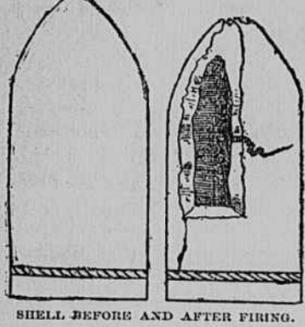


TESTING A MORTAR.

Steel Shells of Tremendous Size and Power.

New Guns Which Will Be Used for Coast Defense—The Shell Before and After Firing—Surprising Cost of a Single Shot.

A most interesting test of the new mortars and steel shells manufactured at Bethlehem, Pa., was made recently at Sandy Hook. The mortar has a twelve-inch bore, is breech-loading,



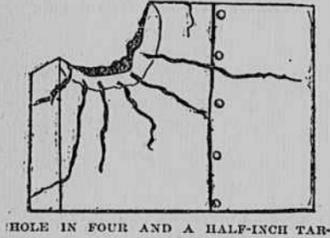
SHELL BEFORE AND AFTER FIRING.

made of cast iron and hooped with steel. It weighs 12 1/2 tons and is 10 feet 9 inches long. The shell was made of the best of steel and was 2 feet 9 inches long. It weighed 628 1/2 pounds.

The target consisted of a steel armor plate ten feet long, five feet wide and four and a half inches thick, or one inch heavier than the average armor plates on the deck of any man-of-war afloat. The ordnance department had required this additional thickness of one extra inch to give the shell a conclusive test. The distance between the target and the muzzle of the gun was 150 feet. Fifty-two pounds of powder were used. When the gun was fired a dense smoke hid it from view for several minutes. The report was short and deafening. The moment the shell struck the armor plate heavy pieces of steel and timber were whirled through the air in almost every direction. The missile had gone through the upper part of it and broken one-half of it into pieces, while the other part was badly cracked. There was no other trace of the shell, but Capt. Heath, under whose supervision the test took place, had followed its flight and saw it when it finally struck the sand 800 yards beyond the target. It had not lost its shape, but a quarter of it was neatly broken out. The top was considerably flattened and was also cracked lengthwise and crosswise.

The cost of this single shot almost amounts to \$2,000. The price of the shell armor plate was \$1,500, the price of the shell \$300 and the price of the powder about \$13. The recent tests of heavy guns and the complete smashing of armor-plate targets lend especial interest to the following paragraph from Engineering, which also presents the accompanying illustration. The cut is intended to show the tremendous power developed by a 110-ton 16-inch breech-loading gun. It will be observed that the projectile has passed through twenty inches of

compound armor, eight inches of iron, twenty feet of oak, five feet of granite, eleven feet of concrete and has entered about three feet into the brickwork, making a total penetration of forty-one feet four inches. It is useless to conjecture as to the real usefulness of a gun of this size in actual warfare.



HOLE IN FOUR AND A HALF-INCH TARGET.

Origin of "Hobson's Choice." The famous old saying about "Hobson's choice" comes from Mr. Tobias Hobson of Cambridge, England, who amassed a fortune in what we would call the livery business, as a "carrier" he called it, and always kept forty steeds ready for mounting. It was an inflexible rule, however, that customers should choose the nag nearest the stable door, and so all fared evenly, fortune allotting the best charges. There is an old print of Mr. Hobson showing him with a bag of a hundred sovereigns in his hand and the motto: "The fruitful mother of a hundred more." To learn the origin of so familiar a saying is always pleasing.

Sunday Postage Stamps. The Homiletic Review tells of a novel method adopted in Belgium to determine whether Sunday shall be a day of rest for letter carriers. Sunday postage stamps are to be provided. All letters with such stamps mailed Saturday are to be delivered Monday. After trying the experiment for awhile it is to be decided, according to the relative number of letters with these stamps, whether the majority of the letter-writing public want the postman to enjoy a Sunday rest. If they do, then the carriers are to be freed from Sunday work.

The New Alps Tunnel. The Simplon tunnel, according to the latest plans, would cost \$16,000,000. It would pierce the Pontine Alps, in the canton of Valais, at a height of 11,124 feet above the sea. Its length would be 117,000 feet, 22.1 miles. The cost of the tunnel is estimated at \$14,450,000, and the approaches and interest on capital will bring the amount needed up to that first stated.

