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Virginia Bill of Rights: "All power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people; Magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them."

Lincoln said: "This is a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Vol. I.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF

FREE MASONRY IN MARION

A brief history of Free Masonry as it has existed in Marion will be of interest to the craft, and, possibly, to those who know nothing of its mysteries and tenets.

The first Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was instituted under a dispensation granted by James Points, Grand Master of the order in Virginia. The Lodge was organized on Oct. 9th, 1849, as Marion Lodge, No. 31. Joseph M. Crockett, was Worshipful Master, Richard W. Jones, Senior Warden and William T. Thurman, Junior Warden.

From the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, held at Richmond on the 18th of December, 1850, we get the following as to the officers and membership of the Lodge:

LIST OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Jones, Master; S. Warden; Charles C. Campbell, J. Warden; Madison S. Crockett, Secretary; William W. Hanson, Treasurer; P. S. Buckingham, S. Deacon; William P. Cecil, J. Deacon; John W. Schofield, Steward and Tiler. Pastmaster, Joseph M. Crockett.

MASTER MASONS.

James H. Francis, John G. Thurman,

LYNN COMMANDERY, NO. 9.

The Knights Templar Order is the Christian branch of Free Masonry. It is founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues.

Lynn Commandery, No. 9, was chartered in 1837; and on July 19th, 1887, was organized with the following elected as its officers: R. M. Goodell, Eminent Commander; Geo. W. Wright, Generalissimo; H. B. Haller, Captain General; E. J. Haller, Senior Warden; E. M. Worden, Junior Warden; C. W. Gillespie, Treasurer; J. M. Luther, Recorder; W. P. Francis, Standard Bearer; J. H. Francis, Sword Bearer; A. C. Hill, Warden.

Since its organization the Commandery has steadily grown and is now the largest, according to the population of the town where located, in Virginia, and possibly the United States. It has 214 members at the present time.

The beautiful Masonic Temple, a picture of which is shown along with this sketch, is the property of the Commandery, and was completed in 1909. The present officers are: H. B. Staley, E. C.; James White Sheffey, Gen'l.; J.

MARION COLLEGE NOTES

Rev. E. L. Ritchie, pastor of the Lutheran church at Bristol, Tenn., will deliver a lecture at the College on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

Marion College will be glad to receive a limited number of young children as music students at the rate of \$1 per month, to be taught by members of the graduating music class. The teaching will be under the supervision of Miss Ruggles and conscientious care will be given those who take advantage of this offer. This special offer is made in the interest of the Normal class of the College, so that they may have some experience in teaching before their graduation.

Miss DeLoache, of the French and History department of the College, is in St. Andrew's hospital, Lynchburg, undergoing the "rest cure" for nervous troubles. She is expected to return next week.

The enrollment at the College now is 102. The latest arrival to the boarding department is Miss Mary Yost, of Salisbury, N. C.

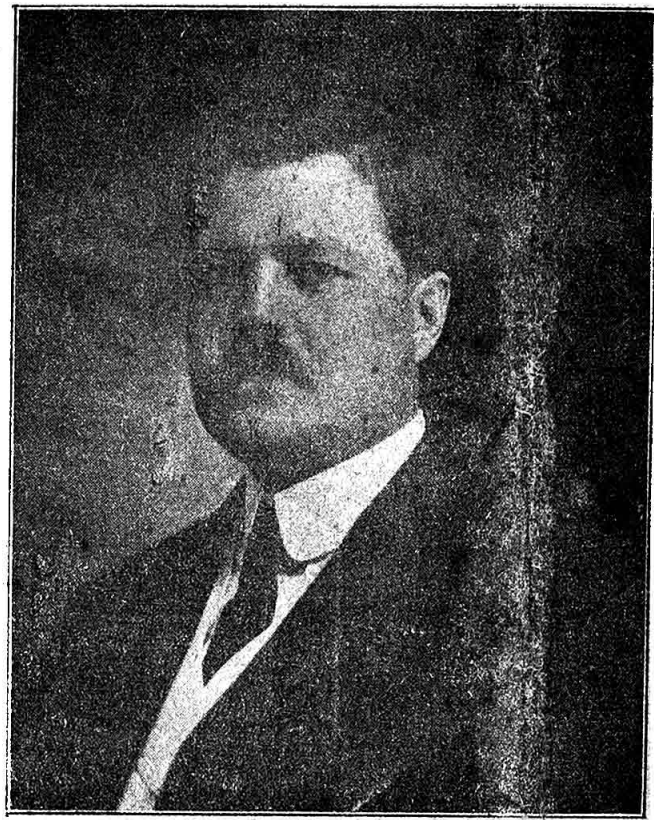
The Board of Trustees will meet at the College on Monday, January 12th, to make final arrangement for the securing of a library. The board members are doing the soliciting for this fund, and are meeting with success.

NORTH HOLSTON.

(Contributed by Our Regular Correspondent.)

The last days of the old year are prone to make one reminiscent. The first days of a new year lead one to see visions and dream dreams. It is seven years ago the fourth of this new January that the writer came into this valley. The tedious drive from Saltville to Broadford was made over about as bad a road as one would care to see. Where the hamlet of North Holston now stands were to be seen three houses, and a hole in the ground, where the shaft for the mine was being started. The three houses, which have been since remodeled and present a very different appearance, were the old Capt. Brown place, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Holmes; the Mitchell house, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Birney Kefflinger, and the house next to the power house, where Mr. and Mrs. Lee Callihan now live. Across the creek, and not on the land of the Southern Gypsum Co., stood the old Dr. Watson place, now the home of Dr. Wilder. The tin roof was flapping in the breeze, the porches sagged, paint had long ceased to be a known quantity, and it was altogether the most forlorn and dilapidated looking house in this vicinity. The beautiful maple trees in front and the fine old apple trees around the house, were all that gave the place any claim to its former respectability. It took a prophetic eye, indeed, to read into the possibilities of an attractive home. Dr. Wilder bought the place and ten months later moved his family from Broadford to North Holston. Subsequently Mr. Ristine bought two and a half acres from the place, upon which to erect a cottage as a home for his bride. During this interim the construction work on the mill, power house, shaft and the work on the railroad and big trestles was pushed rapidly forward. The house built at this time for Mr. C. H. Wallinger, the first superintendent, is now occupied by Mr. E. T. Archer and family.

After seven years, one sees a hamlet of some thirty-five or more homes, housing some two hundred persons: There is a store, a postoffice and a school house. A church organization, a Sunday School, an Odd Fellows Lodge, a Neighborhood Club and a Picture Show furnish outlets for religious, philanthropic and social activities. For three years a social club for the young people was successfully carried on, but was discontinued last spring, as it seemed to have outlived its usefulness, newer diversions taking its place. The school house is used for religious and social purposes, as well as for educational matters. A goodly sum has been subscribed for a church building, and it is hoped that by another year this long anticipated dream may become a reality. Intemperance has been fought from the start. Square dealing and helpfulness, right living and an atmosphere of harmony and friendliness have been the aim and ideal worked for—for seven years. How much has been accomplished along these lines it is difficult to say. One in the midst of a given situation is not competent to judge. It takes the perspective to give a really correct view of a picture. Of the dreams yet to be fulfilled, none is nearer to the heart of the company physician, and some of his helpers, than to have a resident trained nurse here, and a small emergency house or hospital. One cannot look into the future without wishing for a Kindergarten—that children's heaven on earth—for the many little children here. One also cannot help feeling how wonderfully useful a Y. M. C. A. building and gymnasium would be. No man can say what the future may hold. Sufficient for the day is the advice of Old Uncle Snakebit Rob. Being a little uncertain of his cackicism, when asked what God made him for, he replied: "Fur to do the best ye kin." Who can do more?



W. D. MOUNT, General Manager Mathieson Alkali Works

TOWN AND COUNTY WEWS

Mrs. S. W. Kent and daughter, Mattie, are visiting at Glade Spring this week.

Miss Blanche Johnston, of Bristol, Tenn., spent the holidays with home folks.

Thanks to Mr. H. B. Staley for a sack of splendid buckwheat flour a Christmas present.

Mr. Harry Brosky, of Bluefield, W. Va., spent a few days with his parents here during the holidays.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet in the Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Vivian Hazlewood of Roanoke, who has been the guest of Miss Blossom Showalter, returned home Monday.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet in their room at the Court House Friday, January 16th, at 3 p. m.

We have a considerable number of brief locals that we are unable to place in our columns this week, because there is a lack of space.

Miss Annie Sale, of Victoria, Va., who had been the guest during the holidays of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Pendleton, returned to her home Friday.

We received a correspondence from Teas on the 30th ult. The items are too old for publication. Will be glad to hear from the correspondent again.

Miss Clara Johnston returned home Tuesday from an extended visit to her brother, George W. Johnston, of Savannah, Ga., and reports having a grand time.

Misses Hazlewood and Showalter, accompanied by Fred Showalter, of Lynchburg, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes at the Gyppo Inn, North Holston, Va.

Our good friend, Squire E. F. Grose, who has been the editor for a Christmas gift, a package of as delightful cigars as anyone ever smoked. Long life to the Squire.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Wisman and little son, Brosius, left on the 12th of December for their new home at Salem, Va. Their aunt, Miss Sallie Copenhaver, accompanied them and will make her home with them.

Mr. C. A. Workman, who has been in school at Oak Ridge Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C., during the past four years, has come to Marion to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Workman. He is teaching the school at Lyon's Gap.

On the 29th ult. Mrs. V. C. Ross gave to her regular guests at the Central Hotel a holiday dinner. She had a few friends as special guests, and the editor of THE AMERICAN was so fortunate as to be among the number. It was a fine dinner, prepared and served in first-class style.

