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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## WILL ADDRESS SCHOOLS

Assistant Health Commissioner To Spend Next Week Lecturing to Schools.

An itinerary that will cover the schools of the county and which includes addresses before the joint session of the Farmers' Institute and the Patrons' League is planned by Dr. A. W. Freeman, an assistant commissioner of health, who is sent here from Richmond by the State Commissioner of Health. Mr. George G. Tyler, superintendent of the county schools, has received word to that effect from Richmond. The addresses made by Dr. Freeman will be given with special reference to sanitation and health topics including the value of medical inspection of schools.

Dr. Freeman will be accompanied by Prof. Binford, secretary of the Cooperative Education Society of Virginia, who will speak in behalf of School League work. Mr. Tyler will accompany and introduce the speakers at the schools.

### FIRST VISIT TO WOODBRIDGE.

Dr. Freeman will make his first address Monday afternoon, January 25, at Woodbridge. Mr. Binford will be unable to join Dr. Freeman at this point but he will join Dr. Freeman at Bethel Consolidated School Tuesday afternoon where both will speak. Minnieville and Woodbine schools will also be visited on Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon Nokesville school will be visited and on the night of the same day the Greenwich school will have a chance to hear the speakers. After visiting a few schools on Thursday, a meeting will be held at Cathart that night. Friday the visitors will be in Manassas and addresses will be made at the meeting of the Farmers' Institute. At night Haymarket will be visited and on Saturday the final talks will be given at Clifton Station either in the afternoon or at night.

## R. M. A. FAILS AT FINISH

Randolph-Macon Academy Beats Local High Basketball Quint 27 to 20.

The Manassas High School basketball team journeyed up to Front Royal last Saturday meeting the quint of Randolph-Macon Academy and they were forced to return with the short end of a 27 to 20 score. Superior passing and teamwork accounted for their defeat. The local team showed good individual work and flashes of fine playing but as a whole they put up a ragged contest. When the game first began, Manassas started with a rush and, putting their opponents on the defensive, soon had the count 6 to 0 in their favor. R. M. A. took a brace and fought hard, the half ending with the score 13 to 10 in their favor. Randolph-Macon started the second period as though they were going to roll up a big score but about the middle of the half Manassas got together and came within one point of tying the score. The needed "punch" was lacking however, and R. M. A. added three field goals to their total just before the timer's whistle closed the game. R. M. A. Position M. H. S. Cutler, R. F. Green Pearce, L. F. Wilcox Adams, Center Lynch Peters, R. G. Williams Will, L. G. Rexrode

Substitutions—Doyle for Adams, W. Cutler for Peters, Wagner for Will. Goals from floor—Pearce (6), E. Cutler (4), Wagner (2), Doyle, Green (4), Wilcox (2), Williams. Free tosses—E. Cutler, Wilcox (2). Referee—Mr. Hopkins. Time of halves—20 minutes.

## The Teacher's Boarding Place.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—Governor Henry Stuart, in addressing the State Teachers' Association in Richmond, said:

"I have seen teachers come as strangers into a community, and everybody would be figuring how in the world they could get rid of boarding the poor girl, passing her around as sort of plague instead of stretching out the hand of fellowship and making her a part of the community."

One of the most serious troubles experienced by Virginia teachers is that of securing boarding places. One young lady using a crutch, had to walk two miles to school past comfortable homes nearer the school. Each year a number of teachers give up positions because of their inability to find satisfactory homes.

In the larger schools it has been suggested that the trustees build a home for the teachers; but this is impractical for the one and two room schools. Therefore the State Association urges school officials and patrons everywhere to assist teachers in securing comfortable boarding places.

## MAY ENTER CORN SHOW

Large Attendance Expected in Warrenton Next Week at Corn and Poultry Show.

The seventh annual show of the Virginia Corn Growers' Association at Warrenton next Wednesday and Thursday promises to be attended by farmers from all over the state and many entries have been received by the officials in charge of the work. The fourth annual exhibition of poultry fanciers under the management of the Warrenton Poultry Association will also take place from January 26 to 29 inclusive.

Mr. E. R. Hodgson, associate professor of agronomy at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and secretary and treasurer of the Association gives out the following statement in reference to the purposes of the Association: "This association was organized at Blacksburg, January 21, 1909, and its objects are: "To establish improved breeds and types of corn which shall in the best possible way meet the needs of the Virginia farmers.

"To promote the growing of pure-bred corn throughout the state.

"To furnish a means by which valuable native varieties of corn which show purity of breeding, may be recognized as pure-bred.

"To protect farmers who desire to purchase pure-bred seed by supplying such information as will enable them to distinguish the different brands, or strains, of corn, and furnish them with the names of reliable growers.

"To hold an annual corn show and to further in any way possible the corn growing interests of the state.

"To establish a score card, or a standard of perfection."

Though this association has only been in existence since 1909 it has nearly 200 members scattered throughout Virginia. There are two forms of membership issued; one for life at \$5, with an annual dues, and the other ordinary membership at \$1, with annual dues of 50 cents.

The objects of this association should appeal to every farmer in the state, and they are urged to join in helping to make Virginia the greatest corn growing state south of the corn belt. A catalogue and premium list of the show at Warrenton may be had by addressing the secretary at Blacksburg.

Wheat brought \$1.00 a bushel on the Chicago market yesterday.

## HONOR SOUTHERN HEROES

Lee-Jackson Celebration Held at Ruffner Building to Observe Birthdays.

The 108th anniversary of the birthday of Robert E. Lee and the celebration of the birthday of General Stonewall Jackson, were observed Tuesday at the Ruffner school building. The exercises were held under the direction of the Manassas Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Dr. H. L. Quarles, chaplain of Ewell Camp, C. V., presided. The exercises opened with General Lee's favorite hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," followed by a poem written by Dr. H. M. Clarkson, post-laureate of the Confederacy, entitled the "Southern Flags."

The poem was read by Mr. A. H. Compton. The principal addresses were made by Rev. T. D. D. Clark, on "Lee, the Virginian," and Rev. E. A. Roads, who told some interesting reminiscences of the war.

The Southern Cross of Honor was conferred upon Mr. James R. Pearson of Hoadley. A framed portrait of General Jackson was presented to the Chapter by Mrs. C. E. Brawner. The gift was one of the wedding presents received by Mrs. Brawner 40 years ago from Prof. Gravett, who lived in Manassas for some time after the war. The musical numbers included a solo by Rev. Mr. Clark, several selections by the Manassas school children, and "Dixie" by the entire assemblage.

## QUIET WEDDING CEREMONY

Miss Est Elliot Becomes the Bride of Mr. James W. Birkett On Wednesday.

A quiet wedding, in which the participants are descendants of old and prominent families of Prince William county, occurred at noon on Wednesday in Washington at Trinity Episcopal church, 3rd street and Indiana avenue, when the Rev. G. W. VanFossen united Miss Betty Elliot and Mr. James W. Birkett in marriage. The ceremony consisted of the simple, and yet impressive marriage ritual of the Episcopal church and was witnessed by a few friends and relatives of the couple. Miss Elliot is the daughter of Mrs. Bessie A. Elliot, who lives at Milford, and Mr. Birkett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Birkett, of Alexandria. After a short honeymoon the young couple will return to the home of the bride's mother.

Those who were present at the marriage were: Dr. Lewis, of Alexandria, who was best man; Miss Santa Shaver, of Washington; Miss Lizzie Davis, of Bristow, and Miss May Birkett, of Alexandria.

The young couple are well known in Manassas, Alexandria and Washington. Miss Elliot was graduated from St. Edith Academy, near Bristow, and attended Eastern College, at Front Royal, for two years. Mr. Birkett received his education in Washington schools and at William and Mary College. He is engaged at present in farming near Milford. The young couple have many friends in this section and are popular among the society folk of Alexandria.

## WHAT \$10 WILL DO.

If the people of this country would save during the year 1915 an average of \$10 per capita, the grand total at the end of the first twelve months would be the magnificent sum of One Billion Dollars.—Ex.

## INSTITUTE MEETS FRIDAY

To Hold Joint Session With Patrons' League—Speakers to Address Meeting.

Friday, January 29, the Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia, cooperating with the Patrons' League of Prince William County will hold a meeting at the courthouse, in Manassas, devoted to sanitation and health, medical inspection in schools, and the cooperation of the Patrons' League throughout the county.

Dr. A. W. Freeman, of the State Department of Health, and Prof. J. H. ... of the Cooperative Education Society of Virginia, will be the main speakers. Their addresses will deal with the above topics. Every member of the Farmers' Institute, of the Patrons' League and everyone interested in these subjects are earnestly requested to be present and profit by the lessons which these gentlemen will teach. It is especially requested that the people of Manassas attend this meeting.

The domestic science class under the direction of Miss Lulu D. Metz will serve an oyster dinner at the Ruffner building and those attending the institute are cordially invited to take dinner.

Don't forget what the meeting is about, who the speakers are and where the meeting is to be held. Above all do not stay home. Come. C. H. Y., Jr.

## MRS. W. G. BAILEY DIES

Funeral Held at Oakdale Church Yesterday—Buried in Oakdale Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Wellington G. Bailey, of Nokesville, whose death occurred on Tuesday morning resulting from a complication of diseases, was held yesterday at the Oakdale church, the Rev. J. R. Brill, of the U. B. parsonage at Aden, officiating. The burial took place in the Oakdale cemetery. She was 61 years old and had spent most of her life in Prince William county. Before her marriage she was Miss Sarah Sanford. Her mother was buried two years ago, lacking a day.

