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BIG IMPROVEMENTS CREATE COMMENT

MANASSAS ENTERS NEW PROGRESS ERA

Railroad Men Express Impression Upon Return After Ten Year Absence—New City Action from Ruins of Destructive Fire—Educational Institutions Valuable Acquisition.

"Manassas is entering the greatest era of progress and prosperity in its history." In these words M. Johnson, bridge foreman of the Danville division of the Southern railway, expressed his impressions of Manassas during a visit here last week after an absence of ten years. He stopped over en route to Woodstock and registered at the Hotel Victor. For a period of eight years, until he was transferred in 1899, Mr. Johnson was bridge foreman of the Washington division of the Southern railway and well known in Manassas.

SPLENDID IMPROVEMENTS

"The spirit of enterprise manifest in Manassas cannot fail to materialize into most substantial development, even now apparent in splendid improvements in all sections of the town. A notable transformation has been wrought in the business district, fine new buildings having arisen from the ruins of the destructive fire, while other equally creditable buildings have since been completed or are in course of construction."

A structural improvement in the big candy plant. The residential district, I observe, is keeping pace with the business section in valuable improvements. The splendid new building on Eastern college campus, is the most conspicuous structural improvement that has been made in town since last I was here. The Agricultural college-High school building would be a credit to any city."

COLLEGE VALUABLE ACQUISITION

"The acquisition of Eastern college as well as of the Agricultural college will prove of incalculable value to Manassas. It means that Manassas is destined to become one of the greatest educational centers of the South. It is the means of opening a new avenue of publicity for the town, of adding to its attractions as a residential point, and of increasing its commerce. It has been my observation that a college town invariably proves a most desirable place in which to reside, from a moral, social and educational viewpoint. The fact that Manassas is now the site of two notable institutions of learning—Eastern college and the State Agricultural college—is a splendid tribute to its high standing."

IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTHERN

The Southern railway is making extensive physical improvements, states Mr. Johnson. Rapid progress is being made in the work of double-tracking south of Monroe, with about 30 miles of this new parallel track completed and in use. Wooden bridges are being displaced by steel and concrete structures. A belt line is being constructed around Lynchburg.

BUS PROPERTY

Miss Maggie H. Bushong has sold her residence property to Boston Steele for a consideration of \$2,500 and will give possession in the spring. The deal was made through Nicol & Ransdell.

SEQUEL TO NEAR-TRAGEDY

The sequel of a sensational near-tragedy enacted at Dumfries three weeks ago, a shooting affray in which R. L. McIntyre sent a bullet into the head of his brother, J. Hampton McIntyre, inflicting a only slight wound, but coming within a trace of penetrating fatally, will be presented tomorrow afternoon when the two men appear in circuit court. True bills of felony were found against them by the grand jury.

Mrs. Mable Green was granted a divorce from her husband, J. W. Green, a member of the Washington police force, on grounds of desertion. She was given custody of their five-year child and \$20 a month alimony. They formerly lived in Manassas. M. Redman, colored, was awarded a verdict for \$200 against J. M. Jeffries. The suit started over water supply in a well dug by Redman.

Annie E. McLearn qualified as administratrix in the estate of D. H. McLearn, deceased. S. T. Weir, R. S. Hynson C. E. Fisher were appointed appraisers.

W. H. W. Moran was granted judgment against D. C. Trager for \$25, claimed due for rent. The clerk was ordered to mark released a deed of trust recorded more than 20 years ago in which presumption of payment was raised in the case of Trager's administrator.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE HERE

A meeting of the Farmers' Institute of the Eighth Congressional district will be held in Ruffner public school building, beginning at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Hon. Jos. D. Eggleston, state superintendent of education, will be present and address the meeting in the afternoon at one o'clock. Prof. Lyman Carrier, expert on the cultivation of corn, will also be present and talk to the farmers upon the subject of seed corn and of the cultivation of that most important cereal.

During the session there will be a contest among the students of the Manassas Agricultural school, which will no doubt show that although the school has been in operation scarcely a year, it has, already, through the thorough teaching of Prof. Button shown splendid results.

BUY RED CROSS STAMPS

There is a steady increase in the sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps in Manassas, and those in charge of the distribution are elated over the progress being made. Each of the little red stickers represents a "bullet in the fight against tuberculosis." From the sale of these stamps funds are raised to fight the great white plague. Each penny you pay for a Red Cross stamp here will be used to combat the disease in Virginia by the State Anti-tuberculosis association. The stamps are on sale at one cent each at Shannon's pharmacy, the High school building and the new public school building.

CRACK TWO TILLS IN NIGHT

The store of Waters, Wright and Hickey was entered last Saturday night and two dollars taken from the till. The barber shop of John Harper was entered the same night and seven dollars secured, probably by the same thief or thieves.

PLANS BIG WAREHOUSE IN \$10,000 INVESTMENT

REALTY DEAL MAY MEAN BIG ENTERPRISE

R. C. Cornwell Buys Site at Southeast Corner of Main Street and Railroad Avenue—Contemplates Erection of Modern, Fireproof Structure Early in Spring.

