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ONE ELEMENT OF VALUE.
 An argument against assessing the Coal and Coke Railroad at its true and actual value, because it is yet young and isn't making as much money as some of the older roads it is said that it cost \$50,000,000 to build it. It is recited that there are many costly tunnels on the line. Very well. If it cost a great deal to build it that is certainly one element in its value. The value of a thing is sometimes fixed by its cost if production, sometimes by its cost of reproduction, but always by what it is worth in the market. The Coal and Coke Railroad was built as much to develop the rich coal and timber lands of Mr. Davis along its line as for anything else and we have no doubt it is worth every cent it cost and a great deal more. And some of these days we shall probably hear of its owners selling it for several millions more than the value now placed upon it. Then why should it not be assessed at its true and actual value the same as other property? We know of hundreds of people who own valuable town lots which are bringing in no income at all, but they are enhancing in value every year and the owners will make money on them as an investment. Ought they escape taxation? We know an enterprise in this city that costs nearly \$10,000 a year to run it and it has never yet broken even and it has been in operation longer than the Coal and Coke Railroad. Its owners, like the owners of the Coal and Coke, hope it will be valuable some time. Ought this plant to be taxed on its worth as property? Because a man is building a railroad for speculation is no reason it should escape its just share of taxation according to our way of thinking and we rather think our way is right.

HON. WM. G. CONLEY.

On the 25th of last January the West Virginian contained the following editorial:
 "How would Wm. G. Conley do for Attorney General of the State, now that he has shown himself strong enough to throw RAN Stalaker down? We need men of strength in State positions and Conley has made a good move in the right direction."
 We do not believe his name had been mentioned in that connection prior to that date, so the West Virginian again to-day asks the same question, and the people will get to answer it next summer. Mr. Conley is an all right man and with Preston county behind him he will come before the Convention as a very formidable candidate. Preston county is worthy of representation on the State ticket. It has many claims to present it for favor. In no other county in West Virginia has poor old Democracy received so many discouragements as there. As shown in these columns a few days ago, the party had 43 fewer votes in 1904 than in 1890. With a good county like Preston and a fine man like Conley asking for recognition at the hands of a State convention the chances are very largely in their favor for getting what they are after. Here's our best wishes for good luck to Conley and Preston county.

MORE NICE WORDS.

"A word spoken in due season, how good is it?" So said the wise man Solomon. Who can blame us for appreciating such nice sayings as the following from our near neighbor, the Mannington Record?
 "The genial editor of the Fairmont West Virginian is being nominated by his journalistic friends for Superintendent of Free Schools. The Daily Record wishes to second that nomination most heartily.
 Prof. Lough is an educator of great energy and ability. He has had university training and most valuable experience both as a teacher in the Fairmont Normal school and as an editor of the West Virginian.
 "He is personally well known to the people of our county and among educators and newspaper people throughout the State.
 "Should he conclude to seek the nomination at the hands of the next State convention, he will be a formidable candidate and this county will enthusiastically support his claims to a place on the ticket."

Plenty of Material.

Judge W. S. Meredith, of Fairmont, is the latest applicant for appointment to the Supreme Court bench, to succeed Judge Sanders, whose resignation becomes effective next Monday. Judge Meredith has the endorsement of the Marion county Bar Association. The governor will have no lack of good material from which to choose in the filling of the vacancy.—Charleston Mail.

None Ahead of Haddock.

In electing Warren C. E. Haddock to the position of president of the Wardens' Association, the National Prison Congress at Chicago conferred a high honor upon a competent and deserving man. But few men have given the subject of prison government more study than has Warden Haddock and none surpass him in ability along this line.—West Virginian wants and pays.

Grafton

Grafton is bragging about a baby weighed on scales borrowed from an ice wagon a few hours after birth, and which balanced the scales at 19 pounds. Nothing particular startling about that. Charleston men use the same kind of scales.—Charleston Mail.

Doesn't the ice trust make all the ice scales? Then Fairmont has the same kind. We checked.

Speaking of newspaper trusts, have you noticed that one editor is booming another for congress while the "other" is booming the first one for State superintendent of schools? Is this a combination in restraint of office seeking?—Fairmont Times.