On the 7th of December, 1913, an operation was performed on Mrs. W. G. Lewis at the Johnston-Willis hospital, Abingdon, Va. Four hundred and one gallstones were found and removed. Though the operation was a serious one, Mrs. Lewis has been steadily convalescing, and hopes to come home next Saturday, restored to health.

BIG HORSE SALE, MARION, VA.

We have had some inquiries from buyers for Horses and Mules asking if we will have a sale. You can list your Horses with us for the next week and pay \$3.00 per head. This includes all expense except feed bill, and if we can get enough Horses and Mules at this proposition we will have a sale about February 1st.

We want it understood if we have this sale and have buyers to come here at our expense, only those who have their Horses listed will be invited. STEPHENSON & COYNER.

Explanatory and Corrective

The preparation of this issue of THE AMERICAN has entailed great labor upon the editor. He has gathered the data and prepared all the articles, except a few that have been contributed. All this has been done in less than twelve days. Then, there have been delays in getting some of the half tone cuts for use. These things, combined, have caused a few errors of minor importance, and imperfections in the make-up of the paper. We note the following:

The cuts of W. D. Mount, W. S. Staley and E. K. Coyner were received too late to appear along with the articles as intended.

In our write-up of the town we placed the names but failed to place the titles of the town officers below their portraits. They are as follows: R. T. Greer, mayor; W. E. Greer, sergeant; John P. Buchanan, town attorney, and A. P. Snider, recorder.

In the write-up of the Marion Hardware Company we made a mistake in an initial of the vice-president. It was printed C. E. Thomas; but should have been C. F. Thomas. A mistake was made in the sketch of Jno. S. Copenhaver. Edward A. Scott was elected circuit court clerk in 1858, and Mr. Copenhaver in 1864.

SCOTT BROTHERS

THE LIVE GROCERS

J. Walter and Wilson W. Scott, under the style of Scott Brothers, embarked in the retail grocery business at Marion on Feb. 1st, 1911. They started the business in a modest way at the stand they now occupy at the north east cor-



J. WALTER SCOTT

ner of Main and Broad Streets.

From the beginning they enjoyed a nice trade; and, by courteous treatment and prompt response to the needs of their customers, they have so increased their business as to necessitate an enlargement of their storeroom. They now carry one of the largest and most



WILSON SCOTT

carefully selected stocks of staple and fancy groceries that can be found in this section of Virginia; and are constantly enlarging the very large trade they have built up. Persons can always find most anything they want of the best quality in the grocery line at Scott Brothers.

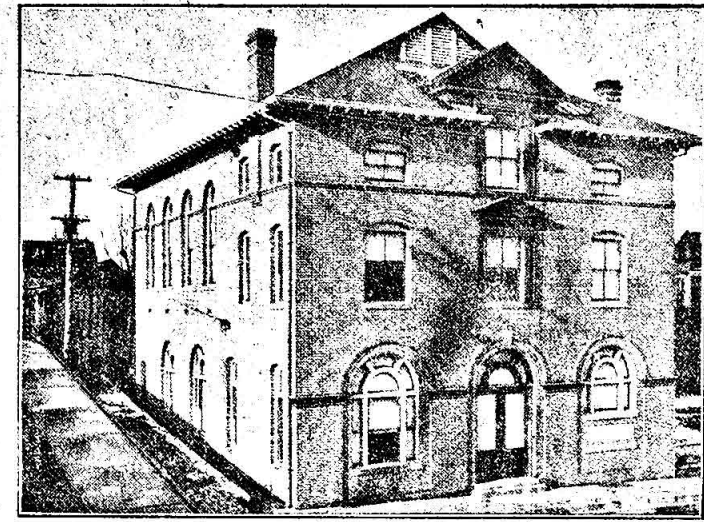
Death of Venerable Citizen.

On the 2nd instant, John W. Newman died at his home five miles east of Marion. He was born in Bedford county, Va., March 5th, 1831; and came to Smyth county in 1864. He is survived by two sons, A. M. and G. Rankin Newman; and two daughters, Mrs. W. D. McGhee and Miss Sallie Newman. The funeral and burial took place at Mt. Carmel on last Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to return our sincere thanks and gratitude to the good people of Marion who so kindly tendered us their sympathy and administered so many acts of kindness to our beloved dead during her long illness and late departure from this life. With kindest consideration we tender these acknowledgments. H. A. PRUNER, and family.

Wanted—500 pounds Walnut Kernals at once. D. H. Mitchell Co.



MASONIC TEMPLE

William T. Thurman, Thomas H. Thurman, John Pryde, Robert A. Davis, William C. Sexton, John C. Rogers, Thomas H. Spratt, Richard J. Haller, Andrew S. Fulton, James A. McNutt, George W. Scott, Francis M. Shannon, Jeremiah Rogers, James L. Buchanan, John H. Bruner, Mead A. Smith.

The records of the Lodge show that it continued to work under its first charter, granted in 1849, until June 17th, 1856. For some reason the charter was forfeited and the Lodge was disbanded until 1859, when a new charter was obtained and the Lodge was reorganized as Lodge No. 31.

When the Civil War came on work was suspended, at least there is nothing in the records to show that any meetings were held until Dec. 4th, 1864, when a communication was held for the purpose of reorganization, with Brother Sowers acting as Worshipful Master. Reorganization was effected at that meeting as follows:

James H. Gilmore, W. M.; William C. Sexton, S. W.; W. Huff, J. W.; J. W. Kennedy, Secretary; Jno. S. Copenhaver, Treasurer; James H. Francis, S. D.; George I. Curtis, J. D.; Jos. I. Venable, Steward and Tiler.

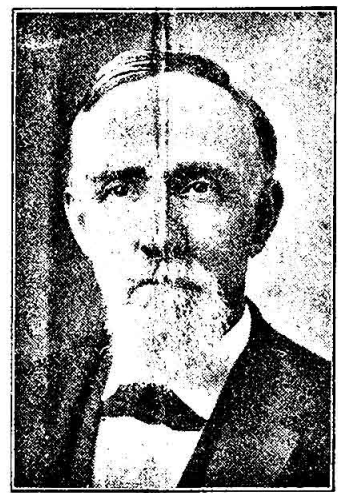
The records between the date of reorganization and June 16th, 1868, were lost in a fire that occurred some years ago.

The first building erected for a lodge room is the old hall which stands on the corner of Broad street and North alley, just across the alley from the old Baptist church, the latter building now occupied by the Marion Fruit and Produce Co. This building was erected in 1855, and the upper or third floor was used as a lodge room until September, 1887. The Lodge then leased for a term of years the second floor of the Stone building, now the Dunlap building, on the northeast corner of Main and Church streets. On the 19th of July, 1909, the Lodge moved into the new Masonic Temple, which fronts on South Church street, and is in rear of The Bank of Marion building. There the Lodge has the handsome lodge room that is in Southwest Virginia. It now has ninety members, with the following officers:

George W. Yost, W. M.; R. H. Phipps, S. W.; R. C. Brooks, J. W.; J. Sheffey Pendleton, Sec.; Z. T. Atkins, Treas.; J. E. Thomas, S. D.; J. P. Buchanan, J. D.; W. A. Tarter, Tiler; E. H. Buchanan and J. W. Branch, Stewards; Rev. J. J. Scherer, Chaplain; R. T. Greer, Assistant Chaplain.

Marion Lodge enjoys the distinction of having two former Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Virginia among its members. The first was Hon. Sidney M. Baxter, who was a Past Grandmaster when he united with Marion Lodge. He died some years ago. The second is George W. Wright, who was made a Master Mason by the Lodge and is still a member. He is now Grand Lecturer of the Virginia Masons, and gives all his time to instructing the craft.

S. Goetchius, G. G.; S. W. Kent, S. W.; E. Lee Trinkle, W.; J. J. Scherer, Prelate; W. P. Francis, Treas.; Jno. A. Groseclose, Recorder; Geo. A. Collins, St. B.; J. E. McPadden, Swd. B.; J. E. Thomas, Warden; J. N. Bosang, 3rd Gd.; R. H. Phipps, 2nd Gd.; T. E. King, 1st Gd. and W. A. Tarter, Sentinel.



W. S. STALEY  
Member of the firm of Hull & Staley, now deceased.

The Choral Class.

Surely the people of Marion do not realize what a "Golden Opportunity" is, or they would attend en masse the Choral Class directed by Rev. R. E. Kern each Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the High School Auditorium. Mr. Kern is giving his time gladly, is enthusiastic in the work and should have the hearty support of all our people. Marion should have a choral class of one hundred voices and in a few months the results would be realized in our churches and Sunday Schools. Are we going to take advantage of this training or shall we go dragging on in the same old rut with our young people untrained and indifferent. Next Tuesday evening, Jan. 13th, the class will take up some concert work, and all who are interested are urged to be present.

Greener-Greener.

On the 29th ult., Mr. E. L. Greever, of Tazewell, Va., and Miss Virginia Holmes Greever, of Chilhowie, Va., were united in marriage. The marriage took place at noon at the residence of the bride's mother, one mile west of Chilhowie. Mr. Greever is a prominent attorney of Tazewell, and the bride is the only child of the late General James S. Greever.

Miss Ruth Adams, of Anawalt, W. Va., was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Hutton.

