

## MORE LIVE STOCK NOW

Government Statistics Contradict Reports that Prices Will Reach Unprecedented Figures.

For the first time in many years, information collected by the department shows that all classes of live stock in the United States are increasing in numbers. Thus the real facts contradict, absolutely, sensational reports that prices for meat and shoes would rise to unprecedented figures in the immediate future. It has even been said that a Government statistician predicted meat at 50 cents a pound and shoes at \$10 a pair within the next two years. Such a prediction, the real Government statisticians say, is quite unwarranted.

On January 1, for example, the number of beef cattle showed an increase of 3.4 per cent. over the number a year ago, and an actual increase of 1,212,000 head. Hitherto the number of beef cattle in the United States has declined steadily since 1910. There are also more milch cows in the country than last year, the increase being 2.5 per cent., or in numbers 525,000. Swine, however, showed the greatest increase of all classes—9.6 per cent. On January 1, 1914, there were only 58,933,000 swine in the country; on January 1, 1915, 64,612,000. This is accounted for by the fact that the production of swine can be increased more rapidly than that of other classes of live stock and consequently an enlarged demand can be met more readily.

The production of 50-cent meat and \$10 shoes was accompanied by the depression that France alone has taken from America nearly 300,000 horses within the last five months and that the other countries at war have drawn upon our resources in the same proportion. The facts are that more horses were on the farms of the United States on January 1, 1915, than there were a year before, the increase being 283,000 head, or 1.1 per cent. So far from France alone having taken 300,000 horses from us, the total exports since the war began have certainly been much less than 100,000 and very likely not over 75,000. Since there are approximately 25,000,000 horses altogether in the United States, the drain on account of the war is scarcely alarming.

It is, in fact, pointed out by Government statisticians that the market value of farm horses has actually declined to such an extent that the average is now about \$5 a head less than a year ago. This decline is most noticeable in the cotton states and in those states which make a business of breeding horses for sale in other sections. Males have declined even more than horses, their value being now \$11.50 per head less than a year ago. The explanation is to be found in the depression on account of the cotton situation in the South, which is the great market for males. An improvement in this respect will do much to restore the demand for horses, so that Government specialists, while ridiculing the notion of a horse famine, are convinced that farmers will find it profitable to use good work mares for breeding more stock.

As for hides, the situation is not quite so clear, but even here there has been much gross exaggeration. From two-fifths to less than one-half of the leather used in this country is imported, about 25 per cent. of the foreign hides coming from Argentina, 15 per cent. from Canada, 11 per cent. from Mexico, 8 1/2 per cent. from European Russia, and 7 1/2 per cent.

from France. Since the outbreak of the war importations have shown a certain falling off, those for September, 1914, for example, being only 34,000,000 pounds, instead of 45,000,000 pounds the year previous. There is, however, little reason to suppose that this decrease will be permanent or of sufficient importance to create any real scarcity. Since the great bulk of the imported hides comes from countries that are not at war, shipments are not interfered with in any way, and the only new factor to be considered is the possibility of an increased demand by the warring countries.

It is believed, however, that the United States is now in a better condition to face such a situation than for years past. The tide, it seems, has turned. Instead of live stock steadily decreasing year after year, this year for the first time, as has been said, all classes show an appreciable increase. Including horses, mules, milch cows, beef cattle, sheep, and swine, there were on January 1, 1915, 7,712,000 more farm animals in the United States than on January 1, 1914. The increase in the total value was \$78,024,000, or 1.3 per cent. It is quite true that this increase is not yet proportional to the increase in population, which is approximately two per cent.; but the fact that there is an increase, that the tide seems definitely to have turned, is regarded as a sufficient answer to alarming exaggerations and misleading figures.

## RULES AGAINST COMPANY

Judge Thornton Holds Supervisors Right in Refusing to Pay Member O.R.

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A special grand jury composed of the following were sworn in: J. F. Degan, foreman; W. B. Kerlin, J. W. Arnold, B. J. Sagres, A. H. Green, Albert Hayes and J. H. Steele, and indictments were returned against John Henderson and Alfred Helms for felony on the part of each.

Monitor Oil Company vs Board of Supervisors of Prince William county, on the grounds that the Board of Supervisors had given no order or purchased any goods for which it had not settled to the plaintiff, and that the supervisor had no authority of law to order the merchandise, the suit was ordered to be dismissed, at the cost of the plaintiff.

International Harvester Company of America vs Jas. Luck, sr., Jas. Luck, jr., and Arthur Luck. Judgment in action of debt: plaintiffs allowed to recover from defendants \$1,482.45 with interest on same and costs of the case.

W. J. Richards vs J. C. Ambler, G. B. Spindle and I. D. Richards. Plaintiff allowed to recover \$148.81 with interest on same and costs of case.

Board of Charles Penn, Gertie Penn and Mack Helms, each to the extent of \$100 accepted for appearance as witnesses on Thursday, February 11.

Geo. D. Baker vs Thos. B. Whedbee. Hearing of motion continued to April term of court.

The estate of R. C. Latham found to be assessable for omitted taxes prior to the death of R. C. Latham for \$14,030 with an additional state tax of \$4970.

Chancery. Lillian L. Dearborn vs Wm. R. Dearborn. Decree for divorce granted and petitioner granted permission to use maiden name of Lillian L. Rinker.

## LETTER FROM WAR CENTRE

Writer Tells of German Warships Bombarding British Coast Towns.

The following is an extract from a letter received here by Mrs. S. T. Hall from Mrs. Fannie L. Beravidez, a friend, who is at present in England. The letter was written from Leeds, dated December 22, 1914. It contains a description of the German attack on the coast town of Scarborough that aroused consternation in the hearts of the English people. Mrs. Beravidez is well known in Manassas.

I was at Scarborough on the east coast when the German warships bombarded it and I left the same day, after having been there only four days as I was afraid to stay, not knowing but they would come back. It was simply awful, the enemy shelling fortified towns and killing non-combatants. They fired on four towns, and in Scarborough, which has about 30,000 inhabitants, they killed 18, injured over 250 and destroyed buildings to the amount of \$40,000. Three vessels came up to within 500 yards of the shore; they slipped in through the fog and began firing before the people were up, about 7 to 7:30 a. m. We had just got to the breakfast table when the guns began. First we thought it was thunder, but we soon knew better when a shell came right over the house and exploded in the street, breaking all the front windows in our house and nearly every house in the street. The next street the whole back of a house was destroyed. Of course it was worse down on the coast front where all the big hotels and bathing houses were, but shells fell in many places and went right through houses. In all the towns there were between 700 and 800 killed.

My cousin, who is a doctor, had been called out just before breakfast and we just had to stay, not knowing but our house would be hit, but, fortunately, it was not.

Nine o'clock when it was about over, my cousin came up in the motor and said for us all to get ready as he would send us out to the country for safety. Soon, however, we heard no more and people seemed to quiet down. Many were killed by going out to see what they could. Inside is the best place but some were killed in their homes. I couldn't stay there as I would not have been able to sleep so I left at 2:40 and came over by sea to an inland town.

You see we do not see much of the war here as it is mostly in France and Belgium, but we see many wounded soldiers brought here to the hospitals. Many rich people have given their country homes for hospitals; several schools and other buildings are used for the same purpose. There are also many Belgian refugees here who are being cared for by the town. People are doing knitting all the time for the soldiers and making all kinds of garments. They have clubs organized for the purpose. They are raising all kinds of money for the help of the wounded and the families of soldiers. One fund alone is over three million pounds—15 million dollars. Everyone gives all he can. The towns are full of soldiers and recruits are being drilled all the time.

## WEATHER RECORD.

Maximum temperature, 41 on Sunday; minimum temperature, 17 on Wednesday. Precipitation for the past week was 21 inches.

## DIFFERS WITH WRITERS

Patron Of Groveton School Replies To Recent Communication From Stone House.

EDITOR MANASSAS JOURNAL: In reply to the communication published in last week's paper, and, on behalf of Groveton School, the writer wishes to point out a few facts to our Stone House contributors.

In the first place the Stone House is too near the county line between Prince William and Fairfax.

Second: a public store is no suitable place for a school. I have heard lots of this complaint.

Third: the Stone House has no suitable place to erect a model school building, unless they want their children to play "gully bug" and to have them educated in a public store. I think that would be the only advantage they would have over Groveton.

As to the fence and well, we have them at Groveton. We all know the fence and well have recently been put there, but as to the shade I cannot quite agree with the writers, for the shade was there long before the school house was built in 1872.

How can the contributors of Stone House guarantee that will be in the Stone House neighborhood in forty years to come? There are many of us who know what has been in the past, but there are few who can say what there will be in the future.

As to the school population, I am sure by a careful study that Groveton is the central point for all within the schools are to be held they are in the northern states. The Groveton school can be reached at an equal distance in following the public roads by all children of school age, without trespassing on private property. This could not be done if the school was located at the Stone House unless a half mile further around the public roads.

The writer begs to differ with the school count, which is now enrolled at Groveton, that the Stone House has made. It cannot be sustained. The children that were enrolled up to Christmas 1914 of Groveton neighborhood, numbered 28; ranging from six to sixteen years. The majority are from six to thirteen years of age, and there are also 17 children ranging from two months to six years. There will be several of these to enter school next season.

If the contributors to last week's issue cannot agree on these facts, they may name a date and place to meet the writer of this article, and the plain facts will be submitted in order to convince them.

If this is not enough school population to keep our school where it is I cannot see why the school should be moved for 22 since the majority can reach Groveton school within one and one half miles, and there are none but who can reach Groveton school if their parents make an effort to get them there.

Why should the school be taken from a greater number who are attending school regularly at this present time, and who have a greater distance to walk in order to convenience eight children who could attend school every day, when there would be a greater number than eight in Groveton neighborhood who could not attend school at the Stone House?

We find in the communication where the Stone House contributors fail to find 15 children who

would be thrown out of school if it should be moved to the Stone House. This fact will be sustained on the day the school board meets, as it is not necessary to give all the names of the children at present, or their parents.

The Stone House contributors seem to think that there will be a flourishing Civic League, but why not have the same at Groveton school, as I think there is just as good material with which to organize one?

