FARMVILLE HERALD.

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Draws no Pensions.

ST. JOSEPH'S, W. VA., May 29, '99.

Editor Herald:—I have been an active, go-about for many years, and generally in a section of our country from which soldiers went into the Union army. During this time I have been hunting for an ex-Union soldier *who was not drawing a pension.* I have at last found one and have just extended him my congratulations. He is now 75 years old and still, as he said, "able to make a living, and as long as that is so I will not feed at the nation's crib." He said that a pension doctor had urged him to apply for a pension and that he knew he could get a good one. Still he refused and enjoys a feeling of independence and of manhood to which many are strangers. He knows as well as the rest of us know that the pension business has been carried all too far. Some soldiers deserve pensions but all soldiers do not.

EX-REB.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at White & Co.'s Drug Store as their giving away to their many customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable remedy, from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases are quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size 50c. and $1.00. Every bottle warranted.

The Mennonite church in this country is about to establish its first foreign mission. It will be located in India.

Struggles with you whether you continue the nerve-wrecking tobacco habit. NO-TO-BAC removes the desire for tobacco, stops nervousness, strengthens, purifies the blood, restores lost manhood, makes you strong. 500 testimonials in branch, sent free. Sold by druggists everywhere. Buy of your own druggist, who will vouch for us. Take it with you and pocket-book. A will, positively, permanently cure. One box, $1, usually cures; 3 boxes, $2.50 guaranteed to cure, or we refund money. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago, Montreal, New York.

STOP SMOKING

An Oklahoma town was surveyed, lots sold and many of them occupied by about 800 people within twenty-four hours.

Working Night and Day

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globule of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by White & Co.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Write to S. W. Paulett, Jr., Farmville, Va., for information desired about Farmville Lithia Water.

Berlin has followed the example of London in forbidding cabmen to use certain streets unless they have a passenger.

The number of children and youth in the United States is 21,082,472. Of these, 9,718,432 are enrolled in Sunday schools.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25cts per box. For sale by Cunningham & Co., Druggists.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Net earnings on the eleven principal English railways during the first four months of 1899 increased £409,594 over 1898.

Japanese children write better with the left hand, while with the right hand they can turn out 10 per cent. more work in a given time.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who, knowing me to be a poor widow, gave it to me, I tried it and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. I give this certificate without solicitation, simply in appreciation of the gratitude felt for the cure effected.—Respectfully, MRS. MARY A. BEARD, Claremore, Ark. For sale by Cunningham Drug Co.

In 1896 Java produced 1,600,000 pounds of indigo. This industry is threatened by the making of artificial indigo out of coal tar in Germany.

A new word applied to Americans is "quinophagists," indicating that they consume more quinine than any other people in the world.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package. For sale by Cunningham & Co., Druggists.

We can sell you a tooth brush guaranteed not to shed the bristles for 35c.

H. C. CRUTE, Druggist.

Farm For Rent.

Will rent my farm of 225 acres, with good dwelling and outhouses, farming implements and pair of mules, on reasonable terms. Possession given August 1st. Apply to T. L. MORTON,

May 12, '99. Farmville, Va.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Buckingham Happenings.

SHEPPARDS, VA., June 6, '99.

Editor Herald:—The people of this vicinity are hard at work just now. Corn and tobacco to plow and wheat is nearly ready to cut. The oat crop is a complete failure as regard the spring sown seed and but few people sowed in the fall. The fruit crop is very light, and I have heard of only two people who have a full crop of apples.

The Smyrna people celebrated "Children's Day" last Sunday. There was a large congregation—more than the church could hold. Everything passed off very pleasantly, and the children acquitted themselves quite handsomely. Misses Minnie Pollard and Fannie Garnett deserve the credit for training the children.

I learn that Mr. E. Isham Gilliam, is very ill with slight hope of recovery. Mr. Gilliam is one of the best known men in our county and should he die, would be greatly missed.

Last Sunday evening one of P. M. Jones' horses ran out of the pasture and went to Farmville, (10 miles) she had been in the habit of going to town once-a-week, and it is supposed found it too quiet in the country. Mr. Geo. Hazlegrove knew the horse and very kindly took care of her untill called for.

