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**It Does and It Don't.**  
 Does prohibition prohibit?  
 It does and it don't.  
 There is a class of citizens who believe in the strict observance of a law as long as the law is on the statute books. With them prohibition does prohibit.  
 There is another class who are law abiding in other matters, yet who do not draw the distinction quite as finely as the strict observers. With them prohibition does not always prohibit, for many of them wink one or both eyes when there is an opportunity to "put a little joy into life."

There are still others to whom law is but an odious restraint upon their actions. They are becoming rich from an illicit traffic in forbidden booze.  
 But that is not all. There are those who are slaves to drink, and who would barter their souls for a quart or a pint. If they continue to guzzle the wood alcohol and other poisonous stuff that is sold for whiskey they will soon have no souls left to barter.

Of all the laws that have been enacted by the Congress of the United States, the prohibition act is the most lamentable failure in so far as enforcement is concerned.  
 It is openly defied in all sections of the country, and even people who supported it at the polls are beginning to wonder if the result has been worth the effort.

Prohibition agents in the service of the government have connived at its violation—for graft.  
 District attorneys are suspected of having become suddenly blind when men of political influence have been discovered in wholesale liquor transactions.

State and municipal authorities are masters of inactivity when it comes to the prosecution of owners of saloons where liquor is peddled at sky limit prices.  
 And the courts—but we should never criticize our fountains of justice, except to wonder at times what is beneath the thin veneer that cloaks at least a portion of them.

Does prohibition prohibit?  
 Even an answer to such a question is superfluous.  
 This is not an editorial in support of prohibition, nor is it one in opposition to the cause.  
 It is simply a cold statement of fact.

Congress made the law, and its millions of friends rejoiced.  
 The government, with all of its enormous resources and powers, is apparently impotent to enforce it. And its opponents are jubilant.

Herbert Hoover says he can "see no reason why the United States should cancel the war debts of the allies when they are spending more for armament than it would take to pay the principal and interest."  
 Hoover said a mouthful, and we pass it along. That ten billion dollars the allies owe us would feed a good many hungry Americans in these days of unemployment. Just because we are a rich nation is no reason why we should sit complacently and watch other countries default in their obligations to us.

**Everybody's Day.**  
 Clean up—look up—stay up!  
 It is only a matter of a few weeks when spring cleaning will be with us again.  
 Let's be ready for it, improve upon the work of past years, and make this town a place of beauty.  
 Let's make it everybody's day.

If everybody leaves it for somebody else to do nothing will be done except in a perfunctory manner, but if we all "go to it" with a determination to excel it will only require a small amount of work on the part of each individual.  
 The logical way to do a thing is to pitch right in and stick to it until it is done, and then hold it there—don't allow any slipping or sliding back to the old level.

Mediocre results may be good enough for some localities, but they are not satisfactory to the people of this town. We want something better, something out of the ordinary, quite in keeping with the thrift and intelligence of our community.

Why can't we have a general spring cleanup day, when every citizen will get out and put the polish on our town—remove the debris from certain streets, clean up back alleys and unused thoroughfares, and place the stamp of cleanliness, sanitation and beauty upon the whole community?

**Will You Save a Life?**

If you were starving in your home and your neighbors passed you by in total indifference to your sufferings, what would you think of them?  
 In China there are thirty millions of unhappy people who are starving today because their crops have failed and there is no more food for them to eat, except such as may be sent in from outside sources.

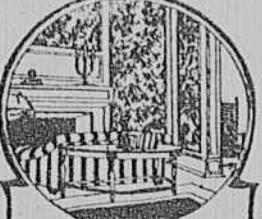
The president of the United States has appealed to all Americans—to us—to come to the relief of these starving people, many of them helpless babes in arms.

Great contributions are being made in the large cities, and supplies are being rushed to the famished land as rapidly as possible.

But the heart of America is not alone in the metropolitan centers of population. It is everywhere.

Nowhere in this broad land is greater compassion and generosity to be found, in proportion to numbers than that possessed by our own citizens.

But what are we doing for these starving millions?  
 If our people would contribute only a mite each—25 or 50 cents—it would be a godsend to



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many in starving China. It would save human lives which otherwise must perish.  
 The Chinese are not begging for bread. They are miserably dying instead!  
 Norman Davis, Under-Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., has been designated by the President as treasurer of the fund.  
 As we do in this world, so must we expect to be done by in the next.

**School News**

(Edited by the Senior Class.)  
 The ninth grade, under the direction of Miss May Horton, gave a very educational program Friday morning. Patriotic songs were sung and essays on the lives of Longfellow, Lowell, Washington and Lincoln were read. Miss Ruth Smith played a piano solo.

The girls' basket ball game with Norton which was scheduled for last Saturday was postponed until this Saturday on account of the court being cleaned and the poles replaced, which delayed the girls in practicing.

Misses Henrietta Skeen and Trula Kennedy entertained the Senior class last Friday night with a Valentine party from the hour of 8 till 12 o'clock. During the evening many interesting games were enjoyed. Among these were, dates and an advertisement contest which was won by Mr. Sulfridge. At a late hour delicious fruit salad was served followed by cake and ice tea.

