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LOCAL MATTERS. HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THE CITY.

GATHERED BY OUR REPORTER. A Boy's Fortunate Escape from Death An Engine Passed Over Him Inflicting Only a Severe Cut on the Arm.

When the Norfolk and Western train No. 1 left the Union depot yesterday morning at 8:45, James Calloway, a colored bootblack, stepped into the middle of the railroad track at the Jefferson street crossing, and watched the train as it pulled out. He was surprised to see the train stop so suddenly that he did not hear the shifting engine, No. 92, as it approached. The engineer rang his bell and shouted to the boy, but failed to make him hear. The engine then struck him and knocked him across the rail, but the sand pipe pulled him from under the wheels into the middle of the track and the engine passed entirely over him. Strange to say, the only injury the boy received was a severe cut on the left arm, which severed the principal muscles.

He was taken to the office of Drs. Koerner & Gale, who rendered the necessary surgical assistance. The boy is an orphan and, having no home, was taken to the city almshouse. No blame is attached to the railroad company, as the gates were down and the bell of the engine was being rung.

The Opera House Tonight. Lovers of good vocal and instrumental music should not fail to go to the opera house tonight to hear the celebrated Boston Quintette club. No company of artists in this country is superior to them, each is excellent in their respective lines, as those who heard them on the occasion of their visit here a year or more ago, and that they will be greeted with a full house tonight, there is no reason to doubt. Mr. Rhodes, Herr Mende, Herr Burose, Messrs. Recker and Blumberg, and Miss Annie Carpenter, with violin, flute, violoncello and voice will furnish a combination of musical excellence which cannot be surpassed. Go and be convinced.

Christmas Festival. The Christmas festival of the Sunday school of St. John's Episcopal church last night was well attended. The exercises opened by singing the carol, "Ring out the Bells for Christmas," which was excellently rendered by the choir. After the responsive reading by the superintendent and scholars, the presents were distributed to the children. The gifts had been arranged on a large tree, which was brilliantly illuminated by a number of small candles, and the effect was very pretty indeed.

A number of special prizes were distributed for punctual attendance and good lessons. The closing hymn was "Hark! the angels singing."

Stealing Shakespeare. Mr. M. C. Morris yesterday received a letter from the chief of police of Lynchburg, stating that he had arrested William Hairston, who claimed to be from this city. When arrested the negroes had on their persons a copy of Shakespeare with the name of Miss Rosa Sotherland on the fly-leaf, one napkin ring, one gold watch chain and a number of other articles supposed to have been stolen in this city. Hairston lived in Roanoke a short while ago and was employed at the City Hotel. When he left he stole an overcoat belonging to Proprietor Hairston.

Mayor's Court. It took Mayor Carr but a short while to dispose of the cases at the mayor's court yesterday morning. Meachim Hinton was on a charge of vagrancy, and was fined \$10. In default of payment he was sent to jail.

Alwood Allison was found guilty of disturbing the peace and had to contribute \$10 to the city treasury. George Williams was charged with breaking into a Norfolk and Western railroad car with intent to commit larceny. His case was sent on to the grand jury to await further action.

Work on the Dummy Railroad. The Salem Times-Register says: "We are reliably informed that work on the dummy railroad line to be run between Roanoke and Salem will be begun at once and pushed rapidly to completion. Our informant states that orders have already been given for ties for the roadbed, and grading and track-laying will soon be in operation, and it is now reasonably sure that the dummy line will be running from Salem to Roanoke by or before May 1, 1899."

Receiving New Goods. Fishburne Jones & Co., wholesale grocers, are having their new stock of goods unloaded from the cars and arranged in their storerooms. They will be ready for business by January 1.

Thanks. The TIMES returns thanks to Messrs. Evans & Chalmers and J. R. Hoekstra for two very handsome calendars for the year 1899. They are very handsomely gotten up and models of beauty.