Big Blossoms. Yucca blossoms eight and a half feet long from base to tip are said to be abundant in the San Gabriel canyon.

RADFORD.

RADFORD GOSSIP.

George Rutter Charged With the Chris Cox Murder.

ROANOKE TIMES BUREAU, RADFORD, VA., Nov. 25.

Officers Shell and Akers to-day arrested and placed in jail George Rutter, evidence having been obtained strongly implicating him in the murder of Chris Cox.

A gang of fifteen or twenty convicts, with cart and mules, passed through Radford this morning in charge of three guards. It is rumored they are on their way to Knoxville to begin work on the Little River.

Messrs. Robinson and Peters have, in the last few days, received letters from parties in New York, Chicago and other points, with reference to the purchase of farming, mineral and timber lands in Montgomery county.

Rumor has it that, in a short time, the name of East Radford will be changed to Central Radford. Several prominent gentlemen in the eastern section have been interviewed upon the subject and express themselves highly pleased with the idea.

Second seventy-six, an east-bound freight train, under the charge of Conductor Owen and Engineer Pyertz, ran into the first section this morning about 1:30, between Clark's Tank and Pulaski, knocking off the headlight and smoke-stack of the second section's engine and demolishing the caboose of the first section and damaging a number of cars. The engineer and fireman jumped and escaped injury. Conductor Rider of the first section, had the misfortune to lose a lot of clothes and ten dollars, which was caused by the caboose catching fire from the engine. All traffic was delayed until 11 o'clock, when the track was cleared.

A movement is on foot to petition the council of the eastern section to build a market house in that section of the town. This they think will be a source of revenue to the town and enable the farmers to better dispose of their products.

Judge Vaughan and Mr. C. A. Howard were hastily summoned to Floyd county by telegraph to-day, the former to attend his wife's mother and the latter his mother, both of whom are seriously ill.

J. D. Peters has just completed painting and papering his handsome residence. This splendid piece of work was done by William A. Larkin, of Roanoke.

M. F. Peters, of Dublin, has let a contract for a handsome residence on First street, near the Tyler block in the eastern section, and Messrs. Peters Brothers have let the contract for a two business house on Walker street in the western section. Work on both of these houses will begin immediately.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements in this column will repay perusal.

REMINGTON STANDARD TYPE-Writer is the best on the market. For supplies, terms, etc., apply to R. D. GUNN, agent, No. 17 Campbell street, opposite postoffice. nov17-1m

WILKINSON'S MEAT MARKET AND DAIRY. Fresh meats, the best and cheapest, at Wilkinson's, Stall 1, City Market. Low prices. Free delivery. nov7-1yr

THE BARN-YARD CADETS WHO charge upon a time made several charges upon a hay stack are numbered with the by-gones. No hay-seed workmen can find the entrance even to our establishment. We have skilled workmen, quick messengers, two entrances, two rooms, two daily "made," one telephone (180) and one price (the lowest). LOOKABILL'S PRINTING HOUSE, Roanoke, Va. ap17-1yr

ROANOKE PHOTOGRAPHIC Studio, 120 Salem avenue ELIZABETH A. RODDAN AND LUCY D. BALDWIN, Photographers. Outside work and interiors a specialty. Development and printing done for amateurs. my18-6m

THE ROANOKE TRANSFER Company is prepared to do all kinds of hauling. They keep good wagons, good teams and responsible drivers. Prompt attention. Offices, Freight depot and Jefferson street, south. Telephone, 119. oct1-1yr

FREDERICK J. AMWEG, C. E., M. Am. Soc. C. E. & Engr's Club of Philadelphia engineer, contractor and builder, Commercial Bank Building, Roanoke, Va. ap22-1t

CURLE'S TONSORIAL PARLOR, at No. 6 Jefferson street, is the finest in Virginia. The celebrated Climax Revolving Chair and French plate mirrors. First-class barbers only. Ladies waited upon at their homes. L. J. CURLE, Proprietor. may16-6mo

A. L. MUQUA, PLUMBER, GAS and steam fitter; dealer in stoves, ranges, heaters, iron and terra cotta piping, etc., at lowest prices. No. 111 Commercial street. Jan16-1mo

CITY DIRECTORY.

Of the Principal Business Houses of Roanoke.

The following is published daily for the benefit of strangers and the public generally. It includes all trades and professions and cannot fail to prove of interest to all who intend transacting business in Roanoke:

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BANKS. FIRST NATIONAL, Salem ave. & Henry st.

BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS. THOMPSON & CO., 30 Campbell street.

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BRICK AND TILE WORKS. WEST END, off., 108 Jeff. st.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS. F. J. AMWEG, Commercial Bank Building. FRANK R. MAY, 105 Jefferson st., P. O. Box 9.

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CANDY, MAN'FR, FANCY CAKE BAKER & ICE CREAM FURNISHER. CATOGNI'S, 50 Salem ave.

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CLOTHIER, TAILOR AND HATTER. JOS. COHN (E. M. Dawson, Manager), 44 Salem ave.

COAL, WOOD, LIME AND CEMENT. J. C. F. BELL & CO., 218 Salem ave. s. w. tel. 19. NOTTINGHAM & HALLET (sawed stove and kindling wood), 7 Commerce street.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS. B. F. ALLEN, 3 Commerce st. (wholesale dealer in fruit and produce), phone 190. O. P. EVANS & SON, 210 Salem ave. (wholesale fruit and produce dealers), Tel. 121.

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DRUGGISTS. HALLER & BARNES, corner Jefferson & Norfolk ave.; tel. 200. ROANOKE DRUG CO., 24 Campbell st., tel. 47.

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FUNERAL DIRECTOR. G. W. SISLER, 407 Second st. n. e. (coffins, caskets, robes, etc.), Tel. 105.

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HACKLINE AND BAGGAGE TRANSFER. F. E. WHITE, V. S. Livery, 402 Jeff st., tel. 135.

HARDWARE, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. BROWN, JOHNSTON & CO., 11 Jefferson street, Telephone 45.

HAY, GRAIN, &c. DANIEL & HOLLADAY, 14 Kirk, rear P. O.

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTERS. W. H. LEONARD & CO., 310 Second street, or Commerce street.

IRON CONTRACTOR. C. G. CUSHMAN, Commercial Bank Building.

LIQUOR DEALERS. OPPENHEIM & CO.'S EXCHANGE, cor. Commerce and Campbell streets. WHITE ELEPHANT SALOON, 10 First st. s. e.

MERCHANT TAILORS. FARINNEY, 15 1/2 (uptairs) Jefferson. KESTER'S (Imported and Domestic Suitings), 107 First st., Times Bld'g. LEWIS (rear First Nat. Bank), 105 Henry st.

METAL CORNICE & ROOFING WORKS. GARA, MCGINLEY & CO., Room 7, Commercial Bank Building; cornices, slate and tile roofing.

PAWNBROKERS. S. NYBURG, 29 Railroad ave., s. e.

PHOTOGRAPHS. ROANOKE PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, 120 Salem avenue. BROOKS, next to Postoffice. W. E. EUTSLER, 23 Salem avenue.

PLUMBING, GAS-FITTING, &c. T. M. COCK & CO., 115 Commerce street.

PRACTICAL HORSESHOER. M. HALEY (treats all diseases of horses' feet), Fourth ave., between Jefferson and Henry st.

REAL ESTATE. SIMMONS, CARPENTER & TINSLEY, 108 Jefferson st.

RENTAL AGENTS. M. H. O'MOHUNDRO, 6 Salem ave.

RUBBER STAMPS AND SEAL PRESSES. WILBUR S. POLE & Co., No. 8 Jefferson st.

SCAVENGER AND GARBAGE WORK. PRYOR WOODSON, 223 Fourth ave. n. w.

SEWING MACHINES. NEW HOME, J. A. CAMPBELL, Agent, 307 Henry street.

SLATE ROOFING & MANTELS, TILES, ETC. F. O. WILLIAMS & CO., 116 Second st., tel. 176.

STEAM LAUNDRIES. DIXIE, Franklin and Second sts., tel. 187. ROANOKE, 129 Kirk ave. s. w., tel. 116.

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TRANSFER COMPANIES. ROANOKE TRANSFER COMPANY, Package Room, 9 South Jefferson st., tel. 119.

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CHOICE MEATS. BREADY (keeps the best), stall 6, Market House. J. B. CATY, stall No. 4 (sausage a specialty). J. W. HOGAN, stall 3. THOMAS NELSON, stall No. 9. W. C. OVEBRY, stall 11. W. N. SALE, stall No. 16.

CURED HAMS, BEEF, LARD, &c. E. J. KEMP (specialty beef tongues), stall 14.