Building improvements involving a total investment of approximately \$10,000 on the site at the Southeast corner of Main street and Railroad avenue, are contemplated by R. C. Cornwell who last week bought the property from George W. Payne for \$3,500. The sale was made through H. Griffith. The site was formerly occupied by the old Manassas hotel, which recently was destroyed by fire.

BIG NEW WAREHOUSE

Upon this site Mr. Cornwell has in view the erection of a big warehouse to provide storage facilities for the public, together with meeting the requirements of his business. The building, strictly modern and absolutely fireproof, would be two or more stories high, and constructed of brick. It would front 80 feet on Main street and extend 180 feet along Railroad avenue, offering splendid trackage facilities.

Work will be started on the building early in the spring, if Mr. Cornwell decides favorably upon the project. The proposed improvements are one of the important planned in Manassas this year. While plans for enterprise are merely under consideration they give promise of developing into realities.

DEDICATE NEW BUILDING

Impressive ceremonies will mark the dedication on Friday, January 7, of the splendid four-story brick dormitory and assembly building erected last summer on Eastern college campus at a cost of \$30,000. The ceremonies will be held in the main assembly hall and the public is invited.

PROMINENT PERSONS TAKE PART

Prominent persons have been invited to participate in the event, among those who have been asked to deliver addresses being Senator J. W. Daniels and State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. J. Eggleston. The ladies glee club and the choral society will furnish the music. Dr. Roop will preside at the ceremonies. The public is invited to attend.

The new building is one of the finest of its kind in the state and its dedication is a notable event in the annals of Eastern college. The building will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the winter term on January 5. The first and second floors will contain the recitation and assembly halls, and the two upper floors will be used for dormitories. An electric light and heating plant are being installed in the basement.

While no definite plans have yet been outlined, a gymnasium building will probably be the next structural improvement at Eastern college. With the important part athletics play in college life, and with the high standing of the organizations representing Eastern the need of a gymnasium is apparent.

Miss Lena Lynch narrowly escaped injury when she was struck by a freight train as she was crossing Battle street. Mr. Shannon, who was passing came to her rescue.

BOYS FACE THEFT CHARGE

Four boys giving their names as Roy Harris, John Jeffries, Fritz Berrill and Lewis Cheshire, and claiming Alexandria as their home, were brought to Manassas last Sunday morning by the conductor of freight train No. 71, turned over to the county authorities on a charge of breaking into the cars and re-handling the goods.

The conductor discovered their presence at Clifton and locked them in the car. The boys claim that they broke no seal in entering the car and that their sole intention was to beat their way on the train from Alexandria to Fredericksburg, and were under the impression the car they entered was attached to a R. F. & P. train. Detective Pankey, of the Southern railway, came to Manassas on Monday and took the boys to Alexandria to stand trial in the Alexandria county court, the offense having been committed in Alexandria county.

Detective Pankey is of the opinion that in the capture of these boys he has succeeded in rounding up at least a portion of a gang of thieves that has for some time made a practice of entering south-bound merchandise cars and throwing off packages of goods in the vicinity of Cameron Run. The members of the gang, it is said, would return to their homes and try to dispose of the goods.

The boys are being held in the Eastern college dormitory. The debate on Thursday night, December 16, will be held at 8 o'clock in Nicol's Hall, Manassas, with no charge for admission.

Preceding the debate will occur the installation of officers for the winter term. They will be elected at the meeting of the society Friday night, December 10. In connection with the installation will be given attractive program by members of the society.

The subject under debate is one of the most important political questions of the age, resolved, "That Woman Should Have the Right of Suffrage."

Following is the program: Address of welcome by President Robertson. Reading by John L. Hynson. Current events by H. S. White. Literary Chronicle by J. A. Myers.

Debate: Resolved, "That Woman Should Have the Right of Suffrage." Affirmative: R. L. Corkran and Z. D. Robertson. Negative: Jos. J. McGivney and C. Edward Sparrow. The judges will be selected from town.

FAIL TO PAY TAX: NO VOTE

From all accounts there will be a number of disqualified voters at the next general election on account of a failure to pay the assessment tax within the time required by law.

PROCEEDS TO THE POOR

With the proceeds to be devoted to a poor mission in the mountains of Virginia, an entertainment is to be given under auspices of Trinity Episcopal Sunday school during Christmas week, the date to be announced within a week. "The Singing Dolls" and Mrs. Susan Chas and Her Christmas Dolls" are features of an excellent program which is being arranged. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

DISPLAYS HERALD CHRISTMAS DAWN

HOLIDAY SPIRIT RULES WITH ROYAL SWAY

Happy, eager shoppers fill stores—Season Open Early—Milk and Holly Pops from Store Windows—Toyland, Banks of Santa Claus, Enchanting Youngsters.

Resplendent displays in the stores proclaim with irresistible appeal the approach of Christmas through pretty tokens of remembrance, symbols of the gifts which long ago were laid at the feet of the Child in the manger.

The spirit of Christmas fills the air, and is manifest in the pervasive joy characteristic of the grandest festival in the Christian calendar.