Returned from Danville. Captain William Cooper returned yesterday from a week's visit to his old home in Danville. He reports the times in that city as very good, the sales of tobacco especially being very satisfactory.

Norfolk and Western Railroad. The gross earnings of the Norfolk and Western railroad for the month of November, 1899, were \$527,319.91, against \$427,099.49 for a corresponding period last year, being an increase of \$99,220.42, or 23 per cent.

James S. Simmons & Co., real estate agents, have placed the property of the Inside Land company on the market at \$250 per lot, on terms of \$25 cash and \$10 per month. These lots are unsurpassed for beauty of location, and all parties wishing a desirable site for a home should call at once at the office of JAS. S. SIMMONS & CO.

The TIMES returns thanks to Mr. A. Roth, the jeweler, for a nice Christmas gift in the shape of a box of pure Havana cigars.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT. Exercises of the Vinton School--A Large Crowd in Attendance.

Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen from this city attended the Christmas entertainment at Vinton last night, given under the auspices of the teachers of the graded school at the bustling suburban village. Conductor Robert E. Coleman, of the Roanoke and Vinton Street railway line, very kindly ran an extra trip, deviating from his usual hours of duty to accommodate the crowd. The night was a lovely one and the party reached Vinton at 8 o'clock, and were kindly escorted to the public school building by Editor Patterson, of the Enterprise. The exercises had already begun, but the party arrived in time to enjoy one hour and half of good, solid fun. The program consisted of comic dialogues, recitations, charades, etc., of an amusing and interesting character. The entertainment was very largely attended and there was hardly standing room to be had in the school building.

In all, the entertainment was a very enjoyable and creditable affair, considering the disadvantages as to necessary room, stage, etc. The teachers under whose supervision the entertainment was conducted are Mr. George L. Jaes, and Misses Lucile Boswell and Carrie Brightwell. Among the pupils who took part in the exercises were: David Beard, Will Muse, Thomas Craddock, Alice Podigo, Edna Long, Frank Goggin, Corolla Reley, Louisa Smith, Gish, Parke Smith, Emma Wheeler, Fred Stoddard, Henry Walker, Rosa Fuqua, Nola Wade, Clifton Howell, the Beard, Jennie Smith, John Thomas, Nola Britt, Lucie Venable, Marie Fuqua, Mary Venable, Mamie Hunter.

THE GREENE MEMORIAL BANQUET. Table Loaded with Choice Viands. Large Numbers in Attendance.

The banquet given by the members of the Greene Memorial Sunday school last night was an entire success and those who attended spent a very pleasant evening. The long table extending the whole length of the church was loaded with the choicest viands, and refreshments of all kinds were to be had in abundance. The school children were in the early part of the evening, after which an invitation was given to the members of other denominations. About six hundred persons took supper during the evening. Oranges, candies and nuts were distributed to the children.

The German Last Night. The Christmas German given by the West End social club, at the Hotel Felix last night, was a brilliant social success. The ladies were most bewitching and were attired in hand-some evening dress. Prof. Varalla's orchestra furnished the music. J. B. Carper led the German, and the supper furnished by Mr. W. H. Felix was an elegant one. Among the dancers were:

H. C. Elloit, Miss McKinney, of Appomattox, Geo. Kandler, Miss Hopkins, of Liberty, R. S. Wright, Miss Neal, R. S. Holloman, Miss Young, of Carterville, W. A. Woodson, Miss Wright, of Lynchburg, A. A. Batts, Jr., Miss Dunson, W. A. Gibbons, Miss Green, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Felix, A. R. Neal, Miss Walthead, W. H. Horton and A. B. Carper.

PERSONAL POINTS. Comings and Goings of Persons We Know.

Mayor Gunn, of Vinton, was in the city yesterday. Mr. H. J. Shomo returned from a business trip to Lynchburg yesterday. Major William Pierce, of Christiansburg, is in the city.

Mr. W. C. Waldron returned yesterday from a visit to Richmond. Dr. G. S. Luck and family left yesterday for a visit to friends in Liberty.

