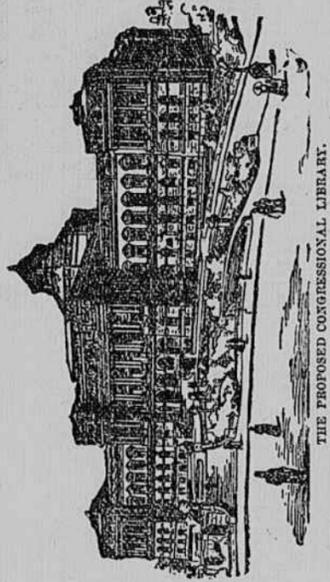


AMERICAN BRAIN.

A. R. Spofford Discusses Our National Library.

All About the New Library Building Which is to Cost \$6,000,000—It Will Soon Contain the Largest Library in the World.

[COPYRIGHT, 1892.] The great American brain is the most active brain in the world. The gray matter which lines our cranium seems to grow in power from year to year, and there are almost as many literary inventions as there are mechanical ones. We are fast becoming a bookish nation, as well as a working one, and the day will come when our national library of congress will surpass in size any of the other great libraries of the world. We have one of the finest librarians of the world in Hon. Ainsworth R. Spofford, who for a quarter of a century has been dealing out books



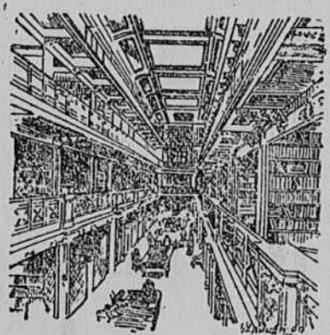
THE PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY.

to the congressmen, scientists and literateurs who make Washington their headquarters. I called on Mr. Spofford yesterday and asked him to tell me the extent of the library and give me the condition of the copyright bill. He talks most interestingly, and the revised result of his conversation is the following. He said:

"We have now in the national library very nearly seven hundred thousand bound volumes and two hundred thousand pamphlets. This is an immense amount of literary matter, and we now rank as the sixth great library in the world. The five greater ones are the national library of France at Paris, the British museum library at London, the royal library of Germany at Berlin, the imperial library of Russia at St. Petersburg. The Paris library is the largest, containing two and a quarter million volumes. The British museum library ranks second, with one and a half million volumes.

"These foreign libraries are much older than ours. The library of congress had a small beginning in the year 1800, when an appropriation of three thousand dollars was made to purchase books for the use of congress. The selections were limited to such works as were needed by the members for reference. As a people we were then almost unknown in literature. There was evidently no thought of giving to the library its present wide scope. Additions were made from time to time and the library gradually assumed a more extended range.

"Besides copies of all books copyrighted and published in the United States, the library contains probably 200,000 foreign books which are procured by both purchase and exchange. About three-fourths of the whole number are of American and English issue. The remaining fourth represents all civilized nations of the world, with France and Germany in the lead. There are books in all the languages of Europe, and a limited number from Asia and other countries. Any foreigner visiting Washington and wishing to con-



INTERIOR OF THE PRESENT LIBRARY.

sult books in his mother tongue may find them here."

"Does the library grow much from year to year?"

"The yearly increase of books in the library is from 15,000 to 20,000. In the actual number of volumes the increase is 10,000 to 12,000 greater, as the copyright law requires the filing of two copies of each publication. One copy is placed in the library and the other is deposited in the copyright archives. From 3,000 to 5,000 volumes, chiefly foreign, are added by purchase each year, and as many more by donation and deposit."

"Tell me something about copyrights."

