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## NEW ERA OPENS FOR NOKEVILLE

REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN YEAR  
New Institutions Spring Up Making Progress  
Town and Pointing to Future Bright With  
Prosperity—Summary and Most Powerful Factors.

When a representative of THE DEMOCRAT, after an absence of one year, stepped upon the platform at Nokesville last Friday morning, he could scarcely realize that, in so short a time, the small hamlet consisting of a railway station and some half dozen houses, when he last was there had crystallized an aggregation of residences and business houses which now entitles it to the distinction of a town.

**NEW INSTITUTIONS**  
The drowsiness and inertia which formerly pervaded the social and business circles of the community, has given place to energy activity and business thrift, since the advent of that most excellent institution of learning—the Hebron seminary. Following the establishment of this institution with rapid strides came the Nokesville bank, a large machinery and farm implement house, a bank and insurance office, a butcher shop and nearly a dozen residences of substantial structure and beauty of design.

**HEBRON SEMINARY**  
On Friday night I was shown through the seminary building and found it all that could be desired for convenience and comfort. The building is heated by steam throughout, and lighted by acetylene gas with handsome burnished brass and crystal fixtures, shedding a soft pleasant light in all departments of the spacious edifice.

**LIVELY DEBATE**  
After my tour of the building I attended a meeting of the literary society of the institution and heard its debate upon the subject: "Resolved, That iron is more valuable than gold." Those representing the affirmative were Messrs. Mark Kerlin and Howard Norford. Messrs. John Herring and George W. Beahm supported the negative. Following these were several who took part under the rules of general debate. The manner in which the question was stated, in my opinion, gave the negative a decided advantage. Had the question been "That iron is MORE USEFUL than gold," the advantage of argument would have reversed.

**SPLENDID ADDRESS**  
Following the debate upon which no judgment was passed, Alfonse Armstrong delivered an address upon the subject of education as the most valuable asset of success in life. Mr. Armstrong made some good points and his discourse elicited marked attention.

**RECITATIONS AND MUSIC**  
The remainder of the literary program consisted of recitations interspersed with vocal renditions under the able direction of Prof. Graybill. "The Ride of Jennie McNeale," rivalling the hardships and dangers of that of Paul Revere, was recited by Miss Pearl Shaeffer in a very creditable manner, manifesting complete composure, a remarkably retentive memory and rhetorical training. A beautiful sacred song entitled "Over the River," was sung by a quartette consisting of Prof. Graybill tenor, Miss B. M. Royer alto, and Miss May Lester and Miss Pearl Shaeffer soprano. The selection was excellently rendered.

## DIES WHILE VISITING SON

Within a week after he bade farewell to relatives and friends in Manassas, closing a Christmas visit, Enos K. Newman, aged about 78 years, died Monday in Washington at the home of his son, E. S. Newman. The funeral was held Monday with interment at Washington. Mr. Newman is survived by his widow; five sons, Oliver J., of Manassas, Edward and Enos, of Washington, Christian and Robert of Bridgeport, Conn.; and two daughters, Mrs. Anna Connor, of Manassas, and Mrs. Samuel Senior, of Bridgeport, Conn. Planning to leave shortly for a winter sojourn at Belle Haven, N. C., Mr. Newman was completing visits to each of his children when he was stricken by death. Mr. Newman located in the vicinity of Manassas in 1839 and lived here until 1878, when he moved to Washington, where he engaged in business for eight years. Since then he had lived at East Greenville, Pa., upon an estate which has been in possession of the Newman family for more than one hundred years.

## PRESIDES IN ELIZABETH CASE

Governor Swanson has designated Judge J. B. T. Thornton, of the Prince William circuit court, to hold a special term of the circuit court of Elizabeth City county. At this term of court will be heard the case of J. B. Pressey and others against Elizabeth City county, an application to extend the limits of the town of Newport News. Newport News is in Warwick county, and the town wishes to annex some of the territory of the county of Elizabeth City. The case is expected to continue several days, as the defendant county will make a strenuous effort to retain all its present territory, preferring that the town shall expand at this cost of its own county. This is the second time that a judge of the circuit court of Prince William county has been honored in annexation proceedings, Judge C. E. Nicol having been designated to sit in the Richmond City annexation case a few years ago.

## WOMAN SWOONS IN FEAR OF EXPLOSION

A cannon breech was thrown into the main hall of Hebron seminary, at Nokesville, Thursday night, exploded within a few feet of Mrs. Graybill, wife of the president of the institution, frightening her so badly that she fell unconscious to the floor. Mrs. Graybill was arranging the dining table, and standing near an entrance to the hall, thought the report came from a gun or revolver shot. Still in a swoon she was taken to her room, and has since been suffering from extreme nervousness. The authorities of the institution are endeavoring to apprehend the perpetrator of the deed.

## FORCEFUL, MAGNETIC SPEAKER

Upon adjournment of the society, Dr. J. Kurtz Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., delivered a most interesting and edifying sermon from the first chapter, first verse of St. Matthew. This sermon marked the beginning of a ten days' Bible Institute, to be conducted in the chapel of the seminary building, with the Rev. Miller as leader. Mr. Miller is a pleasant, forceful and magnetic speaker, and already has endeared himself to the hearts of those whose good fortune it was to hear him at the beginning of the Bible Institute.

## COMMEMORATE LEE ANNIVERSARY

FITTING CEREMONIES FOR NOTABLE EVENT

Keenness Under Auspices of Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Next Wednesday in Refiner School Building.

With fitting ceremonies the one hundred and third anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee will be commemorated under auspices of Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in the assembly hall of Ruffner school building, next Wednesday, January 19. The exercises will begin promptly at 2 p. m. The Confederate Veterans and members of affiliated organizations will assemble at 12:30 p. m. for luncheon.

## SPLENDID PROGRAM

A splendid program has been arranged for the commemorative exercises. The program will include the following: Hymn, "Build Firm the Foundation," will be sung at the opening of the exercises. The principal address will be delivered by C. A. Sinclair. Readings will be given by Mrs. Shannon and B. T. H. Hodge. The music will comprise numbers by a girls' chorus from the High school conducted by Mrs. Hodge, a trio comprising Messrs. Ratcliffe, Robinson and Taylor and by others. The Rev. Clarke will read a poem, and the exercises will close with reminiscences by the veterans, Dixie and the benediction.

## STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING

A fine increase in the business of The National Bank of Manassas was shown at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the institution held Tuesday. The year has been one of the best in the history of the institution. The surplus was increased \$2,500, making a total surplus of \$15,000. The bank is carrying undivided profits amounting to \$7,000. The stockholders re-elected the following directors for the ensuing year: H. F. Lynn, A. Conner, W. F. Hale, C. E. Nash, Thos. H. Lion, J. E. Beale, Westwood Hutchison, C. A. Heiniken, H. W. Herring, W. C. Wagener, J. R. Hornbaker and E. R. Conner. The board of directors re-elected H. F. Lynn, president, and elected C. A. Heiniken, vice-president, to succeed R. H. Lynn, deceased.

## HIGH AUTHORITY COMPLIMENTS THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT

The National Printer-Journalist, of Chicago, a recognized high newspaper critic and authority, in its current issue, comments on the initial number of THE DEMOCRAT in the following complimentary terms:

"No. 1, Volume 1, of THE MANASSAS, VA., DEMOCRAT, is a new visitor at our desk. It is well-printed and has one noticeable feature, worthy of adoption by weekly home newspapers; the news of the State is given in brief paragraphs by each day of the week. The editors, Garrison and Slingerland, in a signed 'Salutatory' set forth some excellent newspaper ideals and principles as follows:

"We shall publish a modern newspaper, chronicling the events of each week truthfully, fairly, impartially and promptly. We shall not publish imaginary rumors tattled about and accredited to that marvellously mysterious origin 'they say.' We shall 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 leavened by authoritative articles and departments, will be presented in attractive form. There is no influence powerful enough to control, substitute or suppress the utterances of this newspaper or to sway it in the slightest from its standard of right. The belief of the editors shall be expressed without fear or favor."

"The paper is set in ten point type, has a clean first page, free from ads, showing that the paper is printed for the subscriber, and the advertising composition is excellent and properly placed at the right of the reading matter, largely in double-column spaces. One full page ad shows exceptionally strong and artistic composition. The type faces are few, appropriate and up-to-date."

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

Brilliant golden wedding festivities marked the celebration Saturday of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Milstead at their home in Hoadley. More than fifty of the relatives and friends gathered at the home to assist in the commemoration of the event. Numerous congratulations were also received from those unable to attend, for none are held in higher esteem in Prince William county than Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Milstead. The interior of the home was transformed into a veritable floral bower, and the decorative effect was heightened by the soft lights and pretty table ornamentation. Mr. Milstead wore the conventional black, while Mrs. Milstead was attired in gray silk.

The table occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Milstead was trimmed in white and gold, with burning candles, and adorned by a bride's cake. The guests' table was trimmed in white and green. Dr. and Mrs. Waters, of Washington, were prominent among the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Milstead were assisted in receiving by Mrs. C. Lee Starkweather, Mrs. Harry Metzger, and by Miss Ida Seiders, of Newport News.

Although each has passed the allotted span of three score years and ten, Mr. and Mrs. Milstead each appear many years younger. None were more light hearted than they at the festivities given in their honor. Their romance dates back to late in the fifties when Miss Lydia Hoadley, of Fairfax county, moved to Prazerburg, Ohio. Shortly afterwards she was followed by J. C. Milstead, of Prince William county, and they were married there on January 8, 1860. Mr. Mrs. Milstead moved to Prince William county 25 years ago, and have since made their home at Hoadley. All of their children are living. They are Frank, John and Wilbur Milstead, and Mrs. M. L. Sisson, all of Hoadley. They have nine grandchildren.

Dr. W. Fewell Merchant has performed a successful operation on Robert Maxwell of Independence Hill for strangulated hernia. Mr. Maxwell formerly resided near Manassas.

## DEDICATION SET FOR WASHINGTON'S ANNAL

SEPARATE PLANS FOR COLLEGE EVENT

Notes—Speakers to Deliver Addresses at Formal Opening of Splendid New Assembly Building on Eastern Campus.

Imposing ceremonies will mark the dedication of the new assembly building at Eastern college on Washington's birthday, Tuesday, February 22, from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The exercises will be held in the main hall of the new building. Dr. Elmer Brown, superintendent of education in the United States, will deliver the principal address. The appearance here of this eminent educator, will be a notable event in the annals of the institution. It is probable that Senator J. W. Daniel will address the assemblage at the dedication, although he has not yet accepted the invitation. Dr. H. U. Roop, president of Eastern college, and others will speak.

## FINE MUSICAL PROGRAM

An elaborate program of music is being prepared for the occasion. The vocal selections will be under direction of Mrs. Bryan Gordon, and the instrumental renditions under Prof. Glenn C. Gorell, both instructors at the college. The choral society will participate.

## PUBLIC RECEPTION

Red and white, the colors of Eastern college, will prevail in the decorations. Following the ceremonies of dedication, a public reception will be held from 5 to 7 o'clock, when visitors will be shown through the building.

## SPLENDID BUILDING

The splendid new assembly building was erected at a cost of more than \$30,000. The first floor contains laboratories, recitation halls, electric light and steam heating plants. The main hall, chapel, library and recitation halls occupy the second floor. The third and fourth floors contain the dormitories, with rooms single and en suite, and equipped with baths, electric light and steam heat.

## READY FOR OCCUPANCY

Recitations probably will be held in the building next week, as the college authorities now are planning to install the departments there. The electric light plant is almost ready for operation, and it is expected that the steam heating plant will be completed next week.

## WELL PRINTED AND ABLY EDITED

(From The Capital Enterprise)  
THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT entered upon the sea of journalism on December 9, flying the flag of Democracy. THE DEMOCRAT is a well printed, ably edited newspaper. It deserves and should receive the liberal support and hearty cooperation of the people in Prince William and adjoining counties. The Enterprise most cordially welcomes this new champion of Democracy in this congressional district.

## LECTURE COURSE OPENS FEBRUARY

Dr. Byson W. King, of Pittsburg, Pa., noted orator and lecturer, president of the King School of Oratory, will open the Eastern college lecture course Tuesday night, February 1, in the main hall of the new assembly building. His subject probably will be either "Buttoned Up People," or "Sunshine and Shadow," each a lecture masterpiece. Dr. King is one of the greatest orators on the public platform.

## FARMERS PLAN FOR INSTITUTE

The Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia, comprising representations from the counties of Prince William, Fauquier, Loudon and Alexandria, will be held at the Manassas Agricultural High school, Friday, January 21. It is expected that about 100 persons will be in attendance. The principal address will be delivered by Prof. D. J. Crosby, of the United States Agricultural Experiment Station at Washington. His address will deal with corn growing clubs. Prof. H. F. Button, director of the Agricultural school and others will speak. Luncheon will be served by the domestic science class.

The Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia was founded last November by Prof. H. F. Button and George C. Rounds, and is the only farmers' organization in this section of the state. Its purpose is to improve methods of farming through discussions and through a series of co-operative experiments under direction and supervision of the Agricultural school. The Eighth grade probably will be represented at the corn judging contest to be held at Richmond on February 3. Among the prizes offered are: A tuition scholarship in the Shenandoah College Institute and School of Music at Dayton. A tuition scholarship in the Washington and Lee university at Lexington; a scholarship in either the academic or engineering departments of the University of Virginia; a rebate of \$100 in expenses in any agricultural or horticultural course in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg.

## FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE

With the wife and babies narrowly escaping with their lives from the flames, S. T. Cornwell and his family saw their home burn to the ground early Saturday night at Sprigg's Ford, four miles east of town. The property was owned by Dell Cornwell and the loss is partly covered by insurance. Not until a section of a blazing wall toppled in, was the family aware of the presence of danger. Mr. Cornwell had started down the road to the home of a neighbor, his wife was preparing supper and the babes, the eldest six years, were playing on the floor. Without warning a mass of flame filled the room as a burning wall fell about them, only by the merest chance losing them from its fiery embrace. Only by the exercise of rare presence of mind did Mrs. Cornwell succeed in rescuing her babies from the flames. Quickly she gathered them up, and fought their way through the flames seeking to devour them. When they had been placed out of the way of danger she assisted her husband in saving a portion of their household effects. He had proceeded but a short distance down the road when, looking back, he saw flames piercing the walls of his home. He summoned a neighbor and they ran back to the scene, to find the building doomed to destruction, but the family safe from harm. It is believed that the fire originated from a defective fuse.

## PENNY POST ANNIVERSARY

Monday was the seventieth anniversary of the establishment of the penny post by Sir Rowland Hill and the use of modern postage stamps were not introduced into the United States until 1847.



# NEW SHORT STORIES

## Sheridan's Way With Soldiers.

Several veterans of the civil war were gathered together on a recent rainy afternoon in Topeka at the Grand Army headquarters in the main house. Talk turned to General Sheridan.

"I'll bet that old fellow had a good one of the lead," said one of the men.

"The old fellow," replied another man with a little bronze button on his coat lapel. "I've got a little story that happened in Kansas a couple of years after the war was over, along in '68. Sheridan's old army was out in this part of the country fighting Indians. Quite a few of the men who had fought in the war were enlisted for the Indian campaign.

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JUSTICE HORACE H. LURTON, NEW MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COURT.

President Taft appointed Horace H. Lurton of Tennessee, whom he nominated to fill the vacancy in the United States supreme court caused by the death of Justice Peckham, late in the month of January, 1910. Lurton was born in 1839 and spent his early years in the United States. He was a member of the Tennessee bar and served in the Confederate army during the civil war. He was appointed to the Tennessee supreme court in 1891 and for many years was a member of the supreme court of Tennessee.

## LIQUID FUELS COMPARED.

Health of Alcohol and Gasoline.

A recent comparison of the health of alcohol and gasoline as fuels for internal combustion engines has been made by a group of scientists at the University of California. The results show that alcohol is a much healthier fuel than gasoline, especially in terms of its effect on the human body. Alcohol is a natural product of fermentation and is therefore much less toxic than gasoline, which is a refined petroleum product. The scientists found that alcohol engines are much more efficient than gasoline engines and produce less pollution. They also found that alcohol is much easier to handle and store than gasoline. The scientists concluded that alcohol is a much healthier and more efficient fuel than gasoline for use in internal combustion engines.

## MONKEYS DO NOT REASON.

Each Studying Them.

Conclusions of a Scientist Who Has Studied Them. In a recent study of the behavior of monkeys, a scientist has concluded that monkeys do not reason. The scientist observed the monkeys in a natural setting and found that they were unable to solve problems that required logical reasoning. The scientist found that the monkeys were able to learn simple tasks through trial and error, but they were unable to learn more complex tasks that required logical reasoning. The scientist concluded that the monkeys' behavior was based on instinct and habit, rather than on reason. The scientist's findings have important implications for our understanding of the evolution of the human brain and the development of language and culture.

## SAW TOOTHED SCISSORS.

Can Ripper, Mangle Heavy Work.

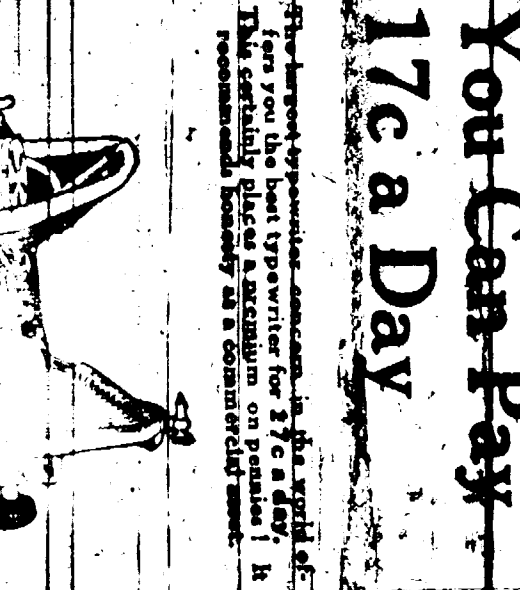
A new type of saw-toothed scissors has been developed by a group of scientists. The scissors are designed to rip and mangle heavy work, such as metal sheets and plates. The saw-toothed blades are made of a special alloy and are designed to cut through the work with a sawing motion. The scissors are much more efficient than ordinary scissors and can handle much heavier work. The scientists found that the saw-toothed scissors were much more durable than ordinary scissors and could last for a much longer time. The scientists concluded that the saw-toothed scissors are a much better design for heavy-duty cutting work.



THINK OF YOUR HORSE AT NEW YEAR.

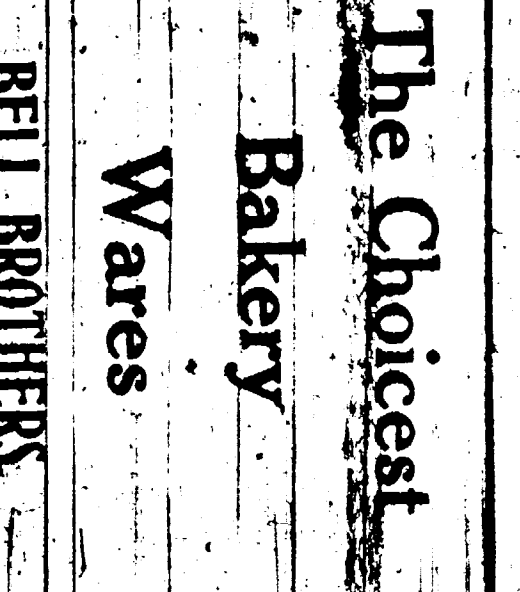
Surely his faithful services during the past year justify him to some reward. Why not buy him some new blankets? Or if your table inclines to a new set of harnesses that will not gall or chafe him we stand ready to supply that too. No need to enlarge upon the quality of our harness, etc. Every good horse-man knows it.

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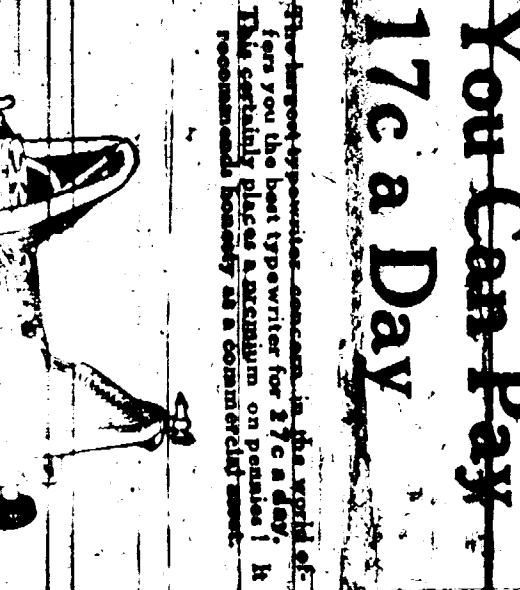
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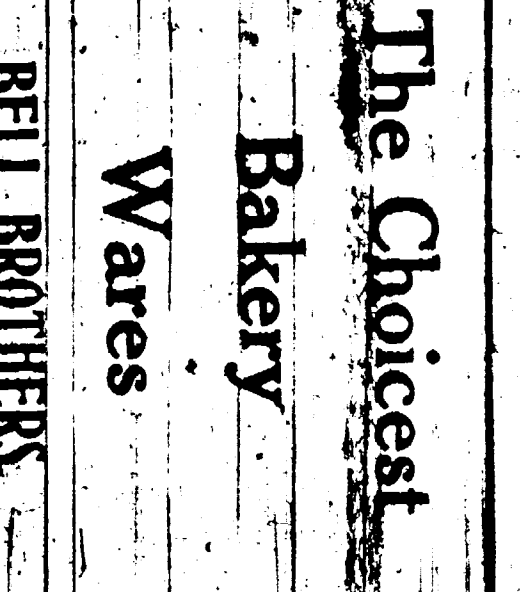
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# BACKACHE--A SIGNAL OF DISTRESS

A WARNING THAT MUST NOT BE IGNORED

Pain in the back is the kidney's signal of distress. If this timely warning is ignored, kidney disease silently fastens its deadly grip--for kidney sickness first shows itself in pains and disorders in other parts, and the real cause is too often hidden until fatal Bright's disease or diabetes has set in. Suspect the kidneys if you are rheumatic and nervous or have lame back, painful, too frequent or scanty urination, weak heart, dizzy spells, headaches, bloating or neuralgia. What you want is a special kidney medicine--not an experiment, but one that has stood the test for years. Doan's Kidney Pills relieve weak, congested kidneys--cure backache--regulate the urine.



## A KIDNEY REMEDY OF 75 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS began curing lame backs and sick kidneys 75 years ago. The demand lead a nearby druggist, James Doan, to prepare it for sale. From him the magic formula passed to the present proprietors. Now, as in those early days, Doan's Kidney Pills are made from only the purest drugs and are absolutely non-poisonous. They are used and praised all over the civilized world.

### DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS MAKE LASTING CURES



O. P. Bartling, 136 Middle St., New Bern, N. C., says: "For some time I suffered from a severe case of kidney complaint. I had dull, grinding backaches and pains across my loins, and felt miserable in every way. Often I was in such a condition that I could not attend to my work. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage and unnatural, plainly showing that my kidneys were not performing their functions properly. Learning of Doan's Kidney Pills, I decided to try them and procured a box at Bradburn's Drug Store. I began their use at once, and in a short time they effected a complete cure." (Statement given Apr. 2, 1923.)

On Jan. 25, 1923, Mr. Bartling adds: "I gave a statement publicly recommending Doan's Kidney Pills in 1922 and at this time I gladly confirm all that I said. I have had no trouble from my kidneys since this remedy cured me."

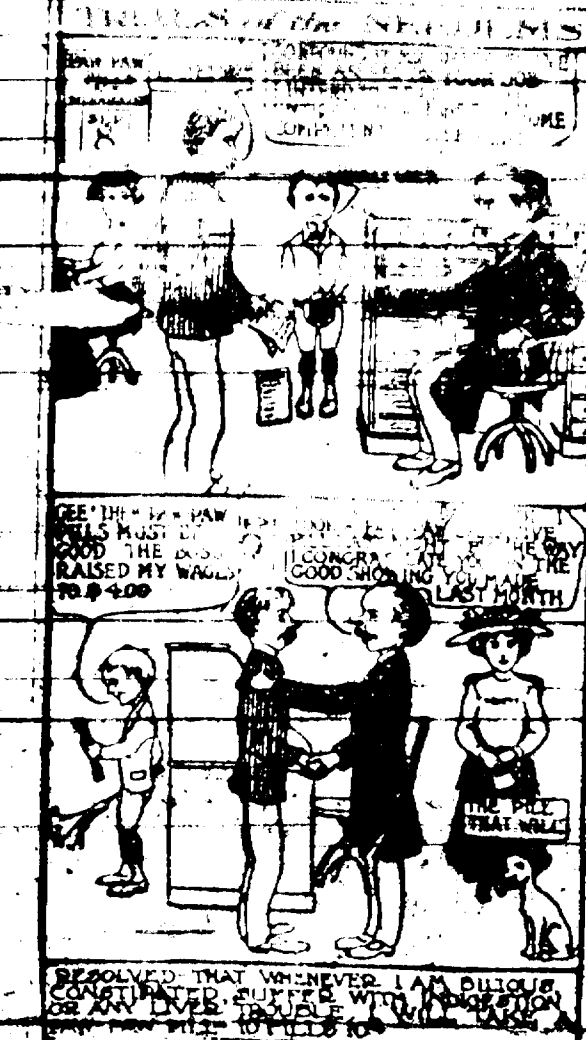
Mrs. Henry Sykes, Field St., Naugatuck, Conn., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills benefited my grandpa, and I am glad to recommend them. For some time I suffered from a dull, heavy ache across the small of my back and kidneys. My back ached constantly and I was unable to get on my feet for any length of time. At last, after much suffering, my suffering was greatly intensified. Gaining up or down stairs also aggravated my trouble. Learning of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box at Bradburn's Drug Store, and began their use. The symptoms of my trouble began to disappear immediately, and in a short time I was free from kidney complaint. No more words can express my high opinion of Doan's Kidney Pills." (Statement given Feb. 17, 1923.)

