

What Has Been Going on at Big Stone Gap?

The above caption is the first question a resident of Big Stone Gap expects to hear when he goes away from home. Parties interested at this place are naturally anxious to know what Big Stone Gap has been doing. To them the Post is happy to report the fact that not a town in the south, since the stringency in money matters set in, has done better than this place. While there has been no real building boom, still a large number of business houses and residences have gone up here, and all of them of a substantial kind—many of them truly elegant in finish and architecture. There has been no stampede among the people of Big Stone Gap, as at other new towns, but instead, day after day the confidence of the citizens grows stronger as to the final and early realization of their hopes as to the future of the place. The day is not far distant when the eyes of the whole country will be turned to Big Stone Gap, and gaze with astonishment at her wonderful and rapid progress. Some may say that this prediction has rather a "hoop tangle," but the Post is so well satisfied that such will be the case that it does not hesitate to venture the prediction, and put at stake its reputation as a prophet. New is the time—the opportunity—for all who wish to profit by the benefits to be derived by those who first establish themselves in business in a young and growing city to come and locate. There are hundreds of business men throughout the country, with business tact and ability sufficient to make a financial success in life, but for lack of opportunity merely make a bare pittance over and above a living; many of them even failing to do this much. They would gladly seek other fields to operate in but for lack of will-power and self-confidence. Beside, in the three years throughout the South attempts have been made to establish so many sedge-field towns that they look, with a certain degree of doubt, upon all new places. To all of them, if they will only study the situation in a sensible way, Big Stone Gap has only to point to the great industries now in operation and those being established to convince them that they can make no mistake in locating here. The town cordially invites everybody to come and see for themselves. She is naturally proud of her many advantages and unequalled resources, and is ever ready to extend a hearty welcome to all who come to assist in pushing forward the interest of the place. Come on, and come now; don't wait till some one steps into the lucrative business that might have been yours had your perception been a little keener. At this time there is a crying demand here for more dwelling houses. There is not a comfortable house in the place but what is occupied, and more would be rented if they could be had. Many lot owners living at a distance are making a great mistake by not improving their property here. While their lots are laying idle, if they were improved by the erection thereon of nice comfortable dwellings they would be the source of a yearly drain for taxes. In the language of the Bristol Courier, "Come on back," boys; while other towns tottered and shook and went to pieces from the effect of the recent great financial cyclone, Big Stone Gap has stood the shock without even a crack or break in her walls of iron, coal and timber. The Post will try to furnish next week a list of improvements, buildings, industries, etc., that has been put in here during the past year, in order to show the public the true state of affairs.

LAWYER'S BANQUET.

The Legal Rights of the Wise County Bar. Held at the Semi-Annual Meeting at the Court House.

The semi-annual banquet of the Wise County Bar Association was held in the dining room of Dobson's hotel, at Wise C. H., on Monday night, December 12th. The following members of the association and guest were present: W. E. Burns, H. A. W. Skoen, O. M. Vickers, W. T. Miller, C. T. Duncan, Jas. L. Kelly, H. C. McDowell, Jr., R. P. Bruce, E. M. Fulton, W. S. Matthews, J. F. Bullitt, Jr., T. M. Alderson, R. T. Irvine, T. G. Wells, Holbar Miller, G. F. Flannery, H. H. Dodson, F. Sullivan, J. E. Lipps and B. B. Red-wis.

The room in which the banquet was given was tastily and elaborately decorated with holly and evergreen, and the supper which was served was a la Delmonico. At 8 o'clock the parties above named took their seats at the table, and remained there till 11:30. During the supper the handsome and genial toast-master, Wm. E. Burns, called upon the following gentlemen for responses to the following toasts: Judge W. T. Miller, "The Wise County Bar Association;" Judge E. M. Fulton, "What's on my table?;" W. S. Matthews, "Future prospects?;" H. C. McDowell, Jr., "Love and law?;" R. P. Bruce, "Is it better that ninety-nine innocent persons should be punished than that one guilty man escape?;" R. T. Irvine, "How we feel when we lose a case?;" Judge C. T. Duncan, "A mountain lawyer?;" In the language of one of the speakers, these were all "carefully prepared extemporaneous efforts, and abounded in humor, wit and wisdom."

