



**SNAP SHOTS**

Every bachelor is secretly loved by some woman.

If the truth were known most women haters have been disappointed in love.

The love of a good woman sometimes saves a man from going to the devil.

When it comes to a choice of duty and duty, anybody but a man will choose the former.

With the approach of summer the study of astronomy is becoming decidedly popular with young people.

Perhaps, after all, mind readers are only seers who speak out what others recognize but would rather leave unsaid.

When a girl begins to show a young man the picture of his "all" its time for him to begin saving for an engagement ring.

**EXPERIENCE OF PLOW INVENTOR**

Capt. Westwood Hutchinson, Cashier of the National Bank of Manassas, is responsible for the following story, in substance: When young Oliver, the originator of the celebrated Olliver plow, was courting his wife, the young lady's father, knowing his daughter's suitor to be without means, and himself wealthy, took occasion to remark, in his daughter's hearing, that he would never give his consent for one of his daughters to marry a man until he owned a house, stating no further qualification. This information was conveyed, by the young lady, to young Olliver, doubtless upon his next visit. It happened that a man, in the neighborhood, wanted to change his place of abode, and offered his home, consisting of a rudely constructed one-story house, with dirt floor, and a quarter section of land, for \$85. It was a great struggle for young Olliver, in his impoverished condition to raise, even such a small amount, but he did, and when he asked for the hand of the old man's daughter, he obtained permission, with his blessings. Olliver, who was then devoting his whole time and attention towards perfecting his plow, which stands today without a rival, perfected it and before his father-in-law died, Olliver was worth more, by far, than he, though still a wealthy man.

**AN ODD CASE.**

By EVELYN WITWORTH. (Copyright, 1909, by American Press Association.)

In the summer of 1812 in a New England coast town John Burnes and Avis Bradbury stood on a beach one night talking in an excited undertone. Burnes was speaking. "I tell you, Avis, they're going to murder me. I was told that your father stated at the tavern that our marriage should never take place, and your brother Dick said he was going to shoot me on sight." "Their threats don't mean anything, John, or they would not have made them thus publicly. They know you have no means and are opposed to you on that account. But that's all. They will never raise a finger to hurt you, and when we are once married they will drop their objections." This dialogue was heard by one who was lying on the sands screened from the couple by some sagebrushes. John Burnes was not seen nor heard of by any one in the town, including his sweetheart, the next day or the next. Had he gone away he would certainly have communicated with Avis, but she was as ignorant of his whereabouts as the others. Steven Bradbury, her father, and Richard, her brother, having threatened him, were looked upon with suspicion.

Then one day a boy brought in John's coat from a neighboring town. It was found on a dune torn almost to shreds and covered with spots of blood.

The two Bradburys were arrested and thrown into prison charged with the murder of John Burnes. There was plenty of evidence against them of a circumstantial nature. They had threatened Burnes openly, and the man who had heard the dialogue between John and Avis was ready to testify that John feared for his life at their hands. But since there was no direct evidence, since it was not even known positively that Burnes was dead, the authorities wisely resolved to wait. Meanwhile the father and son languished in prison. Avis felt assured that they were innocent, that her lover had met with foul play at the hands of some one else, but who could have had a motive to murder him was a mystery to her.

It was seven months before the accused were brought to trial. Their appearance in the dock did not seem to be in their favor. Neither seemed to have much hope of an acquittal. The father showed more courage than the son—a courage that was naturally attributed to a determination to brazen out the sin. Richard seemed entirely broken down. The father listened eagerly to the evidence, his son seemed lost in despondency. Whether this came from a sense of guilt or from having lived so long contemplating his probable end on the scaffold no one of course knew.

The trial was of short duration, there being no evidence on either side more than has been given here. Avis bore up bravely, encouraging them with her presence in spirit, but it is doubtful if her sympathy was not rather an injury than a benefit for every one thought the father and brother the more detestable in contrast with so fine a girl. The jury were out a long while. Then they returned and said they could not agree. The judge, who in his charge had virtually shown them that there was a clear case against the accused men, sent them back—in three hours the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

When a few weeks later Richard Bradbury under the influence of an spiritual adviser confessed that he and his father had followed Burnes, murdered him and sunk his body out at sea, the splendor of the jury system was produced again in every one. Burnes had been killed, and no one but the Bradburys could have killed him. This was plain to the jury, who had had the courage to act upon it though supported only by circumstantial evidence.

All this was very satisfactory to the good people of that part of New England, and the only regret they had was that Avis, having confessed the loss of her lover, must now live in such a horrible way her father and mother, who she kindly persuaded herself, were innocents. Indeed, she clung to this belief even after her brother had confessed.

Then a strange thing happened. An American ship came into port from Liverpool, and the first man to come ashore was John Burnes. On the night he had left his sweetheart he set out for a neighboring town. A British ship was lying in the offing, and as he watched in the distance he heard the sound of oars. A boat came ashore near him. He crew jumped out on to the beach and laid violent hands on him. He was a stout fellow and broke away, was caught on a dune and after a desperate struggle borne to the boat and afterward to the British ship. He had been captured by a press gang.

A cottager of citizens, pleading the man who had returned to life at their hands, went to the jail and demanded the release of the prisoners. They were immediately set at liberty. Then all moved to the Bradbury home, where, after witnessing the joyful meeting between the lovers and the released prisoners with Avis, they brought forward a press-gang and demanded that the wedding take place at once. The two men who had so narrowly escaped a death-incurred by their opposition consented to receive Burnes into their family circle, and the ceremony was held.

**Fortie-Wearship**

At a place called Kotron, on the French Ivory Coast, the natives believe that to eat or destroy a turtle would mean death to the guilty one or sickness to the family. The fetich men, of whom there are plenty, declare that years ago a man went to sea fishing. In the night his canoe was thrown upon the beach empty. Three days afterward a turtle came ashore at the same place with the man on its back alive and well. Since that time they have never eaten or destroyed one of that species, although they enjoy other species.

If one happens now to be washed ashore there is a great commotion in the town. First the women sit down and start singing and beating sticks; next a small piece of white cloth (color must be white) is placed on the turtle's back. Food is then prepared and placed on the cloth, generally plain, such as rice and palm oil. They sing a lot more singing, dancing and antics of the fetich people, it is carried back into the sea and goes on its way rejoicing.—London Globe.

