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J. F. Roberts Killed.

The Bristol Herald Courier gives the following account of the killing of Mr. J. F. Roberts, cashier of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company's mines at Inman on last Thursday afternoon by Ezra Craft, a laborer. Mr. Roberts was well known in the Gap and his untimely death is deeply regretted.

James F. Roberts, a former Bristolian and cashier for the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, was shot in the back and killed yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Inman, Va., by Ezra Craft, a laborer, of 19 years old. Craft was arrested later in the afternoon after a chase in the mountains by W. M. Huffman, superintendent of the Virginia's mines at Inman. Feeling in the community over the tragedy was so intense against the murderer that he was removed to Wise for safe keeping.

The tragedy resulted from the refusal of Mr. Roberts to approve a claim made by Craft for accident insurance. As cashier of the company Mr. Roberts signified whether claims of this kind were valid, and when he told Craft that he could not approve his claim, the latter became incensed and abused him. Mr. Roberts merely asked Craft to go about his business, and the laborer left the office. Perhaps half an hour later Mr. Roberts left his office to attend to some business in the commissary. As he entered the doorway Craft, who was inside the store, drew a revolver and with an oath pointed it at Mr. Roberts. The cashier, apparently forgetful of the anger aroused in the laborer earlier in the afternoon, turned to bystander and remarked in a joking tone of voice, "What do you know about that?"

With his back toward Craft, Mr. Roberts walked toward the man he had addressed when Craft fired. The bullet entered his back under the left shoulder blade, and the bullet, a .32 calibre, came out at his nose. He died in 15 minutes. He was never conscious.

As soon as Craft had fired his gun he ran from the store toward the mountains. Mr. Huffman, armed with a revolver, pursued. He gained rapidly on the man, but just as Craft was disappearing at the foot of a small knob, the superintendent fired at him. Seeing that the shot did not strike, Mr. Huffman turned and ran around the knob, hoping to overtake Craft before the latter could escape down a valley on the other side. He reached the other side of the hill and met Craft. Mr. Huffman had his revolver in his hand. Instantly he covered Craft and the latter surrendered.

Mr. Roberts was 33 years old. He was a native of Pennsylvania. He lived in Bristol several years ago and was married to Miss Ella Childers, a daughter of Mrs. J. B. Childers, of 413 Sixth Street. His wife, who was ill, is almost prostrated by the tragedy, but reports from Inman state that her condition is not dangerous. They had one child, a boy, seven years old.

Carroll Etter, a brother-in-law of Bristol, went to Inman at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The body will be brought here today on the noon train for burial, but final arrangements will not be made until word is received from Mr. Roberts' people in Pennsylvania.

People in Bristol were shocked by the news of the tragedy. Mr. Roberts was well known here and popular. He had been connected with the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company for ten years and was said to stand high in the company's service.

The fellow who boasts of bossing the roost is generally as meek as Moses when the real boss is around.

Lee Gets The Best.

O. Harris and Sons, of Harris, Missouri, sold on March 1st, 91 Hereford cattle for \$76,025, an average of \$1,216 per head. This average has all other sales of Hereford cattle topped, and will go down in history as the best auction sale ever held by white-faced breeders.

Twelve states were represented in the buying. Virginia, Kentucky, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Georgia.

Old Virginia has the honor of getting the best cow sold in the ring. Defenders' Lussie 2nd \$385,300 was bought by three members of the Lee County Hereford Breeders Cattle Association, for the sum of \$2,575.

This cow the grand championship prize at the American Royal Hereford show last year, and she did it without the trouble usually found in a show ring. And outstanding champion is certainly shown in this cow.

This fall, the Hereford Breeders Association, of Lee County, Virginia, will send a herd of white faces to the fairs of Virginia, and along with the grand champion cow will be seen many other Herefords that will show just what is being done in this great Southwestern County.

The Lee County Hereford Breeders' Association, was organized by the extension work of the V. P. I. and since it was organized, the interest in making Lee the Herefordshire of Virginia has rapidly increased. —Richmond Southern Planter.

