

THE CORNER STONE LAYING

The ceremonies attending the laying of the Corner Stone of the Government Building were decided success, though the crowd present was not large, as was expected, owing to the threatened rain.

At three o'clock p. m. the Masons met at their hall in the minor building on the corner of Wood avenue and East Third street. The ceremonies were presided over by Grand Master Wm. B. McChesney, assisted by Deputy Grand Master W. S. Mathews, Secretary J. H. Mathews, and the contents of the box, which contained the following articles:

- Copy of original H. R. Bill No. 11715, introduced in the 60th Congress, January 1907, to provide for the erection of a public building at Big Stone Gap, and an appropriation therefor.
- Copy of an Act of Congress April 22, 1909, establishing a United States Court at Big Stone Gap, with a list of present Justices.
- Copy of rules of United States District Court by Judge H. C. McDevell.
- Copy of memorial of Hon. Campbell, Sen. deceased.
- Photograph of Hon. C. B. Slomp, M. of 9th District.
- Copy of Big Stone Gap Town Ordinance.
- Copy of Big Stone Gap Telephone Directory.
- Copy of Big Stone Gap Post.
- Copy of proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia, for 1911.
- List of present Town Officers Big Stone Gap.
- Statement of Winfield S. Rose, Postmaster of Big Stone Gap.
- Copy of program of these proceedings.
- List of representative firms doing business in Big Stone Gap.
- United States coins of year 1911.
- List of contents of box deposited.

The box was then placed in the niche cut in the Granite block. The capstone was then lowered by three regular masons, after which the Junior Warden tested it with the plumb, the Senior Warden with the level, and the Grand Master with the square, and found upright, level and square it was dedicated, consecrated and set apart by the pouring on the corn of plenty, the wine of gladness and the oil of joy. The ceremonies were rendered more solemn and impressive by the beautiful Masonic songs sung by the choir, with Mrs. J. H. Mathews as organist.

The secretary read a telegram from the Messrs. Plozman, contractors, expressing their fraternal greetings and good wishes.

The Grand Master introduced Deputy Grand Master, W. L. Andrews, of Roanoke, as the Masonic orator of the occasion, and right well did he perform this difficult duty. Mr. Andrews is an orator, a fluent and forceful speaker, and he handled his subject in a scholarly manner.

General Ayers, who has been laying the corner stones of enterprises in this section from where the crystal waters of the Clinch are turned to silver at the touch of dawn, to where the sun, sinking in its bed of blue mountains, turns a moment and blows him a good-night kiss from the tips of its golden darts, was introduced and made a masterly speech on the commercial growth of this section. He was referred to by speaker Andrews as the "Columbus" of our city.

The Rev. S. B. Vaught closed the exercises of the day by a splendid presentation of the religious development of this section.

Our Distinguished Guests.

Grand Master William Baylor McChesney, of Staunton, Va., is perhaps the most distinguished Mason in Virginia. He holds the unparalleled honor of being in line in all three of the Grand Masonic Bodies at the same time, becoming Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1909; Grand Master in February 1910, and Grand Commander in October 1910. He held office for one year in each of the Grand Bodies except the Grand Lodge where he holds for two years, his term of office expiring in the coming February, when he will be succeeded by our other distinguished guest, Deputy Grand Master W. L. Andrews, of Roanoke, Va. Many compliments were paid the Grand Master, on his handsome and dignified appearance, and the

decorum and dignity with which he presided, and when the fact looked out that he was a bachelor, many a mountain maiden's heart responded to the sound of the gavel in the East. He is a substantial citizen of his city and a Blue Stocking Presbyterian.

Deputy Grand Master Andrews is distinguished in State Craft, standing for all that is clean and pure in politics, as well as being a distinguished craftsman in the Masonic order. He is not only a splendid speaker, but a most accomplished scholar, especially recondite in the traditions of the order, and the origin and history of its forms and ceremonies, and his lecture in the lodge that night was a jewel of its kind.

