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Next Tuesday will tell the story.

If you have not made up your mind who you are going to vote for it's about time you were doing so.

It looks like Wilson will be the winner in the presidential race, though we would advise our friends not to bet all their money on him.

A new comet will be seen here in a few days. The comet which is of non-periodic, or stray variety, was discovered by Prof. Gale, of Sidney Australia on September 8th. It is still too far South to be seen in this latitude, but is traveling northward, and probably be visible in a few days in the southwestern sky after sunset.

The man who has been expecting to get a good price for his vote this year will surely be disappointed, if the agreement between the candidates and their friends is complied with, and we believe it will be. This is as it should be, for as we have said before, the only way to stop vote selling is to first stop raising a fund for the purpose. Just as long as a corruption fund is created and put into the hands of men to buy votes with just so long will there be men ready to sell.

The Fair Elections Society, which was recently organized in Bristol, has elected Messrs. Mayo Cabell, Chas. Hall, Jr., and Cyrus Beam, vice presidents for Wise county, who under the by-laws of the society, constitute the executive committee for this county. Copies of the pledge have been sent to the vice presidents, who will distribute them and urge all good citizens in each precinct to sign the same. It is highly important that the society should have as many representatives as possible in every precinct. The candidates for congress have signed a pledge, as our readers know, not to spend any money in the coming election, and it is believed that they are in earnest and will live up to their pledge, but they may have some enthusiastic friends here and there who will not live up to it. The object of the society is to prevent any money being spent, or any unfair practice in the election, whether the candidates and their friends want to live up to the agreement or not, and the society feels sure that the purpose can be accomplished if the people will take hold of it, but unless the people get behind the movement it will be a failure.

A company with \$250,000 capital has been incorporated to develop 3,200 acres of farm land in South Georgia. It is proposed to plant at once 1,000 acres in paper-shell pecans and to develop the land with general farming, cotton gins, warehouse and grain elevators, stock farms, dairies, pecan and peach orchards.

INCREASE IN MACHINE MINING OF COAL.

More than 175 Million Tons Mechanically Mined in 1911.

As an indication of the improvement in coal-mining methods the statement contained in the report on coal, by E. W. Parker, now being printed by the United States Geological Survey as an advance chapter from "Mineral Resources for 1911," is of interest.

The number of machines used in mining coal in 1911 was 13,819, an increase of 565 over 1910. The leading coal producing State, Pennsylvania, is also first in the total tonnage mined by the use of machines and in the total number of machines in use; but in the proportion of machine-mined coal to the total out-put Ohio far outranks all other States. In 1911 Pennsylvania's production of machine-mined coal was 69,131,813 short tons, or 47.76 per cent of the total. Ohio's production of machine-mined coal was 26,556,530 short tons, or 36.33 per cent of the total. Ohio is third in the production of machine-mined coal, though ranking fourth in the total production. West Virginia, the second State in coal production, is also second in the output of machine-mined coal, which in 1911 was 29,121,480 short tons, or 48.07 per cent of the total. Illinois is fourth in the quantity of machine-mined coal, with 23,093,807 short tons.

Although the total production of bituminous coal in the United States decreased from 417,111,342 short tons in 1910 to 405,757,101 short tons in 1911, the quantity of coal undercut or otherwise mined by the use of machines increased from 174,012,293 short tons to 177,971,976 tons. The percentage of the machine-mined tonnage to the total output increased from 41.74 in 1910 to 43.89 in 1911.

The Pocket Field Of Lee County.

R. R. Williams, superintendent of the Imperial mines of the V. I. C. & C. Co., is at present on a month's vacation, to allow him to recuperate from the effects of the shooting at his mines.

The sale of the property of the Dominion Coal Co. has not been confirmed by the court and from the news gathered here it seems as if it will be placed for sale again at an early date. It seems that the parties that bid \$50,000 for the property did not exactly understand the terms of the sale, and now refuse to pay their bid. It is hoped that this will be cleared up at an early date as the mines are missing a good market and are losing value every day that they stand idle.

The Bewley-Darst Coal Co., of Bristol, and others, are planning to establish a central power station and washing plant for the district around St. Charles. It is said that they will spend something like \$250,000 for the plant. This field is enjoying good market now, and prices are better than they have been for several years past. A good bit of the coal of this field is going North and West at the present time.

It is reported here that there is a movement on foot to establish a Y. M. C. A. in the field. Knoxville Appalachian Trade Journal.