After the regular programme of toasts had been completed, all those present who had not so far participated, were given an opportunity to air their eloquence, which many of them did in an elegant manner. Mrs. J. F. Bullitt, Jr., had been good enough to present the association with a beautiful cake, in which there was a ring. As a fit conclusion of the happy evening, this cake was handed around the circle, with the understanding that the gentleman who cut the slice containing the ring should respond to the toast, "The ladies at home," which was gracefully done in a brief speech by Mr. Irvine. After passing unanimous resolutions of thanks to the committee—Messrs. Burns, Bullitt and Kelly—and to Mrs. Dodson for the use of her house, the association adjourned. The occasion was one of marked good humor, and a pronounced success.

Don't Destroy Trees or Shrubs Inside the City Limits.

As the holidays are drawing near, for the purpose of preserving those who may be in need of arrangements for decorative purposes, Christmas trees, etc., the Post gives space to the following city ordinance, which, in future will be rigidly enforced by the city authorities:

"Be it ordained by the council of the city of Big Stone Gap, that anyone who shall, without authority from this council, dig, cut or destroy any tree or shrub, or cut or remove any rock, earth or material from any boulevard, river bank or public park, belonging to the city, shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for each offence, and in case of trees and shrubs, each tree and shrub so cut, felled or destroyed, shall be considered a separate offence."

The Tobacco Interest.

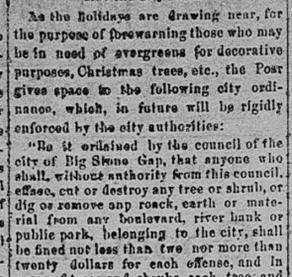
The Post's article on tobacco has been the means of bringing letters from quite a number of prominent tobacco men all over Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee, among them J. H. Winston, of Bristol, and J. M. Goad, secretary of the Tennessee and Georgia Tobacco Association, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Goad says, "We expect to make Chattanooga a big tobacco market, and will also manufacture. We are ready to furnish sufficient capital now to start a factory, soon as we can get an experienced man to manage it."

Mr. Winston, who is well known to all tobacco raisers throughout the country, promises the Post some articles on the subject, and says he will furnish seed to all desiring to experiment with this crop.

Dr. Lindsey has a Professional Call.

Recently the tire wire from the head of a Possum Trot, and consisted of a man, woman and dog. The latter appeared to be a confused cross between a wolf, fox-brake and monkey-trunch, and so soon as he struck the town, he started off on a thieving expedition of his own, and later on was driving a thriving business up Main street, pulling a train of oyster cans, connected in some way to his possum guard.

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L. R. PERRY, STONE-CUTTER AND BUILDER. All kinds of work in STONE, BRICK, AND PLASTERING. GRANULITIC WALKS, &c. Big Stone Gap, or Gate City, Va.

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FRESH STEAK, ROAST PORK, Sausage and Other Meats. Always on Hand at W.C. Thompson's Meat Market, East Fifth Street, in Collier Building. LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES TO CUSTOMERS.

Col. J. B. ADAMS' CITY JOB OFFICE, Shawnee Avenue, near the Bridge. All Kinds of Job Printing Neatly, Cheaply and Promptly Done. Call and see Samples and get Prices.

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JESSE SUMMERS, EAST 5th St. BARBER. Clean Towels, Clean Razors and Sharp Scissors. Everything neat, nice and clean. Work done to order. Polite attention.

I. E. HORTON & CO., Big Stone Gap, Virginia, DEALERS IN STAPLE AND FANCY FAMILY GROCERIES. Also a full line of all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE kept on hand at all times, such as

Nice Fresh Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys, &c. We have an arrangement by which we get a supply of the above-named articles each week, and can always give you the lowest prices. Give me a call and let us convince you that we can save you money.

J. LEVITT.

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Wyandotte Avenue, near East Fifth Street, Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

THE GREATEST BARGAINS ON EARTH!

Owing to the fact that I sell strictly for cash, and that my trade has increased fully 100 per cent in the last sixty days, and, having permanently located at Big Stone Gap, in order to attract the attention of the public and further increase my trade, I am now offering every article in my immense stock at the small profit of TEN PER CENT over actual cost. I can supply all your wants in the way of

MEN'S, BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CLOTHING, LADIES' AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS

Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Fancy Goods, LADIES' CLOAKS, WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c.

