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**POWHATAN.**  
[LAWRENCE COUNTY.]

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There is much talk among the county officials of erecting an iron bridge across the river at this place. The cost is estimated at about \$15,000.

The county court at its last session appropriated \$10,000 for the building of a court-house at this place on the site of the old one which was destroyed by fire three years ago. Mr. James P. Coffin was appointed commissioner of public buildings and will receive bids and specifications until the 5th of December next.

Considerable excitement prevails here over the discovery of silver on the land of Mr. S. O. Holloway, one mile north of this place. It was found at the depth of sixty feet. The assay was made at New Orleans, which showed \$22,60 of silver per ton. It is believed by many that very rich deposits of silver exist in this vicinity. Many years ago the Indians declared that the "white man could find more silver under the ground than he could make on top of it by tilling the soil." There is a legend that they once operated silver mines near here, and upon the eve of leaving the country about the year 1825 they covered up all traces of them. It is said the silver was found in "pockets" among "box rock."