

**Vegetable Matter in the Soil.**

We have noticed recently that the people of the county in some instances burn off their broom sage fields and fields covered over with weeds and leaves before plowing, as it is easier to run the plow after the weeds have been destroyed. It does make it easier to run the plow but it destroys the vegetable matter of the soil and renders it much poorer. No infertile soil can be made fertile without vegetable matter. We must apply this vegetable matter directly as stable manure or other litter, or we must grow crops and turn them under as clover, peas, etc. When a farmer burns his vegetable matter off the surface of the soil the larger part of the plant food contained in the vegetable matter escapes into the atmosphere, and the water holding capacity of the soil is greatly lessened. The humus or decaying vegetable matter makes soil open and porous and enables it to hold water for the use of crops. We noticed a livery man in Norton who was filling a deep wheel rut near his barn with stable manure. We hope that the farmers of the county will buy this and not allow it to be wasted in this way. Farmers and stable men should use large amounts of bedding in stalls, such as sawdust, leaves, straw, etc. This bedding serves a double purpose as it absorbs the liquid manure, which is far more valuable, pound for pound than the solid and adds direct-

ly to the amount of vegetable matter. Manure should not be piled either in a shed or in the open. The most convenient way generally is to haul it out and scatter it in the fields as fast as it accumulates. If it is piled outside the rains wash out the most available part of the plant food and the manure is worth less than one half its original value. If it is piled any where fermentation takes place and plant food in the form of ammonia escapes into the atmosphere, where plenty of bedding is at hand manure may be allowed to accumulate under the animals' feet, as the weight of the animal will keep it packed so closely that not enough of air can get to cause fermentation.

Preserve and increase the vegetable matter in your soil and make it more fertile.

J. S. STILES,  
Farm Demonstration Agent

**District Institute.**

The Big Stone Gap District Institute of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held at the Methodist Church here, tonight (Wednesday) and continuing through Thursday and Friday.

All the ministers of the district will be here. Rev. J. W. Perry, D. D., will deliver several addresses, which will cover a wide range of live topics.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of the meetings, which will begin at 7:30 tonight.

Eugene Brown, of Middleboro, visited relatives in the Gap Sunday.

**Appalachia Items**

Dr. McClure, of Dorchester, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Duffy, of Stonega, were guests of Mrs. A. Flanary Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Johnson are spending the week in Bristol.

Little Sarah Crizer, who has been very ill, is much improved at this writing.

Miss Gaines, of Norton, was the guest of Miss Edna Carrier Saturday night.

R. R. Parker went to Dorchester Monday.

T. M. Brummitt, of Bristol, was a guest at the Windsor Hotel Saturday and Sunday.

The Misses McKinzie visited friends in the Gap Sunday.

Harold Edwards visited home folks first of the week.

Mr. Rex, of East Stone, visited Mr. Lichter Friday night.

Miss Myrtle Flanary and Gray Flanary, of wood, Va., were in town the latter part of the week.

Supt. Hillman, of Coeburn, attended the teachers' meeting here Saturday.

The Ladies of the Baptist Church will have their annual sale Friday the 19th, at the Old Dominion Drug Store.

**J. C. Kilbourne Found Dead At Appalachia.**

J. C. Kilbourne, aged 69, brother of E. C. and Geo. Kilbourn, of Appalachia, was found dead Saturday morning at that place, near the home of his sister, Mrs. Roda Cotts, where he was staying. A few bruises were visible on the head but it is not known exactly how death came.

Mr. Kilbourne left the home of his sister, about 5:30 o'clock Friday afternoon to look after his corn field close and his immediate return did not cause any alarm thinking he had decided to spend the night with other relatives. A search was made Saturday morning and his body was found near the corn field by a fence. It is thought that while crossing the fence he fell violently on the ground, causing concussion of the brain.

The deceased was a cousin of our townsman, W. B. Kilbourn, and was born and raised in the vicinity of Appalachia, but moved to Indiana about 35 years ago, and had been out here for the past few months on a visit to his old home place. The deceased is survived by one son and two daughters, all of Indiana, who were unable to be here in time for the funeral.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Williams, of the M. E. Church Monday afternoon, and the remains were laid to rest in the old Kilbourne grave yard.