"The first copyright law," replied Mr. Spofford, "in the United States was passed in 1790. There are books on our shelves bearing that date. In these early days of making books there is no copyright, but at that time the copyright business was not a hundredth

part of what it is now. Last year the number of entries for copyright was 36,225. Of these there were: Books, 14,738; periodicals (in round numbers), 7,600; musical and dramatic compositions, 9,000; photographs, 2,000; engravings and chromos, 2,000. The remaining 3,500 embrace prints, cuts, designs, drawings, paintings, maps and charts. Formerly business trademarks and labels were also issued under the copyright law, but in 1874 these were transferred to the patent office. The issue of copyrights by the librarian of congress is now confined to literature and art in their various branches. A copyright secures the author against pillage of the product of his brain, as a patent does the inventor. The life of a copyright is twenty-eight years. At the expiration of that time it may be renewed for fourteen years more by the author, or by his heirs, if he be dead it cannot be extended beyond forty-two years. There are very few publications the vitality of which is not exhausted long before even the first limit is reached.

"The number of entries for copyrights approximately indicates the birth of new books in each year. The entries are somewhat larger than the actual issue, for in many cases the enterprise ends with the copyright—the manuscript never goes into the hands of the printers. The gratification of literary ambition is more or less expensive. To the publisher it is a simple, sordid question of dollars and cents in which sentiment is a scarcely appreciable factor. He will not publish a book unless he thinks he can make money on it. If the author has means and faith enough in his work to assume the financial risks, he will, of course, have no difficulty in getting his book into print. One whose reputation is assured as a successful caterer to the reading taste of literature, will always find a ready publisher. It is the ambitious novitates in authorship who suffer frequent and grievous disappointment.

"As do the bound volumes in the library, the 200,000 pamphlets cover the widest possible range that the mind can conceive. They are upon every subject that has entered into the mind of man. Naturally much of this class of literature is ephemeral, having only a temporary or local interest. Many of these pamphlets, however, are of permanent historical, statistical or scientific value. These, as well as all bound books, are recorded in a manuscript catalogue classified by topics and by authors, so that anything called for may be readily found. Years ago it was attempted to keep up a printed catalogue, but this proved impracticable, by reason of the large and constantly growing increase of the library and the copyright business, and the plan was abandoned. The manuscript catalogue is found sufficient for all practical needs. This is kept closely up to date, all publications received each day being at once entered according to their proper classification. The catalogue is somewhat ponderous with its 700,000 entries, but so perfect is the system that there is little delay in finding whatever may be wanted."

"How about newspapers?" I asked.

"Besides complete issues of magazines and reviews of all kinds," replied the librarian, "there are in the library a very large number of newspapers, including 16,000 bound volumes. Among them are many foreign newspapers. There are English papers running back more than two centuries, and American papers from a hundred to a hundred and forty years. It may be easily understood that these relics of the past bear little resemblance to the daily issues under the marvelous enterprise and development of to-day in the field of journalism. These old newspapers, in quaint typography, faded and yellow with age, have a value that goes beyond the mere gratification of curiosity. As a record of current events in years long past, the writings and speeches and deeds of former generations, they are often sought by the student of history and the antiquarian. These may be consulted in the library rooms, but under no circumstances are they permitted to be taken away. If lost or destroyed it would be impossible to replace them."

"The library is now very much crowded, is it not?"

"A new and adequate building should have been erected years ago. Congress has long had the subject under consideration, and it is a matter of congratulation that at last the project has crystallized into definite form, and the walls of the new National Library building are slowly but surely rising. An entire square, just east of the capitol, was bought for this purpose. Architects were sent to Europe to examine the great libraries in order that the best possible plan might be perfected. An entire square, just east of the capitol, was bought for this purpose. Architects were sent to Europe to examine the great libraries in order that the best possible plan might be perfected. An entire square, just east of the capitol, was bought for this purpose. Architects were sent to Europe to examine the great libraries in order that the best possible plan might be perfected."

"During the sessions of congress the library is often visited by senators and members of the house in quest of facts and authorities upon topics in which for the time they are particularly interested. At any hour of the day you may see scores of men and women, of all ages, citizens of Washington and strangers, sitting at the tables reading or consulting books of reference. No loud talking is permitted, and the student may pursue his researches undisturbed. The library is a great, growing and invaluable adjunct of the government, but it is scarcely a thing to be proud of in its present state of unavoidable chaos. When housed in its new building it will be an honor to the nation."