We are indebted to Mr. C. C. Whitworth, the enterprising proprietor of the Marion Bargain House, for half bushel of delightful oysters in the shell,



ROYAL OAK, BUILT IN 1776

WHERE FIRST COURT WAS HELD

In my article giving history of Smyth county, published in this issue of THE AMERICAN, I made the following statement: "It is to be hoped that a picture of the house (Royal Oak) can be found. If so, it will be placed in the columns of THE AMERICAN when secured."

Faithful to that promise, I have secured, since the above was written, a photograph which brings to view a part of the house, and produce herewith a half-tone cut of the same. The stone chimney and greater part of the front of the house is shown. The building was made of logs, but was afterwards weather-boarded as the picture discloses.

Arthur Campbell married Margaret, daughter of Charles Campbell. The latter was a member of Col. Patton's exploring party and a member of the Loyal Company that had a grant of 800,000 acres of land to be located north of the North Carolina line and west of the Alleghany Mountains. The Royal Oak tract was located under this grant

and assigned to Charles Campbell. He gave it to his daughter, Margaret, wife of Arthur Campbell.

There has been much conjecture as to what caused the name "Royal Oak" to be given to the tract. Tradition informs us that an immense oak tree stood at or near the place where the old burying ground is now seen and where Royal Oak church was first built. There was no tree of equal, or approximately equal, size that had been found by the Patton explorers west of the Alleghany. It is more than probable that they looked upon it as the King of the Forest and for that reason named it "Royal Oak." And from the oak Arthur Campbell gave his home the name Royal Oak; and the Presbyterians so named their church. When a child the writer has heard persons who had seen the oak tree give descriptions of its immense girth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Francis and their daughter, Miss Hazel, left yesterday morning for Daytona, Fla., where they will spend two months and then return home.



E. K. COYNER, Prop. Valley House

Mrs. J. R. Mantz has been keeping house for her father, W. G. Lewis, while her mother is at the hospital. The last day of the old year, Mr. Mantz came over from Saltville, bringing with him his friend, Mr. B. A. Ross. They had a family dinner that day at the Lewis home. The turkey that graced the table was a present to Mr. Mantz from the Appalachian Power Company.

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1913-1914.

What the year just closed brought to the people of the United States in the way of progress, and success is largely conjectural. Statistics, however, show that agriculture, the basis of the comfort and prosperity of every people, was wonderfully successful throughout the United States in 1913. The cotton planters, the tobacco growers, the producers of corn, wheat and other cereals, the fruit growers, and, in fact, all who depend upon the soil for wealth or a livelihood did well. The crops generally were abundant and prices were higher, on an average, than ever before.

In mining, and manufactures the year showed a good average. The industries of the country were generally kept busy, and labor was employed at remunerative wages.

In our own county and its towns the year 1913 was a good one in a business way—the bank deposits show this to be true. For the farmers it was a splendid year. The graziers got the highest prices for their cattle and lambs they ever received, and crops of all farm products were abundant, with most satisfactory prices prevailing.

The large number of manufacturing enterprises in the county and its towns ran constantly, without reductions of the number of hands employed, and found ready sales for their vast amount of products.

In the social and religious world there was a great awakening in the United States during the year 1913. The movement for establishing social justice and purity of life made marvelous advancement.

In politics an intense spirit of reform spread over the county. Partisanship was cast aside in behalf of progressive ideas; and the people arrayed themselves in support of clean men and reform measures as against corrupt political organizations and purely partisan measures.

Radical changes were made in the economic and financial policies of the National government through the enactment of the Underwood tariff law and the Glass currency bill. As to whether these will be more promotive of the public welfare than the policies they have superseded is yet to be proven. All good citizens, not blind partisans, will sincerely hope that the new tariff and currency laws may accomplish all the good President Wilson has confidently predicted is to follow their enactment.

Though 1913 in a moral, social and business way was a happy year for the people of the United States, our beloved country was afflicted with many profound sorrows and frightful disasters. There were appalling mine disasters in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Mexico and other States; there were destructive floods in Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas; there were numerous railroad accidents of a harrowing nature; and on Christmas Eve at Calumet, Michigan, the most pitiable disaster of the year occurred. Seventy children were killed by the accident. They had gathered together to receive presents from a Christmas tree when a panic was created by some fool or fiend who raised an alarm of fire.

Let us all trust that our country will in 1914 enjoy blessings of fuller measure than were bestowed in 1913, and be freer from sorrows and calamities.

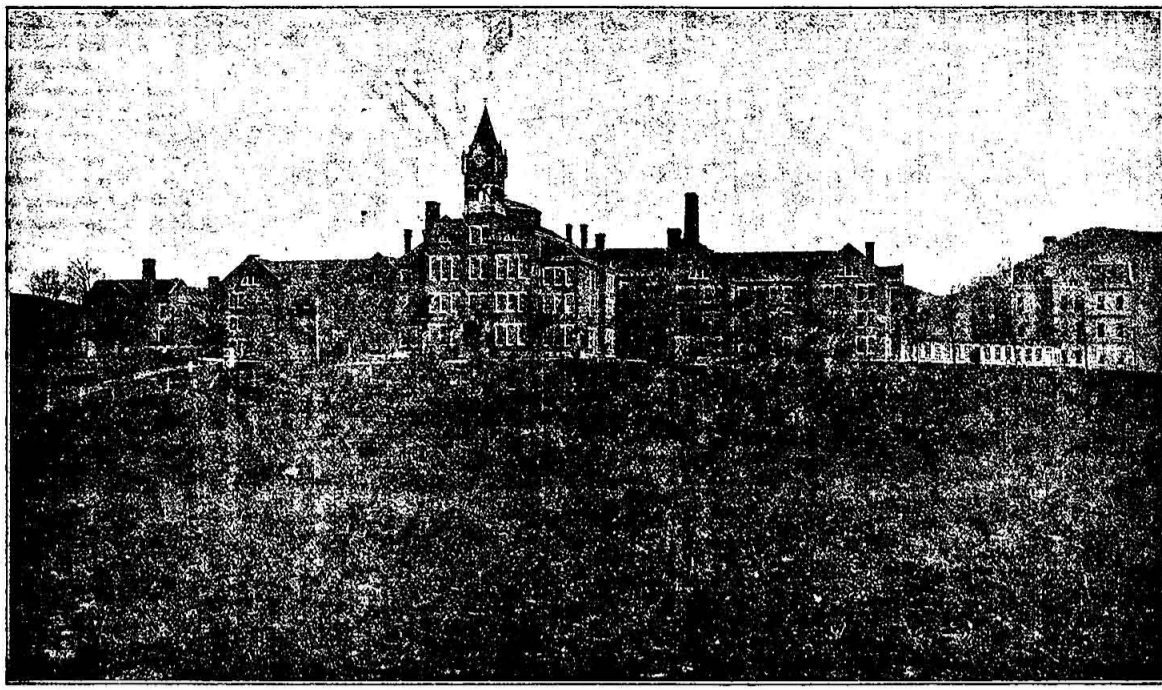
For all its readers, patrons and friends THE AMERICAN wishes a happy and prosperous year.

BY COOL SILOAM.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch.)

We are not surprised when we hear that an aeroplane has circled over New York or has flown across the prairies. These are of a new world, where novelty is naturalness. But we must confess to a shock as we read the cool, assured press dispatch telling how General Bonnier, in his flight from Paris to Cairo, "flew rapidly over Jerusalem and alighted easily near the pool of Siloam."

An aeroplane at the Holy City! What think you of it, apostles long dead, looking again for him who should come in glory? What think you, mighty crusader, slumbering as you await your entrance to the Holy City from those plains where you fell before the lances of the Saracens? What think you, holy pilgrims, fallen asleep without the walls you rejoiced to see? An aeroplane at the Pool of Siloam—there is no such thing as time!



SOUTHWESTERN STATE HOSPITAL

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Location Ideal, Surrounding Landscape Beautiful.

With Williamsburg and Staunton hospitals full to overflowing, and scores of helpless mentally sick in jails and almshouses over the State, the thoughtful people of Virginia realized in the winter of 1883-4 that immediate steps must be taken to build and equip another public institution for the care and treatment of these unfortunates. It was to meet the end demanded that pursued Hon. W. G. Mustard, of Tazewell county, to introduce in the lower branch of the General Assembly, March 5, 1884, a bill creating a commission to select a site somewhere in the mountains of Southwest Virginia, for establishing the "Southwestern Lunatic Asylum", even at that late day, the laity of Virginia, as in many other states, failing to distinguish between either the ethics or the object of a name or characterization now fallen into disuse. The "Southwestern Lunatic Asylum", conceived during those early days of 1884, is today officially known and publicly esteemed as the Southwestern State Hospital.

This commission was composed of some of Virginia's most distinguished sons. They were empowered to visit towns and cities in the southwest portion of Virginia, situated west of New River. One of the conditions named in the original bill was that the site should be commanding and where the air is pure and the water plentiful. Every town in the mountains of Southwest Virginia could meet that requirement. Another instruction the commission had from the legislative body was that material assistance should be given the State by whatever town that was favored with the "lunatic asylum". Every competing point from the west bank of New River to the Tennessee line rose splendidly to the occasion. It was a difficult undertaking the commission assumed when it met June 4, 1884, at Central Depot, now the beautiful little city of Radford, for the purpose of visiting sites and inspecting and choosing from the many offered the final location of Virginia's newest, and which was later to become one of her most famous hospitals.

