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General Ayers Timberlake-Agee.

One of the Leaders in Appalachian Industrial Development.

In speaking of Gen. Ayers, who visited the Appalachian Exposition at Knoxville last week, the Sentinel, of that city, said:

Gen. R. A. Ayers, who is to be one of the speakers at the Appalachian Exposition, Bristol day exercises, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, is a resident of Big Stone Gap, Va., but he has been such a large factor in that section that he is representative of the entire Bristol and Big Stone Gap territory. General Ayers is directly descended from prominent pioneers of Virginia and North Carolina, and is himself a pioneer in the development of his section. General Ayers is a self-made man, his father having died when he was eight years old. The large family was reared by his mother. Although Gen. Ayers only attended the common school when from 8 to 12 years old, he was an inveterate student. After clerking in a store he entered the Confederate army, and after serving six months in an independent command he entered the quartermaster's department in East Tennessee. After being in business until 1873 he entered the profession of law. In 1876 he was elected attorney for the commonwealth of Scott county, Va. He was also an editor and publisher of the Scott County Banner. In 1876 he prepared the charter for a railroad between Big Stone Gap and Bristol. In 1887 he was instrumental in organizing the Virginia Coal & Iron Co., the largest in Virginia, and has been counsel and director ever since.

Gen. Ayers was president of the Big Stone Gap Land Co., under which the town was laid off. He organized the Bank of Gate City, Interstate Finance & Trust Co., Wise County Bank, Virginia Tanning & Extract Co., Stone Gap Cullery Co., Wise County Terminal, Raleigh Coal Land Corporation, Seaboard Coal Co., and several other companies. He was the leading spirit in building the railroad from Norton to Gate Morgan, and the Big Creek Branch of the N. & W.

Gen. Ayers was supervisor of the census in 1880. He was attorney general of Virginia for four years. He served on the state central and executive committees, and represented counties in the convention to revise the state constitution. Gen. Ayers is a past master of a Masonic lodge. He is well known throughout this section, and in Knoxville as well. Gen. Ayers is a most genial gentleman to meet, and is as popular as he is well known.

Counties Issued Millions for Roads.

The following list of counties in Virginia which have voted bond issues for permanent highways has been prepared by P. St. Julien Wilson, state highway commissioner:

Ashurst	\$ 80,000
Charlotte	100,000
Calhoun (one district)	45,000
Danville	125,000
Greensville	85,000
Lee	764,000
Mecklenburg	124,000
Norfolk	300,000
Orange (one district)	70,000
Pulaski (one district)	50,000
Stafford	100,000
Russell	150,000
Spotylvania	100,000
Tazewell	225,000
Warren (one district)	30,000
Washington	200,000
Wise	700,000
Ashurst (second issue)	135,000
Russell (second issue)	135,000
Smyth (one district)	100,000
Mecklenburg (second district)	310,000

\$3,938,000

NEWS OF MISS BAKER

Friends of Miss Addie B. Baker, formerly music teacher in the school at this place, will regret to learn of the death of her mother on last Saturday at her home at 7006 Stewart Ave., Chicago.

Clifton Forge, Va., Sept. 20.—Quite the most brilliant social event of the summer was the marriage of Miss Genevieve Timberlake, of this place, to Mr. Ernest Beverly Agee, of Big Stone Gap, Va., in the Baptist church at this place at 9:30 this evening. Rev. Geo. Green, pastor of the church, officiating.

The church was decorated in masses of goldenrod and chrysanthemums against a background of white and green, a general color scheme of white and gold being carried out in all the arrangements for the wedding.

The bride, a very pretty girl at any time, was a vision of loveliness in her traveling suit of apricot cloth, with hat, gloves and shoes to match, carrying a gorgeous bouquet of great yellow chrysanthemums, as she advanced up the aisle to the strains of "Lohengrin" on the arm of her uncle, Mr. Chas. Jordan, who gave her away.

The bride was attended by her Maid of Honor, Miss Mary Pierce, of Big Stone Gap, Va., and her Matron of Honor, Mrs. Herndon, of Richmond, Va., a sister to the bride, both in handsome gowns of white net over yellow messaline, carrying bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums.