DAVID WECHSLER.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements in this column will repay perusal.

NEW PLACE OF BUSINESS. Mrs. E. Walsak has opened a new place. "The popular dyeing, cleaning and repairing, the best and cheapest in the city." No one can make like this house any fancy colors like the shade asked, and make any colors in silk just like new. The place is in corner Commerce and Campbell streets, Roanoke, Va. nov25-6m.

VAN WAGONER, SAMPSON & Gray, General Contractors, Carpenters and Builders. Stair building a specialty. We have also at considerable expense purchased the necessary machinery for house rolling, and can move houses without damage to plaster or furniture. G. VAN WAGONER, R. R. SAMPSON, J. P. GRAY, 307 First street s. w., Roanoke, Va. 210 3mo

THIRD WARD MARKET.—HAYING opened a stall in this market I am prepared to fill all orders for fresh meats. Free delivery in any part of city. Every purchase warranted to give satisfaction. Prices low. Give me a trial. W. A. EYLER (stall 3, in corner, Third Ward market), formerly with N. Rensch, city market. jan25-6m

NICE LODGING ROOMS, 35 AND 37 Railroad avenue, (up stairs). Rooms 25 to 50c per night. Front and back entrance. Prompt and polite attention. S. A. COMPERT. Fine saloon on first floor, No. 35 (Taggle's old stand). Restaurant No. 23 Railroad avenue. dec16-6mo

J. F. PETERS & BROS.'S SALOON. Corner Seventh and Kimball avenues. Fine Wines, liquors, cigars, and cigars. Nice reception room for patrons. Call and see us. Just what you want and good treatment. dec13-6m

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

PEAK & CO. Private Collecting Agency, Times Building, 113 Henry st., Roanoke. Masonic Building, Church street, Lynchburg. Special attention to claims of merchants, doctors, business and professional men generally. No charge unless a collection is made. dec1-1yr

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT your home or at our studio by flash light or by daylight. Development, printing and supplies for amateurs—blue printing. THE ROANOKE STUDIO, 120 Salem avenue. my13-6m

WILKINSON'S MEAT MARKET AND DAIRY. Fresh meats, the best and cheapest, at Wilkinson's Stall, 1 City Market. Low prices. Free Delivery. Leave orders at Wilkinson's, Stall 1, City Market, for fresh milk, cream and butter. Low prices. Free delivery. nov7-1yr

A. L. FUQUA, ROANOKE, VA. Gas-fitting, steam-heating, Scientific Sanitary Plumbing, Boilers, Ranges and Hot Air Furnaces. The latest appliances and most Expert Workmanship. The plumbing, gas-fitting and steam heating in Hotel Roanoke, J. C. Rawns, A. S. Asberry's, Marshall's Cafe and other fine buildings in Roanoke, done by us, are offered as references. Estimates furnished from architects' plans for work at any point in Southwest Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. A. L. FUQUA, 111 Commerce street, Roanoke, Va. jan15-tf

WE THANK OUR PATRONS FOR their past patronage and hope to continue our business relations with them in the future. LOOKA-BILL'S PRINTING HOUSE. In the center of attraction. Roanoke, Va. apl7-1yr

HORSE SHOE HALF DIME RESTAURANT. No. 108 Nelson street, opposite city market. Having increased our capacity we furnish more for the money than any restaurant in the country. Our 5, 10 and 15c meals can't be beat. With 15 years' experience and full corps of servants we can fill orders for wedding breakfasts, private parties, balls and lunches at lowest prices. feb4 CHAS. GRAHAM.

FREDERICK J. AMWEG, C. E. M. Am Soc. C. E. & Engr's Club of Philadelphia engineer, contractor and builder, Commercial Bldg., Building, Roanoke, Va. apr22-tf

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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ARTIFICIAL STONE AND PAVING. The Virginia Artificial Stone and Paving Company, Office, No. 630 First avenue n. w., will contract for artificial stone work, paving, guttering, yard decorations, etc. Estimates furnished; prices low. All work guaranteed. 233 6mo J. D. PARIS, Prop'r.