On Oct. 4, 1923, Mrs. Sykes said: "The relief I gave some years ago in favor of Doan's Kidney Pills was correct. Doan's Kidney Pills cured my trouble of kidney disease and I have had practically no trouble from my kidneys since."

Try Doan's Kidney Pills without cost. Cut out this coupon and mail it to Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. A FREE TRIAL BOX OF DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS will be mailed you promptly. A. C. L.

# DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

Sold by all dealers. Price 50 cents. FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y. PROPRIETORS.



Man's Paw Paw Pills coax the liver into activity by gentle methods. They do not scour, irritate or weaken. They are gentle to the stomach, liver and nerves; invigorate instead of weaken. They enrich the blood and enable the stomach to get all the nourishment from food that is put into it. The pills contain no cathartics; they are soothing, healing and stimulating. For sale by all druggists in the United States. If you need medical advice, write to Dr. J. C. Munyon, 532 and 534 N. Philadelphia St., Philadelphia, Pa.

### Most old people must give the bowels gentle, constant help. One candy Cascaret each day does that. Harsh physic, taken regularly, makes the bowels callous. Cascarets do not. Nearly all old people now use this natural, gentle help.

Our Cascarets are made with your address. Sterling Remedy Company, Chicago, Ill. and receive a handsome souvenir gold Bon Bon Patch.

### BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES

Relieve Coughs, Hoarseness and Sore Throats. Absolutely guaranteed in clearing the throat. Absolutely free from opium or anything harmful. Price, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00 per box. Sample sent on request.

JOHN I. BROWN & SON, Boston, Mass.

### Explained.

"Don't you want your nice bread and butter, Annie?" asked her father. Annie shook her head. "It's a shame to waste such nice bread and butter," continued her father. "I'll eat it myself."

Annie watched the process with big eyes and a look of expectancy on her face. Finally, when the last plentiful disappeared, Annie asked: "Papa, did it tickle?"

"Tickle?" said her father. "Why, no. What do you mean?"

"I thought it would tickle," said Annie. "It had a lank hair on it."

### Something to Look Forward To.

The following conversation actually occurred in a Yorkshire school some little time ago.

Scholar--Please, teacher, it was the King's birthday yesterday.

Teacher--I am very pleased to learn that you know it.

Scholar--How old is the King?

Teacher--Sixty-eight years.

Scholar--Then it will be only another two years before the King will be able to have the old-age pension.

London Daily News.

### Experts.

Little Nellie told little Anita what she termed a "little fib."

Anita--A fib is the same as a story, and a story is the same as a lie. Really--No, it's not.

Anita--Yes, it is, because my father said so, and my teacher is a professor at the university.

Nellie--I don't care if he is. My father is a real estate man and he knows more about lying than your father.

The Delineator.

### A WOMAN DOCTOR

Was Quick to See That Coffee Was Doing the Trick.

A lady tells of a bad case of coffee poisoning, and tells it in a way so simple and straightforward that her own skill could not improve it.

"I had neuritic headaches for 15 years," she says, "and suffered untold agony. When I first began to have these I weighed 140 pounds, but they brought me down to 110. I went to many doctors and they gave me only temporary relief. So I refused to go until one day a woman doctor told me to stop coffee. She said I looked like I was coffee poisoned."

"So I began to drink Postum and I gained 15 pounds in the first few weeks and continued to gain, but not so fast as at first. My headaches began to leave me after I had used Postum about two weeks--long enough to get the coffee poison out of my system."

"Since I began to use POSTUM I can gladly say that I never know what a neuritic headache is like any more, and it was nothing but Postum that made me well. Before I used Postum I never went out alone; I would not be bothered and would not know which way to turn. Now I go alone and my head is as clear as a bell. My brain and nerves are stronger than they have been for years."

Send the FREE BOOK, "The Head Is Deceiving," in reply. There's a Reason.

Never read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

### Laying A Ghost.

Sir William Henry Perkins, the inventor of many coal-tar dyes, was talking in New York, before he sailed for England, about the Psychological Research Society.

"Crookes and some other scientists go in for psychical research," he said, "though I confess that to me the subject strikes up a great appeal."

"Personally I have come in contact, during a fairly long career, with but one ghost story. Its hero was a man whom I'll call Snooks."

"Snooks, visiting at a country house, was put in the haunted chamber for the night. He said he felt so uneasy; nevertheless he took to bed with him a revolver of the latest American pattern."

"He fell asleep without difficulty but as the clock was striking two he awoke with a strange feeling of oppression."

"Lifting his head, he peered about him. The room was wanly illuminated by the full moon, and in that weird, bluish light he saw a small hand clamping the rail at the foot of the bed."

"Who's there?" he demanded tremulously.

"There was no reply. The hand did not move."

"Who's there?" said Snooks again. "Answer or I'll shoot."

"Again there was no reply, and Snooks sat up cautiously, took care full aim and fired."

"He limped from that night on, for he shot off two of his own toes."

—New York World.

### Best He Could Do.

Explorers hate to take back or amend anything they have written, said F. S. Dallenbaugh, of the American Geographical Society. "They are like the Weldo editor there."

"A man entered the Waldo editor's office and shouted angrily: 'You said in yesterday's paper that I'd been hanged. It's false. I've never been condemned, let alone hanged.'"

"Well, my friend," said the other, "it's our policy never to issue direct contradictions. They shake the confidence of the reader. But I'll tell you what we'll do for you. We'll say you were cut down before his was written."

—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

### Frugal Fare.

"So you're on a diet, are you?" "Yes; my doctor has limited me to a few of the coarsest and simplest kinds of food."

"It's about noon. Won't you go in and have lunch with me?" "It's very kind of you to invite me. I should enjoy it."

"Very well. We'll go into the grill room."

After they had secured seats in a cozy corner the host asked: "Won't you look over the bill-of-fare and see whether there is anything on it you could eat?"

"Thanking the man who was inviting, I think I'll have an oyster-acktail to begin with, and some chicken okra. Let's see; I think I'll not eat any fish--yes, I believe I'll, too. The broiled black bass will do very well. In addition to that I'll have some of the roast turkey, some New York salad, and--oh, never mind the dessert, now, I'll decide on that later."

—Record-Herald.

### The Auto Race.

"Have you opened the doors of the temporary hospital?" "Yes."

"Is the ambulance corps scattered along the course?" "Yes."

"Are the stretcher-men in line?" "Yes."

"And the first aid men waiting?" "Yes."

"And the special wire to the corner's office working?" "Yes."

"Then let the races begin!"

Plain Dealer.

### There is no prospect of possibility of the institution of canals in Cuba.

The nature, by reason of the short watershed, has provided no rivers which can be improved so as to afford water competition to the railroads.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative, makes quick relief. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. K. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

The greater part of Holland is eight feet below the level of the sea.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softening bowels, relieving colic, cures all ailments of the little ones.

The long white coat of rabbit of poney is more popular than ever this year.

For COUGHS and GRIP.

Hick's CAPSICUM is the best remedy for relieving the aching and feverishness of the cold and restores normal conditions. It's made of pure capsicum. 25c. 50c. and \$1.00.

Japan has few millionaires and practically no multimillionaires.

Read back and leg ache? Throat sore, with chills? That is La Grippe. Take Wavy Davis' Pinkettes at once.

Rare old cashmere shawls are again in favor for evening wraps.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

Dr. Deitch's Relief for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action is remarkable. Removes the cause and disease quickly disappears. Free 25c. greatly benefits. Dr. and St. Al. All druggists.

The separate waist is more in favor than for several seasons past.

Dr. Pierce's Peppermint, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulates and invigorates stomach, liver and bowels and aids constipation.

Not Guilty.

"It was I, A. M., and Bikins crept softly into the house and remained in the room, but as he tiptoed up the stairs one of the treads gave a loud creak."

"Is that you, John?" demanded Mrs. Bikins from above.

"No, my love," replied Bikins. "It's the stairs."

### Accounted For.

Landlady--This is a strange turkey. Starboard--Ah, I see; survivor from the bronze age. New York Sun.

### FOR HEADACHE--HICK'S CAPSICUM.

Whether from cold, heat, stomach or nervous trouble, Capsicum will relieve you. It's pleasant to take, and it's powerful. Try it. 25c. 50c. and \$1.00 at drug stores.

Elaborate braiding appears on some of the coats of the Army-tailored suits.

Tightness across the chest means a cold on the lungs. It means misery and discomfort every minute, if nothing worse. What's the answer? Rub the chest with Hering's Winter Oil quick.

The Japanese "Hello!" at the telephone is "Moshi, moshi!" or "Ago ne," with the accent on the "ny."

Piles Cured in 4 to 14 Days.

Pain Ointment is guaranteed to cure any case of Piles, Hemorrhoids or Protruding Piles in 4 to 14 days or money refunded. 25c.

Sewing on buttons is not a wife's work.

A barking, hacking, rattling cough on a picky broken up by Allen's Lung Balsam. Proved reliable by over 40 years' use.

Dangling jet tassels are used as a dash to some of the frisky shoes.

Rich cured in 20 minutes by Wootton's Sundry Lotion. Never fails. At druggists.

The first national English Thanksgiving was on September 6, 1688, for the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

### Children of the public schools in the Province of Ontario are to have much cheaper school books, to be supplied by the provisional government under a five-year contract, from August 1, 1923.

### A Stinging Eruption Covered Her From Head to Foot.

Four years ago I suffered severely with a terrible eczema, being a mass of sores from head to foot and for six weeks confined to my bed. During that time I suffered continual torture from itching and burning. After being given up by my doctor I was advised to try Cuticura Remedies. After the first bath with Cuticura Soap and application of Cuticura Ointment I enjoyed the first good sleep during my entire illness. I also used Cuticura Resolvent and the treatment was continued for about three weeks. At the end of that time I was able to be about the house, entirely cured, and have felt no ill effects since. I would advise any person suffering from any form of skin trouble to try the Cuticura Remedies, as I know what they did for me. Mrs. Edward Neffing, 1132 Salina St., Watertown, N. Y. Aug. 11, 1922.

### A Helping Hand.

The lecturer raised his voice with confident confidence. "My venture to you," he said, "that there isn't a man in this audience who has ever done anything to prevent the destruction of our forests."

A modest-looking man in the back of the hall stood up.

"I've shot woodpeckers," he said. "Everybody's Magazine."

### Genealogical.

She--How far can your ancestry be traced? He--Well, when my grandfather resigned his position as cashier of a county bank they traced him as far as China, but he got away. Pittsburg Observer.

### Stops Lameness

Much of the chronic lameness in horses is due to neglect. See that your horse is not allowed to go lame. Keep Sloan's Liniment on hand and apply at the first sign of stiffness. It's wonderfully penetrating--gets right to the spot--relieves the soreness--loosens up the joints and makes the muscles elastic and pliant.

Here's the Proof.

Mr. G. T. Roberts of Revere, Co., R.F.D. No. 3, Box 43, writes: "I have used your Liniment on a horse for some time and effected a thorough cure. I also removed a spavin on a mule. The spavin was as large as a grape and, by application of the liniment, it fell and was gone."

### Sloan's Liniment

Mr. H. M. O'Brien of Lawrence, Kan., R.F.D. No. 2, writes: "Your Liniment is the best that I have ever used. I purchased with it a bottle of Sloan's Liniment and one of your bottles of Sloan's Liniment and used them on a horse for some time for galls and small swellings and for curing lameness."

Sloan's Liniment will kill a spavin, curb or splint, reduce wind puffs and swollen joints, and is a sure and speedy remedy for sprains, soreness, lameness and thrush.

Price 50c. and \$1.00.

Dr. Karl K. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

### When You're Horses Use PISO'S CURE

THE BEST REMEDY FOR COLIC AND CURES IMMEDIATE RELIEF. The first dose relieves your aching throat and stops the irritation. Guaranteed to contain no opium. Very palatable. All Druggists, 25c.

### SUNNY FLORIDA

Years ago Florida was known to us as the Garden State of the South. The richest soil--the most delightful climate--the best water--direct express and freight connections. Fruit and vegetable grow abundantly. Good food and clean water. Write for a booklet to the fully equipped Florida Hotel, 1111 N. W. 1st St., Miami, Fla. Write for a copy. Address: J. W. WHITE, Cor. 1st and Ave. 1st, Miami, Fla.

### We Buy FURS

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Feathers, Tallow, Bones, Glue, Golden Seal, Yellow Wax, Blue Amber, White Glue, etc. We are constantly established in 1854. Our half a century's experience is our best recommendation. Write for a booklet to the fully equipped Florida Hotel, 1111 N. W. 1st St., Miami, Fla. Write for a copy. Address: J. W. WHITE, Cor. 1st and Ave. 1st, Miami, Fla.

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### Stomach Blood and Liver Troubles

Weak sickness starts with weak stomach, and consequent poor, impoverished blood. Nervous and pale people look good, rich, red blood. Their stomachs need invigorating. A remedy that makes the stomach strong and the liver active, makes rich red blood and overcomes and drives out disease-producing bacteria and cures a whole multitude of diseases.

Get rid of your Stomach Weakness and Liver Troubles by taking a course of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the Great Stomach Remedy, Laxative and Blood Purifier.

