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GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION. Elect Officers Yesterday.

The first annual meeting of the Virginia Good Roads Association was held here yesterday in the courthouse, President F. W. Darling presiding. The Good Roads Association was organized here one year ago, and has been active in its efforts for better roads during the past year. It was through the influence and activities of this association that the Peninsula sand-clay road was built last summer, this organization having raised directly \$8,446 which it added to the funds contributed by the counties through which the highway passes. It was built under their supervision, the association being represented by Mr. L. B. Marville, of Newport News, who gave it much attention.

The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock by President Darling and roll call showed about 25 present out of a total membership of about 240.

The annual report of the treasurer, George F. Adams, of Old Point, was read by Secretary W. E. Cottrell, the treasurer being unable to attend. It showed a total collection by subscription of \$8,466.50 and a total disbursement of \$8,436.43. This did not include the appropriations made by counties or the state. Mr. Adams sent a letter of regret at his inability to attend, and pledged the association his aid and assistance.

The secretary's report followed which showed that there was a small deficit. An auditing committee composed of Messrs. Potts, Armstrong and Judge E. E. Montague was appointed to audit the accounts of the officers, who had proper vouchers with all items of expenditure.

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If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. A. H. Miles and Miss Beulah Brooks spent Tuesday in Richmond.

Death of Mrs. Margaret Yates

Died in her home near Toano, March 15, after a short but painful illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Margaret Yates, aged 67 years.

She was a widow of John R. Yates, having survived her husband 24 years and two months. She leaves four sons and one daughter, as follows: R. L. Yates, of Richmond; M. W. Yates, John C. Yates, W. Edwin Yates and Miss Annie Yates, all of Toano.

The funeral was conducted in home Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Mr. White. Interment was in the old family burying ground on the farm of the late M. J. Martin.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers.

In Defense of an Outraged People

Editor The Gazette:

With all Virginia bowed in grief over the death of her martyred servants; with the prestige of the state driven to shame and remorse by the deeds of the mountainous outlaws; with the finger of scorn pointed toward the mountains of Southwest Virginia, I take up my pen in defense of those who reside in the recesses of those mountain glens, but who are loyal to law and order.

Every law abiding citizen of Virginia deprecates the awfulness of the crime. Every one desires a hasty trial and swift judgment for those implicated in the tragedy.

Believing that some are too hasty in passing judgment and apply their remarks too generally, I am prompted to write this article in defense of those who regret the occurrence as much so as can anyone.

Many insist on believing that the entire populace of the mountains belong to the class in which the Allen belong. Such remarks strike terror to the hearts of us who are Southwest Virginians, but law-abiding men. We who were reared among those mountains, who have mingled with the classes that are true citizens, know that some as true Virginians as ever breathed live in that section.

Twenty two counties and two cities properly compose Southwest Virginia. Generally speaking, they are mostly mountainous, and in remote sections of several of these counties are bands of "moonshiners" who defy law and its agents. Possessed with hwarlike nature, they are a menace to civilization. But all the desperate men of the Allen type would probably be an average of ten to the county.

Are we poised to remain silent while others trample the name of our home land into the mire of crime and shame? It is useless to think that we will. Four hundred thousand highlanders dwell in the midst of those mountains. They are bowed in grief over the crime, they weep for the lonely widows and weeping children of the courthouse martyrs. In our section of Virginia live men of note and talent. We do not sit idle and tell of the deeds our fathers did. We count ourselves great on the merits of our acts and not on the blue blood that flowed through the veins of sacred ancestors.

In the section of Virginia generally termed the Southwest dwell such men as these: Judge Buchanan of the supreme court of Virginia, U. S. Senator Swanson, Congressman Saunders, Slemp, Ex-Governor Tyler, Corporation Commissioner Rhea, Ex-Corporation Commissioner Stuart, Registrar of the Land Office Richardson, Attorney General Williams, Clerk of the House of Delegates Williams, Lynch of the Insurance Bureau, Ex-Alexander Ayers, Novelist John Fox, and hundreds of other worthy men.

In the student-body of William and Mary are nineteen Southwest boys; one on the faculty roll and still another in charge of the city high school. We appeal to the public, especially to those who are strangers to the Southwest people to not accept the words of Mr. Mead who preached at the Episcopal church Sunday, as ideal facts. In speaking of the horrors of the Carroll county tragedy, he said it was caused by the absence of churches and the preaching of God's word. Again he said that there were churches and worship in their way but very often the ministers made "moonshine" and sold it to their congregation.