From the records of the commission, it appeared that the little town of Marion appealed strongest to the nominating board. The citizens of Marion and the people of the county tendered the Atkins farm, with added lots, just on the corporation line, comprising in all 199 acres of splendid farming and grazing land, in addition to which deeds were tendered to four mammoth springs, having a total daily water supply of more than a million and a half gallons. Judge D. C. Miller and Capt. J. P. Sheffey conducted the negotiations for the citizens of Marion and Smyth county, and at Roanoke July 16, 1884, less than five months from the date Governor William E. Cameron approved the enabling act, the commission met and formally located the institution at Marion. On August 26, Governor Cameron and the Board of Public Works approved the findings of the commission, and the General Assembly, in November following, passed two important bills relating to the proposed institution, one appropriating a sum not exceeding \$100,000 for construction purposes, and the other bill authorized the people of Smyth county to vote \$30,000 in bonds for payment of lands and water rights deeded to the Commonwealth.

The building was completed and received by the commission February 12, 1887, and upon formal tender to Governor Fitzhugh Lee, he appointed as the first Board of directors of the new institution: Dr. Samuel W. Sayers, of Wytheville, president; Daniel Trigg, Abingdon; A. M. Bowman, Saltville; Judge S. C. Graham, Tazewell; H. C. T. Richmond, Lee county; S. P. McConnell, Scott county; Henry C. Stuart, of Russell county, who in November, 1913, was the choice of the Democratic primary for Governor of Virginia; Dr. S. W. Dickenson, Marion, and Capt. D. D. Hull, of the same place. March 1, 1887, the Board elected the following chief officers: Dr. Harvey Black, physician and superintendent; Dr. Robert J. Preston, first assistant physician, and Dr. John S. Apperson, second assistant physician. C. W. White was elected steward; A. H. Gibboney, clerk; J. L. Groseclose, treasurer. The last

**MARION HIGH SCHOOL; ITS DEVELOPMENT**

Crying Need at Present an Enlarged Building.

The best way to judge the standing of a community and to find out whether it is dead or alive is to find out the attitude of the people toward education and what they are doing to encourage and better their system in the way of equipment and securing better instruction for the children. Marion in this respect has done remarkably well in the last ten years. Prior to 1881 very few of the leading citizens patronized the public school. It was looked upon as an institution for those who were not able to patronize Dr. Miller's Private School or the Marion Female College. With this prejudice against the free school, it for a long time remained a negligible quantity and it held its unpretentious sessions in the old Masonic Temple, now occupied by a negro restaurant. This monument of antiquity may be seen today opposite Phipps' Warehouse. The Marion Public School was housed thus, presided over by two teachers, until 1881. It was about this time that traces of a free school revolution were making themselves felt in the State, and under these influences the people of Marion demanded better equipment. In response to this demand the school trustees purchased the old Presbyterian church and partitioned it into three rooms. It was in this building that Marion had its first creditable free school. There was no classification of subjects or grading of the school, but the teachers were given the latitude of teaching any subject they chose and adopting their own system for grading the school.

In the year 1896 the old Presbyterian church was razed to the ground and a neat four room brick building was erected in its place. The school board was fortunate in securing the services of

office was abolished after the first year. Death has reaped a rich harvest among these men. The labors of Dr. Black in organizing, and the constant strain upon him as the responsible head of an institution which he had largely directed from the date of its birth in that legislature of 1884, proved too much for his health, and on October 19, 1888, a year and seven months after taking up his new and more exacting duties, he breathed his last. Dr. Preston succeeded Dr. Black, and for seventeen years directed this great institution, always fighting for adequate appropriations and giving the State the benefit of his wonderful medical skill. Dr. Preston died August 29, 1906, and Dr. Daniel Trigg acted as superintendent pending the appointment of Dr. A. S. Priddy, of Bristol, Va., as superintendent, November 1, 1906. Steward White is dead, and of the six first officials of the hospital, only Capt. A. H. Gibboney and Capt. J. L. Groseclose live. Capt. Gibboney served as clerk for six years, being promoted to the office of steward October 13, 1891, afterward serving the State most acceptably as clerk and supervisor of farm and garden.

Dr. J. C. King, superintendent and chief medical director of the Hospital, first became connected with the institution April 15, 1901, as second assistant physician, was elected first assistant physician in 1097, and advanced to superintendent December 8, 1908. Under the administration of Dr. King, the Legislature has appropriated a sum sufficient to erect a tubercular building, and the general arrangement is to meet every possible demand for sunshine and air. Begun in 1911 and completed in 1912, the building now gives comfort to 50 patients who are fed from their own diet kitchen. Carrying out the segregation idea, a commodious cottage has been pressed into service for the old and chronic dements.

In 1910 the General Assembly decided to locate at Marion, in connection with the Hospital, a building for the care and treatment of the criminal insane. Dr. King visited a number of the eastern institutions of this character and finally plans were drawn following the general idea of Matteawan. This building is 4x174 feet, two stories, with basement, and was designed with the idea of giving patients and those confined there awaiting trial, or under observation, every opportunity for exercise and freedom of movement.

The first assistant physician at each of the State hospitals is a male, while a woman physician in charge of female patients is second assistant. Dr. E. H. Henderson is first assistant physician at the Southwestern State Hospital, and Dr. Carolyn A. Clark occupies the office of second assistant physician. In very recent years, all forms of mechanical restraint in the control or treatment of patients have been eliminated. A system of more pronounced personal attendance and suggestion, a form of diet and physical exercise conducive to the best bodily health, opportunity for recreation or employment as patient may elect, the greatest abundance of open air, personal cleanliness and agreeable surroundings, are fundamentals insisted upon at the Southwestern State Hospital. The "Southwestern Lunatic Asylum" opened by Dr. Black for the reception of the first two patients May 17, 1887, today has within its care of physicians and nurses 724 men and women, and it is only a question of a short while before the General Assembly will make provision for other buildings in order that classification may be carried further than the limited accommodations at present permit. While not among the largest hospitals of its character in the United States, there are few if any more imposing. The main and grouped buildings have had their severities softened by the skillful touch of the architect, while climbing ivy and the Virginia Creeper lend an ancient charm and beauty to bare brick walls. From the grounds of this magnificent estate, the vision takes in miles upon miles of rolling hills and valleys carpeted with the Virginia bluegrass. And turn where one may, there is always before the eye of the patient the restful scene of mountain and sky kissing. The lawns have an elevation of 2,300 feet above sea level, and there are few nights during the hottest period of summer when patients do not find covering comfortable. The water from the hospital springs has a temperature of 51 degrees Fahrenheit, and the average annual temperature is 62. No more beautiful location nor more health-

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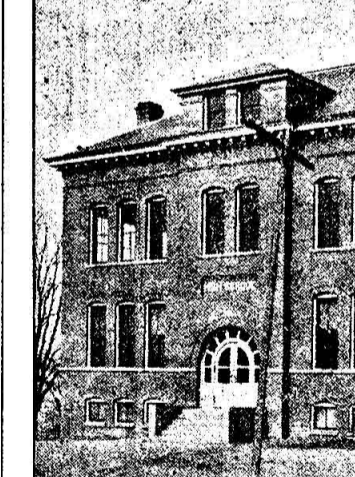
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room and more teachers. The present school has eight large class rooms, a capacious assembly hall, a large basement, partitioned so that both the girls and the boys might have a comfortable place to play at recess during the bad weather of winter. Thirteen teachers make up the teaching force of this session. Even with this number it is extremely hard to handle nearly five hundred pupils. In the grammar and primary school there are ten teachers, and in the high school there are three teachers doing exclusively high school work. The ladies of the Civic League, who have done more for the civic improvement of Marion than all the other progressive forces put together, added a sewing and cooking course to the curriculum of this school. Besides this great innovation they employed a Medical Inspector for the school, and provided for the growth and extension of the library. The Marion High School is trying her best to do the work in an efficient way that all other accredited high schools are doing throughout Virginia.

This session there have been organized a thriving and enthusiastic literary society and an Athletic Association. An attractive reading room has been added to the valuable assets of our school. With all these good things to encourage the people of Marion, we still stand in the face of a great crisis. We are bound to have a new building and that for next session. It is impossible to do business any longer from the old stall. Progress and advancement can only proceed in a new building, adequate to meet the need created by the overcrowded capacity of the present building. A new high school building is the best investment that Marion can make. It is our most urgent need.

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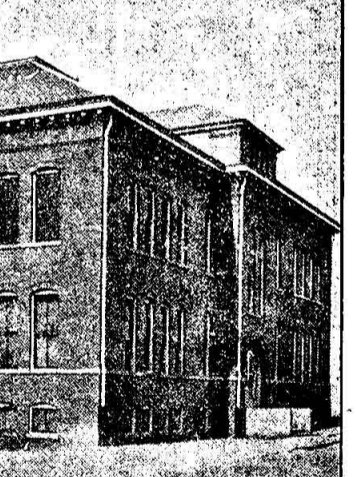
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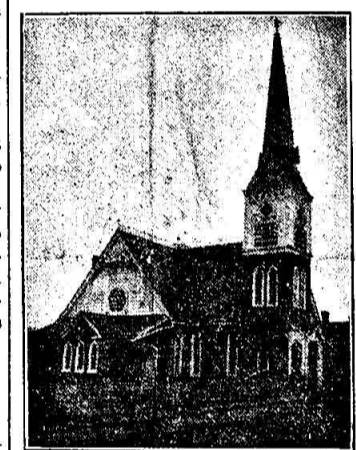
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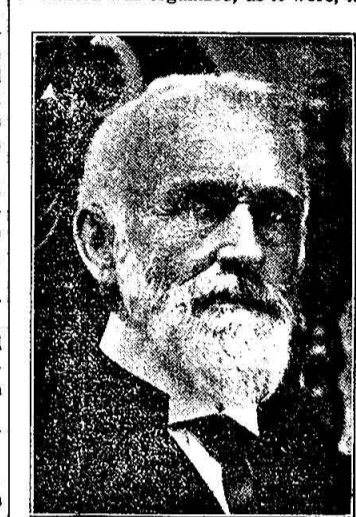
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**THE BANK OF MARION**  
40 YEARS OF GROWTH

Is Listed As One of the "Honor Roll Banks"

The Bank of Marion was incorporated by an Act of the Virginia Legislature approved February 11th, 1874, and began business on March 7th, 1874, the books being on that day opened for subscriptions to the capital stock. On the 7th day of March, 1914, therefore, The Bank of Marion will reach its fortieth birthday.