You can't afford to accept any medicine of unknown composition as a substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery," which is a medicine of known composition, having a complete list of ingredients in plain English on its bottle-wrapper, same being attested in correct words each.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate Stomach, Liver and Bowels.

A FLAVOR that is used the same as some of the best. By dissolving granulated sugar in water and adding Mapleine, a delicious syrup is made. It is used for all kinds of confections and makes both. Contact Dr. C. C. Curtis.

# MAPLEINE PUTNAM PADELESS DYES

Color more brightly and longer than any other dye. One lot contains more than 100 other dyes. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye any garment without rinsing. Write for free booklet. 25c. to Mrs. E. C. Curtis, 1111 N. W. 1st St., Miami, Fla.



Prize for Fruit... Winchester—The fourteenth annual convention of the Virginia Horticultural Society closed its two days session here, to meet in Roanoke next January.

Among the speakers was Prof. H. W. Collinswood, editor of the Rural New Yorker; H. C. Wyster, of Dublin; Va.; Henry C. Stuart, of Russell County, and Dr. J. B. Emerson, of Albemarle.

The awards of the apple show were announced, there being several hundred winners. Frederick County grew the most apples. The Emergerson cup goes to Dr. E. P. Parsons, of Massie Mills.

Others who carried off leading awards were T. W. Steck, T. W. Emerson, John C. Cather, M. L. McCue, F. H. Gold, Stewart Bell, E. F. Cole, J. L. Robinson, John L. Bond, Dr. J. B. Emerson, Dr. E. P. Parsons, S. E. Guernsey, Dr. E. P. Parsons, S. E. Guernsey, Dr. E. P. Parsons, S. E. Guernsey.

President W. W. Sproul, of Augusta, was renominated, but declined the office, and the election of officers resulted as follows: President—Dr. S. E. Guernsey, of Callaway.

Treasurer—T. W. Woolea, of Crockett. Vice Presidents—H. C. Wyster, of Dublin; C. P. McCue, of Greenswood; W. H. Sproul, of Whitesburg; George Bell, of Winchester; W. T. Wood, of Richmond, and J. L. Moomaw, of Cleverdale.

Deville. A scandal in police circles developed here, where it was announced publicly that Officers W. H. Fuller and C. G. Franklin had eloped with their wives and had eloped with two sisters, with whom they had become enamored.

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Canada's Population 7,250,000. The Canadian Bureau of Census, at Ottawa, estimates the population of Canada at the close of the year at 7,250,000. The Province of Ontario leads with 2,619,025.

Mrs. Bitter Hurt in Hawaii. Honolulu. Mrs. Bitter, wife of Commander R. O. Bitter, United States Navy, met with a painful accident while driving a spirited horse near the University of Virginia. Her horse became frightened and ran away, throwing Mrs. Bitter out. She was badly cut and bruised.

No Unwritten Law in This. Richmond. Following a dramatic appeal in which he pleaded extenuating circumstances for his action, James W. Anderson, who committed an assault on E. W. Smithdeal, president of the Smithdeal Business College, several days ago, was fined \$25 by the police justice.

Officer Missing. Lynchburg. Northern Amhurst County is stirred over the belief that an intruder entered the home of a licit distiller. Late in November a man appeared at New Glasgow. Leaving his baggage at the station there he drove to Lowesville and dismissed his driver. The baggage is said to have been from the Lynchburg Revenue Department addressed to the same name as that of the man who was a deputy collector and that he has met death at the hands of the natives.

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How Price of Milk Was Raised. How the raising of the price of milk from eight to nine cents was brought about and how New York City just missed a further increase in the price were revealed at the Milk Trust inquiry in that city.

Increase in Sheep. The National Association, in its annual estimate places the number of sheep fit for shearing in the United States at 42,293,265, an increase of 1,981,657 over the preceding year.



Cartoon by G. R. Macauley, in the New York World.

WAGES HAVEN'T KEPT PACE WITH PRICES, SAYS STANDARD OIL MAN

Alexander McDonald Sees No Incentive in Work That Produces Nothing For the Future, and Declares There Must Be a Readjustment Somewhere—Ordinary Clerk Cannot Support His Family and Save.

Cincinnati, Ohio. Alexander McDonald, the oil millionaire, made some declarations on the high cost of living that will challenge attention. He is coming as they do from one of the original Standard Oil magnates. Mr. McDonald, who is seventy-nine years old, was asked to give his home by feeble health, nevertheless keeps in close touch with current events. He said: "I do not recall when the cost of living was so high. Wages have not kept pace with prices. We will have to have a readjustment somewhere. It is not good that the man of the people should be forced to live a hand-to-mouth existence. There is no incentive to work that produces nothing for the future. The saving ability of our people must not be curtailed. I cannot see how the clerk who must pay the present high prices can support a family and save at the same time. The results of such a condition cannot be anything but bad. It discourages marriage, encourages things, and those who have means are living too extravagantly. It is a sign of a general depression. The result is that it is now often acquired as much for show as for use. This is an age of much business. We find rich American girls buying titles. I say that nine-tenths of such marriages are purely commercial. It is most deplorable. I have two granddaughters (Miss Mace-Steele). Should any one ask for the hand of one of these girls and mention money at the same time, I would order him to clear out."

FOR COST OF LIVING INQUIRY.

Congressman Hull Asks For Investigation—Mr. Douglas of Ohio, Statesman-Farmer, Gives His Ideas on the Situation—Wants Rush Made For Farms—Let Every Body Produce and Prices Fall.

Washington, D. C. Members of Congress who insist that the salary of \$7500 a year, which they receive now, does not go as far as their old salary of \$5000 did a few years ago, are much agitated over the rapidly increasing prices of the necessities of life. This subject promises to be talked about a great deal in the House and Senate this year. It is regarded as practically certain that a joint commission will be appointed to investigate. A resolution by Mr. Hull, Democrat, of Tennessee, provides for a committee of seven Representatives and five Senators to investigate if the high prices are due to: 1. Trusts and combinations. 2. The increased volume of money. 3. Increase in city population. 4. Increase in demand and decrease in supply. 5. Increase of the Government's bonded debt. 6. The tariff. This resolution declares that the prices of the necessities of life have increased from eleven to thirty per cent in the last twelve months. It is asserted that the high prices of last year have enabled the American Packing Company to make a net profit of more than thirty-five per cent on its cash. Mr. Hull charges that the price of sugar is two cents a pound higher in the United States than in foreign countries and that this commodity is controlled by the Sugar Trust. The most interesting development in the high price problem at the Capitol was a carefully prepared speech by Mr. Douglas of Ohio, who succeeded last winter as eminent statistician and prosessor, Charles Henry Grosvenor. Mr. Douglas was attending a performance in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and a pair of opera glasses fell from the third balcony and bounced off his head. He has been deeply interested in weighty problems. He has given a great deal of thought to this subject, and turned loose this result in a four-word speech. Mr. Douglas has a theory that he thinks would settle this high price proposition. He believes that if country life could be made sufficiently attractive to intelligent men and women, farm houses fitted with open plumbing, pianolas and mission wood furniture and the yard toned up and made to yield 300 bushels of potatoes to the acre where twenty now grow, a great many worthy people who now eke out a precarious existence laying brick and driving hacks and running trolley cars would be for the country and proceed to get wealthy. This, in its turn, would result in greatly increasing the production of all the necessities of life, which in volume have fallen behind the steadily increasing percentage of population. He had an imposing array of figures to present to the House to prove that while the population of the United States had been jumping ahead by leaps and bounds for the last twenty years the production of cattle, hogs, sheep, grain, potatoes and other meat and vegetable staples had fallen behind. Out on his farm in Ohio Mr. Douglas raises lots of things. One of the ways he makes money is by fattening hogs in Cologerie by fattening his cattle and selling them to the Beef Trust. "I get so much money for my fat stock," he said, "with tears in his eyes, that I am ashamed to take it." Mr. Douglas added that any man who had been running a decent farm for the last five years and hadn't got so wealthy that he had Brussels carpet on the woodshed floor and a peddler of Great Base sitting on the porch had only himself to blame. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson told Mr. Douglas just the other day, he said, of an instance in New York not six miles from Ithaca where land had been sold recently for \$2 an acre. Representatives John Dwight and Dryden and Representative Bennett, of the Bronx, later confirmed these figures. The Secretary also told Mr. Douglas of the case of a New York farmer who had a poor, worn-out hill farm who had been raised the year before last twenty bushels of potatoes from the acre. At that time the farmer was induced by an agent of the Department to try an experiment with his land. He was supplied with Government seed potatoes, told how to do the trick, and without the use of fertilizer he came across with 200 bushels to the acre, and since then has raised nothing but potatoes. That Mr. Douglas considers an argument for a greatly increased appropriation for agricultural purposes.

FOR INTERSTATE COMMERCE. Federal Incorporation of "Institutions" With Elimination of "Trusts"—Interprets Anti-Trust Law as Permitting Competition—Not Oppressive—Declares Unlawful to Push Prosecution of All Suits to Dissolve Monopolistic Concerns—No "Good" and "Bad" Trusts.

THREE COURSES OPEN TO CORPORATIONS UNDER LAW AS OUTLINED BY PRESIDENT TAFT. The decrees of injunction recently adopted in prosecutions under the anti-trust law are so thorough and sweeping that the corporations affected by them have but three courses before them: First—They must resolve themselves into their component parts in different States, with a consequent loss to themselves of capital and effective organization and to the country of concentrated energy and enterprise; or Second—In defiance of law and under some pretext they must attempt to continue their business in violation of the Federal statute and thus incur the penalties of contempt and bring on an inevitable criminal prosecution of the individuals named in the decree and their associates; or Third—They must reorganize and accept in good faith the Federal charter.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft sent to Congress his long delayed message on interstate commerce and anti-trust legislation. In it he strikes at the existence of holding corporations and oppressive trusts. He recommends the formation of a Court of Commerce to review railway cases and a Federal corporation bill to regulate trusts. The President does not advocate the repeal of the Sherman Anti-Trust law or of the Interstate Commerce law; on the contrary, he believes in strengthening and amplifying both these laws.

The President comes out fairly for complete Government control and supervision of railroad corporations and trusts. He announces that it is his purpose at an early date to issue his proposed bill of Justice to structure the Department of Justice to investigate all trusts with respect to which there is reasonable suspicion that they were illegally formed or are being illegally conducted. The President, however, enjoins caution on Congress lest it disturb the confidence of the business community and produce a halt in prosperity.

The President deals in this communication with the two great issues omitted from his annual message, the Interstate Commerce and Anti-Trust laws. In a message of some ten thousand words he deals exhaustively with both subjects. Leading recommendations as to the former include: A "United States Court of Commerce" to have original jurisdiction over classes of cases which are specified, thus relieving the Interstate Commerce Commission of certain labor and an incongruous combination of functions. Permitting limited railway pools subject to all the provisions of the Interstate Commerce law. The selection of the shipper in the matter of rate quoted for proposed shipments, by financial penalties for refusal or omission by carrier to quote proper rate.

Authority to commission to act, on its own initiative, in investigating fairness of rates or practices, and to pass on classifications of commodities. Power to the commission to hold up for a limit of sixty days proposed increases of rates until it shall have passed upon their reasonableness; and if found unreasonable, to forbid the increase or fix a maximum. Giving shippers the right to designate through routes over which their shipments shall pass. Forbidding railroads to acquire interest in any competing railroad or other competing corporation; but with certain provisos respecting ownership already required. Forbidding issuance of railway stock or bonds unless par value has been received for them, or if at less than par value, the reasonable market value as ascertained by the commission; the same to apply where the consideration is services or anything other than money. Also preventing improvident or improper issues of notes. Giving the Interstate Commerce Commission power to determine upon uniform construction of safety appliances on railroads, and facilitating the serving of process in suits under the Employer's Liability act.

As to the Anti-Trust law, the President recommends: Voluntary Federal incorporation of interstate industrial concerns, with prohibition of the "holding company" evil. Indorsement of combinations of industrial capital where these are decided not to constitute harmful trusts; thus relieving certain classes subject to unjust condemnation under the existing law. Several pages of the message are devoted to an elucidation of the Sherman act with a view to showing that its inhibition does not lie against combinations of which the main purpose is economy of administration and increased efficiency, destruction of competition being merely incidental; but only against those that are formed to obtain the advantages of monopoly in whole or in part by improper means. Mr. Taft is careful to point out that his Federal incorporation plan does not repeal the Sherman Anti-Trust law or permit wrongs which that statute prohibits. He defends the constitutionality of such a measure. He declares emphatically that the Government does not intend to lessen in the least degree its prosecution of suits to dissolve combinations which are to-day monopolizing the commerce of the country, and seeks only to foster and encourage "reasonable" concentration of capital, necessary to the economic development of manufactures, trucks and commerce. He also points out that the worst offenders to monopoly must accept Federal incorporation, face criminal prosecution, or dissolve themselves into their component parts in the different States. In industrial combinations called trusts, the President says, the interstate and foreign business far exceeds the business done in any one State. This fact, he says, will justify granting of Federal charters to such combinations under such limitations as will secure compliance with the anti-trust law.