In the recent election of League officers of Groveton school, let me say as one who knows, that two offices are filled by Groveton neighborhood and one by the Stone House. Since the election of officers there has been but one League meeting, and the attendance was small, owing to illness in several families; there were two officers and one patron present at this meeting. Owing to inclement weather and bad roads our league meeting was postponed for a few days. We hope to have a large and flourishing crowd at our next meeting.

The Stone House contributors ask no personal favors of the school board; if that is the case, they had better erect a school building of their own.

We petitioners of the Groveton school do ask personal favors of the school board, as this question came up and was argued between the Groveton and Stone House population. The Stone House petitioners claimed the majority would rule, and we will ask the school board to see that it does rule on the petitions and school majority and I am sure the Groveton petitioners will be satisfied.

It is not the writer's intention to cause hard feelings by this article; it is only to state the plain facts on both sides, which has been done. A PATRON.

## WOULD STOP OVERDRAFTS

Comptroller Williams Sends Letter to Local Banks Discouraging Overdrafts.

The banks of Manassas have received letters from John Skilton Williams, comptroller of the treasury, which will require action that will put a positive stop to the practice.

Mr. Williams' letter is as follows:

"The granting by some banks of accommodations in the form of overdrafts is objectionable and can not be countenanced by this office.

"This practice should cease entirely. To facilitate the accomplishment of this result, the subject has been taken up by this office with the banking departments of various States, and these authorities have generally agreed to take the necessary action to secure the effective cooperation of State banks in attaining the end desired.

"You are requested to adopt a resolution directing that no officer or employee of your bank shall pay or charge to the account of any depositor any check of such depositor when there are not sufficient funds on deposit to the credit of the drawer of the check to meet the same.

"Please forward a certified copy of the resolution to this office as soon as it has been adopted. Let the resolution show the names of the directors present at the meeting."

According to bankers there is nothing to do but to carry out the comptroller's instructions, which will make it impossible to secure an overdraft.

## WILSON-BADGER.

A pretty wedding was celebrated February 4 at the home of Elder B. F. Coalter in Wilmington, Del., when Mr. William R. Wilson, of Wilmington, and Miss Helen Badger, of Philadelphia, Pa., were married by Elder Coalter. The bride is the daughter of the late Elder J. N. Badger and Mrs. Badger. After the wedding, the couple left for an extended trip to Florida and upon their return will make their home in Wilmington.

## CONVICTED OF TRESPASS

Trial Within a Trial Occurs During Hearing at Mayor's Court—Three Fined.

The law office of Colonel Robert A. Hutchison was the scene of two trials on Friday afternoon, one taking place during the hearing of John Henderson arrested for shooting Albert Helms, both colored. While the sergeant was bringing the victim of the shooting affair to the scene of the trial, Colonel Hutchison attempted to disperse a crowd that had gathered around the windows of the temporary court house but after telling Henry Diggs, Emilia Jackson, and "Watty" Harris, all colored, to move on and upon their refusal, he secured the service of Mr. Ira C. Reid who arrested the offenders on the complaint of trespass entered by Mr. Hutchison. They were immediately jailed before the court presided over by Mayor Brown and according to the testimony submitted, it appeared that they were on the ground between the bank and Mr. Hutchison's office. Mr. Hutchison testified that he was, with the bank, the joint owners of this property. The defendants were fined \$1 each and costs for trespassing on private property. They were ordered to pay their fine as soon as possible and then they were released.

## CONVICTED ON CHARGE OF CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

The defendant, Henderson, in the shooting fray, testified that he was afraid of Helms doing him violence and for that reason fired on him when Helms followed him out of the house. Both men were carrying revolvers but the testimony showed that Henderson was the only one to fire his weapon and three exploded shells of the total were found. The prisoner and the wounded man were both remanded to jail to await a hearing set for Saturday. At this hearing both men were fined \$50 and given thirty days in jail. They were committed to the jail. Dr. Merchant testified the wound was not serious at present and the bullet might be left in the body. It entered the right arm and passed down into the muscles of the back where it became embedded.

Three cases of boys throwing snowballs on Centre street were brought before the Mayor at the Saturday session of the court and they were each fined \$1. One case was dismissed after it was proven that the boy was on a lot and was not throwing toward the street so as to challenge or annoy any pedestrian.

## HENDERSON ACQUITTED BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT.

Indicted for attempt to murder in connection with the shooting of Albert Helms, the defendant, John Henderson, was acquitted by a jury in the circuit court yesterday, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding. The evidence tended to show that Helms had uttered threats and followed up his assault until the time of the shooting. Bad words had passed between both prisoners and a fight took place in a local livery stable prior to the affair that occurred at the home of Robert Penn. Attorney H. Thornton Davies appeared for Henderson and Mr. Thomas H. Lion conducted the prosecution for the Commonwealth. The indictment against Helms was not pressed by Mr. Lion. The prisoners were turned over to the jailer by the circuit court to serve their sentence set by Mayor Brown.

### MORE AND BETTER CORN

Mr. W. M. Brown's Address to State Corn Grower's Association at Warrenton.

(SECOND INSTALLMENT)

The greatest problem that now confronts the American farmer is to make each acre produce more corn, more wheat, more oats and more everything. In order to accomplish this the fertility of the soil must not only be maintained but must be increased. Instead of producing 20.5 bushels of corn on an acre, we want to produce 41; instead of producing an average of 14.5 bushels of wheat, we want to produce 29; instead of 15.5 bushels of oats, we must produce three times that quantity. During the past decade the value of our corn crop has advanced 78 per cent, which has been due largely to the increase in the price per bushel and not to the increased yield. I can remember when corn sold for 25 cents per bushel and pork brought three cents per pound. Upon we produce more corn, the price will advance still more and there will be louder cries of protest from the consuming public.

The productivity of the soil can be increased by the adoption of a good crop rotation, by the plowing under of green manure crops, by deeper plowing and subsoiling, by the use of more lime, and by the use of more animal manures and the intelligent application of commercial fertilizers.

It would be impractical for me to undertake to give any rotation that would suit all conditions in different sections of this state. Each farmer must work out his rotation to suit his local conditions. However, each rotation should include deep and shallow rooted crops, should have one or more legumes grown in the rotation, and will need one or more clean culture crops in order to keep down the weeds. In this state as in many other corn producing states, the wise farmer has capped crimson clover each year. One of the most practical methods of controlling this weed is to arrange the rotation so that the corn crop follows a crop of cow peas or soy beans. After the beans are cut off, the land can be sown to a winter cover crop of rye and crimson clover which can be plowed under in the spring for green manure.

The idea of keeping the land covered with a growing crop throughout the year has had little place in our farming. We have held on to those crops especially designated as "money" crops until most of our soils are lifeless. By this I mean that they have become as so much dead or inert matter and not a puddle of life and energy as a fertile soil should be. In order to bring these soils back to life, more vegetable matter or humus must be incorporated into them, and this can best be done by planting such crops as rye or crimson clover to be plowed under or by the application of animal manures. When our soils are left bare during the winter, erosion takes place which carries away large quantities of plant food in an available form, especially the nitrogen. A fifty bushel crop of corn removes from the soil 40 pounds of nitrogen. To supply this element of plant food would require the application of 700 pounds of cotton seed meal, or 300 pounds of nitrate of soda, or four and one-half tons of barnyard manure.

Aside from adding humus to the soil and preventing soil erosion, the green manure crop plowed under adds from fifty to one hundred per cent. to the water holding capacity of the soil. Water is one of the limiting factors of crop production and has been the most important one for the past few years. If we have enough nitrogen, enough phosphorus, enough potash and all elements of plant

food to produce a hundred bushel crop of corn and do not have but enough water to produce a thirty bushel crop, thirty bushels of corn is all that we can expect. Each ton of dry matter produced in corn requires about 250 tons of water, so that if we would produce a full crop of corn, there must be conserved a large supply of water.

This can be done by deeper plowing and subsoiling and the addition of humus.

There are two other points that I want to stress in this discussion, namely, seed corn and cultivation.

Approximately 353,500 bushels of seed corn are planted each year by Virginia farmers. It is safe to say that only a small percentage of this seed is selected from the field. An ear test was made with 3,322 ears of corn which had been selected by ordinary farmers. Of this number, 1,306 were rejected as being unfit for seed purposes. The average germination of all ears was 86.3 per cent. Judging from this test, it is safe to assume that we can increase the stand 13.7 per cent. by a germination test before planting. It is safe to state that good seed well-cared for and tested will increase the corn crop at least ten bushels per acre, or 60 bushels for every bushel of seed planted. A bushel of seed corn will plant six acres. The time required to test the seed corn is small for 12 to 15 ears of corn will plant an acre. This work should be done from five to six weeks before planting so that new seed can be obtained, if the seed corn you have fails to germinate satisfactorily.

Under actual experiment it has been found that ears selected from good yielding stalks in the field, produced on an average 15 bushels more corn per acre than good ears of the same variety selected from the crib. The Ohio Experiment Station through a long series of tests, has found that they could increase their corn crop 2.25 bushels per acre by selecting seed from the field, rather than take corn from the crib. The same station found that 5.9 bushels per acre can be added to the corn crop by selecting the heaviest ears for seed rather than take ears of ordinary weight. This station has developed that 4.85 bushels of corn can be added to the yield by planting the longer ears rather than take the shorter ones. The average length of the longer ears planted as 9.49 inches as against 7.53 inches for the shorter ones. The longer ears are just a little shorter than the standard length of corn.

Seed corn should be field selected, well-dried and properly tested before planting time comes. I am not going into a discussion of the characteristics of the ideal ear of corn. Each farmer should be a corn breeder to the extent that he grows and selects seed corn that will give him the greatest number of bushels of corn per acre.

What is good seed corn worth? I have this question put to me many times during the year. I can quickly say that it is worth \$10 per bushel, if it cannot be bought for less. If good seed will add 60 bushels of corn for every bushel of seed planted, it is easy to calculate the worth when the market price of corn is known. Good seed corn is worth much more than it can be bought for, and it behooves every farmer to look out for the best seed that he can buy.

