide will never have an ebb. But I am being led further than I intended and must thank you for the kind indulgence with which you have listened to my attempt to supply the place of another in responding to the sentiment."

Judge McLane responded to the toast, "The Hustlers," with a rousing, witty and eloquent speech: "The gods in conclave assembled coined that word 'Hustler.' You have here a political hustler whom I, a Yankee from Yankee-land, would rather vote for President than any man living, and that is your senior Senator, John W. Daniel. But hustlers are not all real estate men; they are everything from senators to office boys who do their duty and work hard. The hustlers of Virginia are wedded section to section and wiped out the sectional line.

Space forbids the detail of every toast. Senator Daniel's response was a notable address. Speaking without preparation, he referred to several statistical statements, and declared that the industrial development in the South alone in 1890 stood where the whole United States was in 1870, and was rapidly becoming the industrial stronghold of America.

Among the Roanokers present were A. S. Asberry, A. L. Tremain, J. W. Coon, James S. Simmons, Mort M. Rogers, James A. Pugh and H. J. Browne, of THE TIMES; T. W. Spindle, E. D. Tucker, W. E. Andrews, R. H. Gray, John P. Hudson, J. H. Cutchin, C. Bayne, D. H. Scott, C. O'Leary, C. E. Herbert, Judge L. D. Yarell and L. W. Terrell.

## THE EXCISE BOARD

Grants the Applications of Corrigan and Oliver.

At the meeting of the Excise Board yesterday afternoon N. Corrigan's application for license to continue the liquor business at the corner of Commonwealth and Fifth avenues, was granted.

Messrs. J. H. Ward, W. T. Rutledge and J. L. Kelly, who live on the other corners, at the intersections of the avenues, and others in the vicinity, opposed the application, on the ground that the location is not a suitable one for a saloon, as it is near a number of residences.

The applicant was represented by Lawyer Handway, and P. Lockett represented the opposition. After considerable discussion the board granted the application by a vote of two to one, Mr. Eckloff voting against the application. Mr. Miller stated that he voted for the application in order to make a test case, and the matter will be submitted to Judge Robertson, of the Hustings Court. The application of J. W. Oliver was also granted.

This was laid over at a previous meeting on account of some objections offered by those doing business nearby. Those who opposed the saloon finally agreed to waive objection if Mr. Oliver would give satisfactory assurance that he would keep as good a place as Mr. Stultz, his predecessor. The board was satisfied with the evidence as to the character of the place kept by Mr. Oliver and granted the license.

## To Re-rate Insurance.

The board of insurance underwriters will meet in a few days to re-rate the property of the city. There will be an effort upon the part of the companies that have local representatives to have the rating made lower, as they think the increased facilities of the fire department, together with the electric alarm system that is soon to be put in, will justify a decrease.

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## ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI.

### The Presidential Party on the Way to Texas.

The People Turn Out All Along the Line in Alabama and Tennessee and the President and Other Members of the Party Make Brief Speeches—The President Will Take a Day of Rest in Galveston Sunday.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 17.—[Special]—The elegant special bearing the Presidential party arrived here at 8 o'clock, promptly on schedule time, after an all night run from Birmingham, Ala., over the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham road, across the northern part of Mississippi. No stops were made in that State, however, and only one incident occurred.

At Jasper, Ala., that town was illuminated with many bonfires in honor of the President, and nearly 2,500 of the inhabitants gathered at the station to pay their respects. It was 11 o'clock when the train reached there, and the President, Postmaster-General Wanamaker and ladies of the party had retired for the night. The people were disappointed at not being able to see the President, but were gratified at being allowed to pass through and inspect the observation car, with numerous floral offerings received in Birmingham.

Brief speeches were made by George W. Boyd and Russel Harrison. This morning when the train reached Bellevue station, seven miles from this city, it was boarded by a committee of citizens from Memphis, headed by R. C. Graves, William H. Moore and G. C. Matthews. A number of ladies accompanied the party and presented Mrs. Harrison and the other ladies of the President's party with bouquets of La France roses. Mayor L. C. Clapp and other municipal officers received the President on his arrival in the city.

A large crowd, including the local militia, were gathered at the station and cheered the President when he appeared on the platform.

The party were immediately assigned to carriages which awaited them and were driven up Main street to Merchants' Exchange, fronting on Court square, which was massed with people.

The President was escorted up the iron steps and introduced to the assembled crowd by Mayor Clapp, who welcomed the President on behalf of the city. President Harrison responded.

When the President had concluded and the cheering had subsided, loud calls were made for Wanamaker. He responded, and in a few well chosen remarks, referred in a pleasing manner to the prosperity of the South as evidently increasing. He was followed by Rusk, after which a public reception was begun, the President standing in the doorway welcoming handshakers. The public reception was concluded about 11 o'clock and the party took their carriages and were escorted to the Louisville and Nashville depot, the train in the meantime having been transferred there. Here another reception was held by the entire party, the large crowd passing through the train.

