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The public schools of Wise County have commenced and the indications point to successful schools throughout the county this year.

Natural gas has been discovered in McDowell County, W. Va. The discovery was made while drilling to test the thickness of the various veins of coal.

The population of Wise County is increasing rapidly. The last census gave this county less than 20,000. Now, within Wise County there are no less than 25,000 people. Within the next ten years the population of this county will more than double itself.

The value of mineral products of British Columbia to close of 1901 were: Gold, \$89,716,000; silver, \$16,534,554; lead, \$9,622,680; copper, \$8,809,546; other metals, \$51,878; coal and coke, \$54,251,315; and building stone, bricks, etc., \$5,350,000, a total of \$172,241,988. Of this, \$20,086,780, represent the products of the mines during 1901, an increase over 1900 of \$5,764,029.

The Richmond Times concludes an editorial on the importance of advertising Virginia's resources as follows:

"It is truly remarkable that Virginia has done so little in the way of exploiting her resources. Individuals will advertise their individual business and they see the advantage of doing so. Individuals in Virginia do not need to be told that advertising is profitable, but as for collective advertising, our people think that it is worthless.

"An opportunity is now offering to give Virginia a splendid advertisement at the St. Louis Exposition, but the Legislature seems to think that it is a matter of no consequence, and thus far no appropriation has been made for this purpose. It is time for the people of Virginia to wake up; they do not seem to realize and appreciate their own wealth. They seem to think that outsiders will find out for themselves what advantages we have and come here by and by. But that is a very poor way in this progressive age to procure desirable immigration. If we do not talk up for ourselves, if we do not proclaim to the world that we have a desirable State in which to reside, it is not to be supposed that outsiders will take the trouble to come and see. In the meantime, other States, as we have said, are advertising extensively, and the home seekers are going elsewhere. Virginia is simply able to advertise, and a little money judiciously expended in this direction would bring most desirable results. Why delay? This is the harvest season. This is the time to sell our lands. This is the time to invite outsiders to come in and see the bargains we offer."

From a series of tables called "Progress of the United States in Its Material Industries," which has been issued as a part of the Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance for June, the Philadelphia Ledger gives the following facts and figures: The area of the United States was about 827,000 square miles in 1800. It was increased to 2,000,000 square miles by the Louisiana purchase and to 3,000,000 square miles by the annexation of Texas. The area is now given as 3,925,000 square miles, and the population is a fraction over twenty-five to the square mile. The wealth of the country, which is said to be the "true valuation of real and personal property," is nearly \$1,000,000,000. This amounts to \$1,235 per head of population. It was only \$307 per head in 1850, the first year of the record; \$515 in 1860, and \$709 in 1870. Since then it has increased about \$200 each decade. The net debt of the country, less cash in the Treasury, was less than \$2 per head in 1860, but the civil war sent it up to \$60 per head, and since then it has been reduced until now amounts to less than \$15 per head.

The coal tonnage of the Norfolk & Western for the month of July was the largest for July in its history, and that August is expected to be even greater; the probabilities for the next year are ahead of any tonnage heretofore known, and yet the Norfolk & Western turned over 5,000,000 tons of coal and 1,300,000 tons of iron ore in the fiscal year last reported on.

TRADE, PRICE AND CROPS.

Crops, big crops, the biggest crops ever shown, overreach everything else in the trade situation. The three great crops are as follows:

Corn	2,750,000,000
Wheat	675,000,000
Oats	900,000,000

The first and last of these are the largest crops on record. The second is the second largest. This is not all. The cotton crop is large. The hay crop is above the average. Potatoes are far above last year. The apple crop is good. Tobacco may be poorer. All the food crops are among the largest ever known.

Cheap food is now certain. Meat will fall. Nothing can be done with a corn crop like this but raise the American hog. The cereal crops are about one half of the world's yield of grain and may run close to six-tenths. All grown inside our ring-fence.