She is survived by her husband, nine daughters, Mrs. Brown Halterman, Mrs. Melvin Dowling, both of Bristow; Mrs. Dorothy Wright, Mrs. James Arnold, Mrs. Gallahan, all of Aden; Mrs. Wilbur King, of Nokesville; the Misses Cora, Ollie and Emma, who live at the home near Nokesville, and three sons, Messrs. Walter, Gordon and Raymond Bailey, all of Nokesville.

## SUCCUMBS TO APOPLEXY.

After retiring in the best of spirits and seemingly well Miss Louella Earhart, 41 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Earhart, near Aden, was found dead in bed yesterday morning when she was called for breakfast. Dr. Meredith pronounced death was due to apoplexy and evidently occurred during the night some time. The funeral was held this morning at the home of her parents and Rev. J. R. Cook conducted the services. The burial will take place tomorrow at Mossy Run, Augusta county.

She is survived by her mother and father, two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Corner, of Bottondine; Mrs. Madea Koffner, Sangersville; four brothers, Messrs. D. E., Hinton and C. R. Earhart, all of Aden, and Mr. John E. Earhart, of Mt. Solon.

## Interesting Course for Farmers At Blacksburg.

President J. D. Eggleston, of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has announced the subjects that will be considered in the short course in agriculture offered to the farmers of the state from February 2 to 22. The subjects will be taught by lectures and demonstrations both in the field and laboratory. The course is as follows:

"Silo and Farm Crops," Professor T. B. Hutcheson; "Manure and Fertilizer," Professor Davidson; "Animal Husbandry," Professors Hunt and J. R. Hutcheson; "Dairying," Professors Saunders and Holdaway; "Farm Sanitation and Engineering," Professors Begg, Randolph and Reed; "Plant Disease," Dr. Reid; "Fruit Growing," Professors Price, Starcher and Ralston; "Orchard Insects," Professor Schoene; "Diseases of Animals," Dr. Chrisman, and lantern slide lectures on various subjects by Professors Smythe, Randolph, Price and Ralston.

## ADVISES BUILDING ROAD

J. D. Richards, of Warrenton, Connals Manassas to Macadamize Sulley Road.

That Manassas may share in the benefits of the highway to be constructed by the Turnpike Company, and which forms a connecting link between Washington city and the Valley Turnpike, by macadamizing the road between this town and the Stone House, a distance of about six miles, is the opinion of Mr. J. D. Richards, of Warrenton, in an interview with a representative of THE JOURNAL on Wednesday. The amount required to accomplish this work would be about \$12,000, according to Mr. Richards, this, of course, takes into consideration convict labor, furnished by the state at a nominal amount. Mr. Richards believes that with the attraction afforded by the battlefield many automobilists would make it one of their stops and then visit Manassas.

## COULD NOT USE CENTREVILLE ROAD.

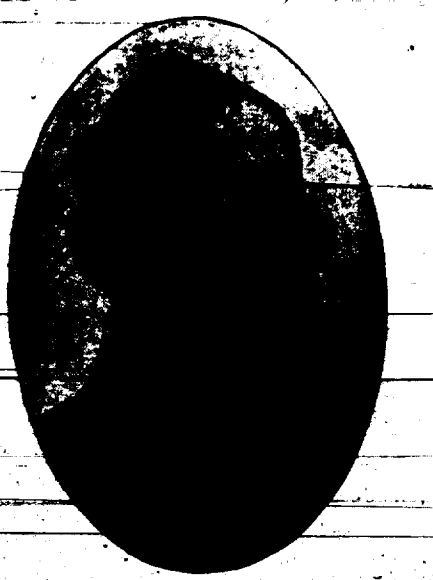
If it were possible to put the road to Centreville in the proper condition and if Manassas would subscribe sufficiently to the stock issue of the Turnpike Company Mr. Richards said the directors might consider making the route pass through Manassas and thence to the Stone House. He pointed out the fact, however, that it would be necessary to build another bridge at Bull Run as the present one is oftentimes impassable on account of the Run. Mr. Richards was in Manassas to place the sale of the stock of the company in the hands of a representative for the company in Prince William county since Mr. C. D. S. Clarkson, of Haymarket, has found it necessary to resign in order to accept an engineering position. According to Mr. Richards at any time after the road has been completed the county has the right to take over that portion of the road passing between its boundaries by paying the Turnpike Company for the sum expended in constructing the highway and the interest that has accrued on the amount. The actual work of grading the road will be begun during the summer and it is expected it will be completed before cold weather begins. The following summer it is planned to lay the base and surface of the road bed.

By a unanimous vote in the Idaho state legislature a vote on statewide prohibition will be submitted to the people.

## BANK ELECTS OFFICERS

Mr. Westwood Hutchison Made Solicitor of The National Bank of Manassas.

A meeting of the directors of The National Bank of Manassas was held last Saturday at which time Mr. C. A. Heineken, who has served in the capacity of president since the death of the late Henry Lynn, was elected to hold that office, and Mr. Charles R.



WESTWOOD HUTCHISON

McDonald was elected vice-president. The office of solicitor is to be filled by Mr. Westwood Hutchison, who is also a member of the board of directors, member of the finance committee and has been cashier of the bank for the past twenty years.

L. FRANK PATTIE MADE CASHIER



L. FRANK PATTIE

The vacancy as cashier, caused by Mr. Hutchison's appointment to be solicitor, will be filled by Mr. L. Frank Pattie who has been assistant cashier. Mr. Harry P. Davis has been appointed to fill Mr. Pattie's position. The changes in office are to take effect on February 1. Mr. R. H. Davis was elected to the board of directors and the request for the acceptance of a resignation from Mr. W. F. Hale, who finds it in-



W. F. HALE

convenient for him to attend the meetings, was received.

The following were the directors present at the meeting: Messrs. E. R. Conner, J. R. Hornbaker, R. A. Hutchison, Westwood Hutchison, C. A. Heineken, H. W. Herring, R. S. Hanson, T. H. Lion and R. F. Davis. The above members and Messrs. E. L. Nash, A. Conner, Charles McDonald, J. E. Beale and W. F. Hale, all of whom were absent, constitute the board.

## KNOW HOW TO SEEK COVER

European Soldiers Adept at Protecting Themselves From Enemy's Bullets.

Lying flat on the ground, alternately digging with his bayonet blade and scooping out the loosened earth with the top of his meat can, a soldier hastily makes at his side a shallow trench that extends from the head to the knees, placing each little scoopful, as he digs it, in a pile at his head. Every movement is made with the utmost caution, for bullets are whistling past only a few inches above his head and the raising of any part of his body would mean almost certain death. When this shallow trench is finished the soldier cautiously rolls into it. Under this slight cover he then begins to dig another and deeper trench at his side, but one that is long enough this time to take his entire body. If he lives to complete the task, he has made what is known as a "lying-down" trench. He has made a cover that protects him from rifle fire but not from shrapnel or the flying fragments of bursting shells.

This is not an individual instance but a typical case. It is one phase of the "digging-in" process that comprises one of the biggest features of the biggest war the world has ever known. When a column of soldiers has advanced until it can advance no farther, and the men are ordered to hold their exposed position, they "dig themselves in" in this fashion. Perhaps they are compelled to remain where they are, for a retreat over exposed ground is often as dangerous as an advance. As soon as night comes, trenching tools are brought forward, and the little trenches made under fire are enlarged, connected, and deepened until they are continuous, and furnish cover in which men may stand and move about safe from rifle fire, but always in danger from shell fire and shrapnel. In this shelter that the soldier has dug for himself he may remain for weeks, or the trench may be abandoned in a few minutes or a few hours for an advance or a retreat. In the face of modern weapons, infantry troops, fighting long in the open, simply get themselves slaughtered, and the first thing an army does after its preliminary advance has been stopped is to dig itself in.

This war is therefore primarily one of field intrenchments. Much had been written before the war about field intrenchments and their importance in modern warfare. But a battle line 300 miles long, extending from the North Sea through northern France into Alsace, consisting of practically continuous lines of intrenchments so securely held that neither side could make any material advance in weeks, is a thing so big that it had apparently never been dreamed of. Along this battle field the country is cut up, not by two parallel lines of intrenchments alone, but by numerous trenches, some of which have been occupied repeatedly by first one army and then the other as the fortune of battle wavered along the battle line. There are new and half-finished trenches, trenches with shrapnel-proof shelters and with zigzag excavated approaches from the rear, abandoned trenches and trenches that have been wrecked by artillery fire. So carefully are the trenches and their occupants concealed that the battle field would have, much of the time, the appearance of a deserted country, if it were not for the bursting shells and shrapnel. Back of the firing line, on both sides of the great conflict, men have been busy for weeks constructing trenches for the army to fall back upon in case of retreat. Some of these trenches are carefully made on selected ground, often motor-drawn, now being used to break ground for them.

Since men not only fight in the trenches, but must often eat and sleep in them, the cave shelters have become one of the common features of the intrenchments on both sides of the battle field, and, crude as they are, they furnish the one homelike touch of the war. Here are found dishes, simple cooking utensils, and the ever-present coffee or teapot, the latter being indispensable for the English soldier. In spite of the discomforts and dangers of the trenches, human nature, with its philosophy and a grim sort of humor, asserts itself. Much ingenuity has been expended in naming the shelters scattered along the trenches, and it is not an uncommon thing to see a crude sign above one of the caves bearing some such name as "Hotel Cecil," "Ritz Hotel," "Billet Donx Hotel," or "Rue Dormir." —Popular Mechanics.