A number of beautiful floral offerings from private citizens were placed all around the train. Governor Eagle and Arkansas commissioners, who arrived this morning, met the party at the depot and will act as the escort of the party to Little Rock. At 11:55 the train passed slowly down the incline to the immense ferry boat of the Little Rock and Memphis road, and at noon, amid the tremendous din of whistles, the boat moved slowly from the shore and the Presidential party was well on its way to the Arkansas capital. The President to-day informed the committee in charge of arrangements at Galveston that he preferred that there should be no demonstration in that city on Sunday next, as it is his desire to devote the whole day to much needed rest. The review of school children arranged for that day will therefore be abandoned.

## AN ABLE YOUNG CONGRESSMAN.

Hon. John J. Hemphill, of South Carolina, in the City.

Congressman John J. Hemphill, of South Carolina, is in Roanoke. He arrived yesterday morning and spent the day looking over the city and Salem. Mr. Hemphill is a friend of Mr. McHugh, formerly of South Carolina, now of the Iron Belt Building and Loan Association. After calling on Mr. McHugh Mr. Hemphill was shown around the city by Mr. D. B. Jesse, of the Iron Belt.

"I have heard so much of Roanoke," said Mr. Hemphill, "as one of the most prosperous and rapidly growing towns of the South, that I thought I would stop over and take a look at it while on my way to Washington."

Mr. Hemphill, though comparatively a young man, is one of the ablest members of Congress from the South. During the Fiftieth Congress he was chairman of the committee on the District of Columbia, and during the recent senatorial election in South Carolina he was mentioned as a successor to Wade Hampton in the United States Senate. Mr. Hemphill will be in Roanoke to-day.

## Honors for J. H. Wingate, Esq.

A West Chester, Pa., paper of a recent date says: "J. H. Wingate, Esq., of Roanoke, Va., was recently elected president of the Association of Engineers of Virginia. Mr. Wingate was well-known in West Chester and the Chester Valley a few years ago, having been first assistant to Chief Engineer Taylor, who located the line of the West Chester and Phoenixville railroad (not Phoenixville and West Chester, which is the Pennsylvania system), to the Steamboat, now Glen-Loch; then to the Chester Valley railroad, and then from the last named road through Valley Forge to the Reading system."

## WINSTON MOVING.

Two Big Land Companies Organized—Virginia Capital Interested.

WINSTON, N. C., April 17.—[Special]—The North Winston Land Company was organized last night by a wealthy syndicate of Salem, Va., Front Royal and Winston-Salem capitalists. Prominent among them are Mr. Allemon, president of the Salem Improvement Company; Mr. Heilman, of Front Royal; Mr. R. J. Reynolds, of Winston; Mr. Borst, of Virginia; and Messrs. Starbuck, Buford and Patterson, of Salem, North Carolina.

They have bought two hundred acres of land on the Richmond and Danville and Roanoke and Southern railroads. The company will have a union depot and will bring factories of several kinds to Winston.

The Central Land Company was also organized last night with a capital stock of \$40,000. C. E. Wortham, Jr., of Richmond, Va., is president. The other officers are noted men of Winston. Their property is situated at the junction of the Roanoke and Southern and Wilkesboro railroads. Everything in the Twin City is booming.

The baseball season was opened here this afternoon with a match game between the Chapel Hill and Trinity College teams. The University boys were victorious, the score standing eight and three. The Winston team will play Trinity to-morrow.

WINSTON-SALEM, April 17.—[Special]—A party of gentlemen are here getting up an illustrated directory of Winston-Salem. One of the number is a photographer, who is taking views of every business place in both towns.

A gentleman, in a position to know, says that it is pretty well understood that Mr. Percy Gray will succeed his lamented father, Col. Julius A. Gray, as president of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad. He has been for some time past assisting his father in the management of the office.

Ex-Congressman Brower, of this State, has had notice served on the proprietors of the Reidsville Review to attend court in Surry county next week and answer the charges brought out for libeling the ex-Congressman during the last campaign. The Review editors were up before the courts a few months ago for the same offense, and it was generally understood that they and Mr. Brower effected a compromise by the former signing a card, stating that what they published was false. The newspaper men now say that they propose to let the law take its course and show the ex-Congressman up in his true colors.

## The Lost Was Found.

There was consternation in the household of John Haynes, on Church street, yesterday morning. About 9 o'clock the two-year-old son of Mr. Haynes was missing and could be found nowhere. The police were notified, and between 1 and 2 o'clock Officer Bowers found the little truant on Tazewell street, beyond Woodland Park, nearly a mile from his home. The officer took him back, and there was joy over his return.

## Rip Van Winkle.

"Rip Van Winkle" was presented at the opera house last night to a fairly good house. Mr. Robert McWade, in the title role, carried off the honors. The rest of the company were fair. Taken in all it was a pleasing performance.

The New York Theater Company open a week's engagement at the opera house Monday night. Cheap prices will prevail and the company is a good one.

## To Use Heavier Rails.

The Roanoke and Southern Railroad will lay the remainder of its track with sixty-pound steel rails, instead of fifty-six-pound rails, as was at first expected. The change is made because the outlook is that the freight traffic will be much heavier than was at first anticipated. The sixty-pound rails are the best made.