Mr. Plummer F. Jones, who has been sick at Woodstock, Va., for the past month is now at the Virginia Hospital at Richmond. He is improving and hopes to be home quite soon.

The Allen Epps trial will be held at Buckingham next Tuesday. It being harvest time it is likely that there will be a small attendance at court.

Rev. F. H. Martin will conduct a "protracted" meeting at Concord church on the 3rd Sunday in July. Mr. Martin is a fine preacher and did a great deal of good when last here, by his earnest, forcible preaching.

A Card From J. W. Bradshaw.

RICE, VA., June 5th, '99.

Editor Herald:—In your last issue I noticed an article in your paper which does great injustice to my father, my brother Herman and myself.

In the first place we are not Republicans. We are not politicians. We shall always consider the man and the question when we vote; and in the second place the statements made are so far from correct that I hope the people of Prince Edward will suspend their judgment until the facts shall be disclosed by a judicial inquiry.

It is hardly fair to try men in their absence, and upon the statements of adverse witnesses alone, and then publish the result. Such a course can only prejudice. I trust you will publish this in your paper and let us have fair play. It is all we ask.

Respectfully,

J. W. BRADSHAW.

Prosperous! West Virginia.

Editor Herald:—West Virginia is said to be a prosperous State, and let me give you an instance as true, which came under my observation, to show you how general it is.

An old, one-armed preacher conducted a series of meetings at a country church, and I heard the last of the number. When he finished an officer of the church arose and suggested the propriety of a collection for the brother who had "served them faithfully and who had no other means of making a living except by preaching." The hat was handed around and when the proceeds were counted they amounted to the munificent sum of 15 cents. I had quietly slipped in one third of the amount and felt very much ashamed that I had no other change. Are the people of the community prosperous or just dog-mean?

Again. The daughter of my landlady had been suffering for some time with a "rising foot," as she called it, and when home remedies all failed she carried her to the doctor. He at once diagnosed the situation, stuck a knife into the offending part and gave instant and permanent relief. For this knowledge and skill he charged the princely sum of 25 cents, and I wish you could have heard her "rear and charge" when she returned home, at the enormity of the bill. She wondered that a God of justice would spare a nation in which such grasping was allowed.

I wonder what the professors of Union Theological Seminary would think of that 15-cent collection, and the doctors of Farmville of the 25-cents charge? And all this in prosperous West Virginia.

Have you not, Mr. Editor, been often told that no one can do two things well at the same time? I am now eye witness to an object lesson which knocks the bottom out of the old saying. I am resting at a country home for dinner, and the lady in charge, "who is chief cook and bottle washer," is churning, pealing potatoes and watching the baby at this very moment. The baby is on the floor, kicking as high in air as he can send his heels and staring at the stranger with a pair of blue eyes unusually big and brilliant and does not require much of mother's care, but the churning and pealing are absorbing, and I believe, are being well done.

Most of these people, however, have the county paper in their homes, and I understand it is generally paid for.

EX-REB.

General Tutoring.

I offer my services in general tutoring for the summer, particularly in French, German and Spanish.

ALFRED J. MORRISON.

Look to Your Interest.

I have for sale a good road horse, kind and gentle, good size, works anywhere. Also a Mitchell two horse wagon, almost new, used all last fall and winter. I am anxious to sell; will sell my family mare or the horse above described. WM. G. VENABLE.

For Sale.

First class Jersey Cow and Calf for $35—worth $50. S. W. Paulett, Jr.

Dwelling's Narrow Escape.

About 10 o'clock Tuesday night the kitchen attached to the dwelling of Mayor W. T. Blanton caught fire and but for the timely discovery of it by some one in the house, nothing could have prevented the total destruction of the residence. It is not known definitely what caused the fire.

Hamlet—Crume.

Mr. Barksdale Hamlet, of Hampden-Sidney, Va., and Miss Daisie Crume, of Nolin, Ky., were quietly married at Jeffersonville, Ind., on May 25th. Miss Crume is the only daughter of a prominent grain farmer of western Kentucky, and is beautiful and highly accomplished, well representing a typical "belle" of the blue grass section.

Mr. Hamlet is the son of Mr. C. S. Hamlet, a prosperous tobacco grower of this county.

Will Last for Generations.

