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Coal Business Brisk

Mines All Busy and Demand Harvest Since 1906.

In talking to a Bristol Herald Courier reporter last week, Charles W. Bondurant, of the Bondurant Coal and Coke Company, of St. Charles, spoke of the activity in the coal and coke business in this section as follows:

"The coal business is now better than it has been since 1906; said Mr. Bondurant. The mines are all busy. In Southwest Virginia the operators are fortunate in being able to get plenty of cars for in other parts of the country there is a shortage of transportation equipment. There is a splendid market for coal and the present outlook is most encouraging."

"Mr. Bondurant says that every coke oven in Wise county is in operation. The Stonegap Coke and Coal Company has 5,500 ovens in Wise county. This company is mining about 2,000,000 tons of coal annually in Southwest Virginia. The Virginia Iron, Coke and Coal Company and the Clinchfield Coal Corporation are busy at their mines and are making large shipments of coal from Southwest Virginia. The bulk of the V. I. C. & C. coal goes to Boston, to supply the contract to supply coal for the Boston and Maine railroad."

Early Shopping for Christmas

Shopping for Christmas will have to be done early this year, or the stores will be compelled to employ a double force of female help. That became known Saturday, when Labor Commissioner Doherty of Richmond, called attention to the fact that the ten hour law would be enforced rigidly in all parts of the State.

There is just one day when female help will be allowed to work in excess of the allotted ten hours in any twenty-four hours—Saturday. The law is plain and pointed, and there is no option with the Commissioner in seeing that it is enforced.

Shopping early will make the task easier to the clerks, the drivers and purchasers. Goods can be gotten home at a reasonable hour, the clerks will have a chance to rest.

There is another thing. Those who does their shopping early will get the first pick of the bargains, they will have plenty of time, articles can be packed away until wanted and there need be no uneasiness and rush at the last hour.

Read the advertisements every week in the Post, and you will know where to go to get the best bargains and goods.

Notice.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 12, the Ladies of the M. E. Church, South, are to have their holiday sale, consisting of linens, Christmas novelties, aprons, and fancy articles. Ice-cream, cake and home made candies sold also.

Sale will be held at W. W. Taylor's Store.

Christmas Specials.

We wish to call your attention and invite you to come and examine our Christmas lines of

Toilet and Manicure Sets, in tripple plated Silver and Ebony; Bronze Jewel Boxes, Watches, Chains, Fobs, Bracelets, and a full line of Novelties in seasonable Small Jewelry.

Musical Instruments and Supplies.

Jewelry from our store engraved free of charge.

WITT & BOOHER,

East Third St. and Wood Ave.

BIG STONE GAP, VA.

Health Work Sound Economy.

Annual Report of Health Commissioner Pleases Advocates of Improved Sanitation.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 7.—Great is the jubilation here among friends of public health who have read the recent report of the State Health Commissioner and have compared the figures tabulated there with those printed four years ago. The State Board of Health was reorganized in 1908, and was then given a much larger appropriation than in previous years. As the report just filed with the Governor was the fourth since that time, comparisons were quickly made to show whether or not the State's investment in public health had been good economy.

The report for 1908 showed that in rural Virginia approximately 12,000 people contracted consumption during that year while more than 14,000 were victims of typhoid fever. The report for 1912 shows these figures to be 8,000 and 8,900 respectively. In other words, it is pointed out that now only eight persons have tuberculosis where twelve had it in 1908 and that only 8 had typhoid fever in the past year where 14 had it in 1908. In addition, statistics show that the mortality from diphtheria has been cut precisely in half and that where seven in the hundred of those who had diphtheria died in 1908, the present mortality is but 3.51 per cent. As the number saved from death and disease thus runs into the thousands, sanitarians argue that their case is proved.

Another saving disclosed by the report, and one which is more readily computed in dollars and cents, is that which has resulted from the distribution of antitoxin and the treatment of persons bitten by rabid animals. In an effort to procure antitoxin at a reasonable rate for all persons attacked with diphtheria, the State in 1908 made arrangements and since that time has distributed antitoxin to all who want it at very low rates. During this time more than 18 million units of this remedy have been distributed, on the price of which, as compared with the old retail there has been a saving to the families of diphtheria victims of approximately \$48,000. In addition, the price of antitoxin has been very generally reduced.

In treating free of cost persons bitten by rabid animals and unable to pay the charges of the regular institutes, the State has saved, during the last year, a total of \$9,400 to these persons.

