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Make Them Good Americans.

When a foreigner comes to this country to live, speaking only his native language, he is ready to be made into a good American or into a disturber.

He knows practically nothing of our manners, our customs, our aims or our purposes. His mind is open to the influence that reaches him first.

Before coming here he has been led to believe that ours is a country where gold is plentiful and is to be had for the asking. He finds that gold is plentiful, but that it is often difficult to obtain. His disillusionment leaves a certain disappointment and resentment lurking in his brain.

In this condition many of them encounter that disturbing element of our population that is opposed to law and order and our established institutions. Their ears are filled with the vituperation and abuse that is continually heaped upon the government by the agitators. It finds judgment and grows and in time becomes a part of their daily lives. This results in the creation of additional disturbers and obstructionists.

But this condition could be greatly obviated if the government would adopt a system of Americanization of foreigners coming to this country.

A good way to begin would be to have a small pamphlet printed in the various languages and furnish a copy to each person when he applies for a passport. This could be handled by our American consuls. The monotony of the voyage could be enlivened by an opportunity to read in his native tongue of the country which he hopes to make his future home.

This pamphlet could be so written as to give the immigrant a fair knowledge of what America is—of the governmental protection he may expect if he becomes a good and law abiding citizen, of the various opportunities in the business world that are open to him, and of the snares and pitfalls that will be placed in his path by those who seek the disruption of law and order and good government.

By this means the immigrant would be prepared in advance to resist the blandishments of the disciples of disorder, and we believe it would go far toward Americanizing these immigrants even before they reach our shores.

Congress appears to be in favor of keeping the immigration bars down. That means that millions of foreigners will seek homes among us, either enriching us by their value as good citizens, or causing us to regret that they were ever admitted.

When American officers and men went aboard ship for service in France they were promptly furnished with orders and pamphlets containing information that would be of value to them during their service overseas. These in almost every case were thoroughly digested before the ships reached their destinations. It was a wise move.

The same policy adopted toward immigrants boarding ships for this country would be even more beneficial.

If we are to admit these home-

seekers from abroad we should begin at the start a thorough system of Americanization—and the start is the port of embarkation.

We want good citizens, and not obstructionists and destroyers.

Honest toil is a tonic. Go to it and brace up!

If all men would learn to sew on buttons before marriage it might save a lot of family jars.

The fellow who plays a cornet is always a desirable neighbor—when he is asleep.

When a new gown appeals to a woman it is easy for the saleslady to convince her it is a bargain.

It is wise to put your trust in God, but don't expect Him to dish up three meals a day while you loaf on the job.

It's true, though, that prohibition is creating a lot of tightwads in this country. Nobody wants to divy up his little stock in reserve.

Some of our prominent financiers are advocating the making of another huge loan to European governments. We haven't the slightest objection to such a course, provided the said financiers make the loans from their own private fortunes and leave the government funds and other people's money safely in this country.

Western Union Delivers Boy Cross Country.

During the seventy-five years or more the telegraph has been in use in America its ramifications have increased mightily. Everything from presidential messages to flowers for one's sweetheart and checks from home, are flashed to us arranged for via the wire.

Every one is aware of the versatility and arduous errands required of the messenger boys who deliver these urgent missives, but few have heard of the latest test to which his abilities have been put and the most novel service which has yet been attempted by telegraph.

M. E. Whiting, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Bakersville, Calif., himself was astounded when 7-year-old Johnny Caldwell arrived from Rutland, Vermont, care of the Western Union, and especially marked for delivery to his parents at Oldale, a town near Bakersfield. Johnny's Vermont relatives, after having put him on the train and duly tagging him, placed faithful trust for final delivery in the telegraph. Johnny was promptly transmitted to Oldale, but the manager neglected to say whether he was handled as a night letter or a straight day message. San Francisco Chronicle, March 22, 1921.

Section for Colored People.