Next, after a good preparation of a well fertilized seed bed and the planting of good seed comes the proper cultivation. The primary object of cultivation is to keep the weeds in check and to conserve moisture for the plant growth. To accomplish this requires frequent shallow workings of the soil not more than two inches deep. Judging from my observations of farming methods in this state for the past three years, I believe that the farmers of this state lose 30 million

bushels of corn each year by the lack of cultivation and from the wrong kind or deep cultivation. No man should undertake to produce a crop of corn until he has made himself familiar with the nature and habits of the corn plant. He would not undertake to go out and run an automobile until he had been taught the mechanism of the machine. The same principle applies to the plant life. The great need of present corn cultivation is to stop that miserable system of "root pruning," practiced by so many of our farmers. By the process of education we hope to see the number of root pruners dwindle each year, until we have a much higher average corn production for this state.

As to the number of times to cultivate, I am not prepared to say, but corn should be cultivated every time cultivation is needed. Cultivation will be needed every time a crust begins to form over the surface of the soil. After every rain this crust should be broken in order to keep the moisture from escaping. For one corn crop it may require five cultivations, while for another it may require ten or more. Cultivate every time cultivation is needed for it will pay.

Just how are we to get better corn in this state? This must come through the process of education and dissemination. The younger generation must be educated so that they can apply scientific principles to all farming operations, while many of the "Old Inevitable" must die off in order to give room for the more progressive.

The State Corn Shows, county fairs, state fairs, Boys' Corn Clubs, Mens' Five Acre Corn Clubs, Farmers' Institutes, Farm Demonstrators, all help in this process of education. It does farmers good to come together with their products where they can have the merits and defects of their products pointed out to them. This will help to specialize different sections of the county in certain products. For instance, Boone County corn is coming to be the principal corn to be grown in Northern Virginia. If every farmer should grow this variety of corn, the section will become noted for Boone County corn. It is the same way with animals.

In conclusion, I wish to say that better corn means more corn; more corn means more live stock; more live stock means a richer state and more prosperous farmers.

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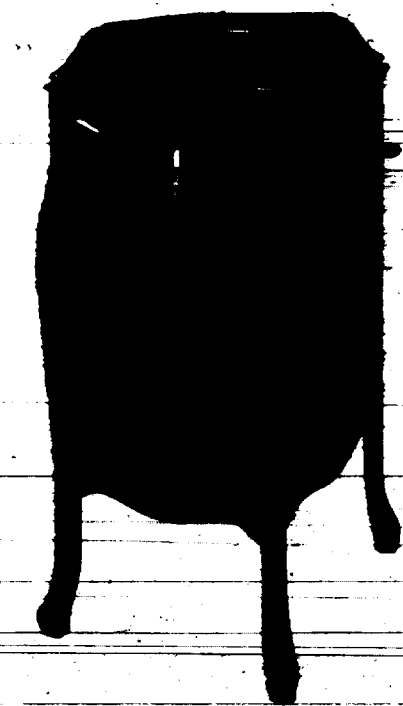
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### SOME ROAD FACTS

There has been aroused, with a willing spirit, the desire to better the roads of the county. From different angles the readers of THE JOURNAL have seen the situation discussed; now it remains for action to be taken. Mr. J. F. Gulick has thrown a ray of hope over the project by promising that the road to Milford will be macadamized this year and Sudley road will be put in the same order next year. The state appropriated this year about \$4,100, and with the county's own fund this amounts to from \$8,000 to \$10,000. This amount, according to Mr. Gulick, will be expended in giving better highways. He has followed up Mr. E. R. Conner's suggestion by stating there is no reason why we cannot have the good roads. Now it would seem to be advantageous to combine Mr. Conner's plan with Mr. Gulick's policy. Both of these gentlemen have the interests of the county at heart and by following their line of excellent suggestions it would seem that the good roads will be a thing of reality.

It is interesting to note some statistics available on public roads of the states. South Carolina and Virginia are analogous in some respects in these statistics. Both states have a population of 47 to each mile of road and each state runs close in the number of miles of road to the square mile in area, Virginia having 1.08 and South Carolina 1.06. South Carolina had, however, 11 per cent of its roads improved in 1912 and Virginia had 5.9 of all its roads improved. In respect to the total mileage of public roads in 1912 Tennessee and Virginia compare favorably with the former having 45,312, and our state having 43,380, but Tennessee surpasses Virginia in the percentage of improved roads by being able to boast of 11.6. Since the movement has been started to improve the county with good roads, thereby increasing the land values and affording better means of travel and trade, it should be the intention of every citizen to hold the movement onward; to keep alive the spirit of progressiveness.

### A WARNING TO GERMAN ATTITUDE

Alleging that the English contentions regarding contraband really amount to a plan that the "vital interests" of any nation are a "sufficient excuse for every method of warfare," Germany is to appeal to her own vital interests as a justification for any measures of military retaliation that she sees fit to adopt. But if German submarines were hereafter to do what they have so far scrupulously refrained from doing—sneak, sink a merchant ship and ruthlessly send passengers and crew to the bottom—Germany would find that she had purchased a petty success at the cost of alienating and further alienating the public sentiment of the whole world. Furthermore, as regards neutrals, she is simply inviting warnings and protests. It would be entirely in order for our State Department to notify the German government that it could not for a moment assent to the view that an American ship might be exposed to being torpedoed by a German submarine, keeping up the fiction of a blockade. A clear understanding on both sides should be arrived at before February 12. The German Foreign Office has not always shown itself skilled in reading American sentiment, but it must know perfectly what would happen if news should come of the New York, on her way to Liverpool, having been sunk, with all on board, by a German submarine.—New York Evening Post.

### OLE HEZ SEZ

Popul wat worry air shrits. Troubl with mas' folks ez they don't know wat makes popul worry. Ef they didn't worry I reckon they wouldn't do anything. Et ez sunthin' wat makes wrinkles on' grows on ther brow but ez ez ez sure sign that 'ey hev ben da'm' sunthin'. Ginevra, president, stannin' on' all folks wat do anything hev worried an' ez mas' be ther common lot uv all ez us to do ther same. Chiles, bless ther hearts, don't hev no worries but that kases hat wunce on life. Arter they git hev affairs on ther minds ez ez un worry arter another. Et ez alluz ez good plan ter keep yo' worries ter yo' sef cuz other folks hev sum o' ther own. Ther feller wat sed ez ez un darn thing arter another must hev ben worried ez heep.

### A WOMAN'S WORTH

It is seldom that a man takes consciously into consideration the material value of his wife. Perhaps he does not care to look upon marriage in such a matter of fact way but undoubtedly some men might appreciate their wives to a greater degree if they took account of the real value of a woman, outside of her companionship, advice, and love. As a housekeeper, their values range in various scales, and their worth in this respect must be calculated to be above the ordinary run of housekeepers inasmuch as their efforts are always in the interest of the home. As mothers they must be looked upon as doctor and nurse which if figured at a money value would be enormous in its amount. The final, and greatest, worth of a woman as a man's wife is found in her result as the guide and companion of her children. To them she contributes the best part of her self; the environment and influence that molds the plastic young characters in her charge. A justice of a court in New York city recently told the parties in a divorce suit that marriage was a half and half proposition, each contributing his or her share to the welfare of the home. It would seem that the half contributed by the man in many cases is very well balanced by the half contributed by the woman. In any family where that view is taken there ought not be any cause for airing affairs in the divorce courts.

### OUR PRESIDENT

A popular actress has introduced a song to the public entitled "We Take Our Hats Off To You, Mr. Wilson," and it is perhaps, one of the best sayings that should express the attitude of the American people. It is both unlucky and fortunate for Mr. Wilson that he should be sitting in the executive chair during the present administration. Unlucky in the fact that the calamity howlers are doing their best to make every day a "blue Monday," fortunate for the President in that he has been able to bear the brunt of the attack and keep on doing something that will be written on the pages of history. Some of those who have filled the highest office of the land are almost forgotten, with all due respect to them, not because they were not capable, but because they encountered few difficulties during their term of office. If we would believe the contents of Mr. Wilson it would appear that this country is the only one outside of the war zone that is in distress. In Sweden, throughout all of South America, and in the Orient stagnation of business activities, cessation of industries, suffering, and starvation are being experienced, more or less. The United States, it would seem, is blessed with being able to dispose of its harvest and in housing a vast multitude who are able to take a good portion of the country's product. It would be interesting to know what another president, whether Republican or Democrat, would have done in President Wilson's case. He is in the position of a man who is appointed only after someone else tries to fill his place.

### TO THE HANDICAPPED

Many of us who are in full possession of all our senses often feel handicapped by some trifling obstacle or inconvenience and cynicism against the "hard luck" that has held us back. What kind of record would those who talk in this way make if they were blind, like Miss Grace Voorhees, and had to get along without the aid of sight? They might talk about handicaps and hard luck then, and they would not be judged very harshly if they failed, because blindness, even with all the counterbalancing advantages that may be credited to it, is a terrible drawback. But what a brave and bright spirit can accomplish is shown by the brilliant scholarship which Miss Voorhees has attained in her student life at the Maryland School for the Blind. A great deal has been said about the aid which the blind derive from their isolation from distracting sights, by the sharpening of their other faculties and by their increased power of concentration. There may be some truth in this, but it does not wholly explain such cases as that of Miss Voorhees or that of other notable blind persons. If it did, the classes in every blind institution would represent assemblages of genius or unusual talent, and our greatest men and women would come from the ranks of the blind and not of the seeing.

In point of fact, while this affliction carries with it a certain degree of mental comprehension, and while nature makes up in other ways, to a certain extent, to its victims for their loss of sight, personality and individuality count even more, perhaps, with the blind than with those who have their vision. Blindness very likely made both these young women more determined, but it would have been hard to handicap such girls under any conditions.

We commend to grumblers and to the mentally and morally spineless the courage and splendid optimism of people like these, who, sitting in darkness, see a great light, and who mount from weakness to strength and from disaster to conquest in the face of misfortune and fate.—Baltimore Sun.