A macadam road, when once it is properly constructed, needs but little repairing, and lasts for generations, as has been indisputably and repeatedly proven in England and on the European continent. A stone road poorly built for want of successful rolling, even with excellent material can be but a poor highway at best. Many so-called macadam roads, recently built by inexperienced men, or without the proper use of good road rollers, are continually going to pieces by the wearing of ruts and the subsequent combined action of water and travel. A heavily loaded wagon, with its entire weight resting upon four narrow tired wheels, exerts a tremendous pressure upon a small space, far greater than that exerted by the broad surface of the road roller. Every wagon wheel has a great tendency to displace the particles of road material, by crowding them both downward and sideward. Hence the necessity of exercising the greatest pains and the utmost care in thoroughly packing, rolling, and hardening any macadam road.

Hampden-Sidney Commencement.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., June 5.

The arrangements for commencement exercises have now been completed, and will be as follows: Rev. R. A. Gibson, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Northern Virginia, will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the senior class on Sunday, the 11th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M., and make the address before the Young Men's Christian Association at 8 o'clock P. M.

On Monday, the 12th instant, the Board of Trustees will meet in the memorial hall, and at the same hour the annual celebration of the Union Society will be held in College church.

On Tuesday, the 13th instant, at 12 o'clock M., Rev. Lewis Mack, of Norfolk, will deliver the address before the literary societies, and at 1 o'clock Professor W. H. Whiting (class of 1881), of Millwood, Va., will deliver the address before the Society of Alumni. At 4 o'clock P. M., the meeting of the Society of Alumni will be held, and at 8 o'clock P. M., the annual celebration of the Philanthropic Society will take place.

On Wednesday, 14th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M., the commencement exercises will be held, when the announcement of distinctions and honors will be made, trustees' essayists' medals will be delivered, orations by members of the graduating class, together with the master's oration, the Latin salutatory, and the valedictory will be delivered and diplomas be presented to graduates of the A. B., B. L., and A. M. degrees.

At 8 o'clock P. M., the senior celebration will be held.

Quite a brilliant commencement is expected and a large number of young ladies from a distance will be present. A good many of the younger alumni have also given notice of their intention to attend.

In addition to the names of graduates already announced there may now be added Messrs. J. R. Johnson, Jr., of Christianburg; T. C. Jones, of Petersburg, and J. A. Owen, of South Boston, with the degree of A. B., and Mr. J. M. Love, of Petersburg, with the degree of B. L.

No one who has given the subject close thought can doubt the moral and sentimental value of good roads. The successful maintenance of schools and churches and the spreading of their good influences is directly dependent upon the character of the highways. The social life of the country is quickened or suppressed as the roads become good or bad. The youth of the country leaves the farms mainly for the reason that the social advantages are so often sadly hedged about by impassable mud roads. Isolation, ignorance, crime, is the universally accepted course of things.

But alas! sentiment is something that it is difficult to deal with in a statistical way. The business side of the road question appeals to all. The following from the Bay City (Mich.) Tribune tells the story—the old, old story:

"A farmer from Saginaw county brought in a load of grain yesterday to be ground. Although living much nearer Saginaw than this city, he stated that it was impossible for him to draw a load of grain to Saginaw on account of the condition of the roads. He came into the city without any trouble on Bay county's stone roads, and he is positive that the failure of Saginaw to get a sugar factory was due to the poor condition of the roads in that county. While in the city this farmer made arrangements to rent 20 acres of land west of this city for six dollars per acre, and he will grow ten acres of beets and ten acres of chicory. He will rent his farm near Saginaw for two dollars an acre, there being a difference of four dollars per acre in the relative values of the two farms on account of good roads and a market for products in Bay county."

The same conditions are to be found in thousands of localities, and the people are beginning to ask if there is never to be any advancement along the lines of road making and road keeping?—Good Roads.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

"What will you have to drink," he said,
And called the garcon near;
"A claret punch, a lemonade, or
Some creme de menthe or beer?"

"I only like three things," she said,
With laughter in her eye;
"Champagne is one, and creme de menthe
And choicest eau de rye."

"Alas! alas!" he sighed aloud,
"How fast my fancies run!
When you said three I entertained
The hope of being one."

