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School Notes.

Attendance Good.

Up to the middle of the first month, September, our school had enrolled 469 pupils. Our present enrollment is 467. Considering the fact that the general average attendance during this period of time has been a good deal beyond the 400 mark, that speaks well for the attendance of the school.

Sunday School Census Indicates a Good Moral Tone.

As a result of the information gathered along Sunday school lines the other day, the following very interesting facts were disclosed: Out of 433 cards filled out and received, 214 stated Methodist preference; of this number 118 are members of the Methodist Sunday school and 16 non members; 129 stated Baptist preference, of which 107 were members of the Baptist Sunday school, and 22 non members; 34 stated Christian preference, of which number 34 were members of the Christian Sunday school; 31 stated Holiness preference, of which number 27 were members of the Holiness Sunday school, and 4 non members; 18 stated Northern Methodist preference, of which 18 were members of the Northern Methodist Sunday school; 16 stated Episcopal preference, of which number 16 were members of Episcopal Sunday school. Of the above, 10 stated they preferred the Presbyterian Church, but owing to the fact that they have no regular Presbyterian Sunday school here, go to other Sunday schools, and were counted accordingly. There is one non-member.

To summarize, out of 433 cards received, there were 399 stating they were members of some Sunday school and only 13 non members.

This state of affairs is very gratifying to the teachers, and we feel that it is equally so to all the people of our town. It is earnestly hoped that before the close of the present session every child enrolled in the public school will be also a good active worker in some good Sunday school, for we realize that the Sunday schools and the public school must in a measure unite their forces for the welfare of the child. The Sunday schools have a most important work to do for our children, which the public school cannot do; so we urge every parent who loves his children, to see that they take advantage of every golden opportunity offered to them, both at the public school and the Sunday school.

Just what place the Bible should have in the curriculum of our high schools today, we will not discuss here. As a book of literature we know that it has no superior; as a book of history we know it is equally as great; should these two phases of it be totally ignored? That it is a book, which if properly studied, will do more for a young man's or young woman's character and life than all others combined, we cannot deny. Its truths are eternal and everlasting truths, which, if known aright, will make us free men and women and true servants of our King.

One thing, at least, we can do—encourage our pupils to read this Great Book, the Bible. The dense ignorance of the Bible today, as testified by the educators of our great institutions, is appalling. One cannot in any true sense call himself an educated man or woman who is ignorant of the Bible. So let us, one and all, particularly the students, put "The Book of Books" in the shelf with the others that constitute our daily task, and study it.

An Invitation from the Sunday Schools of Big Stone Gap.

Our Sunday school meets at 10:00 a. m. each Sabbath;

Falls Victim To Thieves.

S. W. Benda, of Coal City, Ala., has a justifiable grievance. Two thieves stole his health for twelve years. They were a liver and kidney trouble. Then Dr. King's New Life Pills throttled them. He's well now. Unrivaled for Constipation, Malaria, Headache and Dyspepsia. 25c at J. W. Kelly's Drug Store.

taking up the work which the Sunday school alone can do for the children and youth. But this school is not alone for the children; it needs all the older ones; it needs the parent, the older brothers and sisters. It extends a welcome to you.

Dr. Watts Addresses Pupils.

On Friday of last week from 1:10 to 1:35 p. m., in the school auditorium, Dr. Joseph Thomas Watts, Sunday School Secretary Baptist State Mission Board, spoke to the pupils of the school upon the subject of the Bible.

His very simple, scholarly, helpful and interesting address was greatly appreciated by the entire school, who sat with their usual good order, and manifested much interest and attention in what the speaker was saying.

Dr. Watts, who is a speaker of great ability and force, closed on Sunday night, last, at the Baptist church in this town, one of the most helpful and successful Sunday School Institutes ever held here.

We trust our Sunday schools may take on new life as a result of his earnest efforts, and, further, we wish him God's speed in his great cause.

Rev. J. B. Craft, whom we are always glad to see, accompanied Dr. Watts to the school and introduced him to the pupils.

Open Meeting of the Athenian Literary Society.

The Athenian Literary Society, on Friday evening, last, gave to the public a literal surprise and treat.

The program, which was published in last week's Post, was rendered with such a degree of excellence that it reflected much honor upon the entire school, and in particular upon those who were selected to uphold their school's honor and good name. Judging from these, only average members, we have just cause to feel gratified with the progress we are making along this line. The talent manifested on the part of our young orators, debaters and musicians is due, in a large measure, to that genius which is obtained by faithful application and hard work. This should be an encouragement and inspiration to not only the whole society but to the entire school.