A big crop like this would have big results any year. This year it falls with big crops abroad. European wheat crops are about, at an estimate, 175,000,000 bushels bigger than last year and may be larger. France has 40,000,000 bushels more. Hungary 30,000,000 and so on. Other cereal and food crops in Europe are in proportion. This makes certain a very low level of prices. The year will be the first in which prices for wheat and corn may, and probably will, sink to the low figures of five and eight years ago. Low prices mean low freights. The astute Mr. J. J. Hill, perhaps the wisest man in railroads, sees this and has already begun to reduce rates. So far wheat exports are for six weeks a little over half last year. Yet the sure prospect of big exports has already depressed exchange, checked gold exports and rendered certain currency demands in the West whose effects are already apparent in the lowest lawful money reserve in the New York banks on Saturday since 1893, a panic year.—Philadelphia Press

In discussing the anthracite coal strike, the Staunton News expresses the opinion that it should by this time be apparent to every thinking man that the several States of this government made a woeful mistake when they parted with the ownership of mineral lands. We notice that in the same connection this doctrine is being preached by several influential papers in the North, which are printed in cities most seriously affected by the strike.—Richmond Dispatch

S. A. L. AND DETROIT SOUTHERN.

Negotiations are Pending for Joint Traffic Arrangements.

DETROIT, Mich., August 28.—Frederick J. Lisman, of New York, Vice-President of the Detroit Southern railway, and one of the heaviest stockholders arrived in Detroit today from Ironton, where he attended the meeting at which the Iron railway was turned over to the Detroit Southern.

Mr. Lisman confirmed the report that the Detroit Southern and the Seaboard Air Line are negotiating a traffic agreement. He said the new route thus formed will shorten by 100 miles the existing route between the coal fields and the manufacturing districts of the South, and will give the Detroit Southern easy access to this Seaboard Air Line's terminal on the coast.

"This arrangement will give the Detroit Southern direct connections through the great Pocahontas coal fields with Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, and enable vessels to coal south of Cape Hatteras, a matter which is considered of great moment in maritime circles," said Mr. Lisman.

NEW BANK BUILDING AT NORTON.

Construction of the new bank building at corner of 7th street and Park avenue will be commenced at an early date. John Jenkins was awarded the contract for its erection and is now engaged with a force of employees quarrying the stone for the foundation. R. L. Brown, of Big Stone Gap, will do the woodwork.

The building will be 25 by 100 feet, two stories in height, the outside walls of Columbus buff brick, and probably tile floors. The first floor will be used to conduct the business of the bank, while the second story will contain six office rooms.

Modern conveniences will be installed, wash room and closet on second floor and lighted throughout with electric lights. There will also be a basement.

WISE DEPARTMENT.

Local and Otherwise.

ROBERT FOY HANGED.

Executed at this Place Friday for the Murder of Dayton Miller.

Robert Foy, colored, the murderer of Dayton Miller, was hanged here on last Friday, August 29.

The negro made a statement from the courthouse to a large crowd in which he expressed his willingness to be hung and that he was ready for death.

He said that the crime for which he was to be hung was mostly forced upon him, but he had pistols ready to do the shooting if he had to do it.

The trap was sprung at 12:35 P. M., and in 14 minutes the negro was dead, but was not cut down for several minutes after he had died.

The physicians of this town made application for the body of Foy, but for some reason or other this was denied them, and the body was buried at the poor farm Saturday.

Foy was represented in his trial by Messrs. Bond & Bruce of this place, who did all they possible could to save his neck, but they met defeat at every point.

At the first trial one of the jurors refused to find him guilty of first degree murder, and the court empaneled a new jury which found him guilty of murder in the first degree.

The case was taken up to the Circuit Court and to the Supreme Court, but these courts refused to disturb the verdict, and the Governor was appealed to for executive clemency, and he granted a respite of 30 days, but after looking into the case refused to interfere.

The crime for which Foy was executed was the murder of Dayton Miller at Toms Creek last December.

Mr. Miller was treasurer of the Crane's Nest Coal and Coke Company, and had made a mistake in Foy's account, so Foy armed himself and went down to the office to have his time corrected. He was bolted and Miller tried to put him out of the office, whereupon the negro fired, fatally wounding him.