Such crimes as the Allen gang committed are blows at law and or-

der and such sermons as Mr. Mead preached are insults to Christian workers. In every town, village, hamlet, on every public highway, in every neighborhood, churches are in existence, ministers are abundant, and Christians are devoted to the cause of God.

All citizens did not aid the Allen band in planning their terrible crime. In the shadow of three churches in the town of Hillsville, in the temple of justice, they swooped down upon the officers of the law and left death and blood stain in their wake. Would the image of an Episcopal church have staid their hands and cooled their brain that morning? Perhaps it would have had so much effect upon those brawny mountain men whom he claims are ignorant of the teachings of the Holy Writ. The sight of many Episcopal churches, the peal of their bells, the sound of their grand sweet music did not appease the mind of Henry Clay Beatty, Jr., when he decided to rid himself of the woman he had sworn to to love and shield.

Richmond city nor Chesterfield county are not to be judged by what Beatty did. Then why should Southwest Virginia as a unit be judged by what a few men did? The crime was not committed because there were no churches. The Baptists, the Methodists, and the Presbyterians have thousands of churches and Sunday Schools scattered over those mountains. Why should a minister picture a scene more dreadful than it is? It is not necessary to add fiction to facts in a case like this, however bad he desired the coffers of his church to be filled.

We do not object to his epithets when applied to Allen's clan, but we do not care to be classed as a member and will not sit mum when our highland neighbors are classed in that ring.

With regards to all who love duty and honor, I am a Southwesterner.

W. M. Grimsley.

Williamsburg, Va., March 18,

Rushing Potato Planting

Word comes from the county that the farmers are taking advantage of the fine spring weather to rush the planting of the early Irish potato crop. The late spring has greatly delayed planting and consequently reduced the acreage.

Mr. C. C. Branch will still hold the lead in acreage, with the Martins as a close second. Besides the potato crop, melons will be largely planted. Mr. C. B. Martin is contracting for the growing of as many acres as he can get, furnishing the seed and fertilizer and buying the entire crop at a good figure.

Holdcroft.

Holdcroft, Va., March 19—Springtime has come once again to gladden the hearts of those who have passed through one of the hardest winters in many years. The shad is now being sought for but has not made his appearance yet.

A most interesting feature of the meeting of the Civic Improvement League Wednesday last was a debate. Resolved, That the Civil War was a help to the South. Affirmative: Miss Edna Graves and Dr. R. B. Davis; negative, Stanley Parsons and J. W. Binns. The affirmative was awarded the decision. The Holdcroft Evening Journal afforded the usual amount of fun as one after another the young people of the community were almost flayed alive as their social downfall and uprisings were brought before the public.

Notes Here and There

Mr. R. B. Slater, of Toano, was in town Monday, looking after the repairs to the Hinton house which he bought recently. He will put it in through repair.

Mr. Julian Tyler, of Richmond, spent Monday here with his friend, Mr. Archie Brooks.

Mr. William E. Greene, who came here last fall from Maine and located on the Ben Scott farm near Ewell, has decided to move to Connecticut. He likes Virginia, especially the Peninsula, but got a satisfactory position in the nutmeg state, to which he will move his family.

Mr. George P. Coleman, assistant State Highway Commissioner, spent Sunday here with his family. George, as he is familiarly known with his friends, is one of the most popular men who have gone out of Williamsburg in recent years, and he is making a splendid record in his chosen field. He is thoroughly in love with the work and is full of the spirit of progress for his beloved state.

Dr. G. W. Brown, superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital accompanied by Dr. De Jarnette, of the Western, at Staunton, were in New York the past week, inspecting the leading hospitals after ideas for their institutions.

Mr. Z. G. Durfey, who is connected with the state road force, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Durfey. Mr. Durfey is doing some good work for the state in road building.

Sheriff Walker Ware, of Toano, and Messrs. John Barnes and Carter Cowles, of Diascond, were in town Monday on business.

The Rev. W. M. Hunter, president of the Williamsburg Female Institute, has just returned from a trip in the interest of his institution.

The Daily Press circulation car braved the bad roads between here and Newport News Sunday. Editor West came up to see the town, but was careful to go back by train Sunday evening. The chauffeur took the car back Monday afternoon.

Mr. J. D. Bull, of York county, who for the past three weeks has been ill with pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

The vestry of Bruton Parish church at a regular meeting Monday night appointed Dr. W. A. Montgomery and Mr. John Tyler, of that body, and Mrs. Spencer Lane, of the congregation, to act as judges at the annual election of a vestry Easter Monday. The election will take place in the parish house from 11:30 A. M. till 1 P. M.

