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## DANCE VIOLATES HEALTH LAWS

Rev. Mr. Arrowood Speaks Very Plainly in Sunday Sermon on "The Christian and His Amusements."

Quite a sensation has been created in town by the sermon delivered in the Presbyterian church last Sunday by the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Arrowood. The subject of his sermon was "The Christian and His Amusements." Mr. Arrowood dealt at length with the modern dances, paying particular attention to certain dances that have taken place in this town and community. According to reports there was a recent dance at Tip Top Springs, where it is said that a number of the men in attendance partook too freely of the brew of the moon-shiner and were consequently soon in a condition that should have forbid their association in polite society.

of the young men seem to go together. They go together here in Tazewell. They go together everywhere. Why is it that young men who would not think of taking a drink of liquor before going to call on their girl friends, or before attending any other social function, will take a drink before and during a dance? Oh! there's something wrong with the dance. According to social purity. Mr. T. A. Faulkner, a converted dancing master, and ex-president of the Dancing Masters' Association of the Pacific Coast has written a book called "From the Ball-room to Hell." This book ought to be in the hands of every mother and of every woman who sees no harm in the dance. He knows what he is talking about and he says in one place, "If you have the choice of a saloon for your son and a select dancing school for your daughter, I beseech you in the name of God place your son in the saloon and keep your daughter out of the dancing school."

The modern dance is not a moral institution. It is immoral in its tendencies. It is the breeding place for unclean thoughts and unclean acts. Honestly do you think it is a proper amusement for a Christian?

The telephone is no longer a mere luxury. It has become an absolute necessity. A chapter might be written on its uses—and abuses as well. Several people were talking the other day, and here are some of the things they said about the phone: "I called three times, the other day, before I could get central. I was in a hurry, so I made me mad." Perhaps "central" was crowded with calls, and did the best she could. "Another said: 'I got central all right, but the number I called failed to answer. After ringing and ringing and waiting, he finally answered. Perhaps he had a good excuse for keeping me waiting.' Another said: 'I called twice and central replied, lines busy.' I learned that a lot of people were using the phone for nothing in particular." And so it goes. The idea is, put as little in the way of quick communication as possible. The phone is used, generally by people who do not care to take time to write or call. Answer promptly when your bell rings. Use the phone when necessary. It was put in to be used.

And, if you happen not to have a phone put in. Every new phone put in increases the usefulness and value of the entire line, but does not, however, reduce the cost. The "retail price" remains the same.

Dr. Crowe To Remain. The last quarterly conference for this year was held last Thursday night in the Methodist church here and the Rev. Jno. M. Crowe was requested by a vote of the conference, Rev. J. E. Wolfe, presiding, to remain as pastor another year. This does not mean that it is fixed, for in the cabinet of the Holston Annual Conference to meet Oct. 8th, in Princeton, Va., changes may be necessary and there are other important churches open to Dr. Crowe. He says he has never sought and never declined an appointment in his life and never will.



CLAIRE LILLIAN PETELER and SIBYL SANDERSON FAGAN are coming!

The celebrated concert soprano will appear jointly with the talented whistler,—in New Theatre Friday Evening September 5. It will be an invitation concert. "The Phonograph with a Soul" will assist. This appearance of the great concert artistes in Tazewell is the event of the season for lovers of good music.

FREE TICKETS. Call, write or telephone me for free tickets of admittance. They will be issued in order of application.

H. W. POBST.



## CANDIDATES ARE STILL COMING OUT

The "Dear Voter" Has a Very Larger List to Select From When He Goes to Cast His Vote in November.

There appears to be no end to the depredations of the political boss in these parts. In this week's issue of the News will be found additional announcements for county and district offices.

K. C. Patty, the young lawyer of Graham, who recently returned from France where he served honorably as a volunteer with the American Expeditionary Force, and helped "make the world safe for democracy," announces that he is a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney for this county, and asks the voters to give him a hearing.

Attorney Charles Chilton Payne, of Tazewell, announces that he also inspires to the same office, and calls on his friends to show their friendship for the candidate. Mr. Payne is a native of this county, and has many promises of support from unexpected sources.