Secrecy, absolute and unbreakable, prevails in the homes, when the shopping list is planned to include remembrances for each member of the family. Earlier than in former years, Christmas has increased so steadily in volume that merchants anticipate exceptionally heavy buying.

PRETTY DISPLAYS

Doubtless the most difficult task is the selection of Christmas gifts. The shopping list, so carefully arranged after a quiet planning

inquiry to discover the nature of the gifts to be selected, is never made without a certain amount of delight. "Just what" is invariably reviewed when one views the displays in the stores, something for everybody. Christmas displays are a source of pleasure and interest to all, limited by one's purse. A significant fact that it is the precocious youngsters who are the slippers as Christmas presents for their elders.

Sensible gifts, so termed because of their utility, are decidedly popular with the shoppers. Books, as ever, are in great demand. Articles of apparel, industrial and pretty ornaments for the home, meet with favor from the recipient. Christmas bells, holly sprigs and mistletoe wreaths are the prevailing decorations in the stores and are eagerly bought by shoppers for the homes. Speaking of mistletoe, with its sentimental significance, the demand for engagement rings appears unusually brisk.

REALM OF ENCHANTMENT

Toyland, the wonderful realm over which Santa Claus reigns, holds all of the enchantment of Christmas-tide for the youngsters. Beneath the glistening covers of most fascinating books, Mother Goose is chanting nursery rhymes, fairy queens rule over woodland elves, Alice is meeting remarkable adventures in Wonderland, and Tiny Tim is singing a Christmas Carol, melting the frozen heart of Old Scrooge.

Glistening arrays of grandly painted toys—tin trains of cars, automobiles, horses and wagons, and fire-fighting apparatus, are waiting to be set into motion by the youngsters, while regiments of tin soldiers in dazzling uniforms are awaiting the call to battle. Noah's ark with its representative assemblage is impressive to the tots. Dolls, so life-like that they open and close their eyes, are filling the hearts of young beholders with mingled delight and wistful longing. And last, but by no means least, there is an abundance of candy and other good things for Santa Claus to fill the stockings which his loyal subjects will hang up are they fall asleep on Christmas eve.

BOY STRANGLES TO DEATH

The many friends, throughout this county, of Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton who for several years was rector of Trinity Episcopal church, of Manassas and St. Ann's Memorial Chapel, of Nokesville, will be sorry to learn of the tragic death of his nine-year-old son Willie, at his home in Spartanburg, S. C., Monday morning last.

The little boy was found suspended from a hook on the bath room door, which had caught in the collar of his closely buttoned jacket, causing his death from strangulation.

It is supposed the child had mounted a chair in order to reach a towel, and that the chair tilted throwing him upon the hook in the manner in which he was found.

A telegram to Rev. Leslie Robinson, rector of Trinity church of this place, was received Wednesday, from the father of the unfortunate victim, conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his son and asking the prayers of himself and congregation. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon in Spartanburg.

DRILLS SOON SINK FOR OIL

Within a month, if present conditions are not improved by an early start, the oil fields at Nokesville, Va., will sink for oil, gas or mineral water. A physical

Dr. W. R. Tullis, of Haymarket, general manager of the company, says: "We are getting our timber and rig irons on the ground so as to begin work of erecting a standard derrick, 80 feet high, preparatory to installation of machinery. The site of our operations is on the convergence of 45 degree lines from the Pennsylvania and Ohio fields, the natural dip of oil flow. The success of this enterprise means much to Manassas. It will make Manassas a great industrial point through advantages of cheap fuel, power and light."

C. J. Meester has closed a contract with R. L. Gaither to build a 70-foot extension to his dam at Millford, with a concrete face and top, also to tear out the old wooden forebay 32 feet long and replace it with concrete. Mr. Meester intends to face the remainder of the old dam with concrete in the spring in order that he may keep the mill in continuous operation. The improvement will cost about \$1,000.

STATE HAPPENINGS

Thursday, December 2

Brown & Fogel, clothing dealers at Lynchburg, have assigned, the liabilities being about \$2,500.

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The highest price ever paid for Frederick county apple land was recorded in a sale from Joseph H. Savage to S. M. Chiles. A tract of forty acres near Winchester, with ten acres in orchard, brought \$212 an acre.

Judge Turner of the circuit court at Warrenton, has agreed to reduce from \$30,000 to \$15,000 the bail of Prof. J. D. Harris, who killed W. A. Thompson, associate editor of The Warrenton Virginian last April and who was granted a new trial following a verdict of voluntary manslaughter.

Henry Smith, the negro who has three times on the stand in the Alexandria court told of being compelled to witness the murder of Walter S. Shultz, will be placed on trial January 6. It was upon his testimony that the negroes Johnson, Pines and Dorsey were convicted for the murder and sentenced to death.

After being out twenty minutes the jury in the Sclater will case at Hampton returned a verdict in favor of the widow. The sisters and brothers of James Sclater Jr., a prominent business man, brought suit to break the will by which he left practically all of his estate of \$100,000 to his young widow, Mr. Sclater, fifty years old and married thirty.

on him for several hours and he may recover. He has not been able to give any reason why he swallowed the drug.