The bridesmaids were Misses Daisy Payne, Annie Rudwell and Helen Leach, of Clifton Forge, and Miss Elizabeth Polly, of Big Stone Gap, Va., an aunt of the groom. These young ladies also wore white over yellow, but carried goldenrod.

The groomsmen were Messrs. Harry Paxton, Willie Nair, Harry Covington and Brown Thomas, all of Clifton Forge.

The bride was met at the altar by his uncle, W. D. Polly, of Big Stone Gap, Va., as best man.

The beautiful ring service of the Episcopal Church was used by the officiating clergyman, while the organist, Miss Merle Westerman, played softly throughout.

After the ceremony and congratulations, a reception was given the bridal party at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Jordan. (Mrs. Agee has always lived with her grandmother in Clifton Forge, though both her parents reside in Richmond.)

When the bride cut the wedding cake, the penny fell to the share of Miss Pierce, of Big Stone Gap, who must therefore expect poverty as her lot in matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Agee were the recipients of numerous gifts, among them over fifty pieces of handsome silverware and some exquisite cut glass. The bride was very much pleased to have her associate teachers of last year in the Big Stone Gap High School remember her with a beautiful cut glass bowl.

The bride and groom left on the night train "for parts unknown." They were accompanied as far as Richlands by Mr. and Miss Polly and Miss Pierce, who were returning to their home at Big Stone Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Agee will make their home at Gary, West Va., where Mr. Agee holds a responsible position with the United States Coal & Coke Co.

New Engines for V. & S. W.

General Traffic Agent J. H. McCue, of the Virginia and Southwestern railway, stated today that his company was being provided with five new freight engines of heavy type, in order to handle the increasing coal traffic of the fall and winter. The engines are now being made, and are due to be delivered here early in November. The company has not ordered any further coal cars, and probably has a sufficient number to meet the heaviest of the fall and winter traffic.

Coal is now being shipped to southern points over the Holston River division of the road in large quantities.—Bristol News.

Inquiries Still Pour In. Prominent Lawyer Dies

"Well Begun, Is Half Done." So Get a Good Start at the Beginning. Easy to Sell Due Bills and Get Subscriptions.

"Well begun is half done." And the wise competitor for the Kelly Drug Company and the Big Stone Gap Post's piano will waste no time at the beginning but make a start now.

It is seldom that one has an opportunity to secure such high grade instruments as the \$350 Krause Piano in a Contest.

Call and See Them.

All interested candidates and their friends are requested to stop in at the Drug Store and ask to be shown the Standard 1910 Krause Piano to be given away on February 10th, to the candidate polling the highest vote in the Contest, ending that date. The Contest Manager will be pleased to give anyone a thorough inspection of this piano which is on display in the store.

Already many of the candidates have called at the office of the Post and sought explanation in person of some points not thoroughly understood. That is a wise plan—don't wait, but get busy now.

So Easy to Get Votes.

"Why, it is surprisingly easy to secure votes," said one lady yesterday who sees the advisability of getting started at the start. With such reasonable offers for selling Due Bills and such attractive subscription rates for the Post, it is no wonder that they are surprisingly easy to secure, and make an attractive working prospect, and you want to win. Get the boost that comes from being "of winning quality" thus early in the game.

Whatever you do—do it now. If you expect to be a factor in the race, get started at the start. Secure as many subscriptions and sell as many due bills as possible, and turn the business in and get right up among the leaders. Then stay there.

Cash Prizes.

In addition to the votes given with each subscription to the Post, which applies on the grand prizes, a cash prize will be given at the close of the contest equivalent to 15 cents for every thousand votes contestants receive on subscriptions to the Post. In addition to this, to the one receiving the largest number of votes on subscriptions will be given a special prize of \$10.00 and to the one receiving next to the largest number of votes \$5.00. A correct account will be kept of all subscriptions sent in by candidates or their friends. With every dollar paid on new subscription to the Post 1000 votes are given and with every dollar paid on back subscription 500 votes are given. Subscriptions, which must be taken at one dollar per year, may be secured for as many years as desired, and every dollar in advance counts 1000 votes.

