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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Editor Post:-

Noticed in last week's edition, under "Town Improvement", a question, "What are we doing to put Big Stone Gap on the map?" You know that has occurred to me on numerous occasions. Lots of times I have met people from Big Stone Gap and some have been proud of the little town and boasted it quite a bit and others have not even said one good word of it. It struck me rather strange for, although it has been about fifteen years since I lived there, I can't keep from remembering it as my Home Town, and always speak well of it. Why don't every native son and daughter do the same. It isn't much but it surely does help a lot.

Boast, that is the only way to help things along. At first it may not help, but in the end results are bound to come.

My work enables me to travel in all the large cities east of the Mississippi and every town, or rather city, I visit my friends say "Hello Big Stone, when did you hit town?" That surely does make me feel good and I am glad to know the people have heard of the town and know that I am from Big Stone Gap. If every native son and daughter in their travels would only do that then results are bound to come.

It has been months since I have been in the town and am now planning to return for a short visit, and do hope I will be pleasantly surprised on my next visit. Every time I have returned I have seen noted improvements and a better spirit in the town. Pride makes a town and that is what every native citizen should have, and if one has pride then he or she will boast.

NATIVE SON.

Firs Aid Contest

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of Stores, Stonega; G. B. Southward, Chairman, Permanent First Aid Committee, Big Stone Gap, and many other visitors who witnessed the contest with great interest. The work of the teams was exceedingly careful and sanitary showing intelligent training and careful practice, a physician in attendance as a visitor remarking that few physicians could do the work as thoroughly and expeditiously as it was done by the teams. Stonega team was awarded the first prize and Kookee team the second prize, but so perfect was the work of each of them that there was only one and one half points difference in their rating by the judges.

These teams are reorganized for each Semi Annual contest, only one man being taken from each team and he organizes and trains the new team for the next contest. In this way the trained men are rapidly increasing in number and it will not be long until a trained man will be near by to render first aid quickly in all the hundreds of headings and rooms where

an accident may occur. Some of the trained men are reluctant about quitting the teams after a contest but a little reflection will convince them that it is to their interest as well as that of all the miners employed that trained first aid men shall be increased in number rapidly.

It will interest these men to know that since the organization of this work, only a few years ago, that deaths from mine accidents have been reduced about fifty per cent. After the decisions of the judges were announced, the contestants, officers of the company and a few invited guests, including Hon. Geo. W. Chalkley, General R. A. Ayers and Mr. T. J. Berry, adjourned to the Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared, under the management and supervision of Mrs. W. H. Carrier, assisted by Mrs. Gaudry and Mrs. C. G. Duffy, was announced by the following humorous bill of fare.

First Event.-Oyster Soup and Crackers with Pickles, Olives and Celery. Remove to safety, using a one man carry.

Second Event.-Roast Turkey, with Dressing and Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Peas, Hot Rolls and Coffee. Remove and prepare for transportation.

Third event.-Ice Cream, Cakes and Coffee, Cigars, Cigarettes and Grape Juice. Load on improvised stretcher.

The guests were not very slow in attacking the first event and soon completed the third course of the banquet about which a gentleman who has abundant experience said "I have never in my life, tasted better food, better prepared or seen better service or less confusion." After the banquet Mr. R. E. Taggart awarded the prize of \$25.00 to the Stonega team and the second prize of \$20.00 to the Kookee team, and as toastmaster he called upon Dr. C. B. Sawyer, who responded to the toast "Send for the nearest doctor", which was mixed with earnest appeals to the men for co-operation with him, and the other physicians in the work and side spitting anecdotes which kept the audience either so still you could hear a pin drop or in such an uproar you could not hear anything.