Robert Robertson, arrested at Bristol and bound to court on a charge of robbery, has confessed that he is a deserter from the United States army, having been stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

While hunting in the woods near Pocomoke, Frank Anderson and Stephen Bailey found the body of a dead male white infant tied in a tow sack. They were attracted to the spot by the dogs. At an inquest held a verdict of death by strangulation was returned. The police are investigating.

Mysteriously missing for three months, Addison M. Davies, 63 years old, a man of wealth, at one time a prominent banker of Lynchburg, was found drowned in the East river at the foot of Joraleum street, Brooklyn. Davies' son, C. M. Davies, who is employed in the Wall street district, believes that his father was murdered, as he had \$500 when last seen by friends and less than \$100 was found in his clothes.

Sunday, December 5

Roanoke received more than \$150,000 in taxes this year from railroads, telegraph and telephone companies operating there. Of this sum the Norfolk and Western railway paid \$29,399, and the Virginian railway, \$879.

J. H. Smithson, a young Warwick county lumberman, who was struck on the head by a negro employe, died in a Newport News hospital, where he was taken for treatment. Mr. Smithson received the blow intended for a negro.

Leonard Wood has accepted an invitation to address the cadets at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. and also at the Virginia Military Institute, Blacksburg, Va. until Sunday, Dec. 10. Wood expresses the hope that some of the number of institutions induced to enter the service of John Pitman, a Southampton county, was recently been enjoined in a walnut coffin made from a selected tree more than twenty years ago. It is necessary to use two coffins. When Pitman died a year or so ago in a Norfolk hospital the body was shipped in a modern coffin from Norfolk to Southampton, where the transfer was made. The homemade box had been stored at Courtland, the county, seat.

Monday, December 6

The residence of John K. Waugh, in Orange county, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The fire extended to the woods nearby, and a large forest fire prevailed for some time, doing damage to timber and fences.

A second audit of officers in Mingo county, according to a report from Charleston, shows many officials short over \$11,000, making nearly \$22,000, sheriff's amount being over \$13,000. The audit was filed at Williamson by the tax commissioner, supervisor and inspector of public officers.

The three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Leathers, of Calpepper county, was fatally burned. Mrs. Leathers left the room for a few moments, and upon her return discovered the child's clothing in a blaze. The flames were put out, but the child died in a short time from the injuries.

Rumors are current to the effect that the officials of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railway are considering a plan to connect with the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia railroad by running a line from New Church to Franklin City or Stock. The distance is about ten miles from New Church to Stockton in a direct line.

Howard Little, the ex-United States deputy marshal, who last

week was convicted at Grundy of the murders of Mrs. Betsy Justice and five members of the the George Meadows family in Buchanan county, and sentenced to die in the electric chair at Richmond January 7, and who has been in Roanoke jail since his conviction for safe-keeping, has received a letter from his counsel informing the doomed man that he is planning to carry the case to the state supreme court. A death watch is constantly over him.

Tuesday, December 7

Miss Lillie Gohn, an actress, was injured in a collision with another player on the stage at the Colonial theater in Norfolk.

A Pasteur institute pronounced that a cat which bit Miss Mattie Scott, of Stafford county, had the rabies, the head of the animal having been sent there for examination. Miss Scott is taking the pasteur treatment in Richmond.

Jay Hall and W. R. Wingate, two young men of Grayson county, arrested at Roanoke on a charge of passing counterfeit money, have been taken to Harrisonburg to be arraigned for trial in the federal court. Both men confessed their guilt. When arrested they had several coins that were made to represent \$20 gold pieces.

West Indian negroes employed on the ill-fated steamer Brewster, lost on the shoals of Hatteras last week, who have arrived in Norfolk, along with Captain Ninx, are making a fight against being discharged there and have refused to receive a discharge or accept money. They claim that under international agreement, and the articles of shipping, they are entitled to be returned to their homes. They also say that they will be sent to the place press which will be accepted. They buy a petticoat ready made and wear it with all the fullness the manufacturer gives it at the waist line. The hand and give the skirt a little fullness at the back. This change will make the skirt far more comfortable than it would have been in its original form, and it will look neater beneath the dress.

HINTS FOR THE TOILET

A teaspoonful of tincture of benzoin to two tablespoonfuls of rosewater makes the celebrated "old virginial."

Be sure that neither your hair brushes nor your face powders contain lead or arsenic, as they poison the skin and scalp.

Straight hair can be curled by wetting with quinine seed, rolling in paper and holding until dry between hot tongs.

Dip toothbrush occasionally in boiling water and always rinse thoroughly after using. Teeth wash or powder left on the brush decays.

A dry skin should avoid the use of alkaline soaps, toilet powder or aromatic vinegars. They are too drying and cause the growth of wrinkles.

Never use anything but a blunt instrument around the nail. To scrape nail roughen surface and increase difficulty in cleaning. It also breeds a cuticle in pushing it back from base of nail and causes hangnails.

Preparations of sulphur for the skin are not always beneficial. When used in excess they often prove irritating. It is a good plan to apply the sulphur washes or powders at night, then in the morning add some soothing lotion to the wash water, as bran, shaved meat or oatmeal.