Another feature of the annual report which attracts particular attention at this time is the comparison of the State's facilities for treating consumption as compared with the facilities of four years ago. At that time, the State Farm and the State Hospitals for Insane were the only places where consumptives could be given the open-

SANTA CLAUS.

I USED to watch for Santa Clause With childish faith sublime, And listen in the snowy night To hear his sleigh bells chime. Beside the door on Christmas Eve I put a truss of hay To feed the prancing, dancing steeds That sped him on his way.

I pictured him a jolly man With beard of frosty white, And cheeks so fat, that when he laughed They hid his eyes from sight; A heart that overflowed with love For little girls and boys, And on his back a bulging pack, Brimful of gorgeous toys.

If children of a larger growth Could have a Christmas tree From Father Time, one gift alone Would be enough for me— Let others take the gems and gold, And trifle light and vain, But give me back my belief In Santa Claus again!

—Mina Irving

air treatment. At present there are in State, municipal and private institutions, more than 200 beds for consumptives and this number is steadily being increased.

The report of the Health Commissioner has been forwarded to the Public Printer and soon will be ready for distribution to interested persons.

Ship Your Packages Early.

No. 1. Ship your packages early, by today if possible. The Express Company will give you a small label to paste on the package reading "Do not open until Christmas." This will insure the package reaching its destination before Christmas and the additional pleasure to the recipient of the gift, of having it Christmas morning.

No. 2. Use wooden boxes for packing. It may cost a few cents more, but the danger of loss or damage is very much reduced. True, if the shipment is lost or damaged, the Express Company will pay for it, but that will give your friend no pleasure.

No. 3. Write the address in full,—County, street and number,—on the box with ink or crayon. Tags are frequently torn off and lost.

No. 4. If you want to Prepay the charges write the word "PAID" in large letters on the package.

No. 5. Insist upon a receipt and see that the amount paid is on the receipt and value of the package declared thereon.

No. 6. Write your own address in full somewhere on the package, following the prefix, From—and enclose a card in the package bearing your address that you may be notified in the event of loss of consignee address.

No. 7. Use strong wrapping paper, not newspapers, if not convenient to ship in boxes and tie with a strong cord.

No. 8. If package contains anything of perishable nature, write the word "PERISHABLE" in large plain letters on the box or package to insure special attention for its delivery.

If you will observe these suggestions you will greatly assist in assuring prompt delivery of your gift in good conditions.

Positions in Plenty.

Positions in plenty are waiting for the young man or woman who can measure up to requirements. Throughout the year the Roanoke National Business College receives inquiries for pupils and places graduates in positions. At times the demand far exceeds the supply; in fact, the school has been unable to fill more than fifty per cent of applications received from business men. Such is the confidence the public has in that institution.

Business men know they are getting just the kind of help they need and the best that up-to-date methods in teaching and training can produce. The school is careful to ascertain from the prospective employer just what he expects from the pupil. The college is just as careful to recommend only such applicants as it feels confident can live up to these expectations.

All its students who become reasonably competent can readily secure positions. The college make no charge to either the employer or applicant for its services in establishing a mutually satisfactory connection.

The winter session opens January 1st. Desk room is reserved in the order in which applications for entrance are received. Those contemplating a course should make arrangements early.—adv.

Local Items.

H. B. Price, Jr., of Stonegap, spent Sunday in the Gap.

N. D. Bauchman, Jr., of Bristol, was a visitor to the Gap Saturday.

Dr. Thomas F. Staley, a popular specialist of Bristol, spent Friday night in the Gap on professional business.

W. T. Ray, of Spartanburg, S. C., was a guest at the Mont Vista, on last Saturday.

E. L. Moore, of Knoxville, was in town last week.

Sam Weatherly, of Louisville, is visiting relatives and friends in the Gap this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stackhouse, who spent about ten days in the Gap visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Fox, returned to their home in New Mexico last week.

If you want your job work done promptly, neatly and artistically, send it to the Wise Printing Company.

The January term of United States Court will be held in the new Federal building at this place, which is one of the nicest and most up-to-date public buildings in the south.

The little folks are getting ready for Santa Claus.

Miss Lula Mahaffey is seriously ill at the home of her brother, W. T. Mahaffey, at this place.

Miss Edna Gilly returned Saturday from Stonegap, where she spent ten days relieving Miss Carrie Everidge, telephone operator at that place, who has been off on a vacation.

Houston Begley and family, formerly of this place, but who, for the past three years have been located at Anderson, Ind., have returned to the Gap to make this their future home.

Mrs. G. M. Brown, who has been in a hospital in Richmond for some time, where she underwent an operation, is rapidly regaining her health and returned home Sunday night.

