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A DEMOCRATIC SPEECH.

Hon. John E. Massey Opens the Campaign at Big Stone Gap and Delivers an Interesting Argument on the Issues of the Day.

The Hon. John E. Massey spoke to a large crowd at the new building of A. Summerfield on Wood avenue last Friday evening. Mr. Irvine introduced the speaker as one of the noblest men of the grand old State in the Union. In response to which Gov. Massey said: "We claim Kentucky as one of Virginia's daughters, and I feel at home among the Kentuckians. It is a great pleasure for me to be with you to-night, although I did not expect when I came to your city to have the honor to be called on to address you, and I shall speak promiscuously and not merely politically. Nine years ago I spoke to the citizens of this county under a large tree near this place, the place I pointed out to a friend to-day while riding. There was nothing here then. Since that time you have made great progress and I congratulate you most heartily on what you have done and the resources with which you are surrounded. When the late unpleasantness ended," he said, "the South was almost annihilated and destitute, but the South went bravely to work, and has not depended on the government for aid, but relied on its own merits, and what was once regarded as a misfortune was perhaps for the best, for the men who make the most of this life are the men who rely on themselves, and the South is now coming to the front and being recognized by the commercial world. Virginia has the brightest prospects before her. She is now one of the most prominent States, and will soon take the rank where she stood years ago. When I was here before, I was discussing State affairs and the finance of Virginia. People were not willing to come here and invest their money, because they thought Virginia was not able to meet her obligations, and their property would be taxed too heavily. That is one question that is being agitated by capitalists out of Virginia to-day."

He explained the first principles of the government, and said that nothing should be adopted as policy that was not honest and equal between man and man, and man and government. "Each individual is expected to contribute his portion for the maintenance of the government, and if he fails to do that he fails to meet his obligations as a moral citizen, and then he has a right to expect from the government its protection. If we were to have to-night to form a government we would want to make it equally just to all. But every man has a right to form his opinion and they cannot be alike. The government has a right to call upon her citizens for a sufficient amount to run it economically. Now if it has taken more than that there is something wrong somewhere. There are three ways of raising this money: by direct taxation, which many advocate as being the best way to run the government, but there is a sometimes difficulty in getting the property assessed properly. The poor man who has only a cow, a horse and a few domestic implements is sure to be assessed or everything he has, while the rich man may withhold his bonds, stocks, notes and valuables from notice.

"Then there is the internal revenue system, which I do not think meets the objection of any but those who live by opprobrium of the people. And last is the tariff, imposed duties, which is the best and most economical way to run the government. The expenses of the government, including the pension bills, amount to four hundred and fifty millions of dollars, and the democrats are in favor of raising every dollar of that money by tariff and incidentally to protect our home industries. How can they call that free-trade? The argument on the other hand that our home industries need a special protection. I can understand why the producer is in favor of high tariff, but I cannot understand why the consumer is in favor of it. If you put it on the manufacturer he puts it on the manufacturer.

"I gave the following illustration in speaking of the farmers in favor of protective tariffs: 'A man departed this life and went down to the lower regions before he was expected. The master said: 'I was looking for you and have not accommodations, but you can look around while

Wednesday-Afternoon Literature Classes.

A course in "English Literature of the Present Century" is to be given by Mr. Beckford at the Classical school, on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5 p. m. It will be based upon selected readings, the classroom work consisting of brief introductory lectures, from a quarter to a half an hour long, followed by a general discussion of questions under consideration. The course will be adopted especially for those interested in the higher culture and the study of principles of literature. It will continue until after Christmas, and the terms will be two dollars. Should sufficient interest be manifested, several special lectures on allied literary topics, will be given, open to members of the class.

The first meeting of the class will be held next Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 29th, at 4 p. m. The subject will be "Hawthorne"; the special works to be read and considered are "The Marble Faun," "The House of Seven Gables," "The Snow Image" and "The Great Stone Face."

During November, George Eliot, Ruskin, Matthew Arnold, Emerson and Carlyle will be taken up. Lists of selected readings for both November and December will be furnished members of the class on application.

Man Drowned.

Yesterday morning a man by the name of John Balmeter was drowned in Powell's river, just below the double tunnel, near Bee Rock. He is in company with Mr. Lundeen, Winston Brothers' foreman, and another man were attempting to cross the river in a boat, and the river being high, the boat upset throwing them all into the river. Lundeen and the other man succeeded in reaching the bank, but Balmeter was not seen after he went down.

He was a Poleander by birth and came here about two months ago from New York, and was employed by Winston Brothers. His body has not been recovered.

Improvements at East Big Stone Gap.

There is much activity at East Big Stone Gap. The saw mill is running constantly, the grading for the new hotel is progressing, the laying off streets and the construction of houses continue. Not far from it is the plant of the two furnaces, with their great boilers and heavy machinery, which are slowly, but surely being placed in position. A freight train containing a part of the machinery was ditched a few days ago but the little engine got it out.

Altogether the district east of the city is assuming an appearance of business. The untiring energies of Senator Mills are unmistakably making their impression upon his town.

The Water Works.

Mr. J. L. Jennings, of Lynchburg, brother-in-law to the president of the Glamorgan Water Works Company, to whom the contract for putting in our water works was awarded, has been here several days and will begin active operations at once. Much of the pipe has been scattered along the railroad adjacent to the line on which it will be laid and there is more on the road. The work can be carried on through the fall and during a good portion of the winter.

