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heroic patient suffering, where the victim  
is gentle woman, whose fortitude and vi-  
tality is not surpassed in gladiatorial struggles;  
but our local history bears the names and tells  
the story of a heroic trial as ever graced the  
page of immortal history, and yet they live un-  
noticed in modest retirement. To suffer daily  
for years with a terrible clinging disease, and re-  
ceive no relief, and yet patiently perform the  
routine of household duties, deserves the admi-  
ration of every noble spirit.

Mrs. S. Virginia Forbes, of No. 320 East avenue  
n. e., Roanoke, has been one of these martyrs for  
seven long years. Open-hearted and willing, she  
told a representative of the Herald her story, as follows:

"I have suffered with catarrh for seven years,  
and have received no relief until I commenced  
treatment under Dr. L. Pearce Coates, catarrh  
specialist of this city. My sufferings at times  
were almost insupportable. A violent, copious  
secretion was constantly finding its way down my  
throat. My throat was continuously sore and I  
was forever hacking and spitting, which caused  
me a great deal of annoyance and was very dis-  
agreeable.

### SEVERAL OFFICERS ELECTED.

#### A New Auditor and Clerk of the Council.

Much Business Transacted at the Meet-  
ing Last Night—The Report of the In-  
vestigating Committee a Surprise.  
The Matter of Investigating the City  
Engineer's Office Referred to the  
Board of Public Works—Council to  
Meet Hereafter Only Once a Month.

An adjourned meeting of Council was held last night. There were present Messrs. Camp, Engleby, Huff, Graves, King, McConnell, McClelland, McCahan, Welsh, Watts and Buckner.

The report of the mayor was received, recommending alterations in the ordinance defining the duties of the board of public works, wherein chapter 5, section 6, of the general ordinances defining the duties of the city engineer conflict. Section 15 and 16, provide that the assistant engineer shall be consulted in matters of public work. This he considered conflicting. He recommended certain alterations.

The other matters which had been referred to the mayor were approved. He recommended that a clerk be allowed the board of public works.

He called the attention of Council to the question whether or not the board of public works had a right to approve bills of public work, or whether or not they had the right to superintend the work which was let to contract prior to their election. The matter of Patterson's contract and its bearing in this matter was called special attention to.

The board of public works presented a lengthy report, giving in detail its work since it was created, and how the board had been organized, with Dr. J. D. Kirk as president and Clarence Coleman secretary.

The report showed that of the special appropriations \$154,889 had been paid out in the last six months. There was now only \$56,013 to carry on the work until July 1. An appropriation of \$2,507 was recommended for salaries for the board of public works, clerk and other officers. The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

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reported from 1 to 3. The second column shows them as they should have been, but for the error made in estimate No. 2.

"The grading is considerably in advance of the macadam. There is now just one mile that has the requisite thickness of macadam. The gutting is several hundred feet in advance of the macadam.

"I have made due allowance in the estimate for the condition of the gutter and the macadam. Some of the gutter has not been sufficient or satisfactory. Yet the weather has been fair weather for, while it has been fair weather for the most part of February, the freezing at nights, then thawing during the day, has prevented to some extent the stone from remaining solid after wetting and rolling.

"Below is number of working days for each month:  
November, working days..... 17.8  
December, "..... 14.1  
January, "..... 5.5  
February, "..... 16.9

Total..... 54.3  
"The contractor wishes to be allowed to begin grading on other streets. You will remember that Campbell street was given him and the work begun, but now he prefers to discontinue work there and asks to be allowed to have streets as far as possible contiguous to Jefferson street, on account of having to move the roller so far from each piece of work. But it seems absurd to ask that more streets be given him when his present facilities for following up the grading with the improved street are so poor. His rolling is far behind the other work, and the rolling is the principal feature in macadam."

Mr. McClelland, chairman of the committee on accounts, reported approved bills to the amount of \$4,211 64.  
Mr. McConnell, of the ordinance committee, introduced a resolution that Council hereafter meet on the first Tuesday after the first Friday in each month. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Watts, chairman of the special committee to examine into the condition of the office of the city engineer's office, presented a report, stating that, in the consequence of the want of technical knowledge on the part of the committee, they requested that the matter be turned over to the board of public works. An error of \$76 had been discovered in the office, and it was evident that the matter should be thoroughly sifted. The report was received and the committee discharged.

### ROANOKE'S BIG SALARY LIST.

#### Amount Paid Out in Wages During February.

The Roanoke Machine Works Makes a Splendid Showing—What the Norfolk and Western Pays—Magnificent Showing of the Local Industries—February was a Short Month—A Large Increase Expected During the Coming Month.

One can hardly form an idea of the amount of money Roanoke pays out for labor in her various industries. So far, such statistics have not been published, but THE TIMES has collected the information and herewith presents it to its readers in figures that cannot be disputed.