She dropped her eyes, her bosom swelled,
She seemed a bit undone—
"'Tis true I only like three things,
And only love but one."

What has become of the good roads folks?

The oat crop in this section is almost a complete failure.

Mr. H. C. Paulett is in the mountains recuperating.

Mrs. Leila Spencer returned from Lynchburg last Saturday.

There is a great deal of building going on in our town just now.

A man always thinks a woman must be cool if she is dressed in white.

When Peter is robbed Paul is seldom paid, although that is always the excuse.

Mayor Blanton was taken suddenly ill last Monday while at his store. Dr. Anderson attended him.

If we could see ourselves as others see us, we might deem blindness one of earth's greatest blessings.

Mr. W. P. Gilliam has had another painful spell of illness, though we are glad to report him out again.

How many have a thought for the unfortunate ones behind prison bars this oppressively hot weather?

We notice our merchants are closing their stores in the evening at half-past six to give the salesmen some recreation.

It might be interesting if the town council enquired into the execution of the amendment to the dog law recently made.

Mr. Charles Bugg, who has been laid up for some time with a sprained ankle, is now able to attend the daily duties at his store.

Miss Gravely, of Stockton, Henry county, after visiting her uncles, Messrs. J. L. and Geo. Richardson, returned home last Monday.

The Farmville Silver Band went to Burkeville last Monday and discoursed music at the commencement exercises of Southside Female Institute.

The 'phones and all necessary parts for the construction of the telephone exchange in town have been received and work is promised to be commenced immediately.

Richmond wants to have Hampden-Sidney college brought to her and now the rumor is that she actually is desirous of getting the State Normal school from Farmville.

The only certain way of knowing who raised the biggest potato is to send specimens to the HERALD office, where they will be accurately measured or weighed, and the results given.

There is a lady in Farmville who is just the age to a day of Queen Victoria, and she enjoys the fact that so much of prominence is given to each return of the day. She appropriates just a little of it.

The well founded rumor is afloat that the water plant of Farmville will change hands entirely on the 1st of July. Perhaps everything will have gotten in such shape by next week as that the HERALD can give all the particulars to its readers.

W. C. Barger, who for some months past has been the proprietor of the Randolph Hotel, has returned to his old home in Covington, Va. His venture as landlord in Farmville was unsuccessful. After a brief stay at Covington he says he will go to Ohio to live.

The trial of the Bradshaws for assaulting their uncle, Mr. Cephas Bradshaw, at Rice's, the day after election, was not held last Monday, on account of the unavoidable absence of Judge Mann, who is their counsel. We hear that the trial will take place today.

The sudden illness of Mrs. James Cannon, Jr., formerly of Farmville, but now of Blackstone, is a matter of much concern to her friends in this and all parts of Virginia. It is reported that Mrs. Cannon has been taken to St. Luke's, in Richmond, for treatment by Dr. McGuire.

Some of the people visiting and trading in town this week: Miss M. C. Hebditch, Miss Ora Spencer, Henry W. Shepard, Mrs. J. W. Hebditch, Buckingham; Hubert Glenn and wife, J. J. Gilliam, J. R. Weaver, J. W. Hubbard, Prince Edward; Wm. Garnett and wife, J. W. Blanton, George Adams, S. W. Shepard, Cumberland.

The brick for paving a portion of Second and Third streets have been ordered and we hear that work will soon be commenced on those thoroughfares. It would be of interest to the people of Farmville to know what the streets have cost since July 1st last, including of course, extra police hire which account rightfully belongs to street expenditures, where the police had to take the place of Mr. Beal while the latter was superintending street work.

The Board of Supervisors will meet today, and next Tuesday is regular council meeting day. The committee appointed at the last Supervisors' meeting to confer with the council will no doubt go before that body next Tuesday with a proposition to macadamize the public road from Farmville to Hampden-Sidney. This proposition is a most liberal one to the town of Farmville and we have not a doubt but that the council will accept it.

Clerk W. H. Thackston spent several days in Richmond during the week past.

Miss Mary Boothe Walker is visiting friends in Richmond.

It looks desolate about the Normal school now that the girls have all gone to their homes.

Mr. L. H. Corley, superintendent of the water works, paid a hurried visit to Norfolk this week.

