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Virginia Hills Not Abode Of Outlaws

Former Resident Of Section Now At Hopkins Defends People.

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such as that recently seen in Carroll county are as peculiar to that section as are the conditions to large cities which make possible the organization called the Black Hand, and such crimes as the attempt on the life of Judge Rosalsky in New York.

"Southwest Virginia is a long narrow neck with nearly half of its counties bordering on North Carolina and Tennessee on the south and about half touching West Virginia and Kentucky on the north and west. [illegible]

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Escape Made Easy.

"The conditions that permit of an outbreak of lawlessness

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... their services to the sheriffs and constables to pursue violators of the law.

WILLIAMSON AND POND CREEK INCORPORATED

Norfolk and Western Feeder Will Penetrate Rich Kentucky Coal Fields

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This news foreshadows the entry of the Norfolk and Western railway into the Kentucky coal fields, and it will assist the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chesapeake and Ohio railways, both of which have established themselves in this region, and the Louisville and Nashville which is being extended from the west in developing the resources of the Sandy valley with the greatest undeveloped coal fields in the world.—Bluefield Telegraph.

We understand that the Norfolk & Western Railway Company have been surveying a line of railroad from Saltville into the Elk Garden country. It is not known whether or not they will connect with the Blackford line.—Honaker Herald.

To The Voters Of The Ninth Congressional District Of Virginia:

The Convention of the Democratic party held at Bristol, Virginia, on March 20th, nominated me as their candidate to represent the Ninth District in the next Congress of the United States.

I accepted the nomination with a full appreciation of the work and responsibility it imposed upon me. [illegible]

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I appeal to the heart and conscience of the electorate of this the greatest District in the State, greatest in area, greatest in wealth, greatest in population, to join me in a supreme effort to cut out and destroy this cancerous growth which has been grafted upon the body politic—corruption of the ballot.

I appeal to the people—the great common people—the bone and sinew of the land, to join me in this fight and hold up my hands, and when the polls close in November, whether you elect a democrat or republican, we will see the monster "corruption of the ballot," in the last throes of dissolution, and the day will dawn with our District redeemed from corruption, with the door of hope opened to all, the day when it will not be asked of a prospective candidate, "How much money can he put in?" but IS he capable? IS he faithful? IS he honest?

R. A. AYERS.

The Booster.

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The Wise County Number Of The "Back Home" Magazine

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"Back Home" From the West

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... the west and better investigate before selling their property here and going to the states of the west, thinking they will meet with more success.

The Oklahoma visitor said he had investigated the agricultural and stock breeding advantages of several states, and he expressed the opinion that there are better opportunities for the man of small resources here in East Tennessee than can be found in the west.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Lloyd, of Big Stone Gap, conducted services at the Episcopal church here Tuesday night. There was a good attendance and he preached an excellent sermon.—Graham Banner.

How General Ayers Landed In Prison

A Recall of the Story of His Gallant Fight Against Exactions of Bondholders.

"Men of Mark in Virginia" in an interesting sketch of General R. A. Ayers prints the following written by a distinguished Democrat, who has just been in the Ninth district. [illegible]

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W. G. Coulis, of Big Stone Gap, Va., was in our town this week. He believes that this county should undertake the advertising of our resources here similar to the method recently carried out by Wise county, Va.—Hazard (Ky.) Herald.

PENN-SUMMERS.

A very quiet wedding, but one of unusual interest on account of the prominence of the families of the contracting parties, occurred at Christ Episcopal Church this place on Thursday of last week at 8:30 a. m. The bride was Miss Mary Bently Summers, the daughter of Rev. George Summers, who occupies the chair of English in Sullins College, Bristol, Va., while the groom, George E. Penn, Jr., is a successful young attorney of Abingdon, Va.

The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, assisted by Dr. John J. Lloyd, rector of Christ church, at whose home Miss Summers has been a guest for several weeks.

The bride wore a very handsome traveling suit of black and white whipcord with a macreme lace collar, chiffon waist, and hat and gloves to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Penn left immediately after the ceremony for Jacksonville, Florida where they will spend their honeymoon.

The young couple were the recipients of many handsome gifts from a wide circle of friends.

The guests from Bristol were Rev. George Summers, Donald Stant, Judge Joseph L. Kelly and Miss Bess Summers, a sister of the bride, who is president of the Senior class at Sullins College, from Abingdon were Geo. E. Penn, Sr., and Misses Jannie and Margaret Penn, Margaret Trigg, and Frances Mingea, James Trigg and W. Y. C. White; from Chilhowie, B. F. Wrenn; from Glade Springs, Mrs. Hiram Asbury, another sister of the bride, while from this place were Hon. and Mrs. R. T. Irvine, Mrs. H. S. K. Morison, Miss Baumgardner, Miss Lillian Lloyd and Miss Margaret Pettit.

Popular Family Leave

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Whitehead have found a natural and very graceful method of showing their appreciation on the occasion of their removal on April 1st from Inman to Toms Creek, where Mr. Whitehead takes the position of Superintendent of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Co.'s operation at Toms Creek. Mrs. Whitehead has been the recipient of many mementos from her friends, cut glass, etc., and Mr. Whitehead frequently consults a beautiful Howard watch of recent vintage and perfect workmanship, a gift of his friends and employees. Mr. Whitehead has been with the company twelve years and as superintendent at Inman nine and a half years. It is tearing up of heart strings, the removal of the popular official and his equally popular wife, their two charming daughters and three young sons. May they be happy in their new surroundings.—Appalachia Progressive.

Henry C. Stuart Recovering.

Thousands of people throughout the state will be gratified to know that the Hon. Henry C. Stuart is making most satisfactory progress toward complete recovery of his health.

Some two weeks ago he went to the Johnston Willis hospital and submitted to a dangerous surgical operation, peculiarly dangerous to a man of his large physique, and his friends were naturally anxious about him. Fortunately, however, there was no complications; and while his recovery is necessarily slow, it is steady and unchecked. Yesterday he was able to sit up, and there is every reason to expect now that within a short time he will be entirely restored to his usual robust health.

This is exceedingly gratifying, not only to his close, personal friends, and their number is great, but to the people of the state generally. He is rightly regarded as one of the big, strong men in public life, from whom the people of the state have much to hope and much to expect. A speedy recovery for him.—Richmond News Leader.