## Valuable Property.

A deed given by C. O'Leary to J. Allen Watts, January 15th, for a lot on the corner of Jefferson and Gilmore streets was filed for record yesterday. The consideration is \$40,000, this being one of the largest transactions of the year. The property fronts 501 feet on Gilmore street and extends back on Jefferson 150 feet.

## Obituary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, colored, who died at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, April 15, was buried Thursday. The funeral took place from the High Street Church, the sermon being preached by Rev. Brown. Mrs. Brooks was highly thought of by those who knew her, both white and colored, and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

## Candidates for the Council.

George C. McCahan has announced himself a candidate for reelection to the city council from the Second ward, and G. W. Ramsey has announced himself a candidate in the Third ward. Municipal politics will soon be lively and candidates are getting thick.

## A Church Sober.

There was a pleasant social gathering at Fourth Avenue Christian Church last night, and an interesting programme of literary selections was rendered. Then refreshments were served by the young ladies and a pleasant social evening was enjoyed.

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## HOW THE GUNS WERE RECOVERED

### Officer Brown Found the First Clue

To the Wholesale Robbery of Evans & Chalmers' Hardware Store Before He Came on the Police Force, and While Living in Bedford County—A Negro Boy Who Had a Fine Gun Squealed on the Gang, and Put the Officer on George Colvin's Track.

The recent gun robbery at Evans & Chalmers' hardware store has been one of the themes of police circles for some time. So long had the thieving been going on and so well had the tracks of the thief been covered, that it was deemed a fine piece of work to secure evidence sufficient to get back the stolen property.

The case was brought to a point pretty quick after Officer Brown was placed in charge of the matter. It has been a well-known fact that this officer made frequent excursions in the country and every time he came back he brought one or more guns.

It is interesting to know how he secured the first information. Officer Brown came to Roanoke from Goods', in Bedford county, last October, and secured a position on the police force. He learned shortly afterwards that Evans & Chalmers had been robbed of a quantity of hardware. He remembered having seen a negro named Alex Wade, who lived near him in Bedford county, in possession of a fine breech-loading gun. He at once questioned Wade where he bought it, but received an evasive answer. A few months ago he met Wade on Railroad avenue, and told him he must either tell where he got the gun or take the consequences. Wade was alarmed for his own safety and at once "poached" on George Colvin.

This was the first gun the officer secured. From Wade he learned where there was another, and from the second party where the third gun was, and so on. At last the web was woven, and George, who had become so firmly rooted on Railroad avenue, was broken up. Chief Morris informed Officer Brown where one of the guns could be found, but outside of this the officer located them all by questioning suspected purchasers, and every one who had dealings with Colvin.

The evidence secured by the officer was sufficient to find a true bill against three parties before the grand jury, and all of them are likely to serve terms in the penitentiary.

## THE BICYCLE CLUB

### Desires to Enroll Honorary Lady Members.

The Second meeting of the Roanoke Bicycle Club was held last night at the Roanoke Savings Bank. Mr. John Chalmers, who was elected president at the previous meeting, was formally installed and accepted the honor in a neat little speech.

The uniform of the League of American Wheelmen was adopted and committees were appointed to purchase the necessary uniforms for the club.

Constitution and by-laws were adopted. The club desires to receive honorary lady members, and will gladly receive any who may wish to join.

The following were present at last night's meeting: Messrs. Finch, Wormner and Williams; John Chalmers, Clarence Denison, James B. Ferguson, Samuel Mooman, G. G. Scott and C. R. Evans.

## LANDINGS FALL.

### Vice-President Morton's New Hotel at Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—[Special]—Without warning or notice a large part of the heavy fire-proof landings connected with the stairways of the Shoreham, Vice-President Morton's fine new hotel, dropped this afternoon from the fifth floor to the basement. Great consternation was created among the people in the house, but by good fortune no one was on the landings at the time of the accident and no one was hurt. The workmen were jacking up a misplaced girder that formed a part of the support of the sixth floor. The jack rested on the stair hallway of the fifth floor, and that was too weak to bear the extra strain, and the mass of tiling, concrete and timber dropped to the floor below, carrying it to the next, and so on until the ground was reached.

## A Baby Disinterred.

RADFORD, April 17.—[Special]—Yesterday Arthur Roberts reported at police headquarters that a new made grave had been discovered near his mother's land, just south of Downey. The mayor, sergeant, and chief of police repaired to the scene and found upon digging into the grave a coffin containing the remains of an infant, seemingly about eight months of age, the sex and color of which is thought to be male and white. The coroner was summoned and decided to have the remains removed to the city morgue for further investigation. The whole thing is shrouded in mystery. Further developments are expected.

## Chicago's Mayor.

CHICAGO, April 17.—[Special]—Complete official canvass of mayoralty election just completed, gives Washburne, Republican, a plurality over Creger, Democrat, of 296. Some districts remain subject to revision.

## A Murderer Hanged.

LAURENS, S. C., April 17.—[Special]—Walker Brown was hanged in the jail yard here to-day for the murder of Noah Romage last October. The drop fell at 11:05 and in thirty minutes life was extinct.

## The Weather.

Forecast: For Virginia, fair, warmer, southerly winds; light rains Sunday night.