Rev. W. B. Capers and Mr. C. F. Bugg are in Danville attending the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

We are again promised an ice factory, and hope that the project may this time be successfully consummated.

Do not let the firm roads of summer time make you forget the mud and mire of the long winter months.

We suppose the town council will make the usual appropriation for furnishing a Fourth of July dinner to the firemen.

We hope a large crowd of our citizens will go to Hampden-Sidney next week to attend the commencement exercises. They promise to be more interesting than for years past.

What higher fate for man can wait
Than 'neath the overarching sky
To sow and reap, to tend and keep
The fertile fields that round him lie?
Small pleasure springs from joys of kings
And richer is his lot by far,
Whose life is spent in sweet content
Where hearth and home and loved ones are.

Another Letter From Watkins.

GARDENIA, June 6th, '99.

Editor Herald:—Some time has elapsed since I have written and as the political fight is now over and all seems to be smooth sailing and victorious for the Democrats, I feel like exclaiming, "well done." I had once thought that true patriotism was a thing of the past, but am not as much inclined that way now. I believe this is still a government for the people and by the people, and as some one has wisely said: "Vigilance is the price of liberty," and I may be called a poetic dreamer by some and made to see all kinds of visions and floating iron bridges, yet there are some realities and facts in life that I do profess to know, and will take the liberty of mentioning them in your valuable paper.

The bridge question is one now of vital importance with us, as we are almost entirely cut off from our good old county, Buckingham. Whenever we take a trip to our beloved old county we are necessarily compelled to go directly through the Devil's Elbow, and I would like to mention at least some of the dangers and trials we have to encounter while on such a trip, for the benefit of our gentle readers.

In the first place the Devil's Elbow is just about one mile in length and a large portion of the way a good man can throw a stone into the river on both sides. After we approach the entrance, which is with great difficulty, we have to travel along on a road in a great many places just wide enough for a wagon or buggy, with fearful precipices below, almost perpendicular, of not less than 300 feet. There is no possible chance of hauling a load on such roads. Our much beloved pastor, Rev. Bascom Dey, with all his good qualities and piety, has only tried this perilous venture once. Just imagine some of your townsfolks as being in such an embrace for one mile of very slow travel. I think it would awaken such a feeling of brotherly love as there would be immediate action in regard to this much agitated question. Of course the parties in authority know what is best in regard to this business, but for my part, can't see that the cost will be lessened by so much delay. Buckingham may be in fault. Our authorities generally act promptly on business questions. Venable's bridge being down does not affect Farmville and I am sure this cannot be the cause of delay, while it is a serious damage to our little village, Prospect.

I am truly glad the road question is still being agitated by our county people. What about broad tires? It seems almost folly to me to spend thousands of dollars in making roads and then have them cut to pieces by narrow tires. I am under the impression that wide tires would greatly improve our public highways and that our road tax ought to be greatly reduced by the use of them. It has been clearly demonstrated to me that wide tires not only pull easier but serve as a roller for the roads, and that three or four trips with a four or six inch tire will make a good road bed for a buggy or carriage.

I must now close as I have been too lengthy already. Hurrah for the Democrats, good roads and broad tires.

WATKINS.

For Sale!

One horse, buggy, wagon, jumper and harness. Horse young, sound and a good traveler. Buggy new—been used about 12 times. Wagon new and used about the same number of times. For a bargain write to

BOX 336, Farmville, Va.

Please Look Pleasant!

It's a mighty hard thing to ask a man to do who wears shoes that cramp and pinch. But such shoes are unnecessary. Wear-Resisters don't pinch. They fit—just right. Get a pair at A. E. Cralle's.

Dont Cough.

"There is no better way to get rid of your temper than by keeping it," says an exchange. Some people seem to think that they can get rid of a bad cough in the same way. Keep your cough and you will soon find it necessary to keep something worse. Better invest a quarter in a bottle of David's Cough Syrup—the remedy that cures when others fail.—For sale by Winston & Gray.

Mr. John Bevins, editor of the Press, Anthon, Iowa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for fifteen years, have recommended it to hundreds of others, and have never known it to fail in a single instance. For sale by Cunningham Drug Co.

Houses for Rent.