The committee, composed of Messrs. J. F. Bullitt, C. S. Carter and J. L. McCormick, decided that the negative side won the debate, and that Miss Ruby Kemper was the best debator. Messrs. Byron Rhoads and Billy Mathews tied for first honor in declamation.

At the close of the program, the president, Mr. Sam Nickels, with very appropriate words, introduced Hon. R. T. Irvine, one of the local school board, as speaker of the evening. Mr. Irvine, in his usual pleasant manner, made a most delightful address on the "Boyhood of Washington," the man in whose honor our celebration was given.

Literary, Musical and Moving Picture Entertainment.

On Friday evening, next, at the Amuzu Theatre, a Literary, Musical and Moving Picture entertainment will be held under the auspices of the High School General Athletic Association.

Some of our best students, as well as local talent, will take part in making this entertainment a real success.

Our school has bright prospects along athletic lines; we need just a little financial start; so come out, get your money's worth, and at the same time encourage the boys and girls.

Admission, 15 cents.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY Will Surely Stop That Cough.

Life Saved At Death's Door.

"I never felt so near my grave," writes W. R. Patterson, of Wellington, Tex., as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 100 pounds, in spite of doctor's treatment for two years. My father, mother and two sisters died of consumption, and that I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 187 pounds and have been well and strong for years." Quick, safe, sure, is the best remedy on earth for coughs, colds, grippe, asthma, croup and all throat and lung troubles. 50c and \$1.00 trial bottle free. Guaranteed by J. W. Telly, Druggist.

35 COUNTIES RECEIVE MORE THAN THEY PAY

Fifth District Receives \$50,000 More Than Total Paid State.

The report of the Auditor of Public Accounts for the year ending September 30, 1910, has been published. The report covers the operations of the State for the year and contains the various subjects of taxation for the year which begins October 1, 1910, and on which taxes will be paid this year.

The increase in real values is given by counties and cities, as well as the criminal charges paid to each city and county on the part of the State. In this connection it is pointed out that there are some thirty-five which draw from the State last year more than \$100,000 in excess of the total by them paid to the State for all purposes. The Fifth District got more than \$50,000 of this sum and the Ninth District emerged with some \$17,000 on the wrong side of the book. The First District trailed along with a claim of some \$11,000 more than she paid.

Following is a brief summary of the most silent features of the report:

Exclusive of mineral lands and standing timber, the actual assessed value of the real estate in Virginia, returned from taxation for the year 1910, as shown in the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts for the year ending September 30, 1910, is \$475,672,320.

The total owned by whites is \$451,362,795, and that owned by colored persons is \$27,360,525. This includes the lands, the houses and all sorts and kinds of improvements. Richmond city heads the list of reality values with \$78,320,898; Norfolk is second with \$43,866,920; Lynchburg being third with \$16,421,230. For the counties, Norfolk leads with \$16,571,796.

The banks and security companies of the Commonwealth paid during the fiscal year ended September 30, \$134,317.15.

The insurance and guarantee companies paid handsomely for their part of the expense of government, contributing to the treasury of the State \$189,305.94.

Huntmen who came to the State and asked license to shoot birds, duck, deer, turkeys and other games paid a total of \$104.50.

The Auditor makes report of the total of \$68,056.28 paid to him during the year on account of the oyster industry, which includes all the fines collected by the several inspectors for that period covered by the report.

The amount paid to the memorial associations of the State for the care of graves of the Confederate dead during the year appropriated by the Legislature, \$2,710.

Crime in the State of Virginia for the year ended September 30, including the two reformatories, aggregated a total expenditure of \$387,845.12. Richmond city consumed \$37,322.18, and the city of Norfolk required \$40,359.43. Norfolk county also made a tax on the treasury for \$13,217.49 to handle her criminal element. Henrico county was not a slouch when it came to handling criminals, the report disclosing that \$6,004.02. Isle of Wight managed to get along by expending \$50.13 for suppression of crime, and Lee county comes along and draws out \$3,713.46 for the same purpose. Lynchburg spent \$3,365.09 for the arrest, trial and conviction of criminals, and Newport News called for \$12,866.41.