A Thousand Successful Men. I have on my desk a list of 1,000 successful men of this nation. By "successful" I do not mean mere money makers, but men who have given us new conceptions of steam, electricity, construction work, education, art, etc. These are the men who influence our moral as well as physical lives. They construct for better things.

How these men started in work is interesting. Their first foothold in work is a fine study. Three hundred started as farmers' sons. Two hundred started as messenger boys. Two hundred were newspaper boys. One hundred were printers' apprentices. One hundred were apprenticed in manufacturing.

Forty began at the bottom of railway work. Fifty—only fifty—had wealthy parents to give them a start. Juvenile Court Record.

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One second hand fire-proof Carey safe in excellent condition. Apply at this office.

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A fine two-year-old Percheron stallion, weight about 300 lbs. For further information apply to H. S. LAMB, Manassas, Va.

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I wish to state that I have invented a hand saw to be used with steam or gasoline. It has two handles so two men can turn the machine. It is a ball-bearing machine. I am prepared to furnish a machine of this kind at a very reasonable cost. This machine is something new, and will answer all purposes for which a saw can be used.

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**THERE ARE OTHER FEEDS—BUT Oh, You Hammond!**

Hammond Feed always runs as high and higher than claimed by its manufacturers. There has been a great revival in the feed line in this county in the past few months. Chris Meetze has been doing the preaching and Hammond Dairy Horse Feed has been his text. The number of converts has been large—more coming every day—COMING TO STAY TOO. Hammond leads, others follow. Hammond is not made of offals, but pure grain by-products. We fear no competition.

**White Loaf leads in the Family Flour Line**  
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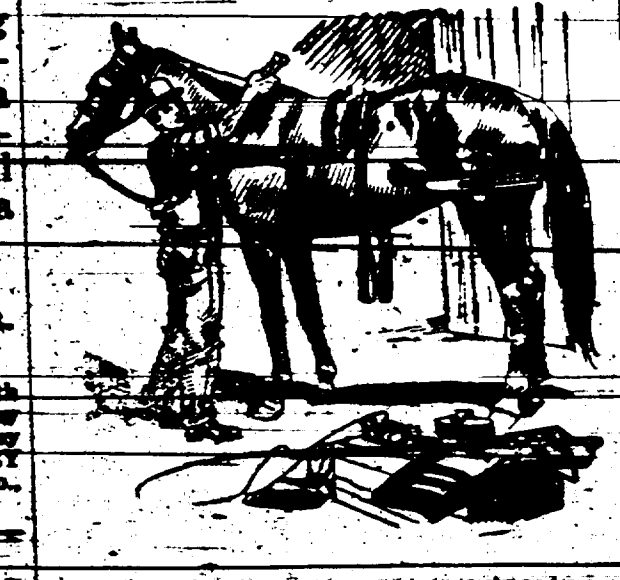
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**Milford Water Ground Corn Meal**  
You know all about it. The thousands of bushels we sell is evidence enough to convince the public.

Manassas, Va., February 12, 1910.  
MR. C. J. MEETZE, MILFORD MILLS, VA.  
DEAR SIR—I have used the samples of flour and meal as requested. I find them first class and take pleasure in recommending them. I trust you will accept my sincere thanks for calling my attention to such good goods. Wishing you the success that such good goods merit, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. MARGARET E. LEWIS.  
Mrs. Lewis runs a large boarding house and has used nearly every brand of flour that ever came to Manassas.

Milford is headquarters for everything in an up-to-date Milling and Feed business. Orders delivered promptly. Thanking you for your liberal patronage and soliciting your trade in the future, I am sincerely yours,

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I HAVE a complete Job Printing and Rubber Stamp Manufacturing Outfit that cost something over \$500.00, which I will sell for less than half that amount and show purchaser how to manufacture rubber stamps, a very profitable business, in addition to General Job Printing Work. Nothing better or more instructive for a live man of small means.

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If you are planning to buy realty, you can save money by first inspecting our list of town and farm property. We have a most attractive and desirable list of farms and town lots, and can supply any demand in city property. We have many applicants for property which will meet requirements, making it most desirable for intending sellers to list their property with us. Especially in this time of Prince William County. In case you have property to sell, write for blank, fill in description and return to us, and we will get satisfactory results for you.

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We have a good stock of American Wire Field and Farm Fence, also Poultry Netting. Agent for American Wire Fence Company.

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NEW FURNITURE STORE, Wagner Block  
**W. C. WAGENER** Manassas, Va.

...from the moon. "And what would she have told me?" He raised an old-fashioned brass knocker that hung at the door, and rattled it briskly. The gaudy dog, attuned to a sense of duty, left off snuffing and began to bark. Presently a tall, thin woman, with a red pocket handkerchief tied on her head, and with a key in her hand, opened the door.

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# FROM A WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

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Madam's Hat. Madam's Hat, "The Decoration." Mrs. Dickins, wife of Rear Admiral Francis Dickins, will have a novel decoration in her home when she returns to Washington. Dickins has decorated many costly rooms in her society, and there his wife will place in a cabinet built in one side of her "den." The Rear Admiral, who has seen almost thirty years of service, has a wealth of curios which will form part of the embellishments. Mrs. Dickins has written much verse. She is the second wife of the old sailor and was his godchild before she assumed the nearer relation.—New York Press.

Girls Go Without Candy. Twelve months ago two girls of Wichita, Kansas, agreed that if either ate any candy during the ensuing year she should entertain the other and a list of invited guests at a party at some theatre. The party was given, the girls dividing honors as hostesses.

Following the theatre party the girls repaired to the home of Miss Smith, where they proceeded to gorge themselves with candies and sweetmeats. Both are popular young social women and during the year had accumulated a large number of boxes of candy. Besides these girls they had also made a large batch of fudge and other kinds of digestion exterminators in preparation for the occasion.

Prelate Says "Learn To Cook." One reason living is high is that in America we do not know how to prepare the expensive food we buy. Archbishop Ireland is quoted to this effect: "Americans do not know how to save in cooking, and what they do cook they don't know how to prepare in a manner to make it palatable and health-giving."

History of a Hat. It would be a difficult task to convince any man that there is anything about a woman's hat more remarkable than the price, and perhaps there is not; but very few persons, even the wearers themselves, have any idea of the history of the very latest style of headgear. One might say without much exaggeration that all the world contributes to the making of the decorating of those creations which entangle and impoverish the male sex.

