

Handy to Have After Your House Is Burned!

the face value, in CASH, of the amount of your policy. Yes, sir, it's the most handy and useful thing you can have after your home is in ashes; especially if all your savings are invested in your home. I do not believe there is in Tazewell county, a sensible, thinking man, who will give the subject of INSURANCE a few moments of careful consideration and then hesitate to insure his property. I say business men. Not all sensible men are business men. I'm in my office every day to write GOOD insurance. GOOD only. I do not represent any "wildcat" companies. If you are interested in the GOOD kind, I'm your man.

J. F. Hurt,

The Insurance Man,
Tazewell, Virginia.

Have You Property You Want to Sell?

Place it with
Clinch Valley Real Estate Agency.

It will cost you nothing unless sales are made. We give below a description of some of the properties now in our hands:

120 acres of fine land in the corporation of Richlands, south of Clinch River, all in a high state of cultivation, nearly one-half in river bottoms, a splendid new 8-room house and all necessary out-buildings. Price \$3000, one-third cash, residue 1, 2 and 3 years. Title perfect.

214 acres of fine blue grass land, all cleared but about 30 acres, 4-room house, two barns with other outside buildings, fine spring of never-failing water, school houses and churches nearby, good fences, about one mile south of Doran, N. & W. R. R. Would sell in two parts. Price \$25 per acre, one-third cash, residue 1, 2 and 3 years.

20,000 acres of the finest coal lands in Virginia, in the counties of Tazewell and Buchanan. Price given upon examination of property.

A good dwelling with 8 rooms, at Richlands, \$550, half cash, one and two years. This is a bargain.

Farm of 118 acres at Graham, 50 to 60 acres cleared, 3 good gardens, five room dwelling, good stable, ice house, coal house, corn crib, etc. About 50 acres in grass. This land can be bought at a bargain. Terms given on application.

275 acres of fine grass and grain lands between Cedar Bluff and Pounding Mill, 200 acres cleared in a high state of cultivation, balance in fine timbers, good six room house, all necessary out buildings, good barn 75 x 50 feet, good never-failing spring within 40 yards of barn, farm and buildings in good repair, 5 acres in orchard. Price \$25 per acre, one half cash, balance on easy terms. This land is adapted to all kinds of grain and grass, and is a bargain.

250 acres of the choicest blue grass and grain lands in Tazewell County, 3 miles south of Cedar Bluff, all cleared but about 40 acres of fine timber. Well watered with 21 springs of limestone water. 40 acres bottom balance rolling, and in a high state of cultivation, can all be cultivated. Two story frame building, all necessary out buildings, a fine apple orchard, one acre in grapes. Price \$4000. Terms \$2000 cash, residue from one to ten years time, party old and does not need the money. This is a bargain that can be seen only once in a life time. If you don't believe it come and see.

For particulars call on
WM. C. PENDLETON,
Tazewell, Va.,
Or **W. B. SPRATT,**
Richlands, Va.

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TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA.
(Next to Old Stand)

I am prepared to execute, at short notice and on reasonable terms, all classes of iron work—horse shoeing, all kinds of repairing, etc.

THE BATTLE AT SANTIAGO.

Our Ships Did Their Work with the Precision of Stationary Machines.

The naval battle at Santiago was very different from that at Manila, in the character of the ships engaged. The Spaniards had six of their best vessels—four armored cruisers, and two very fast torpedo destroyers, with an average speed of 18 1/2 knots. We had four battleships, two armored cruisers and several smaller craft, with a mean speed of 15 1/2 knots. In both cases the maximum speed of the slowest ship is taken as the average for the fleet. There were only two very fast ships on the American side, the New York and the Brooklyn, and the former was hulled down to seaward of the harbor. Admiral Cervera's plan was, therefore, to go out quickly, turn to the westward along the coast and disable the Brooklyn before the slower ships could come to her rescue, thus carving out a road to the sea. The plan, although well conceived, could be carried out only in part. He did not succeed in disabling the Brooklyn, which was evidently maneuvered with a view to chasing, and five of his ships were overwhelmed by the American fleet before they had time to gather full headway. The battle had resolved itself into but little more than an exciting target practice for our ships when each Spanish vessel, in turn, headed toward the beach and hauled down her flag. The Cristobal Colon, which had passed through the fire without injury, and had escaped to the westward, survived only two hours. The Brooklyn, and to the surprise of everybody the Oregon, overtook her about 50 miles from the coast of the harbor. Her burst of speed had lasted only a short time, and she had not averaged more than 14 knots, just six knots less than she was capable of making. Her captain struck his flag and ran her ashore without a fight. Our ships did their work with the precision of machines set up on shore, and nothing broke down in stress of action. We lost only one man—Ira Nelson Hollis, in Atlantic.