To this end he recommends a granting of Federal law for the charters to corporations engaged in interstate commerce, protecting them from undue interference by the State and relying on National supervision to prevent abuses which have arisen under State control. Such a law would subject the real and personal property only to the same taxation as is imposed by the States and would require complete reports to be filed at regular intervals. Holding companies will be forbidden. The President declares the Sherman Anti-Trust law does not need amendment, and that the series of decisions by the Supreme Court renders a strong reason for leaving the act as it is. The public, the President says, must disabuse itself of the idea that any distinction between "good trusts" and "bad trusts" can be introduced into the statute. The President declares that monopolies must be restrained and punished until ended.

TAFT REMOVES PINCHOT. Chief of Forestry Bureau Dismissed—For Insubordination. Washington, D. C.—President Taft dismissed Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the Forestry Bureau, and the fight between the Roosevelt radicals and the conservative wing of the Republican party is on in earnest. The President's action came after a Cabinet session that lasted practically all day. When it broke up, just before dinner time in the evening, there was issued at the White House a copy of a letter sent by the President to Mr. Pinchot. In this letter, after summarizing up the acts of the Forestry chief, he said: "By your conduct you have demonstrated your usefulness as a helpful subordinate of the Government, and it therefore becomes my duty to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to remove you from your office as Forester."

Secretary Wilson was swift in carrying out the decision of the President. He addressed to Mr. Pinchot, to Overton W. Price, Associate Forester, and Albert C. Shaw, assistant law officer of the Forestry Bureau, letters substantially identical. INSURGENTS DEFEAT CANNON. They Combine With Democrats and Regular Republicans—149 to 146. Washington, D. C.—For the first time Speaker Cannon and his organization were defeated in the House. The vote was 149 to 146. Twenty-three insurgent Republicans, three regulars and 122 Democrats turned the trick against 135 regular Republicans and one Democrat. The Speaker and his organization admitted defeat and made no further attempt to frustrate the will of the majority. The insurgents were so consistent since their movement was organized; they took out of the hands of the Speaker the power to appoint a committee. The committee which the Speaker lost was the important House end of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation. The three regular Republicans who joined the insurgents were: Herbert Parsons, of New York; Butler Ames, of Massachusetts, and Hamilton Fish, of New York.

How Price of Milk Was Raised. How the raising of the price of milk from eight to nine cents was brought about and how New York City just missed a further increase in the price were revealed at the Milk Trust inquiry in that city. Increase in Sheep. The National Association, in its annual estimate places the number of sheep fit for shearing in the United States at 42,293,265, an increase of 1,981,657 over the preceding year.

Canada's Population 7,250,000. The Canadian Bureau of Census, at Ottawa, estimates the population of Canada at the close of the year at 7,250,000. The Province of Ontario leads with 2,619,025.

Kentucky's First Distiller Dead. J. G. Mattingly, who operated the first registered distillery in Kentucky, died at St. Mary's, Ky., aged eighty-six years. He amassed a fortune in the liquor business and retired ten years ago.



NEWS OF THE TOWN

John Elliott is recovering from a threatened attack of pneumonia. The weekly holiday at Eastern college has been changed from Monday to Saturday.

Miss Maude Allensworth, who has been home on a vacation, has returned to St. Mary's academy, Alexandria. The W. C. T. U. will meet on the day of this week.

Miss Nellie Rosenberger has been appointed teacher for the King's Cross Roads school in the Brentsville district. The Prince William County Teachers' association will meet in the Ruffner school building, Saturday, February 25.

Miss Ruth Rounds was pleasantly surprised Friday night by a number of her school friends who composed of young women. Elaborate plans for exploiting the Hopkins' chocolates and other delicacies are being formed by the members.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beasley, of Edinburgh, have been spending a part of their honeymoon, distributed throughout the country here, guests of Mrs. W. S. with other attractive and interesting advertising matter.

SNAP SHOTS

The best of plans fall out and the best of friends get married. The supreme test of love is to view a woman with her hair done up in curl papers.

No persimmons grow so high but that there is some pole long enough to shake them to the ground. The people who have the greatest opinions of themselves are frequently the poorest judges of human nature.

Two young ladies who expected a gentleman caller, agreed to quietly mimic his movements during the first few moments of his presence. Upon the arrival of their guest, the first thing he did was to smooth his hair, after removing his hat.

The night business course at Eastern College opened last night with a large attendance. A chimney fire broke out at the residence of J. B. T. Thornton Saturday, it was extinguished without damage.

The fire was sustained by W. S. Athey on Monday morning and was adjusted and paid to Mr. Athey on Wednesday afternoon by the agent of the Hanover Fire Insurance company of New York.

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ORLANDO NEWS

Miss Mary Elliott and Miss Heflin called Sunday on Miss Cassie Davis. Cleveland Wright was an Orlando visitor Sunday evening. Come again, Cleve.

There is considerable sickness in the neighborhood, but nothing of a serious nature. Whooping cough and severe colds seem to hold sway at present. Miss Rosa Elliott has returned to her school at Joplin, having been at home for a while with her mother, whose health has not been good for some time.

Our quiet neighborhood had a brief excitement a few days ago when a young man of this vicinity came near getting shot at Mr. Hooe's store. When it was learned that the merchant had just sold the last he had the excitement quickly subsided.

Raymond Woolfenden, off-caller on friends here Saturday while on his way home from Washington. William Shepherd, a brother of Mrs. L. M. Storke, returned to his home in Washington last Friday evening.

MILFORD AND BRISTOW NOTES

Charles Mackall, who is engaged in the real estate business in Washington, spent Friday and Saturday at the Grove and returned Sunday. The old Blackwell homestead, which was burned early in December and now owned by Mr. Early Hansborough, is being rapidly rebuilt under the able management of Mr. Wm. Dulin.

There will be an election of officers at the next regular meeting of the Sons of Rest, which will convene in Mackall's office at Milford Mills as soon as all the members are sure there is a good fire to sit by.

The Rev. J. Royall Cook and his sister are visiting relatives in Hazelhurst, Ga. The Misses Dulin entertained a few friends at their home on last Friday evening.

Miss Hattie Edmonds, who spent New Year at home near here, returned to Washington. Miss Amelia House is visiting relatives in Fairfax county, and will be absent for several weeks.

WYANNETT NEWS

Mrs. Hall of "Shirley" is confined to the house with grippe. Mrs. J. E. Jordan has accepted a position with Eastern College. Harry Catts of Alexandria visited friends in Haymarket Sunday.

Miss Pearl Riden returned to her school in Harrisonburg last week. Miss Blanche Carruthers spent a few days with Miss Hulsh last week. Theodore Croen of Shady Side, Ohio, was a visitor in Haymarket the first of the week.

Drinkard lodge, A. F. and A. M., held a called meeting last night for work in the F. C. degree. Willie Jordan, son of the section foreman, was taken to Charlottesville hospital last week for an operation.

Miss Grace McDonough, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. James Pickett, returned to Alexandria Tuesday. Mr. Osbourne and family are moving into their new home, "Wayside," recently purchased from Mrs. Givan.

For Manassas and Warrenton, white men to canvass and collect. Must be a hustler, honest and capable. Apply Southern Mutual Aid Association, 115 Southern Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia.

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We Save You Money Our Tables are filled with Before Stock taking Bargains in Dress Goods Notions and Shoes We Have Rubber Shoes for Everybody Our Grocery Department is Stocked with Seasonable Goods at Right Prices. Our 20 cent and 25 cent Coffee Can't Be Beat

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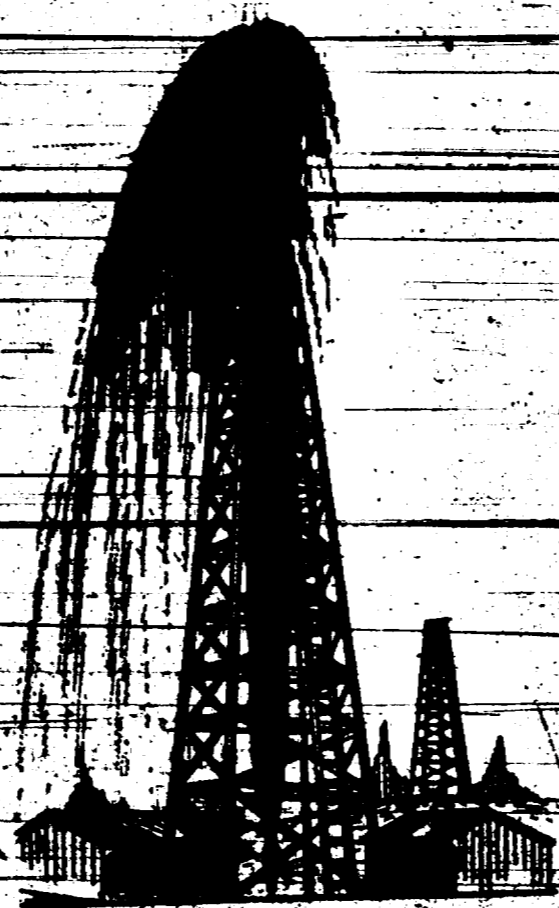
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It is necessary that the people in the vicinity of this particular prop-  
 osition should subscribe for the stock of this company, as it is an abso-  
 lute fact that in all new fields it has always been up to the local people  
 to develop the first oil, as capitalists never go into unexplored areas, but  
 are ever ready to take hold of any and all things, when proven valuable.

This company has 23,000 acres of land under lease, and has placed  
 80,000 of its 200,000 shares of capital stock in its treasury for sale, con-  
 sisting of preferred, guaranteeing 8 per cent accumulative annual divi-  
 dend, to be paid out of the earnings of the company, and common, to  
 which it will add in the future other stocks when found necessary. The  
 company offers this stock at its par value, \$1.00 per share; but will not  
 accept any subscription for less than five shares. All payments will be  
 made one-half cash and balance in two equal instalments of thirty and  
 sixty days from date of subscription. The stock is non-assessable. No  
 certificate will be issued until it is fully paid. As an illustration to  
 the reader of the great profits accruing from the investments in new  
 oil fields here is submitted below the last and newest development in the  
 United States, the Bremen oil field, and some instances of the paying  
 capacity of this field. The Bremen oil field was a wild cat proposition  
 for fourteen years. The first wells were drilled by a man named J. E.  
 Purvis, who sunk his capital in the venture. Though at first unsuccess-  
 ful, Purvis believed in his proposition, and finally succeeded in getting a  
 few friends to raise enough money to promote a stock company called  
 the Bremen Oil and Gas Company, holding 8,500 acres of leases. The  
 first well drilled was a 60-barrel producer, and for fourteen successive  
 wells he did not strike a single dry one. The Bremen company, after  
 two years and two months, is selling fifty-five thousand dollars worth of  
 oil per month; its stock, which originally sold at \$25 per share, now sells  
 for \$625 per share, and some is on the market.

As another example: While the first well was being drilled at Lima,  
 Ohio, the State Geologist called the people of the community in a mass meeting, lectured  
 them and ridiculed the idea of any one taking stock in such a scheme, declaring that there  
 was no possibility of getting either oil or gas in that locality, as all indications necessary  
 for their production were absent. (This geological talk has been the same in  
 Texas, California, Oklahoma, Kansas and other fields that have been  
 such heavy producers of oil.) But while the speaker was in progress, he, and  
 behold, the well began to flow at the rate of eighty barrels of oil per day. The people  
 left the lecturer and fled to the oil fields. Now this field is a large pro-  
 ducing and refining one.



## READ CAREFULLY

Compare the holdings of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil  
 and Gas Company (holding 23,000 acres), with the  
 holdings of the above companies mentioned and you  
 will readily see what the great possibilities of the  
 Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company will be.

You may think you can do better by waiting and  
 buying stock after oil is struck. Study the table of  
 California above and decide how many shares you  
 could buy after development in its great companies,  
 and compare it with what you could have bought be-  
 fore development, and remember they were all "wild  
 cat" properties at one time.

The following Table Shows How the Stock of Various California  
 Oil Companies Has Advanced:

	Started at	Has been sold at
Central	\$0.10	\$1.50
Monte Cristo	.10	2.97 1/2
Lucile	.15	5.00
Dillon	.25	2.50
Kern	.25	3.75
Sterling	.50	4.27 1/2
West Shore	.50	4.50
Pearless	.25	3.75
San Joaquin	.50	12.50
Kern River	.50	71.50
New York	.50	200.00
Oil City	2.50	94.00
Pacific	3.00	150.00
Hanford	10.00	120.00
Ponente	10.00	180.00
St. Lawrence	15.00	300.00
Kreysenbagen	10.00	\$50.00
Home	10.00	600.00

\$100 invested in New York Oil Company has since had a value of  
 \$5,000.

\$100 invested in Hanford Company has since had a value of \$4,200.

\$100 invested in Pacific Co. now has a value of \$6,250.

\$100 invested in San Joaquin Company has since had a value of  
 \$5,700.

\$100 invested in Kern River Co. has a value of \$9,500.

\$100 invested in Central Oil Company has since had a value of \$15,000.

\$100 invested in Alameda Oil Company has since had a value of \$30,000.

\$100 invested in Home Oil Company has since had a value of \$40,000.  
 Its oil sells at from 25c to 60c per barrel.

