

Col. Bryan

Lectures to Large Audience at Amuzu Theater.

On last Friday night the people of Big Stone Gap and this section enjoyed the privilege of hearing Hon. William Jennings Bryan, of Lincoln, Neb., one of the world's greatest orators and three times the Democratic candidate for president of the United States. Col. Bryan, who is engaged by a lyceum, was not expected to speak at this place, as Big Stone Gap was not on his circuit, but when it became known that he would speak at both Gate City and Pennington Gap and that he would probably spend the night here, Manager Taylor, of the Amuzu Theater, got him to agree to stop here and deliver one of his able lectures. He lectured at Gate City on Friday afternoon and at Pennington Gap Saturday afternoon.

Long before the hour set for the speaking every seat in the theater was taken and we understand that a large number of people failed to hear him because they could not get seats. The crowd was one of the largest ever seen in the Amuzu which seats about six hundred people.

Mr. Bryan was introduced by Judge H. A. W. Skeen, who paid him a great tribute, saying that he was known and loved by more people than any other man living.

"Pending Problems" was the subject Mr. Bryan selected for this address and in the beginning he gave a history of the great reforms that have taken place in the last 35 years since he has been in public life. It took thirty years to get an amendment to the constitution to elect United States Senators by a vote of the people, and it took seventeen years to pass an income tax law, which Mr. Bryan says is one of the most just laws ever passed by Congress. When he introduced the bill to impose a flat two per cent. tax on incomes his opponents called him an anarchist, but after a time with the aid of the two great parties the law was passed and since that time it has been increased many times and is now one of the government's greatest sources of revenue. It took a long time with the aid of both the Democratic and Republican parties to get an amendment to the constitution so as to make national prohibition a law, but it had come and was here to stay. He said there was no turning back and that prohibition was a permanent thing in this country and that the large cities that for a long time made little effort to enforce the prohibition laws were now putting men at the heads of their governments who are enforcing the laws.

Col. Bryan favors only one term for the president of the United States whether that term is four, six or eight years. He said that a president usually spent his first term preparing for the second term; that if he had only one term, from the very beginning he would give the country his very best services and feel that he was under obligations to no one, and would appoint the very best men to important positions rather than politicians. He also believes that our laws should be so changed as to make every president when his term of office expires a United States Senator for life



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without the privilege of voting. This would give the country the advantage of the great experience a president has had while in office. He believes Wilson and Taft should be made life senators as the country needs the benefit of their experience. He also believes that a president should take the oath of office sooner after election than as at present and that Congress should meet in regular session not later than January after election in November. As it is the regular session of congress does not meet until December following the inauguration of a new president.

Col. Bryan favors the ratification of all treaties by a majority of the Senate instead of a two-thirds vote of the members as at present. He said that the United States could go into war with a majority of Congress, but that it could not get out except by a two-thirds vote.

Col. Bryan is strongly in favor of the government running a public information bureau and the establishment of a daily paper for the publication of government information. He says that the papers of the country, especially the large daily papers, represents such a variety of interests that it is impossible to get facts pertaining to the government correctly put before the people. He thinks this paper should be under a non-partisan board composed of members of both the great leading parties. A great deal of the trouble in this country is caused by misrepresentations of a partisan press.

Mr. Bryan is opposed to the repeal of the excess profit tax and the greatest question before the country just now is upon whom the burden of taxation is going to be placed. He said that the profiteer favored a sales tax in place of the excess profit, which meant taking it off his victims. He thinks the excess profit tax is just and should be retained.

Mr. Bryan favors universal disarmament of the nations by agreement and if this can not be obtained he favors the United States disarming as an example. Disarmament is the only way to prevent wars. Nations were the same as individuals and if individuals armed to protect

themselves against their neighbors and their neighbors done likewise it was easy to see that there was likely to be trouble.

He said that what the world needs now is some nation that has a perfect faith in God.

Mr. Bryan is a clear, logical and interesting speaker and his address was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

County Commencement

On Wednesday evening of last week the commencement exercises of the Wise county high schools were held in the high school auditorium at this place. The program was as follows:

Chorus	Class Invocation	Rev. J. M. Smith
Piano Solo	Prayer	Henrietta Skeen
Literary Address by	Pastor of the Presbyterian Church,	Dr. S. D. Bartle
Address by	Address by	Address by
Piano Solo	Address by	Address by
Presentation of Diplomas by	Supr. J. J. Kelly Jr.	
Piano Duet	Misses Blankenship and Guntner	
Benediction		

Dr. Bartle had chosen for the subject of his address "Keys to Success," and he inspired every one present as he outlined in a vigorous and clear way for the graduates what was necessary if they expected to succeed in life. The burden of his appeal was "Hard work and personal sacrifice." The speaker emphasized the fact that the employer had a right to expect from the employee a full measure of loyal service for the salary he received. In order to render the best service the employee must be mindful of the claims of his employer, and not engage in any pastime while off duty that would tend to lessen his efficiency while on duty. "The real keys to success," said the speaker, "are honesty and thoroughness." Other essentials are personal interest in one's work, concentration, patience and self-forgetfulness.