Loocomotives Burn Lignite. Loocomotives in the Philippine Islands burn lignite. Many of these new engines have been shipped to the hands within the past few months. The tenders have cylinder water tanks. Lignite is a mineral coal retaining the texture of wood, from which it is formed. There are vast fields of this coal in the Philippines and it gives off intense heat.

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## An Eligible Boarding-Place.

By Helen Forrest Gray.

"No hotel?" said Mr. Percival Payne. "Nothing in the shape of one," answered his friend, Lucius Warden, with the subdued triumph of a person who announces a startling fact.

"Are you going to Mallicie Ford?" Mr. Payne asked, with a sudden gleam of animation. "No," said the pretty girl. "To Catley's Dam."

"Perhaps you know something about Mallicie Ford?" Mr. Payne asked. "Oh, yes," said the nymph with the dark eyes. "It's a lovely place! I used to live there before I went into the factory at Catley's."

"Do you know Widow Buck?" asked Mr. Payne, with interest. "Very well," nodded the pretty girl. "I'm going there to look for board."

"I hope you will be suited," said the girl. And then they began to talk about the tall, blue crested mountains, which were beginning to close in around them.

"The deserted girl had read Longfellow; she knew all about Thorow-axe she was even 'up' in Runkin and she expressed herself with grace and spirit."

"I think you had better wait," said Mr. Payne, as the driver turned around and whispered to the horse. "What for?" demanded the man.

"Who's Naomi?" said Mr. Payne, addressing the moon. "And what would she have told me?" He raised an old-fashioned brass knocker that hung at the door, and rattled it briskly.

"I know, madam." "I'm a talkin' now," the widow interrupted, sharply. "To begin right straight at the beginning, we don't know anything about you. You may be a bank burglar or a counterfeit, for all we know!"

"My references, madam—" "Yes, I know," said the widow. "And them very references is most likely forged. But I'm willin' to be reasonable. How old be you?"

"Two and thirty!" "Ever been married before?" sharply questioned the widow. "Certainly not, madam! I am a single man!" answered Mr. Payne, with a very justifiable spark of indignation in his manner.

"I think, Mrs. Buck," he said, "you must be laboring under a little misapprehension. My name is Percival Payne, I am from Boston. I was recommended here as a suitable boarding place, by Mr. Warden, of the Peppermint place."

"Well, I never!" said she, instantly flinging the door wide open. "Please to walk in, sir. I'll send the boy out arter your trunk and things in half a minute. I beg your pardon, I'm sure, for mistaking you for Peleg Driggs, from Lowell, as was comin' here after my daughter Naomi! She works in the Lowell mill, Naomi does."

"After ten o'clock, when the wearied traveler was in bed, in a pretty little room, where there was an eight-day clock in a cherry wood case and a carpet of woven rags, he heard the opening and shutting of doors below, the clear sound of a familiar voice—the voice of his black-eyed traveling companion."

"The sweetest wild flower in all the Northern woods," he wrote, enthusiastically, to his friend Warden. Warden went up to Mallicie Ford. He was introduced to Miss Naomi. He agreed with his friend.

"She's a little jewel," said he. "You are a lucky fellow, Payne. But I didn't know when you wrote me that you were so well suited with the accommodations here."

"That I was sitting myself for life!" interrupted Payne. "But you see such was the fact."—Saturday Night.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS. London has 1060 postoffices. Soldiers in the Russian army are to carry compasses with business maps.

The average price of common brick at the time decreased from \$6 in 1907 to \$4.25 in 1908, while for vitrified brick paving brick the most in 1907 was \$11.50 as against \$12.50 in 1908.

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## PUBLIC PAYS \$180,000,000 A YEAR TO BET ON STOCKS.

It costs \$180,000,000 a year to keep the Wall street game going, according to the statistics furnished by Frederick Upham Adams in Everybody's Magazine. That is the amount the big fellows and pickers have to provide to sweeten the kitty—to borrow a poker term from Mr. Adams—before they can expect to take any winnings off the table for themselves. The public must pay all of this.

Beginning with the cost of the plant, Mr. Adams puts the real value of the five buildings of the New York Stock Exchange, the Commodities, the Produce, Coffee and Cotton, Exchange at \$14,000,000. To that he adds the value of the arcades, buildings in other cities, and gets a total of \$35,000,000.

For the value of seats of all members of all New York exchanges he strikes an average of five and ten years of the last decade, and estimates the total at \$101,500,000. Memberships in out-of-town exchanges, he says, will bring that figure up to \$150,000,000.

The assessed valuation of the skyscrapers in the financial district is \$128,275,000. "Smaller buildings," he adds, "largely devoted to the accommodation of individuals and firms engaged in the activities growing out of speculation certainly will increase this total to \$225,000,000. It is ultra conservative to assert that one-third of this capitalization is employed to catering to speculative enterprises and employments. This constitutes an item of \$75,000,000 for New York City alone, and the nation will swell this to \$100,000,000 and more."

It cost A. O. Brown & Co., declares the writer, \$348,317 a year to run their main office in Broad street, of which \$158,287 was for salaries. It cost the firm more than \$44,000 a year to operate its branch in the Hotel Plaza. The total annual expense of operating the main office in this and other cities was \$782,822. Managers of two of the out-of-town branches got \$10,000 a year each as salary.

Then he tells how the broker, "to maintain a pretense of legitimacy," must have nominal possession of the commodity he sells or buys for his customer, and to do that he must borrow money from the banks. This borrowing throughout the country, he says, must tie up at least \$800,000,000 a year in speculative transactions. He figures the interest on that at 5 percent or \$40,000,000 a year, which the public must pay.





**TOPICS OF THE TOWN**

Mrs. F. P. Chapman was in Washington Monday.

Mrs. William Bettis visited Sunday in Washington.

Mrs. Mary F. Fair, who lives near Canova, is reported quite well.

Mrs. O. R. Brown leaves this week to visit relatives at Cedar Point.

W. S. Athey visited his brother, E. Athey, at Laws, Va., last Sunday.

Eugene Davis has taken a position as clerk with Crigler and Camper.

Mrs. F. S. Brand and family have returned from several months' visit in Washington.

The next meeting of the Prince William County Teachers' Association will be held Saturday, April 2.

Elder Garland will conduct services at the Primitive church at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night and Sunday night.

Mildred E. Akers bought at trustee's sale Saturday for a consideration of \$2,500, the residence property which she now occupies.

Webb Garrison has returned from Plainsfield, N. J., where he has been attending school. He will remain here permanently and enter Eastern College.