FISH; WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. C. M. MURDEN & CO. (experienced fisherman), cor. Nelson street.

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS AND PRODUCE. B. E. ODELL BROS., City Market.

GAME, DRESSED FOWLS, VEGETABLES, &c. S. J. AKERS, City Market. J. W. SIMCOE, City Market.

PRODUCE, FISH AND OYSTERS. HUDSON & DEAL, 19 Salem avenue n. e. (wholesale and retail).

ROANOKE DRESSED BEEF CO. N. RENSCH, Stall No. 8.

The Calvary Festival. The Girls' Aid Society of Calvary Baptist Church will give their ancient and modern festival at the tabernacle to-night and to-morrow night. All the refreshments in season will be served and a good time is promised all who attend.

AUCTION SALES.

BY J. BROCK, 144 Salem avenue.

We will sell at auction on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, one fine parlor suit, three fine oak bed room suits, fine oil painting, looking glasses, frames, table linen, blankets, lounges, extension tables, etc., etc. Sale positive.

J. BROCK, General Auctioneer.

ONE-CENT-A-WORD COLUMN.

Persons at a distance desiring to insert advertisements in the One-Cent-a-Word column can count the number of words, reckon at the rate of one cent a word for each of the first two insertions and half a cent a word for each subsequent insertion, and remit accordingly.

ANSWER BULLETIN.

THERE are letters at THE TIMES office addressed to "C. D.," "Clothing," "F.," "J.," "R. W. A.," "W. W.," "X. H. M.," "Zinc," "B.," "W. A. Tucker."

WANTED-MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED-GUITAR PUPILS. FOR terms apply to 125 Seventh avenue s. e.

WANTED-PERSONS HAVING houses to sell on the installment plan or for cash, will please list them with us at once. J. F. WINGFIELD, Real Estate Agent, 114 Commerce street. nov24-1w

PIANO-FORTES MOVED WITH safety truck, and furniture transferred by W. W. ROBINSON, office at Massie & Martin's drug store, Salem avenue and Commerce street. nov21-1m.

EAST ROANOKE STEAM DYE Works.—All kinds of clothing dyed, cleaned and repaired. Gentlemen's garments, dresses, shawls, ribbons, sashes, neckties, kid gloves and feathers cleaned and dyed in the best possible manner and for the least money. Black silk dyeing a specialty. LEON THIERY, Proprietor, 13 Second street n. e. Remember location, foot of Randolph street bridge. nov15-1t

WANTED.—ZINC, MAGNETIC iron, manganese and timber properties. Apply to or address DR. W. M. CHATHAM, care L. L. Powell & Co., Roanoke. oct1-1t

WANTED 1,000 MEN TO UNLOAD schooners of beer at 5 cents a glass. White Elephant Saloon, No. 10 First street s. e. (Nelson saloon). First-class restaurant; meals at all hours. sept4-1y

WANTED-SITUATIONS.

WANTED-POSITION AS FOREMAN or assistant in cabinet or car shop; understand the making of scale and working drawings. Address FOREMAN, "TIMES" office. nov24-1w

BOARDING.

TABLE BOARDERS AND ROOMERS wanted by Mrs. T. D. CRAWFORD, 405 Campbell street s. w. nov22-1t

WANTED.—TABLE BOARDERS AT 524 First street s. e. MRS. L. B. WATTS. oct23todec1

HAVE OPENED FIRST CLASS boarding house, 38 Franklin street. Steam heat; modern conveniences; terms reasonable. Reference exchanged. S. R. HARRIS. nov15-2wks

WANTED-LODGERS AND TABLE boarders at 810 South Jefferson street. nov1-1t

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST-LARGE BROWN MARE hitched to Jersey wagon, disappeared at 6:30 p. m., November 25. Suitable reward for any information that will lead to its recovery. WALTER D. BOOTH, 617 Second avenue n. w. nov26-1t

LOST-ON CAMPBELL STREET, between my residence and Ponce de Leon Hotel, small black hand-bag. Reward will be given if returned to MRS. A. POPE. nov25-1t

FOR SALE.

TEN SHARES ISON BELT STOCK. Address "T." TIMES office. nov23-3t.