One of the most amusing stories he told was an actual occurrence. He said that one morning a foreigner who could speak but a few words of English, came to his office and said, pointing to his mouth with a grimace as if in pain said "tooth pull" that when he started to look into his mouth he made another grimace and said "down home". Motioning down the road "buddy down home". Thinking the man was like many other people timid and afraid to have a tooth pulled and wanted him to go off down to the man's house and that he had him set down in the chair saying "show tooth" at the same time slyly taking up his forceps that the man opened his mouth and put his finger on the tooth when quickly slipping the instrument on the tooth and grasping him firmly with his other arm he quickly pulled the tooth out, at which the man became frantic, jumped out of the chair mumping and spitting blood and after some time returned with an interpreter and informed him that it was not him who wanted a tooth pulled but "his buddy down at the house".

Mr. Chalkley was next called upon to respond to the toast "An accident who loses most the man or the Company". This was skillfully, ably and humorously handled by Mr. Chalkley, who took occasion to lambaste the toast master in several witty sallies which produced much fun and laughter, closing amidst much applause.

It was near midnight when General Ayers was called on to respond to the toast, "The best safety device known is a careful man". General Ayers told the men that he was not an amusing speaker and could not tell jokes but created consternation midst the nine o'clock bed time men by saying that he could talk all night upon the subject, relieving the tension by saying, but "I am not going to talk but a few minutes".

He spoke earnestly, complimenting the teams upon their splendid work, the friendly spirit each member of the competing teams had shown each other and the friendly relations that existed between the men and officers of the company-reciting many instances

where ordinary care would have prevented serious accidents and closed, bidding the men good-night and good by until the next banquet, which he was sure to attend if they could get the same ladies to manage and superintend its preparation.

The toast master then called upon Mr. T. J. Berry, who made a strong, earnest talk, in which he spoke very highly of the officers of the company and very feelingly of Mr. Roeder and the loss he and all the men had sustained when he was taken away. His speech was interspersed with much wit and fun and was applauded. At the conclusion of this speech Mr. R. E. Taggart, general manager, dismissed the guests with cordial expressions of good will and friendship to all.

Indeed the whole evening was like a big family gathering, which all enjoyed to the limit and one visitor remarked "I don't wonder now how it is the Stonega Coke and Coal Company gets along so well with their men. I have never seen such cordial relations exist between officers and their employees".

To Whom It May Concern.

I believe it a patriotic duty to make public my impressions as to the conditions prevailing in the U. S. Army so far as the enlisted men are concerned. My boy, John A. Walsh, became restless and in a fit of wanderlust joined the Army and became stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y. Believing the Army an unfit place for my boy and entering to the objection of his mother, believing also that he had begun life wrong by joining the Army resulting in her nervous breakdown, I sought his discharge on the grounds of underage.

I visited Fort Slocum to bring my boy back home after his discharge was ordered by the War Department, and had occasion to stay overnight, and all the next day and I must say that I was more than agreeably surprised at the nice, clean, healthy and orderly environment in which I found my son.

I stayed in his barracks, he being away on pass privilege such privileges I was informed by some of the men were freely given to men who believe them selves. It was absolutely clean and the room was orderly, warm and well ventilated. It could not have been better in the dormitory of any of the finest colleges or Universities in the land. I had breakfast with the men and I feel certain that there are but few homes in the State of Massachusetts that could provide such a meal. The dinner was as good as could be prepared in the finest hotel. The treatment of the men toward me and toward each other was gentlemanly at all times. The recreation room in which the men spend their time when off duty or not away visiting their friends or relatives, is provided with all the literature, magazines and newspapers that money can buy, the place is most homelike and an atmosphere of happiness and contentment prevails.

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FACTS

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The October class at Smith's Shorthand School will finish their six months course in stenography in a few weeks and graduation preparations are now in progress. Positions have been practically procured for the members of the class, consisting of Mrs. Minnie T. Kilbourne, H. J. Nelson, Miss Ruth Cleo Smith, and J. T. Bellamy, all of whom are reported by Prof. Kirk Smith as being highly enthusiastic and ambitious students of shorthand and typewriting.

Albert Curtis, a colored man, was arrested at Norton Monday on a charge of breaking into the residence of S. Walter McCoy at Kent Junction. He was given a preliminary hearing at Norton and bound over to the grand jury at the April term of court at Wise.