INFORMAL DANCE

Mr. Charles Bunn and sister, Miss Margaret, were host and hostess at a charmingly informal dance given at the Touraine Thursday evening to the regular boarders at the hotel and a few outsiders.

Excellent music was furnished by the colored string band, and everybody danced to their heart's content.

Marries His Stenographer on His Death Bed.

George G. Isaacs, a well known and successful lawyer of Harlan, was brought to this city for an operation for appendicitis at the King's Daughters Hospital Thursday evening, but his condition was so low at the time of his arrival, at a consultation of physicians a postponement of the operation was decided upon. The unfortunate man, however, continued to grow weaker, until death came to his relief early yesterday morning.

A sad and pathetic scene took place upon the arrival of the stricken lawyer, when realizing that his end was near requested a desire to be married to Miss Minnie Sizemore, his stenographer, who had been in his employ for the past year and who had been his constant attendant and nurse during the early stages of his illness in Harlan.

Rev. J. V. Logan was called in by his physicians, who complied with the dying man's request. Permission had previously been given by Rev. Logan, over the phone from County Clerk H. W. Johnson, at Pineville, to proceed with the ceremony.

The remains of the dead lawyer were taken to Castlewood, Va., yesterday afternoon, his former home, accompanied by his grief-stricken bride of only a few hours.

The deceased was a native of Russell county, Va., and for several years practiced law at Coeburn, Va. From there he went to Harlan about a year ago. He was regarded as one of the most successful lawyers practicing before the Harlan county bar. The sorrowing bride is the sister of Mrs. Jas. Hoskins, living in the West End, and has been employed as stenographer with several firms in this city for the past four years.—Middlesboro Record.

Will Build Up Live Stock Industry Throughout the South.

Clean-Up Day in Public Schools.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—The Southern Railway is endeavoring to build up the live stock industry throughout the South, having established a special department for this work, and is now inaugurating a movement for the organization of local live stock associations in every county along its lines in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The organization of such local associations will prove of immense value to live stock growers. They will stimulate progress as they give an opportunity for an exchange of ideas and the distribution of good breeds and the association exhibits and auction sales pave the way for excellent county fairs and live stock shows.

The live stock department of the Southern Railway is in charge of Mr. F. L. Word, Live Stock Agent, who has offices in Atlanta. For the next few months he will devote special attention to the formation of county live stock associations, and will be glad to co-operate with live stock men in any county along the Southern Railway. A letter addressed to Mr. Word will bring a prompt reply and will secure his active interest. He will be glad to hear from those who may wish information as to the advantages of local associations or the best methods to adopt in organizing them.

Thomas A. Edison, in a recent interview in Paris, gave forth the opinion that people sleep too much. Maybe that's why he invented the phonograph.

Typhoid Vaccine.

Health Department Will Keep Stock of Prophylactic On Hand.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—County boards of health desiring typhoid fever vaccine as a preventative of disease can hereafter get it from an accredited manufacturer through the State Department of Health; but they are cautioned not to use this newest weapon of science for any other purpose than to prevent disease.

This announcement, made today by the Health Department, comes after careful deliberation. Experience has shown that typhoid vaccine, if properly administered, will give a person immunity from typhoid fever for a limited period of time, and is, in consequence, health officers say, very helpful where typhoid appears in a community. The liberal use of this vaccine, at the first appearance of an epidemic will protect those who have not been exposed to the disease. The vaccine should never be used except for this purpose and is positively dangerous if administered to a person already suffering from typhoid fever.

Under the arrangements just completed by the Health Department, a stock of this virus will be kept on hand for sale at wholesale rates and can be ordered by local boards of health. Bill will be rendered direct by the manufacturer. The vaccine will not be shipped private practitioners except upon order of the local board of health.