A. A. Hooff left Saturday for a week's visit at Charlestown, Va. He has almost entirely recovered from a fractured knee cap sustained several months ago.

St. Patrick's day today is being generally observed in Manassas by "the wearing of the green," and by exchange of post cards illuminated with Erin's harp, and sprigs of shamrock.

Condemnation proceedings to be instituted in Alexandria by the federal government to secure land near Occoquan, as a site of a workhouse for the District of Columbia.

Miss Olive Anderson, of Fauquier, who has been visiting her mother in Grafton, W. Va., for the past three weeks, is now with her sister, Mrs. J. Bernard Trimmer, who has been ill for the past month.

Justice James E. Wright of War Ades, who has been confined to his home with a severe attack of la grippe, paid the office of THE DEMOCRAT a call on Tuesday. Mr. Wright was in Manassas as witness in a chancery case.

The school board of Prince William county, comprising the trustees of various districts, will meet at the school house on Saturday morning March 19, at 10 o'clock. The principal business is to estimate the amount of county and district levies for the school year.

What promises to eclipse all former installations of hollow lighting systems in Manassas, is a 2,000 candle power lamp, placed this week in the store for demonstration purposes by R. W. Merchant, general agent for Prince William, Fauquier, Loudoun and Fairfax counties.

A steady growth of business, with prospects bright for the most successful season in the history of the enterprise, has necessitated an increase in the force at the Hopkins Candy factory. Heavy shipments were made this week to Washington, Baltimore, New York, Pittsburg, Harrisburg and other strong competitive points.

Two cars in a moving freight train struck a switch-point, and were derailed and torn from their tracks in the north end of the Manassas yards. One car was loaded with lumber and the other with furniture, none of which was damaged. The track was derailed by the wrecker from passengers and only a slight delay in the train. There was no interruption of traffic, trains being operated on the parallel track.

The board of Supervisors meets on Saturday.

B. W. Cleveland is visiting at Mount Rainier.

Miss Ella Cadwalder, of Steven City, is visiting Mrs. J. C. Gregory.

Mrs. W. S. Allensworth visited Miss Laura Allensworth at Alexandria yesterday.

A fine display of Easter tokens is made in the windows of the Prince William Pharmacy.

Mayor O. A. Sinclair returned Tuesday from a visit to Harrisonburg.

A. D. Biden has sold his property in Haymarket to Mrs. Sarah Burwell. The consideration approximates \$3,000.

Miss Catherine Manning, of Providence, R. I., is visiting Miss Beattie Elliott, at her home on North Main street.

W. C. Ewing, who has property interest near Occoquan, is in town. He has been spending the winter near Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Ida Lickle returned home Tuesday evening after a visit of two months to friends and relatives in Baltimore and Ellicott City, Md.

Members of the Manassas German club are planning a german to be given in Nicol's or Connor's hall on Monday night, March 23.

United States Senator John W. Daniel has suffered a stroke of apoplexy in Florida, where he had gone for his health. His condition is critical.

Business conditions generally have improved since the roads have become passable, giving residents of the county an opportunity to get into town.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. A. E. Spies, tomorrow afternoon, Friday, March 18, at 8:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

Carl Austin, the hustling circulation agent of THE DEMOCRAT, now enjoys the comforts of a fine horse and buggy, which he has been making pretty good use of during the many fine days of the past two weeks.

I. I. Anderson, of near Cathart, has secured a contract with John Patton, for the remodeling of the dwelling-house, the construction of tenant houses and an extensive barn upon the large estate of the late T. K. Putnam, now owned and operated by John Patton, near Sudley Mills.

Mountain View farm, owned by T. S. Wright, of Roanoke, and operated by R. A. Collins, boasts a brood sow which it is believed has broken the record since February 15, 1909. She has brought forth fifty-five living pigs within twelve months and twenty days. Mr. Collins writes: "If this can be beaten I would be glad to hear of it."

Residents of Manassas of Scotch ancestry are being interviewed this week by G. M. McIntosh, in the interest of an exclusive edition de luxe of the history of Scotland, its highlands, regiments and clans. The work is published in Edinburgh, and is one of the finest of its kind ever printed. Mr. McIntosh desires Scotch people to communicate with him at Postoffice box 50, Washington, D. C., in the event he does not get an opportunity to see them.

The engine of C. & O. train No. 2, North, due at Manassas at 5:45 a. m. jumped the track, on the cross-over, at Burkes, Sunday morning, delaying the Southbound trains for two hours. The engine and a freight train, at Burke's, necessitated the Northbound train to take the Southbound track, and in crossing over the engine was derailed from some unknown cause, damaged. There was no damage to passengers and only a slight delay to the train, as the engine was running at a low rate of speed.

Mrs. Lamartine Free, of Washington, spent a few days this week as the guest of Mrs. C. E. Nash.

Beautiful weather has prevailed since Saturday, when the cold snap disappeared under the warm rays of the sun.

The meeting of the Loyal Temperance Legion will not be held on the fourth Sunday of March, but is postponed until April 10.

Miss Lucy Hinegardner, operator at the telephone exchange, is quite ill, and will be unable to return to duty for several weeks.

A "koffee klatch" and song recital will be given at the Bennett school building this afternoon for the benefit of the base ball team.

J. T. McGarvick of Waterford, Loudoun county, who was former secretary of The Loudoun Mutual Fire Insurance company was in town on business Monday.

The physicians of Prince William county will meet Saturday in the office of Dr. W. F. Merchant to discuss plans for establishing a hospital in Manassas.

Mrs. J. Bernard Trimmer, who has been confined to her home through illness during the past eight weeks, was out for the first time for a short walk on Sunday.

C. J. Meetze was in Washington last week and added to his mill equipment a pair of up-to-date Howe scales to be used in weighing up his small packages of meal and flour.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the bazaar to be given by the ladies of the churches of Manassas to raise funds for their part in the movement to improve Eastern College campus.

C. T. Hayes, of Warrenton, father of Mrs. W. H. Haydon, of near Bull Run, died at his home last Monday evening. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon and interment was in the cemetery at Warrenton.

H. W. Dodge, of Haymarket, has resigned as assistant secretary of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas company, a position he has held for the last year. His successor has not yet been appointed. Mr. Dodge is considering several other business propositions, but has not yet determined his future plans.