Letter From Mr. A. Conner.

EDITOR OF MANASSAS JOURNAL:—It has occurred to me that it might be interesting for the subscribers to THE JOURNAL to read a letter from one in a foreign country. So, I shall write a letter to all the readers of your paper including those who asked me to write them a personal letter.

We anxiously await the news of our home land. There is a peculiar feeling when there comes into our hands a letter or a paper from home. We left Manassas on December 8 travelling by way of Jacksonville, Key West and Havana; then down over the island for 400 miles to Omaja. The trip was very pleasant. We are delightfully located here with friends. This is an American colony of about three hundred. Here is also located the Duna Vista Fruit Co., who have about 1,000 acres in grape fruit and oranges. A number of small groves are also here. So far there has not been any market for the fruit. The trouble seems to be in the transportation. On account of the war some of the shipping lines have been discontinued. We have had all the fruit we wanted so far for the picking of it. The little they are selling brings one-half a cent apiece. There is very little business here. There is a saw and planing mill but on account of export troubles there is nothing doing, making it hard for the laboring man. Wages are perhaps a little higher and living is about the same here as in the states unless one buys the canned goods. We are using a great deal of honey as there is lots of it here. This is truly a land flowing with milk and honey. We have needed only a thin blanket. I have only worn my thin coat a few times, always being in my shirt sleeves. A. CONNER, Jan. 14, 1915, Omaja, Cuba.



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## TALKS ON TAXATION PLAN

Hon. C. J. Meetze Favors Commission Idea Now Before State Legislature.

To the Taxpayers of Prince William County:

In the absence of any suggestions or instructions from any of my constituents along the lines of tax revision, I think it proper at this time to lay before the taxpayers of Prince William county the following facts and figures:

There are two plans now under discussion here in the Legislature, one is Partial Segregation and the other a Tax Commission. Under Partial Segregation, Prince William county from comparative tables prepared on the order of the Governor, will show a loss by table 2. Stated on a deficit of \$550,000, apportioned on estimated true values, \$10,439.31, excluding rolling stock, the loss is put at \$6,933.25, but this estimated loss is based on a rate on intangible personal property of 75 cents on the \$100, whereas the rate imposed by Prince William county is 95 cents on the \$100, which would show an additional loss from this source of \$5,213, which, added to the \$10,439.31, would show a total loss to the county of \$15,652. With a further loss from misdemeanor criminal charges, of jailors fees for feeding prisoners, etc., not included as a charge against the county in said table, if deficit apportioned by the state is \$800,000, the loss will be (table 5) \$11,853, to which should be added the additional loss of \$5,213 on intangible personal property, making a total of \$17,066. With the additional misdemeanor charges, as noted above, this loss is somewhat more than the total state tax now paid on real estate tangible personal property and the physical property of railroads exclusive of rolling stock, and would mean an advance on our county tax rate of 30 cents on the \$100 to produce the same revenue received in 1914.

Under the Tax Commission plan, the county would lose \$5,213 on intangible personal property, and if the tax on railroad rolling stock is apportioned under the acts of 1914, as proposed under the commission plan, it would gain \$2,505 and would lose some \$144 tax on insurance companies, making a total estimated loss of \$1,851. Should the state, under the commission plan, segregate the rolling stock tax, it could and probably would decrease the state tax 5 cents on the \$100. A bill for such reduction has already been introduced by Delegate Chalkley. This would produce again to the county the sum of \$2,433, which, deducted from the loss on intangible personal property and license on insurance companies, would leave net loss under this plan of \$2,894. As shown here, Prince William county is compelled to lose more by segregation than by the plan proposed by the majority of the tax revision committee.

I have just learned of a new bill which has not as yet been printed, but which has been recommended by the Governor, but do not think this will materially change the losses under the segregation plan. Personally, I came to Richmond wedded to the segregation idea, but I am not here to consult my own views altogether but the will of the people. If there is to be a commission, I would favor one rather than three on the commission. Very respectfully submitted, C. J. MEETZ, Richmond, Va., Jan. 19, 1915.

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## THE TAX PROBLEM

In view of the fact that much discussion is being carried on in the state legislature over the question as to whether Virginia's tax system should come under the form of a commission or under the segregation plan, the following editorial by Hon. S. R. Donahoe, published in the Fairfax Herald, is submitted to the readers of THE JOURNAL.

"Governor Henry C. Stuart has issued a proclamation convening the General Assembly in extra session on Wednesday, January 13, 1915, to consider the report of the State Tax Commission. The commission was in session from about the middle of April until the 1st of November, when its report was completed and placed in the hands of the Governor.

"Every feature of the tax question was studied very carefully, and many important recommendations were made. In accordance with the act creating the commission, two plans of taxation were reported—one involving the present system, and one providing for segregation.

"For many years there has been a persistent outcry for tax reform, due almost wholly to the fact, recognized everywhere, that the burden of supporting the State government rested unequally upon the shoulders of the people of the various counties and cities. Some counties would assess their lands at from \$8 to \$12 per acre, when the actual value was from \$75 to \$150 per acre, while other counties would assess their lands, which were no more valuable, at from \$35 to \$60 per acre, thus paying some four or five times as much to the State, according to actual values, as to the so-called tax-dodging communities. The State rate is 35 cents on the \$100 valuation, and the State revenue had to be collected according to local assessments. The rate being a fixed one, could not be adjusted to meet the varying inequalities of assessments, but the under-assessed communities profited by increasing their local tax rates. Thus, while they really paid no more taxes according to actual wealth, they switched the revenue that properly belonged to the State into their local treasuries for local purposes, while other counties and cities supplied the great bulk of the State's revenue.

"The advocates of segregation believe that this condition cannot be remedied so long as the present system of taxation is adhered to, and the State has to depend upon an *ad valorem* tax upon real estate and tangible property for any considerable portion of its revenue. They believe that no permanent State Tax Commission, with headquarters in Richmond, even with the help and assistance of a large and costly force of employees, could regulate and adjust the assessments with an appreciable degree of fairness and equity. They believe, furthermore, that drastic and arbitrary attempts to control the actions of local officials would produce no good results, would be resented, and would eventuate in needless friction and ill-feeling. Therefore, a tax system was formulated which eliminated almost entirely the question of local assessments for State purposes. Under this system the counties and cities will collect and retain the entire tax on real estate and tangible personal property, and also on a few other subjects, while yielding to the State the tax on intangible property, the insurance tax, and the tax on the rolling stock of railroads. For the comparatively small balance to be raised the State will assess the counties and cities as units, in proportion to their taxable values as ascertained by a non-salaried State Board of Taxation, composed of the Governor, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Chairman of the State Corporation Commission. After all this is done, nearly every county and city would be largely benefited by the change.

"The State needs no more revenue than she is now getting. An excess of revenue leads to extravagance and useless expenditures. The object of our laws should not be to wring from the people the highest amount of taxes that they can afford to pay, but rather to take from them only so much as may be needed to defray the necessary expenses of government. The segregation plan provides for that much revenue and no more.

"The final decision of this important matter now rests with the legislature."

## IT MIGHT BE WORSE

The frailty of human nature has always preferred to look a little beyond a wrong and mitigate the evil by comparing it with a greater one. These sentiments are expressed oftentimes in, "Well, it might be worse," or, "Well, he could have done worse." To be sure this, in one respect, is a view that lessens the deed or thought, but seldom does it occur that there is another way of looking at it; that is, could it have been better? Just as the law does not excuse ignorance so, customs and conventionalities do not excuse by taking it that a thing might be worse. It would be better to look at it in the light that it could have been better rather than to take the stand of the cringing poltroon.

## THOSE WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND

The world is full of characters, each seemingly distinct in themselves and this includes a class we do not understand. Probably it should be said that we do not understand them because our knowledge of their ways and manners is limited. They are those who travel along life's paths apparently bent upon some purpose that is unknown to us. Oftentimes a talk with such people proves to be a revelation and an insight into the better side of human nature. Perhaps they are bent on an errand of mercy and charity to some needy or sick person. It may be that they find greater contentment studying Nature or Nature's God or, probably human nature. It would be far better to become acquainted with such folk rather than to shun them for what seems to be eccentricities.

## "WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

It was Shakespeare, or one of those men who have uttered phrases that apply at the present time as well as they did in antiquity, who said there is nothing in the appellation a man has tagging around after him. In New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Scotland, Wales, and England, according to the directories, Smith is the name occurring with the greatest frequency. Jones and Brown also come in for their share of prominence, and there is a list that is almost endless. To get to the point however, of this exposition on a man's cognomen, the Mexicans have another president, which, by the way, happens quite often in the country below us, and his name is Rouque Gonzalez Garza. Now this warlike name does not amount to anything when it comes to stopping the Mexican bullets from landing on American soil or holding the lid on the national money chest; it is a question of the men behind that name. On a second thought it does seem very handy though to have a name when it is necessary to put it to a check, especially if there is no money in the bank.

