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Automobile Taxation.

When certain well meaning people discuss means for augmenting the federal revenue they suggest adding another tax on the automobile.

They go on the theory that if a man has money enough to own a car he can afford to pay an additional tax for the pleasure of its use, apparently giving no thought to the fact that the car owner is already paying heavily for that privilege.

When the tax assessor comes around he lists a man's automobile as a part of his property, upon which taxes are paid.

He pays an annual license fee to the state and to the city in which he lives.

He pays an excessive price for the gas an oil which he uses, and in some states one cent a gallon of the cost of gas goes into the tax fund. This simply adds a cent to the price of gas.

There are many excellent automobile repair men, but the country is over run with a lot of sharks who know about as much about the mechanism of a car as a doctor does about shoeing a horse. The car owner doesn't find these birds out until they put his car on the "blink" and he has to have the work done over again. The law affords him no protection against these sharks, unless he takes the matter into a court in the way of a civil suit.

If a pedestrian or a child suddenly steps in front of a moving car without warning and is injured it is always the driver who is at fault and who pays the bill. Public sentiment never concedes that it is possible for him to be in the right.

The automobile is in greater use today than the horse and buggy, and motor vehicles are rapidly displacing the wagon in commercial use.

We hear no crying demand for placing a special tax on wagons and buggies, or horses or mules.

And yet periodically some excellent citizen arises and demands that the motorist be soaked again.

The car owner has been well plucked as it is.

He should not be pored to the bone.

The honesty of some people is dependent wholly upon what they can not get away with without getting caught.

Man pays for his sins here below but the devil doesn't give him any credit on account.

Few men are ever without friends until they begin to borrow money from them.

Do you eat three good meals a day? You should consider yourself fortunate in the present condition of the world. Over in Europe there are millions and millions of people who are living on no more than one meal a day, while other millions do not have even that much. Starvation is gathering them in. The world is in a state of chaos. It is on its back and can not rise again without infinite patience and much assistance. When a herd of steers become frightened they either mill around or stampede. The population of the world is much the same. It is badly frightened—milling around—on the verge of a stampede—uncertain as to what to do or which way to turn. We are less afflicted in America than in any other country, and we should be proportionately thankful for what we have. While we are feasting on three meals a day there are other human beings who hunger for the crumbs we throw away.

The little children romping around today will become the men and women of another generation. They will control the destiny of this community then, as we control it now. Community betterment is always the goal of every good citizen. It is the great lubricant which causes the wheels of enlightenment to spin noiselessly and to a purpose. To insure a better community for the future we must begin with the children of today. If in their childhood they are taught to differentiate between wisdom and foolishness, between the good and the bad, between right and wrong, the lessons they learn will bear golden fruit in after years, and the community we love so well will be brighter and better because of the influence they will exert upon the citizenry of their day. Remember the little children of today, for tomorrow they will have children of their own, and the law of heredity is strong with us all. The sun shines brightly when we push the clouds away, but the little child has not yet learned to push.

The Russian bolsheviks, having failed to annihilate the world, is now begging the world to prevent starvation from annihilating them.

When at a loss as to what to say about your neighbor, say something good. You may come nearer the truth than you imagine.

We learn from the secretary of the treasury that cleaner money is to be put into circulation. That is pleasing. When we get it it will be still more pleasing. But until we do, just keep right on sending in the dirty old stuff and we'll be eternally pleased.

Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary.

Last Friday marked the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Barron. Mr. and Mrs. Barron were married September 30th, 1896, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Taylor in the Gap and a large number of the older residents of the town attended the wedding and the reception that followed. Mr. and Mrs. Barron have resided here ever since with the exception of a few months when they lived at Wise, Va., where Mr. Barron was cashier of a bank.

Following are their children, all of whom are living in the Gap: Mrs. Henry L. Lane, Mrs. Curtiss Robbins, W. N. Gale Barron, Misses Ruth and Catherine Barron, Robert Barron, Jr., James Polk Barron, Bascom Slomp Barron and little Sally Anne Barron.

Lyceum Entertainment.

Tickets for the lyceum entertainment are now on sale. The first of the three numbers will be here Friday evening, September 7. Three young women, "The Opello Trio," will give a varied program of songs, stories, costumed readings and impersonations, violin and piano. This is a high-grade concert company and you will enjoy their entertainment.

Big Dance at Dunbar This Week.

The boys of Dunbar have issued invitations to their fall dance to be given in the new dance hall at Dunbar Friday evening, October 7th. Oxley's Orchestra, of Roanoke, will furnish the music for the dance and this promises to be one of the best given this year.

Birth Announcement of Interest Here.

Attractive birth announcements were received in the Gap last week from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells, of Norton, announcing the birth of a son September 24th which they have named "Jack." Mrs. Wells was formerly Miss Marcia Evans.

U. S. Court Next Week.

Judge Henry C. McDowell, Lynchburg, will convene U. S. Court at this place on next Monday. We understand that the docket is very light for this term and that court will last only a few days.

Attending Road Meeting.

John W. Chalkley, J. D. Rogers, W. H. Wren, B. F. Warner and G. W. Scott left yesterday morning for Pikeville, Ky., where they are attending the big road meeting. We understand that Wise County is represented by at least twenty-five of her good roads enthusiasts.

Sergt. Alvin C. York, "greatest hero of the war," has refused to consider an offer of \$5000 for a twenty-week theatrical tour on which he would be required to appear 30 minutes a day. He announced, following a "heart-to-heart talk on conscience" at a religious gathering at Cleveland, Ohio, that although he needed the money to pay off a mortgage on his Tennessee farm, his conscience would not let him exploit patriotism.

The main street of Appalachia has been closed, and work has been begun on the paving of same, from the L. & N. overhead bridge, in the west end of town, to the bridge across Callahan Creek, at the northern end of town. Traffic has been diverted at the eastern end around to the rear of the public school building, crossing the river, then through what is known as "New Bottom." It is likely that this street will not be opened up for traffic for about six or eight weeks.

NOTICE!

The Sanitary Dry Cleaning & Pressing Company will soon be located in new quarters in the P. H. Kennedy building on East Fifth Street. Any one wishing clothes pressed, cleaned or dyed, hats blocked or retrimmed will receive prompt service by calling on phone No. 40. adv. THOS. BUCKNER, Manager.

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Work is progressing rapidly in the foundation for the new high school building at this place. This building will be erected of stone similar to the old one and when completed will afford the school here accommodations equal to any similar school in the state. The people of Big Stone Gap should be proud of their school, and we believe they are.

Caloric Pipeless Furnaces Making Good.

W. G. Coutts is arranging to handle a car load of pipeless furnaces. Those wishing to get in on this carload and save 5 per cent, should take prompt action. Don't leave your heating off till the fall rush is on.—adv.

Rev. F. B. Shelton, pastor of the M. E. Church, Stonegap, and wife are motoring through to their old home in North Carolina, where they will spend some time. They will return by way of Morristown, where the annual conference is to be held October 5th.—Progressive.

High Mountains of Montana.

Six named peaks in Montana have elevations exceeding 12,000 feet, and several unnamed peaks rise to greater heights, according to the United States Geological Survey. All these peaks are in the Beartooth National Forest, in Carbon county, in the south central part of the state. The highest of these is Granite Peak, 12,850 feet; the next highest is Mount Wood, 12,750 feet.

Read The Sunday Washington Times, the National Newspaper of the Capital City, intensely local, devoting pages to news and features of happenings in Maryland and the Virginia; sold with The Sunday New York American, the world's greatest Sunday newspaper, containing the American Weekly Magazine and four-page comic section in colors, for 10 cents.

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