Latest Way of Doing the Hair. Mrs. Frenck found a beautiful young French actress, but set the hair



When Frenck's new contrivance for a very striking and original way of doing the hair, which is rapidly becoming the rage in Paris. The illustration shows how this remarkable contrivance is adjusted.

PLAINT OF A SPINISTER

An Unwilling One Asks Why Educated Women Don't Marry.

Unmarried women who would have liked to marry, but never had the chance, are not likely to confess the facts very frankly. The spinster who makes her plaint under the title "Why Do Not Educated Women Marry?" in a recent number of the Independent probably wouldn't have made it if she had been compelled to sign her name. But "An Unwilling Celibate" might be any one of millions of women. This celibate, therefore, regarding her case as typical in many ways, announces that she cannot understand why she has not been wooed. She thinks the standard by which men judge women must be wrong.

"When I look around at the homes, the pitiful, inadequate makeshifts that are called such, and when I read the record of the divorce courts and I then look at my unmarried friends I wonder if marriage is really a process of natural selection and invariably results in the mating of the fittest."

She is a college graduate, this celibate, and has met with fair success in teaching and writing. But as a young girl her happiest dream was of having her own home, husband, children, and "the renunciation has not been easy." She is "no beauty," but she has had compliments on her good looks and is a skillful dresser. She comes of an honorable family, was brought up to cook, keep house and sew, can play cards, loves to talk to men and is adept at outdoor sports. And yet she has had only one offer of marriage, and that an undesirable one, and she is "perilously near the danger line of thirty."

Sage persons, she says, tell her that a woman "must never let a man guess she has any brains or knows how to talk anything but utter nonsense." She is unable to follow this plan—doesn't think it a "square deal" to a man. Yet men seem to like to talk to her, and they tell her it is "such a comfort to find a woman who doesn't want to talk nonsense all the time."

They come to see her and invite her to go to dances, theaters and upon moonlight walks, and they confide in her their love for Polly Jones or Sally Smith. "I am proud of their trust and confidence, yet I cry out against the essential impersonality of it all, as if I were a sort of embodiment of the earth mother."

NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

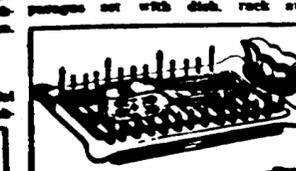
When transferring a pattern for embroidery to silk hosiery slip a piece of cardboard inside the stocking, taking care not to stretch the silk at all. After marking the paper pattern on the stocking press with the iron.

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One of the newest patterns in embroidery shows a table cover with a hemstitched border on two sides. The bands were ten inches deep. In the center threads were drawn to outline eight blocks, four on each side, with edges touching the hem. This brings the blocks in the center of the table. All blocks are embroidered in a different floral pattern, making it something original and at the same time attractive.

To insert lace or insertion first baste the material to be ornamented on stiff paper, then apply the lace to it and sew by hand or machine. To form yokes or cuffs of insertion cut the shape in stiff paper, then baste on the insertion, making it fit flat, and sew on the machine. One edge of the lace must, of course, be lapped over the other. The machine sewing gives a better finish than hand sewing and is much easier.

What to Buy for a Wedding Gift. It is often a puzzling matter to decide upon just what to buy for a wedding present. The silverware may always be relied upon to offer a suggestion in some of his wares. One of the latest designs of a famous New York firm in silverware is an arrangement set with dish, rack and



A NEW ARRIVAL. These best combined. The tongs for serving the vegetable are neatly fitted into their own place at the side of the dish. The apparatus set may be purchased either in wood or imitation silver, and as the vegetable is served all the year round in its fresh state or canned the gift will be found very useful.

For Planted Fish. Every one knows how hard it is to balance the plank on which fish has been cooked on any china or silver metal platter one may happen to own. Naturally it would never do to set to serve the steak or fish on its platter.

Now some clever person has devised a special holder into which the plank is easily slipped. It comes to fit around sides of platter, oval or oblong, and the holder is an attractive addition to the table setting with its carved ends. It has legs to keep the plank from resting on the table.

Santa Claus

Is making this store his headquarters in Manassas, and the display of Toys, Candies and other remembrances for the little ones has never been more complete. In selecting Christmas Gifts, you will find that our display will meet the most exacting requirements. Bring in your list of Christmas gifts and we will fill it to your complete satisfaction. For all members of the family, from the old folks to the baby, there is something appropriate to be found in our stock.

The Christmas Dinner

Is a feast for which you are doubtless planning. We can supply you with dainties for the spread. The menu on this occasion will be all the more tempting by serving Oysters, Celery, Choice Fruits, Raisins and Confections from our splendid assortment. We are making a specialty of rapid service luncheon for people in a hurry.

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The three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lenthers, of Campbell county, was fatally burned. Mrs. Lenthers left the room for a few moments, and upon her return discovered the child's clothing in a blaze. The flames burst out, but the child died in a short time from the injuries.

Summers are current to the effect that the officials of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railway are considering a plan to connect with the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia railroad by running a line from New Church to Franklin City or Stock. The distance is about ten miles from New Church to Stock in a direct line.