Through the First National Bank of Richmond, there came to the second auditor last week coupons from some of the famous "Kendall Bank Note Company bonds," which were printed for the State of Virginia, were rejected, sold at public auction by the express company to pay charges, and have since that time been appearing at intervals for payment. These coupons came from the city of Boston, the envelope in which they were sent bearing the name of Luther D. Morash, and were for \$90, having been clipped from one of the bonds described above being of the issue of February 14, 1882. There were some \$432,000 of these bonds. For years they have been showing up for payment. When received they are always marked spurious and are held by the State.

Dragging The Roads

A certain community in Virginia has a road club by means of which a ten mile stretch of road is kept thoroughly dragged. Each member of the club drags a part of the road on which his farm fronts.

If the public highways could be kept rounded up all the year 'round the farmer would have better roads. The trouble is that after the annual visit of the supervisor, ruts appear and there is no way of filling them up. Hence the good of these road clubs. Surely a farmer should be willing to send a team out on his road for a few hours once or twice a month.

To round up a road nothing is better than the Split Log Drag. All road experts maintain that this is the greatest implement ever devised for road improvement.

The Division of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture issues a bulletin on the Split Log Drag. But we do not have to send as far as Washington for information on this subject. If you desire information on how to make and use this drag write to the State Highway Commission, Richmond, Va.

Virginia Paying Off Old Debts.

Richmond, Va., October 26.—Under the supervision of the public debt sinking fund method, bonds are being purchased and retired with increasing rapidity. Figures compiled by Second Auditor Roosevelt Page, show that from February 1, 1910, up to the close of business on September 6, 1911, the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners has bought and destroyed bonds to the value of \$571,358.78. The total for Governor Mann's administration bid fair to be three quarters of a million dollars. Inasmuch as the State continues to draw interest on the bonds purchased and retired, the sinking fund grows from year to year. The appropriations for this purpose, in accordance with nearly \$120,000 a year, and will continue at this figure until 1929.

Under the administration of Governor Tyler, the State bought bonds to the value of \$1,111,500. For the four years from January 1, 1902, to February 1, 1906, during the administration of Governor Montague, the purchase were \$203,000, while during the term of Governor Swanson, they were \$506,406. It is recalled that Governor Tyler found a large balance in treasury when he came in, while Governor Montague had none to work with.

Rev. J. M. Carter, the new pastor at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is one of the strongest and most popular preachers in the Holston Conference. He is a young man, forty-three years old, having been born in Greene County, Tenn., in 1869, and he was educated in the schools and colleges of his native State. Brother Carter, as a preacher, is evangelical and logical, and always interesting. He is a fine organizer and one of the best pastors in the Conference. He is full of energy and a good mixer. He holds one of the most responsible positions in the Church, being President of the Board of Missions, and is, perhaps, the best informed man on the subject in the Conference. Mrs. Carter is an ideal pastor's wife and a great Church worker. She was educated at Centenary Female College, under the presidency of Dr. Sullins, and is a niece of Dr. L. L. H. Carlock. Any congregation that may be so fortunate as to have for its pastor Rev. J. M. Carter and his good wife, who are so well prepared to do Christian work, is to be congratulated.—Bluefield Daily Telegraph.

The good book says that a man who does not care for or look after the welfare of his family "is worse than an infidel." This may be applied with equal force to the man who takes no interest in the town which he lives, for in a very real sense the town in his home which he shares with the other people living in it.

Another illustration of the value of advertising is vouched for by the Commissioner of Pensions. A month or two ago it was proposed to give him some three hundred extra clerks to clear away the tremendous mass of pension applications made under the new pension law. This was printed as news, and later stories were sent out because delay in pension appropriations still further complicated the situation. Each news dispatch brought additional applications. "And now," says the Commissioner, "I have more than four thousand applications from every section of the United States for about two hundred jobs at \$1200 per annum."

The development of manufacturing is proceeding more rapidly in the Southeastern States than in the United States as a whole. The latest report of the United States Census Bureau on Manufactures in the United States shows that the total value of the products of manufacturing in the Southern States was \$1,455,927,000, an increase over 1899 of \$754,871,000, or 107.68 per cent., as compared with an increase of 79.49 per cent. for all other States.