All the above departments are full and complete in every respect. Below I quote prices on a number of articles, which are "splendid," and will convince you that you can save money by trading with me:

Dry Goods and Notion Department. In this department I have the most tremendous line ever seen in this part of the state. Read some of my prices: Good Calico from 4 cents up; Good Worsted, such as sells elsewhere for 12 1/2 cents, going at 6 cents per yard; Double-width Plaids, price elsewhere 25 cents, only 10 cents per yard; Good Domestic, bleached and unbleached, from 4 cents up; Fruit of the Loom Domestic, the best brand made, sold elsewhere for 12 cents, going at 8 cents per yard. A fine selection of fine Cashmeres, Mohair, French Flannels, Tricots, Ladies' Cloth Waterproofs at astonishing low prices. 475 Irish Linen Towels from 6 cents up. A complete assortment of fine Irish Linen Table Covers, Napkins, Lace Curtains, Newblacks, Tobacco Cases, Washboard Covers, Suspenders, History of all descriptions, Good Spool Cotton, 3 for 5 cents; Clark's O. N. T., the best made, only 4 cents; Best Button-hole Twists, 2 for 5 cents; Needles and Thimble, 1 cent a dozen; Men's Wool Hat Hose, 10 cents and up, and all other goods in this department in proportion.

Boot and Shoe Department. I have 200 different styles of Boots and Shoes, from a low grade of machine work to the finest Hand-made goods. I can fit any and everybody and guarantee satisfaction.

Hat and Cap Department. 115 different styles of Hats, ranging from medium grade to the finest imported make. Men's Wool Hats from 25 cents up. All other prices in this department range accordingly.

Watch and Jewelry Department. I have a handsome and large assortment of Watches, Jewelry, &c., all going at rock-bottom prices.

Cloak Department. My store is headquarters for Ladies' Misses' and Children's Cloaks. I have in stock 600 Ladies', Children's and Misses' Cloaks; also a handsome line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Fur Hats, Gapes, Collars, Bows, &c. The latest styles, the finest quality, the best material.

Trunks and Valises. Trunks and Valises of all kinds and sizes. Also a big stock of Stationery, Good Writing Paper, 24 sheets for 5 cents. Thousands of other articles too numerous to mention.

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FOR RATES APPLY TO— Gus. W. Lovell, Gen'l Ag't, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Remarkable Sales and Wonderful Results! Over 300 Davis Sewing Machines Sold in Ninety Days In the Counties of Wise and Lee.

This is a wonderful record to be attained in so short a time, but there are reasons for all results. The reason for the sale of this large number of DAVIS SEWING MACHINES in so short a time by

W. H. BLANTON, BIG STONE GAP, VA., is the fact that the people recognize and desire the DAVIS as the best, most substantial and perfect Sewing Machine ever invented. In this territory many ladies have tried numerous other makes of machines, with which they were well pleased until they saw the superior quality of work done on the DAVIS. On trying this wonderful, light-running and handsome machine, its many points of superiority over all others was so noticeable that they were no longer satisfied with any other machine, and at once placed an order for a DAVIS. The result is that I have taken in, as part payment upon DAVIS SEWING MACHINES, over 150 machines of other makes—many of them comparatively new.

Remember the DAVIS has only Six Working Pieces, and is the most simple, compact, durable and perfect machine ever made. Every part is made of the very best material and is thoroughly guaranteed by the Davis Sewing Machine Company as well as by myself, for five years from date of purchase. The Davis Sewing Machine office at Knoxville, Tenn., after having worked that territory for three years, during the fourth year sold over 1,500 Machines, which goes to show that the more the people know of the DAVIS the better they like it.

I am now receiving numerous orders for machines from parties who heretofore refused to buy the DAVIS, not on seeing the superior and satisfactory work it is doing for their neighbors, now send me voluntary orders. Having formed so many pleasant acquaintances since locating at Big Stone Gap, and having met with such phenomenal success in my business, I have determined to permanently continue at this place, and shall use every honorable effort in my power to place a DAVIS SEWING MACHINE in every household in the surrounding country where a first-class machine is wanted. I have supplied nearly every family in Big Stone Gap with a Davis machine.

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More About Tobacco Raising.

The readers of the Post in last issue were promised further details and particulars in regard to the cultivation and profitable features of tobacco culture. It is not the desire of the writer to make this subject a special hobby, but it is of sufficient importance to this immediate section of country to warrant the effort in keeping it prominently before the people. Some day it will be one among the great industries of this mountainous country, and the quicker the people are induced to take hold of it the sooner will they be benefited by it. Below is given a copy of circular recently issued by the Tennessee and Georgia Tobacco Association, of Chattanooga, Tenn., in reference to which the Times says:

"The tobacco plant thrives best in a rich, warm, well-drained soil, and can be successfully grown from the equator to beyond the fifth parallel of latitude, showing a most wonderful adaptation to climate. No crop responds so readily or luxuriantly, when the right types are planted on soils adapted thereto, and the product properly cultivated, cured and handled."