It is to be hoped that the execution of these bad characters will have a good effect upon others, and that the time will soon come when juries in Wise County will not have to render verdicts that require the lives of their fellow men.

Just before going to the scaffold Foy made the following speech:

Ladies and Gentlemen—Please look at the trouble I have gotten into in my life, and all you people, the one thing and the best thing that I know for you to do is to try to keep out of places like this. I wish you good people to prepare for death, and if you will live, you will live, and if you will prepare a place for you. The good Lord above knows that since my mother died I have run and thrown myself away.

And another thing that I wanted to say to you all, when you are out in this world, whisky and guns are not made for people to use, but they are made for men, for women, and for children, and if you will let them, they will be a heap better off than what you would if you followed the crowd, and rowdy people, and women.

Since I happened to go into the western coal fields I have got into preaching, and when I would see anybody drinking and playing cards, and dancing, I would go in there and I would advise you all to go to church and pray.

My last crime that I got into was mostly all forced on me. I went to the Company's store to get my money straightened up, and I didn't get it straightened up, but I got worse off in this world. The Lord above knows that I didn't go in there with the intention to kill that man, I know that I had guns and could fight if there was any fighting to be done, and the Lord knows if I had not, that man I would not have been in this fix today.

While you people may look at it hard and unjust, I look at it as justice and fair, and I do not think that the crime is done in a way that is standing here, but I think that it was the Lord's will that I should come today, and if the Lord is willing I will meet all you good people in a better world.

And I can say another word, leaving to these people here, while there are some good people in this world, there are some bad people, which each of you knows that, and I can say I have found good people and I have found bad ones. I can say again that there has been some white people that have been a friend to me, and there has been some colored people who have been my friends, but I have found some enemies that I did not know anything about since I have been in this trouble. Since I have been in this trouble, for my account, if I don't make any mistake, it has been close onto nine months (8 months 4 days).

And I am thankful to know that I have found friends in this country, and I am thankful to know that I have found the Lord in this country.

And you old people who are in this country and have got children, do all you can to keep them at home with you, and make them go to church and Sunday School, and not follow after bad women like I have.

Mr. Charles, here is a word I can speak for you, if you like to hear it. I can say that while I have been in prison you have felt more like a friend of mine than any other who had anything to do with it. Some of you men who are out there today have got whisky in your pocket, and if you would do what is right you would let it out and break it.

If any of you have anything to ask me I am ready to answer it.

Well, I am ready.

Foy was taken to the scaffold, where he offered the following prayer:

Lord, our Father above, we come again once more in this world to ask that thou

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bles and save my soul. Lord, our Father and King Jesus, I bow and ask if you please save my soul.

Lord, our Father, who art in Heaven, with you please bow down and help me pray a prayer. Then Jesus said that I bow again and then too for Jesus sake save my soul.

Then, Jesus, our Blessed Savior, I will ask of you for your kindness to save my soul, if you please. Good Lord, I ask you again to bless each and every one for looking upon this as an affliction. Jesus, our Blessed Savior, I am thankful to know that I have to lay down a life like this.

O Lord and Father, I feel again that I can bow again with an earnest heart and face these people and tell them the truth, and I believe you will save me, Blessed Savior you will save my soul.

Years ago when I was looking around, I was told to get more sense, and do right and live in the right way, but our Father, I did not take warning, and all I can do is to think of what I have done in this world, and then ask you to save my poor soul.

Lord, if you please, our Father, I will ask you in your kindness, and you will Father, and I will trust in you as long as I have a drop of blood. O Lord, I will ask you to clear my name, and I will thank each and every one here. O Lord, Amen.

He said goodbye and shook hands with all present. He stepped upon the trap door at 12:35, when the rope was placed around his neck, the black cap over his face and his hands and feet tied, the lever was pulled at 12:38, and he dropped into eternity.

Circuit Court is in session at this place with His Honor Judge Skeen presiding.

