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Some Questions Answered.

This article is intended to fully answer about three questions that are being asked all over Wise County at the present time.

- Here are the questions:
(1.) What's the matter with business?
(2.) Why is everything so high?
(3.) Why does a man have to spend everything he makes for something to eat.

Here are the answers:
The Excelsior Supply Company, of Norton, (only one of the six or eight grocery stores in that town) have sold ELEVEN HUNDRED pounds of creamery butter at 30c per pound since the first of last November. That money goes to Ohio and Kentucky dairies and we never see it any more. It goes out of circulation so far as we are concerned.

One of the merchandise brokers at Norton, during the month of February, sold TEN CARLOADS of corn—other things in proportion. That money goes to the farmers of the Middle West, and it's good-bye Brother Watkins. Every few days the wholesale houses at Norton get in a car load of potatoes. Other vegetable of every description are being shipped into this County by tons every week. That money is sent out to various parts of the country, and it's good-bye again.

How do you expect any section to prosper under such conditions? No matter if we do send out coal by the train loads. No matter if we do have large pay-rolls. It takes the biggest part of that money to feed us. An outsider put it very aptly, if profanely, some time ago when he said: "You are acting the d---d fool—why don't you fence up these lands and make them produce something?"

Of course we can not compete with other parts of the country in raising wheat. We can afford to buy our flour. But there is absolutely no use for a single potato, a single bushel of corn, a single pound of butter, a single tomato, bean, cabbage, or apple or pound of hay being shipped into this County. They ought to be raised here.

And mark the prediction, people are going to wake up to this fact before long. With potatoes \$2 a bushel, with corn \$1.20 per bushel, with hay at \$35 per ton and expected to reach \$40, with every conceivable thing that goes on the table or is used to feed stock soaring at the highest prices known, something is going to happen, and that pretty soon—Wise Virginian.

The indications are fine for the largest fruit crop this year this country has ever known.

The farmers are getting busy now with their spring plowing and crops, and in a short time corn planting will be the order of the day.

School Notes.

(Edited by the Senior Class.)

Field Day.

Remember Field Day is to be held at Big Stone Gap Athletic Park on Saturday, May 11, 1912. Field events at 10 a. m. Championship games in base ball and basket ball in the afternoon.

In addition to the Ball games some of the Field events are as follows: 100 yard dash, 600 yard relay race by three boys, one-half mile run, running broad jump, running high jump, baseball throwing, throwing 12 pound hammer, putting 12 pound shot, hurdle races, &c. Field Day is one of the most interesting days of the entire school year. Everybody should turn out and show their colors. We are planning to make both of these occasions, the literary contest and the field day exercises, the most interesting we have ever had in the county; let every body lend a helping hand. Our aim is to please as many of you as possible and at the same time give you full value for your money spent.

In addition to our previous agreement with the Wise County High School Athletic Board to allow all school pupils and teachers in free, with the privilege of occupying the grand stand if they so desire, our school athletic association has agreed to allow all children in Wise county not in school and not over twelve years old in free. The general admission for everybody, not admitted free, as stated, will be only 25 cents. Admission to grand stand, 25c. Instead of receiving a bonus from the town, as we had to last year, in order to carry out our plans for our teams, and to meet field day expenses, we have decided to run the lunch stands on the grounds. The athletic board having granted the permit, an energetic committee, consisting of Jule Bullitt, chairman, Bessie Young, Byron Rhoads, Zollie Palmer and John Gilly, have been appointed to make detail plans for securing and serving the good things to eat for the day. There appears to be a fine spirit among the members of the school athletic association in regard to their new adventure and we predict a reasonable success.

All we have said is for the good of our schools, so let us each and every one show the cooperative spirit and help on the good work. Let us be charitable and whole hearted in our common cause, and if you can't boost don't kick. However, we believe you are with us.

Of Interest to Parents.

Realizing a little uneasiness and anxious feeling on the part of many of our patrons in regard to what will be done at the opening of the next scholastic year with those pupils who were in the primary department this year when that department had to be closed the last four weeks of school on account of measles, we wish to make the following statement:

As there will be an adjustment of the present system of promotions, namely: change from semi-annual to annual as recommended by the teachers of Wise county in annual session, the loss of one month's work will not effect the B sections at all, as they must start at the beginning of the year's work they had begun. As to the A sections, which it does affect, we wish to say that all pupils in the A sections will be given one month's trial in the upper grade, and if they make good they will be allowed to go right on. If they do not make good they must go back to the lower grade. The first part of every grade is to a degree a review of the latter part of the lower grade, thus with competent teachers our few weeks loss can be largely adjusted. We wish to assure you that every fair means and method will be used to mete out what is best and right to all concerned.

May we not suggest that, if possible, you give your child, especially if in A. section, a month's coaching on the work he lacked in his grade. In case there is a private school started by any of the teachers in the primary department for the specific purpose of helping pupils and giving them a chance to round out their year's work,

we heartily recommend it to you. It would be two dollars well spent. Further, it will increase those pupils' chances for making good at the opening of next session.

It looks now as though Mr. Roosevelt is going to win the republican nomination for the presidency, and the indications are that he will be nominated on the first ballot.

