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SUBSCRIBERS are earnestly requested to observe the date printed on their address slips, which will keep them at all times posted as to the date of the expiration of their subscription. Prompt and timely attention to this request will save all parties a great deal of annoyance.

The Post Office Department announces that the Rural Delivery carriers are to be allowed to use motorcycles with side bodies.

Another fact that has given prosperity a spurt lately is the advancing price of cotton which has now put the cotton states "on their feet again".

Eight thousand Bulgarian soldiers were killed or wounded in storming the Serbian positions at Pristina according to Berlin advices.

If you have not already done so give the good women who are getting up the Community Christmas Tree a liberal contribution. It is a good cause and you will feel better after having contributed something.

Subal Jones, who resides near Five Oaks, Tazewell county, Virginia, recently observed his one hundred and sixth birthday anniversary. He was born in 1849, the closing year of President Jefferson's second administration.

During the year 1914 there was produced in the United States 34,555,914 short tons of coke, valued at \$88,334,217, according to the annual statement on the manufacture of coke now available for distribution by the Geological Survey.

We see from an exchange that the Norfolk and Western railroad company is taking steps to stop the habit of people loafing around the passenger stations. It seems that people take a great delight in making the depot a place to "hang out" and these people use the seats that are due to passengers. The weather is now getting cold and the traveling public does not care to stand outside and let the loafers use the station.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad reports that they now have "no idle cars" for the first time in two years. Many of the other great railroad systems have announced similar happy conditions. One year ago there were about 350,000 "idle cars" in the United States. Now there are said to be less than 20,000 idle ones and they are rapidly being brought into active service. This is real proof of increasing prosperity.

British Versus German Finance.

Interesting comparisons between the British and German methods of national finance are drawn by the Christian Science Monitor in the course of an article commenting on the new British budget. As the Monitor sees it, whereas the Germans have decided that no fresh taxes can be borne by the nation and that the interest charges for the new loan will, therefore, have to be met by further borrowing, the British method is to meet such charges out of the national income. Germany is banking on winning such an absolute victory over her enemies that

she can force them to pay indemnities sufficient to meet the expenses of the war, whereas the British, on the other hand, are following the safer plan of paying their way as they go, as far as this is possible, out of the national income.

The new British budget estimates for an expenditure during the coming year of 1,590,000,000 pounds, of which sum it is figured that 272,000,000 pounds can be raised on the existing basis of taxation. It is proposed to increase current taxes so that they will yield an additional 33,000,000 pounds during the current financial year, so that of the total estimated expenditure of 1,590,000,000 pounds, a sum of 305,000,000 pounds will have been raised by taxation.

The German method bespeaks an absolute confidence in an ultimate triumph for the German arms that is magnificent but which, nevertheless, will not command the approval of prudent financiers. Germany's unwillingness to increase taxation to meet her constantly increasing expenses in part, at least, is apt to have an unfavorable effect on German credit in the world's money markets and financial centers.—Roanoke Times.

Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer was held by the women of the Missionary Society November 7th to 13th and was a very interesting one.

The collections go toward the support of the woman's evangelistic work in Japan, and amounted to \$20.01. Bro. Wagner preached a missionary sermon on Sunday, which closed the week's services. It is believed that every one who attended these services felt a real spiritual uplift.

The presence and talks and prayers of Miss Ellanus Wagner, missionary from Korea, was a treat and an inspiration to us all.

Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen, Supt. Publicity.

Misses Miriam Taylor and Mary Carnes, who are teaching at Virginia City, Kate Brown, and Myrtle Wolfe, who are teaching at Pennington Gap, Matt Brown and Grace Wolf, who are teaching at Sutherland, Vergie Bonds and Edna Carroll, who are teaching at Ruda, Gladys Wolfe, at Stonegap, and Thelma Baker, near Coeburn, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with homefolks in the Gap.

\$50,000,000 Company Formed.

New York, Nov. 25.—The formation of \$50,000,000 company backed by leading financiers of the country to develop the foreign trade of the United States will be announced soon by the National City Bank, it was learned here today. Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the bank, who is credited with organizing the company, is said to have associated with him as probable directors Charles A. Stone, of Stone & Webster, Boston; A. H. Wiggin, president of the Chase National Bank; Otto H. Kuhn, of Kuhn, Loeb and Company, and Willard D. Strait, until lately associated with J. P. Morgan and Company.

For Tired Women With Aching Heads

"They help me so much and I find relief as soon as I begin taking your Foley Kidney Pills." Mrs. Frank T. Wood, Merrill, Maine, R. F. D. No. 2. "Sometimes it seems as if you can't stand the pain across your back, it is just making your life miserable and robbing you of all energy and strength. When you are constantly tired, head aches, aching nerves, "swedges," kidney action painful and burning, then is the time to start in at once on Foley Kidney Pills. They strengthen the weak, ailing kidneys, improve their action, enable them to throw off the poisons that cause your trouble. Your nervous growths, peaceful sleep becomes sounder, your headaches disappear. As Mrs. Wood says: "I find relief as soon as I begin to take your Foley Kidney Pills." Be sure you get a genuine Foley Kidney Pills for they are purely medicinal and contain no harmful drugs.

Mutual Drug Company Big Stone Gap, Va.

Community Christmas Tree.

The following are the officers and committees of the Community Christmas Tree:

Mrs. R. T. Irvine, Chairman. Mrs. A. J. Wolfe, Secretary. Mrs. H. R. Price, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Everett Drennen, Treasurer.

The following committee represent the Big Stone Gap Churches:

Southern Methodist Church.—Mrs. Benedict and Mrs. Oda Mouser.

Baptist Church.—Mrs. W. S. Beverley and Mrs. A. J. Wolfe.

