

Big Power Contract

Stonega Coke and Coal Company Will Take Current From Central Power Plant in Lee County.

One of the most important power contracts in Southwest Virginia has been consummated by the Stonega Coke and Coal Company, one of the largest and most important coal and coke producing companies in the south. This company has contracted with the Electric Transmission Company, of Lee County, for all of its power to be used at its various operations, viz: Stonega, Osaka, Roda, Arno, Imboden and Keokee plants, and a high tension transmission line will be erected at once from the power plant located at Pocket, in Lee County, to the various operations of the Stonega Company, over which power will be transmitted at a pressure of 33,000 volts. It is estimated that the Stonega Company will consume approximately 15,000,000 kilowatt per year, which is necessary for their large production of coal and coke.

The Stonega Company will award this week the contract for electrical apparatus and equipment of modern design necessary for the operation of their various plants under the new system, which will replace five of their present steam power plants aggregating approximately 4,000 horse power. The new power stations will be installed underground and power will be delivered to these stations at 2,300 volts from the surface out on the mountains down through a bore hole to the stations where the power will be reduced to a low pressure of 250 volts for running service. The Electric Transmission Company's plant in Lee County now develops 3,000 horse-power, and plans are under way to materially increase the supply by the installation of an additional steam turbine and boilers having a capacity of 4,000 horse power, which is necessary for the requirements of the Stonega Company.

Electricity for lighting and power purposes in Big Stone Gap and Appalachia will also be furnished by this company, which now owns the plant that furnishes lights for these towns.

Republican Mass Meeting.

The republicans of the Big Stone Gap precinct held a mass meeting in the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the county convention to be held at Norton on the 6th of March, when they will nominate candidates for Commissioner of Revenue for the Eastern and Western Districts, Commonwealth Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, four Supervisors, Justices of the Peace and Constables.

The meeting was called to order by H. H. Stemp, precinct chairman, who stated the purpose of the meeting and proceeded to nominate W. T. Goodloe as temporary chairman and A. L. Witt as secretary. On report of the chairman the precinct was allowed 10 delegates, all of whom were promptly selected with their alternates. Following is a list of the delegates and alternates elected:

DELEGATES—A. L. Witt, R. E. Taggart, W. T. Mahaffey, C. L. Mahaffey, W. W. Bickley, R. P. Barron, M. C. McCorkle, P. H. Barron, H. H. Stemp, W. D. Fuller, R. R. Casper, J. S. Hudgens, L. E. Jessee, W. C. Giles, J. N. Moore, P. H. Carr, Claude Kelly, R. J. Wilson, M. O. Swan.

ALTERNATES—E. E. Goodloe, R. B. Abover, J. E. Bunn, R. W. Flanary, J. M. Stewart, W. T. Alcover, W. J. Christian, J. B. F. Witt, Frank Witt, D. B. Sayers, Dr. Karl Stoehr, W. S. Rose, O. P. Mason, J. C. Moore, J. M. Giles, D. Z. Parsons, Thos. Reed, J. L. Parsons, I. N. Kelly, Jr.

High Society Criticised.

President Wilson Praises Simple Straightforward People of Southern Mountains.

Washington, February 24.—Praise for the simple, straightforward people of the Southern mountains, and criticism of the "airs that high society gives itself" were voiced by President Wilson here tonight at a meeting held in the interest of Berea College, Kentucky, founded to educate the mountaineers. The president declared the college was going straight to the heart of one of the most interesting problems of American life, and added that "the only thing that is worth while in human intercourse is to wake somebody up."

Justice Hughes, of the Supreme court, presided at the meeting, and other speakers were President Frost, of Berea College; E. G. Bonsur, of Columbia University, and Hamilton W. Mabie, of the Outlook Magazine. They all said there were three million people in the mountains of the South who needed only education to make them of immense benefit to the nation.

Speaking of the college, the president declared that its object was to do what America was intended to do, to give to people who had not had an opportunity, and to give it to them on absolutely equal terms on a basis, not of birth, but of merit.

"What America has vindicated above all things else," said the president, is that native ability has nothing to do with social origin. It is amusing sometimes to see the airs that high society gives itself. The world could dispense with high society and never miss it. High society is for those who have stopped working and no longer have anything important to do.

"Those who can open the great origins of power are those who feel the nation; and when one thinks of that old stock in storage there in the mountains for more than a hundred years until tapped, some of the original stuff of the nation, waiting to be used, one ought to bid God-speed to those men who are going there and using this old capital that has not even been put out at interest, that has been as it were kept in a chimney-piece until we shall go to it and use it, and find that the usury from it was that same usury of freedom and of power and of capacity which has been so characteristic of America from the first."

