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A DANGEROUS PAVEMENT.

Taking up the subject of asphalt pavement, THE TIMES desires to lay further information before the citizens of Roanoke and its City Councils. The main supply of asphalt comes from Trinidad. In the island of Trinidad is a lake of asphalt. From the interior of this lake the best qualities of asphalt are taken. If the supply comes from the old surface of the lake or its overflow a kind of asphalt is had which will crumble. Its tenacity and virtue are gone. This is not visible at a glance, however, and it takes long experience to be able to tell good from bad. That any of this inferior asphalt is allowed to leave the island is conclusive evidence that the controlling companies have no scruples against foisting it upon people of cities who are not educated up to the proper standard.

As an instance of how sheet asphalt pavement will deceive and fail, take Chambers street, New York. The company which took the contract to pave Chambers street with sheet asphalt have had to take it up and put it down half a dozen times, and yet seem no nearer a good pavement than before. The company had put down the original pavement and guaranteed it for a term of years, otherwise it would probably have abandoned it as a bad job. Wall street seems now about to go through a similar experience, as the sheet asphalt put down a year ago is in a fearfully delapidated condition.

Buffalo is cited as a city in which some seventy miles of asphalt streets have been laid. This is so, but they were all laid under a guarantee. At last accounts only three streets had been fully accepted from the contractors as entirely satisfactory.

The truth of the whole matter is that Washington is the only city in which sheet asphalt pavements have given satisfaction, and that is due to the fact that the army engineer officers who have been in charge of District improvements have devoted years to studying the peculiarities of asphalt and how it should be handled. Besides which they can watch the contractors and know more about the business than the contractors themselves.

It is sincerely to be hoped that Council will either reverse its action in authorizing bids to be advertised for for such an enormous amount of sheet asphalt, or materially modify it. The subject has not yet been gone into deeply enough. But THE TIMES proposes, before it finishes with the subject, to thoroughly inform Council and citizens of what sheet asphalt means for Roanoke.

NATIONAL INDEBTEDNESS.

If proof of national prosperity were wanting and that this country can show a better financial condition of affairs than any other nation in the world, the bulletin, now in course of preparation by the census bureau, would furnish evidence in abundance. This compilation not only shows the National, State and county debt in aggregate, but includes the totals in 1880, a decade ago, together with those of foreign nations at the same time.

At the close of 1890 the debt of the United States was \$915,962,112, a decrease from \$1,922,517,364 in 1880, a gratifying lessening in that the per capita debt has been reduced from \$38.33 to \$14.63. The State debt has decreased from \$290,326,643 to \$223,107,883, but one fact must be remembered that considerable scaling took place by refunding in some of the Southern States, which would otherwise have made the decrease vary by \$28,500,000. The county debt, while increased in the aggregate, shows a per capita lessening from \$2.47 in 1880 to \$2.27 in 1890. Altogether the entire list of indebtedness presents itself for considera-

tion with a reduction of more than 30 per cent. in a decade, and mainly through the aid of voluntary taxation.

The indebtedness of foreign nations shows no combined reduction in ten years, the actual figures being an increase from \$23,481,512.185 to \$25,636,075.840, a difference more than this country's entire debt.

A CUT IN RATES.

THE TIMES is glad to announce this morning that the Norfolk and Western will reduce its local passenger rates on June 1 to a considerable extent. This will strengthen the growing conviction which has taken root in the minds of thinking people that if corporations have no souls, one of them has a very fair substitute.

This cut in rates is purely and clearly a gratuity and will do much to increase the popularity of the most progressive railroad in the South.

A SUIT AGAINST THE MAYOR

Ex-Policeman Browning Thinks His Character Has Been Defamed.

Suits for damages seem to be becoming the order of the day. The next on the docket will probably be a suit against Mayor Evans.

Ex-Policeman Browning claims that the mayor has damaged him, and will enter suit upon the ground of defamation of character.