J. A. Payne, of Horsepen Cove, states that he is a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue for Clear Fork District, and thinks his chances of election are good.

Other announcements are forthcoming. The fight is a free-for-all. Neither of the political parties have seen fit (or dared, which?) to endorse any of the candidates, and consequently each voter is privileged to vote as he pleases. There is no obligation on his part to support any candidate or any set of candidates. A view of the peculiar condition in Tazewell County politics is difficult for the prognosticators to prognosticate. Partisan politics is cutting no figure whatever. Die-in-the-wood Republicans are working for the election of Wilson Democrats, and free-trade Democrats are working for the election of high tariff Republicans. So there you are. There's no telling what will happen in November. It is a free-for-all.

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## "Jail Robber" In Town.

James Knox Smith, the colored lawyer and jail robber of Keystone, W. Va., was in Tazewell for several days this week attending court. He was raised in Tazewell, and takes every opportunity to return to his native heath. Jim States that Monday morning as he arose from his couch in Keystone, and prepared for the journey to Tazewell his son selected from his library of graphophone records, the famous old song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," and that never before had that old song carried him through the dim vista of years with such marked distinctiveness.

As the strains of the old melody were wafted on the breeze of the early morning air, visions of the Celligs, Smiths, and the older families of Tazewell, the days of chivalry, when knighthood was in flower, passed before him, he said, in kaleidoscopic panorama. As he neared the Tazewell county line and his eyes, dimmed with tears of fond remembrance, caught the vision of the Virginia bluegrass hills, the meadows of the golden grain, the fat cattle,—the atmosphere of congeniality and hospitality enveloped him as he passed through a fairy flower garden before the honey bees had waked to sip the buttercups and honey suckle of their sweetness. Smith is an "old Virginia nigger," and is proud of it. He was born and bred in this town three-quarters of a century back. He has practiced law in McDowell county for many years, and has lived in the town of Keystone a greater part of the time.

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## HOTEL CHANGES HANDS MONDAY

Architect Making Plans For Remodeling Old Part of Building For a Home For the New Bank.

Mrs. Mary Harman, of this town, will assume charge of the Jeffersonville Hotel Monday next, the first of September. The advertised sale of the hotel furniture, has been cancelled, the owners of the hotel agreeing to sell the whole of the furniture, and other paraphernalia, for the sum of \$600. Architect Henry Kiser has been here all this week making plans for the alteration of the old part of the hotel property, which will be occupied by the new bank. He will also make plans for the proposed changes in the present hotel property. It has been proposed that twenty four rooms be added to the rear of the new part of the hotel, and new furniture, heating plant, and certain alterations made which would make the hotel more convenient and attractive to guests. This latter change will probably not occur for sometime, as the promoters of the new bank hope to interest the public to the extent that a joint stock company can be formed, and the additions and alterations made under the supervision of the new company. The new bank, as an institution, will have no connection whatever, we are informed with the hotel.

So far as subscriptions to the capital stock is concerned, the organization of the new bank has been about perfected. There is much to be done yet, however, before the institution will be ready for business. A meeting of the stockholders will be called and officers elected. Furniture and fixtures will have to be secured, etc. One of the promoters of the new bank is authority for the statement that the public has been so eager to secure the stock that double the amount of the proposed stock could have been secured.

Reception To Returned Soldiers. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Harrison, of Thompson Valley, gave a reception to the returned soldiers of the community, on Saturday evening, Aug. 23rd. Each boy had the privilege of inviting the lady of his choice. At six o'clock dinner was served, consisting of boiled ham, turkey, and other things in proportion. The spacious dining room was beautifully decorated with ferns and pot-plant. It all made a picture, in deed, as the twenty soldiers, in uniforms, seated beside the "girl he left behind him," feasted on the things so bountifully spread before them.

The guests from a distance were, Miss Edith Lee of Anawalt, W. Va., Miss Lucille Thompson, of Tazewell, and Paula, Frank, and James Daniel, of Horsepen, W. Va.