"A deep, rich soil, overlying a red or dark brown subsoil, is best suited for the dark, rich export type. A gravelly or sandy soil, with a red or light brown subsoil, is best adapted to the production of sweet fillers and stemming tobacco. Alluvial and rich flats produce the best cigar stock. White burley is most successfully grown on a dark, rich limestone soil. For yellow wrappers, smokers and cutters, gray, sandy or slaty top soil, with a yellowish, porous subsoil, is preferable. The land must be loamy, dry and warm, rather than close, clammy and cold; and the finer and whiter the sand therein the surer the indication of its thorough adaptation to the yellow type. The soil so greatly affects the character and quality of the products that success is attainable only where the right selection of both soil and variety is made for each plant planted, and planters do well to heed the suggestion."

"Trial will determine what variety is best for any locality, as no one variety is best for all locations. To plant varieties unsuited to the type, or on soil unadapted thereto, is to invite failure every time. The leading cigar varieties are: Connecticut and Pennsylvania Seed Leaf, Imported and American Grand Havana, General Grant, Bradley Broad Leaf and several Spanish strains."

"The planter should select and prepare land suited to the type he proposes to raise, and then sow seeds of varieties recommended herein for the types specified, in good time, on beds thoroughly prepared and fertilized—warm southern and southeastern slopes preferred—and cover the beds with this canvas. In January or February select a suitable place, rake off all leaves and trash, leaving the ground bare, then cover with sufficient weed to burn the ground so as to kill all wild seed that may be in it; then pulverize the ground by digging with a hoe. Sow at the rate of one ounce of seed to 100 square yards. After sowing pack the ground by running a light roller over it, or treading with the feet. When the plants are up cover the bed with a thin canvas. A bed twenty feet square will produce plants enough to plant several acres."

"Pruning the land.—Plow well and lay off in rows, three feet apart, then run cross rows, so as to make checks, and in the cross pull up the best of the soil with a hoe into a little hill. If the soil is poor drop a little fertilizer, prepared for the tobacco crop, into the cross and make the hill over it. Transplanting.—Any time from the first of May to the first of July, after the plants are large enough, pull them out of the bed and set them in the rows, or in rain, as you would cabbage plants. Plant as much as possible at once, so it will mature at the same time. Cultivation.—Soon as the plants have taken sufficient root, say in ten or fifteen days after planting, begin to cultivate. No fixed rule can be successfully followed, as different soils require different cultivation. The planter will know when the ground needs stirring."

"Pruning and Topping.—So soon as the plants shall have attained sufficient size and have developed a considerable pruned off the small lower leaves of the dark export type to six inches up from the ground and pinch out the seed-bud, leaving eight to ten leaves on the plant, the number left varying according to the fertility of the soil. An average of nine leaves to the plant makes the richest and most saleable product. For the yellow and other manufacturing types it is best not to prune, but to gather the lower leaves as they fall off, and use them for cigars. White burley and cigar tobacco may be topped, leaving ten to fifteen leaves to the plant. Warning and Suckering.—The tobacco worm will get in the bud and on the leaves and destroy the crop if not kept picked off and killed. Suckers will sprout at the axils of leaf and stalk after the plants are topped, and these must be pulled off as fast as they attain the length of two or three inches. If permitted to grow longer they sap the juices of the plant and detract from the size and richness of the leaves."

"Cutting and Housing.—Ripe tobacco of the commercial leaf type is known by the grain and thickness of the leaf and change of color—the leaf assuming a yellowish and sometimes mottled yellow and green appearance—and when the under surface of the leaf crack open on pressure between the thumb and finger when folded over. White burley and cigar tobacco are harvested not so ripe as indicated for the leaf types. In cutting for house split the stalks and straddle over a strick, made for the purpose. Crop yield.—From 800 to 1,500 pounds can be grown on an acre. The price will range from about 4 to 30 cents per pound, according to grade. Taking the lowest price and the yield, we have from an acre \$32, and the highest figures for price and yield give \$450 to an acre. A fair average is about \$100 per acre. A farmer can raise the usual crop of grain and a crop of one or two acres, to each farm hand, in tobacco besides, as this work comes in mostly at a time the labor is not required in the grain crop."