Cut Out the Coupon Below.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Higher education for men and women is the motto of Tazewell College.

Several new students have come to Tazewell College during the present week.

Miss Broadwater a young lady from Scott county has recently enrolled in Tazewell College.

Mr. Geo. W. St. Clair, Commissioner, advertises some valuable land for sale in this issue of the REPUBLICAN.

It is generally conceded that Tazewell College has the largest average attendance in the history of the institution.

It looks like there are going to be a good many candidates for the district offices at the approaching Spring election.

The "Hotel Roanoke" which was burned on the 1st of July, 1898, has been rebuilt and was opened for the reception of guests on the 16th inst.

It is generally understood that the efficiency of a school depends almost entirely upon the faculty. Tazewell College is indeed fortunate in this respect.

Mr. Madison Dailey, the venerable father of Mr. John D. Dailey, we regret to hear is very sick at his home in Baptist Valley. We hope he will improve and get well rapidly.

There is very little sickness in or about town, and none of a serious character. Little Willie McCall, son of Mr. H. G. McCall, who had a slight attack of pneumonia, is getting well.

The primary department of Tazewell College is progressing nicely under the efficient management of Miss McCartney. Only a few more students will be admitted to this department.

A pair of two year old colts was sold on the streets Tuesday at public outcry, for cash, and brought \$125.00. That was a pretty good price, considering the decreased demand for horses.

Prof. T. H. R. Christie, of Bluefield, W. Va., can sell you the best Pianos, Organs, Guitars, Mandolins, Violins, Music Boxes, Sheet music and Music Books. Write for catalogue and lowest prices.

Mr. M. F. Neel, who has been a candidate for Commissioner of Revenue, withdraws from that contest and announces himself a candidate for Supervisor. He took this course at the request of many friends.

It is unfortunate that the work on the road between town and Mrs. K. C. Peery's had not been commenced before winter set in. It is impossible to work on it during the wretched weather we are now having.

The coal shipments over the Norfolk and Western Railway the first week in the present year were larger than the first week in any preceding year. With increased rolling stock and track facilities the shipments could be greatly enlarged.

There ought to be some organization of the business men of Tazewell for the purpose of working up and enlarging its business interests. A few industrial enterprises would do more for the town than anything we can now think of.

The examinations for the public school term of the High School are now going on. With this week the free school term of the school will end. Next Monday a tuition term will begin. The work of the school has been most satisfactory.

Dr. James O'Keeffe went last week to McDowell county, West Va., and entered upon the duties of surgeon and physician for the employes of Walton & Luck, who have the contract for building a railroad up Dry Fork. The Doctor will be missed at Tazewell.

We are told that a wholesale grocery house is to be established at North Tazewell by Messrs. W. A. Scott and Dingli Bros., of Lynchburg. They have purchased a lot of Capt. C. A. Fudge, immediately in front of the depot, and will erect a building at once, we are informed.

Mr. James F. Hurt, the Tazewell live insurance man, has originated a new system of keeping books in his office that is the most perfect we have ever seen. It saves a vast amount of labor and reduced the number of books he had to use to about one-fourth of what he formerly was required to use.