Not at all; merely helping for help back which is a common rule in politics, that's all.

If Uncle Henry G. Davis will agree to finance the next Democratic campaign in West Virginia, Democratic candidates may become more numerous as soon as the word gets out. That is the main point behind this talk of his candidacy for Governor.

Money Bags Davis couldn't be elected Governor of West Virginia on the Democratic ticket if he were as old as Methuselah. No, indeed, West Virginia has quit electing Democratic officials.

AMONG THE EDITORS.

A Suicide Town.

Some months ago Huntington happened to have a number of suicides. The same suicide wave has often come to other cities. Yet the Charleston newspapers particularly took occasion, every day almost, to call attention to Huntington as a suicide town.
 That chickens will come home to roost is shown by the fact that there have been half a dozen suicides in Charleston within the past two months and they still come with appalling regularity. The record is worse than was that of Huntington at its worst. In the same period there has not been a single suicide in Huntington.
 And the Charleston newspapers have been noticeably silent in their discussions of suicides and suicide towns of late.—Huntington Advertiser.

Swisher's Platform.

Charley Swisher, who may be classed as the leading candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, at least until some one else forges ahead of him in the race, was in the city last night, shaking hands with his many friends and interviewing a few of his supporters. Mr. Swisher appears very sanguine of success in his candidacy, and, as is usual, his ardor and enthusiasm is proving a source of encouragement to his friends also. Mr. Swisher's formal announcement, setting forth the platform upon which he will make his campaign, will, we understand, be issued at an early date and will appear in all the papers simultaneously.—Grafton Republican.

Good Advice.

The schools are opening up all over the State. This ought to be the banner school year in the State's history. The term of the public district school is increased to six months throughout all the counties of the State, and teachers' wages have been increased in most of the districts. We hope that the people will fully equip their children with the proper school books and send them to school the full term and thus get the full benefit of the schooling so generously provided by the State. Don't knock; don't kick, but join in and help push the car of Educational Progress.—Lincoln Republican.

The Cotton Crop.

Wish some one would come along with some definite information about the cotton crop. Here's a fellow who croaks about the shortness of the crop and the longness of the price, and here's William S. Whitam, head of one hundred and four banking institutions in the south who proudly hails cotton as king and denies the possibility of panic in view of the wonderful crop for this year. It isn't a sin to hope the crop is good, but it doesn't seem to make any difference in the increase of the price of thread and calico.—Huntington Herald.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

PRINCIPAL FORTNEY
 Of West Liberty Normal, Editor of the West Virginian.

WEST LIBERTY, Sept. 28.

I read with interest your editorial on the desirability of giving teachers' certificates to normal graduates and I agree with you heartily in what you say. West Virginia is not lending enough encouragement to young people to attend the Normal schools. As it is too many attend only just long enough to prepare themselves to pass the examination. If certificates were given without examination to those who graduated, I believe many who now drop out for the examination would attend the additional two or three years required to complete the course and to graduate. The result would be that the State would have very many more well equipped teachers than it now has.

Our school opened up in good order with an increased enrollment over any previous year. There is good prospect that this will be an excellent year for the school. The new teachers are taking hold of their work with a zeal and interest that means success.
 Yours very truly,
 LORAIN FORTNEY.

Tax Reform

(Continued from Page One.)
 these bodies were communicated with and reports required. Then these reports were analyzed and figured. Correspondence looking to reducing the levies made was had with one hundred and fifteen districts in about twenty-five districts reductions from the levies originally laid were made, effecting a saving to the taxpayers of about twenty-five thousand dollars. In several other districts reduced levies are being urged. In no instance where reductions were made have the interests of the schools been affected disadvantageously. In a large number of cases larger school levies are laid, within the limits of the law, than are deemed necessary by the tax commissioner's office, but the levies were allowed to stand upon representation of the school boards that the amounts levied would be needed.
 In the laying of county levies, including road taxes, more or less sharp controversies arose in ten counties as to what is the limitation of the levy as defined by the law of 1907. In all instances, however, but two of the county courts ultimately complied with the rulings of the tax commissioner's office. The county of Wirt decided to test the law and at the September term of the Supreme Court, held at Charles Town, Jefferson county, the matters involved were argued and a decision of the court is expected shortly. Should the ruling of the tax commissioner's office be sustained, it is putting the matter conservatively to say that the aggregate saving to the taxpayers of the State, from illegal or excessive county taxes, will amount for the current tax year to fully fifty thousand dollars—possible much more.