Mr. Robert Stanard returned yesterday from Manchester, where he has been spending the holidays. Miss Lizzie Vineyard, of Vinton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George C. Huff.

Mr. J. O. Hobbs, of Hobbs & Baker, spent the Christmas holidays with friends at Covington. Miss Lucy Clark left yesterday for Bufordville, where she will remain for several days visiting friends.

Mr. Willie Hillman, of Lexington, is in the city, the guest of his cousin, Mrs. C. P. Read. Mr. C. P. Read and niece, Sue Read Fellers, are visiting the family of Mr. E. T. Read, near Bufordville.

Mr. H. C. Deal returned yesterday from a flying visit to friends in Norfolk. Mr. Charles A. Weller, a prominent business man of Knoxville, Tenn., is stopping at the Hotel Roanoke.

Mr. Ben C. Cochran, of Charles Lyle & Co., is visiting relatives at Culpeper, en route home. Mr. T. C. Oakley, the contractor, who has been sick for the past few weeks, is out again. Miss Minor Humbert, who has been visiting friends at Pulaski city, returned Thursday.

Mr. M. L. Comm, of the Lynchburg Advance, was in town yesterday, and stopped at Hotel Felix. Mr. G. S. Jones, of New Castle, Pa., is in the city. He is employed by the Crozer Iron company to adjust some new engines.

Mr. J. A. Boyd, representing the Boyd Brick Press Co., accompanied by Mr. J. H. Bartlett, of Lynchburg, was in Roanoke yesterday. Mr. Ralph Gunn, of the firm L. L. Powell & Co., real estate agents, left last night for a visit to Washington City and Hyattsville, Md.

Mr. E. T. Kindred, Jr., who was formerly in the butcher business at the market house, has accepted a position with J. F. Wingfield, insurance agent. Mrs. Fannie Solomon and five children, of Hopkinsville, Ky., arrived in the city yesterday, and are the guests of Mrs. A. Morris, of Fifth Avenue. Mrs. Solomon is the mother of the popular jeweler, Mr. D. Solomon.

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NEW BUILDINGS. ROANOKE LEADS THE VAN IN BUILDING OPERATIONS.

WHAT BUSINESS MEN HAVE TO SAY. A Times Reporter Interviews Contractors, Builders and Others on the Subject Outlook for the Future.

Roanoke is a rattler. Norfolk and Richmond are larger, and all of the towns of any importance in the state are older. There is not one, however, in which as many new buildings, for business and residence are being erected as in Roanoke, nor one in which the outlook for growth during the coming year is brighter or more encouraging.

In support of this statement the TIMES prints today a number of interviews with contractors, builders and persons acquainted with the building business here. The list was gathered by a reporter of the TIMES, and will be continued tomorrow. The interviews that he succeeded in obtaining give some idea of what Roanoke is doing in the way of building, and are unanimous as to the encouraging outlook for 1900.

H. J. Shomo & Co. Our business has increased 300 per cent. since this time last year, and it is steadily on the increase. At present we have under contract seven large buildings at the West End furnace for the Roanoke Iron Works; six dwelling houses near the driving park for the Welrose Land company; one fine residence on Terry's hill for Dr. Cannady, and also one in the Edgewood addition for Grinberg & Morris; we are building two residences on Mountain street for the Roanoke Investment company. We broke ground today for the foundation of our cash, door and blind factory on Gilmore street, which will be pushed to completion as soon as possible. There is a scarcity of brick in Roanoke now as has been the case for several years, and this together with the heavy rainfall this year, has retarded our work to a great extent, but notwithstanding all this our business has been very heavy all the year and is gradually increasing. We have built sixty-two houses in Roanoke since January 1, 1899, and kept forty-five men employed all the time. As to the prospects for the coming year, I will say they are very bright indeed; and I think every indication is that there will be more houses erected here in 1899 than in any previous year.