Examining the records of the courts of the State—the ferretting out of the fiduciaries, trustees, administrators and guardian for purposes of taxation—cost the State \$23,463.47, the examiner for the Richmond district getting \$3,802 for his work.

Under the laws of the State there is a fund for the building of roads in such counties as do not work convicts, and the year ending September 30, 1910, shows that there are seventy-

five counties in the State which availed themselves of the funds thus set aside, the total expenditures under the act being \$198,548.51. This does not, as stated above, include the roads which are being built by convict labor, and for which the State is paying the expenses.

Liquor paid a pretty good sum to the State last year for purpose of raising its head in this State and being sold in public places. The total received by the Auditor from this source, on account of the State, and which does not include either Federal or local taxation on the same subject, aggregated \$520,593.22, while the total of licenses of all sorts, including liquor, reached \$1,200,598.22.

Thirty-five counties in the State last year received \$104,238 more than they paid into the treasury. Not a city in the State which did not have a balance in favor of the State.

The list of counties which drew more from the treasury than the total paid by them to the State is as follows:

Amelia, \$1,499.80; Amherst, \$4,145.37; Appomattox, \$1,548.42; Bland, \$172.69; Buchanan, \$6,401.25; Carolina, \$2,097.43; Buckingham, \$3,155.20; Carroll, \$8,391.16; Cumberland, \$1,202.12; Dinwiddie, \$976.70; Essex, \$1,705.51; Franklin, \$11,725.23; Floyd, \$7,781.56; Greene, \$1,515.05; Goochland, \$1,799.02; Henry, \$5,732.25; King George, \$1,557.52; King and Queen, \$745.31; Lancaster, \$373.60; Louisa, \$2,847.43; Lunenburg, \$1,631.13; Middlesex, \$1,438.33; Mathews, \$4,177.90; Nelson, \$796.61; Patrick, \$4,320.28; Pittsylvania, \$5,618.62; Powhatan, \$422.08; Richmond, \$77.05; Russell, \$3,185.33; Stafford, \$769.11; Scott, \$4,348.59; Washington, \$2,770.11; York, \$1,771.08.

The value of standing timber in Virginia reaches the grand total of \$1,523,750. That is the value on the stump. Brunswick county is reported to have \$372,555 of aggregate. These figures are taken from the land books, while the reassessment for 1910 makes an even better showing, making the timber worth \$2,085,925, with Brunswick county having more than \$484,000 worth of standing timber.

Hitchcock and Slemper Confer.

Will Discuss the Dispensing and Control of Federal Patronage in Virginia.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Representative Slemper was a caller at the White House today and after leaving the President said that as soon as Postmaster General Hitchcock gets the fight over the increase in the rate of magazine postage off his hands, Hitchcock and Slemper are to have a conference in regard to the dispensing of federal patronage in Virginia. While he did not especially say that the president had given Mr. Hitchcock free rein in the matter of deciding who shall be considered the proper party to dispense patronage in that State, the inference is that Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Slemper are to arrive at an understanding that Mr. Slemper shall have full charge of the patronage.

At any rate, Internal Revenue Commissioner Royal E. Cabell, between whom and Slemper there has been deep rivalry in the matter of patronage, was not mentioned as being expected to attend the conference between Slemper and Hitchcock. It is possible there also may be another conference at which Mr. Cabell and the president will be present and in which Mr. Slemper will not be a participant.

Whatever may be the outcome of the conference between Slemper and Hitchcock, it is certain that it will not terminate the rivalry over the office of official patronage dispenser for the State.

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEY

Appropriations For Southwest

Amounts for Public Buildings and Sites—Post Masters Removed and Appointed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Among the items carried in the Sundry Civil bill, carrying an appropriation aggregating more than \$140,000,000, which was reported to the house today, were the following:

For public buildings and sites in Southwest Virginia:
Big Stone Gap, site and completion of building, \$85,000.
Franklin site, \$5,000.
Lexington site and continuing construction, \$50,000.
Lynchburg, rent for temporary quarters, \$2,000.
Pulaski, site, \$5,000.

The following Virginia postmasters have been appointed:
Jasper Pigman, at Antrim, Russell county, in place of W. R. Tate, removed.
Charles A. Hickman, at Ferrum, Franklin county, in place of H. E. Menefee, removed.
Muncie T. Mitchell, at Sontag, Franklin county, in place of W. H. Hodges, deceased.

PLAN ORDINANCES FOR CITIES' USE.