Most Worshipful George W. Wright, Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master and Present Grand Lecturer, the "boy orator of the Southwest," was billed for a speech, but becoming indisposed just before his name was reached on the program, we were denied the great treat of hearing him. But he "made good" that night by conferring the First Degree on a candidate, and after the lodge had closed, rendering, in his inimitable style, "The Boy With the Stubby Toe." His splendid elocution soothed as the murmur of a mountain brook, it charmed as the music of an Aeolian harp. You could hear the sobs of the bare-foot boy and see the bleeding toe. You could read in the face of the erring man a fount of faith, and a heart's despair. Not until he finished were we dropped to earth again.

There were many other distinguished Masons present from neighboring lodges, and the occasion is one that will long be remembered by the Masonic fraternity.

Louisville & Nashville

Pleased With the Telephone Method of Dispatching Its Trains.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad, which about a year ago equipped its main line from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Norton, Va., with telephone apparatus for handling its train dispatching, has found this method so satisfactory that it recently ordered of the Western Electric Company forty-two additional telephone selector equipments to be installed on a new copper line being built from Lexington, Ky., to Quicksand, Ky.

A telephone selector equipment makes it possible for the train dispatcher located at headquarters, in this case at Lexington, to signal any of the way stations without calling the others. When the dispatcher at Lexington wishes to converse with the operator at Richmond the selector makes it possible for him to ring the telephone bell of the operator at Richmond without signaling any of the other operators along the line.

The new line will cover a total distance of 96 miles, and 21 stations will be equipped on it to handle the train movements. A message circuit to handle other railroad business, also equipped with 21 stations, will parallel this train circuit.

This is another instance where a railroad has found that the telephone is an efficient and reliable means of handling its various communications.

Mrs. Spears Webster has as her guest her mother, Mrs. H. S. K. Morison, of Big Stone Gap, Va.—Bristol News.

Enthusiasm A Valuable Asset

Have you ever thought about the one absolutely necessary quality in the contest to win? Has it ever occurred to you that this quality must be the predominate characteristic of the candidates who "bring home the coon's skin?"

Boiled down, concentrated and briefly stated, this one quality is enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is simply spelling success in another way. It means aggressive activity, fixity of purpose and dogged perseverance. Success is nothing more or less than opportunity plus enthusiasm. The Big Stone Gap Post and the Kelly Drug Company furnishes the former and the latter is up to you. The two form an unbeatable combination and the latter will be found to be one of the chief characteristics of the winners in this competition.

What Enthusiasm Means.

Indifference never led an army that won, never modeled a statue that lived, never breathed sublime music, never harnessed the forces of nature, never reared impressive architecture, never moved the soul with poetry nor the world with heroic philanthropies. Enthusiasm and bluster are not synonymous. Enthusiasm first fixed the mariner's compass upon its trembling axis and first heaved the bar of the powerful printing press. Enthusiasm reared the high top sail that fluttered in the morning breeze over the deck trod by the indomitable Columbus; it lent force to the sword with which the colonies cut loose from the domination of George III. It poised the axe of the dauntless woodman who blazed the trail to civilization, and it pointed the quill with which the immortal hand inscribed the thoughts that catch and hold the present generation in a condition of hypnosis.

The Winner.

The winners in the great Piano Contest will be those who do not concede the existence of a single difficulty. Enthusiasm will carry them through.

Just remember that many things that you will consider difficult will come up in this race. But doing beats wishing a thousand ways, but it's harder. It sometimes happens that the man who can tell you exactly how to do a thing is utterly unable to do that very thing himself.

Opportunity must be manipulated to ring the gong of success. There is no push-button placed conveniently at the front door. The Post and the Kelly Drug Company furnish the opportunities, but if you will just get a crowbar under one of them and bear heavily on the other end you will turn it over to your own advantage most effectively.

Mrs. Webster's Luncheon.

Mrs. Spears Webster was the hostess at a beautifully served luncheon at one o'clock Wednesday at Hotel Bristol. The luncheon was given in honor of Mrs. E. S. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, N. C., who, during her visit with relatives here, is being delightfully entertained each day by friends and relatives.

The guests invited to meet Mrs. Reynolds at the luncheon were: Mrs. H. S. K. Morison, of Big Stone Gap, Va.; Mrs. Wyndham White, Mrs. T. S. Staley, Miss Sadie King and Mrs. J. A. Diekey.—Bristol Herald-Courier.