## THE JOURNEY OF THE TRIUMVIRATE

If the invitation of the administration to ex-Presidents Taft and Roosevelt, to participate in the celebration of the formal opening of the Panama Canal, is accepted by these gentlemen a fitting close to this gigantic work will be made with President Wilson as the third party. It is interesting to look on this tentative arrangement for the formal opening as like unto the triumvirate of Rome's flowery days. The two former executive heads, and the present incumbent of the presidency, are all peculiarly related to the establishment of this great engineering feat. Ex-President Roosevelt holds the honor of signing the act of Congress which purchased the strip of land from the Republic of Panama and which appropriated part of the sum to carry on the work. Under the administration of ex-President Taft the strides toward completing the "big ditch" were great in their magnitude and, to him, went the honor of signing the bill setting the tolls on vessels passing through the waters of the canal. President Wilson has witnessed, during his administration, the completion of the work, and his signature was put to the acts of Congress that make the Canal a neutral passage way, and which fortify it. It is entirely appropriate that the United States should recognize this formal opening, the first week in March, with twenty-one battleships of the navy, each to probably fire a salute of twenty-one guns, headed by the old battleships Oregon and Olympic, and carrying the triumvirate that have led the nation in its affairs—the only occupants of the first office of the land now alive.

## OLE HEZ' SEZ

Reckun pepul en novuls air ther only uns wat live happy af'er, cepin' 'Smanthy en m'self.

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**BRIEF LOCAL NEWS**

—“Two old Confederates” next Wednesday night.

—A regular meeting of the Town Council will be held next Monday night.

—The Fairfax bond issue for \$50,000 to improve the roads of Providence district of that county passed by a majority of 23.

—Mrs. J. W. Hewitt has returned from Alexandria, where she was called on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Mary Welch.

—A silver cup has been offered as a trophy to the winner of the basketball game between the local high school and Greenwich High.

—Newman and Trusler, hardware merchants, are enlarging their building in order to make room for a stock of furniture to be added to their line.

—The Bethlehem Housekeepers' Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. J. B. Johnson, at her country home, “Clover Hill,” near town.

—Dr. H. U. Roop will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday on “The Choice Young Man.” The public are cordially invited to attend the service.

—A series of revival meetings have been in progress during the past week in the Asbury M. E. Church. The attendance has been large and a number have been converted.

—The election of officers for the Culpeper National Bank resulted in the reelection of Mr. J. J. Davies as cashier and director, and Mr. R. Weir Waters as an assistant cashier.

—Hawes Keys, the nine-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Keys, died at Brentsville Wednesday from pneumonia. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 p. m.

—Mrs. M. M. Shirkey, of Nokesville, was carried to a Washington hospital on Wednesday for treatment. The attending physician was unable to arrive at a complete diagnosis of her condition.

—The regular monthly meeting of the L. T. L. will be held in the Baptist church on the fifth Sunday, January 31. Members are cautioned to note the change from fourth to fifth Sunday for this month.

—A sink in the street in front of Dr. B. F. Iden's residence due to the settling of the earth thrown in after the laying of the sewers resulted in a team and wagon being caught in the mire on Tuesday.

—A bell for the new Town Hall will probably be placed in the belfry if the amount for its purchase can be raised. The weight of the bell is expected to be 1,000 pounds and the approximate cost will be \$330.

—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Peoples National Bank, held yesterday, the resignation of Mr. Harry P. Davis, who has been assistant cashier, was accepted, and Mr. M. M. Ellis, was selected to fill the vacancy.

—Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the “Two Old Confederates,” Col. Tom Booker and Capt. Tony Miller, of Richmond, Va., assisted by Mr. Polk Miller's Old South Quartette, will give one of their delightful performances in Conner's Opera House.

—Tomorrow night the pictures at the Dixie motion picture theatre will depict a story of a gypsy's love and are entitled “The Romany Rye.” Beginning with the pictures to be shown next Tuesday night Messrs. Lion and May have secured the releases of the General Film Company of New York, and a higher grade of films will be shown.

—The Bank of Nokesville held its regular director's meeting Wednesday and declared the semi-annual dividend of three per cent. The directors constituting the present board were re-elected and Mr. J. P. Manuel was re-elected president.

—Rev. J. F. Burks will conduct services at Trinity Episcopal Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At the evening service there will be an address on Missions by Mrs. Lucas, of Eastern College. The public is cordially invited to attend.

—Mrs. H. L. Quarles is in Washington, where she has spent much of her time at the bedside of her little grandson, who has been ill at Sibley hospital. The little fellow's condition is reported to be improving, although a second operation was necessary.

—On Saturday night the basketball team of Eastern College met and defeated a picked team of the Washington high schools by the score of 36 to 20. On the afternoon of the same day the second team of the college beat the quintet representing Remington high school.

—The heating plant of the new Town Hall will be installed next week and the plastering will then be started in order to take advantage of the heat to dry the walls. The roof of the building has been completed. It is expected that the town officials will be able to move into the new quarters next month.

—This afternoon a special children's “Candy Matinee” will be staged at Conner's Opera House with the members of the Lake Forest Boys' Camp enacting “The Private Secretary.” Admission will be 15 cents. The afternoon and night performance are under the direction of the Manassas Business Men's League.

—A local dealer bought a calf from a man living near Manassas for \$10. In shipping the loss of weight and the market prices resulted in the animal bringing only \$8.96. The dealer offered to make a return of \$10 but the seller refused to accept that amount and would only take the price the calf brought on the market. Diogenes would be able to find an honest man here without a lantern.

—On Wednesday evening, about 7:30 o'clock, train No. 344, due to arrive in Warrenton at 7:30 p. m., was wrecked on the Warrenton branch of the Southern near Meetze station. One coach and the baggage car turned over. The baggage car was burned. The engine remained on the tracks. Flagman Cory sustained slight injuries and three passengers were bruised and suffered from the shock.

—The New Prince William Hotel has been leased by its owner, Mr. Richard Hynson, for a term of five years, to Mims Brothers, who, at present, are managers of two hotels in Luray. They are expected to take charge of the local hotel next May. Mr. R. W. Payne who has been the head of the New Prince William for nearly three years, has conducted it along modern lines and has rendered excellent service. His many friends regret the fact that he will leave the New Prince William and wish him success for the future.

—Tonight the senior dramatic club of Lake Forest Boys' Camp and Summer School, of Matawankeag, Maine, will present “The Private Secretary,” at Conner's Opera House. It is advertised as being a three-act farce and advance notices promise it will be a delightful entertainment. The basketball game between Manassas High School and Greenwich High School will be played following the performance. Following this a public reception and dance has been planned with the local orchestra furnishing the music.

—A quiet wedding was celebrated in Washington on Wednesday morning in which Miss Annie G. Ellison, of Catharpin, became the wife of Mr. Travis C. Byrnes, of Arcola. The ceremony was witnessed by relatives of the families. Mrs. Byrnes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ellison and Mr. Byrnes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Byrnes. They will live at “Carter Hall,” the George Montgomery place, near Little River.

—Mr. William Douglas Clark, who was recently appointed commissioner for the Panama, Pacific International Exposition, had planned to leave this week for San Francisco, when the indefinite delays in shipment of exhibits, incident to the European war, caused the withdrawal of the American representatives of the Siamese government. Mr. Clark is a son of Rev. and Mrs. T. D. D. Clark.

—A Health Meeting in the public schools of the State during the month of February is being urged by the Cooperative Education Association and the State Teachers Association. The State Health Department will distribute special programs to all teachers and civic league officers, while the Anti-Tuberculosis Association offers attractive money prizes to school pupils for best compositions on, “The Cause and Prevention of Consumption.”

—Tuesday afternoon the operators at the telephone exchange were “shocked” or nearly so. It was not a conversation over the wire nor was it an occurrence on Centre street, it all happened on account of a wire becoming grounded and the noise that resulted caused them to believe a high tension cable of the electric plant had crossed a telephone wire. The switchboard was put out of operation for twenty minutes on account of the difficulty.

—On Tuesday last the Ewell Camp, G. V., held an election to fill the office of treasurer, vacated by the death of Mr. G. W. Johnson, and Mr. G. W. Nutt was selected to fill the position. Mr. Westwood Hutchison, commander, selected Messrs. A. Compton, James Gulick, Joseph Johnson and J. R. Tillett as committee to ascertain the cost of a marker to be placed on the spot where General Richard Ewell lost his leg at the second battle of Manassas.

—Mr. Leonard Tufts, chairman of the executive committee of the American Highway Association, and president of the Capital to Capital Highway Association, visited Washington the past week to urge the motorists of that city to assist in completing the road from Washington to Richmond that passes through Prince William county. He told of the \$350,000 that has been raised among the people south of Washington and spoke of \$15,500 being needed to complete the stretch from Woodbridge to Neabsco to the Stafford county line.

—A linen shower was given by Miss Leone Davis at her home in Bristol last Friday evening in honor of Miss Betty Lewis Elliot whose marriage took place in Washington on Wednesday to Mr. James W. Birkett. The decorative scheme at the shower was tastefully carried out in red and white. As Miss Elliot entered the room where the guests were a large bell opened and the gifts fell before her. Among those present at the affair were: Mrs. L. Frank Pattie, Mrs. Hawes Davies, Mrs. O. D. Waters, Mrs. Bessie A. Elliot, Miss Bessie Merchant, Miss Mary Henrietta Lipscomb, Miss Bessie Walker, Miss Katie Lewis, Miss Neville Dogan, Miss Bet Elliot, the Misses Bert and Leone Davis, Misses Mary Beverley, Lillian, Marie and May Leachman, and Messrs. W. W. Garrison and Charles Lynn.