A Negro Row.

On Monday evening last two negroes by the name of Grasley and Maxwell got into a difficulty over Maxwell's wife at the camp. A quarrel ensued and Maxwell shot at Grasley, but the ball took effect in another negro's arm, who was trying to prevent the difficulty. They were arrested and brought before Mayor Skoon the next morning; and Maxwell was sent to jail to answer the charge of shooting with intent to kill.

An Enterprising Firm.

Mr. Shortt proposes to erect a three-story brick building at the rear end of the Ayers building, extending the entire length of that building and fronting on East 5th street, provided he can get the rear end of all those lots at a reasonable figure. He says he thinks there will be no trouble in doing so, as he has spoken to some of the parties and they seemed favorable to it. The building will be used for a storehouse for furniture, and the front next to 5th street to exhibit fine upholstered furniture, thus giving them two fronts on the streets. The expect soon to have a furniture factory in connection with the store.

New Building.

Mr. W. E. Harris has let the contract for the foundation and stonework of his new house, on Poplar Hill, to Messrs. Barr & Bergdy, and work will be commenced at once.

Church Meeting.

The Official Board of the M. E. Church, South, are requested to meet at the Big Stone Gap church tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 o'clock p. m. All the members of the church are earnestly invited to be present, as matters of importance will come up for discussion.

J. O. STRALEY, Preacher in Charge.

Personal.

W. E. Harris went to Lynchburg Tuesday on business.

Judge and Mrs. Joshua F. Ballitt, who have been visiting their son, Captain Ballitt, for the past week, returned to Louisville Tuesday.

Mr. C. A. Hardin left on Monday last to attend the wedding of his partner at law, Mr. W. K. Addison.

Jesse Bean, of Johnson City, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. John M. Goodloe and wife returned last Tuesday.

Mr. George Frost, of Boston, having read in the Post the table showing the high per cent which improved property pays at Big Stone Gap, came here with a view of purchasing lots and building on them. He thought, however, that the lots were too high. Some of our real estate owners should certainly make concessions to those who wish to build on the lots they purchase. The enhanced value of the property adjoining would afford compensation to the lot owners for the reduction in the price. Mr. Frost's address is 31 Bedford street, Boston.

Mr. H. E. Fox returned yesterday from New York.

Mr. C. F. Flannery, of Gladstone, was in town yesterday.

One of the Right Kind.

(Bristol News.)

W. S. Palmer, who never tires of speaking of the greatness of the Southwest end of Big Stone Gap in particular, is in the city. He is one of the finest real estate men we know. Why don't he settle in Bristol?

An Unexpected Engagement.

(From the Loudoun City.)

The announcement of the engagement of Colonel John Churchill and Miss Tina Nicholas was a surprise, generally to their friends. Although Colonel Churchill, in his subsequent career, he possesses the energy and freshness of a man twenty years his junior. Age hasn't anything to do but gracefully submit when romance and love are all right. It runs in the song that "Love will find the way."

ROBERT BATES, Plaintiff,
vs.
GEO. R. BOWEN, et al., Defendants.

Whereas Robert Bates, heretofore exhibited to our Circuit Court of Wise County, Virginia, his bill of complaint against George R. Bowen and others, whereas said bill proceeds have been had, as appears from the records and files of said court; but, before a final decree in the said bill could be pronounced, R. S. Hubbard, one of the defendants, departed this life; and it appearing from decess, heretofore entered in this cause, that the same should be revived against the surviving defendants, he is, therefore, hereby deceased; and it appearing from an affidavit on file in said cause that W. R. Hubbard, Jason Webb and Loudoun his wife, and Lewis Abright are non-residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is ordered that they appear before the Judge of our said Circuit Court, at the conference, on the first day of the next term, to show cause, if any they have or can, why the said suit should not be proceeded with into a final decree against them in all respects as if the same plaintiff and condition as it was at the time of the decease of the said R. S. Hubbard, and further, to do and receive what our said court shall direct in the premises. Given under my hand this October 20th, 1890.

J. E. LARSON, Clerk Circuit Court,
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ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the apprehension of the thief or thieves, both thief and mule. Address, G. B. Cuckell, Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

REPORT

Of the condition of the BANK of BIG STONE GAP, at Big Stone Gap, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, October 2nd, 1890.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts, \$129,836.44	Capital stock paid in, \$14,240.00
Overdrafts, 4,188.10	Undivided profits, 2,163.69
Due from national banks, 16,123.19	Individual deposits subject to check, 82,263.32
Due from State banks and bankers, 721.28	Demand certificates of deposit, 1,188.10
Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 927.70	Notes and bills re-discounted, 20,000.00
Current expenses and taxes paid, 1,152.89	Checks and other cash items, 1,817.48
Checks and other cash items, 1,817.48	Specie, gold and silver, 2,200.00
Legal tender notes, 2,802.00	
Total, \$163,247.17	Total, \$163,247.17

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF WISE, SS. I, Wm. H. Nichols, president of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Wm. H. NICHOLS, President.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of October, 1890.

W. M. McEWENS,
Notary Public, Wise County, Virginia.

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The most valuable area of virgin forests, of Walnut, Hickory, Oak, Ash, Yellow Poplar (white wood), Birch, Hemlock and Chestnut Oak, in the United States, immediately tributary to the town.

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Supplied by two rapid rivers flowing around the town. Water works, piping from an elevation 350 feet above the town site, now under construction.

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