That better results are secured when parents manifest an active interest by visiting the schools was the expression of discussion at a meeting of the Tri-District Teacher's association at Dumfries last Saturday. Instructive and interesting papers were presented by Miss Elizabeth Warren on "Organization," and Miss Minnie Keys on "School Environments." Dr. Kline and others gave brief talks.

Trampled beneath the hoofs of a frightened horse, last Friday, in the car in which he was coming to Manassas with his live stock and household effects from Timberville, Walter Garnett, sustained severe bruises in the neck and chest. Upon arrival here his condition was considered dangerous, but it is now believed that no serious results will ensue. Mr. Garnett and his family have moved on farm property near Canova.

Strange heredity was brought to notice, on the farm of O. C. Hutchison, near Haymarket, within the past few months. Over a year ago a small motherless shoot, belonging to Mr. Hutchison, persistently followed one of his milch cows around the pasture, squealing for milk. The cow would inevitably be down and allow the shoot to nurse her. A short time since this same shoot became the mother of seven fine pigs, and instead of following the usual course of nature in nursing the parent sow, they forsook her, soon after birth, and followed and nursed the same cow that nurtured their mother.

For Sale—One Excelsior cook stove, No. 7. Good condition. G. W. MERCHANT, Manassas.

Douglas Merchant left Monday for Washington to work in the Portner Flats.

A certain young lady in town says she is suffering very much from you-marry-tism.

Saville Florence, of Charlottesville a former resident of Manassas is visiting friends in town.

Senator Pendleton Carter of Washington, Rapahannock county was the guest of Rev. T. D. D. Clarke yesterday.

D. E. Ham, of Weirs grotto, Page county, was with Messrs. Nicol & Ransdell, yesterday, prospecting for a farm.

Messrs. L. E. Beachley, J. L. Moser & Bro. and C. E. Nash & Co., are having awnings installed at their respective places of business.

You should see the handsome stock of Millinery now being displayed by Miss Ida M. Lickle. See her advertisement in another column.

A south-bound Southern freight train was stalled near town for several hours last night by a broken journal on one of the cars.

E. A. Watson, of the Thornhill wagon company, of Lynchburg, was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Warren Merchant, yesterday.

Eppa Davis and Miss Sarah E. Davis, both of this county, were married by Rev. J. K. Eford at the Lutheran church parsonage in this place on Monday.

THE DEMOCRAT staff gave a banquet to THE DEMOCRAT force, in the office of The Virginia Publishing company, last night, which was a very enjoyable affair.

Miss Olive Anderson, who has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. Bernard Trimmer, for the past two weeks, left Monday for a ten days' stay with her brother, J. Carroll Anderson, at Warrenton, Va.

When C. J. Meetze's four horse team decorated with numerous tinkling bells drew up in front of THE DEMOCRAT office yesterday the whole office force sprang from their seats and gave the fire alarm.

J. E. Switzer of Midland, and Miss Phoebe Schaffer of Bristow, were married in the presence of a few near relatives and friends at the home of the bride Wednesday noon, Rev. Abraham Conner officiating.

Miss Lucy Hinegardner, the polite and efficient assistant phone exchange operator, is quite ill at her home, in Nokesville, as the result of an abscess following the filling of tooth.

The young lady's face is much swollen and her tongue enlarged to such extent as to render speech indistinct.

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**OCOQUAN NOTES**

Miss Lillian Hammill spent Sunday last at her home here.

L. A. Clarke, of Washington, Town Thursday.

S. N. Carter spent a few days of last week in Baltimore as the guest of his brother, W. M. Carter, of the Hub Furniture company.

Our wharves resemble a city dock this week. Three barges laden with ties took their departure for Northern ports this week.

Your correspondent, Samuel N. Carter, will leave for Washington where he will enter college for the purpose of acquiring a commercial education.

Here's wishing THE DEMOCRAT abundant success in its work and that it will double in its success and popularity in which it is held by the writer and its readers in the county. Good luck to you, the ever popular MANASSAS DEMOCRAT.

On March 21, a steamer of the Virginia and Maryland Steamboat company will begin daily trips to Occoquan from Washington. Now who could do better than just for a moment stand and meditate over the flourishing enterprises which this quaint little town is about to experience.

Another glorious Epworth League meeting was held at the M. E. church last Sunday evening, under the leadership of Judge John A. Sanders. He was ably assisted by Samuel N. Carter and L. Ledman, both of whom deserve much credit for their eloquent discourses. Tyson Janney rendered a solo entitled "The Model Church."

L. Ledman, our popular druggist reports a large business in the tailoring line. That reminds us that Mr. Ledman is showing some of the very latest patterns for Spring and Easter suits. With such a showing it would be needless for our citizens to consult a Washington tailor. Mr. Ledman guarantees each garment. Your correspondent can testify to the style and quality.

Ocoquan can now rest assured that it is to have within its bounds, a real government building. According to officials of the district engineering department, who have been supervising the survey of the tract of land upon which is to be erected a district workhouse, say that a more valuable site could not be secured for the establishment of a penal institution. Nearly all the land-owners and citizens in this town are of the opinion that the location of this institution will greatly benefit their property. Real estate will begin to take a rise. Let us cling together and assist in this great enterprise.

The Occoquan Literary society for the first time opened its doors to the public on last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A most successful meeting was begun by a talk on the "Life of Shakespeare," which was ably related by G. D. Seecman. His able talk was both historical and instructive as well as being enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience. Immediately the program was changed to the much talked of event, which was a debate on tobacco—"Resolved, That Tobacco is Not Injurious." This debate was made by four of our town's most popular and energetic young men. The affirmative was taken by Albert Lang and Samuel N. Carter, and the negative by A. B. Rogers and Leo Beach. The two latter argued their point to a finish. Really it was surprising to hear such an interesting talk as these two gave. We did not know that this old town was capable of producing such intellectual giants. Their opponents, Messrs. Lang and Carter, had too much heavy ammunition of wisdom, which overthrew their argument. The judges were Tyson Janney, G. D. Seecman and L. Ledman. It was decided in favor of the affirmative. Considering the inclemency of the weather there was a large attendance.

**MILFORD AND BRISTOW NOTES**

Mrs. J. P. Leachman is much better.

Mrs. E. H. Snook continues to improve.

T. C. Anderson and wife have moved from Bristow to the farm of O. T. Martin.

Little Christopher Meetze has had quite a severe cold this week, but is much better.

Col. J. P. Leachman keeps well and enjoys a good joke and laugh with his many friends.

Mable Hornbaker has returned home from Annapolis, Md., where she has been for treatment.