—The mud caused by the recent rains probably caught numerous overshoes because of its adhesive qualities but one young lady who was very careful to see that she did not lose them this way and who always hid the overshoes in a secret place near town was unfortunate enough to have them stolen. It takes a hard heart to steal a pair of rubbers from a young lady when the roads are in such conditions as they are at present.

—Incomplete reports give the death of G. W. Rollins, 67 years old, who died at his home near Gainesville on Wednesday morning of pneumonia after an illness extending over a week. He was buried today in the James Rollins burying ground near Gainesville, the Rev. Coe conducting the services. Mr. Rollins was a Confederate veteran and had resided for a long time in Prince William county. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Anne Rollins, of Gainesville, and a son, Henry Rollins, of Woodwardville, Md.

**ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW**

—Mr. Thos. Welch, of Alexandria, spent the day in Manassas last Friday.

—Mr. James Birkett, of Alexandria, was in town on a business trip Tuesday.

—Mrs. Lenn O'Neil returned Tuesday after spending the weekend in Alexandria.

—Mrs. L. E. Pope had as a visitor this week little Miss Emily Chisolm, of Alexandria.

—Mrs. James W. Nettles was a visitor in Washington and Alexandria during the week.

—Miss Orma Brown will be graduated from Business High School on Friday of next week.

—Miss Maggie Smith and Miss Minnie Taylor were Washington visitors during the week.

—Mr. W. J. Adams, jr., of Princeton, W. Va., is visiting his parents on West street.

—Mrs. Mary D. Cox is spending the week in Washington with her daughter, Miss Fannie Cox.

—Mrs. Arnold, of Annapolis Junction, Md., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lewis, near town.

—Miss Estelle Holden, of Fairfax county, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, last week.

—Miss Ida M. Lickle, of Ellicott City, Md., was the guest of her niece, Mrs. Henry Camper, of West street.

—Miss Minnie Taylor, of The Plains, was the recent guest of the Misses Smith, in their home on West street.

—Miss Leone Davis returned yesterday from Washington where she went to attend the marriage of Miss Betty Lewis Elliot.

—Dr. H. U. Roop attended the inauguration of Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pa., on Tuesday.

—Dr. and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson and Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe attended the song recital of Miss Julia Culp in Washington yesterday.

—Mr. N. Wilson Davis, who was engineer in charge of the installation of the water works and electric plant, was in Manassas on Tuesday.

—Miss Evelyn Chapman returned Wednesday from Baltimore where she spent several weeks in the home of her uncle, Mr. W. J. Chapman.

—The Misses Effie and Mamie Gulick are spending the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gulick, at their home on Centre street.

—Mrs. Westwood Hutchison was called to Venore, Tenn., this week by the illness of her little granddaughter, Miss Susan Ish Harrison. Her condition is reported to be improving.

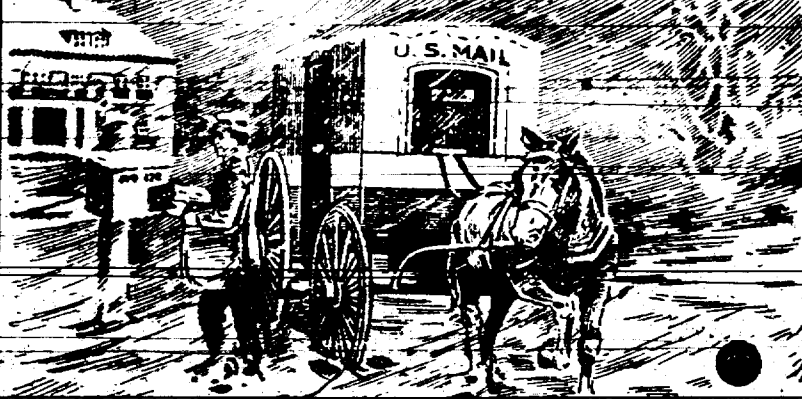
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TO HOLD ROAD CONVENTION

Highway Builders' Conference Is Set for February 9 and 10, In Richmond.

The Virginia Road Builders' Association will hold its fourth annual meeting in the auditorium of Murphy's Hotel, Richmond, February, 9 and 10.

It was organized in 1911 for the purpose of discussing sources of revenue for road improvement, questions of location and construction, and particularly, that of road maintenance.

At the coming meeting there will be the address on "The Relation of Road Improvement to the Public Schools," by R. C. Stearnes, Superintendent of Public Instruction; on "Cooperation Between County and State," by Colonel Lucius Gregory, of Mecklenburg County; on "Road Laws and Necessary Legislation," by George P. Coleman, State Highway Commissioner; on "Road Maintenance," by H. G. Shirley, Chief Engineer of Maryland State Roads Commission; on "The Use of Asphalt, Tar and Similar Materials," by C. S. Beeve, of the United States Office of Public Roads, Washington, D. C.; on "Sand-Clay and Soil Roads," by Z. G. Darby, of the Virginia State Highway Commission; and on "Highway Bridges and Culverts," by G. D. Sneed, bridge engineer of the Virginia State Highway Commission.

WILL DISCUSS QUESTION OF ROAD MAINTENANCE

The association has made a special effort to get someone to discuss the question of "Road Maintenance" who is qualified to do so, and has been very fortunate in getting Mr. Shirley, chief engineer of the Maryland State Roads Commission, to discuss this topic, and it is its object to devote the session in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 9, largely to that subject. It is hoped to have a number of county supervisors and road commissioners present, as well as others who are interested in this subject, in order that it may be thoroughly discussed.

There is probably no subject connected with road improvement in this state that deserves more careful and thorough investigation than that of "Road Maintenance." A number of the counties have issued bonds for road improvement with which they have constructed roads of various types.

"In many cases these roads are not being carefully maintained," said an officer of the association, "and if some steps are not taken in the near future to devise a proper system of maintenance, the people of these counties will find that they have lost a large part of their investment, while they still have the debt incurred, issuing the bonds.

SHOULD SEE WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING

"It would seem wise, with so serious a matter as this before us, that we should ascertain what is being done in the other States, and what is considered the most improved practice in regard to road maintenance, and then devise a system adapted to the needs and conditions which prevail in this State. In addition to the improved roads which have been constructed in recent years, there is a very large mileage of unimproved or earth roads, which will not be surfaced with either macadam, gravel or other material at any time in the near future, and a large part of the population of the state is served by such roads and it is very desirable that the most efficient methods of maintaining such roads be determined and put in force.

of money which are being expended in road construction and maintenance may be economically invested, it is necessary that the forces thus employed be as carefully and systematically organized as those of any railroad or other corporation, and that the proper reports and accounts be made in order that the responsibility for the expenditure of the money and the results obtained be definitely fixed.

The Virginia Road Builders' Association extends a welcome to all persons interested in road improvement, to attend its meetings and take part in its discussions. It is expected that reduced rates will be given by railroads and hotels, and any information desired can be obtained by addressing the secretary of the Association, F. D. Henley, P. O. Box 1055, Richmond. - Ex.

ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL

An excellent address on the practical value of education was made to the high school students by Mr. Westwood Hutchison at the assembly last Thursday morning. One of the most valuable counsels given the boys and girls, by the speaker was, to take stock of themselves and "to find out which way they were going." This address of Mr. Hutchison's is one of a series which it is to be hoped can be given the students, from time to time, by the men who conduct the affairs of the town and the community, and who know the value of facing the world prepared for its work.

ITEMS FROM GREENWICH

Miss Isabel Thornton spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wood.

Miss Gracie Graham is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nalla.

Mr. P. S. Haydon was a guest Tuesday night of Mr. E. O. Wood at "Esperanza."

Misses Lucile Taylor, Anna Mayhugh, Ella Reid, and Messrs. G. H. Washington, J. L. Mayhugh, E. W. Reid, J. N. and H. F. House spent Wednesday evening of last week at "Oak Dale."

The Civic School and Improvement League met at the school house last Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m., at which time there was a re-election of officers, and a very interesting debate. The following officers were elected: Mr. P. S. Haydon, president; Mr. W. M. Dulin, vice-president; Miss Ella Reid, secretary, and Miss Carrie Lee, treasurer. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That R. E. Lee Was The Greatest General Ever Produced on American Soil." Affirmative—Miss Mammie Nalls and Mr. Carrington Bailey; negative—Messrs. P. S. Haydon and B. O. Wood. The judges were Rev. J. R. Cooke, Miss Sallie Cooke and Mr. J. W. Ellis. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative, after which the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, January 27, at 7:30 p. m. The following speakers will be present: Mr. Bradford, who has charge of the school leagues in Virginia; Dr. Freeman, who has charge of the medical inspection work of Virginia, and superintendent of the St. Albans, Mr. Geo. G. Tyler. This is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. H. W. Wood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Holtzclaw.

Misses Helen Thornton, Ella Reid, and Messrs. J. W. Ellis, G. H. Washington and D. H. Cockerille spent Friday evening of last week at "Clover Hill."

Mrs. Thomas Tharp was a guest Tuesday night of Mrs. H. W. Wood.

Messrs. J. W. and J. L. Mayhugh were Manassas visitors Tuesday.

Mr. F. L. Mayhugh, who has been on the sick list, has greatly improved.

Mr. Joseph Cockermie spent several days last week with Mr. John Hall.

KEENEYES.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Brief Notes of Value To The Feminine Sex—Happenings In Woman's Sphere.

Prepare yourselves for strange new fashions that have just arrived. Paris, sewing bravely through falling tears, has had the courage to launch some new and astonishing modes. Shirts that measure twelve yards around the hem, and nipped in waists, are two most novel details of the new Paris models just brought over.

