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THE legislature has enacted a law requiring all public officers to give bonds in bonding companies.

THREE hundred conventions of various kinds have decided to meet in St. Louis during the World's Fair.

THE House of Delegates, by a vote of 42 to 30, passed the Leake bill, which requires a grand jury investigation after every election.

ACCORDING to preliminary government estimates the total corn crop for this year will be about 331,000,000 bushels, an average of 25.8 bushels an acre, against 26.8 bushels last year.

A public school is to be erected in New York City which will be the largest in the world. It will accommodate 4,500 pupils. There will be a basement and subceller. In the basement will be an auditorium capable of seating 1,600 pupils.

THE trans siberian railroad has the cheapest rates of any road in the world and an emigrant can buy a ticket which will allow him to travel 6,000 miles, which takes nearly three weeks for about $3.

A movement has been set on foot looking to the erection in Richmond of a monument to Patrick Henry, to be erected at a cost of not less than $200,000, and unveiled during the Jamestown Exposition in 1907.

THE share holders in the Standard Oil Company have just received a division of $12,000,000 as the profit on their stock for the last quarter of the year. This is better than a gold mine. John D. Rockefeller is credited with owning 35 per cent of the stock and his receipts for the current year has been $15,000,000.

THE strangest of all happenings in the histories of American Presidents occurred on the 4th of July, 1826, when Jefferson and John Adams passed away simultaneously; Jefferson, the draftsman, and Adams, the great expounder of the Declaration of Independence; Adams at the ripe old age of 90, Jefferson only seven years his junior.

IT is the general impression that General Washington died as a private citizen. This is a mistake, for the records show that at the time of his death, Dec. 14, 1799, he was "lieutenant general and commander of the U. S. Army, July 3, 1798, to the day of his death," and drew his pay as such (Heitman's Historical Register Continental Army, 1775-1786.)

AT the eighth annual session of Virginia Horticultural Society held at Pulaski last month, a number of able talks were made in the interest of fruit in Virginia. The meeting was held with a special view to securing a fine exhibit of fruit at the St. Louis Exposition. A large crowd was in attendance, and a great deal of interest was taken in the entire proceedings.

HE told his son to milk the cows, feed the horses, slop the pigs, hunt the eggs, catch the colt and put him in the stable, split the kindling, get in wood, stir the cream and put some fresh water in the creamery after supper and be sure to study his lesson before he went to bed; then he went to the Farmer's club to discuss the question "How to Keep the Boys on the Farm."

A geographical magazine makes the statement that the Philippine Islands have a coast line double that of the main part of the United States. The measurement given is 11,555 statute miles, while the total area is stated as 115,026 square miles. In the Philippines there is one mile of coast line to every ten miles of area; in the United States the proportion is one to 555. It is said that 3,000 islands and inlets can be counted on the charts.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—All appearances indicate that the people of the United States are in a very amiable mood and regard with equanimity, mingled with a certain amount of curiosity, the word war of the politicians now being waged in the forum and the press, regarding the prospects and intentions of possible Presidential candidates. The list is too long for recapitulation. As the President says: "Mr. Hanna has a right to be a candidate if he chooses." He is now ill with the grip, and will allow circumstances to choose for him. The voice of those who profess the Republican faith sings lond in the land for Roosevelt. Bryan is very industriously making speeches and pointing out what ought to be. Senator Gorman is quiet, watching to see which way the senatorial cat will jump in Maryland. He will have an opportunity to indulge in a "heart to heart" talk when he addresses the legislature of Kentucky. The wind continues to blow "variable" as the scientific phrase is, about Panama and the troublesome treaty. After ratification a great calm will follow.

Notwithstanding early optimistic predictions about the present session of Congress being devoted to economy, there is much pressure being brought to bear in the search for the doors of the public treasury. If all the proposed plans for spending money materialize it will flow like water, and the prosperity boom will continue until after the election. The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fishes says the American people rush lavishly into expenditure, even to promoting air ships, and then they look about to see how money can be spent on other projects.

Whether many of the employes of the government in Washington are riding in carriages at the expense of the government, and assuming plutocratic airs, is a question Congress is investigating. Each Cabinet Minister has been asked to furnish a list of such employes and how many horses, carriages and footmen he keeps on public funds.

The National Board of Trade in session in Washington the past week has made numerous recommendations to Congress. It desires to have silver dollars exchanged for gold when presented to the Treasury; it suggests that no more silver dollars be coined; it wants one cent postage and a parcels post; it advocates the metric system and provision for a mercantile marine.