It was a brave band of men who undertook the organization of a bank at that time. The year 1873 had witnessed one of the worst financial panics that has ever been known and its effect upon business and business men had by no means had time to pass away. In fact, The Bank of Marion was organized, as it were, in



CAPT. D. D. HULL, President

the very midst of a panic. Those who went into the enterprise knew full well that success depended upon careful and conservative management, and, from the first conservatism, carefulness and strict attention to business were made watchwords of the institution. These have throughout its history been at all times before those who controlled its management.

On the 21st day of March, 1874, the first meeting of its stockholders was held at the court house in Marion, at which meeting G. G. Goodell was chosen chairman and W. P. Francis secretary, and that meeting elected as directors D. D. Hull, G. G. Goodell, Fayette McMullin, Geo. W. Palmer, John P. Sheffey, Jas. H. Gilmore, N. L. Look, F. Alexander, A. G. Pendleton and A. P. Cole, and Minter Jackson was unanimously elected as president.

Among the names appearing in its list of directors down to the year 1895, are found Samuel Wilkinson, John S. Copenhaver, J. B. Rhea, T. H. Thurman, Geo. E. Penn, Jno. S. Apperson, R. J. Haller, V. S. Morgan, J. W. Fell, B. F. Buchanan, S. D. Jones, H. P. Copenhaver, E. H. Copenhaver, W. B. Jackson and H. L. Morgan, in addition to the names of the first board above given.

In 1896 John P. Sheffey retired from the board because of his election to the Judgeship of the Circuit Court and Jas. White Sheffey was made a director in his stead. From that year to the present, changes have been made in the board only as from time to time became necessary to fill vacancies caused by death of members of the board.

The board now in charge of the management is D. D. Hull, E. H. Copenhaver, B. F. Buchanan, H. P. Copenhaver, H. L. Morgan, R. C. Gwyn, C. L. Clark, W. M. Hull and James White Sheffey.

In the forty years of its history The Bank of Marion has had but two presidents, M. Jackson, who was president until his death on May 13th, 1907, and D. D. Hull, who succeeded him and is now president. In the last thirty-five years it has changed cashiers but three times. Mr. E. H. Copenhaver was cashier for nearly thirty years and resigned to attend to his valuable farm property at Seven Mile Ford. He was succeeded by Walter B. Jackson, who was stricken down in his prime in 1912 after he had been cashier for about five years. The present cashier, James White Sheffey, succeeded to the position, having been connected with the working force of the institution from the year 1902.

In addition to the dividends which have been paid to the stockholders from the very first, the Bank has built up a surplus equal to its capital, the capital now being \$61,650.00 and the surplus \$61,650.00. In addition to this it closes the year 1913, after paying all salaries, expense, taxes and dividends, with an undivided profit account of \$11,845.97, the total security to depositors being the three combined and the total assets being \$380,000.00. In the last year it has been assessed with and has paid about \$2,800.00 taxes to the State, county and town.

The Bank of Marion occupies a high place in the list of those banks known as "Honor Roll Banks," being those whose surplus and undivided profits exceed the capital. It has passed through all panics and times of stress without ceasing to pay currency and without hardship upon those who had borrowed from its resources. Born almost in the midst of a panic, and thriving then, it has continued to do a healthy business and today occupies a place of esteem in the minds of all the people.

In 1898 the Bank of Marion erected its present building, which is one of the best bank buildings in Southwest Virginia, and a welcome is there for all who want to come in and tarry awhile.

Three per cent. per annum is paid on time deposits, and the business of the public in all parts of the country can be attended to through its connections.

The Christmas Savings Club of this Bank is now being formed and will interest you.



CULBERT'S ROCK GRINDING PLANT

**BREAD FROM STONES**

**THE FARMER'S BLESSING**

Mr. W. F. Culbert, or as he is sometimes called "The Rock Man," came to this place seventeen years ago, and has been in the quarry business continuous-

ly to this date, furnishing limestone for various purposes.

For a number of years he supplied the Mathieson Alkali Works, at Saltville, Va., their entire supply of limestone rock, which required a full train load daily.

Mr. Culbert has recently purchased and installed modern machinery at the cost of many thousand dollars to grind limestone rock for agricultural pur-

poses. This product, which is acquiring his greatest attention, will from scientific reports be a blessing to the farmers.

This product can be shipped several hundred miles at a much less cost than the farmer can burn limestone. He can supply this product at the rate of ten car loads daily. During the year 1913 Mr. Culbert shipped 13,398 tons of pulverized limestone and intends to double

the number of tons shipped this year.

Besides the money spent in opening up and installing the machinery, Mr. Culbert has spent several hundred thousand dollars for labor and has furnished work for all that wanted work of his kind.

Mr. Culbert's motto, "Kind treatment and prompt payment," has won the esteem and respect of the entire community.

**MARION COLLEGE**

**FOR YOUNG LADIES**

Marion College for young ladies was chartered in 1874, and with the exception of a two year's suspension while rebuilding, has done a continuously great work for education and for Christian education in particular.

Inseparably connected with the name of Marion College is that of Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., its founder, and president until the infirmities of age constrained him to give up the office in 1910. Under his administration, thousands of students were educated, and educated not only in head but educated in heart to the desire of living the best life for God and humanity. Marion College has always pursued high ideals in mental training and high ideals in Christian life and service, and one of the distinctive features of the College has been its helpful Christian atmosphere. Daughters have returned to the parental home, loving and cherishing the home more and confirmed more in their Christian life and faith.

Although the College has been nominally under the auspices of the Lutheran Church, yet the school is non-sectarian, and the girls of all denominations are found on the roll of students and participate equally in all its advantages.

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The concern is enjoying a large volume of business from Smyth, Washington, Wythe, Bland and Grayson counties, Va., and in both Ash and Alleghany counties, N. C.

To thoroughly work this territory named, the services of three skilled traveling salesmen are required. The city trade is thoroughly worked by the local managers, and they are now largely supplying those merchants who have heretofore been buying from out-of-town houses.

The local merchants should do everything in their power to encourage and sustain such a meritorious enterprise, for it is a credit to our town and is one that will be permanent. The establishing of a wholesale grocery house is an easy task, but to manage one successfully, as are the Messrs. Peery, is quite a difficult undertaking.

**CARSON DRUG COMPANY**

**MARION'S OLDEST DRUG STORE**

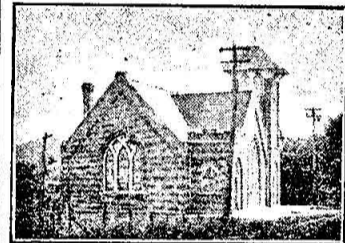
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useful articles not found elsewhere can be secured from him, and his store is as greatly appreciated as any in the town.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

In the early history of Marion, before there were any church buildings of prominence in the town, two of the leading citizens offered Rev. Elijah Hawkins, a Lutheran minister, universally esteemed, who spent most of his ministerial life in the eastern end of Smyth county, a very desirable lot on which to build a Lutheran church. For some reason the offer was not accepted.

However, in 1874 the location of Marion College here made the establishment of a Lutheran church a necessity. Accordingly, on Sunday, December 20, 1874 a meeting was held in the Methodist church by a number of Lutherans of the community for the purpose of



organizing a congregation, to be in connection with the Chilhowie charge until otherwise determined upon.

Dr. D. F. Bittle, then president of Roanoke College, preached both morning and evening on the Saturday previous and at the Sunday morning service. Before the sermon on Sunday morning he baptized Alfred Bryson Greiner, now of Rural Retreat, Va.

After the service a meeting was called, Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., the pastor of the Chilhowie charge, acting as chairman and Mr. H. P. Copenhaver secretary. An organization was effected and twenty-three persons enrolled their names as members of the congregation. Most of these persons were members of Ebenezer Lutheran church and Cedar Grove church, now St. Mathews church, Atkins, Va.

The following were elected as members of the first church council: Mr. G. D. H. Killinger and Mr. T. M. Rosenbaum, elders; and Mr. Thomas Copenhaver and Mr. M. Musser, deacons.

Rev. J. J. Scherer was elected the first pastor, who served the congregation until September 1st, 1882. The other men who served the congregation as pastor after Dr. Scherer are the following: Rev. J. B. Greiner 1882-1884, Rev. I. P. Hawkins 1884-1890, Rev. W. P. Huddle 1890-1893, Dr. Henderson N. Miller, Ph. D., then a theological student, supplied the congregation from June 2nd to Sept. 10, 1893.

Dr. J. J. Scherer was again elected pastor, having as his assistant for the summer months of 1894, Rev. E. C. Cronk. Dr. Scherer then served the congregation until Rev. Greiner again became pastor, the latter serving the congregation until Dec. 1, 1911. The present pastor began his pastorate June 20, 1912.

The congregation did not have a church building of its own for some time. Through the courtesy of the Methodist congregation, the use of their church was granted to the Lutheran congregation and it accordingly worshipped there until Oct. 1887, after which the congregation entered into a contract with Christ Episcopal church, Marion, for the use of their church.

