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tory for 1891 puts the circulation of THE
ROANOKE TIMES above that of any
other paper in Southwest Virginia, and at
more than that of all the other papers of
Roanoke combined.

A FAVORABLE OUTLOOK.

The most favorable reports continue
to accumulate regarding the business
outlook for 1892. Secretary Rusk estimates
that the American crops of 1891
are worth one thousand million dollars
more than those of 1890. This is tangible
and measurable wealth.

It means that the foundations have
been laid for three years of prosperity,
which will reach in its ramifications
every industrial class in the country.
Clear into 1894 the effects of the crop of
1891 will extend.

It is said that \$300,000,000 of West-
ern mortgages will be lifted this winter
and that for the first time the West is
sending money East for investment.
All of which should encourage every
hustler in Southwest Virginia to spit on
his hand and take hold with renewed
energy. The year 1892 will be the
most phenomenal in the history of
Southwest Virginia.

TO DIVIDE THE HUSTINGS COURT.

The suggestion brought forward in
THE TIMES yesterday that the new
charter provide for the division of the
Hustings Court into two sections bears
out the thoughts and wishes of the bar
of Roanoke.

There seems to be a divided opinion
as to the power of the legislature under
the constitution to erect a second court
in a city of less than 30,000 inhabi-
tants. But THE TIMES is of the opinion
that the division of the Hustings Court
into two sections would not in the strict
letter of the law be regarded as institut-
ing another court. However that may
be, section 23 of the constitution
ought to contain a sufficient warrant for
the legislation.

Quick and ready justice must be the
justification of law and courts. Roanoke
ought not to be compelled to suffer
from blocked courts by close construction
of a clumsily drawn section of the
constitution.

RENEWED ACTIVITY.

By the end of January every plant in
the Roanoke Development Company's
tract, with the exception of the Bridge-
water Carriage Works, will be in active
operation.

By the beginning of spring there will
not be an empty house or store room in
Roanoke. There will be hundreds of
new faces on the streets within sixty
days, and with the improved condition
of business a large percentage of the
present population of Roanoke will
wear new faces.

Railway Employees Discharged.

RICHMOND, Dec. 16.—Two hundred
and fifteen employees at the shops of the
Richmond and Danville railroad in Man-
chester were discharged yesterday.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 16.—The Rich-
mond and Danville railroad, operating
the Central Railroad of Georgia, last
night discharged 100 employees from
shops here, cutting down its pay roll
nearly \$5,000 a month. Operating ex-
penses of the road are being reduced
wherever possible.

Approves The Times' Suggestion.

From the Evening World.
The suggestions of our contemporary,
THE TIMES, that if proper efforts be
made, the United States district court
can be secured to our city, meets, of
course, with our hearty approval. There
is a perfect unanimity of opinion on the
subject with all who are interested in
the matter, and there is no good reason
why, if the proper course is pursued, we
cannot have an additional appropriation
from Congress to insure its location
here.

OFFICER MABRY BADLY HURT.

He is Struck on the Head by a Negro
While Making an Arrest.

Officer Mabry received a very painful
wound on the back of his head last
night while in the discharge of his duty.
G. W. Williams, a white boy about 16
years of age, swore out a warrant yester-
day evening for the arrest of a notori-
ous colored woman known as "Little
Mary," who lives on Bunker Hill, charg-
ing her with stealing some money from
him.

The warrant was given to Mr. Mabry
and in company with Williams he went
to the woman's house. She was placed
under arrest and the party had started
for the station house when Jeff Dooley,
a negro, ran up behind Mabry and threw
a brick at his head.

The blow knocked the officer down
and rendered him unconscious. Word
was sent to headquarters of the assault
and two policemen and Sergeant Jones
went over and brought the wounded
officer in. Dr. Miner was summoned
and he found that the skin was badly
cut, but fortunately the skull was not
fractured.