After the address of Dr. Bartle, Supr. Kelly introduced T. V. Brennan, of the Norton Kiwanis Club, who spoke very eloquently of the great victory of the Norton high school debating team who won the state championship. He finished by presenting Miss Margaret Hyatt and Trigg Miller, the successful team, each a hundred dollar watch, gifts of the Kiwanis Club.

Following the program in the auditorium, a delightful reception was given by the Big Stone Gap graduates and alumni in honor of the visiting graduates and teachers. One of the classrooms was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers and colors of the local class. Refreshments in the form of ice cream and cake were served. The reception was under the management of Mrs. I. C. Taylor, president of the Big Stone Gap High School Alumni Association.

Official List

Following is an official list of candidates in the town election to be held here June 14th:

- For Mayor:**
J. P. Wolfe
W. J. Horsley
Henry Taylor
- For Sergeant:**
Marshall Reicher
- For Treasurer:**
Edlie B. Potter
P. H. Kennedy
A. J. Williams
- For Trustees:**
W. T. Goodloe
W. H. Wren
W. A. Baker
W. J. Rogers
P. A. Arrington
Harry E. Jessee
E. T. Carter
W. W. Taylor
D. B. Sayers
C. O. VanGorder
R. W. Flanary

L. R. PERRY DEAD

Prominent Citizen Passes Away at the Age of 75.

Lilburn R. Perry, an aged and highly respected citizen of Big Stone Gap, died at his home here last Saturday morning at 5 o'clock, following a period of illness of more than a year. Being of a very strong constitution Mr. Perry did not give up hopes of recovery and was only confined to his room for eight weeks. About one year ago he began to suffer from a cancer, but after considerable treatment this was practically cured. Following this he became a constant sufferer from leakage of the heart and being on the verge of a general breakdown in health on account of his mature age, caused his death. Mr. Perry was 75 years old and saw service in the Confederate Army during the last years of the Civil war. On account of his youthful age at this time he could not enlist when the war first started, but he was finally accepted after persistent efforts on his part despite his age.

Mr. Perry came to Big Stone Gap about 30 years ago from Scott county and constructed the first business houses here and at Norton and Whitesburg, Ky. He was a skilled stone and brick mason and the fine stone mansion of Gen. R. A. Ayers now stands as a monument in Big Stone Gap to his workmanship. After being here two years Mr. Perry moved his family to the Gap where they have lived ever since. Impressive funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church of which the deceased had been a constant member since early boyhood, by his former pastor, Rev. J. B. Craft, of Gate City, at three o'clock Sunday afternoon to which a large number of relatives and friends attended. Rev. Craft, being a close friend and life-time associate of the deceased, paid a glowing tribute to the life of Mr. Perry, who was looked up to as a leader in his community, and his devotion to Christianity.

The deceased is survived by a wife and the following children: C. L. Perry, Mrs. Roy Hilton, Mrs. C. M. Daugherty, and Mrs. F. L. Morton, of Big Stone Gap, and Mrs. L. G. Litton, of Jonesville.

Following funeral services the body was interred in Glenwood cemetery. The honorary pall bearers were: J. P. Wolfe, C. L. Hamblen, C. C. Long, Gen. R. A. Ayers and W. T. Goodloe. Active pall bearers were: W. B. Kilbourne, J. M. Willis, E. F. Burgess, G. F. Jones, H. H. Slemm, E. T. Carter and S. P. Floenor.

Relatives attending the funeral from out of town were: H. A., G. L., C. L. and D. P. Daugherty, Mrs. Archie Gruever, and Dr. W. H. Perry, of Gate City; Miss Corrie Quillen and Mrs. W. A. Perry, of Snowflake; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Elam, Wise, and M. J. Daugherty and family, of Josephine.

Faults are unfortunate, yet they are of value to the person who profits by them.

Dental Clinic Comes to Successful End.

The dental clinic of the Richmond school district, which began on April 1st ended on May 21st, a few days earlier than intended on account of the illness of the attending dentist.

During the nearly two months operation 51 clinics were held at various points in the Richmond and Big Stone Gap school districts, 473 children attended the clinic, 950 permanent teeth were filled, 285 teeth were extracted and 473 children had teeth cleaned.

Each child attending the clinic was instructed in the importance of a visit to the dentist every six months, and it is believed that a majority of those children will follow that advice. It was found that a very large number of the children had lost their first permanent teeth (the molars which are cut during the sixth year of life) because the parents thought that those teeth should be shed like the earlier ones and therefore neglected proper care of them.