Deal Declared Off.

No Successor to Mr. Caples to be Named at Present and Mr. Pettyplace Will Continue in Charge.

The Daily Telegraph is able to state, on authority of a high official of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio, that the road is not to commence construction of the tunnel between Dante and Elkhorn City at this time, nor is any extension planned just now. It is also able to state that the deal which was proposed whereby the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio was to have been jointly leased to the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Seaboard Air Line has been called off by officials of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio, and furthermore that for the present there will be no vice-president and general manager elected to succeed M. J. Caples, who resigned the first of the month and went with the Chesapeake & Ohio as fourth vice-president in charge of the operating and construction department. It can also state that for the present L. H. Pettyplace will have charge of the operation and transportation department of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio and that no successor to him as superintendent will be appointed at this time. To use the words of this high official: "We'll see if the boys we now have can't hold the job down and we believe they can." This information was secured over the phone late yesterday and comes from a source which should be in possession of all the information the officials or board of directors could have. For the present Mark W. Porter, chairman of the board of directors, of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio, will do the business details of the work connected with the general manager's office, assisted perhaps by an augmented office force. No change is now contemplated.

For many months there has been considerable speculation as to the future of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio. For a time it was officially believed that the road would be leased by the Seaboard and Chesapeake and Ohio, but this deal is now off. The deal would have been to the advantage of both roads, according to railroad experts, but it appears that the terms were not satisfactory.—Bluefield Telegraph.

Clinch Valley Has 125,000 Turkeys.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand turkeys will be shipped from the Clinch Valley section this year, according to the estimate of a man prominently connected with the Southern Express Co. He estimates that about 70,000 will be shipped in car lots by express, while 30,000 will take the route to the eastern markets by the slower freight trains. Other thousands will go by local express. He goes even further and estimates that the average weight of the turkeys will be between thirteen and fifteen pounds, which is very high average, taken car by car.

If the turkeys bring a good price, over \$100,000 will be returned to the Southwest as a result of the turkey raising, which is a big business in the counties of Tazewell and Russell. The shipment of turkeys has already commenced, but these will be served to those people who can afford to eat turkey any time, or who have no regard for their boyhood days when turkey on Christmas and Thanksgiving was the real thing. These people who can afford to eat turkey any old day don't half appreciate what turkey with "fixin's" really is.—Bluefield Telegraph.

TIMBER FOR SALE—Two large tracts of first-class Virginia timber for sale. Prices very reasonable; easy terms. Address, Box 44, Big Stone Gap, Virginia. 43-4

WISE COUNTY LEADS THE WHOLE SOUTH.

School Notes.

Program for open meeting of the Athenian Literary Society, December 22, 1911:

- President—Pat Hammonds.
- Secretary—Harry Wallace.
- Song—By Society.
- Recitations—Louella Johnson, George Rhoads, Margaret Pettit.
- Journal—Brownie Polly.
- Quartette—Mary Skeen, Byron Rhoads, Mabel Willis, Jerome Wells.
- Debate—Resolved: "That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished."
- Affirmative: Gleissie Gilly, Zollie Palmer.
- Negative: John Allen Goodloe, Ruby Kemper.
- Instrumental Solo—Peter Wolfe.
- Address—Hon. Jno. W. Chalkley.
- Song—By Society.

Honor Roll for October.

- Grade First—Kate Lewis, Pettit, Mary Campbell, Willie Barker, Reba Eagle, Beniah Giles, John Cox, Tom Goodloe, Bentose Witt, Mildred Cawood, Alma Wells, Virginia Cowan.
- Grade Second, Section A—Walter Wright, Anna Cawood, Georgia Seaton, Betty Reeder.
- Grade Second, Section B—Jas. Gilly, Golden Johnson, Ralph Lane, Basil Snapp, Myrtle Bryant, Mabel Wells, Bonnie Catron.
- Grade Third—Emma Baker, Nita Maness, Hazel Fleece, Pearl Cowan, Rufus Pettit, Wentz Tucker.
- Grade Fourth, Section A—Edward Goodloe.
- Section B—Ed Edens, Elizabeth Sprinkle.
- Grade Sixth, Section B—Ella Cawood, Charlie Maness.
- Grade Seventh, Section B—Della Parsons.
- Golden Honor Roll—Grade Third, Section B—Alice Snapp.
- Grade A—Willie Mahan.
- Grade Fourth, Section B—Frank Parke.
- Section A—Berlie Church, Myrtle Eagle, Pebble Stone.