The man who keeps his eyes on the face of the clock will never see the wheels go round.

Miss Aileen Maddox, who for the past two seasons has had charge of the millinery department in J. M. Willis' store, returned to her home in Newport, Kentucky, last Saturday morning.

Send the Wise Printing Company your orders for engraved cards and stationery. Our prices are right and the quality of work can't be beat.

General R. A. Ayers and son, H. J. Ayers, spent a few days last week hunting on the Holston.

Messrs. Hugh, Alf and James Taylor are soon to have published two books, one entitled "Bob Taylor's Life and Career" and the other "The Best Literature of Bob Taylor."—Bristol Herald Courier.

E. Counts, who has been in the operators office at Appalachia, has accepted the agency at the V. & S. W. depot here, succeeding W. J. Draper, who has resigned and gone back to his home at Gate City.

Horace E. Fox, of the engineering firm of Fox, Peck & Sampson with offices at Harlan and Big Stone Gap, was in the city Tuesday enroute to his home at Big Stone Gap.—Middlesboro Record.

Masters James and Campbell Edmonds returned Sunday night from Big Stone Gap, Va., where they spent several days with relatives.—Middlesboro Record.

In making up your list of presents for Christmas do not forget the poor and needy. There are many homes in this section where the children do not know Santa Claus.

Geo. E. Roebuck is preparing to issue a monthly magazine called "The Rhododendron," the first number of which is expected to appear about January 5th.—Wise Virginian.

J. E. Lanningham, of St. Charles, was a business visitor to the Gap one day last week.

A Nice Christmas Present

YOU could not send your friends a Christmas present that would be appreciated more than a copy of the Big Stone Gap Post during 1913. To those who desire to send the Post as a present to their friends we will make the special rate of

50c. for the Entire Year,

and will also, if desired, notify the ones to whom the paper is sent that it is being sent by you as a present. This does not apply to persons desiring to subscribe for themselves, and no subscriptions at this special rate will be accepted after January 1st. You can send the paper to as many as you like at this rate.

Help advertise this section by sending your friends something they will appreciate and remember you for every week through the whole year.

One thousand votes will be given in the Piano Contest with each year's subscription.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy gave a very clever and unique amateur performance at the Amuzu Theatre on last Friday night. The regular moving pictures were shown, with living pictures taken from ancient history and several of the modern Gibson pictures were well acted. One of the hits of the evening was "The Latest Scandal," which cleverly portrayed the typical village gossiper that it was endorsed several times. "The Bachelor's Dream" was very effective, showing his old sweet hearts from the school girl to the bride. The U. D. C's were well pleased with the large and appreciative audience, from which the net proceeds of \$48.56 was realized.

W. T. Morris, of Lexington, Ky., representing a Cincinnati clothing house, spent a few days in town last week in the interest of his company.

W. S. Moore, representing D. B. Ryland & Company, the Lynchburg Jeweler, will be in Bristol, at Bristol Typewriter Company, for the entire month of December, with his beautiful Christmas stock, which is new and the best he has ever shown. He requests your orders and a call from you when in Bristol.—adv. 50-51

Lots For Sale.

IMBODEN ADDITION—BIG STONE GAP, VA.

Some of the most desirable lots in Big Stone Gap are located in Imboden Addition, Plat 2, and are now on the market at very low prices, and liberal terms. For particulars see or address the undersigned at Big Stone Gap. 49-1 W. S. BEVERLY, Agent.

MEN WANTED.

50 MINERS wanted by Stonegap Colliery Company, Glamorgan, Va. Steady work. Highest price per ton paid in the district. Healthy camp. Excellent water. School and church facilities.

Stonegap Colliery Co. J. S. CHEYNEY, Gen'l Supt. 30



Christmas Tips

FROM HAMBLEN'S

AT THIS SEASON of the year most people are planning and some actually worry about the selection of gifts for friends—a thing wholly unnecessary in this age with practical, serviceable presents all the rage. You can please the most fastidious with a selection from our store—we have

- Silverware.
- Carving Sets.
- Scissors, all kinds.
- Safety Razors.
- Lap Robes.
- Tricycles.
- Toy Wagons.
- Roller Skates.
- Manicure Sets.
- Kitchen Sets.
- Sewing Sets.
- Pocket Knives.
- Riding Whips.
- Bicycles.
- Wheelbarrows.
- Ice Skates.

and a full and complete line of hardware especially suited as gifts because of its quality, which gives long life of service to the article selected and thereby welds an everlasting link of friendship between the parties interested.

Hamblen Bros.