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A dispatch from Washington says Congressman C. Bascom Slem, of the Ninth Virginia district, is fully alive to the great advantages that will accrue to any State that secures the location of a giant factory within its borders for the manufacture of armor plate for the government. He intends whenever the plan reaches a more concrete form to make a strong effort to have such a factory located in Virginia, and will probably in a few days introduce a bill in the house of representatives providing for the construction of such a plant at either Roanoke, Bristol or Pulaski.

"I do not know whether this or any succeeding congress will commit the government to the manufacture of armor plate for its own use, in accordance with recommendations made by congress by Secretary of the Navy Daniels and other heads of departments," said Congressman Slem, in speaking of his plan to introduce a bill to locate such a plant in Virginia. "There is a strong body of men in both the house and senate who favor the government having its own armor plate plant in order to effect the enormous savings to the government and to the people of the millions of dollars now paid to the armor plate manufacturers.

"This sentiment in favor of having the government make its own armor plate I imagine will grow as our expenditures along this line increase. To be in line with true preparedness, the location of such a plant should not be along the sea coast, nor along the Great Lakes. The former is accessible from the ocean and the latter from Canada. In my judgment, if the government does go into this kind of business it would be best to have two or three disconnected units, all of them in the interior.

"In such an event, one would probably come South, and Virginia and Alabama would be the only real competitors. Both have coal, iron ore, lumber and limestone. Virginia would be a little nearer the center of population, and would have the advantage in freight rates of receiving whenever we have to import from the north. It is with this possibility in mind that I am so strongly in favor of the splendidly located for this purpose. There would not, of course, be any rivalry between the towns if there was any chance of bringing the armor plate factory to our section of the State."

Here are some figures, taken from the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, which speaks for themselves:

Total value of property in United States in 1900, \$88,517,306,775; total value in 1912, \$187,739,071,090; increased value, 111 per cent. Total value of property in the four prohibition States—Maine, Kansas, North Dakota and Oklahoma—in 1900, \$3,974,094,462; total value in 1912, \$12,407,745,444; increased value, 212 per cent. Of course, the enemies of prohibition will insist that prohibition is not the cause of this remarkable growth in property values. But just how they explain away the fact is a puzzler.

There seems to have been reached a satisfactory agreement between the United States and Germany in regard to the Lusitania incident and submarine warfare. Germany has agreed not to sink any more ships without first giving the proper warning and providing safety for the crews and passengers.

Records carefully compiled from official information, by leading car builders, show that a total of 99,000 cars were ordered by the railroads of the United States during 1915. This compares with about 69,000 cars in the preceding year. These statistics, compiled by builders, refer only to domestic roads and do not take into account the orders from foreign systems, which were unusually heavy during the past year. According to the builders, if these foreign orders were included, the total would be increased to approximately 115,000.

President Wilson's determination to build up an American Merchant Marine that will be sufficient to carry the American goods across all seas, is also a very vital matter, and he is evidently determined to keep congress in session until such a measure is passed. There are miles and miles of railroad tracks covered with loaded freight cars, around New York City containing goods for the foreign countries, and they are waiting there, because there is not enough ships to carry them to the countries where they are needed. The necessity for a "Merchant Marine" is a pressing one but many of the wealthier classes fought against the measure last year for the reason that they fear that the Government-owned line of merchant steamers, would cause an agitation for "Government ownership" of railroads also. The United States Government is running the Post Office Department very satisfactorily for the benefit of the whole American people, and in the next fifty years it will no doubt be running many if not all of the railroads, as well as steamboats.

Nearly every one of the state legislatures is considering demands for more help for road building, says St. Joseph News-Press. Ten years ago all the states together put up but \$2,075,000 for road building, exclusive of local funds. In 1914 they spent \$43,000,000. But as four fifths of this was done by six eastern states and two Pacific coast states, the problem is far from solved nationally. Many of our big problems almost come back to the cost-of-living question.

Big Stone Gap Meets Kingsport

Several of the business men greatly interested in Kingsport, which is now in the town of Kingsport, Tenn., to such an extent that about \$10,000.00 has been invested in real estate. This bids fair to become one of the greatest industrial points in the South, owing to the establishment there recently of several manufacturing plants. A large amount of land have been cut up into lots, which are now selling at fancy prices. Business lots range in prices from \$3,000 to \$9,000, while lots in the resident sections sell from \$300 to \$3,500.