BANKRUPT NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia, in Bankruptcy. In the matter of R. H. Price, Bankrupt. IN BANKRUPTCY. To the Creditors of R. H. Price, of Appalachia, Virginia, in the County of Wise and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of October, A. D. 1912, the said R. H. Price was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and the first meeting of the creditors will be held at Big Stone Gap, Virginia, in the United States Court House on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

MAYO CABELL, Referee in Bankruptcy. October 25th, 1912.

Piano Contest.

The following candidates have entered the contest for the Piano given away by S. A. Horton & Company and the Big Stone Gap Post, full particulars of which appears elsewhere in this issue, and at the counting of the votes Monday received the following:

- BIG STONE GAP. Miss Blanch Kilbourn 1,900; Miss Corrie Gilliam 10,325; Mrs. J. A. Morris 5,245; Miss Rosa Sproles 22,045; Mrs. H. M. Edens 19,600; Miss Rittie Horton 14,140; Miss Virgie Masters 12,545; Miss Cleo Savard 14,302; Miss Ellen Wax 11,668; Miss Lizzie Horton 14,876; Miss Ora Click 11,204; Miss Alice Archer 13,500; Miss Bessie Palmer 5,200; Miss Ruth Jones 9,500; Miss Fannie Johnson 14,800; Mrs. T. E. Sturgill 12,400; Miss Cora Colvard 9,600; Miss Virgie Jones 13,100; Miss Ethel Herron 19,780; Miss Amanda Lambert 7,000. APPALACHIA. Miss Myrtle Smith 20,625. IMBRODEN. Miss Pearl Cowan 19,810.

Advertisement for REX Liquid Poultry Remedy 25c. 'SAVE THE SICK' For Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, and all Poultry Diseases. No Cure No Pay. It works while they roost. REX Liquid Poultry Remedy 25c. Has no equal as a lice, mite and germ killer. Best wash for all cases and cuts out all stock. Finest disinfectant for house, stable, dog kennel and hen house. BY MAIL, 50c. THE REX CHEMICAL CO., Newport, Ky. SOLD BY Kelly Drug Company.

ANNOUNCEMENT. WE desire to call the attention of the buying public of Big Stone Gap and vicinity to our store on East Fifth Street (W. W. Taylor's old stand), where we have just opened for business with a full, new line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fresh Meats, Country Produce and Feed. Our meat department is in charge of J. W. Willis, who will take pleasure in filling your orders promptly. Our aim is to supply our customers with first class meats, groceries and produce at all times. H. L. LANE GROCERY CO. Phone 147--3 rings. BIG STONE GAP, VA.

Cash Lunch Stand. R. H. BRYANT, Proprietor. MEALS AT ALL HOURS. Regular Table Boarders Taken. Also Groceries Fresh Fish, Ice Cream, Cold Drinks, Bread, Cakes and Fruits in Season.

NOTICE! WE serve party lunches for dances, theatre parties, or at your home on short notice and at reasonable prices. All cooking guaranteed to be strictly clean and first class. Our chef has cooked on dining cars over the N. & W. Ry. for the past five years. AMUZU CAFE. A. L. GAZO, Proprietor. Meals a la Carte—Oysters, Steaks, Chops, Chicken, Fish, Pies, Cakes, and seasonable foods at all times.

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Piano Contest. Piano given away by E. M. COOPER & SONS, KEOOKEE, VA. 100 votes with every dollar purchase, and 200 votes on old accounts. With every dollar paid on subscription to The Big Stone Gap Post 1000 votes will be given. Contest Closes April 30, 1913. Standing of Candidates, October 26. KEOOKEE, VA.

The "Universal" Coffee Percolator. Excels all other ways of making coffee because the percolation is completed before the water boils. Coffee made in it is easily known by its delicious aroma, fine flavor and the absence of the bitter taste caused by boiling. If you want to know what perfect coffee is like, try the "Universal." Hamblen Brothers.

In the seclusion of your own home let me select, fit and show you how to wear a Spirella Corset. It adds beauty to your figure, subdues irregularities, a basis for correct, tasteful, becoming dress. The flexible, unbreakable, non-rusting Spirella Boning found in no other corset—positively retains its shape admits of frequent laundering. The Spirella Corset is hygienic, comfortable, modish. To know its prime comfort and tasty, correct dress visit Mrs. J. P. Wolfe, Corsetiere.

Shoe Repair Shop. I am prepared to do all kinds of shoe repairing in first class and up-to-date style. My shop is on East Fifth Street in the old Senter stand, and I solicit your patronage. W. H. LAWSON, adv.