## Note Our Growth

December 31, 1896

Capital . . . \$50,000.00  
Surplus . . . \$500.00  
Deposits . . . \$55,590.28

Dividend Paid, 6 Per Cent.

December 31, 1914

Capital . . . \$50,000.00  
Surplus . . . \$26,000.00  
Deposits . . . \$243,146.15

Dividend Paid, 8 Per Cent.

### The National Bank of Manassas

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Select your agent and companies as you would your Banker, Lawyer or Doctor, since your financial existence may depend on this and the best costs no more than the poorest. :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

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## FIRE TESTED — TIME TRIED REPRESENTING MILLIONS

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Sum	\$1.00
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## Conner's Market

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MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

# BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Claude Herrell, of Nokesville, is critically ill at his home in that place.

—Mr. Welford A. Beck has been confined to his home with a severe attack of grippe.

—Sunday is St. Valentine's day when humor and love get mixed up and spilled on people.

—Mr. William Hensley is reported as being ill at his home with an attack of pneumonia.

—Mrs. Bell, wife of Dr. W. J. Bell of Nokesville is reported as being ill with an attack of malaria.

—A meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held in the Court House next Thursday, January 15.

—After a severe illness due to the grippe Mr. Harry Hizer has recovered and a gradual improvement is noted.

—Mrs. Westwood Hutchison has been confined to her home with a severe attack of the grippe and is slowly improving.

—Mr. E. J. Wilson and son, Bert, of Nokesville, have purchased the store formerly belonging to Mr. J. T. Powers at Catlett.

—A delightful hazard is being held in the M. I. C. building today under the direction of the ladies of the M. E. church, South.

—On Saturday, February 20, the girls' basketball team of Manassas High School will play the feminine sex of the high school alumni.

—Day current was put into service on Tuesday and motors are being connected up by consumers of this power for commercial purposes.

—Mr. L. Frank Pattie has recovered from the recent attack of grippe and has resumed his duties as cashier of the National Bank of Manassas.

—After passing the appropriation plan of taxing the state the legislature of Virginia will adjourn its extra session today to convene on March 2.

—The meeting of the Grand Council of the Order Fraternal Americans has been changed from Manassas to Richmond to take place on April 28.

—Rev. J. F. Burks will conduct services at Trinity Episcopal Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10 a. m.

—The Junior League of Cat harpin school will give a minstrel show tomorrow night starting at 7 o'clock in the school house. Beginning at 4 p. m., an oyster supper will be served.

—A license was issued in the clerk's office Wednesday in Mr. Kosheba and Mary Ferrence, both formerly of Austria-Hungary, and who now live at Manassas. They were married yesterday.

—Mr. Ray Sprinkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sprinkle, was brought to his home from a Washington hospital Sunday where he was operated on for appendicitis. His condition is excellent and steady improvement is noted.

—Mr. J. J. Conner is attending the state Farmers' Institute and Dairyman's Association convention which opened yesterday in Richmond and is in session today. Mr. Conner is a member of this body.

—Dr. H. U. Reop attended the state Sunday school convention in Charlottesville this week. He will take for the theme of his sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday "Some thoughts from the Sunday school convention."

—A serious accident happened during the past week to Mr. Robert C. Leachman, who is working in McDowell, W. Va., when in some way the blade of a paper cutter in the newspaper office where he is employed fell on his hand nearly amputating his thumb.

—Famous Frank S. Davidson is coming.

—The local high school quint will meet Warrenton High School basketball team in Conner's Hall on Friday night next. The Manassas boys are anxious to avenge the defeat suffered on the Warrenton floor and a good contest is promised.

—Messrs. E. R. Conner and F. E. Ransdell were among the witnesses at a trial in Leesburg yesterday in the case between Dr. H. R. Hutchison and King Brothers, of Texas. The case was compromised with King Brothers allowing Dr. Hutchison \$150.

—Dr. Horace Milton Julian, a noted physician of St. Louis, Mo., died in that city of paralysis Jan. 31. He was buried in Newberry, S. C., the following Wednesday. Dr. Julian was a brother of Mrs. J. K. Eird, formerly of Manassas, now of Gilbert, S. C.

—The siren whistle of the municipal power plant was put into operation this week and now sounds its blasts at 8 p. m. at which time the youngsters are warned to obey the curfew law. It is expected to use this whistle as a means for giving fire alarms in the future.

—The recent high water in Chappawamsic run between Stafford and Prince William counties washed out a section of the Washington-Richmond highway. It will probably be necessary to construct a larger bridge at this point or to provide several openings for the water to pass out.

—Eastern College and Manassas High School will engage in a basketball struggle for the local championship on Washington's birthday. Neither team have met each other this year and, as both have been putting up an excellent brand of the winter sport, a battle royal is promised.

—The local health officer in his inspection during the past week found horses on a number of fish on sale by a local merchant. The health department of the town is making efforts to see that the ordinances of the town in regard to the protection of public health are observed.

—Mrs. Cleveland Payne, 20 years old, died Monday night at her home "The Springs" in Fauquier county near Warrenton. She has been married about a year and prior to her marriage was Miss Sadie Foster. She is survived by her husband. The burial took place on Wednesday.

—A quiet wedding was celebrated in Manassas on Wednesday at high noon when Mr. Willard Carwell and Miss Carrie M. Fair were married by Rev. Dr. H. L. Quarles. Both are residents of Prince William county. The groom's age was given as 22 and the bride as being 18 years old.

—Mr. Merritt Lamb, of Muskegon, Mich., nephew of Mrs. E. A. Lamb, of Manassas, is attending the fifth annual meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America which opened in Washington yesterday. He is expected to visit relatives here before returning to his home in Michigan.

—A surprise was afforded the friends of Mr. Raymond L. Jones, of Nokesville, and Miss Cora L. Bridwell, of Bristow, when they returned to Nokesville yesterday and announced their marriage as having taken place in Washington on Wednesday. They were married by Rev. H. T. Downs. The age of Mr. Jones was given as being 23 and that of Miss Bridwell as 21.

—Before Judge J. B. T. Thornton on Wednesday in the circuit court, holding in chancery, an application made by ARCHER Howard, of Washington, to have receivers appointed for the Juleg Piano Company, of Washington, was refused. The piano company, incorporated under the laws of the state, are holders of bonds made by Mr. Howard, these amounting to nearly \$60,000.

—John W. Plaggen, 60 years old, died suddenly at his home near Catlett Monday evening. Death was pronounced as being due to hemorrhage of the brain. The burial took place in the Oakdale cemetery at Greenwich on Wednesday at noon. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

—February 21 has been chosen as the date for acceptance of offerings to provide an endowment fund for the old Pohick church in which George Washington worshipped as a boy and young man. The church belongs to the Episcopal diocese of Richmond. Col. Robert E. Lee, of Ravensworth, is one of the members of the endowment committee who have undertaken the rehabilitation of the church.

—Applications for entries to the fiddling, banjo picking and dancing contest to be held in the Dixie motion picture theatre on February 19 are being received by Messrs. Lion and May. It promises to be a big affair with contestants and their adherents present from all over the county. A big moving picture show will be held before the affair and all will be included at the price of one admission.

—Mr. S. C. Harley's son, who was recently shot while at play, has been under treatment by Dr. E. G. Seibert, a Washington eye specialist. The injured eye is now alright according to Dr. Seibert and the youngster will be able to resume his studies at school. Miss Lucy Hinegardner, Mr. Harley's sister-in-law, who was operated on for adenoids at the same time, has fully recovered.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brezneck and children will leave Monday to spend several months in Riverside, Cal. Mr. Brezneck is connected with the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture and has been given a temporary assignment to aid in the government's efforts to find a remedy for a disease of the orange that is seriously troubling the California growers. They will reach Riverside at the beginning of the picking season and the children are anticipating pleasant sport picking oranges and grape fruit.

—The Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia elected and installed the following officers yesterday: Grand Master—James B. Wood, of Charlottesville; Deputy Grand Master—James A. Cabell, of Richmond; Grand Senior Warden—Henry K. Field, of Alexandria; Grand Junior Warden—E. L. Cunningham, of Newport News; Grand Senior Deacon—Sol Catchin, of Richmond; Grand Junior Deacon—W. W. Galt, of Norfolk; Grand Secretary—Chas. A. Nesbitt, of Richmond; and Grand Treasurer—Fred Plaggen, of Richmond.

—The year book of the State department of agriculture and immigration, an excellent specimen of the printing art, has been received by THE JOURNAL. The year book takes the place of the February monthly bulletin. It is profusely illustrated with clear and interesting cut-and is a hand-book every farmer would do well to have. An interesting item in the book states that Virginia is the only state that exports beef cattle direct from the blue grass pasture. In this connection Gov. H. C. Stuart is the largest exporter in America of beef cattle direct from the farm.

—Last night in Conner's Opera House the Mystic Veils gave a performance that entertained and interested the audience for two hours and a half. In addition to the exhibition of spiritualism, magic, and juggling, an excellent set of stereopticon views were shown depicting the life of Christ. Tonight the entire program will be changed with the exception of Mrs. Vail's message reading and answering questions. The young ladies are warned not to sign their names to communications if they would not prefer their names to be mentioned in connection with the services.

—The burial services of Mrs. M. M. Shirley, of Nokesville, who died Wednesday evening in Sibley Hospital, Washington, were conducted today at the Mill Creek Cemetery at Broadway, Rockingham county. Mrs. Shirley was formerly of Broadway and was before her marriage Miss Delphia Zirkle. Death was due to blood poisoning. The deceased was 40 years old and is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters; one daughter being a baby. The funeral services were held yesterday at the Hebrew Seminary with Elders S. E. Flory and I. A. Miller officiating.

—By an act of the General Assembly approved March 25, 1914, it was enacted that next Wednesday, February 17, 1915, being the one hundredth anniversary of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain commonly known as the Treaty of Ghent, shall be observed in this state as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and that for that purpose that day shall be a public holiday. The Governor of Virginia has issued a proclamation to the same effect.