"If the people will appreciate the powers and limitations of typhoid vaccine," said an official of the Health Department today, "they can derive great benefit from its use. Our own field inspectors as well as a large number of the National Guard in the State have been vaccinated for typhoid and the treatment has been attended by comparatively small discomfort. Unlike vaccination for smallpox, which gives immunity for a number of years, the protection given by typhoid vaccine is for a limited period. The immunity varies with the person vaccinated, but is seldom less than six months and may continue for two years. It must never be forgotten, however, that vaccine is for the prevention of typhoid and not for its cure."

CLEAN-UP DAY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Patrons Asked to Visit Schools October 27th.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—A movement has just been started to have Friday, October 27th, observed as Patrons' Day in all the public schools of the State. Prof. J. H. Binford and Mrs. L. R. Dashiell, of the Co-operative Education Association, are back of the movement, and their office is very busy at this time distributing circular letters and special programs for the occasion. State Superintendent J. D. Eggleston heartily approves of the plan.

Many school houses are in bad repair, and school grounds, as a rule, are overgrown with weeds and show absolute neglect. The grown people take little interest in the school. On October 27th the teachers will have interesting exercises, and parents will be invited to visit the school, bringing with them axes, scythes, hammers and nails for the purpose of cleaning up the school grounds and assisting teacher and children in putting the house in order. At the same time teacher and parents can become acquainted, a School Improvement League can be organized, and plans laid for making permanent improvements.

Many superintendents and teachers have promised to observe the day, and it is believed that thousands of parents all

over the State will take advantage of the occasion to visit the schools and become acquainted with their needs.

BIG DEAL IN COAL LANDS

Knoxville, Sept. 23.—Effecting the lease of ten thousand acres of coal lands in Harlan county, Ky., a transaction was closed on last Saturday at Pineville, when Kenneth Meguire, of Louisville, and L. W. Farmer, of Barbourville, took over the lands of T. J. Asher. Interested in the transaction, and associated with Messrs. Farmer and Meguire in the production of this coal, which is to be worked on an extensive scale, is the Sneed & Meguire Coal Co., of Louisville. The lessees are members of the Southern Appalachian Coal Operators' Association.

Mr. Asher, from whom the lands were leased, is the largest individual coal field owner in Kentucky of the past ten years, and the deal is the largest in Southeastern Kentucky since the leasing of the Kentonia corporation's lands, by the Perin-Delano company.

The deal means that all three forks of the Cumberland river will be arteries for the transportation of vast amounts of coal, which will be taken to the Wasisto & Black Mountain branch of the L. & N. for transportation. Shipment of coal for commercial work will begin next summer, and a number of very large plants are to be installed.

L. & N. Extension Finished.

The extension of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad has been finished through Harlan county. Coal mines that are opening along this line have brought a great influx of new people into the mountain section of Eastern Kentucky.

Train service on the new branch of the Louisville and Nashville, known as the Wasisto & Black Mountain Railroad Company, was opened recently to Benham, Ky., on Looney creek, where the big coking plant of the Wisconsin Steel Company has been erected. This new line is sixty-three miles long and opens up a vast territory of coal and timber lands, and twenty-five or thirty new mines are opening along this line. The Wilhoit Consolidated Company will begin shipping coal from its mines at an early date. It has one of the most modern plants in Harlan county for mining coal.

New Field of Coal in Lee Co.

Shawnee, Tenn., Sept. 23.—A. J. Vance, of Walnut Hill, Va., has located a seam of coal near Chadwell's Gap, in Lee county, Va., which crops out of the Cumberland mountains on the Virginia side. It is about four miles from a railroad and at an altitude of 2,800 feet above the sea. This is said to be the only vein of coal yet discovered on the south side of the mountain. The seam is eight feet thick and is believed to be a fine grade of coal. Mr. Vance has secured an option on the land covering the seam and expects to interest capitalists in developing the property.

Tazewell County Rejects Bids

The board of supervisors of Tazewell, has rejected all the bids that were made for roads in that county under the bond issue.

There were eight or ten in number. New bids will be advertised for, and if not as low as the authorities think they should be, it is reported that the plan of roads will be built by a force of county hands under local supervision.

The governors of various states met in New Jersey last week to consider the state and welfare of the nation and also the initial steps towards effecting a uniformity in the laws throughout the country on those questions in which uniformity is especially desirable.