The foregoing articles were gleaned from official sources and doubt-  
 less are not overdrawn. That the Petroleum Industry in an inviting  
 field for small investors will be readily admitted after reading this cir-  
 cular.

Recent geological examinations made by the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and  
 Gas Co., whose holdings are situated in Prince William and Fauquier  
 counties, Virginia, led them to believe that in the not very distant future,  
 as much may be said of Oil Production in Virginia as is now related of  
 California, and more; because the oil is high grade. Hence, only enough  
 stock will be sold at the present low prices to develop these promising  
 holdings of the Company to the point of assurance, when the books will  
 be closed; therefore, we would advise those who are disposed to invest  
 not to defer the matter until it is too late to get in on the ground floor.

In transporting its products to the markets of the world, the Penn-  
 Vir Company will have a very great advantage over all other oil-produc-  
 ing sections of the United States—being in the neighborhood of 20 miles  
 from tidewater on the Potomac and about 30 miles from Washington City.

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 stock will go rapidly, and only a sufficient amount of stock will be sold to develop paying values. When the expected happens the stock-books will be closed.

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PAMELIA'S PRINCE

Pamela snubbed me unmercifully when she returned from Philadelphia... "How do you know he's a prince?"

my remark, "he speaks in the language of the poet." "Which poet?" I said cuttingly...

NEWS AND VIEWS WOMEN

Mrs. Spayer's Gifts to Charity... In his liberality toward medical charities, the will of Mrs. Francisca Spayer...

Youth is forever challenging, never qualifying... A suitor on a woman's lips is like poison in nectar...



Garbage Pail... Have pail perfectly clean and dry... Burning Sugar in Sick Rooms... Dog Baskets...



THE NEWS

ROBBERS LOCKED THE POLICEMEN IN VAULT

TO KEEP PEACE IN THE FAR EAST

SCANDAL IN THE INDIAN SERVICE

EXPELS DR. COOK

DISCOVER TUNNEL LEADING TO BANK

Domestic

The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research of New York, has been presented by the... of Paris, with a replica bronze of the bust of Louis Pasteur by Paul Dubouff...

Edna Loftus, divorced wife of a jockey, secured the release of her lover, Harry A. Rhetinstrom, from a sanitarium on a writ of habeas corpus...

One hundred and forty paper manufacturers, members of the Paper Board Association, were indicted by the federal grand jury of New York...

Train 23 on the Lake Shore, bound from New York to Chicago, ran into a construction train near Northeast, Pa. One man was killed outright...

Charles H. Adams resigned as president of the Southern Railroad and became connected with the Hawley Railroad in the same capacity...

Mrs. Flora Adams Barber, one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died suddenly in New York from apoplexy...

Mary Manning, the actress, was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, James K. Hackett, the actor, in New York...

The Standard Oil Company denied being interested in the Milk Trust, which is being investigated in New York...

Prof. Samuel S. Sanford, of Yale, and son of the founder of the Adams Express Company, died in New York...

Then Blew Open the Safe in the Postoffice

Explosion Shook Spencer, Mass. To Its Foundations—Citizens Thought Missing Officers Had Been Killed—And Police Start After Crackmen—Muffled Cries From Vault—Police Disarmed...

Spencer, Mass. (Special).—Five daring rogues cracked the safe in the Spencer postoffice after overpowering the two policemen who were on duty nearby and locking them up for safe-keeping in a big steel vault in the town hall...

The robbers made their escape, but carried off only about \$30 worth of stamps, the entire contents of the outer compartment of the safe, and about a thousand dollars in cash and stamps...

There was great consternation among the townspeople when they discovered that their two night policemen, James Morton and John Collette, had disappeared at the same time as the yegmen...

WOMAN HEADS TAX LIST

Mrs. Emma B. Kennedy, of New York, Assessed For \$4,000,000. New York (Special).—Not Mr. Carnegie and his millions in steel, but a woman with millions left her by her husband, heads the list of personal tax assessments made public in New York...

Prof. Samuel S. Sanford, of Yale, and son of the founder of the Adams Express Company, died in New York...

Mrs. Flora Adams Barber, one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died suddenly in New York from apoplexy...

Mary Manning, the actress, was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, James K. Hackett, the actor, in New York...

The Standard Oil Company denied being interested in the Milk Trust, which is being investigated in New York...

Ser. Knox's Proposition to

Elimination Of The Manchurian Railroads From Eastern Politics—A Proposition Looking To Neutralization Of These Railroads—Preservation Of Territorial Integrity Of Chinese Empire...

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Secretary Knox has suggested to the powers interested in the Manchurian Railway situation a plan contemplating the neutralization of the railroads by their sale to China...

The proposition of the United States to the interested powers looking to the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads discloses the end towards which American policy in the Far East has been recently directed...

It is well known, the essential principle of the Hay policy of the open door and the preservation of the territorial and jurisdictional integrity of the Chinese Empire...

WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger suspended Superintendent Benedict of the Five Civilized Tribes, and three supervisors as the result of a disgraceful condition affecting the material and moral welfare of the schools...

Cardinal's Day was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church and leading men of the city of Washington as well as the representatives of the foreign powers, attended the services...

The Venezuelan government has conferred the order of the Borzoo Bolivar and John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of Republics...

A far-reaching program has been arranged for the convention of the National Civic Federation, which meets on January 17...

Chemist Wiley, of the Agricultural Department, says a hard fight will be made in the bleached flour case...

Suspensions Are Ordered By Secretary Ballinger

Investigation Said To Have Disclosed A Disgraceful Condition Affecting The Material And Moral Welfare Of The Schools—The Superintendent Alleged To Have Business Interests Incompatible With His Duties—Other Officials Are Censured...

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Secretary Ballinger, of the Interior Department, suspended from office Superintendent John D. Benedict, of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and three supervisors as the result of an investigation which has disclosed "a disgraceful condition" affecting the material and moral welfare of the schools...

As a result of the investigation which the Interior Department has been carrying on for some time past, and which will be continued, officials of the Indian Service may suffer a like fate to that of Superintendent Benedict and the three supervisors suspended...

The investigation which resulted in this action was entered into because of various reports reaching the department here, charging the officials already suspended, as well as others, with activities which it was thought were improper for government employees...

From the report made in the case it appears that Superintendent Benedict was connected with certain business interests in Oklahoma which have more or less business with the Indians, which relationship, it was believed, was wholly incompatible with his service as superintendent...

Oscar H. Lippe, of the Indian Office, supervisor of Indian schools, who was sent to Oklahoma with the charges, notified the department here today of his arrival, and that he has relieved Superintendent Benedict pending the result of the investigation...

Little Mary Vaughn Highly Commended By Magistrate. New York (Special).—Mary Vaughn, small, but plucky, earned the praise of a magistrate when she charged Moran, who says he is a salesman from Chicago, with arranging in police court charges with smacking \$5 from a stationary store...

Record Year In Pig Iron. Cleveland, Ohio (Special).—Returns received from the coke and anthracite blast furnaces of the United States by the Iron Trade Review show that the pig iron production for December was 2,891,469 tons, bringing coke and anthracite pig iron production of the country for 1909 to the record-breaking total of 25,336,793 tons...

Parma, Italy (Special).—On the hills between Parma and Piacenza, which are about 14 miles apart, an immense landslide is slowly moving. It is two miles in length, half a mile in width and its depth is estimated at 75 feet. On top of the slide is the village of Scopolo, recently occupied by a thousand people...

Arctic Club Of America Drops Him From Membership

New York (Special).—The Arctic Club of America—founded by Dr. Frederick A. Cook and his supporters in the North Pole controversy—has dropped the name of the explorer from the roll of membership...

The action of the Arctic Club directors was unanimous and follows hard upon the heels of the explorer's summary dismissal from the council of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences two days ago, and strips from the explorer almost the last vestige of scientific honor...

The Arctic Club of America led in the welcoming festivities to Dr. Cook on his return from Greenland and Copenhagen. Later the club tendered Dr. Cook a former president of the organization, a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria, while many of its individual members, including Admiral Schley and Captain Osborn, warmly championed the cause of Cook when his now discredited polar claim was challenged...

A Hospital Sinks. Vienna (Special).—An extraordinary accident occurred at Raibl, in Carinthia. The sudden subsidence of the site of a disused mine completely engulfed a small hospital building. Not a vestige of the hospital remains and only a huge cavity appeared in the ground...

Sugar Probe For Other Ports. Washington, D. C. (Special).—Following the discovery of underweighting of sugar at the port of New York inquiries are to be made at other ports where sugar is brought in with a view to determining whether there has been underweighting elsewhere...

Investigation Into The Deaths Of Groce And Cannon, Who Were Shot After A Hasty Court-Martial—Solomon Selva, The Prosecutor, Will Show The Responsibility With Zelaya—Another Battle Is Expected Soon...

Managua, Nicaragua (Special).—General Vaguer has left to assume command of the government forces at Acoyapa, where an engagement with the insurgent army now moving westward may take place soon...

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New York Police Lincath One On East Side

When Authorities Are Notified That Man Went Into A Cellar And Never Returned, They Investigate And Find Tunnel—Digging Up Street In Effort To Find Man—Branches Off Toward A Jewelry Store Next To Bank...

The man who crawled into his hole and pulled the hole in after him is puzzling the police here. And there is more interest in the hole than in the man who dug it, for a cursory first inspection soon showed that, from an unobtrusive aperture in the floor of a tenement house cellar, the hole presently stretched into a tunnel, and that the tunnel pointed in the direction of the vaults of the East Side branch of the Equitable Street Bank...

Jewelry shop next door, in which there lay \$80,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry. Isidor Garbus ran to the police with a tale of the disappearance of his brother-in-law, Isaac Finkelstein. The man had last been seen, he said, in the cellar of the tenement house where they lived...

After a few minutes digging the police uncovered a sharply defined aperture in the cellar wall, about three feet across, and pitching downward under the street. A building department inspector crawled in on his hands and knees, striking matches as he went, but came out in a hurry when he bumped into what seemed to be a collapse of earth and boulders...

Fearful of further explorations from the cellar, the inspectors began to dig down from the street level, at the same time sounding the cellar walls of the bank and the jewelry shop. So far as they could learn both are sound...

Digging continued all afternoon and all night with crowds of curious in attendance. The work went slow, both because of the depth of the excavation and the necessity for obstructed a fork in the tunnel was found, one branch heading for the bank vaults and the other for the jewelry shop. In all the digging had uncovered about 50 feet of burrowing, with no trace of the body of Finkelstein...

NICARAGUA WILL BLAME ZELAYA

Responsibility For Americans' Death Is His—President Madrid Begins to Probe

by General Estrada in the battle of Rama. President Madrid began a personal investigation of the execution of the Americans Groce and Cannon, with the object of placing the responsibility. Solomon Selva, who appeared as government prosecutor before the court-martial, will be found jointly responsible with Zelaya, it is said...

Admiral Kimball, in command of the United States naval forces in Corinto harbor, has declined a gift of six steers, tendered by President Madrid for the American soldier's mess. Congress has passed a bill providing for the issue of paper money to the amount of \$15,000,000 to replace the \$12,000,000 in notes now in circulation...

GOVERNMENT INQUIRY

Secretary Wilson Will Endeavor to Find Why Food Is So High—A Big Contract, He Says

Washington, D. C. (Special).—In consonance with the resolution introduced by Representative Hull, Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, has ordered a sweeping inquiry into the cost of living in the United States...

"I realize," said Secretary Wilson, "that we have undertaken a big contract, but we can carry it out. We have the men and we have the money, to paraphrase a famous statement, and the work will be done thoroughly. Much of the work will be done by inspectors of the Bureau of Animal Industry, but other divisions of the department will be called upon to assist..."

After Aviation Caps. Paris (Special).—The Aero Club of France, has decided to issue a formal challenge to the Aero Club of America for both the balloon and aeroplane international cups. The French Wright Company has adopted a tail to the Wright aeroplanes and the trials have proved highly satisfactory. Both Wilbur and Orville Wright have always been opposed to such appliances for their machines...

Foreign

A collision between French and Turkish troops near Debis, Tunis, on the Tripoli frontier during which shots were exchanged, has caused France to make representations against the advance of Turkish troops in that territory...

Because United States Minister Fox, at Guayaquil, Ecuador, notified the foreign minister that the sanitary conditions were bad, the Ecuadorian press says the nation constitutes a menace against South American autonomy...

Herbert Titlow was sentenced by a London court to eight months at hard labor, for defrauding Miss Clara Libbey, of New Haven, Ct., representing himself as Sir Chand Campbell, of the British diplomatic service...

Winters, Texas (Special)

Frank Kember, living twelve miles north with a hatchet killed his wife and two children, 7 and 3 years of age, and seriously injured a young woman and a boy in the family. He then took his own life with a razor. The case is believed to be a case of insanity...

Pittsburg (Special).—Surgeon at Pittsburg, Pa., had placed Norman Barnett, the little son of George Barnett, on the operation table to cut out his appendix, but just as the knife was ready the lad was seized with a fit of coughing which cured him. He emitted a needle, which is believed to have caused his illness. He is rapidly recovering...