That there is some uneasiness and considerable speculation as to what will be the outcome of the failure of the last General Assembly to re-district the State for members of the General Assembly, there is no question, says the Abingdon Virginian. No one cares to venture what will be the result. There are some lawyers of considerable reputation who say if there is not an extra session there will be an attack on every act of the next legislature, holding that the constitution of Virginia is mandatory in directing that the State shall be redistricted. Then it being held that the legislature having had the matter up and failed to dispose of the question, has placed itself in such position that the old lines will remain. But here is the nice question: The law directing the managing of the boundaries is explicit and as the matter of equal representation is involved the claim is made that this provision should have been complied with. Governor Mann declares that he will not assume responsibility for the expense of an extra session, holding that the legislature should have known its duty and have disposed of the matter.

Moving pictures have certainly had the center of the stage in Washington lately and the result will probably be seen in every hamlet of the country before many days are passed. Speaker Clark, immediately after his return from Kentucky recently was the central figure in the first "reel" of films ever exposed in the Hall of the House of Representatives. The patrons of picture shows will now have an opportunity to see how to "catch the Speaker's eye", how the Speaker pounds the desk when he undertakes to restore order and what the process is which all Speakers adopt when they desire a stroke of official blindness so as to avoid allowing their eye to be caught. In fact the first production of the counterfeit presentation of the presiding officer of the House of Representatives will exhibit that official in every possible pose. It will show him as he is to be seen every day between 12 o'clock noon and the succeeding half hour, but there was no disorder; the reproduction will lack the dramatic interest which centers in the Speaker during an exciting debate with its inevitable disorder.

Road to Blue Springs will be Macadamized.

The road to Blue Springs will be macadamized this spring and summer, and work on it will be commenced at once. Arrangements between the town and the county has been perfected, whereby the county will grade the road within the corporation limits and the town will lay the macadam. The county prisoners will be used in doing this work. With the macadamizing of this piece of road there will be a continuous macadamized road from the Lee county line into Norton and Wise, and points beyond.

Real Estate for Sale.

One two story brick store house, five good rooms and hall up stairs. One eight room frame dwelling.
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Lecture at Christian Church.

Mrs. George Oliver, of Lynchburg, Va., State Missionary for the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, lectured at the Christian Church at this place Monday morning at eleven o'clock. Though the attendance was not large in view of the fact that it was not generally known that Mrs. Oliver would be present, yet her lecture was enjoyed exceedingly by those present.

In the afternoon Mrs. Oliver went to Appalachia, accompanied by Mrs. M. R. McCorkle and Revs. C. B. Livesay and Mitchell, (the latter a Christian Minister of Pittsburg, Pa., who began a series of meetings at Appalachia Monday night.)

A C. W. B. M. of fourteen members was organized at the Christian Church at Appalachia Monday afternoon which will be the headquarters for the Missionary activity in this immediate section. Monday morning, Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. McCorkle left for Lee county where they organized Missionary boards at Gibson's Station, Rose Hill, Pennington Gap and Dot.

High School Series

Owing to rain Saturday the baseball and basket ball games between Appalachia and Coeburn, to be played at Coeburn were postponed until today. The games between Wise and Norton at Norton, resulted:

	Base	Basket
Norton	8	28
Wise	7	1

The basket ball game between Big Stone Gap and East Stone Gap on the latter's grounds resulted in a score of 2 to 6 in favor of East Stone Gap.

Next Saturday's games which close the preliminary schedule will be played: Big Stone Gap at Coeburn; Appalachia at Wise and East Stone Gap at Norton.

Lecture at Baptist Church.

Mrs. Ropp, a lecturer for the W. C. T. U., will give a highly instructive and entertaining lecture on the temperance work in the state at the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, May 7th.

Rev. Craft, the pastor, hopes that a good audience will be present to hear Mrs. Ropp on this occasion, in order that a better idea may be gained of what this organization is accomplishing in Virginia.

To day at Pineville will be gathered a number of representatives of Bell County for the purpose of conferring with the Fiscal Court relative to calling an election on the question of voting bonds of the county for the construction of "Good Roads", and advising with the court as the citizens might think proper concerning the location of the highway to be built—Middlesboro News-Record.

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W. G. Coutts, of this place has secured two large jobs of plumbing at Harlan Court House, Ky., for this summer. One is in a Presbyterian church which will also be equipped as a Y. M. C. A., with gymnasium etc, at cost of about \$14,000. The other is the heating plant in a store and office building that is to cost about \$25,000. L. L. Brown of this place was the successful bidder for the erection of the latter building.

Judge S. C. Graham of this place announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Jean McDonald, to Professor Clinton Manning Kilby, Ph. D. of Randolph Macon Women's College, Lynchburg, Va., the marriage to take place in June. The announcement, while not unexpected, will come as a pleasant surprise to the many friends of the young couple; and Professor Kilby is to be congratulated on having won the hand of one of Tazewell's fairest daughters. — Tazewell Republican.

Land Bargains.

I have for sale a large building, store room 20x40 and 10 room dwelling at Sulphur Springs, near depot. A good stand for merchandise. Also 40 acres of land with house and good orchard, good water, close to school and church, and one piece, about 15 acres, in woods, with plenty of good water. All for sale, going at bargain, for cash or good notes.

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Notice of Stockholders Meeting.
Big Stone Gap, Va., April 1st, 1912.
To the Stockholders of the Big Stone Gap Land Company, The regular annual stockholders meeting of this company will be held at the office of the company in the town of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Wednesday May 1st, 1912. Stock transfer books will be closed two weeks prior to that date.
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