Sires have been purchased from the best herds in America to lead the Lee County herds. Cows have been bought that are second to none in America.

The spirit of co-operation is with the Association and by increasing the membership getting more Herefords, and showing what the rich blue grass pastures of this most remote Southwest Virginia county will do, the state of Virginia will feel proud that she has this little corner ranked as a part of the Old Dominion.

When you think of Lee County, Virginia, think of the Hereford cattle. They are here and will continue to come.

The Junior Class Entertain Seniors.

On Saturday night at eight-thirty the members of the Junior Class, who are Misses Mary Baker, Nellie Horsley, Dorothy Owens, Bruce Skeen, Ella Caewood, Eula Burdett, Edith and Ethel Vantorder. Messrs. Reginald Smith, Isaac Martin, Baxter Horsley, Herbert Brown, Wilbur Plesner and DeWitt Wolfe, delightfully entertained the members of the Senior Class in one of the music rooms in the Public School Building.

The Senior Class colors, which are pink and white, were carried out tastefully in the decorations of the room with pink and white crepe paper, dogwood and red-bud blossoms. Numerous games and music were played during the evening, which were very enjoyable, at the close of which delicious pink and white brick ice-cream and cakes were served, followed by salted nuts. Fruit punch was served also during the evening.

The members of the Senior Class are: Misses Mattie Nickels, Nettie Willis, Eula Tackett, Eunice Darnell, Amanda Reed, Alma Flannery, Hattie Johnson, Myra Caewood, Lillian Head, Janie Thompson, Gladys Lile, Mary Gilly and Launa Marrs. Messrs. Lester Jessee, Peter Wolfe, Jr., John Lane, Sidney Mullins, Oliver Swan, John Graham, Paul Wolfe and Billy Baker.

Prof. E. C. Akers, Miss Vineyard, Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Wolfe were also present at this enjoyable affair.

High School Games.

Norton and Big Stone Gap Divide Honors in Base Ball and Volley Ball.

In the opening game of the Interscholastic Contest for the championship of Wise County here Saturday afternoon Norton and Big Stone Gap divided honors, the latter winning the base ball game by a score of 9 to 4 while the former won out in the volley ball game.

The weather was ideal and a good sized crowd turned out to see the first game of the season. Music was furnished by the band all afternoon. In the base ball game Norton started off with an early lead, which they maintained until the fifth inning. Here Lutz, the Norton pitcher, who had the locals puzzled for some time, began to weaken and was hammered hard. Extra base hits in the sixth coupled with a few errors netted Big Stone Gap four scores. The feature of the game was Howard Lile's home-run drive to left in the eighth inning. It was a hard line drive and would have been a homer in most any game. His work in center field was also good, putting down several long hits.

Finals: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10
Big Stone Gap 0 0 0 1 2 1 1 1 1 9
Norton 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 5

Batteries—Dowell and Lane; Litz and Bennett. Struck out—by Dowell, 2; Litz, 6. Home Run—Lile. Three Base Hit—Baker.

Golf Notes.

Play began last week by thirty-two members of the Mountain Golf Club for the Spaulding Handicap Cup. This is the fourth tournament for the cup which will be played for until it has been won three times by some member of the club.

There were a few who were unable to play, their first match games, which were forfeited, and the remaining sixteen will play in order as follows: D. M. Hodges and Baylor Blanchard, J. E. Ballitt and Lane Miller, M. H. Graber and G. L. Taylor, J. W. Gaut and John Fox, Jr., J. R. Price and O. C. Bell, Jr., E. Drounion and R. L. Parks, W. J. Alfriend and D. P. Sayers, K. Stoehr and H. E. Fox. The second match games are due to be played by today (Wednesday) and the third series (semi-finals) must be completed on or before May 9th.

A tournament will be arranged at an early date for the lady members of the club, who will play for a cup to be given by the President of the club, Mr. Jno. W. Chalkley. There will be quite a number of the ladies who will participate in the tournament.