"This Association will furnish seed free to all who apply, and will employ an experienced tobacco grower to go around and instruct the planter. This man will be paid by the Association, so he will not ask the planter to pay for his teaching. Before the crop is ready for market the Association will build a warehouse in Chattanooga, so the planter can bring or send his tobacco any day and sell for cash."

Montana will have an exhibition at the World's Fair a statue of Justice, cast of Montana silver, to cost \$35,000, modeled after Miss A. L. Beach, a Montana lady, who is now studying for the stage in Chicago.

The Question of Ballot Reform to Be Agitated by the Populists in Virginia.

[Richmond Special to the Baltimore Sun.] The question of ballot reform in this State will be agitated by the Populists, not only in the campaign for county officers next spring, but in the more important one for State officers in the fall. The Australian system has many strong advocates in Virginia, but there are those who find some objections to it. The Third-partyites will make this election law reform an important issue in the two campaigns of next year. Many Democratic leaders are inclined to the opinion that some change will be made in the near future. It has been suggested that a constitutional convention might be called and proper restrictions placed upon the franchise. This suggestion was made and strongly advocated four or five years ago by some of Mr. Blaine's intimate friends in Virginia. They now favor the same sort of policy—of course, for reasons entirely different from those which influence the Democrats. Mr. Blaine's friends and other prominent Republicans and Populists desire a ballot law which will disfranchise the negro. This, they claim, is the only possible solution of the problem for breaking the solid South.

OUR POSTOFFICES.

Green Goods Circulars—Suggestions from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General. The annual report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Rathbone shows that the number of establishments of new postoffices during the past year was 4,105, a greater number than during any previous year with the exception of 1900, when it was 4,427. The net increase of postoffices over the year ended June 30, 1891, was 2,790, and the year closed with 67,119 as the whole number of postoffices in the United States.

THE GREATEST INCREASE.

Of the number referred to above, over one-fourth were made in the six states of Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina, the number of these states aggregating 1,118. The greatest increase in any state was in Georgia, where it was 220. Texas was next with 211, and Pennsylvania followed with 201 establishments.

At the close of the fiscal year there were thirteen states in each of which there were more than 2,000 postoffices in operation. Of these, five are northern and eight southern states. The northern states are New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, with an aggregate of 16,288 offices. The eight southern states are Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia, with an aggregate of 19,955. The greatest number in any one state was 3,842 in Pennsylvania; 3,565 in New York, and 3,229 in Ohio. These are the only states where the number of offices was more than 3,000.

GREEN GOODS CIRCULARS.

Maj. Rathbone suggests that the revised statutes be so amended as to make the mailing of "green goods" circulars and literature a continuous offense from the point of mailing to the place of destination, so that a prosecution will lie at either point, the same in effect as embodied in the recent anti-lottery act, and he recommends that the matter be referred to the assistant Attorney-General for the Postoffice Department with the request that he draft a law embodying the points outlined above and such other remedies as are deemed expedient. The anti-lottery act went into effect September 19, 1890. In 1891 the law which has elapsed since that time the lottery companies have been practically swept from the country. With a similar enactment against the "green goods" swindlers, it is to be hoped that the war which will be waged against them, will be as effective as that against the lottery companies.

The Green-Jones vendetta, in Hancock county, Tenn., has again been opened up, and a new chapter will be added to their bloody deeds. One day last week Henry Green was found dead in the road with a bullet hole in his head.

To the Friends of the Post, and All Who Are Interested in the Prosperity of Big Stone Gap.

Owing to the necessary time and work and personal attention required in getting up the first number of THE BIG STONE GAP POST, I have found no time to be in looking after and soliciting subscribers to the paper. The large list already on the Post's subscription book are mainly voluntary subscribers. Every effort possible will be put forward to make the paper one among the very best journals published in the state—one that will be a welcome weekly visitor to your households and firesides. If you are not a subscriber, clip out the following blank, fill it in with your name and address, enclose subscription price and send it in at once.

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Inclosed find list of names and addresses of parties to the number of _____ to whom you will please send one copy each of THE BIG STONE GAP POST for the period of one year. I also inclose \$ _____ to pay subscription price on same. Respectfully,

Name, _____ Address all inclosures to C. M. HARRIS, Lock Box 29, Big Stone Gap, Va.