Our community has suffered a great loss in the death of our good friend and neighbor, Lewis C. Lynn.

Another car of Hammond dairy and horse feed arrived and was sold this week at Bristow. Chris Meetze says he can't get it fast enough. It gives results.

Mrs. S. T. Hall of Manassas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Rosenberger, where she came to meet her nephew, G. L. Rosenberger, and family of Norfolk. Mr. G. L. Rosenberger is foreman for the electric power company of Norfolk.

**JOSHUA**

**GREENWICH ECOLOGIES**

Rev. Jackson continues to improve and expects to visit Prince William in April.

Charles Mackal spent last week at The Grove attending to matters at the Lawn.

The Rev. J. Royal Cooke will fill his regular appointment at Brantsville on Sunday next.

Tavener, Hall, Moxley and Campbell cattle buyers, passed through here on Monday on a return trip from Stafford to Loudoun.

The Earnest Workers held their first business meeting of the year, on Wednesday night last. It is hoped that the attendance will be more regular now that the weather is better.

"Spring lingering in the lap of winter" so long has prevented active baseball operations here, but we are told that the young men are planning an active campaign for the coming season.

Rev. A. B. Carrington died on the 8th inst and was buried here at the Presbyterian church. His three sons were present, Berkeley Carrington of Danville, Gratton Carrington and Dr. Chas. V. Carrington of Richmond, and a daughter, Mrs. E. H. Vansickler of Ashburn, Loudoun county.

**CLIFFTON ITEMS**

E. K. Swetnam is critically ill at his home at Fairfax Station.

Mrs. Robert Poindexter is visiting her sister in Baltimore.

Mrs. Doak was a shopping visitor to Washington last Saturday.

Mrs. G. B. Wright has had a severe attack of grippe, but is recovering.

Louis Quigg, is improving, but still unable to resume his duties as postmaster.

Mrs. G. A. Ford and little daughter, Virginia, are visiting relatives in Alexandria and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. VanDenburg and children returned Saturday from a pleasant visit to relatives in Washington.

We are glad to see Charlie Adams out again. He has been on the sick list for several months, but hopes to resume his office duties soon.

Three of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mather's children, who were recently bitten by a mad dog, are taking the Pasteur treatment in Washington. They are doing well and are expected home in a few days.

Miss Barbara Cross, the primary teacher here, has recovered from her recent attack of scarlet fever. She was taken ill while at school and an epidemic of fever was feared. Schools were closed for a week. No further cases have been reported.

**QUINCY**

**CLEAR MYSTERY OF JONES LEGACY**

(Continued from first page.)

that some time prior to 1776, one Samuel Jones, by his last will, bequeathed 500 pounds to the vestry of Dettingen parish for the education of poor children.

In 1785 the Virginia legislature devolved upon the overseers of the poor the care and administrations of this legacy fund, and November 20, 1790 these officers loaned the fund, which at that period amounted to 885 pounds, to Cuthbert Bullett, which loan was secured on 1,535 acres of land in Fauquier county. Subsequently the legislature committed the care of the fund to the school commissioners of Prince William county, and at the close of the Confederate war, the county school board having been substituted in lieu of the school commissioners, the fund since then has been under control of that board.

The land upon which the fund was secured passed through various hands, and during the war no interest was paid. In September, 1863, the legislature passed an act authorizing the owners of the land to pay the amount of the loan to the second auditor, and directing the attorney general upon payment, to execute a release of the original incumbrance of 1790.

**SELL PROPERTY**

The debt was paid in Confederate money and the owners sold the property. In 1873, General Eppa Hunton, a former resident of this county, council for the Prince William county school board, advised that body that the act of the legislature referred to was unconstitutional and void, and he was instructed to bring suit to set aside the release and collect the loan. The suit was brought in the circuit court of Fauquier county, and in 1873 a favorable decision was reached before Judge James Keith, but the court of appeals reversed the decision on a technicality.

**BEGIN ANOTHER SUIT**

Genl. Hunton began another suit in 1881 before Judge Keith, again receiving a favorable decision, but the court of appeals, by a vote of three to two, again reversed the lower court, upon the merits of the case. Judge L. L. Lewis, the president of the court of appeals, delivered a lengthy and able opinion, fully sustaining General Hunton's view of the case, and an appeal was taken to the United States supreme court, as points involved an infringement upon the Federal constitution.

**EFFECT COMPROMISE**

This action brought about a compromise by which the county school board of Prince William county secured the sum of \$2,400, which amount has been loaned on six per cent interest and the interest applied annually toward the support of the public schools embraced in original territory of Dettingen parish as provided in the Jones legacy.

**MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The report of Mr. Round, filed with the county school board, concluded with two recommendations: First, that a memorial tablet be placed in Ruffner school building in Manassas, bearing the inscription: "In honor of Samuel Jones who, in 1776, bequeathed the sum of 500 pounds to Dettingen parish for the education of poor children. Second, that a portrait of General Eppa Hunton be placed in Carnegie library of said school as a testimonial of his earnest and long continued efforts in restoring the Jones legacy fund to the benefit of the public schools of Prince William county.

Both these recommendations were carried out by the school board and the tablet to the memory of Samuel Jones occupies a place in the ante-room and the portrait of General Hunton hangs upon the wall of the Carnegie library in the Ruffner school building.

**BRADLEY ITEMS**

C. E. Nash, please hold one of those flying machines for us.

W. H. Henstey is improving the farm he recently purchased.

Elias Woodyard is making quite a number of improvements on his property.

W. P. Young, one of our most progressive farmers, talks of going to Oklahoma and the South-west as soon as he gets done planting corn.

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**SLUMTOWN DUDE.**

**HAYMARKET NEWS**

Mrs. Kate Dodd, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Miss Carter visited friends here the week.

Miss Mary Worth Hulfish, of The Plains, is visiting friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, of Chicago, are visiting at the home of W. M. C. Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Beane are spending a few days this week at their farm near Catlett.

Miss Irene Demary left on Tuesday morning for Washington where she will spend some time visiting Miss Guilford.

W. R. Joseph, who has been spending the winter in Haymarket, has returned to his home in Washington much improved in health.

We notice in last week's issue of THE DEMOCRAT that the equinox came with Easter, March 27, this year. Is not that rather late? But perhaps Halley's comet is holding it off?

It is rumored that Mr. Riden has sold his home here to Mrs. Burrell. We trust Mr. Riden will not leave the community as we would be sorry to lose such a good and energetic citizen.