Health Department to Issue Municipal Sanitary Regulations.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 22.—The small city or town in search of a sanitary code will have its needs met in a large part when the model ordinances now being prepared by the State Department of Health are ready for distribution. Covering the whole field of sanitary regulations are intended to be a guide to town and city councils and to give them a basis for legal enactment as has been found effective in other cities.

The new regulations, which will probably be issued as a number of the Virginia Health Bulletin are based upon model municipal ordinances, many of which have been tested in the courts and found thoroughly valid. They provide for the control of nuisances, the care of refuse material, the regulation of milk and food supplies and like matters of a sanitary character.

The regulations have been drafted by Dr. Roy K. Flannagan, Director of Inspectors of the State Department of Health, who has had large experience in this field of work as health officer of Charlottesville, and who is familiar with the needs of the various localities in the State from his inspections. The State Health Commissioner, in approving the new regulations, today expressed his opinion that they would meet a long felt want in the State. He said: "It is not likely that any city will find it expedient to adopt the entire code drafted by the Department, but the ordinances cover the whole field, and should be of service to all municipalities except those of the largest size, such as Richmond and Norfolk. For these places, codes which are models of their kind, already exist. Many towns and cities are willing to enforce sanitary regulations as soon as they know what experiences has shown to be best suited to their needs. We hope the new code will help such municipalities."

EADS TO START PAPER AT NORTON.

Norton, Va., Feb. 23.—It is understood here that W. H. Eads, who formerly published the Wise News, will begin the publication of a paper at Norton soon. It is not known yet what Mr. Eads will name his publication. This will give the town two weekly newspapers. The Free Press, edited by H. C. Miller, was established in 1902.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

New World Being Born

Mount Wilson Observers Photograph It Six Trillion Miles Away.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—The scientists at Mount Wilson observatory have just taken a photograph of a celestial body nearly 6,000,000,000 miles away. To be exact their estimates place the body 5,875,696,000 miles from the earth.

The body pictured is a new world being born, thrown off from a spiral nebula of 500,000,000,000 miles diameter. The new world—or maybe sun—is already 150,000,000 miles from the parent body. The scientists say it may become an inhabited world like ours, or it may become a sun.

The scientists also declare the photograph taken with the 90-inch telescope goes far to support the theory of Professor Chamberlain, of the University of Chicago, as opposed to that of the famous French astronomer, Laplace, who held that the sun at one time was a vast diffused, revolving nebula and from its contracting mass hurled by centrifugal force the earth, Venus, Mars and others of its satellites. This would rush into space until the attraction of the parent body held them on a stated orbit. But in their gaseous or liquid state they would hurl sub-satellites into space, giving for example the earth and its moon.

Walter S. Adams, in charge of the Mount Wilson solar observatory, said today: "We have not had time to prove any hypothesis. It would require thousands of years to observe definite changes in any of the nebulae. But we find many more of the spiral nebulae than of the other variety."

The Doctor's Question.

Much Sickness Due to Bowel Disorders.

A doctor's first question when consulted by a patient is, "Are your bowels regular?" He knows that 90 per cent. of illness is attended with inactive bowels and torpid liver, and that this condition must be removed gently and thoroughly before health can be restored.

Reckall Orderlies are a positive, pleasant and safe remedy for constipation and bowel disorders in general. We are so certain of their great curative value that we promise to return the purchaser's money in every case when they fail to produce entire satisfaction.

Reckall Orderlies are eaten like candy, they act quietly, and have a soothing, strengthening, healing influence on the entire intestinal tract. They do not purge, gripe, cause nausea, flatulence, excessive looseness, diarrhoea or other annoying effect. They are especially good for children, weak persons or old folks. Two sizes, 25c and 10c. Sold only at our store—The Reckall Store. The Kelly Drug Company.

Banks Consolidated.

Norton, Va., Feb. 23.—The Citizens' Bank of this place has been taken over by the First National Bank of Norton. The board of directors of both banks met a few days ago and unanimously voted to consolidate. The actual transfer of money, papers, etc., was made Saturday night when everything excepting furniture was moved into the First National Bank building.

This change makes a strong institution of the First National, having a capital of \$550,000 and surplus of \$25,000, and deposits aggregating about \$200,000.

M. S. Kemmerer, of New York, is president; Dr. R. P. Carr, vice president, and H. O. Gilmer, cashier.