C. E. Chappell's, on Main street; Baldwin's, on High street.

S. W. PAULETT, JR.

Present-Day Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

The Graves of the Dead.—Though one day is just as important as another with those to whom all of life is important, and though the memory of the past deeds of those we love should be ever with us as a daily benison; yet it is so natural a thing for human beings to set aside times and seasons for performing certain acts, that we cannot be blamed for having one day of the year for special decoration of the graves of our soldier dead. Once more, therefore, with a joy that comes from realizing an increasing unity in a country once almost rent asunder, and with a new solemnity because many of the new graves of the past year are the graves of those who were young and strong, we approach this season.

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The years that have passed have seen our women tenderly decorating in honor of a former generation; this year sees us bending low over the green mounds that cover the manhood of today. Thus one touch of common sorrow unites the past and the present.

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For what have these dead died? The earlier generation—perhaps blindly at times, but nevertheless effectually—on behalf of a nation that was that is and that ever will be—please God—one and indivisible. With all sorts of motives, quite beyond our ken and certainly beyond our criticism these forms of dust worked out even a greater purpose than they knew of national perpetuity. Many of them were uncontrolled in passion, many of them were wayward and heedless, and many of them, perhaps, need never to have perished as they did and when they did. But they now rest from their labors. And the work they did partial and complete as to each individual, but grand in its totality of influence, is ours by inheritance, so that we indeed do reap where we have not sowed. Their ancestors before them died to make a nation, these dead died to save it.

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The new generation heard from West to East and from North to South the sad cry of the Queen of the Antilles. Women and men alike were thrilled with horror at the ravages done by a dying monarchy and a waning power. So from the mountains of the South, from the prairies, from the mine, and from the busy marts, our boys some of them lying dead beneath our feet—went forth to scourge a scourge, and to smite a beast. So fragile was his fury, so puerile was his defense, that thousands of them never tested strength; but the knowledge that they were ready to do so gave strength to those who were in the front and melted into weakness the strength of a nation that was strong only in tyranny. Some of our new dead died bravely facing the foe; more, alas, died because the sudden expansion of our forces found us unprepared to take proper care of them; but even they in their dying have taught us a national lesson and hardened up a national purpose to run no such risks in future.

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This day of decoration we will honor those who fought, those who fell by the way side, and those who at mercy's call faced the dangers of the camp. Likewise will we honor the women who bore them and the women who nursed them. Just as in the Civil War when the unit soldier was only partially aware of the great purpose that he was working out so these our recent dead, mark a year that has summoned a nation begotten in riot, born in revolution, nurtured in separation and grown to manhood in aloofness—summoned, I say, this nation of power into actual membership among the groups of nations that make this great sensitive world. It is but another illustration of the truth that a duty done is almost certain to reveal a still wider duty to be done; much as it is with the mountain climber whose every step upward serves to show him a wider view.

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We have smitten the shackles from Cuba and thereby have opened before ourselves a way that shows us the need of teaching the Cubans how to govern themselves. We have freed Porto Rico from the power of the Don only to find our own past experience and our own high grade of progress summoned at every point—governmental, financial, educational and religious—to bring better things to pass than these island dwellers have ever yet known. Southward therefore has the year thrust our influence, making American theories and American standards leap to points that we did not reckon on when our errand was first undertaken. Also far out over the Pacific Ocean westward have the American stars been placed in a firmament to be seen of all men where they were scarcely known before. The islands of the great King Kamehameha are ours; Guam is ours; the Philippines are ours. It has been a strange year, a fateful year, a great year; one whose every solemn minute summons all of us who believe in America and its future to the unavoidable conviction that in the affairs of this great round world, in addition to Russia, to Germany and to England there is one other great nation, the fourth of the big four, by whom all other nations whatsoever of the earth are to be controlled, or guided, or governed. The hands on the dial of destiny never turn back; they move forward with the precision of the universe. In the minutes, or the years, or the centuries, or the millenia that they record, the weighing of nations is going on. Judging by our past, dare any man predict that in the sudden and unexpected revelation to ourselves of the truth that no nation liveth to itself, America shall be found wanting?