We are sorry to learn that our faithful and accommodating telephone operator, Miss Egan, will give up her position April 1, but are glad to know that Mr. T. E. Garnett will succeed her.

Mr. Lewis Swart, tenant on Mrs. Jas. Bell's farm, who has been on a visit to Washington, developed a case of smallpox today. Dr. Shackelford has the case in charge and has quarantined both families.

Much excitement prevailed in our village this morning over the arrest of Tom Moore, Wm. Ellis Moore and Ernest McPherson by Sheriff Rorabaugh and Constable Meredith on charge of robbery of Jordan & Jordan's store some weeks ago.

News has been received here from Panama of the marriage of Miss Lucille Jordan (youngest daughter of C. E. Jordan, formerly of Haymarket) and Albert Korman, on Saturday evening, Feb. 25. The ceremony was performed by Archbishop Ryan. Mr. and Mrs. Korman will live in Panama.

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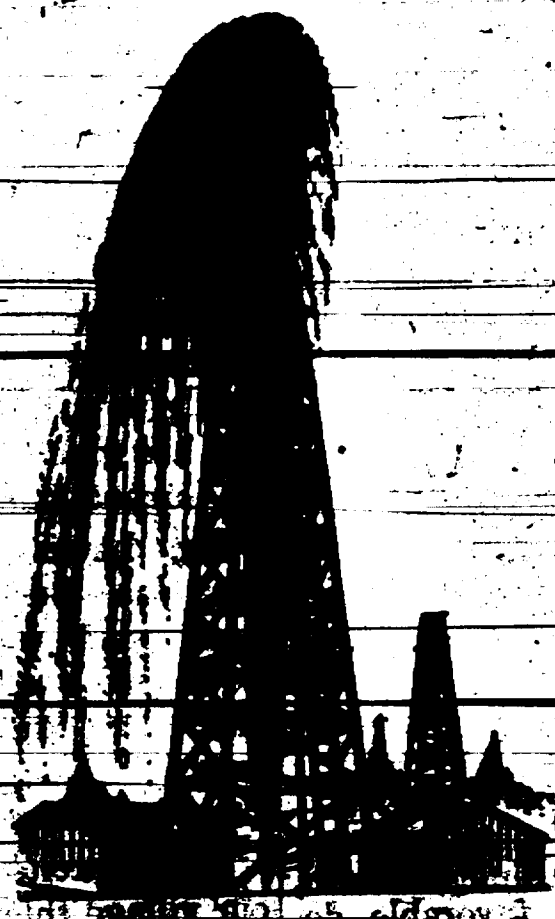
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It is necessary that the people in the vicinity of this particular proposition should subscribe for the stock of this company, as it is an absolute fact that in all new fields it has always been up to the local people to develop the first oil, as capitalists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

This company has 20,000 acres of land under lease. This land was leased under the directions of Prof. P. J. Flahback, of Bradford, Penn.,

an eminent, practical and expert Geologist in field work, who also located the point at which the first well will be drilled. The actual work of sinking the wells will be under the personal supervision of Mr. J. M. Sullivan, an oil and gas expert of life long experience, hence the Company's entire undertaking will be under the management of men of known experience in the oil and gas fields, of not only this, but of many foreign countries—men of experience. The Company has placed 80,000 of its 200,000 shares of capital stock in its treasury for sale, consisting of preferred, guaranteeing 8 per cent accumulative annual dividend, 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 installments 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 F. E. Purvis, who sank his capital in the venture. Though at first unsuccessful, 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 8,000 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 \$85 per share, now sells for \$285 per share, and none 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 outlined the plan of developing the oil and gas fields, pointing out that there was no possibility of getting oil or gas in that locality, as all indications necessary for their production were absent. (This geological talk had been the same in Texas, California, Oklahoma, Indiana and other fields that have been such heavy producers of oil.) Just while the meeting was in progress, he, an eminent geologist, struck a vein of heavy beds of oil per day. The people left the lecturer and fled to the oil fields. Now this field is a large producing and paying one.



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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 good companies, and compare it with what you could have bought before 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	2.87 1/2
Leath	.10	5.00
Dillon	.25	3.50
East	.25	3.75
Standing	.50	4.27 1/2
West Shore	.50	4.50
Peerless	.50	8.75
San Joaquin	.50	12.50
Kern River	.50	21.50
New York	.50	200.00
Oil City	2.00	54.00
Pacific	3.00	150.00
Hanford	10.00	120.00
Fuente	10.00	100.00
St. Lawrence	15.00	300.00
Kreyenhagen	10.00	350.00
Home	10.00	5000.00

\$100 invested in New York Oil Company has since had a value of \$3,900.

\$100 invested in Hanford Company has since had a value of \$4,800.

\$100 invested in Peerless Co., now has a value of \$8,250.

\$100 invested in San Joaquin Company has since had a value of \$8,700.

\$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 Alcalde Oil Company has since had a value of \$30,000.

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## Humane Societies

REMEDIAL adjustment is needed in our social system, which rigidly and humanely deals severe penalty upon the wretch who inflicts cruelty upon animals, but which unwisely and inhumanly suffers to escape unpunished, save in isolated cases, the despicable individual who brutally strikes down a helpless, innocent child. Spectacular sympathy, even though worthy sympathy, is given suffering animals, while too often but passing pity is bestowed upon a human victim of barbarities. Indeed, it is an urgent problem for humanitarians. This week the Washington Humane Society is fighting what its members term "the Dark Ages" by accusing the district commissioners of abetting violators of the law protecting animals in an effort to escape punishment. Surely such action is worthy the highest commendation and the most earnest co-operation. But why not make this quality of mercy equally operative in defense of innocent children, by humane societies throughout the country? At least why not sound a more emphatic warning in defense of innocent children?

## Make Manassas "Spotless Town"

PROTECTION of public health, aside from the appearance of the town, demands that immediate action be taken in removal of the winter accumulation of refuse and debris from the alleys and vacant lots. Much of the prevalent illness may be traced directly to unsanitary conditions which can be removed by slight effort, but which if permitted to remain until hot weather sets in may result in widespread malady. Truly the situation is alarming. The presence of the menace is recognized in a glance, or doubtless more effectively detected by the odor. Civic pride insists that the town present a neat appearance, an asset fully as valuable to a community as an individual. Appearance is a reflection of characteristics, and must be maintained if regard is had for opinions to be formed from it. The Democrat has suggested that a general clean-up day be observed in Manassas, a plan adopted with splendid results by many communities. If united action can not be taken on the proposition, much can be accomplished by individual effort. It is worth while.