T. C. Oakley: The most important piece of work that I have on hand at this time is the new Alleghany institute, which will be completed in a short time. I also have several other large houses in course of construction. So far as my observation goes there is a greater amount of buildings being erected now than at this time last year, and the beauty of it is that the work is of a better class. I have a number of contracts in view for the new year, and so soon as I get well, will have a large amount of work to do.

W. H. Grove: My business has been steadily increasing for some time past, but at this time I have only three buildings under contract; the Commercial bank, a three story business house for Mr. A. S. Asberry, and the building of Mr. C. Markley, on Salem Avenue, near the market house. I have had a number of contracts offered me in the last several days, but when I complete the work I have now on hand I will not do any more till spring, unless the weather remains warm like it has been lately. I am certain that 1899 will be the biggest year in all branches of business that Roanoke has had since it was a hamlet of 400 inhabitants. I would have done three times the amount of work I did accomplish if the weather-forecast had not sent us so much rain.

E. B. Hinkley, of the Land Improvement Company: Not many building permits have been issued lately, but the contractors all seem to have as much as they can do to finish up the work now on hand by the first of the year. As regards the business outlook for 1899, I will say that it is extremely encouraging. I know of no city in the South whose prospects are brighter than Roanoke's. I had a conversation last week with President Kimball, of the Norfolk and Western, and he is very enthusiastic over the future of our city, where he has a large number of investments. Mr. Kimball is in a position to know what he is talking about in this matter, as he lives in Philadelphia, where reside so many gentlemen who have invested their capital in Roanoke enterprises. To my certain knowledge there will be three or four new enterprises started up the first part of the coming year, that will employ a large number of hands, and will be of great benefit to Roanoke. The plans and specifications of these have not been made out yet, however. In my opinion Roanoke will have a boom in 1899 in comparison with which all others will dwindle into insignificance.

Painful Accident. Mr. J. W. Gannan, a car builder at the m-chine works, met with a very painful accident yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. He was assisting a fellow-workman in drawing a bolt into a box-car, when the sledge-hammer in the latter's hand slipped and struck Mr. Gannan full in the face, inflicting a severe but not dangerous wound.

A New Enterprise for Roanoke. The National Business College of Chambersburg, Pa., has secured temporary quarters in the Baker Block, Salem Avenue, and will at once locate a branch school in our midst. This is a much-needed enterprise, and will have no doubt, command itself at once to the favorable consideration and liberal support of the people of this community. Advertisement giving the full particulars will appear in this paper next week.

DR. ACKER'S ENGLISH PILLS. Are active, effective and pure. For sick headache, disordered stomach, loss of appetite, bad complexion and biliousness, they have never been equaled, either here, America or abroad. Sold by Badwell, Christian & Barboe.

THE COAL AND IRON TARIFF. Arguments Before the Ways and Means Committee.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, December 27.--The ways and means committee was yesterday enlightened upon the duties levied upon imported iron ores and coal. In pursuance of the program, to give interested parties hearings, the first of these took place at the committee room yesterday. The first argument was made by Mr. George H. By of the Western Iron Ore association. He gave figures to show that the duty of seventy-five cents per ton on iron ore had increased wages and enlarged the production. He did not ask for any increase of duty, but he earnestly urged the retention of the present rate. He testified, however, that to make the full equivalent of the difference of wages between this and foreign countries the duty should be \$1.50 per ton. Mr. Henry Toby, of Massachusetts, took the other side of the question, and argued in favor of the free importation of iron and coal. He read a long memorial prepared by the New England manufacturers of iron and steel in support of the position which he advocated; and he contended that the present tariff was prejudicial to the interests of the Atlantic coast, while it discriminated in favor of the Western Pennsylvania section. Massachusetts asked for cheaper raw material. Her contest was not with England, but with highly protected Pennsylvania.