There are many positions in the world waiting for clear headed, active, well educated young men. The places are not all filled by any means. If you wish success in life you must be willing to qualify yourself for a place that will lead to such a result. Tazewell College is a good place to make such preparation.

The Standard Oil Company is making arrangements to erect a steel oil tank at the depot, and will use a delivery wagon to furnish the customers of the merchant's in town and at the station who handle oil with oil direct from the tank. This will be a great convenience to all customers as well as to the merchants.

Mr. John P. Cameron, owner and manager of the "Thistle Plow and Foundry Company" at Graham, was in town Tuesday. He has added a number of valuable improvements to his works, in the way of modern machinery, and is now fixed to do machine and foundry work of all kinds. A short time ago we had him to do some work on our newspaper press, and it was done in first-class style.

LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

again—the grocery business. We believe we are in a position to sell Groceries a shade lower than regular Grocery Stores; because we do not have to depend wholly on our Grocery Custom for a living; there's the Book, Stationery, China and Silverware Departments. Our Mr. Dodd is thoroughly posted in the goods we sell—that's conceded.

Reasonable that we can sell Groceries at a very small profit. Isn't it?

FRESH STOCK SINCE THE HOLIDAYS.

Try us.

DODD & CO.

NOTICE!

"I have bought the business of Chapman & Thompson, and will continue the business alone. My capital is small, and will necessarily have to limit time transactions. The heretofore prevailing custom of running accounts through the year and then close by some will not obtain with me. I am willing to open accounts with responsible parties and supply them in my lines until the MONEY PERIOD of the year, BUT NO LONGER. Those who cannot arrange to pay AS ABOVE will please not ask me to open an account with them, as I am not able to do business on longer time."

The above was published in our newspapers on March 4th, 1898, when I took the business of Chapman & Thompson. I feel grateful to those who dealt with me in the past year, but wish to remind those who have NOT PAID THEIR BILLS that the above implies an AGREEMENT between us—I to furnish the goods and the buyer on his part agreeing to PAY FOR THEM WITHIN THE YEAR. I have complied with my part of the agreement. YOU SHOULD DO SO. I dislike to ask for money, but necessity compels me to do so. I owe money that must be paid. It requires CASH to pay it. I do not want notes. They won't take them from me.

I will continue NO ACCOUNT in 1899, the same for 1898 remaining UNPAID.

J. D. Alexander.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors held yesterday it was determined to remodel the court room of the court-house. Plans were submitted by Mr. J. B. Crawford and also by Mr. E. L. Shullebarger. We are informed that the plans submitted by Mr. Crawford were adopted.

Mr. Max Bass, emigration agent of the Great Northern Railway, will deliver a free lecture at the Town Hall on Saturday, the 21st inst., at 11:30 a. m. He will talk on the climate, soil, products, markets and superior advantages of South Dakota, Minnesota and Washington. We have no doubt the lecture will be an interesting one.

By many who were present at the "At Home" given last Thursday night by Miss Hattie Surface and Mr. W. E. F. White, we are informed the evening was a delightful one. A large crowd was in attendance and everything the fair hostess and genial host could do to make the guests have a nice time was done. The refreshments served, to use the language of some of the young girls, were "just splendid."

There was very little done in the county court this week. The only thing of importance in the proceedings of the court was quashing the indictment against Rees and Nannie Lawson. These persons were indicted for cruelty to their children. At a former term the woman was tried, convicted and sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary for two years. Counsel for accused had formerly demurred to the indictment but the demurrer was overruled. At the present term the court considered, sustained the demurrer and quashed the indictment. This will necessitate another indictment against the parties.

Changes in Advertisements.

Dodd & Co., Jno. E. Jackson, H. W. Pobst, the Tazewell Drug Company and the Thistle Plow and Foundry Co. make changes in their regular advertisements this week. We ask our readers to give these advertisements their special attention.

HORTICULTURE

LETTUCE EXPERIMENTS.