The body of James Smithson, philosopher and philanthropist, was due to arrive in Washington today, under escort of Alexander Graham Bell, but the vessel from Vienna has not yet been reported. Smithson was the illegitimate son of Sir Hugh, fifth Duke of Northumberland. He was an agnostic. He spent his life in scientific experiments and made valuable researches in mineralogy and geology, for which he was chosen vice-president of the British Royal Society. He warmly sympathized with the American colonies, and sent a satirical letter to his cousin, Hugh Percy, who in command of a British regiment, fled from the farmers of Lexington, and who christened his bloodless sword and ran away at the battle of Bunker Hill. Smithson was ambitious for fame and wrote in his diary, "The best blood of England flows in my veins; on my father's side I am a Northumberland; on my mother's I am related to kings; but it avails me not. My name shall live in the memory of men when the titles of Northumberland and Percy are extinct and forgotten." To this end he vagariously bequeathed half a million dollars to America, to found the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." Americans are better acquainted with the appearance of the beautiful Norman structure of red sandstone that bears his name than any other building in Washington except the Capitol. Smithson will be buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, West Washington, where many of the illustrious dead repose. A monument will be built in the Smithsonian grounds.

There is much excitement in Washington today over the report from France deeply implicating Buneau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, in graft, rake-off, and fraudulent practices in the plunder of the French canal company. He has been sharply questioned by the administration but is very reticent.

The pure food bill has passed the House by a vote of 201 to 68. The word "wilful" was stricken out thus relieving the government, in case of prosecution, from the necessity of proving an intention to violate the law. The standards of purity are fixed, and adulterations defined. As Prof. Wiley, of the Department of Agriculture, is charged with peforming all chemical work for the executive departments, and with the duty of inspecting all food products and drugs, the public may expect to see his bureau grow to enormous dimensions, with an army of chemists, inspectors, clerks and laborers. The bill is to go into effect February 1, 1904.

The Carnegie Institute, founded in Washington by the great library builder, has now assets amounting to $10,101,5000. The expenses for the past year were $54,227. For carrying on the work laid out for 1904 the grants are very generous, amounting to $543,000. The specifications are vague, but valuable results ought to flow from such a vast expenditure. The work will include astronomical observations, study of the sun's radiation, researches in molecular Physics and biology, explorations in Asia Minor and eastern China, experiments in nutrition, chemistry and marine life. Pranks of the buzzard are not included, as Professor Langley milks the War Department direct.

A bill providing for the annexation of Panama to the United States, "the rights and property of Panama resting in the United States without reserve," was introduced in the Senate Wednesday by Mr. Morgan. It appropriates $10,000,000 as a compensation to Panama for its cession; places $15,000,000 at the disposal of the President for the compensation of Colombia, and appropriates $40,000,000 for the purchase of the new Panama Canal Company from Colombia, including the Panama canal.

FROM DORCHESTER.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

DORCHESTER, VA., Jan. 25.—On Wednesday of last week, Fanny Bradshaw, colored, was shot and almost instantly killed by a man named Russell, also colored, of Esserville. The murderer came to Dorchester during the morning and at about 2 o'clock p. m., called on the Bradshaw woman, who lived in one of the houses on the hillside opposite the commissary, and who is said to have formerly lived with Russell. After a few minutes talking, on the house steps, Russell started to walk away, but had only proceeded a few steps when he drew a revolver, wheeled around and shot the woman through the left breast. In the excitement that followed, the murderer made his escape, but was captured several hours later at Esserville, by Officer William Renfro, of Dorchester. Russell was given a hearing before Justice Kilbourn, who committed the negro to the Wise jail to await trial at the next term of court.

George H. Esser returned on Sunday from a business trip to Cincinnati.

A serious affray occurred among the colored people who live on the hillside opposite the commissary last Wednesday evening. In the scrap there was some pistol shooting, accurate stone throwing, and one man, named Pearl, had his countenance much altered by the numerous applications of a knife in the hands of his adversary.

E. M. Esser was confined to his bed by sickness several days last week.

Miss Nannie Slemp, of Big Stone Gap, is now a cashier in the Colonial Company's store, succeeding Miss Normia Broyles, who has accepted a position in Johnson City, Tenn.

FROM OLA.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

OLA, KY., Jan. 23.—Prof. Gates held will [illegible] last night. Good attendance and good will and interest in the future.

Archie Craft was here today on business.

W. E. Collins and A. C. Craft passed here last week to Wise, on business.

Silas M. Webb, the postmaster here, is on the sick list.