Many of the new waists have the old fashioned basque seams to the shoulder. Skirt hems are voluminous, ranging from five yards in cloth and silk models, to twelve in the chiffons and laces. Restoration collars, so high and tight that they seem to be in competition with the small waist line to impede circulation, and seen on several of the new models. There are a number of attached and flying panels and caught up pannier overskirt effects on skirts.

Skirts, excepting in the trained dresses, are very short, showing the ankles. Many are made with battlement edges or with an undulating hem that is shorter at front. Failles light, finely striped silks and various taffeta weaves are combined with gold, silver and fine black laces.

Paris. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Countess de Schaetsen-Radiaky who, with other women, is working in Malines to save the children from hunger, writes to the American commission for Relief in Belgium that the children born during the war, of mothers enfeebled by worries and privations, are very delicate and nervous. Nearly all the war babies feel the evil influence of the food crisis. "We have no sugar," she adds, "and we have already had to diminish to one half the dose for the baby's bottle and the mother's soup. Sugar is strengthening and it is one of the nutritive elements which has already disappeared."

All the youngsters affect a cough when grandma's cough sirup is being passed around among those afflicted with anything from a whoope to a cough. It is easy to make. All you have to do is to steep five cents' worth of horehound in a quart of water and boil it down to a pint. Put on to boil a pint of best New Orleans molasses. When it begins to bubble strain the horehound infusion into the molasses and cook down to the consistency of thick sirup. Bottle and keep in a cold place. It is soothing to many who are troubled with hoarseness.

Columbus, Ohio.—Three hundred invitations had been issued to the "town meeting" at the Town Hall in Worthington under the auspices of the Civic Association of that community.

The idea of a "town meeting" was presented to the Civic Association several weeks ago by Miss McCullough, a resident of Worthington, and the wheels of the society were immediately started looking toward its success. Everybody in town attended and numerous family differences were smoothed over.

New York.—Miss Marie Taylor, prominent society belle and one of the most popular of last winter's "buds," has finally been won by S. Bryce Wing, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Stuart Wing. Miss Taylor was pronounced the "most beautiful girl in the United States" by the Czar's cousin, the Grand Duke Michaelowitch, upon his visit to this country, nearly two years ago.

Miss Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Taylor, who have a country place at Richfield Springs, N. Y.

NOTES FROM MINNIEVILLE

Mr. C. E. Clarke has returned from a pleasure trip to Washington.

Among those that visited at the home of Mrs. D. C. Alexander last Sunday were Mrs. C. E. Clarke and daughter, Lucile; Miss Ocie Greene; Messrs. Will Dane, Marion Pearson, Joe Hinton and Clarence Bailey.

Mr. Farnham Briggs left a few days ago for New York where he expects to secure a position. Messrs. Dan Alexander and Claude Ennis were visitors at Mr. C. E. Clarke's on Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Hinton has entirely recovered from her illness much to the delight of her friends.

Misses Stella Alexander and Blanche Dane; Messrs. Paul Clarke and Jim Alexander are visiting friends and relatives in Washington and Baltimore.

Messrs. John and Paul Clarke have just finished filling their ice house which holds thirty four-horse loads.

Mr. Steve Vaughan, of Gleneas Falls, N. Y., is visiting friends in Minnieville.

Mr. Rob Hinton and wife, of Fredericksburg, are visiting his parents of this town.

A straw stack, belonging to Mr. John Clarke, turned over on one of his fine cows, but with the help of the neighborhood boys, it was finally rescued. SNOW BALL.

Meeting at Cannon Branch.

The following review of the Christian Workers' topics for the last six months of 1914 will be held at Cannon Branch church January 31, by the Christian Workers of the Nokesville and Manassas churches jointly, commencing at 10:30 a. m.

Devotional—By Elder I. A. Miller.

Forces for Good and Evil in America—By Bro. L. N. H. Beahm. Hebrew Poetry or How and Why We Came to Have It—By Bro. E. E. Blough.

Relation of the Old Testament Religion to the New Testament Religion—By Sister Densie Hollinger.

The Life of Jesus—By Sister Nora Matthias.

The Teachings of Jesus—By Sister Lizzie Floriz.

Going to Perfection—By Bro. Earl Shirkey.

The Thoroughly Organized Church—By Sister Alice Blough.

Recitation—By Sister Bernice Randolph.

Israel on the Canaan Side of the Red Sea—By Sister Annie Bowman.

Steps in Conversion as Illustrated by Peter's Release—By Bro. S. H. Flory.

Special Men's Program—By Bro. J. J. Conner.

China for Christ—By Sister Vernie Flory.

The Most Important Things in Life—By Sister Barbara Hettle.

How Can We Be Sure of Heaven?—By Sister Bessie Conner.

The Power of Prayer in the Christian Life—By Sister Mattie Miller.

Special Temperance Program—By Bro. S. C. Harley.

Christians—By Bro. M. J. Hotle.

History, an Inspiration of the Bible—By Bro. H. S. Randolph.

Looking Forward to the Coming of Christ—By Sister Sarah Beahm.

Recitation—By Sister Mildred Conner.

The music will be led by Prof. Boyer. Should any one not be able to be present they are requested to send a substitute.

Administrator's Notice

All persons indebted to the estate of John Y. Roseberry, deceased, will come forward and settle same with the undersigned, or his personal representative, and those having claims against said decedent's estate will present same properly certified for payment. Respectfully, ALBERT H. ROSEBERRY, Administrator, Madison Run, Orange Co., Va. 1-22-15

PASSING OF CONFEDERATES

Performance at Conner's Opera House Recalls Dying Out of Famous Veterans.

In view of the performance to be given in Conner's Opera House next Wednesday night by the well known "Two Old Confederates," Capt. "Tony" Miller and "Col." Tom Booker, assisted by the late Polk Miller's Old South Quartette, the thought must suddenly come that ere many more years roll by such a performance reviving memories of the good old times down south, will be impossible. There will soon come the day when there will be no more "Old Confederates." It is now almost half a century since the conflict between the States ended, and already the great majority of the men who followed Lee have answered the final roll.

A Southern writer, Beverley R. Dudley, has expressed most beautifully the tender regard of all true Southerners toward the gray-coated veterans in the following verses, entitled: "THE LAST CONFEDERATE VETERAN."

When the last bright ray of sunshine, Beams around the hoary head, Of our last Confederate veteran, 'Ere his final hymn is read; When we see the last one shrouded In his tattered suit of gray, How our hearts will flood with sadness, As he's softly borne away.

Sad! Ah, Sad! will be our Southland, When we have no veterans gray, Dark! Dark! will be the morning, When the last one's past away, Clouds will dim each peaceful visage When his quietude they view; And, when parting, all will echo: "Honored sir, Adieu! Adieu!"

We shall love to teach our children Of our heroes who are dead; Of the battle-scars they carried, Marching to a soldier's tread; Of their loyal hearts so tender, All aglow in truth's array, And the many recollections Of the "boys who wore the gray."

Southern To Double-Track

The Southern Railway will proceed at once to revise and double-track the 28.7 miles of its Washington-Atlanta line lying between Orange and Charlottesville, Va., the work to involve an expenditure of \$1,500,000 and to result in a greatly improved line both as to grades and curvature. Bids for the grading are being received from contractors today in the office of Mr. W. H. Wells, chief engineer of construction, under whose direction the work will be done.

The completion of this work together with other work now under way will give the Southern a continuous stretch of 121 miles of double-track out of Washington and a total of 338.7 miles of double-track between Washington and Charlotte, leaving only 41.8 miles of single track, divided into four stretches the longest of which is 20 miles.

The revision between Orange and Charlottesville will eliminate 1000 degrees of curvature or nearly four complete circles and will give a maximum grade northbound of 0.9 per cent. and southbound of 1 per cent. as against 1.41 per cent. in both directions at present.

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For Sale.—Fine young cow, fresh January 17, nice large heifer calf, half Holstein. Apply to J. M. Bell, 1-22-15

For Sale.—Land, two to three miles out from Manassas; house and stables; good water; one hundred thousand feet of saw timber; nice lot of young timber, all good stuff. Prices right. Why pay commission? Buy from owner. Have other land five to seven miles out for sale. Now is the time to buy land. When the old world's war is over Uncle Sam's ranch will be crowded. A. J. Ramey, Manassas, Va., Route 1, Box 62. 1-22

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For Sale.—Different grades and varieties of choice apples. Phone, call or write H. M. Artz, Catharpin, Va. 12-25-14

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Winter robes and horse blankets at Austin's. 10-30-14

SERIOUS ERROR IN MANASSAS

Manassas Citizens Will Do Well To Profit by the Following.

Many fatal cases of kidney disease have reached an incurable stage because the patient did not understand the symptoms. Even today in Manassas, there are many residents making the same serious error. They attribute their mysterious aches and pains to overwork, or worry, perhaps, when all the time their rheumatic pains, backache and bladder irregularities are most probably due to weak and ailing kidneys. If you are ill, if your kidneys are out of order, profit by this Manassas resident's experience.

W. L. Rector, Grantham, Centre St., Manassas, Va., says: "I suffered from lame and sore back for many years. At times I could not get through with my day's work. I also had trouble with my kidney secretions. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and I have had no more need of kidney medicine. I am glad to confirm the endorsement I gave Doan's Kidney Pills after they cured me."