The Big Stone Gap correspondent of the Bristol Herald Courier in a recent issue of that paper says there is a movement on foot here "to allot certain sections of the town to the colored men. This movement meets with the hearty approval of the Colored Men's Business League. Some one hundred lots will be gotten in shape, within the next thirty days, and sold at auction, and the Colored Men's Business League is planning for a big day. This league has over 100 members and its slogan is 'Every colored man own his own home.' The building association, financed by members of the league, has purchased a large frame business building on lower East Fifth street, and hopes to make this the center for its organization. The building association has already been the means of helping and encouraging the purchase and building of homes among the colored citizens." We believe this would be a good thing for the town in general and the colored folks, we are sure, would be better satisfied and could accomplish more if they were in a section to themselves, rather than being scattered all over town as at present. We hope this movement will meet with success.

To the Voters of the Town of Big Stone Gap.

In announcing myself as a candidate for the office of town treasurer at the election to be held on the 14th day of June, I knew myself to be competent to discharge the duties of the office and that I could be able from the proceeds that I would get from fees of collections to pay off the liens upon my home and save it for myself and children. I am not asking for charity, but simply asking that my friends and those of my late husband help me to help myself in this undertaking. Since I have announced myself some of my opponents are saying that a woman can not collect the taxes of Big Stone Gap. Why not a woman? Does not women hold some of the most responsible positions, and has she not made good? I have announced myself and expect to stay in the race, and appeal to all the voters, men and women, to help me in the struggle to save my home and to support my children (I have no income at all) and I will convince you that I am fully capable of discharging the duties of the office in every respect.

All the ladies qualified to vote should register in the town at once. Crockett Hamblett is registrar for the town.
 Very respectfully,
 EFFIE B. PORTER.

Will Go to University.

Letcher Bunn, Pat Youell, Edward Bird, Max Lile, James Littell and George Gosage, pupils of the Big Stone Gap High School, accompanied by Prof. V. G. Garrett, will leave Thursday morning for the University of Virginia, where they will go as representatives of Wise county to the University field meet on May 6th. These boys were winners in the Wise county field meet held at this place on Saturday, April 23rd, and we feel confident when they return they will bring some medals with them.

Theatrical.

A classic of colloquial American literature has been given life on the screen in "Desperate Youth," which will be the principal attraction at the Amuzu Theatre (Wednesday) today with Gladys Walton in the starring role.

The story was filmed at Universal City from "A Kentucky Cinderella," by E. Hopkinson Smith. Harry B. Harris directed it, using a popular cast in the star's support.

Two old prospectors are seen as the story opens, living and having considerable joy in a mountain shack. With them is Rosemary Merriday, daughter of one of them. Her father is killed in a gun battle and she is sent to her aunt in Alabama, an ultrafastidious old dame with an exaggerated sense of her own aristocracy and a desire to marry her own daughter off to the richest young man in town. Rosemary interferes with this schedule. Dr. Tom Dowling, the prospective son-in-law, becomes infatuated with her, thereby complicating the plot.

With delightful humor, good drama and fidelity to Smith's popular story, "Desperate Youth" is said to serve Miss Walton as one of her best Universal starring vehicles.

Such screen favorites as Harold Miller, J. Farrell McDonald, Louis Wroughton, Muriel Godfrey Turner, Hazel Howell, Lucy Harris and James Blackwell, play the important character roles in the production—adv.

Plans on Foot to Complete Highway.

G. S. Stover, superintendent of the state highway maintenance road, was in Appalachia Tuesday and Wednesday on business pertaining to the good roads. While here Mr. Stover stated to E. C. Matinos that they were now building the Moccasin Gap road between Appalachia and Bristol and said if they could carry out some plans now on foot the state highway would be completed from Bristol to Appalachia by November 1st, this year, which is great news to all the people in this section as well as to the people of Bristol. Mr. Stover was at one time a citizen of Appalachia, but has been away from here for the past eight years. He has been located at Christiansburg during this time but is now located at Bristol.—Cumberland Progressive.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTES

At the Epworth League next Sunday night, a pageant will be presented. The characters are as follows:

- Spirit of Epworth League Ruth Smith
- Worship Ruth Barron
- Community Conscience Eliza Shugart
- Fellowship Anna Byrd
- World's Vision Trula Kennedy
- China James Gilly
- Japan Katherine Barron
- Korea May Slomp
- Brazil Thelma Banks
- Mexico Carl Knight

COAL—COAL

Phone 49 when you want good coal at the right price. I handle the Famous Black Mountain Coal. Your orders given prompt attention. Phone 49.—A. P. Hammond—adv.