He was suffering very much from the
concussion. Soon after being taken to
the station-house Mr. Mabry was taken
violently ill and vomited a good deal.
Officers Eanes and Terry went to arrest
the woman and also the man if he could
be found, but the parties had all disap-
peared.

Jeff Dooley lives at Blue Ridge, and
it is thought that he boarded a freight
train going in that direction after he
committed the assault. Officer Eanes
left on the late train for that place in
search of the man.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.

The Elks to Have a Big Christmas Tree
and Distribute Coal.

The Elks are making great prepara-
tions for their Christmas entertainment.
They intend to have a tree thirty feet
high containing Christmas presents for
children. The tree will be placed in
Mr. Woodward's new hotel.

They will also give away three car-
loads of coal to needy families.
The committee having the affair in
charge is composed of Messrs. Louis A.
Scholz, chairman, H. E. Gettys, H. C.
Gensler, E. Mahony and D. W. Espen-
laub.

MR. CHALMERS' CONDITION

Not So Favorable Yesterday, But There is
Still Hope.

John Chalmers' condition was not quite
so favorable yesterday. Early in the
morning he was again threatened with
heart failure, and the closest attention
was paid him all yesterday.

Dr. Wylie, of Salem, an old friend of
the Chalmers family, called to see Mr.
Chalmers yesterday. While his condi-
tion is very critical, both Dr. Buckner
and Dr. Wylie say that there is still
a possibility of his recovery. At 2
o'clock this morning there had been no
apparent change for the previous
twelve hours.

Standing by the Printers.

The Painters and Decorators' Union
met last night and adopted resolutions
pledging their support to the Typo-
graphical Union in its trouble with the
Herald, both in the way of withholding
their patronage and of rendering finan-
cial assistance. The Tailors' Union
met yesterday afternoon and adopted
similar resolutions. The Carpenters'
and Joiners' Union will meet to-night
to take up the matter.

Placing Heavy Machinery.

The last piece of machinery will be
placed in the Cushman Iron Works to-
day. It is a combined shear and punch-
ing machine and weighs ten tons. The
machine will be moved this morning
from the cars on the big wagon of the
Sands Transfer Company, across the
Development Company's bridge to the
works. Owing to the weight of the
machine it is feared that the bridge
may not be able to stand the load.

Attempted to Escape.

Another attempt was made by the
prisoners to saw out of the station
house last night. Turnkey Millner made
an examination shortly after going on
duty and found that two bars, one in
each cell, had been sawed in two by a
very fine saw, presumably a watch
spring. A careful examination failed,
however, to find the instrument. No
one escaped, as the discovery was made
just in time.

Delayed by a Wreck.

The through passenger train con the
Norfolk and Western due at 11 o'clock
did not arrive till late this morning. It
was delayed by a freight wreck at
Shawsville. No particulars of the
wreck could be obtained last night.

Ex-Governor Safford of Florida Dead.

TAMPA, FLORIDA, Dec. 16. [Special.]—
"Ex-Governor A. K. P. Safford died at
his home here at 2:15 o'clock yesterday
morning after an illness of over a year.
Governor Safford was born in Vermont,
February, 1830, emigrated with his
parents to Illinois when only eight years
old, and in 1850 moved on to California.
He was a member of the California legis-
lature two sessions, 1865 and 1868.
Later, he went to Nevada, where he
held the office of surveyor general for
two years and was appointed territorial
governor of Arizona in 1869. He served
as governor eight years.

A Fatal Bridge.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Dec. 16.—[Special.]—
The twin bayou bridge on the Nashville
road, about five miles from this city,
fell in last night carrying with it a four
mule team in which two men and two
women and a driver, and boy were rid-
ing. The two women, Hester Lewis
and Lewis Shields, were killed, both
men seriously hurt and the driver had
an arm broken. All colored.

Issuing Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens, that
for years we have been selling Dr.
King's New Life Pills. Bucklen's Ar-
nica Salve and Electric Bitters, and
have never handled remedies that sell
as well or that have given such univer-
sal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to
guarantee them every time, and we
stand ready to refund the purchase
price if satisfactory results do not fol-
low their use. These remedies have
won their great popularity purely on
their merits. Christian & Barbee,
Druggists.