**Notice.**

The penalty on Town Taxes has been extended to January 1st. Call and pay your taxes and save 5 per cent.

P. H. Barron, Treasurer.

Rev. J. B. Craft hopes to be able to hold the regular services at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

There will be services at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

There is a liquor dive on the Virginia and Kentucky State Line, near Pound Gap, known as the Cumberland Express Company, which receives and dispenses liquors high-handed and free handed. One half of the building is in Virginia and the other half in Kentucky. Our court officials and the court officials of Letcher County should make a joint raid and the Sheriff of Wise and the Sheriff of Letcher apply the torch to his end of this notorious "shack."—Norton News.

Expect to be married soon, and the father of the girl I am to marry demands a medical certificate. Will you kindly recommend a reliable physician? Do you think the father has the right to demand this of me?—Wille.

The father certainly has this right. Why not ask him to suggest a physician whom he considers reliable?—Cincinnati Post.

**Holiday Suggestions From Fullers**

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**N. & W. Sued for \$60,000.**

Claiming sixty thousand dollars damages, Mrs. Louella Gillespie, as administratrix for the estate of her husband, A. F. Gillespie, has filed suit in the federal court against the Norfolk and Western Railway. Gillespie was one of the engineers on a double header freight train which derailed at Cleveland, Russell county, June 8, last, causing the death of two trainmen and two women into whose home the derailed locomotive crashed after it left the track.

The wreck out of which the suit grows was one of the worst in many years on the Clinch Valley. A fast merchandise freight train pulled by two loco motives was bound from Bluefield to Norton. While approaching the station at Cleveland the engine jumped the rails and plunged down an embankment and into the house of Mrs. Owens and her daughter. Both the women were killed outright, as were engineer Gillespie and fireman Stewart.

It is understood that the plaintiff will contend that the accident was due to bad track conditions and the railway will probably contend that the speed of the train had much to do with the disaster. This is one of the heaviest claims for damages of personal injury or death ever filed in the court in this section.—Roanoke World News.

**Gen. Ayers' Residence Burned**

The residence of Gen. R. A. Ayers, at Holston Springs, in Scott County, where the General and family have been living since last spring, burned on Tuesday afternoon, together with all of his household effects. The fire originated in the hot air heating system. This was one of the finest colonial homes in the state, and was built before the war at a cost of about \$75,000. The loss, we understand, is partially covered by insurance.

**A Boy's Dream.**

I read of a boy who had a remarkable dream. He thought that the richest man in town came to him and said, "I am tired of my house and grounds; come, take care of them, and I will give them to you." Then came an honored judge and said: "I want you to take my place; I am weary of going to court day after day; I will give you my seat on the bench if you will do my work." Then the doctor proposed that he take his extensive practice, and let him rest, and so on. At last up shambled old Tommy and said, "I'm wanted to fill a drunkard's grave. I have come to see if you will take my place in the saloons and on the streets."

This is a dream which is not all a dream. For every boy in this land today, who lives to grow up, some position is waiting as surely as if a rich man, judge, doctor or drunkard stood ready to hand over his place at once. Which will you choose, boys? There are pulpits to be filled by God-fearing ministers, and thousands of honorable places; but there are also prison cells and drunkards graves. Which will you choose?—Selected.

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LEAVE NORTON—2:00 p. m. for points North, East and West.

LEAVE BRISTOL—Daily, 6:30 a. m. for East Radford, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Richmond and Norfolk. Pullman Parlor Car to Richmond. Cafe Car Roanoke and Hagerstown. Pullman sleeper Roanoke to New York via Hagerstown and Harrisburg.

5:15 p. m. for Norfolk and intermediate points, Pullman Sleepers to Norfolk 1:32 p. m. and 7:25 p. m. (limited). Solid trains with pullman sleepers to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York via Lynchburg. Does not make local stops.

12:15 p. m. daily for all points between Bristol and Lynchburg. Connects at Walton at 5:30 p. m. with the St. Louis Express for all points west and northwest.

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