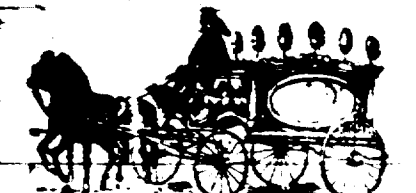
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PETTICOATS FOR DANCING.

Slashes at the skirts of the fashion of the moment.

The dancing petticoat is usually made with a slash in each side. This arrangement permits freedom of movement.

Petticoats of knitted silk are far more durable than those made even of the softest and best satin.

Petticoats made of plume, hatched in big scallops about the bottom, are durable and serviceable.

Care of the Skirt. Never leave the kitchen sink in a greasy and dirty state.

NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

Keep a little bag in the sewing room for the buttons and beads and eyes which are cut from discarded garments.

A fact to be borne well in mind is that the elaborate embroideries may be executed at home.

Flannel lined velvet buttonholes in various colorings are being painted for import holders.

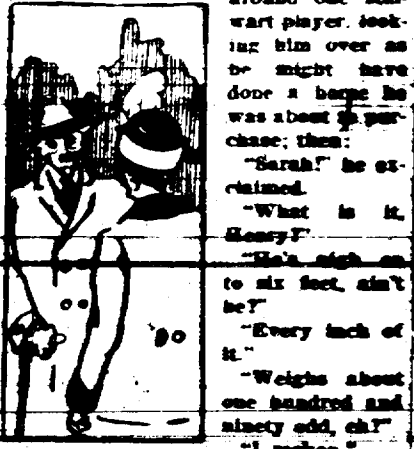
When engaged on delicate needle work it is a good idea to have a little floor in a miter by you and to dip your fingers in it from time to time.

The Scrap Book For Young Folks

Prince William, Son of the German Crown Prince

Well Developed. One of the members of Yale tells of an old countryman and his wife who...

The old gentlemen walked slowly around one staid player looking him over as he might have done a horse he was about to purchase.



"Sarah?" he exclaimed. "What is it, Henry?" "She's a fine young man."

Life and Love. "Vivian and Ted are engaged. Eager to find his power in the thought."

Time and a Talk. Mark Sullivan, the editor of Collier's Weekly, was the speaker of the evening.

"Why?" the friend asked. "It was up late," answered Mr. Sullivan.

The Soft Answer. Walter H. Marshall, manager of the Vanderbilt, and to work so long for one of his own elevators.

Spotted His Dinner. Edgar Brewster on leaving Quins swore that he would never again go to South America.

A Game Which is Entertaining to all. This may be any number of players, and it will be enjoyed by people of all ages.

The Ice Joke. The fabrics were out in the store last night. Forthwith the harem came.

Natural Mistake. Henry J. Byron, the playwright, was a wit and a wag.

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The little boy here pictured is the oldest son of Frederick William, crown prince of Germany and the grandson of the Kaiser.

It seems rather queer to folks on this side of the world that two brothers should have the same Christian name.

An Amusing Game. In the game of "How Do You Like It?" one of the company leaves the room.

A Geographic Game. A game which is entertaining to all. This may be any number of players.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE! HOUSE and LOT

Under and by virtue of a deed of trust bearing date December 27, 1913 and recorded in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court for Prince William County...

Monday, February 1, 1915

at 12 o'clock noon on that day, in front of the court house, in the Town of Manassas, Virginia, will by way of public auction...

For further information, apply to ROBT. A. HUTCHISON, Trustee.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

To George D. Baker, George Blackwell, Mary Blackwell, William Blackwell, Ada Blackwell, Sidney Blackwell, Mattie Blackwell, James Blackwell, his wife, who is unknown, Frank Quinn, Mattie Quinn, Cynthia Harrison, Marjorie Harrison, James T. Quinn, Louis Quinn, Clarence Quinn, Myrtle Quinn, Joseph Quinn and C. A. Sinclair, guardian ad litem.

Take notice that I have filed upon Friday, January 23, 1915, beginning at 1 o'clock A. M., at my office in the town of Manassas, to begin the execution of a decree entered on the 12th day of December, 1914, by the Circuit Court for Prince William County.

Time. All other things and matters deemed pertinent by and concerning and reported by my party in interest.

Done under my hand at each commission on the 22nd day of December, 1914.

ROBT. A. HUTCHISON, Commissioner.

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Trains Leave Manassas as follows

SOUTHBOUND.

No. 9—Daily local, 8:35 a. m. District connection at Charlottesville daily except Sunday to C & O. for Gardnersville and Richmond.

No. 43—Daily through train, 11:17 a. m. will stop at Manassas on Sat.

No. 17—Except Sunday, local from Washington to Warrenton, 6:11 p. m.

No. 15—Daily local for Warrenton, Charlottesville and way stations, 4:44 p. m. Pullman Parlor Car to Warrenton.

No. 41—Daily through train, 10:45 p. m. stops at all passenger stations Washington and Alexandria and to take on passengers for points at which scheduled to stop.

NORTHBOUND.

No. 16—Except Sunday, local from Warrenton to Washington, 7:45 a. m.

No. 18—Daily through train between Charlottesville, Warrenton, Manassas and Washington, 9:45 a. m. Pullman Parlor Car to Washington.

No. 14—Daily through train between Manassas and Washington, 7:10 p. m.

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In all history there has never been such an exhibition of nationwide generosity as the people of the United States are giving in their efforts to save Belgium from starvation.

A dozen shiploads of food have been delivered, eight other ships, all carrying their full tonnage, are now on the ocean, and twenty-three other ships have been chartered for future cargoes, all of which will be sent before March 10.

It is estimated conservatively that the average value of each cargo is \$300,000, which shows that these forty-seven charters represent very close to \$14,100,000, all given by the American people.

The organizations most prominent in giving relief are the Rockefeller Foundation, the Belgian Relief Committee of New York, the Northwestern Miller, and the committees representing the States of Ohio, Kansas, California, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Virginia, the Carolinas, Maryland, the New England States, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Minnesota. In thirty-six States the work is well organized, and there is every reason to expect equally effective organizations in the remaining States in the near future. It should also be mentioned that the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska have been generous with gifts of large sums of money to be used here for the purchase of supplies.

**THE FLEET OF MERCY**

Here is the make-up of the great "American Fleet of Mercy," as it has been referred to in King Albert's suffering land. It will be noted that the four ships last mentioned are scheduled for two trips each. The table gives the whole story of American relief work already accomplished or provided for up to March. The table, which is compiled from the record of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, follows:

DELIVERED TO THE BELGIANS	
Ship	Tonnage
Massapequa	4,300
Jan Block	3,000
Terschelling	3,500
Thelma	4,000
Badminton	6,000
Denewell	6,000
Brussels	3,000
Cromer	3,000
Agameimon	2,720
Batican	6,780
Maskinonge	7,000
Neches	6,780
IN TRANSIT TO ROTTERDAM	
Ship	Tonnage
Ferrona	6,860
St. Kentigern	6,860
Camino	5,800
Industry	5,870
Massapequa	4,300
Hannah	6,860
Harpylice	5,780
John Hardie	6,800
LOADING IN AMERICA	
Ship	Tonnage
Lynorta	5,860
Kassala	5,100
IN TRANSIT TO AMERICAN PORTS FOR LOADING	
Ship	Tonnage
Washington	7,300
Granley	6,800
Strathay	6,500
Yanda	6,800
Aymeric	6,400
Wabana	5,780
Great City	9,000
South Point	9,000
St. Helena	7,000
Batican	6,780
Includen	5,500
St. Kentigern	6,860
Ferrona	6,860
Comerie	5,580
Daventry	5,580
Cambran King	5,580
John Hardie	6,000
Hanerit	8,300
Strath II	6,500
Aymeric	6,400
Strath III	6,500

- N. Y. Times.

New York - Miss Emily Hope Hamilton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hamilton, a cousin of George Jay Gould and a direct descendant of Alexander Hamilton, was married here to Mr. H. Livingston Kaufman, of Cleveland.

**A Brief Chronicle of National And International Events Of the Week**

Friday - A Russian army of about 1,000,000 men were reported to be moving against Eastern Prussia. In a speech before the Senate Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, declared the national defense "is not only imperfect and unbalanced but that it has grave, and in some instances, fatal deficiencies."

Saturday - Reports from the earthquake region of Italy continued to roll up the terrible number of lives which is believed will amount to more than 30,000. The naval appropriation bill was reported to Congress carrying a total of \$148,000,000 and including the two-battleship program.

Sunday - A grandson to President Wilson was born at the White House. His mother is Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, the President's second daughter. The baby is to be christened Francis Sayre.

Monday - The Senate practically put at end the idea of bringing prohibition up for the nation's capital before Congress. A fire did \$1,000,000. damage in Trenton, N. J.

Tuesday - A Zeppelin aircraft bombarded four English towns, being brought down finally in its flight by British troops. Earthquakes were continuing in their outbreaks in Italy according to reports.

**Warns About Buying Seed Potatoes**

The farmers of New Jersey, other Middle Atlantic States, and the Southern States are warned by the Department of Agriculture to see that the seed potatoes they buy bear the white label of the Potato Inspection Service of this department. This label is placed on each container and certifies that the potatoes have been examined by Federal inspectors and found free from powdery scab, that they were grown on farms free from, and have not in any way been exposed to this disease.

They are warned against the use of table potatoes for planting purposes, as these, even though they do not show the disease, may have been exposed to powdery scab. Some dealers have been buying table stock and selling it for seed. These men are not violating any law, but they are exposing their customers to the risk of the introduction of a dangerous disease and a quarantine should the powdery scab be introduced. The supply of certified seed potatoes in Maine is ample, and the price this year is low, so that there is no excuse for planting table stock potatoes.