"I do not see how anybody can think of Berea and the work it has to do without catching fire."

Farmers' Club Meeting.

The Richmond District Farmers' Club met on Saturday afternoon at East Stone Gap and made up an order for a large car of fertilizers to be purchased through their secretary. They elected officers for the year as follows: E. L. Cousins, president; H. C. Stewart, vice president; John Dorton, secretary and treasurer; L. N. Jones, librarian; Hon. John W. Chalkley, Judge W. S. Mathews, C. F. Blanton and other Big Stone Gap members were present.

Election of Officers.

At a meeting of the Woman's Guild of Christ Church at the home of Mrs. Mayo Cabell on Thursday afternoon, February 25th, the following officers were elected for 1915, namely: Mrs. Wade Barrier, president; Mrs. J. L. McCormick, vice president; Mrs. Mayo Cabell, secretary; Mrs. Karl Stoehr, treasurer; Mrs. Robt. D. Morrison, assistant treasurer.

Capt. Creed F. Blanton, of Big Stone Gap, was in Norton a few hours last Thursday. He was talking of baseball and wanted to know if Dorchester, Wise and Norton would have teams the coming season.—Nor. News.

Mine Rescue Work.

The Stonega Coke and Coal Company have, for the past month or two, been organizing mine rescue and first aid teams at a number of their operations. J. M. Webb, of Birmingham, Ala., an efficient instructor of mine rescue and first aid work of the United States Bureau of Mines, has been spending some time in this section drilling the teams. He has also organized a mine rescue team among the employees of the company at this place, composed of the following: D. B. Sayers, R. E. Taggart, G. B. Southward, Worley Hurd and W. R. Peck. Mr. E. Drennen, vice president and general manager of the company, Mr. W. C. Shunk, superintendent of the power and mechanical department, and other officials of the company will also be trained in rescue work and assist in this noble cause. Mr. Southward will have charge of all the teams, while a captain will be appointed to take charge of each station. About 25 men have already been drilled and given instructions in rescue work, and over 100 men have been organized in the first aid teams.

When the organization is perfected the teams expect to take part in the national meeting held annually in Knoxville and other cities. They also hope to be able to organize a first aid meet among the operators in the Southwest Virginia field. The Stonega Company also proposes to establish first aid stations in their various mines, so that the men who have taken their training can give assistance to any one who is injured.

The Baracas Give Their First Social.

The Baraca Class of the Methodist Church gave one of the most enjoyable socials ever given here in the Odd Fellows' Hall Saturday night from eight until eleven o'clock.

Rook was played at a number of tables, after which a prize was given to the young lady making the most words from the word Constantinople. Miss Lillian Head won the prize, a large box of candy. The young men were given slips of paper on which to write the number of beans in a pint jar. Baxter Horsley guessed the nearest number and won the prize, a pair of silk socks.

Music was furnished during the evening by Lester Jessee on their new Edison, after which Jerome Wells sang a number of popular songs which were heartily enjoyed by those present. A quartet composed of George Rhoads, Simon Banks, Pat Hammond and Jerome Wells also sang a song and were encored back again and again. For the occasion the hall had been beautifully decorated with red and white crepe paper. The boys served delicious punch, ice cream and cakes. From the way the boys served the guests they might have been taken for waiters from first class restaurants.

Those present were: First, the boys' popular teacher, Mr. Robt. P. Barron, and wife; Mrs. H. E. Benedict, Rev and Mrs. W. N. Wagner, Mrs. Sally A. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Horton, W. B. Kilbourne, John Hambley, Mrs. Sadie Lanham, Misses Nemo Vineyard, Edna Gilly, Janet Bailey, Kate and Matt Brown, Georgia and Minnie Bostwick, Mary and Margaret Carnes, Gladys Lyle, Thelma and Mary Baker, Lillian Wolfe, Goldie Spangler, Myrtle and Matt Nickels, Grace Long, Lillian Head, Fannie and Louella Johnson, Kittie Horton, Cora Mahaffey and Margaret Wampler. The boys were: Robt. Ingle, Harry Taylor, Walter Nickels, Herbert Brown, J. E. Johnson, John Johnson, Simon, Roy and Reuben Banks, Marvin Harwell, P. H. Hammond, W. R. Payne, Jerome Wells, Tate Kilbourne, Baxter Horsley, Hugh Carnes, Luther and Lester Jessee, Willie Baker, Harry O. Wallace, Prof. R. H. Akers and George Rhoads.