In response to questions by Mr. Hayne, he stated that the abolition of duty on coal would stimulate work in the Canadian coal fields, but he thought that any had effect which might result to the coal miners of Pennsylvania would be more than compensated for by the increased business which would be done in the New England states. Mr. F. S. Witherbee, of New York, president of the astern Iron association, argued that the chief obstacle to the development of New England manufacturers was the almost prohibitory rates charged by the New England railroads.

When Mr. V. K. Moore and Mr. Powell Stackhouse, of Michigan, were on the stand, Mr. Flower, of the committee, endeavored to obtain from them information in regard to the investment of capital and the amount of labor required to produce a ton of iron. No data could be given were upon Mr. Flower announced his opinion to be that the business methods in vogue among the iron ore producers were slipshod.

Hon. Galusha A. Brown advocated a reduction on coal, but maintained that a proviso should be added to the law declaring that the reduced duty should apply only to the products of such foreign countries as did not charge a higher duty on import of American coal. He did not urge an abolition of tariff, but that it should be fixed at a rate which would cover the difference in wages in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Charles E. Mayer, president of the Consolidated Coal company, of Maryland, and president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, read a paper protesting against any change in the existing rate of duty on coal. He held that to reduce the rate would effect a reduction in wages, and would also destroy the coasting trade of the United States. He did not ask that the rate should be increased, although the just duty would be \$1.25 a ton. He did not want to put the American laborer down on the same plane as the British laborer, but a reduction of the rate of duty would have that effect.

Masonic Banquet. Lakeland lodge, A. F. and A. M., R. S. Roberts, worshipful master, celebrated the feast of St. John by a magnificent banquet last night at the Masonic temple. Seventy-five covers were laid, and the supper was furnished by Mr. Catouni, the confectioner, who knows so well how to please the public in everything pertaining to good fare, either in delicacies or substantial. There was everything to tempt the palate, and the enjoyment of all was complete. Henry Gibson, esq., delivered one of those able and interesting addresses which he is noted for the past, and appropriate remarks were made by others. The festivities were kept up until a late hour, when the gathering dispersed, well pleased with the supper and the events of the evening. Representatives of the TIMES partook of the hospitalities of the occasion, and can testify as to the superior quality of the fare and the elegance of the entertainment.

A Year's Progress in the South. By Associated Press. BALTIMORE, December 27.--The annual review of the South's industrial progress, as published in this week's issue of the Manufacturer's Record, shows that 5,135 new manufacturing and mining enterprises were organized in that section during 1899 against 2,118 in 1898, 3,489 in 1897, and 1,755 in 1896. The amount of capital and capital stock of these companies was \$229,703,000 in 1899 and \$168,501,000 in 1898.

Literary Society Meeting. At the meeting of the Vinton Literary society last Thursday night, the question for debate was: Resolved, That intemperance is a greater evil than war. The speakers were, on the affirmative, Rev. V. W. Wheeler and Dr. R. H. Gathright; negative, Messrs. George S. Jack and R. O. Smith. The question was won by the affirmative. The judges were Messrs. W. L. Hickok, F. A. Gish and George B. McLean.

Who Bought the Boots. The Washington Post, of yesterday, contains this advertisement: "Will the gentleman who purchased several pairs of rubber boots to be sent to Roanoke, Va., please call at the store. The address was lost and the boots were not sent." Stanley Going to Egypt. By Associated Press. ZANZIBAR, Dec. 27.--Two hundred and fifty of the followers of Emin Pasha will sail from here for Suez tomorrow. Emin will not be able to leave Bagamoyo for three weeks. Mr. Stanley will sail for Egypt on December 30.

Mr. Cleveland Will Fix the Damages. By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.--Grover Cleveland yesterday substituted for the late Hooper Van Vorst, as referee in actions brought against the city by property-owners, to recover damages for filling in along the Hudson river.

NOT DECIDED. A BURIAL PLACE FOR MR. DAVIS NOT SELECTED.

M. S. DAVIS TO MAJOR ELLYSON. The Claims of Several States to the Remains Mrs. Davis Wishes Time for the Consideration of the Question.