Howard Little, the ex-United States deputy marshal, who last

on him for several hours and he may recover. He has not been able to give any reason why he swallowed the drug.

Robert Robertson, arrested at Bristol and bound to court on a charge of robbery, has confessed that he is a deserter from the United States army, having been stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

While hunting in the woods near Poconoke, Frank Anderson and Stephen Bailey found the body of a dead male white infant tied in a tow sack. They were attracted to the spot by the dog. At an inquest held a verdict of death by strangulation was returned. The police are investigating.

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A Pasteur institute pronounced that a cat which bit Miss Mattie Scott, of Stafford county, had the rabies, the head of the animal having been sent there for examination. Miss Scott is taking the Pasteur treatment in Richmond.

Jay Hall and W. R. Wingeat, two young men of Grayson county, arrested at Roanoke on a charge of passing counterfeit money, have been taken to Harrisonburg to be arraigned for trial in the federal court. Both men confessed their guilt. When arrested they had several cents that were made to represent \$5 gold pieces.

West Indian negroes employed on the ill-fated steamer Brewster, lost on the shoals of Hatteras last week, who have arrived in Norfolk, along with Captain Nix, are making a fight against being discharged there and have refused to receive a discharge or accept money. They claim that under international agreement, and the articles of shipping, they are entitled to be repatriated.

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week was convicted at Grundy of the murders of Mrs. Betsy Justice and five members of the George Meadows family in Buchanan county, and sentenced to die in the electric chair at Richmond January 7, and who has been in Roanoke jail since his conviction for safe-keeping. He received a letter from his counsel informing the doomed man that he is planning to carry the case to the state supreme court. A death watch is constantly over little.

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Unmarried women who would have chance are not likely to confess the facts very frankly. The spinster who makes her plaint under the title 'Why Do Not Educated Women Marry?' is a recent number of the Independent had been compelled to sign her name. But 'An Unwilling Collector' might be called, therefore, regarding her case that she cannot understand why she has not been wooed. She thinks the standard by which men judge women must be wrong.

"When I look around at the homes, the pitiful, inadequate makeshifts that are called such, and when I read the record of the divorce courts, and I wonder how it is possible that women who are not educated should be so ignorant of their own rights, and so unwisely consent to be married to men who are not worthy of them, I feel that it is a tragedy that is being played out in the lives of millions of women."—An Unwilling Collector.

Sage persons, she says, tell her that a woman "must never let a man guess how many brains or knows how to talk, and that she must not think it is a 'square deal' to a man and then let him know that she is a sensible woman." She says that she has had to do this, and she says that she has had to do this, and she says that she has had to do this.

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Is making this store his headquarters in Manassas, and the display of Toys, Candies and other remembrances for the little ones has never been more complete. In selecting Christmas Gifts, you will find that our display will meet the most exacting requirements. Bring in your list of Christmas gifts and we will fill it to your complete satisfaction. For all members of the family, from the old folks to the baby, there is something appropriate to be found in our stock.

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FOOT BALL IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS BASE BALL

ELSTERN'S GRIDIRON WARRIORS WIN FOUR GAMES OUT OF SEVEN

Splendid Showing in Face of Difficulties—Season Opens with Few Veterans—No Second Team for Practice Scrimmages—Close Season by Trailing Frederick's Banners in the Dust.

Four victories out of seven amount of foot ball knowledge the player possessed. Eastern College made on the gridiron during the season of 1900. Two of the seven games were played on foreign grounds. They were with George Washington University in Washington, and with St. John's College in Annapolis Md. The remaining five games were played on the home field.

CATALITY BREAKS SCHEDULE. Last season Eastern participated in eight games, four going to the won column and as many to the defeat. Nine games were scheduled for the season just closed, but the last two were cancelled, Georgetown abolishing a game, after the untimely death of Archer Christian, one of the Virginia players, when the two teams met in Washington; the



C. E. SPARROW Athletic Coach

St. John's had an easy time, owing to the reasons already advanced. The game with the Seaman Gunners' school was lost, because the visitors present one of the largest squads that Eastern ever went up against. However, Eastern played a great game against overwhelming odds. Warwick Athletic Club and Hilton School, both of Washington, were easily disposed of by Eastern.

What is more inspiring to an athlete of any university, college or school than to wear its insignia? Outside of his diploma it is, without a doubt, a close second. The fact that a close second sheepskin shows his mental training, and moreover the fact that he is awarded his insignia shows his physical training at the same time.

The following foot ball men have been awarded their insignia by the Athletic Association: Captain G. G. Gose, Jos. J. McGivney, S. C. Kels, H. S. White, H. W. Sowers, W. S. Banner, John L. Hynson and C. E. Sparrow.

Edward J. Hart, of Exeter, N. H., has been elected captain of the Princeton university foot ball team for next year. Hart is a sophomore and played full back on this year's eleven.

Duluth is to have an ice rink. That so many fatal and serious accidents followed in the path of foot ball in the season just closed, it will be well to note that the Eastern team came out of the season without a serious accident. However, some of the members of the team suffered somewhat from sprains and other minor injuries, which are expected to happen.

