

FORM HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC LEAGUE

MAY TRACK MEET TO BE BIG EVENT
High School Teams of Eighth Congressional District Enter Contest—Promises To Be Highly Successful.

According to present plans when the starters gun opens the High School track meet on Round field on May 7, the biggest athletic event ever held in Northern Virginia will be inaugurated. At the educational conference held last week in Alexandria, a provisional organization of the Eighth Virginia District High School Athletic association was effected with the following High Schools as charter members: Manassas, Unionville, Louisa, Watheford, Orange, Culpeper, Clifton, Gordonsville, Lignum, Brandy and Jefferson.

A committee on constitution consisting of W. M. Johnson, E. F. Birkhead and D. D. Sixar was appointed and it was decided to hold a meeting for permanent organization at the track meet in Manassas on May 7. Nearly all the Schools present expect to be represented by teams at the meet while the management also received virtual assurance of teams from Florida, Alexandria, Lincoln and The Plains. It is highly probable that Warrenton and other schools will be present with a creditable squad of athletes.

The management is striving to arrange a number of relay races between the different schools, and expects that many of these men be added to the regular events when the program is announced.

QUALIFY ON SCHOLARSHIP
Announcement of students qualified to enter competition on grounds of scholarship, aroused much interest this week in track work in the public schools, preparatory to the Prince William county school meet April 30 in Manassas. This event will be the first track meet ever held in the South, exclusively for pupils of the graded schools, and from present indications it promises to be a highly successful innovation. It is hoped that every district in the county will be represented to engage in lively competition not only for the county championship, but also for the district banners.

Road and cross-country work at the Manassas schools probably will begin this week, to be followed by training on the track as soon as it is completed. Work will be pushed on the track as fast as practicable, and in a few weeks Manassas may boast of one of the finest underfoot in Northern Virginia.

CHARACTER BETTER THAN GOLD

The author of the following poem which cherishes a time-honored sentiment, was, in her childhood day, a resident of Manassas, and a member of THE DEMOCRAT'S staff remembers her as a little girl with sparkling eyes and curly hair with whom he has had many romps and jumping contests from the sidewalk of his home in which, with her parents, she boarded.

THE STEAK
Who steals my steak please will get
But little for his pains;
Nor will I sit and pine and fret
O'er his ill-gotten gains.
But he who steals what I prize most—
My character and name,
Has taken all of which I boast,
And changed it 'round his gate.
He's a subtle one of my acquaintance
And pret to own it long;
For while he guff into my eyes,
Like lead around his tongue.

Lost—A gold basket about the size and shape of a quarter, plain on one side, and monogrammed A. M. on the other, together with small gold chain. Reward if returned to this office.

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HISTORIC INTEREST IN OLD DUMFRIES
(Continued from first page.)

Richard Blow, Portsmouth; Thomas Burroughs, Fauquier county; James Adams, Alexandria; James Reid, William Pickett, George Farrow, Frederick county; John and Howson Hooe, and Landon Carter.

Besides these relics, Mr. Merchant has in his possession the pendulum of the old court house clock, which doubtless ticked the anxious moments pending a jury's decision on life, liberty or property rights, when the county's temple of justice was situated at Dumfries. He also has the key to the jail in which hundreds of prisoners were locked up for all grades of crime including debt, which in those days was classed among the misdemeanors.

In the old church yard on the outskirts of the town, he buried the ancestors, no doubt, of those who ascended to the highest pinnacle of fame in the management and conducting the affairs of church and state.

THE OLD CHURCHYARD
In this silent and ancient city of the dead, and in the shadow of the Episcopal church, erected upon the foundation of the old colonial church, in which George Washington often worshipped, were laid to rest the ancestors of the Vanderbilts and who no doubt laid the foundation for their present immense fortune. Perhaps if these facts were brought to the attention of the Vanderbilt family, now reveling in wealth, its members would be moved to make a liberal donation in trust, towards keeping green the graves and preserving the tombstones designating the last resting place of their ancestry.