—In a play that promises to be the best ever produced under his direction, Mr. Frank S. Davidson will present his own version and staging of "Rip Van Winkle" at Conner's Opera House on Friday night, March 12. Excellent scenery, costumes, and staging with eleven characters picked from Manassas talent are a few of the features expected in this well known and favorite production. Mr. Davidson will appear personally as old "Rip" and in this, his latest characterization, will endeavor to give to this town his highest ability as an artist of the first order. He has the distinction of playing to the largest house ever seen here.

## ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW

—Mr. H. J. Carr, of Bristow, was a town visitor yesterday.

—Mrs. T. D. D. Clark has returned from a week's visit to Baltimore, Md.

—Mrs. J. T. Wilkins, of Alexandria, was the recent guest of Mrs. I. M. Danahoe.

—Mr. W. F. Dowell returned Wednesday from a visit to his home in Loudoun county.

—Miss Vesta Dugas, of Middletown, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Bashong.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buck, of Front Royal, were the week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Beck.

—Mr. Thomas Guick, of Washington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Guick.

—Mr. Shirley Leachman, of Alexandria, spent the week-end with his father, Mr. C. C. Leachman.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. C. Johnson entertained the 300 Club last evening at their home on Main street.

—Mrs. Margaret Pringle Lewis entertained at cards Tuesday evening in her home on West street.

—Mr. Malcolm Merchant, of Burke, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant on Sunday.

—Miss Blanche Wynne Costen, of Sperryville, Rappahannock county, was the week-end guest of Mrs. Margaret Lewis.

—Miss Clara Nichols, of Washington, was the week-end guest at "Barnockburn," the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant.

—Mr. Harold Myers and family, of Courtland, are guests of Mr. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Myers, of Front-street-avenue.

—Miss Lucille Ashford Manchester, who has been the guest of relatives here, has returned to her home in Lincoln, Fairfax county.

—Mrs. Marshall Titus and child, of Locketts, Loudoun county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. F. Dowell. She leaves on Sunday for a visit to relatives in Calpeper.

—Mr. George Dent Adamson, Manassas high school graduate and student of Cornell University, has returned to Manassas, and will remain with his parents until the beginning of the fall term.

## LETTER FROM NOKESVILLE

Let us get busy while the weather is hot and talk of something else besides the war and muddy roads. Let us give our attention to the kind of roads we have and make better roads. I know it is not a pleasure to pay taxes, but we will never have good roads until we meet the situation face to face and realize that it will cost us years of higher taxation, but at the same time we would have better roads for travel, would save horses and wear and tear of wagons and harness. We have some good men in our district that want to help us; there is a movement to raise money by private subscription to start at the west end of the main road and go on to the end of the road to Greenwich. Let us all help. We are entitled to the 1916 appropriation, which will be about twelve thousand dollars, and if we do not wake up Manassas district will want to use our appropriation and get us out. We do not expect to wait. Why should we wait when it is our money and Manassas would be getting six years of the road? I am a candidate for supervisor and if elected I will do what I can to get what is due our district. J. B. YACON

# Now Here's 1915

and here's a happy and prosperous 1915 to you. Have you ever thought how a bank account in a good, reliable bank like this would help to lighten your work—the safety and convenience of it?

You can open an account here with a few dollars, and you don't have to carry a large balance to get the accurate, painstaking, polite service that we render to EVERY depositor. Come and talk it over to-day.

## The Peoples National Bank OF MANASSAS, VA.

# No Need to Suffer With Cold Feet Any Longer

HERE IS A FOOT WARMER THAT DOES THE WORK—JUST FITS THE FOOT



Made of Earthenware, nicely glazed, is convenient to handle, just fill it with hot water and it keeps warm for 12 hours. Perfectly sanitary—self sterilizing every time it is filled. No danger from fire, no smoke, no flame, no bad odor, no rubber to dry up, crack, burst or leak, will last a life time.

Once you use this Foot Warmer, you will never be satisfied with any other because it never disappoints you. Nothing like it has ever been on the market.

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Lehigh gives concrete all the qualities named above and more. Its strength increases and gains. This means you get dependability. Make the silo almost indestructible. Call and get more facts.

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HIGH SCHOOL ENTERS MEET

Local Track Team Numbered Among Entrants in George Washington Meet.

Competing against Woodberry Forest and Episcopal High School, the Manassas High School relay team is entered in the one-mile relay race for "the championship of Northern Virginia," in the seventh annual indoor track meet of George Washington University...

In addition to the big event there will be three single entries competing against the pick of the scholastic teams in Washington, Maryland and Virginia. Captain Williams is entered in the novice 50-yard dash; Roswell Round will run the 50-yard dash for the scholastic championship...

The Manassas Schools

HIGH SCHOOL

The regular routine work of the high school has gone with its usual enthusiasm and success. No special event may be recorded except the very interesting debate which took place at the school assembly on Friday morning, the 5th. The students of the third and fourth year classes were the competitors. The subject for debate was: Resolved, "That Prince William County should be bonded for the improvement of its roads..."

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Our children of the Grammar school are not influenced by the variable weather. The attendance the past week has not been greatly diminished. The wheels of the work have moved on smoothly. Added to the usual round, on Friday afternoon the Improvement League of the 8th grade held its usual monthly meeting. The program was prepared entirely by the members and was very creditable.

There are still new pupils entering the school and more are expected. Examinations in all subjects have occupied both pupils and teachers. They are over for the present for which no one is sorry. The most important acquisition in the Bennett building is the installing of a telephone which will be found a very great convenience.

AGAINST MOVING MEETING

Resolution introduced at Last Farmers' Institute Would Prohibit Change of Meetings.

At the last meeting of the Farmers' Institute a resolution was offered prohibiting the institute from holding meetings at other places than Manassas except on extra occasions outside of regular institute days. The resolution was referred to a committee for consideration and report.

The report from the marketing committee was heard. The following resolutions were offered by the chairman of the legislative committee:

- Resolved, That we favor the appointment, not the election, of commissioners of election.
Resolved, That whether the segregation plan, the state tax commission or whatever general plan of tax revision is enacted at Richmond, we favor the creation of a county organization board consisting of the board of county supervisors; said board at its first regular meeting each year, after the assessment is finished and reported, shall sit as an equalization board to hear and determine any complaint of excessive or erroneous assessments, or to make changes in any assessment they may deem erroneous. Provided, however, that no assessment shall be raised without due notice and hearing of the party affected thereby. The duties of said board of equalization shall pertain to both real estate and personal property assessments.

ITEMS FROM GREENWICH

Mr. H. W. Wood was a Worcester visitor Tuesday. Mr. H. P. House spent the past week in Washington, D. C. The Greenwich baseball team will play this season under the able management of Mr. Jack Gray.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE TO SPEAK

Miss Christine I. Tindal, National W. C. T. U. lecturer, will speak in Ashby, M. E. Church Monday, February 15, at 7:30 p. m. Miss Tindal is one of the most interesting and attractive lecturers of the National W. C. T. U. She is a native of London, England, and has spoken in England, Scotland, Switzerland and twenty-seven states of the Union.

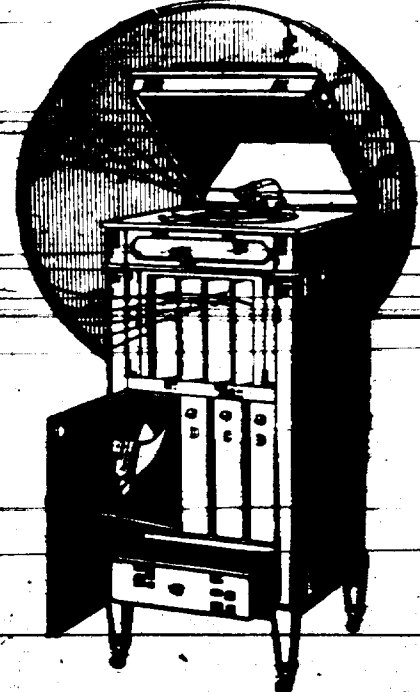
GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS OF GREENWICH ELECT OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the Greenwich Good Housekeepers Club at the home of Mrs. J. P. Degan, "Paradise," the officers elected for the coming year were as follows: Mrs. F. A. Lewis, president; Mrs. C. F. M. Lewis, secretary; and Mrs. R. L. Wheeler, treasurer. A very interesting meeting was held. One of the subjects discussed was the need of forming a club for our home, a thought for our sister clubs too. New Year resolutions were made which, if kept, will make ours a very model body of women.

NOTES FROM MENNEVILLE

Miss Stella Alexander and Mr. Paul Clark, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore and Washington have returned home. Miss Rose Whitely, of Dumfries, was the guest Tuesday of her sister, Mrs. Oren Emery. Mr. W. A. Duncanson and son, John, were in Occoquan last Saturday on business. Mr. Charles Smith has returned from a business trip to Washington. Mr. Willie Alexander, of lower Manassas, spent Wednesday with his uncle, Mr. C. E. Clark. Mr. W. T. Elliott, of Orlando, spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark. Miss Blanche Duncanson is on an extended trip to Hamfield, Pa. Miss Ethel Wheeler spent Wednesday night with her cousin, Miss Lucile Childs, of this place. Mrs. Katie Clarke was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Alice Hinton last Thursday. Mr. J. C. Clarke has returned from an extended business trip through the Northern Neck. Miss Katie Reed is spending the winter with her brother, Mr. Ernest Reed, at this place.

Advertisement for Grafonola contest. Title: 'It Is Warming Up Not the Weather—But the Grafonola Contest'. Features: 1,000 Extra Votes on every Suit, Coat or Overcoat for man or woman bought during the week beginning Monday, Feb. 15th. Free Silverware Wednesday, Feb. 17. One-half doz. Orange Spoons, Sugar Shell and Butter Knife to party turning in most votes that day. BIG SALE STILL CONTINUES. Greatest reductions we have ever made. Goods cheaper than you have known them for ten years. Regular 12c Values—Sale Price, 9c Yard. HYNNSON'S 'WE SELL IT CHEAPER'



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Wanted - To rent, with option of buying, farm 50 to 75 acres, house, outbuildings. Give full particulars with price. P. O. Box 28, Lyndbrook, New York. 1-22-4f
Mr. J. J. Conner has recently purchased a fine registered bull calf from Mr. W. G. Cronshaw, Orange, Va. His dam is a sister of the world's record cow at Blackburg. His sire is Butterboy, grand sire De Kal Red-Darby 3rd. It
ITEMS FROM JOPLIN
Miss Ethel Abel returned to Washington Sunday after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Abel.
Miss Addie Timmons was the guest of Miss Lillie Abel Sunday last.
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**SNEEZING IS DANGEROUS**

**Bad Colds, Spread by Careless, Declared More Fatal Than Aerial Bombs.**

The cruising Zeppelins, which have been scattering death at Dunkirk and in Southern England, are bad enough, but as destroyers they have nothing on the tiny balloons launched on deadly missions whenever a person with a bad cold carelessly sneezes or coughs.

