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Every man knows his good points, and the world knows his bad ones.

If you want to make money, work. If you want to save it, keep right on working.

See Luckey fly here on August 14th. It will be your last chance to see this noted aviator do his wonderful flying stunts.

Mexico City has changed masters so often that we've forgotten the count.

When you hear a man bragging about what he would do under certain conditions you may rest assured he will never catch up with those conditions.

The German knaiser is reported to have told a delegation of bankers that the war will end in October. If sooner or later, why not sooner? We give our consent.

There is some slight difference between the poor boy who reaches the top and the gilded youth who sinks to the bottom. Life is just one big ladder, and you can climb as high or slide down as low as you like, and no one will stop you.

The man who continually knocks his home town is generally the one who does the least for it and receives his fill from it. And he is most surely the one who receives the least respect from the people of the town. If a town is worth living in it is worth boasting. To give it a knock is to insult your own intelligence.

Now is an opportune time to turn yourself loose among the weeds and refuse of your lawn, your garden, and your home surroundings generally. Your joints need exercise and your brain will profit by a closer contact with nature, and it will be an improvement to the appearance of the town and a relief to the community eye. It is these little things that start a town on the up grade.

The secretary of the navy has asked Thomas A. Edison and many others of the greatest inventors of America to serve on an advisory and research board for the purpose of devising new inventions for repelling an attack by a foreign foe. It is a good move and comes none too soon. It would have been a better move a year ago, and a still more effective one five years ago. These men have the brains if they are allowed the time for the development of their ideas and the manufacture of the engines of destruction.

Did you ever pass a little kid on the street and have him gaze wistfully up at you until you passed by, and then turn around and find him still looking at you with those appealing little eyes? Indeed you have, and it is an everyday occurrence right here in Big Stone Gap. It wouldn't do us "growups" a bit of harm to give a kindly word to these little fellows as we meet them,

and it would do them a world of good. A bright smile and a cheerful word to them will flood their hearts with the sunshine of life, and lift them up to that higher plane which creates men among men.

W. S. Luckey, the famous aviator, and one who has made more successful flights than any other man in this country, will fly again here on August 14th. His flying on July 2nd and 3rd was very successful, and in order to give those who were prevented from coming to the Celebration an opportunity to see the noted aviator fly, the Athletic Association has arranged with Mr. Luckey to again fly here on the above date. The machine in which he flew at the celebration is still in Big Stone Gap and will stay here until after the 14th of next month.

When the frost is on the windows and the kitchen pail is frozen, when the little boys needles come with every breath that blows, when chilblains make us sick and faint, and cold feet give us pain, its safe to let us all wish for Summer days again. For while we sweat and fume around in gauzy Summer clothes, its an easy thing to get cooled off, as everybody knows. But it's different in Winter, when the wind is full of ice, and the weather is as hard to bear as a pair of leaded dice. We may talk about our climate, and about our Spring and Fall, but the balmy days of Summer are the days that suit us all.—Exchange.

What Do You Pay Your Teacher?

Gov. Henry C. Stuart, in an address before the Virginia State Teachers' Association three years ago used these words: "I am one of those who believe that the smallest dividend drawn by any man or woman in proportion to the input, is that drawn by the school teacher. If you take the money cost of an education, to say nothing about the brain and the application used in acquiring it, what can be found that yields so small a profit upon the output and in put as a liberal education is expended in the task of educating others in our free schools?"

Many of our citizens, we regret to say, fail to realize the worth of the teacher to the community, fail to see the difficulties incident to teaching school; fail to encourage the teacher by speaking words of cheer and by advocating salaries commensurate with the character of work she does.

It has been carefully estimated by expert authorities that living expenses of the average teacher is \$345, yet most of the schools of our state pay their teachers only from \$150 to \$300. 74 of the hundred counties in this state pay only from \$30 to \$40 per month to the teachers for an average term of six months. Kindly remember the teacher has to live 12 months.

Does your community force this hardship on that teacher, of whom you require so much? Friends investigate this matter at once. See what your community is doing and perhaps you will make better provision for your teacher next session.

J. H. MONTGOMERY,
Executive Secretary,
Co-operative Education Ass'n.

ILLITERACY RATE BEING
VERY GREATLY REDUCED

Progress in Remote Rural Districts of Virginia Little Short of Phenomenal.

Educational progress in the remote rural districts of Virginia has been little short of phenomenal, according to statistics compiled by Prof. J. W. Everett, editor of the Virginia Journal of Education, the official journal of the Department of Public Instruction and the Virginia Co-operative Education Association.

For the past two years the department has waged a per-

sistent fight against illiteracy in this state. Employing effectively every means at its disposal, the men and women who gave their time and talents to this work have witnessed with exultation the splendid results obtained through their efforts.

Reports now coming in from the school census taken last spring give further occasion for elation. For example, in the County of Isle of Wight, in 1910 the literacy percentage was 11.1 white and 37.2 colored. In 1915 the percentages are respectively, 2.5 and 9.4.

In the city of Portsmouth in 1910 the number of children between the ages of ten and twenty who could not read and write was 171. This year it is 34.

In the city of Danville in 1910 the number of children unable to read and write was 457, against 238 this year.

In Alexandria city there were ninety-nine children in 1910 unable to read and write, while this year there are but three.

Probably the most amazing figures showing improvement come from Buchanan County. The report received from this division, as given out by Prof. Everett, reads in part as follows:

"Possibly no county in Virginia has been in the eyes of the public from an educational standpoint so much as Buchanan since the census of 1910. That census showed that out of every 100 above the age of ten years, 31.4 were unable to read and write. This was the highest rate of illiteracy in the State, and the highest in the South—one county in Kentucky excepted.