The evening was pleasantly spent with music and games, and as they departed, each soldier realized that dreams do, sometimes, come true.

Mr. Patty Announces. This week's Clinch Valley News will carry the card of Attorney Kenneth C. Patty, of Graham, who announces himself a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney for Tazewell county in the election this fall.

Mr. Patty was recently elected chairman of the Democratic committee of Tazewell county, and since his election to that position he has been active in the promotion of party affairs, and it is understood that he contemplates an active campaign in his ambition to succeed Hon. J. W. Harman as the prosecuting attorney of the county. Mr. Patty has made quite a number of friends during his residence in Graham, who no doubt will be interested in his announcement. Harry Spratt, of Tazewell, is also a candidate for the same office, and his card appeared in the Tazewell paper some time since. Mr. Spratt, who is a son of Hon. W. B. Spratt, of Richlands, is a Republican and has played on the Blue-field baseball team, and later was in the big league for a while.

Both he and Mr. Patty are among the younger men of the Tazewell bar, and both are possessed of fine characters, capable and energetic and either would no doubt fill this responsible office with credit both to themselves and the grand old Commonwealth.—Graham Daily News.

The Bluefield Fair Next Week. Attention is called to the ad of the Bluefield Fair, which begins next Monday, extending through the 5th of the month.

According to statements made in these advertisements, the Fair this year will be of more than usual interest in the way of races, exhibitions etc. The flying machine will be an attractive proposition no doubt. Heretofore the airplane stunts at the county fairs have been disappointing, but it is confidently believed that the promise of a fine airplane exhibition by the management, will be fully met.

Of course many Tazewell people will attend the Fair as heretofore.

Typhoid Fever Patients. Mrs. Everett Edwards and a young child of Mrs. and Mrs. Lee Heddeth, have mild cases of fever. Mr. and Mrs. Vandyke who have been ill for several weeks, are now convalescent.

A Booze Court. This term of court will be known, chiefly, as "The Booze Term." It is a surprise as well as regret, that there are so many citizens of the county who have no respect for the laws of their country.

A Trundle Bed at Tannersville. In reply to last week's inquiry, Mr. Taylor, of Tannersville, writes: "Mr. Leslie: As to the trundle bed I have one I guess is 75 years old. I slept on it when a boy. I also have two spinning wheels, one reel, two wax twines, and a loom, that I know are more than 100 years old. These I will keep till I am put under the sod. I want my kids to keep them as relics." Yours, W. S. TAYLOR.

## Auto Thief Is Killed.

Wise County officials late Tuesday afternoon established the identity of the body discovered late Monday night near Tacoma, Va., on the Clinch Valley, as Charles Poindexter of Wise Court House, according to reports reaching here.

The arrest of one person who is thought to have been in the automobile which turned over a high embankment and landed on the railroad killing Poindexter, was reported at noon Tuesday. This arrest was effected by Norton police near the coke ovens at that place Tuesday morning.

The young man held by the Norton authorities pending the investigation is said to have been bareheaded at the time of his arrest. It is thought he was the owner of one of the caps found near the wrecked automobile by section men late Monday night.

Apparently authentic information received here was to the effect that the automobile had been driven into Norton Monday evening by a traveling salesman from Tennessee. He had placed it in a garage, leaving his coat in the car. The car was stolen from the garage and it is thought Poindexter and two other parties were making their get-away when the accident occurred. Poindexter was wearing the salesman's coat at the time of his tragic death, it was said.

Hundreds of persons visited the scene of the accident Tuesday. The body was not identified until after it had been removed to Norton Tuesday afternoon. The body was found in a ditch and the automobile was completely wrecked and broken up. The accident happened at the exact spot where an automobile went over the edge, killing a railroad brakeman.

Persons who were on the scene Tuesday say the automobile would have landed at least seventy-five feet from the county road had it not been struck and crushed by the locomotive.—Bluefield Daily Telegraph.