Those present out side the Senior class were: Prof. Sulfridge, May Horton, Ruth Barron, Eliza and Beth Singart, Luella Salver, Anna Bird, Clarence Robbins, Sam Braton, Bill Long, George and Tom Goodloe, Arthur Foster, Letcher Bunn and Carl Knight.

Messrs. Sulfridge and Garrett, Misses Lay and Horton attended the high school teachers' meeting at Norton, Saturday, Feb. 12.

Rev. Smith gave a very interesting and beneficial talk on "The Book of All Books" on Tuesday morning.

An excellent comedy, "Mr. Bob," will be given by pupils of the high school about the first of March. We have been rehearsing for this play during the past two weeks.

**Death of Aged Citizen.**

In the death of Wiltam Witt, who passed away at his home here at six o'clock last Friday morning Big Stone Gap lost one of its pioneer citizens. Mr. Witt had been in declining health for the past two years and the end came without any apparent pain or suffering.

He was born in Lee county on June 4th, 1837, and was 83 years, eight months and four teen days of age at the time of his death. He married Eliza Beth Clarkston on June 25th, 1857, and to this union were born twelve children, five of whom preceded him to the grave, and seven survive him as follows: J. B. F. Witt, Wiley Witt and B. F. Witt, of Big Stone Gap; S. T. Witt, of Norton; Mrs. T. L. Page and Mrs. M. J. Duncan, of Keokee; Mrs. Edwin Moore, of Pucell, Va.; all of whom were here to attend the funeral and burial.

In addition to the above children Mr. Witt is survived by his wife, three brothers and one sister, Alfred and Arch Witt, of Oklahoma; J. F. Witt, of Pennington Gap and Mrs. Martha Morris, of Keokee.

The deceased was a member of the old Primitive Baptist church and the funeral services were conducted by Elder William Robinette, pastor of his church, and the body was laid to rest in Glenco cemetery on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

It is openly hinted that labor and capital will soon be pulling together, but nothing is said as to whether they will both be pulling in the same direction.

Don't force too much goodness onto the boy while he is young. Leave a little for his old age, and he won't forget.



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**East Stone Gap**

The following program will be rendered Saturday night, February 26th, 1921, at 7:40 p. m.:

- Chorus. Hurrah for Washington 5th and 6th Grades
- Song. "The Song of the Hatchet" Boys
- Drill. Girls. Flag of the Free
- Chorus. Mt. Vernon Bells 5th and 6th Grades
- Drill. Noted Choppers 5th and 6th Grades
- Drill. George and Martha 5th and 6th Grades
- Drill. George Washington of 1921
- Pantomime. Star Spangled Banner Girls
- Musical Reading. "Our Washington" Mary Caywood
- Colonial Play. The Brave Little Tomboy

Come if you want to see George Washington, the brave little tomboy, the red coats, and old "Sukey," the old colored mammy. 15 and 25 cents. Come on time. 7:40 p. m.

Mrs. Isaac Jessee visited our school Wednesday. Mrs. Jessee was a member of the class of '18 of East Stone Gap High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Gilly and children, of St. Charles, were week-end visitors in our town.

Miss Idyll Wells, of our seniors, spent a few days last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Isaac Jessee, of Appalachia.

Don't miss Saturday night! You'll be the loser if you do.

Rev. W. H. Wampler preached an instructive sermon at the M. E. Church, South, Sunday morning. His text was, "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me and Forbid Them Not, for of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven." He handled the subject well and every parent in East Stone should have heard it.

Next Friday morning the third grade under Miss Hattie Tate will have charge of chapel exercises.

Bring your friends to the school building Saturday night and let them enjoy our colonial play.

The seniors are planning quite an interesting Longfellow program. French Taylor will render Hiawatha, while Omer Johnson will impersonate Longfellow himself. The members of the literary society are looking forward to this event.

The second grade, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Maude Gilly, gave an interesting little George Washington program Friday morning. It opened with a snappy little song about that illustrious patriot; then came several recitations

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pertaining to his life, etc. It was a well arranged program, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Not many tardies when we have these little programs.

Bill Thompson, of Norton, was a visitor in our town last Sunday.

Chesser Hood spent Sunday in Appalachia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Buchanan and baby, of Osaka, spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. J. M. Elliott has been quite ill for several days, but is slightly improving. Dr. Painter is attending her.

Come and see the Lassies And Lads of 75.  
 Camel You'll laugh at "Sukey"  
 "As she coo you a live!"  
 Come and see little "Topsy"  
 Trip the light fantastic too.  
 Come and see George Washington.  
 Our play is full of "Go."

It is hinted that the league of nations may discuss the Irish question. But it is unlikely anything new can be said on the subject.

**Card of Thanks.**

We take this method of thanking the people of Big Stone Gap and vicinity for the many kindnesses and assistance extended during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father and brother.

- Elizabeth Witt,
- J. B. F. Witt,
- Wiley Witt,
- B. F. Witt,
- S. T. Witt,
- Mrs. T. L. Page,
- Mrs. M. J. Duncan,
- Mrs. Edwin Moore,
- J. F. Witt,
- Mrs. Martha Morris.

The heartlessness of some judges is beyond belief. A California woman who was bequeathed a hundred thousand dollar pearl necklace was ordered to wear it thirty days of each year.

Every day brings forth new problems for us to face, but night usually comes before we can get around to it.