Miss Kissa Webb made a flying trip to Coeburn Sunday.

Archie Jackson will make trips now between Ivanhoe and Wallenburg as mail carrier.

Isaac Barnes, a young man of Coeburn, passed here today enroute to Kyova.

John S. Webb has purchased a farm of 26 acres at $100 per acre. He seems to be well satisfied with his deal. Success to you, John.

PATRON.

RUTS

The walking sick, what a crowd of them there are: Persons who are thin and weak but not sick enough to go to bed.

"Chronic cases" that's what the doctors call them, which in common English means—long sickness.

To stop the continued loss of flesh they need Scott's Emulsion. For the feeling of weakness they need Scott's Emulsion.

It makes new flesh and gives new life to the weak system.

Scott's Emulsion gets thin and weak persons out of the rut. It makes new, rich blood, strengthens the nerves and gives appetite for ordinary food.

Scott's Emulsion can be taken as long as sickness lasts and do good all the time.

There's new strength and flesh in every dose.

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FROM WISE.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

WISE, VA., Jan. 23.—Mr. Peery left Sunday morning for Tazewell on a visit to homefolks.

The Masons have bought Mrs. Elenor Johnson's property on Main street. It is their intention to erect a handsome brick Masonic Hall on this site in the near suture.

The sudden death of Mrs. Lane at Norton Friday evening was a great shock to her relatives and many friends in Wise.

Harlow Dixon and father were in town this week on legal business.

Will Hylton went down to Big Stone Gap Sunday.

This week's issue of the Wise *News* looks natural. Bill Eads is again in the editor's chair.

Prof. R. M. Addington's father has been visiting him this week.

C. H. Patteson went down to Norton Saturday morning.

The pupils in the first grade had a holiday Monday on account of the illness of their teacher.

When it comes to a question of mud, Wise has more mud, and deeper mud, and stickier mud than any town in Southwest Virginia.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c at J. W. Kelly's Drug Store.

FROM POTTER'S FORK.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

Potter's Fork, Ky., Jan. 23.—Married, Miss Mary Bentley to Hart Newson, and Lizzie Wright to Eliet Killings. May joy and happiness be with them.

Henry Potter, our merchant, is moving to the mouth of Boone and will soon construct a fine residence.

Prof. J. E. Venters has gone to Louisville to take a course in medicine.

Mrs. Mary Ventere is visiting her parents here this week.

Fayette Holcomb, of this place, went on a business trip to Pikeville for the Northern Coal and Coke Company.

Messrs Flannery, Johnson and Vaughn passed through here on business to Whitesburg for the Northern.

Sam Wright returned from Pineville last week.

Ike Morgan, of Mayking, was here on business Saturday.

Andy Wright, of Banfield, passed here en route from Whitesburg. DOLLIE.

WANTED

Special Representative in this county and adjoining territory, to represent and advertise an old established wealthy business house of solid financial standing. Salary $21 weekly, with Expenses paid each Monday by check from headquarters. Expenses advanced and horse and buggy furnished when necessary; position permanent.

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FROM CRAB ORCHARD.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

CRAB ORCHARD, VA., Jan. 24.—Prof. W. M. Davidson, superintendent of schools Lee county, was here last week looking after the schools.

The school at Oak Grove closed out last Friday.

Several Christmas were around here last week to see our merchants.

Messrs. W. T. and Frank Barker have bought out Chas. H. Lewis' stock of goods at the D. G. McKinney house.

L. M. Cardwell was here last week.

W. S. Palmer is improving from a hurt received on Pigeon Fork, by a fall from his horse. X. X.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

GRAHAM, VA., Jan. 21.—One of the most serious shooting affrays in the history of this community occurred here last night, as No. 3 from Bluefield was nearing the station. Thomas Leedy, a merchant of this town, shot at Conductor William Maynard, missing him and striking a passenger named Harris, inflicting a wound from which Harris is said to be dying. Two Graham ladies, passengers on the same train, Mrs. Dupuy, wife of one townsman, F. E. Dupuy and Mrs. Baltzer, who is boarding here, came near losing their lives. Mrs. Dupuy was sitting in range of Leedy's gun, and the bullet passed through the sleeve of her dress. Mrs. Baltzer stooped over just at the moment and the ball passed over her head. Both ladies, it is needless to say, were greatly shocked.

The difficulty which led to the shooting, occurred just as No. 3 was pulling into Graham. Leedy, who was very drunk, it is said, was remonstrated with by Captain Maynard, and showed fight, when Maynard knocked him down. He arose shooting with results above stated.