The Same Vigilance

The same vigilance has also been exercised in regard to municipal levies, though there has been no controversy as to the limitation by law of the levies. The effort has rather been to keep the levies within reasonable limits and inside of the maximum limit.
 It is probably not overstating the matter to say that the action of the tax commissioner's office, as to levies of all kinds, has saved to the taxpayers of the State considerably over one hundred thousand dollars.

Other Important Work.

The preparation of the forms and supervising the returns of the large number of public service corporations, analyzing and compiling the same for submission to the board of public works, estimating the values, etc., is of itself an enormous task, involving months of labor and much of it of a technical and expert character. This work is being further systematized and improved.
 The work of the office, embracing all forms of taxation and including in its scope the supervision of the entire system of taxation, involves an enormous amount of correspondence with assessors, clerks and other officials, as well as the individual taxpayers, and several hundred rulings, involving the interpretation of the tax laws, have been made during the past year.
 The legal suits and important cases in court have been too numerous to mention in detail in this article, but involve such important matters as the appeals from the assessments made by the board of public works of railroad and other public service corporation property, leaseholds, compensation of sheriffs, collection of capitation taxes, liability of liquor dealers for increased taxes after May 22d, assessments of bridges, limitation of county court levies, etc. These suits have kept much property on the tax duplicates, involving many millions of dollars, have added increased revenues to the State, effected savings, etc.

A Great Department.

It will be seen by this brief summary that the tax commissioner's office is a busy and important department of the State government and that it plays an efficient part in securing the revenues of the State.
 And yet some members of the legislature sought to limit the appropriation to carry on the work of this department to eight thousand dollars per annum!

RIVESVILLE

RIVESVILLE, Sept. 28.—Reverend C. G. Johnson the long looked for minister has at last made his appearance here and preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation of eager hearers, as naturally would be under the circumstances it being the reverend's first introduction. After reading a part of the second chapter of Mark he took his text from the tenth and eleventh verses which read: "But that ye may know that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, he said unto the sick of the palsy, I say unto thee arise and take up thy bed and go thy way into thine house." The reverend will move his family to the parsonage on High street in the near future.

The average Sunday school attendance at this place for the month of September, 1907, was eighty-nine. Not so bad for Rivesville.

The sick of this section are mostly all on the mend at this writing.

Mr. Wm. Trippett, who has been confined to his bed for some time with typhoid fever, is getting along nicely.

Misses Edna and Edith Thorn, daughters of ex-road supervisor, T. L. Thorn, of Rivesville rural route near Baxter, are recovering from a serious sick spell thought at first to be typhoid fever.

Lloyd Kennedy, on Rural Route No. 1, near Gray's Flat, is recovering from a serious case of typhoid fever.

Rivesville seems to be on the verge of reformation at present. The devil seems to have left here and has again taken up headquarters on Pharaoh's run as it is rumored that some of the neighbors up there are too mild at each other to even speak and down here they hardly ever get so mad but that they can quarrel. Look out, up there, or Rivesville will beat you religiously, as well as drinking hard cider.

Quite a number of our villagers want to Morgantown on steamers. Leroy. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. John Burk, J. A. Hess and several others from this place whose names we failed to get.

An honest crew on steamer Leroy Sunday excursions as well as a honest crowd.

Miss Edith Prickett, of this place, while on her way from Fairmont to her home Sunday left her pocket book on the boat and after the boat had left she discovered her mistake and telephoned ahead to Lovesville and informed the captain who found it. Miss Lizzie Cunningham, formerly of this place but now of Fairmont and an employe of Hartley's store, was on the boat and identified the pocketbook as Miss Prickett's, and on the return of the boat it was delivered to its owner.