Col. C. T. Duncan, of Jonesville, is here attending court.

T. G. Allison left Sunday for Abingdon to attend the convention. R. L. Kilgore and others left Tuesday for the same purpose.

H. Clay Beatty and wife, of Roanoke, are visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Sheppe returned Monday from a visit to Big Stone Gap.

Miss Gravelly, of Salem, arrived in the city Monday. She will have charge of the primary department in Gladeville College.

Attorneys Bullitt, Mathews, Irvine, Slomp, Horsley and Cabell came up from the Gap Monday to attend Circuit Court.

The street grading is progressing nicely. The abutments for the bridge on East Main street are nearly completed.

Judge Bond and wife spent Sunday with relatives at Coeburn.

Mrs. J. M. Beatty returned last week from Lee County, where she visited relatives.

MARRIED.

Deck Kilgore and Miss Vic Dean were married at the bride's home last week. Rev. G. W. Kilgore performed the ceremony. The affair was very quiet, and there were no invitations sent out, not even to the editor.

FROM SERGENT.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.—SERGENT, Ky., September 2.—A number of railroad prospectors have been here since our last report agitating the "iron horse" question. Several came up from Jackson, Breathitt County, looking over the territory and the route of the Lexington & Eastern which is coming from Jackson. Two lines are heading this way by the Elk Horn route, also, and in short, there is a bright air in store for old Letcher.

The funeral of little May, little daughter of Ben Webb, of this place, will be presided Saturday and Sunday next. A large crowd is expected out.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb are expected to arrive here next week from St. Louis. Mo. They will visit their hundreds of relatives for a month, after which they will return to the big "World's Fair" city.

Messrs. Ed Pelly and Charlie Hagg, of the Burg, passed here Sunday, en route to the head of Rockhouse Creek, where they will work with a corps of surveyors. They were accompanied by Mr. Stephen Fields and Mr. McCarty.

Eld. Thomas Hopkins, a late Congressman from the Tenth District, preached the funeral of Aunt Mahala Johnson, near mouth of Millstone, Sunday. A nice crowd turned out.

Miss Ida Adams, one of Virginia's handsomest little girls, residing at Maytown, near Coeburn, accompanied by Miss Ollie L. Craft, the accomplished daughter of Clerk J. A. Craft, of the Burg, were guests of Samuel Webb, Sr., Wednesday and Thursday.

Hon. J. M. York, one of Pikeville's leading attorneys at the bar, passed here today en route home from Whitesburg, where he has been attending the Letcher Circuit Court.

Hon. Vincent Boring, Congressman from this, the Eleventh District, was in this county the first of the week, thanking the people for their hearty support in the recent primary, August 5th, in which he was nominated by 9003.

Floyd Fields returned last week from a month's visit in parts of West Virginia.

Several of our wagoners have been hauling brick overland from Norton to the head of Elk Horn Creek, where several coke ovens will be built at once. The Norton Coke and Coke Co.'s people are at the back of the move.

A little son of Abner Potter, residing at Pound Gap, shot his small brother with a .22 calibre gun Monday while the brother was asleep. He is yet alive but there is no prospect for his recovery.

BRADY.

BOB TAYLOR ON INGERSOLL.

"I sat in a great theater at the national capital. It was thronged with youth and beauty; old age and wisdom. I saw a man, the image of his God stand upon the stage and I heard him speak.

"His gestures were perfection of grace, his voice was music and his language was more beautiful than any I had ever heard from mortal lips.

"He painted picture after picture of the pleasures and joys and sympathies of home. He enthroned love and preached the gospel of humanity like an angel. Then I saw him dip his brush in the ink of moral blackness and blot out the beautiful pictures he had painted. I saw him stab love dead at his feet. I saw him blot the stars and the sun and leave humanity and the earth in eternal darkness and eternal death.

"I saw him like the serpent of old, worm himself into the paradise of human hearts and by his seductive eloquence and subtle devices, of sophistry inject his fatal venom, under whose blight, its flowers faded, its music was hushed, its sunshine was darkened and its soul was left a desert waste with the new made graves of faith and hope.