**Junior League of Mill Park School Meets**

The Junior League of Mill Park school held its second meeting for 1915, on Friday Jan. 15. The school paper, edited by Wilbur Downs, and the jokes by Harry Lynn were a source of much amusement. Fannie Herrell gave a reading and Katherine Peters a recitation both of which were quite interesting. Cecelia Mountjoy led a class in nursery rhymes. Harry Lynn acted as secretary in the absence of Doyal Herrell. The Junior League was glad to add to its list of honorary members, Mr. Heineken.

**Bethlehem School Elects Officers**

The following are the officers of Bethlehem school elected recently: Basil G. Reeves, president; Mollie S. Reeves, judge; Henry J. Jeffries, curator of the collections, and Margaret E. Jeffries, librarian.

It is planned to have meetings every Thursday evening in the school house for the purpose of stimulating educational work as well as for a general good time.

**Her Convert to the Cause**

**He Was an Apt Pupil In Two Ways.**

By AGNES G. BROGAN

"I am glad you are interested, my dear," said Mrs. Sturtevant. "Young and charming women are needed to keep up enthusiasm in the cause."

Bettie glanced admiringly into the older woman's face. "It was all so lovely," she murmured. "The shaded lights and you, with your silvery hair and velvet gown, making that wonderful speech. Indeed, I was quite thrilled."

"Good," smiled the speaker of the afternoon, "and pretty well, Miss Hight. Won't you come to our open meeting tonight and inspire others? The fathers, brothers and sweethearts are invited for, between you and me, my dear, notwithstanding our boasted independence, it is the men's assistance which we need and must have."

So Bettie gladly agreed, hurrying to speed her assembled family a short time later in a state of jubilant excitement.

"I am a suffragette," she explained, somewhat incoherently, "and it's the finest thing in the world. Hereafter I shall have a voice in matters which concern me, and men shall not entirely manage my affairs. I am going to another meeting tonight, Dickie," she went on, "and you will have to take me."

Her brother rested knife and fork to look at her. "I have an engagement," he began tentatively.

"What time?" his sister asked. Dick considered. Lectures and things of that sort usually opened at 8 o'clock. "Seven-thirty," he answered briskly. Bettie seated herself at the table. "Then you need be only half an hour late for your engagement," she remarked pleasantly.

"But how will you get home?" Dick grumbled. Bettie smiled in the direction of her father.

"Oh, dad will attend to that," she said. Father shook his head. "I'm afraid I can't make it, Bess," he said apologetically. "The directors' meeting is called for 9:30, and we cannot finish business until a late hour."

"You can be excused," this tyrannical young woman assured him, and so it was settled. Mrs. Sturtevant met her son at the door. "So good of you to come," was her greeting. "We are going to have a large, representative crowd and many brilliant speakers. Let me introduce you quickly; then, when you have found a disinterested person, endeavor to entice him to the cause. Those bright eyes of yours could convince a man at anything you choose," she added testily.

Bettie had forgotten half the murmured names before the round of introductions was accomplished, but she found herself presently, seated at the rear of the spacious hall, with a good looking young man as companion. He was boyishly frank - this young man - and ingenious.

"Mrs. Sturtevant mentioned you as a friend of many years," he said. "That also applies to me. I used to make sand pies in her garden."

"Perhaps I may have helped you," Bettie suggested with a sidelong glance, but the young man shook his head. "I should have remembered if you had," he answered meaningly, and both laughed.

"I think I never saw so many beautiful women gathered together as these here tonight," the young man continued.

Bettie leaned forward, eager for a discussion. "That," she explained, "is because they are interested and enthusiastic. All suffragettes are beautiful."

Her companion shook his head decidedly. "I have attended other meetings," he replied.

"You are prejudiced," Bettie accused. "Not a bit of it," her companion retorted. "Why, my own sister is an ardent worker for the cause."

"And she was not convinced yet?" Bettie incredulously exclaimed.

The young man laughed. "Heaven couldn't convince me in a thousand years," he said; "she's too logical."

Bettie bestowed a contemptuous glance upon him. "There is no one so blind as those who will not see," she quoted.

The provoking young man wheeled about to regard her solemnly. "I am open to conviction upon every subject," he answered. Bettie studied the frank, good natured face reflectively. Here would be a contrast worthy of the cause - manly, forceful, with a strong notion of personality that drew one against one's protesting will to look again and still again into the mocking dark eyes. At home in the corner of her desk was tucked an instructive book which Mrs. Sturtevant had urged her to study. She might look it over before tomorrow evening and then -

"Sometimes," said Bettie, "we are not in sympathy with a certain movement because one does not fully understand its purpose. Now, if I could prove to you the benefit of suffrage, would you explain to me?"

"You would," the young man interrupted with surprising readiness. "I'm sure you could. May I call some evening and learn your views on the subject? Being mutual friends of Mrs. Sturtevant and all that?"

"Tomorrow?" Bettie suggested, and

her companion agreed with alacrity. She leaped back with a sigh of relief. Mrs. Sturtevant would be pleased with this conquest. But that lady had ascended the platform steps. Bettie leaned forward, listening in a glow of pride to that perfectly modulated voice. "Clever speech," she remarked to the young man at her side, but he quizzically raised his eyebrows. "Her statistics are wrong," he replied.

"They are not" - Bettie's cheeks were flushing with indignation - "they could not be wrong."

"Then perhaps you will explain tomorrow evening," this exasperating young man went, "how it would be possible for illiterate people -"

Bettie's red lips closed determinedly. For the benefit of this scoffing she would straighten out those tangled figures if she were obliged to sit up all night, look in hand, in order to do it.

As Mrs. Sturtevant's voice dropped on and on the young man apparently became less interested. Drawing a paper at last from his pocket, he indulged in desultory scribbling, erasing as he wrote. When Bettie could no longer endure this open intention she arose to leave the proximity of so annoying a companion.

"If the remarks bore you," she said severely, "you might at least pay the speaker the courtesy of attention."

But as Mrs. Sturtevant, graciously smiling, descended the platform the leader's clear voice came to them.

"I now take great pleasure," she announced, "in introducing to you the speaker of the evening, whose generous support of our cause has helped materially to increase its power, whose eloquence has won for us many followers. Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Spencer Brown."

And before Bettie's bewildered eyes her companion arose, with a mischievous smile, and sauntered carelessly toward the raised dais.

"I am still with you," he called, while the cultured audience cheered wildly.

At the instructive speech program began and wounded pride burned in the heart of Bettie. There he had sat, this deceitful young man, drawing her out to his glibness, way, to secretly laugh her to scorn. Wrathfully she clutched her opera glasses and moved toward the door. Had she there waiting her coming?

"Let us stay for Brown's speech," he whispered. "It's sure to be worth while. He is the young 'man of the hour' in Tuxbury, bound to be mayor some day and far more than that, mark my words." But Bettie bounced on down the stairs. So breathless was her flight that she did not miss her opera glass until some one stood holding it out to her from an upper part of the stairs.

"If you were not interested in the remarks," reproached a tantalizing voice, "you might at least have given the speaker the courtesy of attention." Bettie glanced to wide eyed astonishment at the tall figure above.

"May I ask you to wait while I restore your property?" the speaker demanded. "My pride and dignity have suffered sufficiently in this sudden, hasty exit from the hall without being further obliged to descend headlong down the stairs."

A smile trembled at the corners of Bettie's lips; then she dimpled merrily. "You are not obliged," said Bettie.

"I am," positively declared Mr. Brown. When he had carefully wrapped the cloak about her shoulders he still lingered. "I have a message from Mrs. Sturtevant," he told her. "You are elected delegate to the convention at Bronxhurst tomorrow, while I have been chosen speaker; therefore I shall have to postpone that instructive meeting at your home - unless you would be so kind as to enlighten me during the journey."

There was no reply.

"I have been called a delightful traveling companion," modestly suggested Mr. Brown. He bent so low authoritatively into the girl's averted face. "You will go?" he begged.

"But I do not understand the duties of a delegate," she objected.

"A delegate's chief duty," Mr. Brown informed her, "is to see that the speaker is well entertained."

"Indeed?" questioned Bettie.

"Yes," answered the speaker. For a moment their eyes met in laughing challenge; then the girl's lowered before something softly shining to his own.

"I will go," she said.

And long after the door had closed upon her slender figure the young man stood lost in reverie.

"And Bronxhurst just begins the journey," he murmured happily.

The convention at Bronxhurst was eminently successful. The convention hall was crowded and the enthusiasm was at fever heat. Mr. Brown took a prominent part in some of the discussions and gave sound advice. The atmosphere was filled upon the whole with ever increasing admiration.

All things must have an end, and so was the convention. Bettie remembered that the next evening she was to escort Mr. Brown to the cause and wondered if he would appear for the purpose of being converted. As the hour appropriate for an evening call approached, dressed in her most becoming costume, she awaited the coming of the man to whom she was to explain the sacrifices of equal suffrage. When the doorbell rang she was quite to a surety -

"Mr. Brown," she said, "I think it was very mean of you to deceive me as you did."

"Had I misused you and asked of your error I should not have enjoyed this call."

When Mr. Brown left Bettie that evening at a late hour she had converted him, but due to the cause of woman suffrage. He had become convinced that he wanted her for his wife.

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