THE RADFORD CIGAR CO. Sell only Union made cigars. Their brands are Cuba Leaf, Perfection and Chief. Hand made and Union made. 237 6m Ask for these brands only.

TO MY PATRONS! I have sold my butchering business and interest in Stall No. 16, City Market, to M. V. Feathers. My prices are the lowest; my goods new and fresh. Give me a trial and I'll please you. P. C. XANTHAUCOU, 160 Salem avenue s. w.

"ROANOKE STICKERS." Can be had at THE TIMES office. 1,000.....\$ 50 10,000.....\$ 3.75 3,000.....1.25 25,000..... 8.50 5,000..... 2.00 50,000..... 15.00 Stick them on your letters. Stick them on the wall. Stick them everywhere and help advertise the town. They are the same as the "ears" on the first page of THE TIMES.

FLOWERS! FLOWERS! FLOWERS! Cut Flowers and Pot Plants always on hand. Germans, parties and weddings furnished, and funeral designs a specialty. Fresh flowers received daily. Prices low. T. F. McKEAN, at Christian & Barbee's. feb9-6m

NOTICE.—ALL TRAN- sient advertising must be paid cash in advance, to save cost of booking and collecting. Advertisements in the one-cent-a-word column are one cent for each of the first two insertions and half a cent a word for each subsequent insertion.

WANTED—HELP. WANTED—A SMART GIRL ABOUT ten or twelve years old to be taken into the family. Will be required to assist in household duties and will be well educated and taken care of. Address LOCK BOX 291 Salem, Va. 2 28 1w.

WANTED—SITUATIONS. WANTED—POSITION AS BOOK-keeper or clerk; years of experience; best reference furnished. Address "S," TIMES" office. 3 2 1mo

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS. WANTED—EVERYBODY TO know that Millard McLaughlin, who bought the livery of Miller and Whaling & Co., is prepared with finest lines of hacks and teams in city to attend weddings, operas, Germans and funerals. Fine saddle horses and complete livery turnouts. Robertson street adjoining Whaling's sale stables. jan15-tf

MONEY TO LEND! I desire to make 15 or 20 \$1,000 Building Association loans. JNO. W. WOODS, SOLICITOR, Moomaw Building, Jefferson street. 2 19 1mo

DRESS MAKING—LADIES WISH- ing to have fashionable dressmak- ing done call at No. 347 John street up- stairs. 2 13 1m

FOR RENT. IMPROVED PROPERTY FOR RENT. Parties having the same for rent or desiring the same are requested to call at J. S. GROVES, 34 1f 21 Campbell street.

IF YOU WANT TENANTS LIST your houses with HOGUE & GUNN, rental agents, 55 Salem avenue. Rent-ers please notice. 2 25 1f

LARGE, PLEASANT ROOMS, cen- trally located, 24 Sixth avenue s. w. 2 21 1m

FOR RENT. Convenient front office on ground floor. Apply at TIMES BUSINESS OFFICE. 2 21 1f

W. I. WATTS & CO., REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AGENTS, Office:—113 Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Va. If you wish to sell or rent property, list it with us. 1 10 1yr

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—ROOMS UNFURNISH- ed suitable for sleeping rooms, light housekeeping or offices. BROOKS, Photographer, next to Post Office. jan10-1f.

FOR SALE. A GOOD BUSINESS FOR SALE— One of the neatest and best pay- ing public houses in Southwest Vir- ginia for sale, including two story new house with first-class bar fixtures and furniture; all new and first-class. Good reason for selling. See S. S. JONES, Attorney, Roanoke, or address BOX 101, Buchanan, Va. 3 4 eod 2w

BARGAIN—SECOND-HAND SODA water outfit for less than one-third the original cost. Call or address MASSIE & MARTIN, druggists. 3 3 1w

GOOD BUILDING STONE CHEAP for cash; all sizes. M. A. CHAND- LER, room 19, Moomaw building Jef- ferson street. 3 3 1m