It is felt that the districts were especially fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Womack for the recent clinic, as he has been practicing dentistry for 13 years and has made a specialty of the care of children's teeth.

Another dental clinic planned is to be held during the months of October and November of this year.

A charge of 50 cents per filling or extraction will be made to all children whose parents are able to pay such fee. Those unable to pay will be treated free of charge.

All moneys received on account of the clinics are turned over to the Richmond District School Board and all bills incurred on that account are paid by that board.

The sum received in fees of 50 cents or less for fillings and extractions amounted to \$561.82 and the expenses including payment of the dentist, but not of the attending nurse, amounted to \$688.48. Half of the latter amount will be due June 1st from the State Board of Health out of the assignment by it of \$1,000 to the Richmond school district (Big Stone Gap school district included).

From the remainder of the \$1,000 similar installments are to be paid after other clinics, to the total amount of \$500 an equal amount being applied to the nurse's salary in quarterly payments of \$125 each for one year beginning March 1st, the first payment due June 1st. As she will have received full payment from the Red Cross of salary for the year the Red Cross will be reimbursed to the extent of \$500. The state appropriation for clinic expenses will be exhausted after November 30, 1921, and it is hoped that the money secured by it and by fees may suffice to maintain a permanent dental clinic for school children.

Mrs. Chalkley Example of Thrift.

A striking example of thrift is being set by Mrs. John W. Chalkley, who is making \$125 a month from three thoroughbred cows which she tends to. These animals were imported from a dairy farm in Tennessee and under the skillful care they have enjoyed have produced a wonderful supply of milk, all of which is in instant demand at good prices. The cows are allowed to run at large upon the ample and grassy commons in and around the Gap.

Many men own and rent large farms for less money than this thrifty lady makes off three little milk cows, which ought to furnish food for thought to a lot of thriftless folks.—Coalfield Progress.

Miss Lucy Maury, of Big Stone Gap, arrives today to visit Misses Elizabeth and Katherine Nelson. Miss Maury has been attending school at Beechwood, Pa., and since the close of her school has been visiting her grand-mother, Mrs. William Bowling in Washington, D. C.—Roanoke Times.

Numerous writers tell the world how to make money, but they get little of it themselves.

Fourth of July

Will be Celebrated at Wise This Year.

Wise, June 3.—Extensive plans are being worked out for a big Fourth of July celebration at Wise this year. The fair grounds are being put into splendid condition and a number of the finest race horses in the state have been secured for this big event. They will number some famous racers, runners, trotters and pacers. The fair association have made the necessary inducements to secure them.

Two games of baseball are being arranged for, besides a number of motorcycle races and some of the best shows in the state.

The management feels sure that there will be no conflict in this matter with the great Sunday campaign which will then be in progress in Norton, as the Fourth of July comes on Monday and this is Billy Sunday's rest day. The management would not do anything in this matter that would cause the slightest conflict with this great campaign.

To the Voters of Big Stone Gap.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor of Big Stone Gap. I have lived in the state of Virginia for 35 years and in Big Stone Gap for 25. For more than 20 years of that time I have been United States Commissioner and at different times member of the Town Council. I am a veteran of the Civil War, three weeks before Lee's surrender being wounded in the arm, which scar I have carried throughout my life as a testimony to my patriotism. I appeal to the voters whose interest it is in the veterans of our country's wars, and to the laboring men, since I am one of that class myself. If I am elected I will do all that is humanly possible to make the streets and roads of the corporation safe, and enforce all the laws with impartiality.

HENRY TAYLOR.

To the Voters of Big Stone Gap, Va.

It has been my intention all along to endeavor to see and talk personally with each voter but I fear this is going to be impossible, so I must communicate with you the best I can.

I have met with much encouragement and am in the race to the finish, so pay no attention to reports of my withdrawal. Such reports seem to have been circulated, and doubtless will continue to be, but there has not been, and will not be, any foundation for them.

The treasurer's office being mainly clerical it is the one best suited to a woman to fill. I know that I can perform the entire duties of this office. I have had several years business training and experience in office work and never had any complaint from my employers. I need this position very badly and need your help to secure it. As most of you know, I am a widow and my two children are small and one of them has been an invalid almost from birth. If I can secure the treasurer's office it will help me greatly in paying off the debts resting against our little home; and in helping me you will also be helping yourselves for I can and will make you a competent treasurer. ERLIE B. POTTER.

School Teachers Return Home.

The teachers in the public school at this place which closed last week, who live out of town, have returned to their homes as follows:

Prof. V. F. Garrett to Williamsburg, Miss Kate Lay to Gosburn, Miss May Horton to Pennington Gap, Miss Emma Duncan to Jonesville, Miss Mary Strouth to Cleveland, Miss Ila Gynn to Galax, Miss Josephine White to Charlottesville, Miss Edna McFadden to Buena Vista, Miss Beverly Taylor to White Gate.