## A Follower of the Cross

In this materialistic age, when in the struggle for supremacy over their fellows, in the lust of conquest, the stifling competition for power or pelf, men forget their universal brotherhood, an example of saintly sacrifice, comes as a rift of sunshine through dark, foreboding skies. In its light men again see the vision of the Cross, and are reminded of the precepts of the Sermon on the Mount. Such examples, in truth, are oases in life's deserts, and even though one may stray from the shelter of their teachings, their memory cannot but strengthen the falterer in the sands. The life story of J. Eads How, the millionaire hobo, is inspirational. An heir to riches, reared in luxury, given brilliant education and high social position, he devoting his life and fortune to reclaiming outcasts, those who have all but abandoned hope. He leads the life of a day laborer, and has given millions to the poor, refusing to touch one penny of his fortune for himself. He has completely forgotten self—the first approach to the Divine.

## Militant Philadelphia

PEACE finally is believed to be hovering over militant Philadelphia and within forty-eight hours the general strike which has paralyzed business probably will be settled. Unable to breast the tide of public sympathy for the strikers, the Rapid Transit Co. has made overtures. The point of contention lies in reinstating all the strikers. The strike has cost human life, and the loss of millions of dollars in business. The sacrifice of life ever will be a blot on the fair name of the City of Brotherly Love. Months, perhaps, years, will be required to regain normal business conditions. Recovery from this strike will be gradual, and at intervals imperceptible—the shock has been too severe. The families of the strikers and the public were the heaviest sufferers. The corporation had the least to lose, its attitude being characterized by defiance. The day when the laborer is deemed worthy his hire, that day when justice, not force, shall rule, will mark the end of violence between capital and labor.

## Personal Efficiency

PERSONAL efficiency, regarded by utilitarians as the highest test of character, is an attainment all mankind is seeking. Illuminating indeed, and worthy of remembrance is the advice given by Elbert Hubbard, and herewith republished:

Fix firmly in your mind what you would like to do, and then without violence of direction you will move straight to the goal. Keep your mind on the great and splendid things you would like to do, and then as the days go gliding by, you will find yourself unconsciously setting upon the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desire. Picture in your mind the able, earnest, useful person you desire to be, and the thought you hold will be hourly transforming you into that particular individual. To think is to create. We become like that on which our hearts are set. The sweet smile, the subdued speech, the hopeful mind are the most potent conquerors, and he who cultivates them becomes a very master among men. Yesterday's successes belong to yesterday with all yesterday's defeats and sorrows. The day is here. The time is now.

THE top of the morning to you on this St. Patrick's day.

INFALLIBLE harbingers of Spring appear. The circus caravans are beginning to move.

A NEW-YORK legislator has introduced a bill against divorce. But what's the difference?

AN exchange asks: "When a couple become engaged should they tell each other their past?" Mercy! No!!

ROOSEVELT declares that he is glad to return to civilization, a sentiment doubtless strongly reciprocated by denizens of the jungle.

AN Indiana man may lose his eyesight as a result of contact with a woman's hat-pin. Possibly, the woman was not entirely to blame.

A DAILY newspaper asks: "Is there a remedy for the sad state of the hen-pecked husband?" Dare any of the afflicted answer that question?

THE President has asked Congress to check the operations of seal hunters in Alaskan waters. Suffragettes would have something to say were they represented.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER declares that saving the first dollars is absolutely necessary to get the dollars.

A FORMER chorus girl in New York is suing for half a million dollars for the alienation of her husband's affections by his rich parents. It may be that she is lucky to get rid of him at any cost.

A BOSTON philanthropist has given \$2,000,000 for the care of the teeth of the school children. Had he provided part of them something to exercise their teeth upon, the gift, perhaps, would be more highly appreciated.

One of the brightest newspapers in the State, The Orange Observer, last Friday commemorated its twenty-ninth anniversary. The Observer is ably edited by Robert Newton Robinson and Miss Bertha Gray Robinson, is progressive in policy, and representative of its community.

THE Baldwin annuity bill passed the Senate, as expected, upon favorable committee report. Progressive citizens trust the opposition may come under the influence of the Manassas spirit; and lay aside petty contention. The broad-gauge policy is the only way to success in town building.

REAL fame has come to Peary at last. He has been snubbed twice within a week. A Committee in Congress has denied him reward until more proof is presented of his claims, and the Governor of Georgia has denounced him in favor of Cook. A joint debate between Peary and Cook is next in order.

WITH profound sorrow, and with fervent prayers that her distinguished Statesman be spared, Virginia awaits bulletins from Daytona, Fla., where United States Senator John W. Daniel lies at the point of death. But little hope was held out yesterday for his recovery and members of his family were summoned from Lynchburg.

MUCH valuable information is contained in the annual report of the Virginia State Horticultural Society, ready for distribution. The Society is a powerful influence in the development of the fruit industry of the State, in exploiting that productive source of revenue, and by instructing its members in scientific methods to both improve and increase the yield. The report covers 206 pages and is profusely illustrated with views of Virginia orchards, together with scenes of spraying, picking and packing.

## CAP AND BELLS

IT IS TO LAUGH.

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**WHEN 'OMER SHOTE 'IS BLOOMIN' LITE**  
"When Omer shote 'is bloomin' lite, the sun was in the sky, and the birds were in the air, and the flowers were in the ground, and the children were in the street, and the old folks were in the house, and the young folks were in the school, and the whole world was in a state of confusion, and the only way to get out of it was to laugh." — Omer

**SENSE AND NONSENSE**  
Sense and nonsense are like two sides of the same coin. One is the shadow of the other, and without one the other would be meaningless. It is the duty of the wise man to distinguish between the two, and to laugh at the nonsense that is so often mistaken for sense.

**SPRING MURMURS; DO YOU BLAME HER?**  
In the Spring the gentle zephyr blows, and the birds sing, and the flowers bloom, and the children play, and the old folks sit in the shade, and the young folks dance, and the whole world is in a state of confusion, and the only way to get out of it is to laugh. — Omer

Our best girl has given up the notion because the town gossip said her that instead of working nights we put in the time sitting with the joy water. The saddest part of it is we don't.

The stock market took a slump Wednesday after the crash in Constantinople.

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