ONE NICE LOT ON LOUDON AVENUE, only \$375. J. F. WING- FIELD, Box 280. 2 28 1wk

SPECIAL PRICES ON CRYSTAL Spring lots. J. F. WINGFIELD, 114 Commerce street. 2 28 1wk

LOT ON TAZEWELL STREET, \$500 cash; \$600 regular terms. J. F. WINGFIELD, 114 Commerce street. 2 28 1wk

THE STUDEBAKER FARM WAG- ON. For sale by HUGHES & CAMP. dec8-tf

BOARDING. TABLE BOARDERS AND roomers wanted by MRS. TATE, corner Henry street and Seventh avenue; strictly first-class accommodations. 3 4 1w.

WANTED—BOARDERS WITH OR without lodging. 513 Second street s. w. 3 3 1w

BOARDERS—WANTED AT 19 Third avenue n. w. 3 2 2w

WANTED—ROOM AND TABLE boarders, 504 Campbell street. All modern conveniences. 2 28 1f

ROOM AND TABLE BOARDERS R wanted at 27 Seventh avenue s. w. MRS. RHODES. 3 11 1m

BOARDERS WANTED—FIRST class board with home comforts at reasonable rates. MRS. HACKETT, 24 Third avenue n. e. jan14-tf

LOST AND FOUND. LOST—ON FEBRUARY 29, BE- tween Jacob Trout's and Roanoke, pocket book containing valuable papers. A liberal reward will be paid on return of same to TIMES office. 3 2 1w

NOTICE OF MEETINGS. Stockholders' Meeting, Roanoke and Southern Railway Company. ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 12, 1892. A general meeting of the stockholders of the Roanoke and Southern Railway Co. will be held at its office, at Roanoke, Va., on Wednesday, the 16th day of March, 1892, at 12 o'clock M., said meeting having been called on the re- quirement of stockholders holding more than one-tenth of the capital stock of said company. A. P. WARRINGTON, F. H. FRIES, 2 13 1d Secretary. President.

NOTICE. A general meeting of the stockholders of the Vinton Land and Improvement Company will be held at the office of M. T. C. Jordan, Room 12, Masonic Temple, Roanoke, Va., on Monday, March 7 1892, at 12 o'clock M. M. T. C. JORDAN, General Manager. By order of— H. L. PAGE, Secretary. feb6-tin

FOR SOCIAL EVENTS. WEDDING INVITATIONS AND Calling Cards, correct in form and execution, made by the GEDNEY & ROBERTS COMPANY, Stationers and Engravers, Washington, D. C. feb7-1m

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. TO THE CITIZENS OF ROANOKE: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the position of commonwealth's attorney for the city of Roanoke, subject to the action of the Democratic party should a primary be held. If elected I promise to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and fearlessly. Respectfully, W. O. HARDWAY.

FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY. W. S. GOOCH. Subject to Democratic primary, if held.

PLANING MILL FOR SALE.

RARE CHANCE. Small Cash Payment. Balance Long Time and Easy Installments.

The building complete with all ma- chinery and outfit for a first-class sash and door factory. Lot 100x133. Factory 50x100. Railroad frontage. Buildings newly completed. Machinery in excellent condition. Parties desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity address or call and full particulars will be furnished.

M. H. O'MOHUNDRO & CO., Real Estate Brokers, 4 South Jefferson street. jan27-1yr

BUSINESS NOTICES. NOTICE. The board of directors of the Crystal Land Company have fixed on the office of the Roanoke Trust, Loan and Safe Deposit Company as the place for the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the said Crystal Spring Land Com- pany, at which place the said annual meeting will be held on the 21st day of March, 1892, at 12 o'clock m. All stockholders are requested to be present in person or by proxy. Done by order of the board of directors the 20th day of February, 1892. W. S. McCLANAHAN, Secretary. 3 5 to 21