The Norfolk and Western, and the Roanoke Machine Works, head the list. In the other industries only the amount paid out for manual labor and for foremen is reckoned.

Following is a list of the industries and their pay rolls for February:  
Roanoke Machine Works, including laborers, mechanics, foremen, clerks and managers..... \$35,000  
Norfolk and Western railroad, round house employes, engine men, iron men, track men, foremen, who are paid in this city..... 27,000  
Norfolk and Western general offices, salaries of general manager, superintendents, various other officials and clerks..... 25,000  
Crozer Steel and Iron Company, foremen, clerks, mechanics and laborers employed in the city..... 10,700  
American Bridge and Iron Company, foremen, mechanics and laborers..... 8,000  
Sh. If Hardware Plant, managers, foremen, mechanics and laborers..... 15,000  
Roanoke Manufacturing Company, foremen, carpenters, machine hands and laborers..... 1,900  
The usual pay roll of this company is from \$1.50 to \$2.00, but owing to a cessation of work on account of moving to new buildings, the pay roll for February is much lighter than ever before.

J. M. Campbell & Co.'s mill, millers, engineers, and laborers..... 400  
Roanoke Milling Company, millers, engineers and laborers..... 500  
Roanoke Times, printers, foremen, manager, editors, reporters, foremen, compositors and pressmen..... 1,500  
The Printing and Manufacturing Company, foremen, editors, reporters, foremen and binders..... 1,548  
Hammond's Printing Works, foremen, compositors, pressmen and binders..... 718  
Evening Work and Pressmen..... 800  
Virginia Brewing Company, foremen, brewers and laborers..... 1,300  
Transparent Ice Company, foremen, engineers, mechanics and laborers..... 300  
Bower Manufacturing Company, foremen, carpenters, machine hands and laborers..... 675  
Roanoke Coal Storage Company, foremen and employes..... 700  
Fleishar's Tobacco Mill, foremen and employes..... 600  
Rorer Mines, Washer and Narrow Gauge Railroad..... 5,500  
Columbia Brick Company, Roanoke Brick Company and West End Brick and Tile Company, combined..... 1,500  
Roanoke Gas and Water Company..... 2,500  
Electric Light Company, foremen, Stone quarries, etc..... 1,310

In addition to these there are a number of wholesale houses and minor industries in the city that employ a large number of men and pay out quite a sum each week.  
The industries named above will aggregate \$170,000. February was a short month, containing one holiday and considerable unfavorable weather.  
Two or three other industries have started up in the past few weeks, and are not included in the list.  
Some of the minor industries have been stopped for various causes, but in nearly every instance there is a favorable showing. The increase of the Machine Works pay-roll over the month of January is \$10,000. Several other industries have increased their pay rolls. The Shelf Hardware plant is a new industry, and is just getting well under way.

**DESPERADOS ARRESTED.**  
Fine Work Being Done by Detective Baldwin's Men.  
WELCH, W. Va., March 4.—[Special]—Chas. Rolls, the desperado arrested by Detective Baldwin's men, was tried before Judge Judge Burton at Vivian yesterday and sent to the Peerysville jail to answer an indictment at the May term of court.  
Lewis Hall, who killed two of the Steels in the county a few months ago, and who has a reputation as a very dangerous man, came up to the trial with a 44 caliber gun buckled around him. Detective Galt arrested Hall and took his gun off.  
Judge Burton promptly fined Hall \$25 and costs. Hall did not like the proceedings, but had too much sense to make a kick.  
Throwing Dynamite in the River.  
J. H. Deavers yesterday saw two negroes throwing dynamite in the Roanoke river. He followed them to town and informed Officer Griffin, who captured one of them. The negro gave his name as Wm. Torrents, and a warrant was afterwards sworn out for his arrest. Mr. Deavers says that much dynamite is being thrown into the river by negro boys. Justice Turner will try the case this morning.  
Adams Bros. & Payne's.  
Adams Brothers & Payne's, of Lynchburg, have opened a branch office in Roanoke, temporarily at No. 8 Campbell street, but will later occupy offices in the Terry building. They will deal extensively in lime, cement, plaster, coal, wood, lumber, etc. The Roanoke Brick Company will have its office at the same place.  
Epaal.  
The ladies of the Epaal Society of the First Baptist Church will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the old church. A full attendance of the membership is earnestly desired. New members received.

### OBSERVING LENT.

#### Society Will Take a Rest For Forty Days.

The Lenten season, which lasts from now until Easter Sunday, plays havoc with all kinds of balls and entertainments in Roanoke.

It is strictly observed by the Episcopalians and Catholics, during which time devout believers in doctrines of those churches abstain from all pleasures.

The fast lasts from Ash Wednesday (this year, March 3) to Easter Sunday which falls on April 10, covering a period of forty days. It is in commemoration of the Lord's forty days' fast and was handed down from the ancient Greek and Roman churches. The rigor of the ancient observance of excluding all meats has been much relaxed, and certain foods can be taken with discrimination.