The pocket book contained several dollars.

Mrs. Sarah Cunningham, formerly of his place, but now a resident of Fairmont, is visiting friends and relatives in this section this week.

Mrs. Cunningham is also looking after her property in this place of which is very valuable.

Mr. A. S. Prichard, one of Pawpaw district's enterprising farmers and stockmen of former days but now a resident of the city of Fairmont, was here last week looking after his farm which lies a mile from Rivesville.

It is rumored that Mr. Prichard hinted that things out on the farm looked mighty good to him and the sight of hay, corn, apples, peaches and pears, beans, potatoes and tomatoes, green grass, fat hogs and milk cows, sheep, lambs, pigs and sows looked better to him than the bare streets of the above named city day in and day out, and two to one down here is that early next spring may find Mr. Prichard among his many friends and neighbors on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Price, of Rivesville Rural Route, were at Clarksburg last week visiting friends and relatives.

Deputy Sheriff Jarvis Parker and Mr. James Brand, of Rivesville R. R., near Hoodsville, was here Sunday.

They had been taking a look at the Barnes and Barrackman herd of black cattle which has caused a great deal of comment among stockmen this summer.

Mrs. Z. G. Morgan and family was here Sunday the guests of Mrs. Ell. Parker, who is a sister to Mrs. Morgan.

LONE STAR.

The Curvaceous Woman.

Dressmaking authorities have decreed that the curvaceous woman will be the fashion this winter. We do not know what it is, but it must be alright if the dressmakers say it is.—Charleston Gazette.

School Books at Globe Book store, Watson Hotel Bldg.

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SAVINGS

Not everyone can be rich, or wants to be. But everyone can, if he will, be thrifty, which is better.
 The first lesson one is given to learn when he enrolls in the school that qualifies for success is to put by a part of his earnings each week. The surest foundation upon which to build a fortune, is the accumulated savings of every penny at a time when his salary was smaller than is that of any of the 25,000 men who work for him to-day.
 Not all of us can be Vanderbilts or Wanamakers or Rockefeller's, or want to be; but their experiences point out the way to money making and money keeping, and most of us can, if we will, go a reasonable length in that direction.
 Stinginess and greed are to be abhorred. They are at the one extreme, while profligacy and carelessness are at the other. The golden mean of thrift lies halfway between.
 Prudence in expenditure is evidence of sanity, of right living and right thinking.
 What you possess to-day is evidence of what needless things you did without yesterday.
 There are philosophers who contend that the greatest curse in the world to-day is debt, and this curse is fed and nourished by the great army of spenders, who lay not up for the future, who accumulate no capital, who are prey to every human parasite, and slaves to their own disordered desires.
 We will start you on the road of thrift and plenty by giving you a pocket savings bank free and a check for \$50 to start your account. Get a bank to-day, save money and be independent.

John Wanamaker's first pay was only \$1.20 a week, and he walked four miles to and from work each day to save a part of it, as a corner stone for the gigantic fortune he has built.
 John D. Rockefeller still has the little book in which he kept account of every penny at a time when his salary was smaller than is that of any of the 25,000 men who work for him to-day.
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Can't Be Taken to Huntington

HOME FOR INCURABLES NOT PREPARED TO RECEIVE COLORED PATIENTS.
 Esley Smith, the colored man that went into the New England mine last Saturday night and started the fan and who was arrested and placed in jail, later examined by Drs. C. O. Henry and J. J. Durrett and recommended as a fit subject for the Home for Incurables, will not be admitted to that institution as it draws the color line.

Justice Amos made out the papers preliminary to admittance and is reply received the following letter from Superintendent L. V. Guthrie:

E. S. Amos, Esq.
 Fairmont, W. Va.

Dear Sir—
 I have received the papers in the case of Albert E. Smith, colored, whom you have adjudged as insane. In reply will state that this institution is not prepared to take care of colored patients, that class of patients are cared for at the Hospital for the Insane at Weston.

Very truly yours,
 L. V. GUTHRIE,
 Superintendent.

Mr. James Eliott went to Charleston, Pa. this morning to spend a few days with relatives.