"This, in substance, is the mid-winter warning of the State Board of Health, issued today. The board calls attention to the fact that whenever a person sneezes, fine particles of spray are thrown out, which are, to all intents and purposes, minute balloons. These float in the air for an indefinite period and, if they can reach the nose or throat of a well person, will give him a cold which he in all probability will erroneously attribute to draft or exposure.

"Carelessness on the part of the well - failure to protect against sudden changes of temperature, wet feet, drafts and the like - are of course responsible for many hundred colds," declares the State Board of Health, "but carelessness on the part of the sick is even more reprehensible. A single sneeze or un-guarded cough in a close room will send scores of little Zeppelins into the air which may be as fatal as the cordite bombs thrown from the giant cruisers of the air.

"One of the most important rules that can be observed is to always hold a handkerchief over the mouth when sneezing or coughing, or, where this cannot be done, to hold the head down so that the spray will fall to the floor. It is not wise to cover the mouth with the hand when sneezing, since that not merely transfers the germs to the skin of the palm and fingers, whence they can easily be conveyed to others by shaking hands.

**FORESTBURG NOTES**

There will be services in the Baptist church on Sunday at 3 p. m. at Forest Hill.

Mr. Fush Abell is improving after an attack of the rheumatism.

Mr. J. E. Tapcott returned to his home Friday night.

Mrs. Ida E. Abell, was a visitor at the home of Miss Roberta Abell Saturday evening.

Messrs. J. C. Dunn, W. T. Abell and W. G. Abell, were on a big fox hunt Friday.

Mrs. Horice DeVaughn is visiting friends in Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton C. Dunn, visited Mr. Dunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dunn this week. "SPOOKIES."

**Week-day Lutheran Services at Trinity Church.**

Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 11 a. m., every Wednesday thereafter at 7:30 p. m., and every Friday at 4 p. m., except Holy Week, when there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Holy Thursday at 7:30 p. m., and service on Good Friday at 11 a. m.

Friday evening services will be held especially for the children when instruction will be given by the rector on the first principles of religion. Although these services will be held for children yet the older members of the church are cordially invited to attend.

**IN MEMORIAM**

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear mother, Mrs. W. G. Bailey, who died January 19, 1915, aged 89 years. May we all meet her in her happy home where there are no sorrows.

In that graveyard softly sleeping, Where the trees so quiet wave, Lies the one we love most dearly In the lone and silent grave.

Dearest mother we have placed thee In the peaceful grave's embrace, You can never be forgotten, Your kind and loving face.

How often we wished and wondered That we knew the reason why, That God in His infinite mercy Took our dear mother so soon on high.

Days of sadness still come o'er us, Tears of sorrow silently flow, Fond memory keeps ever near us Though death claimed you three weeks ago.

We have missed thy kind and willing hand, Thy fond and earnest care, Our home is lonely without thee, We miss you everywhere.

Oh, dear mother, you are sweetly sleeping Free from every earthly pain, But we have the consolation That we all shall meet again.

We do not know when we may fall Beneath that chattering rind, One must be first, but let us all Prepare to meet our God.

Although three weeks have rolled away Since you passed from our view, Our hearts still long for you today, The dearest one we knew.

We shall meet but we shall miss her, There will be one vacant chair, We shall linger to care for her While we breathe our evening prayer.

True, they tell us wreaths of glory Evermore will deck her brow, But this soothes the anguish only Sweeping o'er our heart strings now.

Sleep today, Oh, dear mother, In the green and narrow bed, Thoughts are in our hearts forever And mingle with the tears we shed.

Oh, for grace our hearts to soften, Teach us, Lord, at length to love, We, alas, forget too often What a friend we have above.

By the fountain side - Amen.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear aunt, Sophia Davis, who departed this life February 1, 1915. She was 77th year. Gone but not forgotten.

How hard we tried to save her, Pity and tears were all in vain, Happy angels came and here her Feet - this world of - and - pain.

In the graveyard softly sleeping, Where the trees so gently wave, Lies the one we love so dearly In the lonely, silent grave.

Dear Aunt Sophia, thou has left us, And thy loss we deeply feel, It is God that has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal.

We often sit and think of you, When we are all alone, For memory is the only friend That grief can call its own.

We miss her kind and willing hand, Her fond and earnest care, Our home is dark without her, We miss her everywhere.

A beautiful life is ended, My dear aunt laid to rest, Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on his gentle breast.

By ADOLF L. THOMPSON.

In sad but loving remembrance of Mrs. A. M. Strobert, who died at the home of her daughter in Washington, D. C., Sunday, January 21, after an illness of four months, aged 78 years, 6 months and 29 days. Interment February 3, Greenwood Presbyterian church beside her husband, William Strobert.

Mr. Tyson Jamney, of Occoquan, officiating. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Ad. Beck, of Washington, D. C., and four daughters, Mrs. Harry Metzger, of Woodbridge; Mrs. Frank Chadwick, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Frank Whitson, of Hooey; Mrs. William Ruppel, of New York, and two sons, Mr. William Strobert, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Walter Strobert, of Hooeyville.

A just and fitting mother gone and missed by all who knew her. "Into sweet rest she has passed."

No more to suffer and weep, She is smiling on us from heaven, For our darling mother lies in heaven.

Yet again we hope to meet her When the day of life has fled, There to heaven with joy together Where no farewell tears are shed.

**ROLL OF HONOR**

Roll of honor for Missions School, Dumfries District, Prince William County, for the month of January:

Lucile Clarke, Elsie Windsor, Edith Curtis, Tony Stepto, John Dane, Helen Curtis and Joe Stepto.

Number on roll, 35. Average attendance 31.00. O. C. H. GREENE, Teacher.

**HOLD ROAD CONVENTION**

Many Interesting Subjects Discussed At State Highway Meeting in Richmond.

With an elaborate and interesting program the Virginia Road Builders' Association met in the auditorium of Murphy's hotel in Richmond on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A discussion covering the various phases of road construction and maintenance, financing road-building projects, the use of convict labor, and a general trend along road-building lines, was included in the program. Motion pictures were furnished showing the various types of work being carried on in the state. A trip was made yesterday by the members and visitors at the meeting to inspect the street improvements that are being carried on in the capital.

**MANY INTERESTING ADDRESSES**

In addition to the routine business of the association, and various discussions opened by members and visitors, the following addresses on pertinent topics were made:

"Road Improvement in Its Relation to the Public Schools," R. C. Stearnes, superintendent of public instruction.

"Cooperation Between County and State," Colonel Lucius Gregory, member of board of supervisors of Mecklenburg county.

"Road Laws and Necessary Legislation," G. P. Coleman, state highway commissioner of Virginia.

"Source of Revenue for Road Construction and Maintenance," Latham Fletcher, state senator Eighth District of Virginia.

"Road Maintenance," H. G. Shirley, chief engineer of Maryland state roads commission.

"Needed Traffic Regulations on Through Country Roads," C. R. Scott, assistant state highway commissioner of Virginia.

"Highway Construction," C. S. Reese, assistant chemist, office of public roads, Washington.

"Sand-Clay Construction," Z. G. Durley, superintendent state highway commission.

"Highway Bridges and Culverts," C. D. Sacad, bridge engineer Virginia state highway commission.

"Roadbuilding From a Contractor's Viewpoint," R. G. Lester, Oxford, N. C.

**EGGS BY THE MILE.**

The opportunities for building up the poultry industry throughout the South are well illustrated in what has been accomplished in the territory surrounding Morristown, Tenn., from which 1,350 miles of eggs were shipped during 1914.

The records of the Southern Railway Company show a total of 325 solid cars shipped during the year. These contained a total of 130,000 cases or 46,800,000 eggs. Adding the shipments made in mixed cars and by express and parcel post, it is estimated that the total production from the Morristown district exceeded 50,000,000 eggs, worth, at the average retail price, more than \$1,250,000.

If laid end to end in a straight line these eggs would cover a distance of 1,350 miles, or the distance from Morristown to the Panama Canal.

One hundred and seventy-five cars of live poultry, 53 cars of dressed fowls and a large number of small lots sent by freight and express were shipped during the year, the total of solid eggs of poultry and eggs being 528. The total value of poultry products shipped from the district during 1914 is well over the \$2,000,000 record of 1912.

**CARD OF THANKS**

To our many friends who were so kind and who extended their sympathy to us, during the past illness of our child, we wish to express our sincere appreciation. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. KEYS.

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No. 43 - Daily through train, 11:17 a. m. - Will stop at Manassas on day.  
No. 11 - Express daily, local stops Washington to Warrenton, 5:11 p. m.  
No. 25 - 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. - Stop at all of passengers from Washington and Alexandria and to take on passengers for points at which scheduled to stop.

**NORTHBOUND.**

No. 18 - Except Sunday, local from Warrenton to Washington, 7:00 a. m.  
No. 16 - Daily through train between Charlottesville, Warrenton, Manassas and Washington, 9:05 a. m. Pullman Parlor Car to Washington.  
No. 14 - Daily from Manassas through Washington, 10:30 a. m. Pullman Parlor Car.  
No. 19 - Daily local, 2:10 p. m. - Goes to Orange with C. & O. Railway from Richmond and Gordonsville.  
No. 20 - Daily, 7:55 p. m. local train between Harrisonburg, Manassas and Washington.