Sent to the Asylum.

Will Willis, who shot and killed his wife at this place in January and who has been in jail at Wise, was adjudged insane last week and was taken to the asylum at Marion.

Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. J. E. West, of Suffolk, candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the August primary, was in Big Stone Gap Tuesday and is touring the Southwest in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. West is a fine gentleman, well qualified to fill the position he seeks and will poll a good vote in this section.

Plans Being Prepared.

Plans and specifications are being prepared for the new \$50,000 high school building as an addition to our present school building. The bids for this purpose have been sold and the contract will be let for the construction of this new building as soon as possible. It is hoped to have it ready for the opening of school in September.

Miller Bros. Shows Coming.

Beginning May 16th and continuing for one week Miller Brothers' Circus and Exhibition will exhibit at this place. This is the same show that exhibited at the ball park here about a year ago and was considered one of the best of its kind that ever visited Big Stone Gap.

FOR SALE—BARGAINS

One Fordson Tractor, with extra equipment. One 11-Ton Weber Wagon. One Wheel Scraper.—Kitzmiller-Scott Co. Apply at hosiery mill office.—adv.

Will Play at Bristol.

The local amateur base ball team will go to Bristol Friday morning for a two game series with the stateliners of the Appalachian League. The boys hope to be able to muster a good team together, so as to make it as interesting as possible for the Bristol team. Banks and Edens will pitch for Big Stone Gap while "Red" Slomp will work at the receiving end.

Road Closed to Traffic.

In preparation for the construction of a concrete road between Norton and Esserville this section of the highway was closed to traffic on April 25th and motorists have to reach Wise by way of Tacoma and Coeburn. As a result of this the Norton & Northern Railway has restored passenger service on their line between Norton and Wise for the convenience of the travelling public.

Benham Scouts Visit Big Stone Gap.

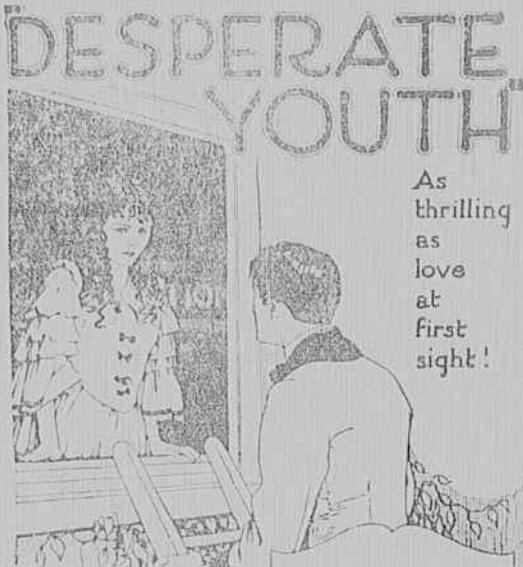
Scoutmaster V. M. Davis with about fifty Boy Scouts, of Benham, Ky., visited Big Stone Gap on last Saturday. They left Benhams Friday afternoon and camped Friday night at Laurel Forks and came on here Saturday morning, returning home Saturday afternoon.

NOTICE!

To the Creditors of E. F. Tate, Deceased: Take notice that I, I. T. Gilly, have been appointed by the Wise County Circuit Court as administrator of the estate of E. F. Tate, deceased. You are hereby notified to forthwith present to me, properly verified, all claims against the estate of the said E. F. Tate, deceased.
 I. T. GILLY, Administrator of the Estate of E. F. Tate, Deceased, adv.

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