Upon one of the moss-covered tombstones is inscribed the name of Richard Dunlop, Greek professor of Glasgow, Scotland, who died Dec. 21, 1789, at the age of eighty-two years. This history reveals was the eminent father of the Dumfries merchant from whose books of account I have quoted. In 1822 the county seat was removed from Dumfries to Brentsville, and in the spring of 1827 a fire swept over the then prosperous town destroying the principal places of business, including the tobacco warehouses, the theatre, bank and Masonic Temple.

FIRE HEAVY DISASTER
This great destruction of property and business interests was a blow from which the town never recovered. It marked the beginning of its downward march to what is now a small village, but still numbered in the population of the old town and vicinity are some of the best and most hospitable people of the county. With the advent of the pyrotechnic mines, near the town, which give employment to hundreds of people and distributes a large sum of money each month, the town took on new life and steadily added to its growth and business thrift.

MINE VALUABLE ENTERPRISE
Under the present management of the mines with John Deitrich as central figure, the mining company has placed itself upon a firm financial basis. Mr. Deitrich and his estimable wife, as host and hostess fully understands and carefully carries out every detail calculated to add to the comfort and enjoyment of their guests. Mrs. Deitrich often accompanies her husband on his hunting expeditions both on land and water and enjoys the distinction of being as good if not a better shot than her husband.

BUSINESS LEAGUE ACTIVE

The Dumfries Business League is watchful of the tendency of the Gould electric railway and has strong hopes of landing one of its objective points in their town. Should this be accomplished Dumfries will, with her railway and near-by water facilities, make Manassas sit up and take notice in the way of manufacturing town.

SNAP SHOTS

Happiness could never exist without its antithesis, sorrow.

The uncertainty of the game of love is what really makes it worth while.

The "autocrat of the breakfast table" is never despotic before an irate wife.

All the world loves a lover—even the installment house furnishing concern.

Moonlight drives are romantic incidents which usually end in courtship.

When a man compliments his wife's gingham dress, he treads on dangerous ground.

When a man gives up tobacco for the woman he loves there is no doubt as to his sincerity.

With the present high prices of meat the prodigal son would have to be content with liver upon his return.

Next to dreams of being like the heroine in a novel, girls like to think how sorry everybody would be if they should die.

It's only after the romance has worn off that newly married couples discover what a serious proposition matrimony really is.

Probably after they had seen something of the world Adam and Eve would not have returned to Eden if they had the chance.

When a woman looks over samples for a new spring suit, she only pauses long enough to tell her husband how good he always has been to her.

QUERIES and ANSWERS

What is the meaning of the rooster in one of the windows of THE DEMOCRAT office? **CITIZEN.**

It is growing over the crow we did not eat.

Is it true under all circumstances that silence is golden? **OBSERVER.**

No. But with the wrong end of the argument, it may be advisable.

A fellow to shield himself makes false accusations against a mere boy. What is one to think of such actions? **ANGRY PARENT.**

Profanity is prohibited in these columns.

What is malicious gossip hurled against the truth? **INQUIRER.**

A boomerang.

All my relatives have cut me out. What shall I do? **PLAIN SPOKEN.**

Congratulate yourself.

What is the effect of a black-bell? **VICTIM.**

Sometimes it is more stimulating and beneficial than a high-bell.

FOR SALE

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

Formic Acid For Dyeing.
Formic acid, which has become a formidable competitor to acetic acid in the dyeing trade of Germany, is found in a natural state in ants, caterpillars, leaves of fir and pine trees and in the common nettle. It also forms itself in a distillation of sugar, starch and tartaric acid. It is extracted commercially by heating crystallized oxalic acid with glycerin, from which it is withdrawn by means of distillation. Although chemically pure formic acid is used in small quantities for medicinal purposes and to some extent in the manufacture of fruit preserves, its chief commercial application is in the dyeing and tanning trades, in which the conversion of it to great value. For dyeing purposes it is now substituted where formerly 50 per cent acetic acid was used. It gives to dyed cotton the pleasing pink or soft, and in silk trades it is used advantageously to produce the sheen. **Engelke Mechanics.**

Apply to T. H. Athey.

