

# DRUGS.

We desire to thank the public for their kind and liberal patronage in the past and bespeak for you a happy and prosperous New Year, and solicit a continuance of your patronage in the future.

In a short while we will be in our new building, and we expect to be better prepared than ever to supply the wants of the public, while our stock is now complete in every particular, we expect to increase our facilities. Watch our card, and see what we have to offer you. Remember we always have Fresh Antitoxin and Vaccine virus on hand. Prescriptions and Family Receipts promptly and accurately filled day or night.

## J. W. KELLY, Druggist.

P. S. Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

**KELLY & EDMONDS,**  
Physicians and Surgeons,  
Big Stone Gap, Va.

All calls promptly responded to.  
Office over Drug Store,  
Phone No. 12.

### The Big Stone Gap Post.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20, 1902

#### LOCAL ITEMS.

Furniture sold on the installment plan at Head, Sloan & Taylor's.

W. K. Kilbourne was over from Harlan county, Ky., last Thursday.

H. I. Sullivan spent Sunday at Norton.

W. H. Hylton went to Wise Sunday morning.

See Murray's ad in this issue and be alive to see the next. Murray.

Messrs. G. H. Easer and W. W. Kemp, of Dorchester, were in town Saturday.

Messrs. D. B. Wentz and E. J. Prescott left Sunday on business trip to the cities.

E. M. Carter, of Scott, county, spent Saturday night in town.

Attorney H. H. Sewell, of Jamesville, was in town last week on professional business.

Tilden Gilly left Sunday morning for St. Paul, where he will spend a few days visiting his brother, Shaler Gilly.

Judge E. M. Fulton, of Wise, was in town Saturday on professional business.

If you don't believe we've got it, come and see. Murray.

Miss Ferguson, claim agent for the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, was in town last Thursday.

G. P. Johnson, superintendent of transportation for the Virginia and Northwestern Railroad, was in town Saturday.

Attorneys R. T. Ivins and Mayo Abell went to Jamesville Sunday night to attend the Lee county Court.

W. H. Tolly came down from town Sunday morning and spent the day with his family in town.

Miss Mary Knukul and Carter, of Pulaski, are visiting Miss Orla Churchill in the Gap this week.

Miss Bettie Churchill returned last week from a visit to the family of Mr. Knukul, of Pulaski.

The winter weather still continues, but has been one of the severest winters ever experienced in this section.

10 and 17 Lbs. Sugar for \$1.00 at Murray's.

Rev. Jesse Anderson, of Rose Hill, Va., will preach in the Episcopal church on next Sunday morning.

Charles Dent, who is connected with the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company at Ben Har, spent Sunday in town.

Messrs. J. M. Stewart and J. J. Stewart, two prosperous farmers of Buchanan county, Tenn., spent a few days in this section last week visiting relatives.

E. L. Wilbur and wife, who spent a week in town, negotiating for the purchase of the new hotel at this place, left Sunday night for Corbin, Va., having decided not to buy.

John Fox, Jr., did not read at the school house last Friday night, advertised, on account of his being out from town, and being unable to reach here in time to fill the engagement.

Men's clothing cleaned and pressed, also ladies' woolen skirts, by Jack Patton, over drug store, Ayers Building, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Rev. J. B. Craft, of Scott county, visiting Rev. C. E. Stuart of this city in revival meeting at the First Church. The people regard Rev. J. B. Craft as an excellent preacher. *Pennington Gap News.*

Malcolm Smith, a prominent citizen of Norton, was in town Sunday. He has engaged rooms at the new hotel and will move his family here the first of next month.

The reported sale of the new hotel at E. L. Wilbur did not "go through" as we understand the building will be sold to H. S. Shakin, formerly proprietor of the Mountain View at Norton, who will run the same. The hotel will be opened to the public in a few days.

An exchange says the happiest couple in Georgia has six kiddies, ten grandchildren, thirteen hounds, a deaf dumb wife and a moonshine permit.

Rev. J. W. West, Superintendent of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League for the Western District of the State, returned Thursday night from a trip of two months through the district to the interest of his work. He reports much good being accomplished for temperance.

A gentleman remarked to us the other day that he would not afford to advertise because he was not doing much business. He ought to have said, probably, that he was not doing much business because he was not doing much advertising. The most successful business men do the heaviest advertising during the dull season. *Clack Valley News.*

J. P. Brake, of Lee county, moved his family to Tazewell last week. Mr. Brake has been a public school teacher in Wise and Lee counties for twelve years past, and now has decided to fit himself for a business position which will be more remunerative. While himself receiving the necessary practical training at Dodge's Business College Mr. Brake is giving his children the advantage of the excellent schools of which Tazewell is justly proud. *Triennial News.*

#### LOCATING AN EXTENSION.

Pulaski, Va., Feb. 18.—The S. & W. is locating the extension of its line up in New River to the great industrial establishment they are building in Grayson, the two-billion dollar cotton mills, as rapidly as the weather will allow. It has been difficult to make headway along the river bluffs, on account of the ice and snow.