The Athletic Association of Eastern college wishes to thank the public for its hearty support at all the games played on the home grounds. The loyal throng of the games enables the association to schedule games with the leading institutions of learning in the South.

BASKET BALL QUINTETTE MAY REPRESENT EASTERN

Lack of Suitable Building For Game Only Obstacle Confronting Management—Excellent Material for Fast and Heavy Team—Quint May Be Organized in January.

It is probable that Eastern will be represented by a basket ball quintette when school opens in January. The only obstacle confronting the management at the present time is a suitable building in which to play the game. If this can be secured Manager C. L. Rudy will arrange a number of games with some of the college quints.

EXCELLENT MATERIAL. From what can be learned there is some excellent material in the College. In fact a fast and heavy team could be found if desired. In fact a fast and heavy team could be found if desired. In fact a fast and heavy team could be found if desired.



EASTERN COLLEGE FOOTBALL LINE-UP

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Manager McGivney will also probably arrange games with Fredericksburg college, Bethel Military academy, Woodbury Forest academy, Fort Union academy, Georgetown, Virginia and other teams which pass through Manassas to the North and to the South.

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STRONG SCHEDULE. Last season's schedule consisted of the following games: Colgate university, V. P. I. college, Catholic university, Baltimore, Md.

Summary: Strong will coach the West Point team.

EASTERN WILL OPEN SEASON WITH STRONG BASE BALL TEAM

Schedule—Game With Virginia Polytechnic Institute Promises To Be Stellar Attraction.

Like last year Eastern will timore City college. Gettysburg college, Maryland Agricultural college, Virginia Polytechnic Institute (two games), Shenandoah college, Washington college, Western Maryland college, Mt. St. Mary's college, Mercersburg academy and the Carlisle Indians. The nine took two trips, one through Southern Virginia and the other through Maryland and Pennsylvania.

BOOK BIG GAMES. In order to secure the best attractions it was necessary for Manager McGivney to begin booking games early this fall. As the number of games already booked will show he has been unusually fortunate in compiling his schedule.



JOS. J. MCGIVNEY Manager Base Ball Team

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WITH this issue THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT is introduced to the people of Manassas and Prince William county, and the acquaintance thus formed, the publishers are convinced, will lead to lasting friendship and establish a reciprocity resulting in mutual benefit.

The founding of this newspaper, we propose, shall mark the opening of a new era of exploitation for the resources and attractions of Manassas and Prince William county—of the advantages here offered the investor and homeseeker. We believe that no more remunerative field for investment nor more charming residential district exists than in this section of Virginia, and if our efforts shall contribute even in the slightest to its further development, we shall have realized a purpose for which this newspaper was founded.

We shall publish a modern newspaper, chronicling the events of each week truthfully, fairly, impartially and presentably. Idle gossip and imaginary rumors tattled about and accredited to that marvelously mysterious origin "they say," will be rigorously eliminated from these columns. Live local news of town and county, important state happenings and leading world events will comprise the news section of THE DEMOCRAT. Feature, human interest and serial stories, livened by dashes of wit and and leavened by authoritative articles in the home, farm, commercial, art, industrial and athletic departments, will be presented in attractive form.

THE DEMOCRAT, as its name implies, is uncompromisingly democratic in politics, a policy which will be fully demonstrated upon occasion. This writer abides in the faith that the highest ideals in government, therefore in citizenship, are inspired by the fundamental principles of true democracy, regarded either as a doctrine or as an institution. Here in Virginia, a declaration of fealty to the

democrat party may be viewed, in some instances, as merely constituting a bid for popularity and favor. Anticipating any such assertion this writer here declares that he is proud of the fact that he has been a democrat always, and ever has remained true to the democrat party, for years expounding its principles in a section of the country where democrats are as conspicuously scarce as are

There is no influence power, or slightest from its standard of right. The belief of the editors to be expressed without fear or favor. We are proud of being instrumental in molding the destiny of THE DEMOCRAT, and shall contribute to it the very highest and best we are capable of producing. When we tell you that we trust this may be our life-work, here with you in Manassas and Prince William county, you are given a glimpse of our aims and of our hopes in establishing this newspaper enterprise.

And above all, THE DEMOCRAT is to be representative of Manassas and Prince William county. All that a newspaper can accomplish for a community will be brought to realization by THE DEMOCRAT. No effort will be too great for us to co-operate with any enterprise or to give impetus to any movement which we may believe, is calculated to benefit this town and this county. And this we will do, not perfunctorily nor from mercenary motives, but in a spirit of most cordial willingness, and with no object in view that of the general welfare. For we believe that a newspaper owes its first duty to the community which it represents.

We believe that an application of the doctrine of reciprocity is absolutely necessary for the greatest prosperity of a community. Your local merchant is entitled to your patronage as a citizen. It is he, not a mail order house or big city store, who contributes to the support of local institutions. Loyalty to home institutions is one of the chief ingredients in the recipe for a live town. In view of these facts THE DEMOCRAT refuses to print advertisements from outside points conflicting in any way with business enterprises in Manassas and Prince William county. To repeat: advertisements from mail order houses and big city stores will not be accepted at any price. Two such offers were declined this week, and all future propositions of that nature will meet with refusal.