The band boys are making rapid progress in organizing and are already capable of playing several pieces with little difficulty. Quite a crowd was at the Town Hall Sunday afternoon to hear them practice and all expressed themselves that within a very short time Big Stone Gap, will have an up-to-date band. Mr. Witt, former instructor of the Rotta Concert Band, is in charge.

Scout Boys Take Hike.

The hike undertaken by the Big Stone Gap Boy Scouts last Saturday was a success in every way. Under the charge of the scout master, the boys left their club room at ten o'clock in the morning, equipped with knapsacks, canteens, signal flags, telescope and cameras. They crossed Stone Mountain above the stone quarry, and descending on the other side, crossed the lumber trail and selected a camp site on the sunny side of the next mountain. A fine spring was at hand, and wood was gathered in preparation for cooking dinner. At a signal from the scoutmaster, each pair of scouts tried to build the hottest fire within five minute's time, using only two matches, and without the use of paper or oil. When the time limit was up, there were several fires ready for business. Scouts Letcher Bunn and Isaac Martin were adjudged to have the best fire, and posed for their picture, which will go up on the walls of the club room.

In a few minutes, bacon was spluttering, prunes were simmering, and flapjacks were being tossed in the air. There was food enough for all, and some to spare for dog mascot.

After dinner, a wig wag contest was held. This event was won by scout William Bevelley, with a record of sixteen letters in seventy seconds, without a single error in sending.

At two o'clock the troop put out the fires, cleaned up camp, and started homeward, tired but happy. They arrived at half past three, and after being lined up for final inspection, were disbanded. Fifteen were in the party, four patrols being represented.

A new patrol has just been formed of the youngest scouts and messengers. George Goodloe is patrol leader of this midgeet patrol.

The regular meeting for the scouts will be held at the club room at five o'clock Friday afternoon.

Proceedings of Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Town Hall Tuesday afternoon, January 11th.

Reports of the Mayor and Treasurer were read and approved. Fines collected by the Mayor for the month of December amounted to \$119.50.

The matter of purchase by the town of the dummy line bridge, was brought to the attention of the Council and referred to the Finance Committee to conduct negotiations relative to same.

Instructions were given for the purchase of 30 tons of furnace slag, to be used in improving certain streets in Flat 5, the citizens interested to do the work free of cost to the town.

It was pointed out that an extension of the water main in the South Fork Addition near the school building would be an accommodation to the citizens living in that vicinity and would also be a source of revenue to the town. The matter

was referred to the water committee for further investigation and report at the next meeting of the Council.

The jail sentence and fine imposed upon Robert Stout for refusing to assist an officer, were ordered cancelled, on account of his frail condition and also because of his age, Stout not being 18 years of age.

A special committee of three was appointed to look into the sewage near the home of J. M. Stewart, with the view of having the pipe line put in good condition.

Council adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in February.

Tennessee Official Wins Long Fight.

J. W. Seaton, of Linden, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial District of Tennessee, was for years a sufferer from stomach troubles—in part a result of his confining work. He tried doctor after doctor. He tried medicines without end.

One day he took a dose of May's Wonderful Remedy. He writes:

"Your medicine is the best in the world for any form of stomach trouble. I am glad to say that after taking the full treatment I feel that I am well."

"I had very severe pains in my stomach all the time. One bottle of your medicine did me ten times as much good as all the doctors' medicine that I took for two years. My family physician told me that I would never be any better—today I am well. I have gained twenty-five pounds."

May's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.—adv.

OUR RAILROAD CONDUCTORS.

The patrons of the Cumberland Division of the L. & N. Railroad Company may congratulate themselves upon the splendid service rendered by the conductors in charge of the passenger trains. There is not a finer bunch of men in the railroad service anywhere than Captain Joe Doody, Captain Walter Worsham, Capt. Pat Thomas, and Captain Grant Sigman, all of whom run upon the main line of the Division between Corbin and Norton, Va., and Captain Walter Price, of the Black Mountain Division from Pineville to Benham. All of these men have been in the service for a good number of years, and their friends are legion. They are always courteous and willing to lend a helping hand. These men are in valuable servants of their company, and the traveling public appreciates the thousand little courtesies shown. The com-

Did Not Know He Had Kidney Trouble

"Until I applied for life insurance," writes Andrew O'Donnell, Birmingham, Ala., "I did not know that I had kidney trouble. But four physicians who examined me for the company said I had, and each turned me down on account of this insidious trouble. Later I was seriously disabled and used Foley Kidney Pills, and used them persistently, until it now one of the same physicians says I'm all right and he will O. K. my application. I have caused many of my friends to buy Foley Kidney Pills. Overworked kidneys may become inflamed and seriously diseased while the sufferer ignores the warning. Backache, rheumatism, uric acid in the blood, discolored urine, stiff joints, sore muscles, puffiness under eyes—any and all of these conditions deserve instant attention. Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys to do their work, soothe and heal irritations and help throw out poisonous waste, matter from the system."