Presbyterian Church.—Mrs. M. K. Kelly and Mrs. H. B. Price.

Episcopal Church.—Mrs. E. Drennen and Mrs. R. B. Abover.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Miss Lula Moore and Miss Parlies Bickley.

Christian Church.—Mrs. M. R. McCorkle and Miss Minnie Fox.

Civic League.—Mrs. E. E. Goodloe, Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Mrs. G. N. Knight and Mrs. R. T. Irvine.

The Committee has sent invitations to the Sunday schools at East Stone Gap, Appalachia, Inman, and all the neighboring towns. All the local churches have abandoned the trees for their respective Sunday schools and will unite with the visiting children in the celebration of the Community Tree.

The privilege will be given each man, woman and child to bring an offering to the Christmas Tree. The spirit of giving will be installed in the mind of the child by bringing gifts, however small. An apple, an orange, potato, candies, gloves, handkerchiefs, etc., will be acceptable. These contributions will be turned over to a special committee, who will carry them on Christmas day to the homes of the sick and needy, or to those who were otherwise unable to go to the tree.

It is earnestly requested that the choirs of the churches cooperate with Mrs. Hoff in her work in making the singing a big feature of the celebration. The singing will fall largely on the children of Big Stone Gap, and if the choirs and all the grown people who can sing will meet the children at the school house this afternoon at 2:30 and 3 o'clock, and practice the songs with them the success of the undertaking will be assured. This is a community tree, and the meaning will be lost if there is not that "community of thought and feeling" that will prompt each one to do his part promptly and gladly.

Only \$129.00 of the \$300.00 necessary has been contributed so far. Please send your check today to Mrs. E. Drennen, the treasurer of the committee in charge.

The committee wish to thank the young men, Messrs. L. J. Horton, D. R. Doak and H. C. Wallace, of the Wise Printing Company, who printed the songs for the children, and the following contributors, who have given generously and promptly, and to express their appreciation of their help:

- G. N. Knight \$ 5.00
W. G. Counts 1.00
John W. Chalkley 5.00
John Fox, Jr. 10.00
Frank Parks 1.00
Everett Drennen 10.00
James W. Fox 10.00
W. D. Macklen 5.00
Mrs. John W. Fox 5.00
H. E. Fox 5.00
A. J. Wolfe 2.50
W. S. Shank 5.00
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G. B. Southward 3.00
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M. K. Kelly 2.00
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W. S. Ross 2.00
R. L. Parks 4.00
Miss Eugenia Bangardner 1.00
R. T. Irvine 10.00
J. B. Ayers 2.00
Dr. J. A. Gilmer 1.00
Maye Cabell 3.00
Contributed 1.00
Miss Jannie Stamp 5.00
Mrs. Emma Morrison, for Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church 1.25

FRIDAY WE BEGIN OUR Annual Clearance Of All Winter Millinery PRICES HAVE BEEN DECISIVELY REDUCED This Clearance which begins Friday must be absolute for none of these Hats will be carried over next season. Hence, we have marked them all at slashing reductions. They are becoming, fashionable and seasonable and any woman will be proud to wear any of them. Our entire stock of Trimmed Hats for Women is included. \$7.50 to \$10.00 Pattern Hats \$5.00 \$6.50 to \$7.50 Pattern Hats \$3.50 \$4.00 Trimmed Hats \$2.45 Children's Ready to Wear Hats at a special price 49c, 98c, \$1.45 FULLER BROTHERS Appalachia, Va.

Dummy Engine Wrecked. While on its way to the L. & N. Depot last Thursday morning the Dummy engine jumped the track beyond the residence of W. B. Kilbourne and it has been out of commission ever since. Fortunately the coach did not leave the track and no one was hurt. The engine, after leaving the rails turned over on its side. It was brought to the shop Saturday and is being repaired and, we understand, will be running again soon. Simon Banks spent part of last week in Knoxville, returning home Monday morning.

When Lottie Pickford Smiles Gosh—but it gets you! She's the cutest, cleverest, daintiest little witch you ever saw—in the \$800, G. J. Photoplay A Picturized Romantic Novel—the star photoplay with all-star players that's taking the country by storm \$10,000 For a Suggestion! \$10,000 for a sequel in this wonderful play—1900 words or less—just the rough idea. Starring this tremendous film-play Amuzu Theatre EVERY TUESDAY

P. H. Barron's Is the place to buy your Xmas Candies and Fruits He will keep on hand a choice line of Candies specially for Christmas and Fruits and Nuts will be in abundance. Of course the Grocery line will be complete as usual and he earnestly solicits the patronage of everybody. Prices Are Right. A Full Line of Fire Works

Stopping At MONTE VISTA HOTEL Big Stone Gap, ONE DAY ONLY, Wednesday, Dec. 8. SEELEY'S SPERMATIC SHIELD TRUSS The Latest and Most Scientific Appliance for RUPTURE For the Successful Treatment and Cure of RUPTURE Used and approved by the U. S. Government and the War Office. Vouched for by F. R. R. Oblique, Jefferson and Haberman Medical Colleges and leading hospitals. No lig straps to irritate and soil. No binding in bathing. Future services, and alterations to meet the needs of the individual as the condition progresses, are a most important feature of our work and are done without charge. Abdominal Belts, Elastic Stockings, Etc. For competency, operations, umbilical hernia, back aches, varicose veins, weak and swollen limbs, etc. Examination and Advice Free Call at Monte Vista Hotel, Big Stone Gap, FOR ONE DAY ONLY, Wednesday, December 8, 1915. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY. Local references on request. W. B. SEELEY, Home Office, 1027 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Cut Out and Keep for Reference

A Full Line of Xmas Books for the Children will be on display AT THE Wise Printing Co. in a few days. See them.