The congregation worshipped in the Episcopal church until May, 1896, and thereafter worshipped in the chapel of Marion College until its present church building was built in 1910, and dedicated in October, 1911. The congregation, together with Ebenezer congregation, also built a parsonage in 1907, the valuation of both properties being about \$7,500.

The members living at and about Attoyaw also built a church of their own at Attoyaw in 1910, under the supervision of Dr. Scherer, upon recommendation of the president of Synod. The church was dedicated on the fifth Sunday in October, 1910, by Dr. Scherer.

During the life of the congregation 263 persons were received as members of the congregation. Two of its sons have entered the ministry of the Lutheran church, namely: Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., pastor of the English Lutheran church at Richmond, Va., and Rev. B. A. Copenhaver, Mt. Jackson, Va.

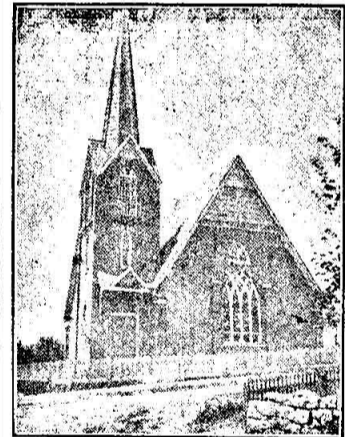
The congregation has contributed liberally to all causes of the church and is at present in a healthy and growing state.

**MARION BAPTIST CHURCH.**

From Semple's "History of the Baptists in Virginia," published in 1810, we learn that St. Clair's Bottom Baptist church was organized in 1791 with forty-five members and Rev. Andrew Baker as pastor, and it is believed most of the Baptist churches in what is now Smyth county came out of St. Clair's Bottom church, or were constituted by other Baptists who moved into this section since the above date.

The Marion Baptist church was organized in 1845 by Rev. N. C. Baldwin, and for some years met for worship in the Court House. Mr. Baldwin was the first pastor and lived on the lot now owned by Mr. Alex Buchanan. In 1869, during the pastorate of Rev. James A. Davis, they bought a lot from Mr. Wade Strother and built the house now used as a warehouse by Mr. L. Phipps.

During the last years of the war Rev. Martin Noffsinger, an uncle of Messrs.



Frank, Phil, Will, L. P. and Tom Francis, was pastor, and was followed by Rev. Andrew Huff. Mr. Baldwin was then pastor for one year and was followed by Rev. R. B. Boatwright, who with an absence of one year in Bristol and one in Eastern Virginia, was pastor for about seventeen years. During his stay he built and occupied as a parsonage the house now owned by Mr. Hugh Gwyn.

In 1887 Rev. D. A. Glenn came and was pastor four years and built the present church and parsonage in 1889-90.

He was followed by Rev. Vernon J'Anson, who was pastor nearly five years, and was followed by Rev. J. W. Hundley, Rev. J. M. Dunaway, and Rev. Wirt Trainham, in the order named.

Not quite two years ago Rev. E. M. Harris, the present pastor, came.

There is a tradition that the church began with only ten members, but as all the old church records are lost no one knows now who were the original members. The number slowly increased and about 1883 the members living about Atkins withdrew to form Cedar Bluff church. The present membership is 220, and for some years past the church has been an active body, contributing liberally to all objects of Christian benevolence and maintaining well



MARION COLLEGE

The Board of Trustees is composed of men of different denominations, and some of the ablest faculty members are members of other churches.

Heading the twentieth century call for greater things, the institution began the erection of a large and handsome building in 1911, and today owns one of the most complete educational plants in the State, and is committed to a college plan of true merit and efficiency which will put it in the very forefront of the progressive educational institutions of the country.

The departments are collegiate, preparatory, music, art, expression and domestic science. There are eleven teachers in the faculty, and one hundred and one students are enrolled, representing five different States.

Under the leadership of the present president, Henderson N. Miller, Ph. D., and with the ardent co-operation of a loyal and energetic board, the college is pressing forward to a larger and more promising usefulness.

**PEERY GROCERY COMPANY**

**COVERS LARGE TERRITORY**

One of the town's leading enterprises is the Peery Grocery Company, which is conducting a strictly wholesale business and has been since its organization enjoying an excellent and constantly increasing trade.

In January, 1910, Messrs. J. S. and A. N. Peery and S. W. Keys, of Glade Spring, W. W., R. B. and J. Arthur Peery, of Tazewell, launched this enterprise at Glade Spring, where they continued increasing the volume of business yearly.

January 1st., 1913, they moved from Glade Spring to Marion, and into their own large wareroom building. They have the largest and most conveniently located warerooms of any concern engaged in the wholesale grocery business in this section of the State. It is about 100 feet south of the Norfolk & Western freight station, and has a switch from the main track leading to the immediate rear of their warerooms.

The managers, Messrs. R. B. and J. Arthur Peery tell us the year 1913 was far ahead of any since they organized.

Messrs. R. B. and J. Arthur Peery are peculiarly fitted for the responsibilities imposed upon them. Their father, the late Capt. Jas. S. Peery, was one of the pioneer merchants of Tazewell county, and accumulated a handsome estate through this means. In fact they descended from a family of successful merchants. They were almost raised behind the counters and were among the most prosperous merchants in Tazewell until they moved to Glade



success, and in 1911 he moved into his present headquarters.

Mr. Lorenzen has gone along in his quiet manner, adding to his stock, both in quantity and quality, until he has established one of the largest and best trades in our town.

His trade for the recent holidays was astonishing in size.

His business is done on strictly cash basis, which enables him to handle his goods on a small margin. Many



NORFOLK & WESTERN PASSENGER STATION

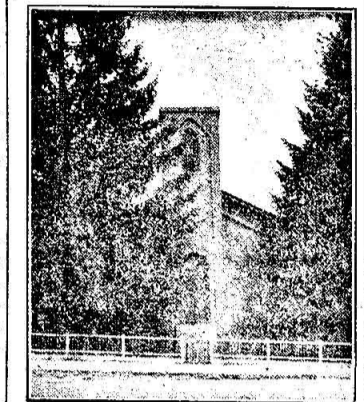
its home work. The recently completed Sunday School rooms and the steam heating outfit now being put in will give this church one of the most complete edifices for church work in our part of Virginia, and should greatly add to its efficiency.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The building called Christ Episcopal Church at Marion was erected about forty years ago. To the energy and fidelity of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gilmore, then honored residents of Marion, but now deceased, is chiefly due credit for the pretty little edifice now owned by the Episcopal Church here.

On account of its small membership the church has never had a resident rector.

In 1885 Mr. Gilmore, whose family constituted nearly the entire membership of



the church, was elected one of the professors of law at the University of Virginia, and moved with his family to Charlottesville. The Episcopal services in the church were discontinued for twelve years; and the Lutherans occupied it from October, 1887, to May, 1895. Previous to 1895 the church was united with the church at Abingdon and was a part of Abingdon Parish. In 1896 or 1897 it was united with the church at Saltville, and with that church formed into Preston Parish.

The church has no rector at present, but Sunday School is held each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. L. H. Howze is superintendent of the Sunday School. He is also a lay reader and reads the service at stated times.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER**

The charter for Marion Royal Arch Chapter was granted by the Grand High Priest of Virginia Royal Arch Masons on Dec. 14th, 1866; and immediately thereafter the Chapter was organized. The records of that date have become misplaced and for that reason an accurate account of the organization cannot

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**TRESPASS NOTICE**

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass on my lands by hunting, or otherwise, in Smyth county, situated near Holstein Mills, known as the Wilson farm, and at St. Clair Bottom, known as the St. John farm. The law will be enforced against all violators.  
J. F. ST. JOHN.

be given in this sketch.

The Chapter has since its organization held its meetings regularly in the same room occupied by Marion Lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M. It has always been highly esteemed among the Royal Arch Masons of Virginia, and has kept well up with the work. The Chapter now has 142 members; and the officers are as follows: E. H. Buchanan, High Priest; J. S. Goetehus, King; J. E. Thomas, Scribe; T. E. King, Treasurer; L. P. Collins, Secretary; R. H. Phipps, Captain of Host; L. A. Amsler, Principal Sojourner; J. H. McCoy, Royal Arch Captain; T. B. Ward, Grand Master 1st Veil; Chas. A. Ryburn, Grand Master 2nd Veil; Geo. W. Yost, Grand Master 3rd Veil; Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., Chaplain; W. A. Tarter, Steward and Tiler.

Meetings are held on the first Monday in each month.

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**TOWN LOTS**

FOR SALE

I have just finished laying off a number of town lots at the west end of Marion, adjoining and immediately south of the Sexton Addition.

**These Lots Are Large**

With Good Street Frontage  
Fine Drainage

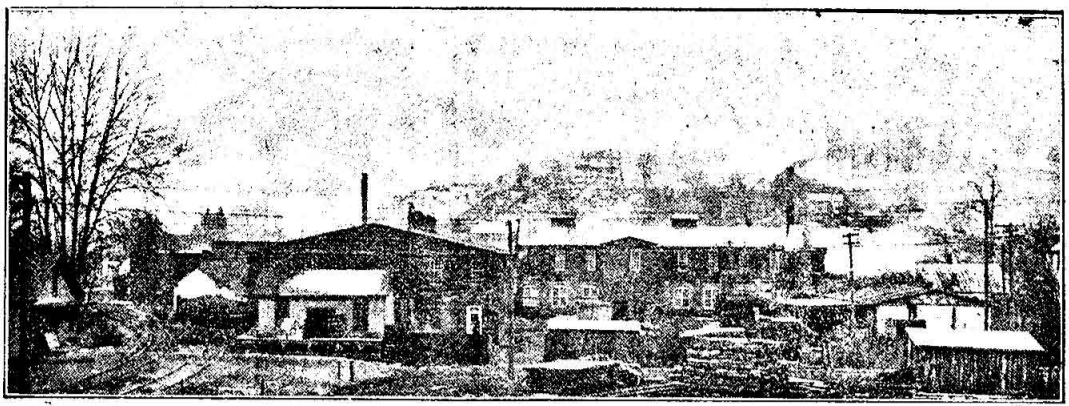
and will have convenient and ample access from Main and Cherry Streets. I have placed reasonable prices on the lots, and will sell them on

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Will take pleasure in showing them to prospective buyers. Map can be seen at my office.