THE TAILOR'S BLACKBOARD.

How a Knight of the Shavers Kept Even
with His Customers.

In the reception-room of a well State
street tailor is a blackboard mounted
upon an elaborate easel. The board
itself, says the Chicago Times, is just a
plain, common affair, but according to
the proprietor is of great potentiality.
Upon it are perhaps a half-dozen names
of Chicago men with amounts ranging
from \$70 to \$165 set opposite each.
"That's a great scheme," said the own-
er in rapt admiration. "It has collect-
ed \$2,200 for me in three months. Of
that amount at least \$1,100 is 'velvet'—
clear gain, and the other \$1,000 would
have been extremely hard to catch. I
just chalk up on it bills that are hard
or impossible of collecting. It has been
filled three different times. These few
names now upon it are all that are left
out of a long list of hopeless ones.
When my ex-customers heard that they
had been posted they fell over each
other in their anxiety to settle. I do
not aim to send a bill to a regular cus-
tomer earlier than ninety days after the
incurring of the debt. I let him fix
three dates of payment, and then if he
has not come up I put him on the board.
Where did I get the idea? I read a pa-
ragraph in a paper over a year ago de-
scribing the means adopted by Russian
tailors to collect old debts. They are
prohibited from advertising accounts
for sale and resorted to the bulletin
plan. It worked with them, and it has
nearly paid a year's rent for me."

CHANGEABLE MOONSTONES.

Precious Stones That Serve as Health In-
struments.

"Did you know that I had a sort of
health barometer?"

The question was put to a Chicago
Press representative by a clubman who
had his feet on the table and a cigar in
his mouth.

"No. What kind of a machine is it?"
the reporter asked.

"Well, here it is. You can see it for
yourself," and he extended his hand, in-
dicating a small ring with moonstone
settings upon his little finger. "I can
always tell when I am sick by looking
at that," the gentleman continued. "If
I have a furred tongue, or a headache,
or am bilious, or out of kilter in any
way, all I've got to do is to glance at
these stones and they tell the story just
as plainly as you please."

"But how do they tell the story? I
don't understand."

"No. Well, whenever I'm out of fix
these stones turn dark. They get almost
black, in fact, although when I am per-
fectly well they are nearly white. It is
very curious and I don't know how to
explain the phenomenon. But I am
quite sure of the fact, having often ob-
served it."

An Old Certificate.

English visitors to Vienna will per-
haps remember a curiosity shown them
on the Graben near St. Stephen's, the
Stock in Eisen. It is a knotted tree,
said to be the last ash cut down in the
Vienna forest when it covered the
ground on which the oldest part of the
city now stands. It was once the cus-
tom of every smith and locksmith of
the city at the end of his apprentice-
ship to drive one nail into the trunk,
and, in case of the locksmiths, to try to
open the padlock which hung from the
iron band round the middle of the
trunk. In the course of centuries the
tree was studded with nails from top to
bottom so thickly that at last it was
declared impossible to insert another
nail. This covering of iron gave the
trunk great durability. The old houses
which stood on this spot have been pur-
chased by an insurance company and
an enormous building of five stories,
surmounted by a cupola, darkens the
Graben. The other day the old Stock
in Eisen was taken away and deposited
in a corner of the new building, where
a niche has been reserved for it. A
handsome iron gate will be erected in
front of it.

Tea-Table Gossip.

