Lynchburg, Roanoke, Alexandria, Richmond, Norfolk, and Newport News grew rapidly because of the railroad. These cities bustled with activity as the railroad brought new jobs and people. After the Civil War and Reconstruction, the need for more and better roads increased. Maggie L. Walker was the first African American woman to become a bank president in the United States. She was also the first woman to become a bank president. After Civil War and Reconstruction, coal deposits were discovered in Tazewell County and then in nearby counties. The coal industry grew and became a source of income for the residents of Southwest Virginia.