PRACTICAL STAIR BUILDER. J. J. GARRY. Corner Roanoke street and Salem avenue. References—E. H. Stewart, Dr. J. D. Kirk, H. M. Daniel, Architects Noland & de Sausure, Gustaf Bottiger, Wilson & Huggins, T. U. Wal- ter, Contractors and Builders J. F. Barbour, J. W. Shields, J. B. Pollard, Mahoney Bros. 3 4 1y

NOTICE. Whereas letters of administration upon the estate of Gillis F. Lark, de- ceased, late of the city of Roanoke, Va., have been granted to me, the under- signed, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the said estate are re- quested to make known the same with- out delay to A. J. OLIVER, Administrator, No. 306 Salem ave. s. w. March 1, 1892. 3-1-30d.

NOTICE. Having been appointed by Mrs. B. C. Martin, under power of attorney, to settle the estate of J. A. Martin, de- ceased, all parties are hereby requested to come forward and settle. I am pre- pared to pay all debts proven and collect any debts due the estate. OWEN DUGGAN. 2 25 1m.

NOTICE. We, the undersigned stockholders of the Ellison Development Company, representing 10 per cent of the stock, hereby call a meeting of the stockholders of said company to be held at the office of said company, to be held at Ellison, Va., on the 24th day of March, 1892. The object of the said meeting is to examine into the legality of the last meeting and to complete the organization and elect proper officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

NOTICE. Name. No. Shares. Name. No. Shares. M. T. C. Jordan.....500 Silas Shelburne.....250 Wm. Luneford.....400 Geo. Gravatt, Jr.....400 E. B. Spencer, Jr.....295 W. P. Camp.....70 D. L. Solomon.....45 W. P. Camp.....30 J. H. Wingate.....100 W. J. Biggs.....205 Nannie L. Budwell J. T. Helm.....150 \$x. per John Ott J. S. Henderson.....60 agent.....100 J. F. Stump.....30 A. P. Neal.....70 J. W. Barrott.....139 J. O. Hains.....55 Mrs. S. A. Barz (n. 300 Francis B. Kemp.....100 W. S. Pole.....190 Total.....5,259 2 18 1m.

NOTICE. SIDLINGER, photographer, 301 Jefferson.

SALE OF COMMON STOCK OF THE ROANOKE DEVELOPMENT COM- PANY. Acting under authority conferred by resolution of the board of directors of the Roanoke Development Company, I will offer for sale for cash by public auction, ON SATURDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1892, AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., at the office of said company, in the city of Roanoke, Va., the following shares of the common stock of said company, default having been made in the payment of assess- ments made thereon by said company: Fifty shares belonging to J. W. Rhodes, amount due thereon, \$2,000.00, being four assessments of 10 per cent each. L. R. SOLLENBERGER, Secretary.

NOTICE. I have sold and assigned the above stock, the purchaser assuming all pay- ments. J. W. RHODES. jan31-1ds.

SEAL PRESSES, PLAIN, \$3. SELF-inking rubber stamps, from 75 cents up to \$5. Hand stamps, from 25 cents up. Self-supplying pads, 25 to 50 cents. Stamp supplies of every description, as low in price as any manufacturer in the United States. Call on or address J. T. HALL, 103 Third avenue.

THE BONSAK MILLS. NEW ROLLER MILL STARTED. We desire to say to our friends and customers that we are ready to make flour, meal and chops of the best quality at the Bonsack Mills and wish the patronage of all who may favor us with their custom. Special attention given to exchange with the farmers. Ample protection will be provided to secure safety for all teams. Market prices for all kinds of grain. Yours very truly, KIRBY & THOMAS 2 13 3m.

MUSIC. MISS ALICE APPLETON, OF THE New England Conservatory of Music, is now prepared to give vocal and piano lessons at her residence, cor. Second avenue and Ninth street. dec16-1f

ROANOKE PAPER STOCK AND METAL COMPANY. Holiday street, near R. & S. Depot. Buy and sell hides, furs, tugs, bones, beeswax, old papers, iron, brass, cop- per, lead, etc. etc. nov29-1yr