A traveling salesman recently inter-
viewed by the Cincinnati Commercial
Gazette says: A singular coincidence
and a striking instance of harmony be-
tween name and business exists in Ra-
venna, O. Opposite the Etna hotel is a
sign bearing the name "M. E. Scrip-
ture," and in the window a stock of
Bibles is displayed. Mr. Bookbinder is
in the book business in a Michigan
town, and Mr. Tanner conducts a tan-
nery at Kittanning, Pa. In Mascoutah,
Mo., there is a shrewd advertiser in the
person of a hotel-keeper whose name
happens to be George Hotel. His busi-
ness card is like this: "George Hotel
keeps a hotel." There are many curi-
ous combinations with the surname
West, such as North West, a merchant
of Bridgeport, O.; Going West, an at-
torney of Fredonia, N. Y., and Wilde
West, a resident of Rockford, Ill. I was
about to enter a barber shop in a small
village of southern Ohio when I was ar-
rested by a peculiar sign painted gaudily
upon the window. It read as follows:
"Arthur Lee, Artist in Shavery. Bar-
berous work done cheap and in haste."

The United States of Europe.

A French barrister, M. Desmaré,
lately wrote to Sig. Crispi pressing him
to take the initiative in organizing the
United States of Europe. This was
Crispi's reply: "The league of the three
monarchies, Italy, Germany and Aus-
tria-Hungary, has been formed to guar-
antee the peace of the continent and
without any desire of conquest. It is
henceforth the kernel of the European
confederation. If France chose she
might join the three powers, who would
receive her into their company with en-
thusiasm. Her example would doubt-
less be followed by the other nations,
and we should have at once and with-
out difficulty the United States of
Europe. General disarmament, the
lightening of taxation, and the welfare
of the taxpayers would naturally fol-
low. In this great European union, re-
moving all reason for the preponder-
ance of one state over another, the
question of nationalities would be
quickly and amicably solved by the
confederation. It would be a matter of
internal organization and nothing else."

BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
Roanoke Savings Bank, at Roanoke, in the
State of Virginia, at the close of business Decem-
ber 2, 1891.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts.....\$48,404 73
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages... 3,311 70
Real estate, furniture and fixtures.... 338 27
Checks and other cash items..... 61 88
Specie..... 75 80
Legal-tender notes..... 511 00
Total.....\$52,703 37

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in.....\$39,764 33
Surplus fund..... 2,000 00
Undivided profits..... 1,069 99
Individual deposits subject to check... 6,293 40
Time certificates of deposit..... 522 50
Due to National Banks..... 63 24
Bills payable..... 3,000 00
Total.....\$52,703 37

STATE OF VIRGINIA, CITY OF ROANOKE, ss:
I, Chas. R. Evans, cashier of the above-
named bank, do solemnly swear that the above
statement is true to the best of my knowledge
and belief.
CHAS. R. EVANS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th
day of December, 1891.
OSWALD S. HAWKINS, N. P.

Correct—Attest:
J. D. SMITH,
A. E. KING, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
Fidelity Loan and Trust Company, at Roa-
noke, in the State of Virginia, at the close of
business December 2, 1891.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts.....\$293,757 01
Overdrafts..... 1,083 84
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages... 1,883 38
Due from national banks..... 28,531 25
Real estate, furniture and fixtures.... 4,697 84
Current expenses and taxes paid... 6,129 60
Checks and other cash items..... 2,993 96
Fractional paper currency, nickels and
pennies..... 58 72
Specie..... 627 34
Legal-tender notes..... 310 35
Total.....\$346,451 79

STATE OF VIRGINIA, CITY OF ROANOKE, ss:
I, J. V. Jamison, secretary and treasurer of the
above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above
statement is true to the best of my
knowledge and belief.
J. V. JAMISON, Sec'y and Treas.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th
day of December, 1891.
VAN TALLAFERRO, N. P.

Correct—Attest:
JOHN SEXTON,
JOS. T. ENGLISH, } Directors.
T. T. FISHER, JR.

CHRISTMAS IS ON

AT
Heironimus
& Brugh's,
110 COMMERCE STREET.

They are showing in
their line more pretty
things in every depart-
ment suitable for gifts
than can be found in a
day's shopping.
You can get anything
in the Dry Goods line
at their store.

Store open until 10 o'clock p. m.
from now until Christmas.