Potash Embargo.

World's Supply of this Important Plant Food Now Completely Cut Off.

With the complete embargo which Germany has put against exports of potash, the rising hopes of American consumers have been blasted and has sent prices up to former prohibitive levels of from three to four times normal quotations. It looked awhile back as if America was going to get a fair stock of potash, but now the foreign potash embargo is complete.

The United States consumes 350,000 tons of potash salts per day. Up to January 1st, the shortage in this country, due to the war, was over 375,000 tons, and it is estimated that by May 1st, the shortage will have increased to about 725,000 tons. The potash embargo will work a severe hardship on our fertilizer companies who have to move on a pre-arranged plan of manufacture. A number of companies announced months ago, shortly after the war started, that their Spring fertilizers would contain on the average of 50 per cent of normal potash content. Now, this sudden embargo on potash has made these 50 per cent potash fertilizers appear rather attractive.

Reasons for Germany's imposition of the potash embargo may be based on several conditions. One theory is, that Germany probably does care to furnish an important plant food to raise grain crops in the United States to feed her enemies. This shows from a German standpoint, one of the most reliable from an agricultural point of view, what a valuable plant food potash is.

From reports received from fertilizer dealers, potash fertilizers have been advanced 10 per cent, for example, potash fertilizer that cost \$20.00 a ton before the war now costs \$22.00, with the fifty per cent lesser amount of potash, and there is a possibility of still further reduction of the potash content in the fertilizers containing this important constituent of plant food.

Our leading agricultural scientists advise the use of lime as a means through which the insoluble potash in the soil can be made soluble and available as a plant food. Almost all soils contain potash and most all have enough for present plant requirements, while some contain an excess beyond these requirements. If this valuable store of potash can be made available by the application of lime, the average farmer can readily make up the balance of potash needed to insure a good growth of the better paying crops, which are the grains. The lime should be applied to the soil evenly, with a lime spreader if possible, and let the harrow follow shortly after. If the soil should be sour, and a good many are more or less from the overuse of vegetable and animal matter, the lime will, in addition, neutralize the acidity resulting in a more healthy growth of the plant.

NOTICE.

To all parties who have not paid their 1914 taxes.

Your taxes are now due and have been since December 1st, 1914. As you all know, this is my last year as Treasurer of Wise County, and in order to meet my final settlement I must collect all outstanding taxes. All taxes that are not promptly paid will have to be collected by levy. In order to avoid the necessity and cost of levy, I urgently request that you call at once and make settlement with me or my deputy in your district.

R. V. WOHLFORD,
Treasurer Wise County.

If the south would raise more wheat and corn a great economic problem might be solved.

LUCINDIA ELIZABETH SKEEN.

Editor Post.

Complying with your request to write a notice of "dear old Grandma" Skeen's sudden going away, I find myself still too near the painful surprise and shock that came to the entire community to write calmly of this remarkable life, swiftly removed from our midst. Her life was remarkable and unusual from several viewpoints.

The years of her earthly pilgrimage were many, a little more than eighty-two years. Her walk with her Savior was sixty-six years. Her married life sixty-four years. The mother of seven children, together with her aged husband, all surviving her. These are remarkable facts, grouping themselves together in her long and useful life. How endless would be the task, and how impossible, to write down the deeds of loving ministry of her well-rounded life, not only in her own household, but to many hearts all along the way. *Lucy* is a word that expresses much of the trend of her thinking and action. She was loyal to her faith and church, and delighted in the service of her Lord in the sanctuary.

I asked her son, Judge Skeen, to give me some data concerning her life, and I ask that the following facts be published just as he wrote them.

Lucinda Elizabeth Skeen, before marriage Murphy) was born December 25, 1822, in Russell County, Virginia. She was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist Church when she was sixteen years old. She was married to George Cowan Skeen in 1840. Of this marriage there was born seven children. The husband and the seven children all survive her. She was a loving wife and mother. She would rather serve than be served. She spent her life working for her husband, children, grandchildren and friends. She loved all and served all, and covered the intricacies of all with the veil of charity.

Grandmother will be sadly missed, not only by her aged husband, children and grandchildren, but by a very large number of friends who knew her well and loved her tenderly.

Her Pastor, J. B. CRAFT.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of expressing our sincere gratitude to those who sympathized with us in the death of our beloved mother and grandmother, and who so kindly aided us in her sickness and burial.