In Roanoke the different fire companies never think of holding a fair or a ball during Lent. In high society all amusements are abandoned.

Among other religious societies than the Catholics and Episcopalians Lent is hardly observed. Few know when it begins, but all know when it goes out. Easter is a feast of eggs and fine meats in every household, and at the churches the dull season is broken up with songs of praise, early flowers and the voices of children.

**BACK FROM NEW ORLEANS**  
And a Strange Story of a Man Who Got on the Wrong Train.  
The Roanoke contingent returned from New Orleans last night on No. 3. They were in excellent spirits, notwithstanding they lost one of their number at Chattanooga. They had all got out there for breakfast. One of the number hurried back for a good seat, and got on the wrong train. The train moved out with him waving his hand gaily at the rest. Seven miles out he discovered his error and then alighted and started back.

Reports state that an infuriated Roanoker was seen stepping ties toward Chattanooga dressed in red morocco slippers, a brocade dressing gown and a little red cap with a red tassel, and swearing at every step that he would work for the Kent bill from the moment he struck Virginia till the bill became a law.  
Allen Hull brought in the lost one's boots, overcoat and silk tie and had them forwarded to his home. He telegraphed words of cheer to the pedestrian at every station.  
P. S.—It is learned that the missing member is not a Roanoker at all, but hails from Lynchburg, a small station on the Norfolk and Western, about twenty-six miles beyond Bedford City. Roanokers never get left.

### ARGUMENTS STILL GOING ON.

#### Much Eloquence Displayed in the Baker Trial.

Counsel for Both Sides Talking as They Never Talked Before—Some of the Witnesses Pretty Roughly Haunted. More Speeches Will be Made To-day. The Case Will Probably be Given to the Jury Early Next Week.

ABINGDON, Va., March 4.—[Special]—Mr. Blair continued this morning. He asked the jury to consider the change that had taken place since the last trial in the testimony and the opinions of Dr. Taylor.

They he dwelt upon the radical difference of opinion on several points between Dr. Taylor and Prof. Mullet. The speaker paid his respects to the witnesses. He closed with an exhaustive rambling up and an eloquent oration.

His powerful argument was frequently adorned with classic quotations and allusions. It is conceded to have been one of the finest specimens of oratory ever delivered at the Abingdon bar.

Mr. Wysor, of the prosecution, followed Mr. Blair. He arose at 10:13 a. m., and said that he did not mean to begin by paying compliments to the jury; that he had a right to address them, and that he was here to exercise that right.

"The question before you is: Did Dr. Baker poison his wife?  
"If he did, he ought to die. The evidence in this case is partly direct and partly circumstantial. If the facts proved may be admitted and still be consistent with the innocence of the accused, a reasonable doubt is established, and he should be given the benefit of it. But if those facts are inconsistent with his innocence he must go down."

Mr. Wysor spoke about two hours. He closed with a vivid picture of the enormity of the crime charged. The close of his speech was a splendid burst of impassioned oratory.  
Colonel White arose at a few minutes past twelve. He began by arguing the importance of understanding the motives on which this case was founded. Continuing he said:  
"We find that Margaret Gilmer is the witness to prove the adultery. Wyndham Gilmer to prove the a leged attempt on his life. There is strange pooling of interest here. Wyndham Gilmer had brought a divorce suit against his wife. This was dismissed. Was it not dismissed at the price of her testimony against Dr. Baker?  
"There is not a particle of direct evidence to prove that Mrs. Baker ever took any poison. The only evidence that they have brought forward on the subject is the statement of Mrs. Gilmer that Dr. Baker told her that he had given the fatal dose.  
"Even if we accept every word of Mrs. Gilmer's story as true we have nothing more than a statement made to her that she herself did not believe at the time.  
"There is not a particle of evidence to show that Mrs. Baker ever took any medicine containing arsenic in poisonous quantities."  
His speech was earnest, dignified and convincing. He spoke about two hours, closing at 3 p. m.  
Colonel White was followed by Col. John C. Summers, of the prosecution. He made an exhaustive argument on the nature of circumstantial evidence, and took the cases of Dean and Claverius, pointing out their analogy to the Baker case.  
His speech was highly humorous, and the court room was often convulsed by his happy hits.  
When he closed at 4:40 p. m. court adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, when the argument will be taken up by John E. Burson for the defense. The pleading will be finished Monday.

**A Charming Entertainment.**  
FARMVILLE, March 4.—[Special]—A beautiful and unique entertainment was given this evening in the assembly hall of the State French Normal School. The exercises consisted of tableaux from Southern books, music by Southern composers, readings and recitations from Southern poets. The entertainment was planned and executed by charming Southern girls under the direction of Miss Ella Trent, president of the literary society of the school.

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