**WESTBOUND.**

No. 40 - Daily local for Harrisonburg and intermediate points, 9:30 a. m.  
No. 21 - Daily local to Harrisonburg, 5:12 p. m.  
E. H. COAPMAN, V. P. and Gen. Mgr.  
S. H. HARDWICK, Pass. Traffic Mgr.  
E. F. CARY, Gen. Pass. Agt.  
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SO THE WORLD GOES ON

(This poem was written in December, 1862, by Col. John A. Joyce, at the Galt House, Louisville, Ky., at the request of George D. Prentice.)

Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Weep, and you weep alone; For the brave old earth must borrow its mirth, It has troubles enough of its own. Sing, and the hills will answer; Sight is lost on the air; The echoes bound to a joyful sound, But shrink from voicing care. Rejoice, and men will seek you; Grieve, and they turn and go; They want full measure of all your pleasure, But they do not want your woe. Be glad, and your friends are many; Be sad, and you lose them all; There are some to decline your nectared wine, But alone you must drink life's gall. Feast, and your halls are crowded; Fast, and the world goes by; Succeed and give, and it helps you live, But no man can help you die. There is room in the halls of pleasure For a long and lordly train, But one by one we must all file on Through the narrow aisle of pain.

Advices Getting Poultry Started For Next Fall.

If the farmer wishes to benefit by the high prices that eggs are certain to bring next fall and winter, he should begin to get ready for them at once, say the poultry specialists in the Department of Agriculture. The way to have eggs late in the year is to hatch pullets early. It is the early hatches from which the early pullets are derived that are the largest money makers for the poultry producer. The early hatched cockerels can be marketed in almost any market in America when they attain a weight of three-fourths of a pound to a pound and a half each which they should reach at about 6 to 10 weeks of age, respectively, at a greater profit to the producer than at any other time of their lives. The early hatched pullets, if properly grown, should begin to lay in the fall at the time when eggs are scarce and high in price.

A FEW FACTS TO REMEMBER.

Pullets must be well matured before they will lay many eggs. Pullets that start to lay in the fall before cold weather sets in will, as a rule, lay all winter. It is the early hatched pullets that produce eggs in the fall and early winter when prices are high. February, March and April are the months to do your hatching in order to secure early hatched pullets. Yearling and 2-year-old hens do not lay many eggs in the fall, as they are molting at that time, and the feed they consume goes not only to keep up the energy and life of the birds but also to put on or grow a new coat of feathers. In properly matured pullets all surplus energy beyond that needed to meet the requirements of the body is available for the production of eggs. Wants the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for fine illustration depicting management.

Laymen's Missionary Movement, Presbyterian Church in U. S., Charlotte, N. C., February 16, 17 and 18, 1915. Account above meeting Southern Railway will have on sale at Washington, D. C., and principal points in Virginia, February 14 and 15, low round trip tickets to Charlotte, N. C., bearing equal return limit February 22, 1915. For detailed information as to fares, schedules, reservations, etc., apply to nearest ticket agent or write G. W. Westbury, General Agent, Washington, D. C. Feb 12

Mardi Gras Celebration, New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala. and Pensacola, Fla., February 11 to 16, 1915. Account above occasion, Southern Railway will have on sale at Washington, D. C., and principal points in Virginia, greatly reduced round trip tickets February 9 to 15, bearing final return limit of February 26-1915. Stopovers permitted en route. Final limit of tickets can be extended. Consult agents for particulars or write C. W. Westbury, General Agent, Washington, D. C. Feb 12

Begin Dragging the Roads Now.

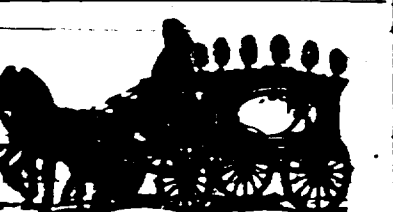
The cheapest good roads maker ever invented is the drag. If you don't want impassable roads in February and March, begin dragging them now. Send to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for a free copy of Farmers' Bulletin No. 321, "Split Log Drag on Earth Roads." Also demand that your Legislature make proper provision for paying farmers for dragging roads. Here is the gospel of road dragging as given in a single paragraph by Mr. D. Ward King, inventor of the now celebrated split log good roads maker:

"It's not the water that falls on your roads that does the harm, but the water that stays on it. After you grade your road the surface is still composed of porous dirt. This absorbs water. Either you drive at one side or you drive at the top and cut it up. You know the kind of mud you find in a hog wallow. It is like wet cement. You could fashion a water-proof vessel from it. This same fine dirt is found on a traveled road. If it is not dragged after rains it is like a long basin, holding the water, later hardening into a rough, lumpy surface. Drag the road after a rain and you spread a thin layer of this fine dirt over the surface and it is beaten down. Drag it after the next rain and you put on another layer which is also packed down. Keep this up and after a while you will have a road, higher in the middle than on the sides and covered with an eighteen-inch or two-foot, smooth hard crust that will shed all water. Using a simple drag is the only suggestion yet made that will not make a road worse before it makes it better. Never drag up more at one time than can be packed down by the traffic." - The Progressive Farmer.

Town Has Community Building.

One of the first community buildings in this country was opened by the Board of Trade at Washington, Washington county, Pa., on October 24. The purpose of the building is to furnish a general meeting place for town and country people and to bring them in closer touch. In the general meeting room on the first floor are telephone facilities, magazine and writing tables, sets of all available Farmers' Bulletins, the Experiment Station Bulletins of the State, and blanks upon which application may be made for those desired by individuals. Another large room on the first floor is suitable for luncheons, illustrated lectures, and local corn shows, apple shows, demonstration meetings, etc. On the second floor are two large rest rooms for women. Those in charge of the enterprise hope to be able to employ a woman attendant and provide her with facilities for caring for small children of visiting shoppers. The building also contains offices for the board and the agricultural bureau.

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GENERAL NEWSNOTES

Philip K. Bauman, grand master of Masons in Virginia, is confined to his home in Fredericksburg, suffering from an attack of rheumatism. It is probable that he will be able to attend the sessions of the grand lodge to be held in Richmond next week.

On January 1, 1915, the banking interests of Richmond paid out to stockholders the largest amount in the history of the city, the combined dividend being \$301,767.50. On the same date Mr. Page drew on the State treasury for \$422,743.30 for the semi-annual interest on the State debt.

G. Mason Griffin, a prominent business man of Washington, "who was kissed by a chorus girl in the presence of his wife," has brought suit for the sum of \$1,500 against the Southern States Producing Company of Philadelphia, and Allen J. Bachrach, proprietor of the Casino Theatre in Washington.

Mr. John S. Barbour has been appointed general attorney of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, and will now have his office in Washington. This has necessitated his withdrawal from the law firm of Moore, Barbour, Keith and McCandlish, although he will continue his residence in Fairfax. His place in the firm is taken by Mr. M. Carter Hall, who for some time has practiced with Mr. R. Walton Moore in his Washington office.

At 10:12 1-2 o'clock Thursday night three members of the staff at the Leander McCormick Observatory at the University of Virginia observed a fireball or meteorite. The ball gave as much light as a quarter moon. It was green in color and burst into a large number of fragments at the end of its path. The meteor disappeared about one-half mile from Charlottesville, and probably burst about fifty or sixty miles south of the city.

Governor Stuart Friday declared a quarantine against seventeen States in which the contagious disease known as the foot and mouth disease, exists among live stock. No cattle, sheep, other ruminants or swine shall be brought into the State for any purpose until the quarantine is lifted or modified. Hides, skins, wool, manure, hair horns or hoofs, as well as hay straw and similar fodder, except shipments accompanied by a Federal permit, are also barred.

Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Beverly, widow of Captain Robert Beverly, Fauquier County, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John S. Mason, near Marshall, in Fauquier County, at the age of ninety-three years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John S. Mason and Mrs. John McGill, both of Fauquier County; four sons, William Beverly, J. H. C. Beverly and Captain J. Brad Beverly, of Fauquier, and Robert Beverly, of Essex. She is also survived by thirty-six grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

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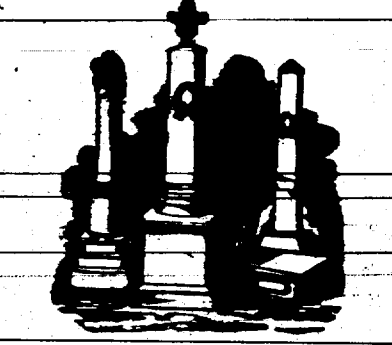
Joint Session Education Association and Conference for Education in the South, Chattanooga, Tenn., April 27-30, 1915. Account above occasion, Southern Railway will have on sale at Washington, D. C., and principal points in Virginia, special round trip fare tickets April 25, 26 and 27. Final return limit May 8, 1915. For detailed information as to fares, schedules, Pullman reservations, etc., consult agents or write C. W. Westbury, general agent, Washington, D. C. d May 23

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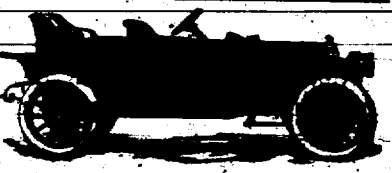
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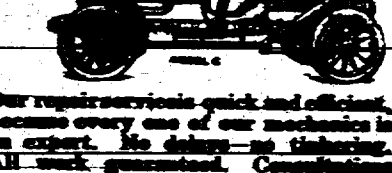
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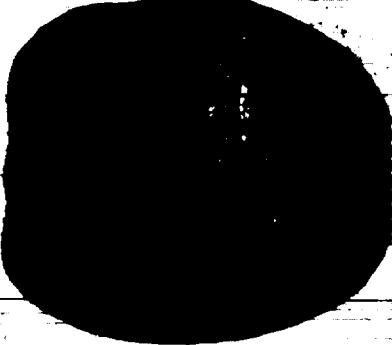
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(Signed) G. R. HIBBY, Plant Pathologist, Sept. 15, 1914, Progress 14th, Manassas, Va.