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The deeds of the dead leave a duty for the living; and so as we rise with sobs from bending over those who breathe no more, may there come to each American soul the determination that though partisanship be sunk, that though personal triumph be considered of small moment, that though the individual by himself be small and of light influence, yet there shall be in this time of our great testing so great a rebirth of intelligent purpose and of national unity that we shall shine in the marveling eyes of other powers and demonstrate once more that the nation of the fathers is not mere tradition, but a living being that goes forth at the call of destiny to make lighter burdens for weary shoulders and a lighter influence in the dark places of the earth.

THE OLD DOMINION.

Brief Items of Interest Picked up Over The State.

While Mr. Frank Ridgeway and a fellow-student—Mr. G. B. Lawson—were wrestling on the Randolph-Macon campus Saturday, in a fall Mr. Ridgeway had his leg broken in two places.

In Stafford county Saturday James Mahoney, charged with having attempted criminal assault upon Mrs. James O'Bryhim, was discharged with the nominal fine of $2, the evidence being contradictory.

Miss Missie Watson, daughter of Mr. William A. B. Watson, a prominent citizen of upper Pittsylvania county, committed suicide the other day on account of despondency caused by ill health. She was 20 years old.

In a severe windstorm in Wythe county Thursday falling limbs severely injured 'Squire Thomas Sisher, of Crockett's Depot, breaking his leg in two places, and also broke the leg of a boy named Hoback, who was fishing in Reed creek, two miles from Wytheville.

The Circuit Court at Staunton Saturday, Judge Letcher presiding, has amended the charter of the Low Moor Iron Company, extending its lease for thirty years from June 13th, 1903, and permitting the company to increase its capital stock from $1,000,000 to $10,000,000, and further authorizing it to hold land not in excess of 200,000 acres.

A. B. Mayo, known as "Bud" Mayo, a well known Lynchburg character, was employed by Charles Harvey to help him do some work on Harvey's flour mill at Spring Mills, Campbell county. Saturday they set out for the place in a buggy, taking whiskey with them. When they reached Concord the whiskey gave out, and Mayo insisted upon going back to Lynchburg for more. Harvey objected, and in the quarrel which followed shot Mayo three times, killing him.

The Roanoke Light Infantry has been reorganized, with W. H. B. Loving as Captain and John F. Brizzle, as First Lieutenant.

Miss Myrtle Jackson, of Clendenin, was hypnotized three days ago and is lying in an unconscious condition, all efforts to revive her having failed.

Delia Jupee, a colored woman, who claimed to be over 100 years old, was struck and killed by a train on the Southern railway, near Lynchburg, Saturday.

The new Calvary Baptist church at Bowling Green, Caroline county, will be dedicated Friday, June 16th. An elaborate programme has been arranged for the occasion.

Otto Wagner, a butcher, was struck by a Cincinnati and Ohio train near Orange Sunday night and killed. He was born in Bavaria, and was about 40 years of age.

Colonel C. T. Crittenden, formerly a popular clerk at the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, was paralyzed a few days ago at his home, near Mitchell's Station, in Culpeper county.

L. G. Haynes, of Roanoke, was killed Sunday at Montgomery, twenty-eight miles west of Roanoke, by a block from the lifter of a wrecking car falling on his head. He leaves a widow and four children.

Thornhill Barksdale, a young man of Marysville, Campbell county, attempted to commit suicide the other day after a quarrel with his sweetheart by shooting himself in the breast. His wound is dangerous.

A few nights ago fire destroyed the barn of the Rev. W. W. Walker, of Northumberland county, consuming at the same time eight head of horses and mules, much valuable machinery, etc., all of which was a total loss, as there was no insurance.

General Leonard Wood, Governor-General of the province of Santiago, Cuba, has engaged apartments for himself and family at Covington. General Wood will spend the season in Covington to escape the laborious lionizing he would receive at the larger resorts.

The clothing store of Hatcher, Askew & Co., at Pulaski, was burned Monday morning. The stock was saved. The building belonged to Miller & Warden, and was a handsome one. It was insured for $2,000. The fire is thought to have been the work of incendiaries.

A passenger train on the Norfolk and Western was wrecked near Tipton Saturday morning by some boys placing on the track a large iron bolt. The engine was overturned. Both fireman and engineer remained with their engine and neither was injured. All passengers escaped injury.

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