"I saw him, like a lawless and erratic meteor without an orbit, sweep across the intellectual sky, brilliant only in its self-consuming fire generated by friction with the indestructible and eternal truths of God.

"That man was the archangel of modern infidelity, and I said, how true is Holy Writ which declared, the fool has said in his heart, there is no God."

"Tell me not, oh, Infidel, there is no God, no heaven, no hell! Tell me not, oh, Infidel, there is no risen Christ!

"What intelligence less than God's could fashion the human body? What science power is it if not God, that drives these throbbing engines of the human heart, sending the crimson stream of life bounding through every vein and artery.

"Whence and what, if not of God, is this mystery we call mind? What is it that thinks and feels and knows and acts? Oh, who can deny the Divinity that stirs within us?"

"God is everywhere and is everything. His mystery is in every bud and blossom and leaf and tree; in every rock and hill and vale and mountain; in every spring and rivulet and river.

"The music of his wing is in every zephyr; his might is in every tempest. He dwells in the dark pavilion of every storm cloud. The lightning is His messenger and thunder is His voice. His awful tread is in every earthquake and on every angry ocean. The heavens above us tremble at His myriads of shining witnesses.

"The universe of solar systems whose wheeling orbs circle the crystal dome of eternity, the glory and power and dominion of the all wise, omnipotent and eternal God."

"The Jewish population of New York. The advice of Mr. Adolph Benjamin to his fellow Jews, to give up the dream of Zionism and concentrate their strength in this country instead of Palestine, doesn't seem to be needed by them, for already they are coming here in numbers so great that the Jewish population in New York has grown from about 45,000 in 1881 to over 200,000 in 1902.

"The immigration of Jews into the United States has been recorded specifically by the authorities only since 1899, and the official statistics for the year ending with June 30 are:

1899	32,408	1901	50,093
1899	60,784	1902	57,786

This is a total of Jewish immigration for these four years alone of 214,041.

This immigration is almost wholly from Russia and Eastern Europe, whence comes chiefly the Orthodox Jews who inhabit so densely the New York Ghetto. Of this immigration, New York gets almost the whole.

The whole number of Jews who came to this city since 1881, carefully counted each year by the Jewish World, is 227,350, of whom 459,055 remained in New York. Add to these those already here, and we get a present Jewish population of over 600,000 in this city, half a million on Manhattan Island alone. According to the computation of the Jewish World, every fourth person in this borough of New York is a Jew, and a general observation confirms it.—New York Sun.

JEWISH POPULATION OF NEW YORK.

AS THE TWIG IS BENT.

The great problem for the suppression of cruelty to animals may be solved if we start with the corrective in the preventive stage. The true saving spirit fits, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." There is little hope of permanent reformation among men and women steeped in the habit of cruelty.

We turn with hope, however, to the youth and children of our day for the application of preventive methods. The spirit that animates a child to take pleasure in giving pain to a dumb creature, more helpless than itself, is the same that prompts acts of cruelty in an adult to a child.

Some boys can find no better pastime on summer evenings than chasing poor cats from place to place; and this unfeeling play is often carried to the extreme of killing.

A stray dog runs along, a boy picks up a stone and hurls it at him; a yelp of pain tells us the aim was too true.

Dare we look with indifference at this spirit of cruelty, which these apparently sweet acts are generating in the children? Will the race and welfare of our country be safe in the hands of these, who are to become our nation's protectors, the parents of our next generation?

We can well trust our country's honor to the soldier, who, on his march, picked up a little bird, battered it snugly in his coat and when camp was reached, fed and tenderly cared for it. Why not publish names of offenders against humane laws?

A number of interesting stories of kindness to dumb creatures, collected in book form, introduced into our schools and public libraries may serve to create in the hearts of the young a love for all helpless creatures, and put to shame the spirit of cruelty which is so dominant.

Clubs may also be formed among children as supporters of the noble work the Humane Societies of the United States and the world are undertaking.

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