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
Try it and be convinced. Ask your Grocer for it
White Rose leads in its Class—Comes Cheap and is Good
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 brands of meal and flour. Wishing you the success that such good goods merit, I am
Sincerely yours,
MRS. MARGARET B. 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,

C. J. MEETZE,
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Manassas, Va.

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"The Poor Man's Store" **BRISTOW, VA.**

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Attention, Farmers!

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

W. C. WAGENER **Manassas, Va.**

**COURT OF APPEALS
HAS ADJOURNED**

**Irresponsible Passenger Put Off
Beyond His Station and Allowed
to Wander Around in the
Winter's Gold—Was an
Employee, Too**

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, which ended its winter term Wednesday handed down two opinions, though neither of them is of local interest.

One, however—Briggs's administratrix vs. the Norfolk and Western Railway—settles some nice points concerning the responsibility of transportation companies for the welfare and physical safety of their passengers.

The other case, Grinels vs. Daniel, which comes from Middlesex county, involves a wharfrage dispute.

It was taken from the record in the case of Briggs's administratrix vs. Norfolk and Western that something much like a Christmas drunk caused this litigation, though the end of the story, in which it was, is too old to justify much study in the references to it.

On December 24, 1933, Briggs, the decedent, who was the telegraph operator at Lochlaird, a station near Buena Vista, went to his home in Roanoke on a trip pass, and while in the Magle City drank something which made him more or less irresponsible.

When he got on the train to go back to Lochlaird, he was in a most lamentable state and he was, as the court says, going on that he did not get off at the place where he worked, but was carried on to the next station.

There he was forcibly ejected. Evidently he was persona non grata with the master of the station at which he was dumped out, for instead of remaining under shelter of the railroad's property he was allowed to wander forth aimlessly in the cold snow.

The appellant's administratrix brought this action against the railroad, but the Circuit Court of Rockbridge sustained a demurrer to the declaration, which put the plaintiff out of court.

The gist of the case is the extent to which the Norfolk and Western is responsible, under the circumstances, for the care and protection of the ill-fated operator.

In its opinion the court says: when the defendant found that it had ejected him beyond his point of destination, it had the right to put him off the train, though it was negligent in carrying him beyond his station, it would have been its duty to return him to that point.

It is in a helpless, irresponsible condition in putting the man off, it should not have the element of fault to remove at the place and the time and under circumstances where he would be exposed to great

**HEARING IN CASE
AFTER BARRINGER**

**Says They Want His Resignation, Not
Withdrawal of School**

BLACKSBURG, VA.—Special.—The second day's hearing of the charges brought against President Paul Barringer, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, was held Saturday.

Mr. Priddy, who as chairman of the Welfare Committee of the Alumni Association, is prosecuting the head of the school, or Speaker Richard E. Byrd, his attorney, to speak Mr. Byrd, too, had carefully prepared a case which he expected would prove the uprightness of Barringer.

In his testimony in several matters, but that in no case was he dishonest. On the other hand, the Welfare Committee admits his honest intention to do the best for a school such as Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Today it is believed that President Barringer has a fair chance to be exonerated. The fact that the case of the prosecution was so hampered by the refusal of affidavits, and the argument by counsel has somewhat taken the shine out of the charges.

One of the most serious charges brought was in regard to the management of the college farm. It is alleged that considerable money has been lost in this department, which was started to teach students successful farming.

President Barringer declared that the charges were without foundation and that Lawrence Priddy and his retainers.

"It is my resignation they want and not the welfare of the school," said Mr. Priddy on the stand.

ACROBAT FALLS!