H. A. W. Skeen and family,
February 27, 1915.

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Some interesting program it has been at the Amuzu for the past few weeks in addition to the extremely interesting features which Mr. Taylor has secured. The Million Dollar Mystery is becoming a deeper mystery as it progresses, but within a few episodes we will be able to see the great mystery begin to unfold, and the unfolding will be the greatest surprise to everyone who is taking an interest in the picture, not ending at all like one would guess it would. The next episode, which will be shown tomorrow night is so full of thrills and sensations that all who see it will have to be careful to pin their hair down tight, if they don't see hair will surely rise.

The Perils of Pauline is not lacking in interest and sensation, and the interest which is being displayed in this picture is much better than that which has heretofore been shown in the Million Dollar Mystery. However, none but those who have seen the Million Dollar Mystery realize what a good thing those who haven't seen it are missing. And remember the prices to these two great serials is only five and ten cents.

W. H. Hammond and son W. E. Hammond and Payne Honeycutt, all of whom work at Imboden and live at the V. & S. W. depot, luckily escaped being thrown over an embankment between here and Appalachia on last Wednesday morning at six o'clock, while riding in a buggy to their work. The horse became frightened at some oil barrels in the road and plunged into the river, leaving the buggy and its occupants barely on the edge. The horse was not injured in any way and swam out, and it still remains a mystery as to how he got loose from the buggy so easily without turning it over.

Wise County High Schools Baseball Schedule.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3.

Appalachia vs. Wise, at Appalachia.
East Stone Gap vs. Norton, at East Stone Gap.

Big Stone Gap vs. Coeburn, at Coeburn.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

Appalachia vs. Norton, at Appalachia.
Big Stone Gap vs. East Stone Gap, at Big Stone Gap.

Coeburn vs. Wise, at Wise.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17.

Appalachia vs. Big Stone Gap, at Appalachia.

Coeburn vs. East Stone Gap, at Coeburn.

Norton vs. Wise, at Wise.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24.

Appalachia vs. Coeburn, at Coeburn.
Big Stone Gap vs. Norton, at Norton.
East Stone Gap vs. Wise, at East Stone Gap.

SATURDAY, MAY 1.

Big Stone Gap vs. Wise, at Big Stone Gap.

Coeburn vs. Norton, at Norton.

East Stone Gap vs. Appalachia, at East Stone Gap.

Saturday, May 8, may be used to play off ties, if there be any. Should the results of ties mean a further tie, said further ties shall be played off on following Monday or Tuesday. Failure to do so shall constitute a forfeiture.

Birthday Party.

Miss Bonnie Catron, daughter of Senator John H. Catron, gave a delightful party to a number of her little friends in honor of her eleventh birthday Saturday afternoon from three until six o'clock.

Numerous games were played, but the game that they had the most fun in, was "pinning on the donkey's tail," in which Master William Long won the prize, a box of paper. Delicious ice cream and cake, followed by three kinds of candy, was served.

Bonnie received many pretty and useful presents from her little friends present, who were: Misses Gladys Garrison, Nita Goodloe, Polly Kelly, Ruth Barron, Juanita Taylor, Ruby Jenkins, Margaret Gilly, Anna Bounds, Mary Johnson, Margaret Gilly, Eunice Darnell, Lucile and Irene Draper. The boys were: William Long, Joseph Johnson, Victor Baker, Clarence Shunk, Thomas and George Goodloe.

Death of Miss Sarah Sampson.

Miss Sarah Sampson, aged 16 years, died at the home of A. F. Mahaffey at this place on Saturday night at 3:30 o'clock after an illness of two weeks of measles and pneumonia. She was the daughter of S. S. Sampson, of Cadet, her mother having died about five years ago, and she had made her home with the Mahaffey family during the past year.

Funeral services were held at the Mahaffey residence Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Craft, pastor of the Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member and where she professed faith in Christ during the revival services recently held there. Rev. Craft paid a beautiful tribute to the young girl's past life and also commended the people in whose care she had been for their faithful service. The Sunday School class, of which she was a member, attended the services besides a large crowd of other friends. Burial took place in Glencon cemetery at 5 o'clock.

There Is No Question

but that indigestion and the distressed feeling which always goes with it can be promptly relieved by taking a

Peppermint Dyspepsia Tablet

before and after each meal. 25c a box. Kelly Drug Co.

NOTICE.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, will give a "Jonquil Tea," Friday, April 2nd, from 3 to 6 p. m., at the home of Mrs. J. H. Mathews. There will be a program and refreshments will be served.

Work has been completed on the highway between Washington and New York, not necessarily, however, between Washington and Wall Street.