

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Machine Shop News

Messrs. G. E. Biddix, of the Carbon Plant, and W. O. Young, Engineer, went opossum hunting Saturday night, and caught a skunk; and it is reported that their wives met them, on their return, at the front door, and turned them back.

Mr. S. A. Graham, from Wilmington, Del., formerly with the Hercular Power Company, is with us as a new recruit for the Drafting Department.

Mr. W. G. Nelson has returned from the army, and is now holding the position of Time Check in the Mechanical Department.

Mr. J. C. Taylor has returned from overseas, and has resumed his position as Chief Draftsman for the Machine Shop.

Ask Mr. Erb, of the Drafting Department, what the girls have to say about kissing a young man without a mustache.

Mr. J. L. Book, father of our townsman Mr. P. E. Book, has resumed charge of the Machinery Spare Parts Room.

Mr. A. J. Slater, formerly Chief Draftsman, left last Monday to accept a position at Niagara Falls.

Mr. H. M. Linn has returned from College Training Camp, and has joined the mechanical forces.

Ask J. R. Cherry and W. C. Pope why they have quit opossum hunting moonlight nights.

Falls News

The Hardaway Contracting Company has about finished their work on the dam and powerhouse, and are now dismantling their equipment, such as derricks, bridges, temporary buildings, etc. The contractor's crew's disappearance from the Falls scenery gives more room for the Tallassee Power Company's forces, who in increasing numbers are pushing the job to completion.

Good progress is being made on both the powerhouse and the flood gates. The powerhouse brickwork and roofing will be finished by the first of February. Nine of the flood gates are assembled in place, and are being riveted together at the rate of about one per week. Also all the intake gates are finished and in place.

Mr. E. W. Vanskoik, who has been suffering a nervous breakdown as a consequence of a perturbing case of influenza, has returned for a recuperative period to his home in Friendship, N. Y.

Mr. A. J. Hutchinson, representing the Richardson-Phoenix Lubricating Company, has been at the Falls for several days, superintending the installation of the oiling system.

Mr. W. D. Kennedy, of Winston-Salem, has accepted a position with the Company, and is working in the cost keeping department.

Carbon Plant Notes

Much has been said and written about our gallant and shrewd Police Department, but the writer begs to be given enough space to tell of one of their recent exploits.

The High Chief, ever alert to having one put over on him, and to the keeping of the community free from the evil and debasing effects of anything stronger than water, smelled a mouse. An extraordinarily heavy trunk was unloaded from an incoming train, and placed in the baggage room. Now the nature of the job to be done required a man possessing bravery and tact. It also required that he be agile, and handy with his shooting iron. After prolonged meditation, the High Chief despatched Sherlock Ferris, one of his shrewdest and most trustworthy sleuths, to the scene, with orders to guard the "heavy trunk." After having stood guard for some twelve hours, the supposed owner of the mysterious "heavy trunk" arrived to take it away. The moment he exposed the check that corresponded to the one on the "heavy trunk," he felt the cruel hand of law fall on his shoulders. The unfortunate was no other than "Rich," carrier of biscuits and coffee for the Badin Club, who had been sent down by the owner of the trunk, Mr. Prichett, to transfer same to the Club. Sherlock Ferris demanded that the trunk be

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