It will be remembered that some time ago Browning was suspended from the police force for thirty days for arresting a citizen in the mayor's office without sufficient cause. Later he was dismissed from the force for negligence in the discharge of his duty. Browning was afterward engaged by the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company as a special policeman. He made several arrests, and finally the mayor refused to recognize him as an officer.

A number of livery stable proprietors recently concluded to employ a night watchman jointly and mount him. They offered to employ Browning and asked the mayor to appoint him a special officer. This the mayor refused to do. Phlegm, Johnson & Berkeley are counsel for Browning, and suit will probably be entered at an early day.

THE DUVAL ENGINE WORKS.

The Plant to be in Operation Within Three Months.

Frank P. Korte, of the Duval Engine Company, whose plant is to be removed from Zanesville, Ohio, to the property of the Roanoke Development Company, is in the city to begin work on the buildings for the plant.

This industry, which manufactures stationary engines, saw-mills and a variety of articles, will be located just across the river from the furnace. The work on the two large buildings, the plans for which have been detailed in THE TIMES, will begin immediately. Mr. Korte said to a TIMES reporter last night that the works will be in operation in three months. The work of laying off the ground for the buildings will begin to-day.

Fifteen Days in Jail.

Jesse Lewis was tried yesterday evening on the charge of stealing a sack of flour from a grocer named Arrington. A witness testified that Arrington gave Lewis a wooden box. He saw him slip a sack of flour in it while Arrington was out and then put the top on. After he came in the negro shouldered the box, and said if they had any more to give away he would call again. He was given fifteen days in jail.

A Complimentary German.

A German will be given at Hotel Ponce de Leon Friday evening complimentary to Misses Selden and Armistead. The committee is composed of the following: R. L. Clark, Hampden Hogue, A. L. Payne and H. M. Dickinson.

The chaperones will be Mrs. S. Foster, Mrs. C. M. Gallaher, Mrs. P. W. Pope and Mrs. P. Iglehart.

Grocers Fight in East Roanoke.

Frank Moore and a grocer named Harrison got into a fight yesterday near the corner of Commonwealth and Seventh avenues. They both clinched, and, after shaking each other for some time, another grocer named Rowzee came out and parted them. Officer Weedon summoned them to appear before the mayor this morning.

Robbery of Tool Chests.

Thieves broke open four tool chests in a building of N. T. Ninninger's near the Melrose school house Saturday night. Many of the most valuable tools were taken, as the robbers chose from the four well-filled chests. J. H. Bower, the foreman, has no clue to the robbers. G. T. Eitter, of Hollins, lost everything but saw and hatchet.

The Gypsy Coming This Way.

The police have been notified that a gypsy woman named Mollie Brown who stole \$1,080 from a man in Knoxville, is thought to have joined a gang of gypsies who are traveling toward this city. She will be watched for.

A Bogus Check.

A warrant was issued yesterday for W. H. Jones, a young man from Bluefield, who passed a bogus check for \$15 on F. M. Bell. The check was drawn on a Graham bank, but it was ascertained that Jones had no money there. He has not yet been captured.

Hit at the Fire.

S. K. Dickinson was struck on the head at the fire yesterday by something which fell from the upper floor and received a painful wound. Dr. Stone rendered surgical attention.

Frenchy is Indicted.

New York, May 18.—[Special]—The grand jury to-day indicted Amer Ben Ali, alias "Frenchy," for the murder of old Carrie Brown, alias "Shakespeare," at the East River Hotel on April 24, charging murder in the first degree. There are five counts in the indictment, each one of which is sufficiently strong to hold him.

HON. W. M. MARINE IN ROANOKE.

The Liveliest City in Virginia on a Substantial Basis.

Hon. William M. Marine, collector of the port of Baltimore, spent Sunday in Roanoke. He went to the top of Mill Mountain and was delighted with the view. He was accompanied by George B. McComas, deputy collector. Mr. Marine was interviewed by a TIMES reporter and gave his impressions of Roanoke as follows:

"I regard Roanoke as the liveliest town in the State of Virginia. This statement is made deliberately after seeing nearly every section of the Old Dominion. Evidently its growth is no mushroom product. If it was not on a stable basis it never could have reached its present substantial proportions.