All Cloaks and Nov-
elty Dress Goods have
been marked down to
less than first cost to
close them out.

Heironimus
& Brugh's.

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A Mysterious Fire.
A mysterious fire occurred last night
in the furniture store of Copper &
Stone. Two fine plush covered chairs
which stood near the centre of the floor
took fire, and the fire which de-
corated them flared up like an explosion.
Officer Gee, who happened to be in the
store at the time, carried the chairs out
in the effort. The proprietors have no id-
ea how the fire originated. The loss is
about \$30.

The Lindley Company.
" My Partner was very creditably
produced at the Opera House last night
by the Lindley Company. To-night,
" Little Lord Fauntleroy " will be the
attraction, and on Saturday a grand
matinee will be given.
The marriage fever which at present
seems to be raging in Roanoke has
struck this company. Miss Valerie Les-
monde and Earle P. Lewis, both mem-
bers of the company, are to be married
Friday afternoon. The wedding will
be a private one.

THE Moller, Needham, Packard, and
Cough & Warren organs in stock by
the Smith Music Company. Low prices
rule.
Jan11-17

BARGAINS.
COPPER & STONE,
FURNITURE!
10 SALEM AVENUE S. E.

Every article they offer for sale is a genuine bargain at
the figures asked. Note some of the following prices:

Odd beds low as \$1.75. Steel woven-wire springs, \$2.75.
All feather pillows at \$2 per pair. A good bed lounge at \$10.
Oak frame rockers from \$1.75 up. Antique center tables,
22x24-inch top, \$1.75. Our \$28.50 10-piece solid oak bed room
suit cannot be beaten.

EVERYTHING NEW. We sell no second-hand goods,
nor allow stock-keepers to accumulate. We sell for cash and
give personal attention to every customer. Call and get ac-
quainted, and see if our claim to sell cheaper than any one else
is not verified. Respectfully,

COPPER & STONE.
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J. F. WINGFIELD,
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT,
114 Commerce Street.

We beg to call your attention to
the following list of very cheap
and desirable property.

- Lot 40x130 feet on Tazewell street, \$500.
50x132 1/2 feet on southeast corner Henry and Tenth
avenue s. w., \$1,900.
Lot on east side of Henry street, 50x132 1/2, \$1,750.
N. E. corner of Tenth avenue and Nelson street, 35x150
feet, \$2,500.
40x150 on east side of Nelson street, near Jos. W. Coxe,
\$2,500.
Beautiful lot in Lewis Addition, 50x130 feet, \$1,000.
Lot on Center street, 50x130, \$500, \$50 cash balance \$25
per month.
Two 3-room houses for \$800 each.
10-room house, rents for \$35 per month, price \$2,500.
50x130 on corner Sixth street and Moorman road, \$500.
We are now offering some bargains in improved and unim-
proved property and persons who are looking for houses or
who intend to invest will find it to their interest to call on us.
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Our stock is not shelf-worn or
damaged. Every article is
new and clean. The regu-
lar price is marked in
plain figures on
every article.

Not to be undersold
by trustee or fire
sales, we reduced the
price on our entire Elegant
Stock of Clothing and Fur-
nishing Goods, 33 1/3 per cent.
P. S.—A guess ticket for the Burning
Candle given with every dollar's worth
you buy.

K. & S.,
RELIABLE CLOTHIERS,
40 Salem Avenue, Roanoke, Va.
ang25-1yr

HINTS TO HOME AND HOUSE BUILDERS.

Old style mantels and grates are played out. They add nothing to the
appearance or value of a house.
For every dollar invested in hardwood mantels, tile facings, improved
grates and handsome brass goods you add \$10 to the value of your house.
We have a large stock for low prices and guarantee faultless work.

VAN HORN & GREENE,
dec5-1yr 21 Campbell Street, Opposite Postoffice.

HOTEL ROANOKE,
Roanoke, Va.

MAPLE SHADE INN,
Pulaski City, Va.

BLUEFIELD INN,
Bluefield, W. Va.
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