**WM. C. PENDLETON**

MARION, VIRGINIA



VIRGINIA TABLE WORKS

**VIRGINIA TABLE CO. A  
SPLENDID ENTERPRISE**

Rapidly Develops Into One of the Most Successful Local Industries.

The Virginia Table Company is the youngest manufacturing industry at Marion; but its growth along all lines has been so remarkable during the past twelve months as to make it one of the most interesting and useful in the community.

The company was organized on the 1st of April, 1912, taking over the plant of the Virginia Table Works, that had been built in 1907 at a cost of \$40,000.

At the organization of the Virginia Table Company, in 1912, C. C. Lincoln was made president and E. A. Rhodes was selected as superintendent. These two have had exclusive management of the industry since the organization of the company; and to their intelligence and industry is largely due the great success that has followed the undertaking.

Since starting operations at the plant, some twenty months ago, the company has developed a trade that extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean; and is selling its enormous output to the best and largest furniture dealers in the United States. As evidence of the superior quality of the tables that are manufactured, duplicate orders are being received daily from dealers who have made former purchases.

The company maintains permanent show rooms in New York and Chicago, and in each of these cities a force of salesmen is kept the year round. The business has grown to such an extent that it has become necessary to enlarge the plant and, moved by this impelling need, more ground was purchased adjoining the plant, and an additional building enlarging the finishing and packing rooms has recently been completed. This addition is two stories and connects with the other building originally used for finishing and packing, thereby doubling the capacity or size of the rooms. This enlargement of the buildings enables the company to increase the output to 100 tables per day. The entire plant now has 40,000 feet of floor space.

The plant is equipped with the latest improved machinery and every machine is driven by an individual motor. There are twenty-five motors with an aggregate of 135 horsepower. There is a sixty horsepower boiler used for the dry kiln and for heating the plant in cold weather. The working force averages seventy-five men daily, with a pay-roll of \$30,000 per year. A number of the workmen employed are skilled mechanics, with years of experience, gained in the manufacture of furniture and tables in different parts of the country.

Oak extension dining tables are being exclusively manufactured—venerated quartered oak, and solid oak. They are artistic in design and finish and are thoroughly substantial. These tables are shipped in car load lots to New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Burlington, Ia., San Francisco and other large cities of the North and West.

The sales amounted in 1913 to \$150,000, and it is expected they will reach \$250,000 for the year 1914.

The factory at Marion is located in the heart of the best hardwood section of the country, which gives the company many advantages for securing the very best lumber at the lowest prices. Another great advantage is the low freight rates given to all points by the Norfolk & Western Railway. With these two great advantages over factories not so favorably situated, the future success of the Virginia Table Company seems assured.

The capital stock of the company is \$36,000, and at least \$45,000 of material has to be kept on hand to supply the requirements of the factory.

**Death of Mrs. Henry Pruner**

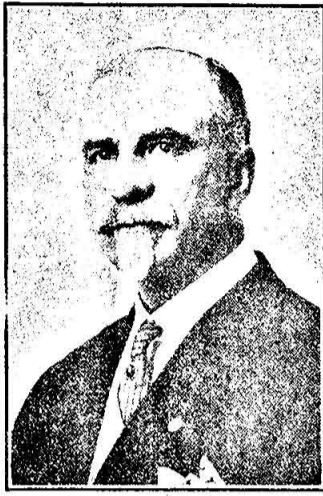
On the 1st inst. Mrs. Josie Pruner, wife of Mr. Henry A. Pruner, and daughter of Henry Clay Pruner, died at her home on West Main Street. She was born January 18, 1878, and was married December 24th, 1902. She is survived by her husband and four children, Julia, John Lacy, Virginia Clay and Henry Clay, the oldest ten years and the youngest eight months old. She is also survived by her father, one brother, James M. Pruner, and two sisters, Misses Fannie and Catherine Pruner.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. R. E. Kern, of the Lutheran church.

The remains were buried in Round Hill Cemetery.

Miss Loula Eller left Sunday to resume her duties as teacher in the Hoge's Chapel School in Giles county.

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GEO. W. RICHARDSON

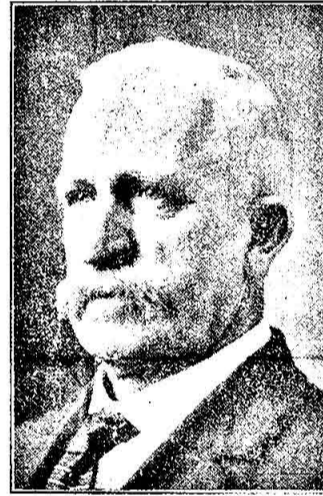
**GOOLSBY REALTY COMPANY**

**SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE**

In the month of May, 1911, R. G. Goolsby and Geo. W. Richardson formed a partnership under the name of The Goolsby Realty Company. The policy and purpose of the company was to buy and sell real estate, to sell real estate on commission, and to effect loans on property. Farms, town properties, timber, mineral rights, etc., embrace the class of properties they have been handling.

It is now nearly three years since the company began business, and it has negotiated the sales of many valuable town and rural properties, and at prices that have proved satisfactory to those who purchased. Many purchasers to whom the Goolsby Realty Company sold have made large profits on their investments.

The company now has many valuable properties for sale.



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**SEAVER & MORRIS**

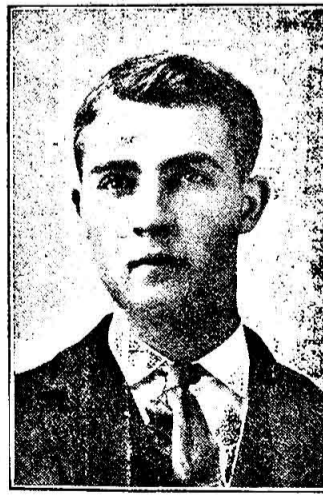
**UNDERTAKERS AND EMBALMERS**

The firm of Seaver & Morris began business in Marion on December 1st, 1912. It is composed of W. C. Seaver and M. C. Morris. The senior member of the firm is a son of the late W. C. Seaver, and he received his training in the furniture and undertaking business from his father; and has been engaged in it since he was a boy thirteen years old, or for a period of forty-seven years. This warrants the statement that he is thoroughly trained and skilled in his profession.

**C. A. PICKLE & COMPANY**

**ONE OF LARGEST GROCERS**

Mr. A. P. Pickle, manager for C. A. Pickle & Co., came to Marion August 10th, 1896, and entered the grocery business in the stand now occupied by Scott



Bros. He, therefore, is the pioneer grocer of our city. In 1902 he moved to the present stand. He retired from business in 1909, entering again in 1913; and has through his courteous treatment and prompt attention to his customers built up a trade that is gratifying to his company. Mr. Pickle buys only the best goods that the markets afford, and there is never a complaint either of his goods not giving satisfaction or of the prices charged. The business done by them is one of the largest of any of the mercantile establishments in town and it is constantly increasing.

We want to buy all the Rabbits you can bring us. Will pay the top market price. D. H. Mitchell & Co.



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M. C. MORRIS

The junior member of the firm, M. C. Morris, had been engaged in the business for a number of years at Chilhowie, and for three years at Teas in the undertaking business, before he came to Marion. He went to New York last month to study embalming at The Renour School for Embalmers, the most noted embalmers' school in the United States. On Christmas Eve he got back from New York, bringing with him a diploma of the Renour School, certifying him a graduate in the profession.

The firm has been kept busy ever since it was formed.

**OLYMPIA CHRISTMAS.**

W. D. Crismond came home from Emory to spend the vacation with home folks. He was accompanied by his cousin, Marion Hull, from Emory. Mr. J. Ernest Wynn, of Tazewell, was visiting friends and relatives, mostly to see his best girl (Midge).

On Christmas day the Zion Sunday School gave a very pretty Christmas tree in honor of the children of the Sunday School. The children also gave us a very sweet entertainment in connection with the Christmas tree.

Misses Lelia and Virginia Honaker, the teachers of Zion High School, are spending the holidays with parents in Wytheville. We regret very much Miss Virginia is not coming back, but will go to Harrisonburg Normal School the rest of this session.

Miss Tommie Reeves has been very much indisposed for some time. There has been talk of her going to Roanoke for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crismond entertained at their country home on last Saturday evening, from four until twelve in honor of their son, Defaw, who returned home from Emory and Henry to spend the merry yuletide with home folks. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Crismond, Misses Tommie, Minnie and Helen Reeves and Miss Annie Gwynn. Mr. Marion Hull, of Emory, and Mr. J. Ernest Wynn, of Tazewell, were also present and all reported a most enjoyable time.

Miss Annie Gwynn spent a part of the yuletide with the Misses Reeves. The Misses Reeves had as their guests Friday night Miss Annie Gwynn, Mr. Walter Campbell, Defaw Crismond, of Rich Valley, Mr. J. Ernest Wynn, of Tazewell, J. M. Hughes, Jr., of North Holston and Marion Hall, of Emory.