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General Headquarters of the American Civic Association

General headquarters of the American Civic Association have been established in Washington. First Assistant Postmaster General Garfield submitted his annual report. A committee of the Federation of Labor presented to President Taft a formal paper containing fourteen charges of illegal conduct against the Steel Corporation...

The House adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Congressman Griggs, of Georgia, and adjourned. President Taft sent to the Senate the nomination of Capt. Charles E. Vreeland, of the Navy, to be a rear admiral. Representative Mann introduced a number of bills bearing upon legislation in the interest of railroad shippers...

President Taft nominated Amos H. Radtke and John A. Johnston to be District Commissioners. An experiment is to be made on the New York docks with automatic sugar weighing scales. Speaker Cannon declared himself a great believer in the census...

What Colleges Are For

Madison, Wis. (Special).—Frank Lowell of Harvard spoke at the convocation at the university and scored these students "who come to college for its privileges and not for its responsibilities." Many he said, have not their education, but their education is not completed until the school is placed over them. Students, he said, should come to college to learn to do things as well as to learn facts...

Turkey has a government lottery for such products as are needed to the army. The Australian state of Victoria spends nearly \$500,000 a year in the lottery against the competition of the United States. While 2,000-horsepower locomotives are common in the United States and many exceed that size, a 1,200-horsepower engine is considered large in continental Europe...

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# The Lure of the Mask



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## SYNOPSIS

Jack Hillard, a wealthy New York clubman, hears a mysterious voice singing in the night under his window. He inserts an advertisement in a personal column to find the singer, and receives a reply. He visits the mysterious singer, but she wears a mask. He falls desperately in love with her, but he has not seen her face. The unknown woman gives her name as Mme. Angot, which is assumed. They have dinner. She refuses to see him again.

## CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

He has everything in black and white, I believe. But your advice is better. "Do you know anything about Italy or Germany?" "Only what I learned in my geography class. ROME, Florence, Genoa, Venice, Nice, Milan, Strasbourg, Cologne and on to Berlin. It is like a fairy story come true."

"Who is your prima donna?" he asked. "Ah! Kitty's face became eager with excitement. 'Now you have put your finger on the mystery that is bothering us all. Not one of us has seen her or knows her name. She has not rehearsed with us and will not till we reach Naples, where we rest a week. When we speak of her the manager smiles and says nothing, and so none of us has seen the backer. Mr. Worth thinks that the herself is the prima donna and backer in one. We think that she is some rich young woman who wishes to exploit her voice. There's a lot of them in the world. I wish I knew her. Little has been said about the venture in the paper, and I'm glad. We may prove a perfect fiasco, and the less said the better. As we can't walk back, I must learn to swim. Lunch is ready, every one!'"

The merriment and the excitement flooded into the small dining room. There was plenty to eat, beer, soda, whiskey and two magnums of champagne. Merrilow's contribution to the feast Hillard listened with increasing amusement to the shop talk. It was after 1 when they returned to the sitting room, where the piano stood. The wine was now opened, and tonight were drunk. O'Mally told inimitable stories. There was something exceedingly droll in that expressive light face of his.

Worth did not drink, but Hillard did not like his handsome face any the more for this virtue. He sang remarkably well, however, and with a willingness Hillard had not believed in. He wondered vaguely why he disliked the man. Otherwise Hillard enjoyed himself vastly.

"Mr. Merrilow has been telling me all about you," said Hillard. "You mean, of course, my good qualities," replied Hillard. "To be sure, but I am sure that you are giving facts such as a man might expect of a woman go round."

"I believed that Merrilow had a soft spot for you," he said. She looked at him quickly and colored.

"Has the foolish boy been telling you that I refused to marry him? I like him very much," she added gravely, "but I shall never marry any man. I have come to love the stage. I am not a whit less extravagant than he is. How could the two of us live on an income which he himself admits that he cannot live within? A month after I say good-bye he will forget all about me."

"Merrilow is the most loyal man I know," Hillard declared. "Of course he is loyal! And he is always in earnest for the moment." And then they both laughed. It was outrageously late, nearly 4 when the revelers took leave. Merrilow was happy with that ebullient happiness which goes hand in glove with late suppers and magnanimity.

doesn't go. Hang it, I can't see why she won't marry me now." "You must have patience." "Or more money. Can't O'Mally tell a good story, though?" "Yes, but I should hate to turn him loose in my wine cellar. I imagine he will wrangle anything good to drink out of me."

Merrilow roared. "Well, here's your station, Dan. Shall I see you tomorrow?" "Eight-thirty in the park. Nothing like a horse for a headache." Hillard arrived home tired and sleepy, but as he saw a letter on the stand in the hall his drowsiness passed quickly. There was no other letter.

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I had told the maid to burn your letter, but she left it on the floor where I had thrown it, and I came across it this morning. I am writing you against my better judgment. Yes, I knew your name. I find that I am well acquainted with people you know. I am a woman who often surrenders to the impulse of the moment. I may or may not answer any future letters from you. You write very good Italian, but it will surprise you to learn that I detest all things that are Italian. Once I loved them well. Why should you wish to know me? Our ways are as divergent as the two poles. Happy because I don't? There are some things over which I can sing or laugh, but of which we cannot speak without crying. Happy or unhappy, what can this matter to you? To you I shall always remain the lady in black.

I care not in the least. Perhaps I am glad to add to your repertoire. That suit I think not. Merrilow's story. Hillard put the letter away, extinguished the lights and passed up to his room. This was a direct challenge. He would accept it. This time he would use no personal to tell her that a letter awaited her. She should make the inquiries herself. And from the mail clerk he would obtain a description of the elusive Mme. Angot. Next morning he rode in the park with Merrilow. Again he saw the red-lipped lady on the fountain bank. Out of normal curiosity he telephoned the number and made inquiries. The reply was short. "No one at the stables knew the lady, but she rode the horse on proper authority."

The night he wrote: "I shall keep on writing till you cease to write. But you can't be frank with me. I am kind, I am kind. The pleasure you derive in keeping up this mystery engages you. You bid me to find you. I accept the challenge. You must understand at once that I am not the person that I seem to be. It is the unknown that attracts me. I am mentally painting you in all sorts of radiant colors. You defy me to find you. There is nothing so reliable as an unscrupulous woman. I am sure that I shall find all means of tracing you. I shall lay your messages, bring them, I shall find out where you live. The rest will be simple."

She replied: "I have no desire to alleviate your constant boredom. Your persistence would be praiseworthy if well directed. We wear black. The wind creates the marble, but a woman is not moved till she wishes to be. I never thought that I should double in an intrigue this sort, and I am surprised at the amusement it affords me. I really owe you some gratitude. The few I have met who knew you tell me that you are a 'nice young man.' Every man has some portion of self-love. So his best effort was a passionate denial that he was 'nice.' When should he meet her? The postman brought him a letter which contained one word—Merrilow. He sent her four pages, a frank and witty description of himself and his friends.

On the day she received this letter a cablegram came to her from the far Mediterranean. Whatever it contained had the effect to cause all restraint to disappear from the tone of her letters. They became charming, and were and more Hillard found himself loving a voice. All his watching, all his traps, came to be successful and. She was too clear for him. She caught the next department of the great newspaper, the clerk couldn't remember, there were so many calling for mail. Letters passed to and fro daily now, but always she declared that it was impossible for them to meet. No, it was not of the question of going with him to a restaurant. It was equally out of the question to cook a dinner where she lived, as she and her maid dined at a small restaurant near by. Finally she proposed to bring the dinner all cooked from the club. Two days went by without a sign; then the blue letter came.

"Very good voice, but he's too handsome." "Oh, go on! You're a New York looking chap as there is in New York. But this man Worth has the looks of a lady killer. He's been crying Kitty, but it

like a curiosity. It has the power to lead us into all manner of trouble. And I have my share of curiosity. Remember, you never would have found me. I was dwelling in a far-off land. I may be a stranger, but nothing remains to me but my voice. And now the terms. And if you do not follow them obediently and blindly your dinner will grow cold in the carriage. Dinner was served. I am a carriage will blindfold you. He will then proceed to the club and take the dinner and bring you here. Be warned! If you so much as lift the corner of the bandage, the romance will end then and there. I realize that I am doing something very foolish and unwise, but as you say, I am a woman who has seen much of the world. Thus I have my worldly view. I shall use it as a buffer.

"Blindfolded!" Hillard screeched. "All these precautions! Who was she? What was she? Since there was no escape, blindfolded he would go. At half after 8 on the night of the 1st of February, then, he began to dress. It was some time since he had taken such particular care.

"The signor seems in high spirits tonight," observed Giovanni as he laid out the linen. "Man, I'm happy and greatly excited. Do you recollect the lady who sang under my window? I am going to meet her tonight. The mystery will be a mystery no longer." "Ah!" Giovanni stroked his lips doubtfully. "It is not like the signor to plunge blindly into adventures like this."

"The very word, blindly. I go blindfolded, amico. What do you think of that?" "Blindfolded?" Giovanni was horrified. "It is a trap!" he cried. "They will assassinate you. No, you shall not go! In Rome, at the carnival, it is an old game. They will rob you."

"Take the number of the cab as I get in. If anything should happen, give the number to the police." Giovanni, with a sharp movement of the hands, expressed his resignation to the worst. He knew the futility of arguing with his master. But he followed him down to the hall and tried on the bandage himself. He was honest about it too. For Hillard could see nothing. Then the messenger boy took him by the hand and led him to the carriage. As the two were climbing in Giovanni spoke rapidly in his native tongue.

"There is no number on the carriage." "Too late to bother now." The carriage rolled off toward the club, where the dinner, hot and smoking, was taken on.

CHAPTER V.—THE MASK. "JOHNIE!" the signor asked the boy when Hillard was well under way once more. "No! It's a source. They are going to call up my fate round a table." "Ugh! Ah, you're! Day don't call up no ghosts with French clear and hot birds." The boy relapsed into silence.

By and by the carriage stopped. "This is where we alight, me lord!" the boy yelled. "Ah! no look, signor!" Hillard found the carriage steps and landed safely. He stood for a moment listening. They were in a quiet part of the city, no elevated or surface cars were near. He was assured that the location was exclusive. Guests are not to be found in quiet places.

Look out in the steps, said the boy, again taking Hillard by the hand. "And you be careful of that basket." "I ain't lettin' it drop any." Winding steps, thought the blindfolded man. He could recollect none if he turned to him that they stood there five minutes before the door opened. When it did, the boy paged in the basket and resolutely pushed Hillard into the hall. The door closed gently, and the adventure was begun. Whither would it lead him?

"Take of the bandage the signor may now," said a voice in broken English. "Thanks!" He tore the bandage from his eyes and blinked. The hall was so dimly lighted that he could see nothing distinctly.

The signor's coat and hat. He passed over these articles, shook the wrinkles from his trousers, smoothed his chin and stood at attention. The maid stood him with abundant approval.

al, then knocked timidly on the door leading to the drawing room. "A signor!" called a soft voice. Hillard gathered in his courage, opened the door and stepped inside. On a divan near a lamp sat a woman in black. Only a patch of white throat

could be seen, for her shoulders were not bare and her arms only to the elbows. Her back was turned toward him. Her hair was turned toward him. Her hair was turned toward him. Her hair was turned toward him.

"Madam!" he faltered. He spoke English and not very firmly. The woman turned. Hillard took a step backward and blundered against a pedestal. She was masked!

"Masked! Only her mouth and chin were visible, and several little pieces of court plaster effectually disguised these. There was a mystery. He to come blindfolded and she to wear a mask—extraordinary!" "And this," she said ironically, "is the gentleman who leaned out of the window."

He brought all his faculties together for he knew he would need them in this encounter. "Supposing I had fallen out of it—well, it could not have mattered. I should not have been more at your feet than I am now." This was very good, considering how dry his tongue was.

Hillard reached a chair successfully enough, but he never could recollect how. He sat down as a bashful man sits down in a crowded ballroom with his knees drawn in tightly and his feet at sympathetic angles. Presently she laughed with malice. "You are not comfortable in that chair."

"That is true, and yet it is soft and roomy. I am uneasy. Perhaps you recall to my subconsciousness a period in my former existence on earth, or, if you will, one of my ancestors." "I fall to understand." "Well, a Hillard 200 years ago had his head cut off by an axe. His executioner wore a mask."

"A mistake. Your ancestor should have been hanged." "And I along with him, you would imply?" "Are you not Irish? I have known Irishmen of the name of Hillard." "They were in disguise. But I have a generous strain of Irish blood in me; otherwise I shouldn't have had the courage to follow up an adventure like this."

"Thanks. The compliment is rather ambiguous." "My compliments cannot possibly be more ambiguous than your appearance. Surely there will be an hour for smacking." "It has already begun, Mr. Hillard." "So I am the one who is to be smacked? Well, I have only the mask nature gave to me. I wish she had been more liberal. But I shall see what can be done with it."

He took note of her teeth and felt a sudden tinge of regret. One may disguise the face and hair, but the teeth are always the same. Two lower teeth on the right side appeared to be gone; the others were firm and glistening white. It was a pity, for a woman's teeth are as much her glory as her hair.

Silence. The ruddy light on her hair fascinated him. "What is it?" she demanded. "Your hair," with a simplicity which shocked him. "You have the most beautiful hair I have ever seen."