RICHMOND, Va., December 27.--Major J. Taylor Elyson on yesterday received a letter from Mrs. Jefferson Davis in reply to one he had written to her transmitting the resolutions of the city council expressing their desire that the remains of her distinguished husband might be interred here. In her letter which is dated "Beauvoir House," Beauvoir, La., December 21," Mrs. Davis says: "I regret that the manner in which the people of Richmond sustained him during the war, his affection for her citizens and pride in the calm fortitude of her men and women under crushing defeat, were to be a moving cause only. I might lay him there unburied; but the state of his birth, Kentucky; the state of his adoption, which showered every honor upon him with her gift, Mississippi; the state where Confederacy first unfurled her flag, Alabama; the state in which his parents spent their early life, and where his father was born, and where my husband has received many honors, Georgia; the state in which we found friends and home, and where our dead repose, Tennessee; and last but not least the state which now gives him a sepulchre amidst the tears and plaudits of her people, Louisiana. All these have put forth claims so strong that I cannot choose among them, and I have decided to wait perhaps a year before making a selection."

Interred in the same soil with your immortal heroes, Gen. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, is a privilege fully appreciated, and I would be last to undervalue the honor, but when the final decision must be made I cannot be unmindful of the rights of those who have done me honor to claim custody of my dead, and beg you to have patience with me for a season.

NOTES FROM SALEM. Still Pushing Forward--More Sales by the Land Improvement Company. Dr. E. A. Parsons, of Salem, was in the city yesterday.

The Salem Land and Improvement company has, have sold 800 lots, realizing therefrom \$350,000. A gentleman from Worcester, Mass., has been in the city considering the establishment of a bee-hive power plant, for the site of which the Salem Land and Improvement company have agreed to donate three acres. The plant will cost \$20,000. A meeting of citizens was called for last night to organize a chamber of commerce, whose duties it will be to look after the interests of the city, and whose watchword will be forward and upward.

Influenza on the Increase. By Associated Press. VIENNA, December 27.--The hospitals in this city are crowded with patients suffering from influenza accompanied by inflammation of the lungs, pleurisy and peritonitis. There are over one hundred cases of influenza in Prague. PARIS, December 27.--The large number of deaths resulting from influenza in this city is exciting general apprehension. It is reported that 580 deaths from the disease have occurred within twenty-four hours. The papers print this report, but some of them doubt the figures, claiming that they are too high.

BERLIN, December 27.--For some days past there has been a few spasmodic cases of influenza at Koenigsberg, but the disease has now become epidemic and some of the cases are of the most serious nature. LISBON, December 27.--The number of cases of influenza in this city and Oporto are increasing.

Death of a Former Ambassador. By Associated Press. VIENNA, December 27.--Count Aloys Karolyi de Karolyi, formerly Austrian ambassador to Great Britain and Germany, died suddenly while hunting on his estate at Pressburg, Hungary. He was hunting on horseback. When found, his neck was broken. It is not certain whether he was attacked by apoplexy and fell from his horse, or whether he fell and broke his neck.

The Case's Recent Issues. By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, December 27.--The czar is making favorable progress toward recovery from his attack of influenza. He has never been in a critical condition, and no fears have been felt as to the outcome of his illness.

By Associated Press. VANCOUVER, B. C. December 27. A terrible accident occurred on the Frazer river road yesterday. Six young men on sleigh riding were driving along the road, when a tree fell, crushing the sleigh, killing four of the occupants and the horses. The other two escaped with severe bruises.

Interrupted Cable Communication. By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.--The cable between Atanhan and Rio de Janeiro has, according to the latest advices from Brazil, ceased to work. No cause is given for the break in the line as the means of communication between the two points are limited. The Trouble Ended. SAVANNAH, Ga., December 27.--No further troubles have occurred at Jessup and affairs are resuming their usual status. Will not cure everything. A. B. C. Tonic and A. B. C. Alternative cure Blood Diseases only.