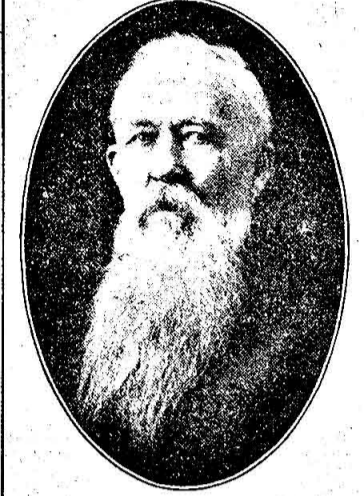
Mr. J. M. Daughton bought from the farmers of this section a drove of horses.

**MARION FOUNDRY AND MACHINE WORKS**

By Succession the Oldest Enterprise in Smyth County

The Marion Foundry and Machine Works, by succession, is the oldest industrial enterprise in Smyth county, save one, the Mathieson Alkali Works.

When the county was formed and the town located, in 1832, William Humes had a cotton mill at the present location of the Marion Foundry and Machine Works. The building he occupied still stands, and is used as a mill for grinding corn and other purposes. The cotton mill was afterwards owned by



DR. JNO. S. APPERSON

Thompson Atkins and converted into a grist mill. For several years prior to 1860 it was owned and run by Henry Custer as a grist mill. He also operated a small linseed oil mill.

In 1860 Goodell & Quife purchased the property and converted it into a foundry and machine shop. They were operating it when the Civil War came on, and made rifles for Confederate soldiers, and possibly cannon balls for the Confederate government.

About 1870 G. G. Goodell, who had become sole owner of the property, converted the old cotton mill, and then grist mill, into a baryta mill, which he ran in connection with the foundry and machine shop.

About 1874 J. M. Luther purchased a half interest in the property and formed a partnership with Mr. Goodell, which was continued until Mr. Goodell's death in December, 1886. Subsequent to that the enterprise was run by J. M. Luther and others until 1901, when Dr.



T. W. LUMSDEN

John S. Apperson and Thomas W. Lumsden purchased the property. They ran it until 1906 under the name of Marion Foundry and Milling Company.

In 1906 the Marion Foundry and Machine Works was incorporated under the laws of the State and took over the property.

The new corporation purchased the lot on the opposite side of the foundry, just north of Foundry street, whereon formerly stood the G. G. Goodell residence, and there erected extensive buildings that are now used for the machine shop, wagon factory, car repair shop and the general manufacturing purposes of the company. A siding from the Marion & Rye Valley Railroad was put in, leading to the shops, and a locomotive, placed for use in repairing locomotives. The repair work for this end of the Marion & Rye Valley Rail-

road has since been done at these shops. The plant has been developed into one of the most complete and valuable of its kind in Virginia.



R. A. ANDERSON

The works have a capacity of five hundred wagons annually, and these wagons have gained a great reputation, because of their superior quality. The capacity of the foundry and machine shops is proportionately as large as that of the wagon department.

Dr. Jno. S. Apperson, one of the most energetic and capable citizens Marion has ever had, was practically

the creator of the enterprise.

The present officers are: B. F. Buchanan, president; W. F. Culbert, vice-president; R. A. Anderson, secretary; T. W. Lumsden, treasurer and general manager.

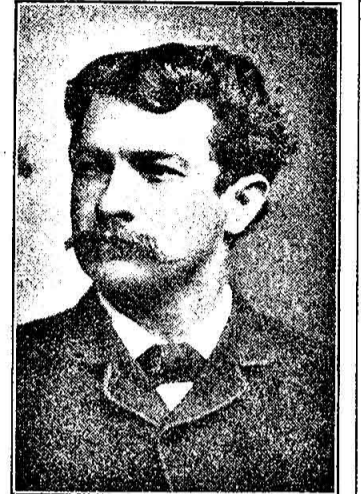
**J. L. THORNTON & CO.**

**ONE OF LEADING MERCHANTS**

J. L. Thornton is the senior member of J. L. Thornton & Co. Mr. Thornton came to Marion in 1881 and opened a photograph gallery, and in 1883 he purchased the mercantile business, then owned by Iron & Neighbors. He conducted the two enterprises, jointly, for a number of years.

In 1892 he built the building he now occupies, and has since that time been continuously conducting a mercantile business. He discontinued his photograph gallery in the year 1894.

Mr. Thornton, as will be seen from the above dates, is one of the pioneer merchants of our town, and his reasonable prices, high grade of goods, and



courteous treatment to his customers has not only held his old friends in line, but has continually increased his trade, until now he is one of the leaders in the business here. He has been ably assisted in his store, both in the selection and dispensing of goods, by his wife. Mrs. Thornton has practically had charge of the store since the establishment of the Marion Bottling Works in 1905. She, by her skill, and knowledge of dry goods and notions, has wonderfully improved these lines, and all the latest styles and fabrics are now to be found in their shelves.

**MARION BOTTLING WORKS**

In the year 1905 Mr. Thornton established the Marion Bottling Works. He began in the right way and manufactured only the best drinks. This proved to be a wise and profitable investment and he has added all the modern improvements and enlarged his plant until at present it is one of the best equipped in the State, and has a capacity of 250 crates daily. The method employed in cleaning the bottles is positive assurance of the perfect sanitary condition of the products. At first they are placed in a large tank and boiled until every microbe or sediment is destroyed, then each one is washed with an automatic brush and thoroughly rinsed in pure water. The water used in the manufacturing of the various drinks is known to be the purest in the State. It is conveyed by pipe direct from the town's own springs, a distance of four miles, and there is no possible way for it to become polluted.

Mr. Thornton has been traveling and selling his own products. His son, B. B. Thornton, is in charge of the factory and is an expert at the business. He has been in the employ of the Lemon-Kola factory at Roanoke for some time, and enjoys the distinction of having bottled the first bottle of Lemon-Kola.

This factory is manufacturing the various kinds of pop, but their leaders, Lemon-Kola and Ginger Ale, are receiving most careful attention. The Lemon-Kola is in great demand and it looks as if it is destined to replace the one beverage—Coco Cola—that has had the monopoly for years. The Ginger Ale is made of distilled water and they invite comparison with any other manufactured in the South.

**J. H. PARKS, AMONG**

**PROSPEROUS MERCHANTS**

Mr. J. H. Parks is now conducting one of the leading grocery establishments in our town and is receiving a patronage that is most gratifying to



him. He began business in 1907 in a small building that stood on the lot where Hutton's building now stands. Beginning with what may be termed a handful of groceries, he has gradually added to his stock until now he is one of the foremost merchants. In 1909 he moved to the stand now occupied by C. A. Pickle & Co., and remained there for two years. He moved to his present stand in 1911.

Mr. Parks has recently had the interior of his building repainted and it is one of the neatest and most sanitary storerooms in the town. He is courteous to all his customers and has given them the best goods at reasonable prices.



D. H. MITCHELL COMPANY

**D. H. MITCHELL COMPANY**

**CLOSES MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

The D. H. Mitchell Co., Inc., has just closed the most successful year since it began business in 1897.

Mr. Mitchell came to Marion nearly seventeen years ago, and opened a general mercantile business in the old Venable stand near the N. & W. Ry. freight depot. He bought in large quantities tan bark, mining timber, produce, herbs and wool and at that time was the largest shipper of such articles in the Southwest.

In April, 1908, the above corporation was formed and chartered under the laws of this State. The business grew rapidly and in order to keep up with their growth they were compelled to seek new and larger quarters. In a short time after incorporating they began the erection of the handsome new building they now occupy and moved in it in April, 1909. Country produce is still handled by them but the wool business continues to be their mainstay. They have the distinction of being the leading wool shippers of this entire section. The highest market price is paid for both produce and wool. An able and experienced staff of clerks is employed by this concern and every customer, no matter how small, is treated with the utmost courtesy and most careful attention.

This company, whose name indicates its purpose, that is, selling and buying real estate and making loans, was formed less than two months ago; and has been doing an excellent business. Several large sales of real estate have already been made, and others are in sight. Messrs. D. H. Mitchell and J. H. Howard constitute the company. Both of these are hustling business men.

**MARION REALTY AND LOAN COMPANY**

Last week Mr. Howard made a visit to Harford town and Harford county, Maryland. There he secured for listing with his company a number of splendid farms. These will be announced and described in the next issue of THE AMERICAN. Mr. Howard says Harford county and town are the most beautiful places he ever saw, and prosperity was witnessed everywhere.

**THE WAR OF BUSINESS**

**Clear Eye, Strong Arm, Good Health, Are Secrets of Success**

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LEAVE MARION, VA., DAILY  
East Bound  
7:55 a. m. for East Radford, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Richmond, Norfolk and Hagerstown. Parlor Cars to Richmond, Pullman Sleepers Roanoke to New York via Hagerstown and Harrisburg, Dining Cars to Hagerstown.  
6:58 p. m. daily for Norfolk, Pullman Sleeper to Norfolk and Roanoke to Richmond.

1:50 p. m. daily for all points east. Sleeper E. Radford to Philadelphia. Cafe Car to Shenandoah connection at Walton 5:50 p. m. with St. Louis Express for all points West and Northwest. Pullman Sleepers. Cafe Car.

**NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION**  
7:55 a. m. daily and 7:00 p. m. except Sunday for Ivanhoe, Galax and Friday.

**WEST BOUND**  
7:55 a. m. for Bristol and intermediate points. Pullman Sleeper.  
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