Thos. Leedy is a merchant in Graham, and, it is said, stands well in that town. He was arrested, but is now out on bail. At last accounts Harris was not expected to live. He is in the sanitarium at Bluefield.

Thos. Leedy is a son of John Leedy and is well known in Tazewell. He worked here sometime on the Moss & Greever and later on the Feery and St. Clair building. Later he bought out the goods business of Mr. Mathews at Graham.

LATER.—Harris died at 12 o'clock last night in Bluefield.—*Church Valley News.*

MR. TAYLOR DEAD.

About ten o'clock Sunday morning at his home near Clinchport, Mr. James W. Taylor died at the age of 81 years. The burial took place Monday.

The deceased was a good citizen and for many years member of the M. E. Church, South. He was a brother to Mr. I. T. Taylor, of the Central Hotel. He leaves two sons and six daughters. His wife died several years ago.—*Gate City Herald.*

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need of it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c at J. W. Kelly's Drug Store.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Highly Compliments John Fox, Jr., the Author.

President Roosevelt has a fondness for literary men and he shows it on all occasions.

When the entire Kentucky delegation, headed by Senators Blackburn and McCreary, called on the President to urge the appointment of George Gardner, of Salyersville, to succeed the late John R. Proctor as Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. Roosevelt said a typical Kentuckian was a man after his own heart. He went on to say that he had offered the place to Gen. Black, of Chicago, and, of course, his hands were tied until he heard from the General. Proceeding, the President said:

"Gentlemen, I have in mind a Kentuckian whom I should like to appoint to this office. I am certain that he would be a useful man in the public service. He is not a politician."

The members of the delegation wondered and then guessed at the name of the Kentuckian who was regarded so highly by the President.

After a pause of several seconds, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I mean John Fox, the Kentucky author. I am fond of Fox, even if he is 'one of those damned literary chaps.'"

The President said he had read everything the Kentuckian had written and that he was delighted with the writer's style. In fact, the Executive declared, he had formed his impressions of Kentucky life from Fox's stories, and, naturally, he added, the impressions were favorable.

The members of the delegation were so struck by Mr. Roosevelt's manner that one of them remarked: "If Fox keeps on writing things that please Teddy, it will not take long for him to oust Yerkes, Hunter and all the rest of the G. O. P. leaders in Kentucky if Fox should want to enter politics. With the appearance of each new novel by Fox, would come a batch of postmasters, Deputy Collectors and United States Marshals appointed by Roosevelt. I intend to tell Fox what Roosevelt said. Just look at Lodge, of Massachusetts—he's some pumpkins with the President and all because he's 'one of those literary chaps.' I tell you, Fox has a sure enough opportunity."—*Louisville Times.*

R. L. Brown is gone to Sheffield, Ala., on business.

Clubbing Offer.

The Big Stone Gap Post is clubbing with the following papers at the following rates:

Post and Thrice-a-week New York World	$1.50
The Post and The Twice-a-week Louisville Courier-Journal	$1.55

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

J. B. PATTERSON & CO.

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Without counting the cost. W[illegible] mains of the large assortment [illegible] and beautiful

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that was secured to please holiday [illegible] is yours at a third and a half [illegible] usual values. Want to reduce st[illegible] fore taken inventory. Early bu[illegible] get the choice pickings of an [illegible] line.

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F. H. GREENWALT & CO., Proprs.

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Beans, 5 cents per pound.
Crackers, 5 cents per pound.
Ginger Cakes, 5 cents per pound.
Hominy, 5 cents per pound. 6 for 25.
2 pounds Best Coffee, 25 cents.
Bacon and Side Meat at 10 cents.
Nice Hams at 12½ cents.
Nice Can Beans, 4 cents.
Nice Can Peaches, 13 cents.
15 cent size Salmon, 10 cents.
17 pounds Granulated Sugar, $1.00.
3 pound Can Apples, 8 cents.
Fish that were 12c, to close out at 8c.

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As we are going to handle nothing but Groceries, we are closing out all goods in our Clothing Department. Will sell you a good shirt for 18 cents. Pants for the boys worth 50 cents for 19 cents. Men's $3.00 pants for $1.50. Full line of 15 cent collars at 3 for a quarter. A big line of fine underwear to close out at less than cost. Will sell you a nice Fleece Lined Suit that sold for $1.35 for 75 cents. It costs you nothing to come and see us, we will gladly show you through, and give you goods delivered to any place in the town free. Also to the V. & S. W. and L. & N. depots on orders of $5.00 or more.

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