"The census of 1915 shows that we have reduced the rate of illiteracy more than 400 per cent, having now a rate of only 5.3 per cent. If all the counties in the State have reduced illiteracy accordingly, Virginia is now entitled to a place among the foremost States of the Union.

"Should this county make the same rate of progress during the next five years, the census of 1920 will show a rate of only 2 per cent. This can be done. We hope to see a school house placed in reach of every child in the county this year. When this is done, with the assistance of the teachers and advanced pupils, we can reach the adult literates and teach them how to read and write."

If the above mentioned figures are prophetic of the improvement throughout the State, the friends of education in Virginia will have every reason to be proud of the advancement made. It should be remembered that the fight against illiteracy is a very difficult and a very costly one, and that the State's officials have waged the battle with very limited means and against odds of which the average layman has little conception.

Superintendent R. C. Stearnes is exceedingly gratified over the census figures already at hand, and believes that the excellent results thus far attained are but an earnest beginning of still more encouraging advances to be made in the near future.

Republicans Nominate Candidate for House of Representatives.

Cochran, Va., July 17th.—At an enthusiastic convention of the Republicans of Wise and Dickenson Counties, at this place today, W. H. Roberts, of Wise, was unanimously chosen to make the race for House of Representatives this fall. The convention was held in the moving picture theatre, and was well attended. Forty of the fifty delegates selected were

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present, and Mr. Roberts was elected on the first ballot cast. His opponent was J. L. Litz, of this place, who was defeated in the last election by Jno. W. Chalkley, the Democratic candidate.

A convention will be held at Big Stone Gap on August 7th, in the Amuzu Theatre, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the State Senate.

Handicap Golf Tournament.

On the links of the Mountain Golf Club is being played a handicap golf tournament for the Spaulding Cup. There are 32 names entered, and a number of the matches have been played off, but on account of the bad weather a number of the match games were forfeited. The first flight ended on the 17th, the second is to be on until the 21st, third flight until the 24th, fourth flight until the 28th, and fifth flight to end, 31st.

This cup was given by the Spaulding Company, and must be won three times before it is retained by winner.

Much interest has been centered in this contest, and it is hoped by the committee that all matches will be played off as promptly as possible.

Ladies' Championship Tennis Tournament.

On the courts of Cumberland Tennis Club last week the ladies had a tournament in which Mrs. R. L. Parks won the beautiful jade necklace given by Hon. C. B. Slomp.

Among those who participated, and order in which they played, were:

Mrs. Parks won from Miss Drennon, 6-4, 6-2.

Mrs. Tinsley from Miss Julie Bullitt, 6-3, 6-1.

Mrs. J. F. Ward from Miss Caroline Rhoads, 6-1, 6-2.

Miss Cochran from Miss Louise Goodloe, 6-3, 6-4.

Mrs. R. L. Parks from Mrs. Tinsley, 6-1, 6-2.

Miss Cochran won by default from Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Parks won from Miss Cochran, first set, 6-4; Miss Cochran won second set, 14-12; Mrs. Parks won third set, 6-2.

Card Party.

Mrs. R. B. Tinsley was hostess at a delightful card party Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Langhorn, of Pulaski, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. W. Chalkley for the past week. The party was given at the beautiful home of Mrs. Tinsley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goodloe, on Poplar Hill. The amusement provided for the afternoon was bridge, which was played at several tables. The first prize was won by Mrs. Langhorn. After the game dainty refreshments were served.

Those who attended the party were: Misses Margaret Drennon, Sara Cochran, Minnie Fox, Louise Goodloe and Miss Peerman; Mesdames J. B. Ayers, J. W. Chalkley, Mrs. Langhorn, W. R. Peck, H. E. Fox, R. E. Targart, E. J. Prescott, E. Drennon, R. L. Parks, Karl Stoeber, W. G. Painter, E. E. Goodloe, and Mrs. Carroll of Atlanta.

Married in Bristol.

On Wednesday of last week Roy R. E. McDowell, of Bristol, officiated at the marriage of two couples from Wise county. The couples were Mr. James Richmond, of Toms Creek, and Miss Mattie Culbertson, of Cochran, and Mr. N. R. Mebley, of Cochran, and Miss Annie Hendrickson, of Wise.

Mr. Mebley is a native of Scott county and is a successful and popular business man of Cochran. His bride was formerly in charge of the millinery department of the Nickelodeon in Gate City and made many friends here.

Mr. Richmond is a brother of W. M. Richmond, of Gate City, and is also a successful young business man. We understand he has chosen an excellent bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond went east on a bridal trip.—Gate City Herald.

Among those who came up from Lee county Tuesday to attend the Farmers' picnic at E. at Stone Gap, were J. F. Knud, democratic candidate for House of Representative, W. M. Burruss, farm demonstrator, D. H. Moore, Frank Wilson, Frank

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Litton and Mr. Hutchinson, a demonstrating official from Blacksburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Fox, of Chicago, are visiting relatives in the Gap this week.

Mrs. Ruth Riley, of Bloomington, Ind., is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. F. Orr, in the Gap.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

To The Voters of Wise County: I take this method of announcing myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, to be voted for at the election on the 2nd day of next November. I promise, if elected, to give to the people a faithful, painstaking, NON-PARTISAN and upright administration of their affairs, having only as my highest aim the welfare of the WHOLE people. I will appreciate the support of all the voters, and if elected, will do my utmost to make them an acceptable officer.

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