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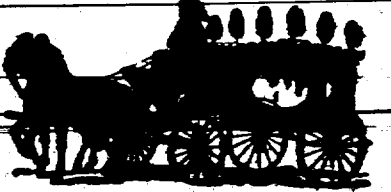
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# IMPROVED ROADS IN MODERN WAR

## Part Played by Highways in Important One.

### OTHERS POTENT FACTORS.

The mobilization of armies the country with the best roads... has a decided advantage... automobiles used in almost every conceivable manner.

When the outbreak of the war which has now involved most of the principal European powers... has been lacking in detail, says the Good Roads magazine.

In time, however, when the urgent need for accuracy no longer exists, accounts detailed accounts of the fighting will be published, and when they appear it will be interesting to learn what part Europe's improved roads have played in the war.

Roads also have an added value in the present war because of the very great use which is being made of motor driven vehicles of one kind and another.

All this means that full advantage is being taken of the highway system of the nation in which the war is being waged.

The possession of a first class system of good roads could hardly be a deciding factor in a modern war, yet under the conditions obtaining in the struggle now in progress good roads must be of fully as much importance as they have been in any war recently waged.

American writers as a class have been prone to dwell upon and perhaps to overestimate the excellence of European roads as compared to those of this country.

Good Roads Congress. A magnificent boulevard, twenty feet wide and more than 400 feet long, extending around the grounds to the great International Amphitheater, will form one of the unique features of the coming good roads congress in Chicago.

The good roads show, which is an integral part of the congress and congress is already assured of being the largest and most interesting ever given.

The fifth American good roads congress, which is also the eleventh annual convention of the American Road Builders' association and the sixth annual good roads show, will be held at the International Amphitheater, Chicago, Dec. 14 to 18, inclusive.

### GOOD ROAD COMMANDMENT.

The first and most important commandment in earth road maintenance is to keep the surface well drained. To insure good drainage the ditches should be kept open, all obstructions removed and a smooth crown maintained.

### MIDDLE WEST BACKWARD.

Charles Dillon Asserts That It Is Slow in Road Building. With "Roads, Good and Bad," as the topic, Charles Dillon of Topeka, Kan., pointed out the value of good roads in a farming community in an address before the International Dry Farming Congress recently held in Wichita, Kan.



Charles Dillon, speaker at the International Dry Farming Congress, recently held in Wichita, Kan.

"The middle west has been lamentably slow in road building. The farmers are not always to blame for poor roads."

"In Kansas we have four-tenths of 1 per cent of the mileage improved. Missouri, with its 4,800,000 people, has only four-tenths of 1 per cent more improved highways than has Wyoming."

"The value of state aid, however, is not to be measured by figures alone, for the bulk of the money comes, and always must come, from the counties and townships."

"At present there are in the United States 20,741 miles of road improved, either wholly or in part, by state aid," he said.

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"Wisconsin has been trying to do it in road work for some time and with considerable success. During the past summer two camps composed of officials were established, one near Wausau and the other at Bayshore."

"The road is fifteen feet wide and of the best possible macadam construction. The men are under the best system, with a neat khaki uniform and five and work exactly like a hired crew, the only guards being two unarmed experts in road building."

"The success attendant upon this work points to its fullest development and to the reconstruction of Wisconsin's police system along the lines suggested in the report made by the national committee on prisons and police."

### TEACHERS TO MEET HERE

Meeting of Eighth District School Teachers Opens in Manassas Next Week.

The opening meeting of the Eighth District Teachers' Conference to take place at Manassas next week, will be held in the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock.

The day sessions during Thursday and Friday will be devoted chiefly to the departmental conferences. The agricultural and rural school conferences, conducted by Mr. Jackson Davis, state supervisor of rural schools, and speakers from the United States Departments of Education and of Agriculture, will be held Thursday morning.

Among the prominent speakers and teachers to address the departmental conference on high, grammar and primary school work will be Dr. Heck, of the University of Virginia; President Burrus and Miss Ethel Scott, of Harrisonburg State Normal; Mr. J. P. Terrell, State Inspector of High Schools, Superintendent Birkhead and Miss Virginia Stone, of Fredericksburg.

On Thursday night, Dr. J. P. McConnell, of Radford State Normal, will speak on Compulsory Education. Dr. McConnell's address will be followed by a reception Thursday night at Eastern College to the delegates and all teachers in attendance.

The afternoon and night meetings will be held at the Baptist church, the department conferences in the Bennett and Bunker building.

All who can accommodate the visiting teachers with board will please report to the committee in charge, Miss Hattie Wilkinson and Miss Mary Renschberger.

### KOPP ITEMS

An enjoyable dance was given at the home of Mr. E. T. Wright on Thursday night. Among those present were Messrs. Raymond Groves, of Catlett; Eddie Keyes, of Independent Hill; Chas. Rempel, Jack and Malcolm Herndon and Fred Sutherland, of Fayman; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Copen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Norman; Messrs. Bryan and Orlan Norman, Mrs. Ethel Lynn, Mrs. Dana Gordon, Mrs. Maggie Gale and daughter, Miss Vada Cole, Mr. Louis Sutherland and Miss Leah Wright.

Mr. Louis Sutherland and Miss Leah Wright were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Copen, Jr., on Sunday evening last.

Mr. E. T. Wright was the guest of Mr. Cheever on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Copen were the guests of Miss Leah Wright Monday night last.

### Manufacturing Companies.

(From the States Transcript.) She entered the department store and complained about a lamp she had purchased, demanding that it be taken back. "What's the matter with it, madam?" "It has all the faults of my husband and none of his virtues." "Please explain yourself." Well, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is not remarkably brilliant, requires a great deal of attention, is unsteady on its legs, flares up occasionally, is always out at bedtime, and is bound to break."

### BRG. INSTITUTE MEETING.

The next meeting of the institute will be held in the court house at Manassas on February 26. Commissioner W. H. Sherman of Washington, will speak on marketing. The rest of the morning session will be given to open discussions on "Good Roads" and "Maintaining Soil Fertility." Every one is urged to be present and take part in these discussions.

### Town Ordinances

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the town of Manassas that the following ordinance be and the same are hereby enacted for the preservation of the health of the said town and for the purpose of preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases.

That the health officer of the said town be and he is hereby directed to establish quarantine in all habitations in which there is located any contagious or infectious disease which constitute a menace to the health of the inhabitants of the said town.

Be it further ordained that the said health officer shall require all parents, or guardians, of children, who live in a house in which exists such children to their own premises during the period of contagion; that is to say, for at least two weeks after the disappearance of the contagion of such disease for at least three weeks after the second stage of whooping cough.

Be it further ordained that all persons who shall maintain within the corporate limits of the said town, after the 1st day of May, 1915, shall keep all premises and by-product, any person failing or refusing to comply with this Ordinance shall be fined the sum of \$5.00 upon conviction thereof, and such fine shall be in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

Be it further ordained that all persons who shall maintain within the corporate limits of the said town, after the 1st day of May, 1915, shall keep all premises and by-product, any person failing or refusing to comply with this Ordinance shall be fined the sum of \$1.00 for each day each business shall be closed to customers.

Be it further ordained that all persons who shall sell articles of food shall properly screen and protect the same from flies, unless such articles are wrapped in such manner as to prevent them from being soiled, and any person failing or refusing to protect all articles of food from flies, as herein provided, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined the sum of \$1.00 for each offense.

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The above statement must carry conviction to the mind of every reader. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy, ask distinctly for Doin's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Cooksey had, the remedy backed by home testimony, Buchanan-Burns-Mellum Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back Itches—Remember the Name." 2-12-3t

### REAL ESTATE

Order and by virtue of a deed of trust executed by John E. Peyton on the 14th day of January, 1914, and recorded in Deed Book 64, page 202, Prince William County Clerk's Office, in security of the loan of \$3000.00 with interest, default having been made in the payment of the debt secured, and having been required by the trustor to execute the same trust, the undersigned trustee has been directed to sell the highest bidder for cash in front of the People's National Bank building in the town of Manassas, Va. at about 11 o'clock a. m.

Saturday, March 20, 1915

that certain lot or lots of land together with the improvements thereon, lying and being situate at Thoroughfare Station, Prince William County, Va., containing about

TWO AND ONE-HALF ACRES

and bounded on the north by the part of the south and west by Butler and on the east by the Buckland road, and being a part of the land conveyed to the said Peyton by De. Thos. S. Smith and wife. The lot is well located and will make either a desirable dwelling or business property. TERMS OF SALE.—CASH. A. W. SINGLAIER, Trustee. W. D. Gentry, Auctioneer. 2-12-3t

# Trustee's Sale! Of Valuable Real Estate

646 Acres near Nokes Mill, Prince William Co., Va., Sit at Manassas, Va., in Front of Courthouse, Monday, March 1, 1915, at 12 o'clock M.

By virtue of two deeds of trust of record in Deed Books 62, page 62, 63 and 64, page 392-3, of the Land Records of Prince William Co., Va., the creditors therein having required the enforcement thereof by reason of default having been made in the payment of the debts therein secured, which debts secured by R. H. Scroggins, all under the terms of said trusts now due and unpaid, the undersigned trustee will, in front of the Courthouse at Manassas, Va., on Monday, March 1, 1915, at 12 o'clock M. of that day proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder all the following tract of real estate, located near Nokes Mill, Occoquan District, Prince William Co., Va.—That tract, with all buildings and improvements thereon, containing 646 Acres, 1 Rod and 7 Poles, it being the same tract formerly owned by J. W. Koppert and which he conveyed by deed dated January 15, 1914, to R. H. Scroggins, of record in Deed Book 64, page 394. Clerk's Office, Prince William Co., Va. For other descriptions of said land see deeds recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Books 56, page 394.

This tract has on it valuable timber, variously estimated at from one to two million feet of salable quality, is located near water, affording easy transportation to market. The cleared land is easy of cultivation for agricultural purposes. Prospective buyers should personally inspect the tract.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-fourth cash on day of sale, the balance to be paid on or before one, two and three years from that date. The purchaser must execute his bonds for the deferred installments, bearing six per cent interest from date, payable annually until paid, and secured by deed of trust on said property, said trust to contain provisions for the reasonable protection of the security and the deferred installments of the purchase money.

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