Lettuce in the vicinity of large cities is sold by the pound and the point is to raise as many pounds as possible per square foot of bench space. The Indiana experiment station, to determine the best mode of raising lettuce in the greenhouse, inaugurated a series of lettuce experiments. A bench was set with plants, one portion six inches apart each way and another portion three inches. Both were cut when the thicker setting was matured enough for marketing and the thinner setting still showed chances for further improvement. Contrary to expectations, it was found that the thicker setting gave the heavier yield, being 20 ounces to the square foot, against 11 ounces for the thin setting, a gain of over 80 per cent. The saving in time for growing the crop and the increased yield are both in favor of the thicker setting.

A prominent feature of the experiment was to transplant directly from seed beds into small pots, then after

time plunge the pots into the bench with their rims a half inch below the surface soil. In this way the roots are disturbed but once and a ball of matted roots and soil is retained when the lettuce is sent to market, insuring its perfect condition for a longer period. Two crops were grown in this manner and so far as any effect on the lettuce could be traced, the results were in favor of the ordinary method of shifting rather than retaining the pots, which is also in accord with what is known regarding the early handling of other crops.

To test the value of subwatering, a bench was arranged four inches deeper than would otherwise be necessary, and over the bottom and three inches up the side it was lined with zinc.

The zinc pan is closely filled with ordinary soft brick (c) set on edge. These first had the lower angles chipped off, so that there were small open spaces at the bottom where the bricks came together. A tube was passed along the side of the bench, curved around underneath, and coming up through the bottom was carefully soldered on.

The bench is then filled with soil over the brick. The water is run in through the tube and quickly distributes itself over the bottom. It is gradually absorbed by the brick and slowly passes up to the soil above. The gauge (a) shows the depth of water in the zinc pans at all times. Water is introduced through the tube (b).

The results from this method of subwatering have been more satisfactory than was hoped for. It has been used for crops of lettuce and beans. The theoretical advantages have been more than fulfilled in practice. It is so noticeable that the station has no hesitation in saying that for some crops in particular it will be found of the greatest advantage and profit. The extra cost of preparing the benches, about 13 cents per square foot, is considerable, but the increased yield and better crops will speedily balance the account. The arrangement is shown in the accompanying engraving.—American Agriculturist.

Time-Keeper ON THE Railroad!

Some one has said that a time-keeper on a railroad carries a watch that runs fast in the early morning and slow about quitting time. I don't believe it. Railroad men, as a rule, carry better watches than any other class of people. For instance, I have a line of watches adopted by the greatest railway systems of the United States and used exclusively by their employes. I guarantee every one I sell to keep perfect time. I also guarantee the case and all about it to be just as I represent it to be. I believe I sell

GOOD WATCHES

Cheaper than any house in Southwest Virginia, because I sell for cash. You know how to prove this statement true or false.

I sell good clocks and jewelry, too. If you wish, I'll give a written guarantee with every piece of jewelry I sell to be as represented or your money back.

H. W. POBST,

Till February 1st Special | Confectioneries, Books, Prices on Lamps. | Fancy Goods.

"Reading Makes a Full Man; Conference a Ready Man; Writing an Exact Man."

Reading...

Comes first, doesn't it. Can one find better or more useful reading matter than that contained in a first-class Magazine? Here's my list: Puritan, Cosmopolitan, Munsey, The Argosy, McClure's, Century, The National, Ainslie, Quaker, Black Cat, Ladies' Home Journal, Home Companion and World Almanac.

If you know better than these, I'd be pleased if you'd tell me. I'll get them.

JNO. E. JACKSON,

DRUGGIST, TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Save Money by Ordering Your Liquors From

A. Goodman

The Only Wholesale Liquor Dealers in

POCAHONTAS, VA.