FOR SALE-HANDSOME PIECE property in West End; will sell cheap, or will exchange for unimproved property. Call at ROOM NO. 10, Masonic Building. oct25-1t

FOR SALE-20 SHARES AMERICAN Bridge and Iron Works. 10 shares Jeanette Land Co. 10 shares Glens Falls Land Co. 10 shares Central Land Co., Buchanan. 10 shares the Grottoes Co., Shondun. 10 shares the Roanoke Iron Co. 75 shares the Salem Imp. Co., Salem, Va. 220 feet on Franklin road. House and lot on Pine street. Address "C. E." TIMES Office. oct14-1t

FOR RENT.

SEE HARTSOOK & ADDISON. Renters, 108 Jefferson street. 9-room house, Eighth avenue s. w., with all conveniences, \$10; 8-room house, 311 Campbell street, \$35; 9-room house, Salem avenue, with all conveniences, \$33; 9-room house, Campbell street, adjoining J. M. Gambill's, \$15. nov14-3mos.

HOUSE AND STABLE FOR RENT on Church street, No. 412. Address N. M. GORE, Cave Spring, Va. nov24-1w

FURNISHED ROOM FOR RENT. Apply to MRS. GEO. WRIGHT, 346 Third ave. s. w. nov22-1wk

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT-A SEVEN-ROOM HOUSE on West Campbell street, with bath. Apply to MRS. TAYLOR, 320 Campbell street. nov22-1wk

FOR RENT-OFFICE NO. 109, "TIMES Building." Apply at 113 Henry street. aug29-1t

FOR RENT-WITH BOARD; TWO nice rooms. Apply 350 First avenue s. w. nov6-1t

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W. S. GOOCH, ATTY-AT-LAW, Room 5, over Commercial National Bank, ROANOKE, VA. Courts: All the courts of Roanoke City and County. Telephone 99. oct26-1t

W. O. HARDAWAY, A. L. PAYNE, HARDAWAY & PAYNE, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Room 3, Asberry Building, opposite Post Office, Roanoke, Va.

S. M. BROPHY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Room 3, O'Leary Building, No. 113 Jefferson st., Roanoke. Will practice in the courts of Roanoke City and surrounding counties. Special attention to the collection of claims. nov7-1yr

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JOHN H. WRIGHT, B. LACY HOGG, WRIGHT & HOGG, Attorneys-at-Law, Roanoke, Va., Room 6, Moomaw Building, Jefferson street. Courts—Roanoke city and county, and Craig and Botetourt counties. Special attention given to collection of claims. mar4-1y

S. GRIFFIN, WM. A. GLASGOW, JR. Bedford City, Va. Roanoke, Va. GRIFFIN & GLASGOW, Attorneys-at-law, room 8, Moomaw building, Jefferson st., Roanoke, Va. Practice in courts of Roanoke city and county and adjoining counties. June20-1t

J. WM. BOYD, ATTORNEY AT LAW and commissioner of accounts. Room 1 Court House Square, Roanoke Va. P. O. Box No. 301. mar3-1yr

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A. P. STAPLES, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Roanoke Va. Office: Room 10, up-stairs, 112 Commerce street, s. e. my14-1t

OSCAR SAABYE, M. Am. S. C. E. CIVIL ENGINEER, No 103 Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Va may 24-1t

R. U. DERE, Attorney-at-Law, Rooms 6 and 7, Masonic Temple, Roanoke, Virginia mar5-1y

OAKLEY & WOOLWINE, Funeral Directors and Practical Embalmers, 120 Third avenue, Roanoke. Calls answered in city or country. Residence telephone No. 23; office, 61. ap7-1y

J. ALLEN WATTS, EDWARD W. ROBERTSON, WATTS & ROBERTSON, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, ROANOKE, VA. feb4-1t

THOMAS W. MILLER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Office: No. 26 Campbell street, s. w. over Adams Express Office. ap2-1t

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FOR RENT: 8-room dwelling, Campbell avenue, modern conveniences, \$30. 8-room dwelling, Campbell avenue, modern conveniences, \$40. 7-room dwelling, Patterson avenue, \$20. 8-room dwelling, Rorer avenue, \$20. 5-room dwelling, Seventh avenue s. w., \$12. 14-stall stable, Campbell st., \$7. 6-room dwelling, Seventh avenue n. e., \$15. 6-room dwelling, Fourth avenue n. w., with stable, \$18. Several suits of rooms for light housekeeping. A number of stores and warehouses. Also 70 other dwellings of different size