CALOMEL SALIVATES AND MAKES YOU SICK

Act Like Dynamite on a Sluggish Liver and You Lose a Day's Work.

There's no reason why a person should take sickening, irritating calomel when 50 cents buys a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone—a perfect substitute for calomel.

It is a pleasant, vegetable liquid which will start your liver just as surely as calomel, but it doesn't make you sick and can not salivate.

Children and grown folks can take Dodson's Liver Tone, because it is perfectly harmless.

Calomel is a dangerous drug. It is mercury and attacks your bones. Take a dose of nasty calomel today and you will feel weak, sick and nauseated tomorrow. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone instead and you will wake up feeling great. No more biliousness, constipation, sluggishness, headache, coated tongue or sour stomach. Your druggist says if you don't find Dodson's Liver Tone acts better than horrible calomel your money is waiting for you.—adv.

Cemetery Day.

Tuesday, May 3rd, has been set aside by the Civic League for clean up day in the cemetery. Every citizen in town is earnestly requested to lend aid of some kind for the cleaning up and beautifying their lots of the dead. Come yourself and bring your tools, or if not possible to come, send some one in your place. Clean up your own plots or else clean up the neglected grave of some one who has no one to look after it. We have many strangers in their last resting places here, can't we keep these spots green and fresh as an act of love. The ladies will meet at the cemetery at nine o'clock.

Good Roads Win Out.

Scott County District Shows Its Love for Good Roads in Substantial Way.

Gate City, Va., April 29.—A road-bond election was held in Floyd District of Scott County Tuesday and resulted in a majority of eighty-eight for the bond issue. The amount of the bonds will be \$43,500. Floyd is a small district and adjoins Wise County, in which good roads have already been built. A year ago an election in the same district resulted in a defeat of a bond issue by a majority of two.

There are seven districts in the county, and four of them have voted bonds—Estillville District, \$175,000; Johnson District, \$40,000; Fulkerson District, \$37,000; and Floyd District, \$43,500. About sixty miles of road was graded last year and ten miles of macadam put down. A convict force of fifty is kept busy on the stone work, and several miles more will be graded in the Estillville District, Johnson District also will finish the sections, making a through road to Washington County.

Elections will be held this year in the remaining districts of the county.

Anniversary Services.

The Odd Fellow Lodges of this place, Appalachia, East Stone Gap, Imboden and Stone Gap, comprising Big Stone Gap District No. 31, met at Appalachia on last Sunday afternoon, and, after marching in full regalia through the principal streets of the town, went to the Southern Methodist Church, where they participated in the celebration of the 97th anniversary of the order. The anniversary sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Vaught, pastor of the church. Over one hundred Odd Fellows besides a large number of people of Appalachia and adjoining towns attended this service and experienced a most enjoyable time.

Notice.

To the Progressive Party of the 9th District of Virginia.

Pursuant to the call issued by our State Executive Committee, and by virtue of the authority invested in me as Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District, you are hereby requested to assemble at Roanoke, Va., on May 12th, 1916, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the National Convention of the party to be held at Chicago on June 7, 1916. On the same day, at the same place, (Roanoke), both District and State Conventions will be held.

Very respectfully,
J. H. CATRON,
Chairman.
J. W. BROTHERTON,
Secretary.

Town Council

Discusses Repair of Macadam Roads and Streets.

The town council met last Thursday in called meeting to discuss the question of repair and maintenance of macadam roads and the question of providing a fund to be devoted exclusively to that purpose.

The Mayor submitted figures showing that the town had expended annually for the past five years an average of \$3999.57 on roads, streets, sidewalks, bridges and culverts, all of which are properly chargeable to the road tax, which ordinarily yield an average of about \$2,000.

The town has been receiving about \$140,000 annually from persons operating automobiles for carrying passengers for profit, which sum made but a poor showing toward providing means with which to repair the roads.

Action was finally taken at the meeting by levying a license tax upon residents of the town owning or operating automobiles of twenty horsepower or less of \$5.00 per annum, and for cars of over twenty horsepower \$10.00 per annum.