Mutual Drug Company Big Stone Gap, Va.

pany knows a good thing and that is why these men have held their jobs so long. If all their employees were as equally considerate many a law suit would be avoided.—The Mountain Advocate.

Kentucky Block Company Building Mining Town.

The Kentucky Block Coal Co., operating near Elkhorn City on the newly completed Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio R.R., will soon begin its initial shipments to South Atlantic coast points. A mining town is being constructed and the company will have an initial of 2,000 tons daily.

Wore Tin Can.

Freeling, Va., Jan. 10.—A female of the species bovine, belonging to Ira Vanover, of near Clintwood, stepped into an empty tin can that had been thrown about the premises, when it became fastened upon her foot. The animal wore it around for a day or two, refusing to have it taken off—even at bed-time. Then the owner of the cow called in three or four of the stoutest of his neighbors, by whom the cow was overpowered, and the foot divested of the appendage.

Feels Refreshed These Mornings.

Oldest Railway Company Employe Buoyant After Taking Tanlac.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 11.—Pat Lally, well known inspector for the Louisville Street Railway Company and an employe of that firm 37 years, has this to say about Tanlac, the premier preparation:

"I have suffered from stomach trouble which developed gradually into a general debilitated condition. I had indigestion and my food didn't taste right. When I got up in the morning I had a disagreeable taste in my mouth, was constipated, there was a fullness in my head and I had no desire for breakfast.

"I was tired all the time and I pulled myself through my day's work with the greatest effort. As soon as I had taken a half bottle of Tanlac, I began to improve. When I awoke in the morning I felt refreshed. My appetite also is good and my energy has left me and I am buoyant and feel like a new man."

Tanlac, the premier preparation, is sold in Big Stone Gap by Mutual Drug Company, and at Norton by Norton Drug Company.

BANKRUPT NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia.

In the matter of George C. Wagner Bankrupt.

IN BANKRUPTCY. To the Creditors of George C. Wagner, of Big Stone Gap, in the County of Wise and District aforesaid, a Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1915, the said George C. Wagner was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and the first meeting of the creditors will be held at Big Stone Gap, Va., in the Intermont Building on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, 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, Reference in Bankruptcy, at Big Stone Gap, Va.

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Wise Printing Company

Incorporated Big Stone Gap, Va.

Statement of the Financial Condition OF THE

Interstate Finance & Trust Co.

Located at Big Stone Gap, in the County of Wise, State of Virginia, at the close of business, Dec. 31, 1915, made to the State Corporation Commission.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Loans and Discounts (\$78,142.22), Overdrafts, accrued (\$297.23), unsecured (\$1,023.88), Bonds, Securities, etc., owned including premium on same (\$7,400.00), Furniture and Fixtures (\$1,455.00), Other cash items (\$225.17), Due from National Banks (\$6,906.93), Due from State Banks, Private Bankers, and Trust Companies (\$911.88), Paper currency (\$3,263.00), Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents (\$143.83), Gold coin (\$290.00), Silver coin (\$407.80), Revenue stamps (\$102.00), Time certificates of deposits (\$10,000.00), Profit and Loss (\$177.14). Total Assets: \$128,806.59.

Table with columns for Liabilities. Liabilities include Capital Stock paid in (\$50,000.00), Individual deposits, including savings deposits (\$63,628.55), Time certificates of deposit (\$6,317.07), Certified checks (\$63.71), Cashier's checks outstanding (\$53.93), Notes and bills re-discounted (\$4,040.00), Bills payable, including certificates of deposit representing money borrowed (\$4,000.00), Reserved for accrued interest on certificates of deposit (\$3.93). Total Liabilities: \$128,806.59.

I, R. P. Barron, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Interstate Finance and Trust Company, located at Big Stone Gap, in the County of Wise, State of Virginia, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1915, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. P. BARRON, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: C. S. CARTER, } Directors, R. T. HAYNE, } A. K. MORISON, }

Sworn to and subscribed before me by R. P. Barron, Cashier, this 10th day of January, 1916.

J. B. WAMPLER, Notary Public. My commission expires December 3rd, 1916.

Dr. A. D. Wood NORTON, VA.

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