Overholt Pure Rye, this is a 10 year old Eastern Rye, and its medicinal properties are unequalled. \$1.50 per gallon

Belle of Nelson, Ky., is strictly hand made by old process. 1.00 4.00

Old Time Kentucky Rye, a first class article and will surely please you. .80 3.20

Old Virginia Glades Pure Rye, good enough for anyone. .75 2.50

Imperial Cabinet Rye, a leading and well known brand. .50 2.00

White Malt Rye, 4 year old, pure and equal to Duff's Malt Whiskey. .75 2.70

North Carolina Corn Whiskey. .75 2.70

Choice, 5 year old. .20 2.20

Maryland Apple Brandy. .75 3.00

Virginia Apple Brandy. .150

Goodman's Private Stock, 1890, composed of extra select and choice brand of Eastern ryes. \$1.15 to \$1.50 gal

Old Velvet Pure Rye, .75 2.50

Baker's Pure Rye, well known for its celebrated brands. 1.00 3.50

White Mills Bourbon or Rye, pure, straight and unadulterated. .75 2.70

Honeymoon Ky. Sour Mash, fine as silk and smooth as satin. .60 2.20

Standard Commercial Rye. .150

White Rye, mellow. .200

White Rye, best quality. .200

North Carolina Best Corn Whiskey. .200

Floyd County Apple Brandy. .75 2.50

Country Made Apple Brandy. .50 2.00

Write for complete price list. Jugs and packing free. The quality of our goods is the best the market can afford, and prices within reach of all.

Tazewell County... Money!

When you have a clean cut, clear, convincing argument about saving people Money, no trouble to get an appreciative audience. Is it? I've just such an argument: The little prices tacked on my line of

Cooking and Heating Stoves

of every variety; furniture of all kinds. Yes, it's the little prices doing the arguing, the convincing, because they are CASH PRICES.

We once sold goods ON CREDIT at Great Big Prices. You will never know how little our Cash Prices are till you visit our large stores at the Depot.

TAZEWELL SUPPLY CO.

Merit Wins!

For proof of the above we refer you to the great volume of work being turned out from our up-to-date

Job Department.

Upon merit we have, in a short time, and in the midst of many competitors, built up a business which we are proud of. Our books show an increase in each month's business during this year over the corresponding month of last year, and the business done during nine months of this year is arger than that of the whole of 1897.

To Our Customers:

We thank you for what you have done to bring about the above conditions, and promise in the future what we have given you in the past—good work, low prices, best paper, and promptness.

REPUBLICAN JOB PRINT,

Tazewell, Va.

WM. C. PENDLETON, Proprietor.

The Holidays Are Past,

but Winter is still here, during which you will have to live, chiefly, on canned and dried fruits and vegetables—Corn, Tomatoes, Peas, String and Lima Beans, Peaches, Apples, Prunes and Apricots. We have them all fresh and nice. Call and give us an order.

Spotts Bros.

50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

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An Easy Question.

Teacher—Why did the Normans and Saxons fight at Hastings?
Pupil—That's what they happened to meet, ma'am.—Puck.

Far Above Them.

Hogan—My Mary Ann kin sing thim coon songs better than th' naggara thimselfs.
Murphy—An' why shouldn't she? D' yez place her on th' same livin' as thim black devil?—Puck.

THE IRISH WAKE.

It is a Kindly and Human Custom in Intention—Some Strange Beliefs.

The old Irish custom of "waking" the dead has given rise to much misrepresentation of the Irish character; and yet in its intention it is a kindly and human custom. To those who do not understand the Irish nature, or the impulses which move it, the drinking, smoking and conversation which take place at "wakes" appear incongruous and repulsive. To the Irish people, on the other hand, there is something very cold, unfeeling and repellent in the English custom of leaving the corpse shut up in a room, all alone, deserted, as it were, by the family. In Ireland, we keep close company with our dead to the very last moment.

"Waking" means "watching." We watch affectionately by the body of a dead relative or friend until the funeral arrives to depart for the funeral ground. The body is laid on the bed, covered with a white sheet, leaving exposed the head and the hands crossed reverently on the breast. The walls about the bed are covered with white sheets, on which are hung bunches of flowers and laurel leaves. Seven lighted candles stand on a table near the bed; the room is frequently sprinkled with holy water, to keep off the evil spirits who may be hovering around, and on the corpse is a large plate of salt, which is believed to be hygienically efficacious for the watchers.