The license tax was further amended by levying a license tax of \$5.00 additional for the privilege of operating the small cars in livery and of \$10.00 for so operating the larger cars. In other words, the placing of cars in livery just doubles the tax on such cars.

It was also provided that for every dollar raised by the license of automobiles the council would appropriate an equal amount out of the general funds of the town, and in this way create a fund to be used for the purpose of repair and maintenance of macadam roads and streets and for no other purpose.

It was evident that a fund was necessary for the purpose named and the methods adopted was believed to be probably as fair as any that could have been devised.

These license taxes are due and payable on the first day of May each year.

J. NOMENT POWELL MAY ENTER RACE AGAINST SLEMP.

Washington, April 28.—It is the belief in political circles here that J. Noment Powell, of Wytheville, will be the nominee of the Ninth district Democratic convention to oppose Congressman C. Bascom Slemp this fall.

Powell can have the nomination without much difficulty if he desires it, it is said.

Two other prominent Ninth district Democrats who in addition to Senator B. F. Buchanan, have been spoken of as possible candidates, are Hon. Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, now in the State Senate, and O. A. Jordan, of Dublin, a member of the Virginia House.

Trinkle, it is learned, has already been approached and tentatively offered the nomination, but declined it.

Senator Buchanan stated today that he has no intention of making the race for Congress from the Ninth district. He is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor now and does not wish to have too many irons in the fire.

Efforts are being made by the Ninth district Democrats to get Mr. Powell to run for Congress, it was stated today by a man

prominent in Southwest Virginia politics. The prospects for defeating Mr. Slemp, this man said, are by no means hopeless.

The visitor then went on to explain that Slemp is not so hard to defeat as many believe, and reviewed the majorities by which he has defeated his opponents since 1906 by way of illustration.

"In the last campaign made by Hon. Campbell Slemp, father of the present Congressman, he defeated 'Bob' Bruce in 1906 by 13,798 to 11,775, a majority 2,011," said this Democratic visitor from the Ninth district.

"In 1908," he continued, "Bascom Slemp defeated Claude Byars 15,693 to 11,592, or a majority of 4,101.

"In 1910 Slemp had a narrow escape from defeat at the hands of Henry C. Stuart, who polled 16,731 to Slemp's 16,958, cutting the Republican majority down to 227.

"Bascom Slemp defeated General Rufus A. Ayers in 1912 by 14,868 to 13,857, a majority of 1,011. In the last contest Tate Irvine was defeated by a majority of 1,178. Irvine did not make what some people thought was a very great campaign and the people over in the Ninth still believe the district can be reclaimed."

It was admitted by the speaker that to make a respectable showing against Mr. Slemp would require a well organized campaign and the expenditure of considerable money. It was recalled that Governor Stuart was reputed to have spent about \$55,000 of his own money and \$5,000 subscribed by friends when he cut Slemp's majority down to 227.

The speaker opined that if events of the next few months turn 1916 into a good Democratic year and J. Noment Powell is nominated and makes the race that is expected of him, there is a chance of Mr. Slemp's defeat.

DYER, TENN., MAN SUFFERED 40 YEARS.

J. T. Castleman Finds Hope Fulfilled After Passing Threescore Years.

J. T. Castleman, of Dyer, Tenn., suffered from stomach derangements for forty years, taking all sorts of medicine, following all kinds of medical advice.

In all the forty years, he said, he never had a real good day—until he tried Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. Then he discovered something. Let his letter tell about it.

"The first dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy caused gall stones to pass from me. I am feeling much better than I have ever before. I am 64 years old and I had never before enjoyed one whole good day.

"I would not give the one bottle you sent me for all the drugs and doctors' medicine that is made."

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.—adv.

WANTED.

Special salesmen for the following territory: Lee, Scott, Washington, Smyth and adjoining Counties. One familiar with this territory preferred. State age; experience and line sold. A. W. Dorsch, District Manager, 206-7 Evans Building, Washington, D. C.