"Few places with so young a growth can present such a number of handsome dwellings, the abode of refinement and thrift. On every hand about the best evidences that a splendid future is in store for it. So far advanced has its prosperity marched that it has outdistanced those settlements that usually retard the growth of newborn towns. This, no doubt, is largely due to the untiring energy of its business men, who have sternly exerted all their energies to welcoming capital within its borders. This class have faith in Roanoke, and testify to it by embarking their fortunes in its enterprises. No surer medium of success exists. 'Do as I do, is better than do as I tell you.' This valuable lesson has been well learned by the business men of Roanoke. Of course there are some things that can be subjected to the microscope of criticism that have not failed to be observed. These are mere excrescences, and I will not spoil my pleasant picture by mentioning them. They are peculiar to all prosperous new places, and can no more be avoided than can barnacles on ship bottom.

"This is an age when the newspaper and railroad are indispensable to public-spirited enterprises meeting with success. The journals of Roanoke seem to be wide-awake and contributing their part to develop the wonderful resources of the city. With such a country surrounding it, its wealth almost untouched, no doubt what is expected by its most sanguine friends will ultimately be realized.

"I have been impressed by the surrounding scenery, the grandeur of its sublime mountains and the fertility of its valleys; its silver streams and rich, luxurious growth. Friends have generously afforded me the opportunities to see to such an advantage that I speak advisedly. I shall be greatly pleased to come again and renew my acquaintance with this most promising strip-ling."

The Band Entertained by Mr. Terry.

The Machine Works Band were handsomely entertained at the residence of P. L. Terry last night. Mr. Terry and family are about to depart for Europe, and the band tendered them a serenade. The boys were handsomely entertained and the affair was a very enjoyable one. Speeches were made by Lucien Cooke, P. L. Terry, James S. Simmons, and Arthur C. Dennison. J. J. Keeley, the leader of the band, responded. The speakers all paid a high compliment to the band, whose excellent condition is largely due to Mr. Keeley's splendid leadership.

The Crystal Spring Land Company will erect some handsome dwellings at once on its property.

RACING.

SPRING RACES. At the Lake and Driving Park, Roanoke, Va., May 27, 28, 29 and Special Races, May 30, 1891.

PROGRAMME, WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1891. Race I, Running, Hotel Stakes. Five-eighths of a mile dash. Purse \$125.00. \$85.00 to first; \$40.00 to second. Race II, Trotting, Roadster Race to Wagon. Purse one hundred dollars. Sixty dollars to first; twenty-five dollars to second; fifteen dollars to third. Mile heats, two in three. Only horses owned in Roanoke county since January 1, 1891, and have been used exclusively as road horses are eligible to start. Entries close at 6 p. m. day before race.

Race III, Running, Mile dash. Purse one hundred and fifty dollars. One hundred dollars to first; fifty dollars to second.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1891. Race I, Running, 1/2 mile dash. Purse one hundred and fifty dollars. One hundred dollars to first; fifty dollars to second.

Race II, Trotting, 2:30 class. Purse two hundred dollars. One hundred and thirty dollars to first; fifty dollars to second; twenty dollars to third.

Race III, Merchants' Stakes, 1 1/2 mile dash. Purse two hundred dollars. One hundred and twenty-five dollars to first; fifty dollars to second; twenty-five dollars to third.

Race IV, Running, welter weight hurdle. One mile dash, for gentlemen riders, over four hurdles. Purse one hundred and fifty dollars. One hundred dollars to first; thirty-five dollars to second; fifteen dollars to third.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1891. Race I, Running, 7/8 mile dash. Purse one hundred and fifty dollars. One hundred dollars to first; fifty dollars to second.

Race II, Running, 3/4 mile heats. Purse one hundred and twenty-five dollars. Seventy-five dollars to first; thirty-five dollars to second; fifteen dollars to third.