Mrs. Annie Morrison has returned to her son's home in the Gap from a few months visit to her daughter, Mrs. Spears Webster, in Knoxville and relatives at other points.

Mr. Mahan Barnett, of Cadet, and Miss Stella Rhoten, of Lee County, were united in marriage by Rev. J. M. Smith Tuesday afternoon at half past three o'clock at the residence of Mr. L. M. Wade in Turkey Cove. The young couple will make their home at Cadet.

Friends of Mrs. R. Febrine, both in this city and in the southwestern part of the state, will be glad to know that she and her infant son, Tate, Jr., have left St. Luke's hospital and are now visiting members of the Nolting family in this city. Mrs. Febrine's two little daughters, Misses Helen and Dorothy, are also with their mother.—Richmond Evening Journal.

Miss Margaret Mer and Louise Goodie were shopping in Appalachia one afternoon last week.

Harry C. Wallace is making rapid strides in stenography at Smith's Shorthand School, where he joined the night class a couple of months or so ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown, of Middleboro, are visiting relatives in the Gap this week.

Richmond friends of Captain J. F. Bulitt, of Company H, Second Virginia regiment in infantry, Virginia volunteers, are glad to have him in the city again for a few days. Captain Bulitt is a Washington and Lee man and one of the best known lawyers of the state, he being at one time president of the Virginia Bar Association. His home is at Big Stone Gap, Va., where he is the senior member of the law firm of Bulitt & Chalkley.—Richmond Evening Journal.

Radford Normal Notes.

Arrangements have been made with the Clifford Devaux Company to give an open-air performance of two of Shakespeare's plays on the campus early in the spring. This is the third return of the Clifford Devaux Company. On the campus of the Normal School there is an open-air stage for such productions.

Professor W. E. Gilbert, Professor J. E. Arent and Dr. and Mrs. J. P. McCoullend attended the State Sunday School Convention at Roanoke this week. A number of Sunday School Teacher Training Courses are offered in connection with the Normal School at Radford. Every effort is made to familiarize the students with the best methods of Sunday Schools in both town and country places.

On Washington's birthday the Pocahontas Literary Society presented to the Normal School a beautiful United States flag. This flag now flies from a tall flag pole near the Administration Building and the new dormitory.

On the twenty-first of February the Committee on publication of the "Radnor", the student Annual, submitted to the publishers a copy for the Annual. Each year the students prepare on their own initiative a student Annual which in song, story, and picture portrays the interests and activities of the session. The Annual will not be distributed until near the close of the session.

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Vogel's Minstrels Parade.

Altho John W. Vogel, "The Minstrel King", has adopted a newer and better manner of presenting minstrelsy he has not abandoned the idea of the moon-day street parade. Mr. Vogel's big company of noted minstrels will be seen at the Arizona Theatre tonight and, weather permitting, the band with this ever popular organization, under the direction of Mr. James L. Pruning, will give the usual street parade and free band concert at 11:15 a. m., also another concert at the theatre at 7:30 in the evening. The sale of seats is now going on at the Kelly Drug Company and it is advisable to make your reservations early, for the Vogel popularity is a guarantee of a standing room only sign.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Taylor entertained at dinner Sunday in their apartments in the Touraine Flats, Mrs. E. L. Harper, of New York; Mrs. D. P. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mathews,

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia.-In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Wise County, the 26th day of February, 1917.

Martha W. Dixon, Complainant vs. Cora Benedict and Henry E. Benedict, Defendants.

The object of this suit is to foreclose a vendor's lien retained by the complainant in a certain deed dated March 25, 1911, from the said complainant to the defendant, H. E. Benedict, conveying Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Block 2, and Lot 1 of Block 3, of Plat N. 1 of the Imboden Addition to the Town of Big Stone Gap, in Wise County, Virginia, for the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) with interest from date, and to sell all of said land at public sale in order to pay the same.

It appearing by affidavit that the said H. E. Benedict is absent from the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is therefore ordered that the said H. E. Benedict appear within fifteen days after due publication of this notice and do what is necessary to protect his interests.

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