The Daily Press circulation car spent Sunday and Monday in Williamsburg, having run up Sunday morning. The driver said he saw no road, but a fine stretch of mud-holes between here and Newport News. Mr. West, who came up Sunday, took the train for home in the evening.

Jamestown Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, of Williamsburg, is up in arms against the action of the head camp at Chicago, in increasing the rates in insurance. The local camp, in a set of resolutions, calls the action "unjust and dishonest," and asks the Virginia delegation in Congress to call a legislative inquiry into the methods of the order. They have had their resolutions printed and will mail copies to many lodges in this and other States. The spirit of revolution is very strong here and the insurgents propose to fight.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by all dealers.

Buying Seed Corn

The shortage of good seed corn is becoming more apparent every day. Many of those who had seed corn for sale have already sold out, and the farmer who sold out, or is short of seed, is beginning to realize that good seed is going to be a continued advance in the price until the planting season is over.

Any marked advance in the price is bound to bring into the market a considerable amount of undesirable seed corn. Even corn that in other years would have been used only for feed is certain to be offered for seed. This will mean that anyone who must purchase seed corn will have to exercise unusual care in his purchase.

Only varieties known to ripen in the locality should be purchased, and whenever possible, it should have been grown in the immediate locality. Corn that requires the full length of the season to ripen in a given locality, cannot with safety or profit be grown very much farther to the northward. This will mean that the farmers should insist on seed corn that is high in its germination test and strong and vigorous in its vitality. Good vitality makes seed corn worth a good price while poor vitality makes it dear at any price. Seed corn growers are usually honest; but if one would know what he is buying he should purchase his seed corn only on the ear. This will afford him an opportunity to know the type of corn that he is buying; and when bought under a guarantee as to its germination test, he can give it the individual ear test and compel the seedsmen to make good his guarantee.—O. M. Olson, Extension Division, Minn. College of Agriculture.

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Binns Hall.

Binns Hall, Va., March 18.—Mr. Babcock, our county treasurer attended the Republican convention at Roanoke last week.

The storm on Friday was so severe that the mail-carrier did not succeed in reaching Providence Forge.

We are looking forward to school day which will be held at the courthouse on April 12th. Many of our boys and girls are going to compete for the different prizes offered.

POLITICAL POT SIMMERING. Candidates Slow Coming Out.

The political pot is not boiling in Williamsburg, and although the primary for the nomination of Democratic candidates for mayor and council is only about a month off, there is no falling over each other to get into the running. The day is not far away, however, when we shall probably hear that the list is full to overflowing.

E. H. Proctor was the first to assure his friends that he would ask for a nomination. The Gazette said last week that he was a member of the "Billion Dollar Council," which has probably been misunderstood. Mr. Cole and Mr. Lane were also members of that council, and we believe that it did more actual constructive work for the up-building and growth of the town than was done by all the other city councils preceding. Even if it did go beyond the appropriation, we have what the money bought to show for it. Mr. Proctor need not be ashamed of that part of his public record, even if there is a class here who condemn it. Non-progressives would have us walking waist deep on unpaved, unlighted sidewalks, if they thought it would save them a dollar a year at tax paying time. There's the pinch with most of the critics of the "Billion Dollar Council."

But getting back to the political pot and the politicians. It may be stated on authority that R. L. Spencer will again be a candidate for city council. Mr. Spencer was elected to fill an unexpired term and has been an able and active member of the present council. There has never been any question as to where he stood as to schools and streets. He got a little "off" on the courthouse proposition (from our view point) but he had as much right to his opinion as others.

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C. & E. A. Association Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Williamsburg Civic & Educational Association was held in Nicholson school building Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Winder Lane presiding. There was a large attendance on account of the annual election of officers. The following will fill the offices for the ensuing year:

President, Miss Edith M. Smith; first vice president, Miss Lottie Garrett; second vice-president, Miss Lucy Vaiden; secretary, Mrs. James T. Christian; assistant secretary, Miss Virginia Wise; corresponding secretary, Miss Kelly; librarian, Mrs. George Coleman.

Chairman of the Educational Department, Mrs. Henry E. Bennett.

Chairman Civic Department, Mrs. Norvell Henley.

The association fixed Tuesday, April 30 as "cleaning day" for the town. Everybody is supposed to give especial attention to their premises on that day, and the town will no doubt put at the disposal of the public its town cart.

The Ladies' Social Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ed. Vaughn at Cars Hill, March 27, 1912, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.