Race III, Trotting, Virginia Stakes, 1:18 mile dash. Purse one hundred and seventy-five dollars. One hundred and twenty-five dollars to first; fifty dollars to second.

Race IIII, Trotting, free for all. Purse four hundred dollars. Two hundred and fifty dollars to first; one hundred dollars to second; fifty dollars to third.

ENTRIES CLOSE MAY 28. SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1891. A Purse of three hundred dollars for 2:30 class trotters is guaranteed for May 30, besides other races for that day.

RULES.

Entries to all races except Trotting Roadster Race will close May 28, and must be accompanied by one-half the entrance fee.

Entrée fee, 5 per cent. of purse, to go to the Association.

Trotting races will be best three in five in harness, except the roadster race, which will be best two in three to wagons.

It at running races will be best two in three. Runners will carry weight for age. Half-breds allowed five pounds for half-mile, seven pounds for five-eighths, and ten pounds for greater distances.

Five horses must enter and three start in heat races, and three to enter and start in dash races.

Two horses owned by one person shall not start in one race.

Trotting records after May 1, no bar.

American racing rules will govern running races, and National Trotting Association rules will govern trotting races.

Horses not at the post promptly may be declared out of time.

Over-weights must be declared before horses are at post.

Right is reserved to change order of programme, also to postpone or declare off any race on account of weather.

Programme for special races May 30 will be announced the first day of the meeting.

The Executive Committee will have entire charge of races.

Stalls, with straw, two dollars each.

HENRY DAVIN President. GEO. C. McMAHAN, Secretary. Executive Committee—J. H. WINGATE, J. C. RAWN, DR. LEIGH HUNT.

Dupuy & Taliaferro, REAL ESTATE AGENTS,

No. 11 Campbell Street, Roanoke, Va. Beg leave to call the attention of investors and others to the property of the

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This property lies just east of Jefferson street, near Mr. E. H. Stewart's new residence, immediately on the line of the Roanoke and Southern railroad, and is most desirable both for business and residence purposes. This property has been on the market but ten days, during which time \$28,000 has been sold. If you wish to make a safe and profitable investment, do not overlook this property.

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J. F. WINGFIELD, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT.

Bargains for the week beginning May 10th. 25x100 feet on Salem avenue, very cheap. Lot 50x150 on West End Boulevard, east of Simmon's house, price \$2,500. 7-room house, all improvements, on Campbell street \$4,000. 2 lots 50x130 each, in Lewis Addition, splendid location, price \$1,250 each. 100 acres of fine farm land, near Bedford City for \$2,500. 60 feet on Salem avenue, running through to Ernest avenue, \$1,800. Corner lot 50x150 on the West End Boulevard for \$1,800. 3 good lots 50x130 each on Center ave. for \$450 each. 150 feet on Henry street for \$50 per front foot. 100 feet on Henry street for \$45 per front foot. Nice 8-room dwelling, lot 50x150, in good part of the city, price \$3,000 on easy terms. 8-room house, lot 50x130, best residence location, Price \$4,000. 40 1/2 feet on Nelson street, with two good brick stores, best renting property in town, price \$18,000. House 8 rooms, Wells street, \$2,000. House 5 rooms, East Campbell street, \$1,350. 9 lots, Centre street, \$600 each. 12 lots, Patton street, \$550 each. We have all of the West End property. The best property in the Southern part of the city.

SPECIAL BARGAINS SPRING SUITS.

HAVING REMOVED TO 10 Jefferson Street, I AM NOW EXHIBITING a large and complete line of spring and summer suitings, fancy vestings, trouserings and overcoatings imported by me direct.

This is one of the best built and finished homes in Roanoke. Price low, and 1/2 of purchase money in monthly payments if desired.

CHEAP HOME.

House and lot No. 116 Gilmer street. Good six-room house, rents for \$200 per year. Henry street bridge will make this valuable.

RIVERVIEW LOTS D. F. GEYER, The Tailor.