The "Book of Books" is often very plain and hits some very hard eyes, but if you were to get mail and burn your Bible, the hundred of pieces would still go on printing. It is when you stop your paper and call the editor names the paper will still be published and what is more you will still read it in the sky. *—E.V.*

The friends of "Long Tom" Hayes, the popular Capital politician, are staging him about the ways in which one of Governor Montague's little girls thrust the tables on him. The watchful editor of the pretty little news sheeting down the hill by the Library Building. Entirely ignorant of who she was, he told her this was against the rules. "So what," "My name told me I could come down this hill." "Your name don't own this hill, does it?" asked the anti-united blow-out. Quick as a flash the little girl, pointing to the Mountain replied: "So may you, but she owns that." Tom Davidson "laid down his hand" and quietly withdrew from the game. *—Richmond Leader.*

**FOR SALE.**  
We have for sale hay, sheep and soon at reasonable prices. Call and see us. We are also dealers in coal.  
J. B. PATTERSON & Co.

**FOR RENT.**  
Big Stone Gap Wooden Mills, Agency to  
HAY & PORK,  
Big Stone Gap, Va.

## Welcoming the New Year.

Now that the old year has closed and the new one come in, let us start out to make it the best of our life for ourselves and as many more as possible. We thank the people very much for their trade during the past year, and assure you no one appreciates your trade more than we, although some make low prices on some things, but we make low prices all through our entire stock. We invite your inspection of our stock of Clothing and Shoes, and in fact we keep almost everything you want. Now come on and make this another good year for us and we will treat you nice, as in the past.

Thanking you for your past patronage and asking a continuance of the same, we are

Yours truly

**J. M. WILLIS & CO.**

Big Stone Gap, Va.

**COAL FIELDS.**  
On Friday last Mr. A. A. Campbell, of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, sold to Mr. Charles Palmer of Saltville, his holdings of mountain lands lying in the Pigeon song valley aggregating four thousand acres. The sale amounted to ten thousand dollars. These lands lie north of Royal Retreat and are well timbered with oak, chestnut, pine and other varieties of hard and soft woods. They also have upon them valuable deposits of iron but at present they are too far from a railroad to be of remarkable value. *Wytheville Enterprise.*

Rutabagas, Turnips and every thing good at Murray's.

I have fitted up new quarters in the Jonathan Creek property on East 2d Street, and am now prepared to give the traveling public first class accommodations. Rates \$1.00 per day, \$4.00 per week, \$15.00 a month. Public invited to call and see me.  
I. T. TAYLOR, Proprietor.

The Russell county prisoners, thirteen in number, who were convicted of murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for terms ranging from two to eighteen years, were taken to Richmond this week to begin their terms. The bunch was handcuffed together, and was in charge of several guards from the state prison. The convicts would have been brought some days ago but for the fact that another was revealed in the county. They have all been vaccinated, and it is now thought safe to let them come. *Abingdon Virginian.*

Corned, Sweet and Irish Potatoes at Murray's.

**FOR SALE.**  
A thirty-year-old house on a very desirable coal property, containing 165 acres under which lies 4 veins of steam and coking coal, located at Middle River, Va., and is now being operated by the Bangor's Branch Coal Co. This property can be bought with all its mining equipment, at a very reasonable price and on good terms. For further particulars address  
H. C. JARVIS,  
Jonestown, Tenn.  
Tip Top, Va.

California apples and pears at Murray's.

Oranges are a most valuable fruit. Orange juice always plentiful, and with few exceptions is well borne by the weakest stomach. It is also a laxative, and if taken at night or before breakfast it will be found most beneficial. *—Lynch's Home Journal.*

Letters, notes and Telegrams at Murray's.

To the undersigned witnesses all parties named in local equity certificate values. They all have signed at the Commission and a list of names follows. *—E.V.*

**STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.**  
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About five years ago my right ear began to ring, and this kept on getting worse, until I had my hearing in this ear entirely.

I underwent a treatment for catarrh, for three months, without any success, consulted a number of physicians, among others, the most eminent ear specialist of this city, who told me that only an operation could help me, and even that only temporarily, that the head noises would cease, but the hearing in the affected ear would be lost forever.

I then saw your advertisement, published in a New York paper, and ordered your treatment. After I had used it only a few days, according to your directions, the ringing ceased, and the hearing in my right ear has been entirely restored. I thank you heartily and beg to express.

Very truly yours,  
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