New Paper for Tazewell (?). Tazewell, it is learned, is to have a new weekly newspaper, and the initial issue is to appear soon. The new publication will espouse the cause of the G. O. P., and will be edited by "Blunk" Harrison, a Tazewell young man, with the assistance of other able scribes. It is understood here that the printing plant of Colonel W. C. O'Brien, the former editor of the "Tazewell Republican" has been purchased by the promoters of the new weekly.

Birthday Celebration. Mrs. Amanda Barnett celebrated her 72nd birthday on last Sunday, Aug. 24. Her Sunday school class were the guests with a few of her other special friends. A few of those present were: Mrs. C. B. O'Brien, Misses Ada and Rosa Burton, George Repass, Emma Dillow and Myrtle Wagner, Mrs. R. C. Cooper, Mrs. Tom Vost, Mrs. J. W. Vost, Mr. Felix Bourne, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Repass, Mrs. A. L. Repass, Mrs. Henry Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Brien, and Mrs. Holbrook. Quite a sumptuous dinner of boiled ham, baked chicken, rice, cream and cake was served. Every one present enjoyed the day. She received several nice presents. All present wish her many more birthdays just like that one.

Honorable Martin Williams Here. The Honorable Martin Williams, of Pearisburg, for a representative in the General Assembly of Virginia from this county and district and one of the best informed men in the state, author of a number of good and wholesome provisions in the Statute books of the state, was here this week attending Judge Kopley's court. He was asked to express himself on the work of the present special session of the Legislature. This is about what he said: "Of course this legislature was called for the one purpose of shipping legislation up to meet the Federal appropriation for road building. There has grown up a controversy, as I understand it, between the Governor and the Good Roads Association of the state, as to the amount of taxes now to be levied, the Governor contending that a levy of 10 cents on the \$100 worth of property, together with an increase of the automobile tax, will be sufficient to meet the demands; the Good Roads people contending, that even though the tax be 10c, yet we should levy a tax of 15c at once in order to carry out the Good Roads program mapped out by the Association. I do not hesitate to say, that I agree with the Governor.

No taxes should be levied that are not necessary. I fear, before we get through with this good roads agitation that the tax payers of the state will murmur that a great deal of money has been raised and expended unnecessarily.

The League of Nations. "You ask me what I think of The League of Nations," said Judge Williams. "I will say, that as a result of the war the world is left in chaos. New boundary lines now constitute new nations, new and mixed languages, new religion, new social and economic conditions have risen inside of these boundaries. All of these conditions must be harmonized, and order brought out of chaos. The best talent of the world has adopted what is known as the League of Nations, as the only medium thru which we can reach this goal. Whilst certain amendments might be made I would regret to see party politics come in and defeat a great world scheme without offering a suitable substitute."

The Cool Wave. The mercury dropped this week to a degree which looked alarming. Overcasts and fogs were in order. The farmers with late corn are apprehensive. However, the weather man has promised warmer weather next week.

In Honor Of Miss Graham. Judge and Mrs. S. C. Graham were at home on Monday evening in honor of Miss Jessie Graham who returned from overseas on Sunday. She received a hearty welcome from the many friends who called. Mrs. Graham was assisted in receiving by Mrs. B. W. Stras, Mrs. P. D. Johnson and Miss Myovila Gillespie. Mrs. H. E. Harman and Mrs. Sam D. May presided over the punch bowl.

Family Reunion. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Becker, Petersburg, and their two children, are visiting Mrs. Becker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds. Mrs. Barbara Reynolds Carr, is also on a visit to the old home.

Mr. Combs and wife and children, of Grundy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss are expected home today, and a lively good time is expected in the Reynolds home next Sunday. The editor is thinkin' of inviting himself to be present.

## LARGE CROWDS ATTEND COURT

Many Witnesses Before Grand Jury, Investigating Alleged Violations of Virginia's Prohibition Laws.

One of the largest crowds that has attended court here for some time was here this week. The grand jury investigation of liquor cases was responsible for many of the people coming to town. Up to noon yesterday few indictments had been returned. It is rumored that the Tip Top dance investigation will not develop anything out of the ordinary, and that many other alleged violations of the prohibition laws, after investigation, have failed to develop sufficient evidence to warrant indictments.