HIGH SCHOOL.

- Third Year—Zollie Palmer, Gustava Parsons, Byron Rhoads.
- Golden Honor Roll—First Year—Clifton Jayne, Hugh Edens, Dora Patton, Bruce Griffin, Mary Smith, Hermit Slomp, Isabelle Knave, Eugene Stewart.

Civic League Column

EDITED BY PRESS COMMITTEE.
Meetings Second Friday of Each Month.

The Woman's Civic League held its monthly meeting in the Federal Court room at 4:00 p. m. November 10.

Owing to the fact that the court room is never heated, it was moved and seconded that we hold our monthly meetings from house to house during the winter.

Mrs. Goodloe appointed a committee to call upon the owner of the Amuzu Theatre anent another exit and the poor ventilation of theatre.

The Private Homes Committee announced the following names as entitled to prizes for the greatest improvement to the homes and the best kept premises during the summer of 1911: Mrs. Barker, Mr. Will Bickley, Mr. Sayers, Mrs. Crawford Moore and Mrs. C. P. Sprowles receive a prize for making the greatest improvements in their homes. Mrs. Mary Anne Napier, Mrs. Liza Barron, Mrs. Bent Bounds, Mrs. C. S. Carter put the greatest personal labor into their premises with the best results. Others deserving worthy mention for time and attention given to their homes and yards are the following: Dr. J. J. Lloyd, Mr. Reeder, Mrs. H. S. K. Morison, Mr. Jim Ayers, Mrs. Horace Fox, Mr. John Hamblen, Mrs. Bunn, Mr. Bostic, Jr.

Amongst the colored folks Sol Leper receives the prize for the greatest improvement to his home, and Kitty Morrison for the best kept premises; Will Dykes, Aleck Clark, Callie Bradley, Mattie Rosenbaum and Lee Thaxton receive worthy mention for premises well kept.

The League has again been asked to sell Red Cross stamps for the benefit of tubercular work in the State. We have

The First To Take An Exclusive Number of the "Back Home" Magazine. John Fox, Jr., Our Famous Author, Will Be a Contributor.

Wise county is certainly some progressive. Taking advantage of the tremendous publicity which has been given the South by the "Back Home" movement, this county, which a few short years ago was a wilderness region, will assume the entire cost of an edition of several thousand copies of the "Southern Community Advertiser"—The "Back Home" Magazine, which will be printed and illustrated in the highest skill of modern publishers' art. No literature which has ever come out of the "boom" west will be more attractive, but no exaggerations will appear in the Wise county edition. When people are drawn to Wise county by it, whether they are former Virginians or not, they will find only just such advantages as are claimed for it.

The magazine will contain a sketch written specially for it by John Fox, Jr., author of the "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," contrasting the scenes of the early days in Wise county with those of the present; also an adaptation from the book mentioned to be entitled "When June Tolliver Came 'Back Home.'" An historical sketch of the county will be written by Gen. Rufus A. Ayers, the foremost pioneer in the county's development. Besides these, each town will receive space devoted to its industry, trade, public improvements and buildings and various attractions for home-seekers. Following these pages, particular attention will be given the \$700,000 system of new modern roads; to agriculture, such as trucking, fruit and cattle raising, and the mining operations and railroads. It is planned to raise enough money to have all the illustrations done in beautiful colors, and to have ten or fifteen thousand copies printed.

decided to turn this work over to the Associated Charities, in order to realize a small amount for the nurses fund.

The League adjourned to meet the second Friday in December.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Nelms have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Hester Jane, to Mr. Charles Edward Brooks, November 15, at the home of the bride's parents at Kingsport, Tenn.

The bride-elect is a sister of Mrs. P. H. Nickels, of Gate City.—Gate City Herald.

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