"Thank you. And yet, for all you know, it may be a fine wig." "If it is I shall never be sure of anything again. Am I in prospect New York? Have you not by some carriage man transported me to old Europe? If a dozen conspirators came in to cow me to render me the oath I should not be at all surprised."

"There is no magic, only a mask." "And there is no way of seeing behind that?" "None—absolutely none. I am told that you are a gentleman, so I am confident that you will not stoop to me." "Only the force of eloquence, if ever I may lay claim to that again." "You are beginning well, for I tell you, Mr. Hillard, I shall expect but the most brilliant wit from you tonight. As for me, I shall only be polite occasionally. Now, begin."

This time her laughter was relaxed and joyful. And somehow Hillard felt more at ease. He was growing accustomed to the mask. He stretched his legs and bared his knees. "Have you any more?" "Why, no."

"I am a revelation which accounted for many things. I haven't been very fortunate so far in this adventure." "That is rank ingratitude. I am of the opinion that fortune has highly favored you."

"But the mask—the mask! If you heard the policeman call my name you must have heard him speak of one Luddy Lightfinger?" "I did, indeed. And is it not possible that I am that very person?" Hillard dropped his hand toward his watch. "Why do you hate Italy?"

She sat straight and what little he could see of her mouth had hardened. "There will be no retrospection this evening, if you please, but voice rather metallic." "The mystery lifted his head again. One does not hate a country without a strong and vital reason. Was Giovanni partly right, after all? Was this a kind of trap—a play to gain his interest? Was her singing under his window purely accidental?

"Will you not sing?" he asked. This was an inspiration. Music might assist in melting her new rigidity. "You recollect, then, that I possess a voice?" "It is all I have to recollect. Tell me, whether it is all to this lead?" "To the door and into the fog again." "On my word, I'm half inclined to believe you to be an anarchist or a seer of something on that order."

"Put yourself at ease. I am neither Luddy Lightfinger nor a Socialist. There are no dynamite bombs in this house." Her anxiety, her impatience and her apparent lack of warmth were mere matters of calculation. Her plan was to inspire him with trepidation, to keep him always at arm's length, for his own safety as well as hers. She knew something of men. She was secretly pleased with his strong face and shapey head. The chin was square, but not heavy; the mouth humorous, kindly and firm; the nose bridged, and the brown eyes, sleepy, yet with latent fire, were really handsome. She was not afraid to be alone with him, nor was it really necessary to wear a mask. But the romance in her heart that she believed to be dead was not dead, only waiting to be roused.

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"But that is for the male voice?" "You sang it very well, nevertheless. I have a good memory too." He looked toward his arms crossed on his knees. Was there ever in all the world such an Arabian night?

She sang, but without that bewitching note of the first night. One after another he called out the popular airs of the old light opera. She had them all on her tongue's end. Where had he seen that copy of Botticelli before? If only there was a little more light!

"Pardon me," he said. "You asked—" She repeated her question, wondering what had drawn his attention. "I like my grand opera after dinner—after dinner I shall never forget—Botticelli, Giovanni." "But after dinner I may not care to sing." She spoke in German. He was not expecting this tongue. Besides, his German had never been a finished product. For all that, he made a passable reply. "You speak so many languages as a single man, consider."

CHAPTER VI.—PRESENTLY she spoke, still playing softly. "My father was an American, my mother Italian. But I have lived in Europe nearly all my life. There! You have more of my history than I intended telling you." The music went dreamily.

"I knew it! Why but an American woman would have the courage to do what you are doing tonight? Who but one of mine own countrywomen would trust me so wholly and accept me so frankly for what I am—an American gentleman?" "Softly!" she warned. "You will dig a pit for your family!"

"No, I am an American gentleman, and I am proud of it, though this statement in your ears may have a school-boy ring." "A nobility in this country? Impossible!" "Not the kind you find in the Almanach de Gotha. I speak of the nobility of the heart and the mind." He was very much in earnest now.

"Indeed!" The music stopped, and she turned. She regarded his earnestness with favor. He continued: "I have traveled much. I have found noblemen everywhere, in all climates, and also I have found beasts. Oh, I confess that my country is not wholly free from the beast! But the beast here is a beast—shunned, discredited, outcast. On the other side, if he be mentioned in the Almanach, they give him sashes and decorations. And they credit him with being money mad! It is not true."

"But, if you are not money mad, why these great fortunes?" "Doubtless." "At a certain age a fortune in this country doubles itself without any effort on the part of the owner. Few of us marry for money, and when we do we at least have the manhood to keep the letter of our bargain." "And when you marry?" she queried. "Well, it is generally the woman we love. Dowries are not considered. There is no social law which forbids a dowless girl to marry a dowless man," laughing. "But over there it is always and strictly a business contract. Yes, a business contract," he said. "But they talk of nobility on the other side. That is it; they talk, talk—Italy, France, Germany! Why, I had rather be the son of an English farmer than a prince on the continent. And I had rather be what I am than the greatest nobleman in England."

"Go on, go on! I like it. What do you call it—lingo?" she laughed. [CONTINUED NEXT WEEK]

LEGAL NOTICES. Virginia: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Loudoun, Va., this 10th day of December, 1908.

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MANASSAS, VA., THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1910.

All the joys of winter are lost upon the man who gets up in the morning and builds the fires.

NOW that Pinchot has been removed, Secretary Ballinger should have no difficulty in defining his position.

A NEW YORK magistrate has won the affections of all the youngsters by ruling that no law can prohibit them running barefoot.

A noted woman lecturer declares that the nation is luxury mad. She doubtless intended to describe the feelings of those who cannot get the luxuries.

ANOTHER corner on the necessities of life was secured recently in Kentucky, when a pool was formed to take over the entire tobacco crop of the state.

A NEW YORK heiress who eloped with a waiter, declares that she is sure of the conventional welcome home. It must be that the cash surplus is running low.

HERE man has little, if any chance, against the modern athletic woman. A burly burglar pleaded for mercy under a terrificistic pummeling by a Chicago young woman.

A REPORT from Cannon is to the effect that he has no intention of resigning as Speaker, and that he intends to die in the harness. The explosive utterance resulted from a factional row in the House.

THE splendid relief work done by the Associated Charities is shown in the December report of the organization. Relief was given in more than 1,000 cases and without an actual sacrifice by persons in better circumstances.

MANASSAS offers education advantages unsurpassed by any town of its size in the country, through Eastern College, the Manassas Agricultural High school and an excellent graded school system. The night school inaugurated by Eastern College is a splendid enterprise, deserving a large enrollment.

THE utility of the telephone as a protective device was illustrated recently in a Princeton, Ind., home. A woman had called her daughter, an operator at the telephone exchange. The conversation ceased abruptly, and the girl, becoming alarmed, hastened home. She found her mother, stricken with paralysis, lying with her head in an open fireplace. Undoubtedly her clothing would have caught fire in a few minutes.

ANTICIPATING defeat the Harriman railroad interests are making an attempt to settle the Government's merger suit instituted at Salt Lake City two years ago. They endeavor to strengthen their bluff by declaring that the Government can not win the move to dissolve the merger. Unless it is proved within the meaning of the statute, that the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific are not competitive, it is probable that heavy concessions will have to be made by the lines if they expect relief from the Government. The weakness of their position, and their fears of an adverse decision, were revealed in the bid for settlement.

ACCORDING to press dispatches, the United Mine Workers at Shamokin, Pa., agreed to fight the new Child Labor law on the claim of its being unconstitutional, alleging the new law is working great hardship among the wage-earners. There appears but one solution of the child labor problem, and that lies in a revision of the wage scale. Given sufficient compensation for his labor, there will be no need for the head of a family to depend upon the pennies earned by his children to aid in the struggle for bread. To deprive a child of sunshine, play and education, is to rob him of his birthright. Public sentiment, properly directed, can force an advance in the wage scale to a living standard.

THE Farmers' Institute is an institution vital to the development of the section which it represents. The value of organizations of this nature, generally recognized, is becoming strongly apparent in this section with the progress of the Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia, held in the Manassas Agricultural High School, and organized by Prof. H. F. Button, director of the institution, and by George C. Rounds. The co-operative experiments create an interest in scientific farming, which cannot fail to be of the very highest value. To reduce the cultivation of the soil to a scientific basis, makes for the greatest compensation for the labor expended and the capital invested. The educational value of these experiments lies in their development, a comparison of methods employed and careful study of the most successful tests. The adoption of intensive farming has revolutionized agriculture, simply through an application of the law of compensation. Through seed selection and scientific cultivation the soil is made to yield in abundance. In return and through scientific methods, the fertility of the soil is maintained. The days of extensive farming are ended.

## FROM OUT OF THE SHADOWS

By LOUIS E. SLINGERLAND

THE curtain fell last week in Philadelphia upon a melodrama of mystery and sinister symbolism is like a fragment from an Ibsen romance. The story is an admixture of comedy and pathos and the tragedy of a shattered ideal. It reveals the emotions of a human soul, once lost, arising to its apotheosis, after trial in the alembic of sorrow. It paints the picture of wrong, and portrays swift and terrible retribution, but in the sequel the heavy clouds roll away and the troubled dreams fade in the dawn of peace.

The opening scene is laid in a midnight Arizona desert, enveloped in heavy, oppressive silence, broken only by sounds of revelry issuing from the Red Front saloon and the click of a telegraph instrument in the miserable shack, called the "depot" for lack of any other name. Black, forbidding and ominous the night desert stretches out like the folds of a shroud. The last notes of a tipsy song die away, the lights in the Red Front are extinguished and the picturesque village drunkard comes reeling down the dusty road. Nature gave him powerful physique and handsome features, but he is now but a semblance of the former self. His face is swollen and seamed with dissipation, and his step falters as with age. But even then the mask does not hide all traces of former refinement.

The night express from San Francisco pauses but a moment as if impatient to leave the scene. A beautiful young girl who has alighted is weeping in the shadows. Touched by the girl's grief, melted by her tears, transformed by a sense of chivalry, with a flood of memories all but effaced, overpowering his soul, the outcast approaches the girl like a penitent sinner about to kneel at the feet of an angel. With a woman's quick intuition the girl divines that she can trust this man. She feels no fear in relying upon his protection. A woman has crowned him with honor.

Quickly, though sobbingly, she tells her story. "My father in California is rich," said she, "and he offered a prize for which my brother and I were to compete. My brother is remarkably brilliant. I studied day and night to outdistance him. Several days previous to the test, I observed an old woman standing in a lonely spot in a park by a path I took to school. She looked like a witch and her piercing gaze filled me with horror. Only by a struggle I shook off her influence. The day before the examination she overpowered me, and took me away. I escaped just now as she slept."

At the close of the weird narrative the man took the girl to the home of an old woman, his one friend, loyal when others failed. It was nearing daybreak, and when they entered the old woman was astir. A teakettle was singing on the stove and a cat was purring in a corner.

For weeks the girl hovered between life and death, but the constant vigil and loving ministrations of the man and the old woman prevailed. But in recovering the past became a blank to the girl. All efforts to find her parents were without avail. The man, now a respected member of the community, wooed and won the girl. They lived happily for a year. Then the serpent entered their Eden. A jealous acquaintance of the man one day stealthily slipped whisky into his noon-day coffee out on the range. All that the man had regained, all that he had won, was swept away in a flash. The woman carried her cross in silent sorrow until one day the burden became more than she could bear. Then she disappeared. After she had gone and when too late, the man knew that he had lost his heaven. Again he regained his real personality, this time forever. For months he wandered about seeking his wronged wife. Last week he found her. Laying his stained soul at the feet of this pure woman, with all the longing in the world, and all of his hope of redemption in his tones he cried out: "Mary, forgive me."

She heard and understood. With brimming eyes and with arms outstretched she came to him. And the baptism of tears washed away the scars of neglect, suffering and wrong and the man and the woman were radiant in their sacred happiness.

AN erroneous rumor became current this week to the effect that pressure had been brought to bear upon the editors and managers of THE DEMOCRAT, preventing them from making any criticisms in the future. Let it be known now and finally that no power can influence or lead this newspaper to remain silent when its editors and managers are convinced that there is a wrong to be exposed. As has been demonstrated, so shall the editors and managers of THE DEMOCRAT continue to express themselves without fear or favor. Numerous congratulations by letter, telephone and in person have been extended THE DEMOCRAT upon the stand it has taken. The appreciation of the public has also been manifested by a heavy increase in the list of subscribers.

THOMAS H. LEON, delegate from Prince William county, has been recognized by assignment to the most important committees in the House of Delegates of the Virginia General assembly, especially the Committee on Rules which acts as a Cabinet to the Speaker and carries with it much honor, from the fact that it shapes and directs legislation. Mr. Leon has been assigned to the following committees: Rules, General Laws, Roads and Internal Navigation, Chesapeake and Tributaries, and House Expenses.

It is now declared that the bill before the House Committee on Territories providing for Statehood will become an administration measure and probably will be passed at this session. The people of the territories are hopeful, but not elated, over the report. They have learned the lesson of disappointment.

A NEW JERSEY woman dropped dead the other day while cutting kindling. Probably it was not from surprise, either.

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