We wish to thank all of you for the cordial reception and liberal patronage extended this enterprise. We indeed appreciate these evidences of your good-will and confidence and assure you that THE DEMOCRAT will prove worthy.

In closing we wish to call attention to our splendid printing plant, pronounced by experts to be one of the finest in Virginia. All of the equipment and material from the latest improved newspaper press to the finest type is bright, clean and modern, worthy of THE DEMOCRAT—a bright, clean and modern newspaper. This plant represents a heavy investment, which we are confident will be justified in this progressive community. It is an evidence of our faith in the future of Manassas and Prince William county.

FRANK E. GARRISON,
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Manassas and Prince William county are cordially invited to inspect the

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT TAFT last Tuesday formally opened Congress with his first annual message—a document which has created much comment by reason of its conspicuous omission of any recommendations upon the three most vital issues before the people—the trust, railroad and reclamation questions. Mr. Taft states that he prefers to deal with these matters in a special message later. On the other hand he discusses foreign affairs at length.

It had been expected that the President would make recommendations regarding legislation on these big problems, the strength of his message. The President had sounded the sentiment of the people on his great trip around the country, and much disappointment is manifested that he has not at this time struck the keynote of the situation. Some fears are expressed that the delay will tend to strengthen the position of forces antagonistic to such legislation. At any rate it will complicate matters when they are finally taken up.

The railroads and the financial interests predict disaster in the event that regulative authority is assumed over the issues of capitalization by the railroads. These interests have made clear their determination to block legislation along such lines. The silence characterizing the President's expected suggestions on the railroad question is fully as deep and impressive with regard to the protection of the public domain and the conservation of natural resources.

Revealing a widening of the breach in the Republican party, an explanation is offered in some quarters that the President in viewing the political aspects of the situation may have regarded it as unavoidable that he play one against the other the regular and insurgent groups of the Republican party, to execute his program. If anything, the delay is not conducive to the re-establishment of any degree of harmony between the Republican factions. No doubt now exists that the legislative program to be suggested in the special message is more vital than any recommendations made in the annual message. Its appearance, as expressing the President's plan for the most effective solution of these problems, will be awaited with the greatest interest.

In calling attention to conditions in Nicaragua, the President says in his message: "It would be unnecessary to rehearse here the sad tale of unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government. The Government is proceeding with deliberate circumspection to determine the exact truth in relation to these reports and upon the course in the premises most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests, and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization."

Plainly speaking this means that under the Monroe doctrine or American policy, there is to be no toleration for government efficiency and responsibility.

Taft in discussing customs frauds and tariff matters says: "In view of the extensive frauds in collection of customs in New York City. The American Sugar Refining company and other beneficiaries of these frauds. Settlement made with the other interest will not prevent criminal prosecution of the guilty. Congressional investigation of frauds might give immunity and cause embarrassment. Wide discretion should be granted in enforcement of maximum clause of tariff law. No one is seeking tariff war or arousing of the spirit of retaliation. I have directed the tariff board to make an investigation wholly without respect to the effect which the facts may have in calling for a readjustment of the rates of duty. If the facts secured by the tariff board are of such a character as to show generally that the rates of duties imposed by the recent tariff law are excessive, I shall invite the attention of Congress to the necessity for action."

Economy is declared the most important question presented to the administration. The total deficit for this fiscal year including Panama account, will be \$73,075,620. This deficit will be met by issuing bonds to pay cost of canal construction. In present estimates, needs of departments and Government have been cut to the quick. The Treasury has started investigation, looking to cutting cost of permanent administration. A proper system of economy is impossible unless there is adopted a plan of civil pensions.

President Taft characterizes as "deplorable the delays in the administration of civil and criminal law." He states that "a change in judicial procedure with a view to reducing its expense to private litigants in civil and criminal cases constitutes the greatest need of our American institutions."

In urging naval reform President Taft says: "The voyage of the battleship fleet was of interest alike to the United States and the world's naval authorities. It had beneficial and far-reaching effects on our relations with countries visited. The subject of naval reform is urgently recommended to Congress for its consideration. A comprehensive plan for re-organization of naval officers will be presented soon to Congress. I have approved execution of the plan proposed by Secretary Meyer for certain naval reforms. The naval estimates are \$33,000,000 less than corresponding estimates for last year."

The relations of the United States with Japan are briefly reviewed by the President as follows:

"Our traditional relations with the Japanese empire continue cordial as usual. As the representative of Japan, His Imperial Highness Prince Kuni visited the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The recent visit of a delegation of prominent business men as guests of the chambers of commerce of the Pacific slope, whose representatives had been so agreeably received in Japan, will doubtless contribute to the growing trade across the Pacific, as well as to that mutual understanding which leads to mutual appreciation. The arrangement of 1896 for a co-operative control of the coming of laborers to the United States has proved to work satisfactorily. The matter of a revision of the existing treaty between the United States and Japan, which is terminable in 1912, is already receiving the study of both countries. The department of state is considering the revision whole or in part, of the existing treaty with Spain, which was signed in 1895, and is now, in respect to many subjects previously mentioned."

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