From \$250 up, some extra bargains in this Addition. Railroad front—200 feet on Earnest avenue corner 7th street, to railroad. Cheap bargains in all parts of the city, both improved and vacant.

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No. 111 First Street s. w., (Times Building.) Roanoke, Va.

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COME SOUTH, YOUNG MAN?

President Harrison, on his tour through the South, after having seen the wonderful growth of Lynchburg, Bedford City, Roanoke, Salem, Radford, Pulaski, Wytheville and Abingdon and the industrial development in progress along the line of the Norfolk and Western railroad, and viewed the country of southwest Virginia, said in his speech to the people at Bristol, Va.

"My Fellow Citizens: I have found not only pleasure, but instruction in riding to-day through the portion of the State of Virginia that is feeling in a very striking way the impulse of new development. It is extremely gratifying to notice that those hidden sources of wealth which were so long unobserved and so long unused are now being found, and that these regions, once so retired, occupied by pastoral people, having difficult access to the center of population, are now being rapidly transformed into busy manufacturing and commercial centers. In the early settlement of this country emigrants poured over the Alleghenies and Blue Ridge like waters over an obstructing ledge, seeking the fertile and attractive farm regions of the great West. They passed unobserved these marvelous hidden stores of wealth which are now being brought into use.

"Having filled these great basins of the West, they are now turning back to Virginia and West Virginia and Tennessee to bring about the full development and production for which time is ripe and which will surprise the world. It has not been long since every implement of iron, domestic, agricultural and mechanical, was made for you in other States. The iron point of the wooden mold board plow, with which the early farmers here turned the soil, came from distant States. But now Virginia and Tennessee are stirring their energies to participate in a large degree in mechanical productions and in the great awakening of American commerce and American influence which will lift the nation to a place among the nations of the world never before attained.

"What is to hinder us when we have secured the markets of our own states that we shall reach out and enter into successful competition in the markets of other parts of the world? I say what is to hinder this people, possessing by the providence of God, all the elements of material wealth; endowed with a genius and energy unsurpassed among the nations of the earth, shall again have on the great seas a merchant marine flying the flag of the common country and carrying its commerce into every sea and upholding its honor in every port?"

"I am glad to-day to stand for this moment among you and to express my sympathy with any and every interest that tends to develop you as a people. I am glad to stand with you on one common platform of respect for the constitution; differing as some of us may do in our opinions as to what the law should be and how it should be applied; having in view one common devotion of obedience to the law as the majority of our people, by their own representatives, make it.

"I shall carry away from here a renewed impulse to public duty; a new inspiration as a citizen, and that, too, of a country whose greatness is only dawning.

"And now let me express to you the pleasure I shall have in every good that can come to you as a community, and to each of you as individuals. May peace, prosperity and social order dwell in all your families, and the fear and love of God in every home."

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KEEP YOUR EYE

This Column and Find Out Where the Bargains Are. Eight room house 9th ave. s. w., all modern improvements, \$4,500. Seven rooms, Franklin road, an elegant bargain. First class in all respects, \$3,500. Twenty-five feet on Robinson street near Roanoke and Southern depot at a sacrifice. Don't fail to see this. House of 6 rooms on Center street near Park, \$2,100, 300 cash balance on easy terms. The prettiest lot on West Salem ave., 200 feet deep to Rorer ave., \$3,300. Fifty feet on 9th ave. Something handsome and cheap, \$1,800. Two Boulevard lots near corner of "D" street. The prettiest in West End, \$5,750. Two Trout ave. lots near L. L. Powell's residence. "dirt cheap, ask us about this. House and lot corner Jefferson and 4th ave. n. w., cheap, "see this." The above is only a partial list of the many bargains we are now offering. Call and see us if you wish to invest and we feel sure we can please you. Respectfully,

F. W. CRAIG & CO., No. 10 Salem Ave. s. w. (up stairs.) THE TIMES desires special correspondents in every town in Southwest Virginia and the Shenandoah Va. valley.