These gentlemen compose the grand jury: Geo. A. Martin, P. G. Baugh, C. M. Nash, Chapman H. Peery, Watson Stowers, Thos. Harrison, T. H. Gillespie, W. B. Steele, J. D. Peery, The petit jury: Fred Gillespie, John I. Hill, H. P. Bowling, F. M. Elskwick, Jas. H. Beavers, E. Arms, Wm. M. Munday, Wm. A. Thompson, R. Frank Spence, Archie Thompson, W. J. Sparks, Stafford Hassnake, Geo. W. Crabtree, Mustafa Pruitt, Giles L. French, H. J. Hovory.

As the grand jury had made no reports up to noon yesterday, the petit jury had not been empanelled.

Some Of Those Who Were Here. Court week brought a large number of the "sovereign voters" and some not waters, to town. A number of the boys, called at Headquarters—some to draw a horse and to pay payment of their tuition in this School of Light and Learning, others, like Isiah Harry, only to talk and gas, and take up the editors time. He generally talks well, and for this and other reasons not necessary to state is tolerated, always a welcome visitor. A. W. Horton, Raven, and C. S. Paulker, "The Top," were among the editors' friends to call and pay tuition. These two boys are mentioned in connection for the reason that they are the tallest young bucks in the county, and no akin either to our friend "Bill" Jones. Tazewell's tall Sycamores "of the Wabash" are generally speaking fine fellows, but better when they are asleep than at any other time. Jim Bowman and Rev. Meadows, a candidate for Commissioner, were here, from Horse Pen Cove. S. G. Peery, a son of the late James Peery, of Liberty Hill, called to get a receipt for his dues. He is much mused up by rheumatism. Horton, from Alfredton, and his pastor, Rev. Mr. Tiller, were callers. Tiller had a nice lot of stationery made, and Horton, who is a candidate for Supervisor in his district, said he was certain, beyond all doubt, to hear the horn blow in November.

Watson Stowers was here also. He was a witness before the grand jury. On Wednesday his wife and her neighbor, Mrs. Wilson, came along to keep on eye on Watson, and do some shopping and see to it that Watson did not drive his car over the editor, as he came near doing on one occasion, making it necessary for the editor to take him down about two notches.

Theo. Armes, Baptist Valley, a nephew of the late Theo. Armes, and W. E. Taber, of Boissevane, a son of the late James Taber, of Thompson Valley, and Geo. W. Gillespie, Jr., left several hat-wings on the editor, and others did the same. H. J. Hovory, a good farmer of Hovory, dropped in to pay J. D. Taber's subscription.

These are some of the boys who rubbed elbows with the editor on Tuesday. Space has run out.

Announcement Party. A most delightful social affair was that given Miss Evelyn McCall last Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kiser at North Tazewell when the announcement of her approaching marriage to Mr. Bano G. Peery was made known. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Kiser and Miss Lyde McCall and conducted to the library, where they were served punch by Mrs. Geo. R. McCall, of Raven, and Mrs. Garland Peery, of North Tazewell. The guests were then shown to another room, where a huge basket, from which was hanging a ribbon for each guest, was placed on a table. The visitors were asked each to pull a ribbon, which was done and a heart was withdrawn from the basket, on which was inscribed the names of the Miss McCall and Mr. Peery. Congratulations were then in order, and of course the good advice of the many friends of the popular young lady was freely offered.

How to Manage a Husband, a prevalent dominated in the list of good counsel given, which, was freely accepted by the bride-to-be. The color scheme was yellow and white. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Kiser was decorated in golden glow and wild carot.

Marriage Tomorrow. Miss Sarah Elizabeth Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Ward, will be married tomorrow morning at ten o'clock at the bride's home on Pine Street to William Ralph Bullard, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Bullard. Rev. Mr. Bullard will officiate, and will be assisted by the Rev. W. W. Arrowood. Mr. and Mrs. Bullard will leave after the marriage for Bluefield and will take an east bound train for New York, where Mr. Bullard has lucrative work.

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