WRISTS BROKEN

**TEETH BREAK IN MIDAIR STUNT,
AND CIRCUS PERFORMER
IS BADLY HURT**

NEW YORK.—Special.—Charles Thal, a performer in the Barnum & Bailey circus, fell from a high wire his act Thursday night and broke his wrists. He dropped about forty feet, missing the net, because of the momentum he had gained in swinging from another bar.

At first the audience thought that the fall was part of the act, but when they saw Thal's face downward on the turf for several moments before attendants removed him to the dressing room, there was intense excitement.

**ANOTHER VICTORY
FOR BROWN ALLEN**

**Appointment of Rev. S. F. Chapman
as Postmaster at Covington is
Regarded as Such**

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—An effort was made to have Brown Allen appointed Saturday afternoon to the position of the Rev. S. F. Chapman, of Covington, Va., as postmaster at that place.

The gentleman in question knows something of affairs at Covington, and was for a time a resident of that place. He continued.

"Mr. Chapman is an old minister, a former Democrat, who refused to accept Bryan in 1896, and aligned himself with the Republicans."

He is a member of a church at Covington, and has a family which he supports. His wife is a native Virginian and he has a number of children. He has been doing a little preaching when opportunity presented itself.

"But the new postmaster is well known and highly regarded. He was a Confederate soldier, a member of the United States Army, and a brave soldier in the army, than the charge of an applicant in every way."

Among other applicants was Mrs. Garfield, the widow of a former Senator from that district, who died while the Senate was in session. Mr. Chapman is not far from seventy years old. It looks as though Brown Allen named his man for the plum.

**Board of Public Safety Appealed
by Mayor**

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—For the purpose of protesting against the ruling of Inspector Beck prohibiting wrestling matches in the Marshall Armory at Seventh and Ninth Streets, Mayor L. G. Price, commander of the First Battalion of the First Regiment, made a statement to the mayor Saturday, and as a consequence the mayor has called a meeting of the Board of Public Safety for sometime during Monday.

The Board of Public Safety, composed of Mayor Price, Chief of Police Department and Chief of Police, constitutes an appeal tribunal.

Probably ten days ago, maybe more, a wrestling match was held in the armory. Inspector Beck learned of it and recalled that the gathering of an audience in the armory was in violation of the law. He did not issue an order to break up the match, but issued an order prohibiting a further violation.

In the meantime another match had been arranged. This was to be held at the armory on Monday night.

"The contestants, so far as can be ascertained, were 'Whirlwind' and 'The Greek Ghost.' Now, the meeting of a Ghost and a Whirlwind is supposed to produce something 'interesting.'"

**SOMEHOW THE JURY
GOT SADLY MIXED UP**

**Well Meaning Hanover Sovereigns
Confused "Plaintiff" and
"Defendant" and Had Law-
yers on the Jump—Verdict
Was Set Aside.**

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—It was a long time before the Sovereigns of the old Hanover cause could get their minds clear of the confusion which was rendered Friday by the jury which sat in the courthouse in the case of W. A. Dorsett, of Richmond, against L. H. DeGraaf, of Elizabeth City.

In some way the cerebral machinery of the Sovereigns got mixed up and as a consequence the confusion submitted to the jury was a sort of comedy of errors.

It goes without saying that the law-
yers representing the litigants each presented some arguments for and against their respective clients.

When the jury returned, their verdict was that the plaintiff was liable for the damage done to the house on which the defendant's chimney had been erected.

"To the narrow road,
You are treading,
Sad hearts will you meet
At each turn in the way,
Mind each doth proffer,
With each passing day,
Give them a smile,
Which brighten the sorrow,
Which round them forever
Such a tang like a pall,
In life's dreary scenes,
Will bring you God's richest harvest
of all."

So when the narrow road
You are treading,
Sad hearts will you meet
Before the close of each day—
Give them the balm a
kind word and a prayer
For you never again shall journey
this way.

**GIRLS ON TRIP SOUTH
STOPS OFF TO ELOPE**

NEW YORK.—Special.—George H. Campbell, general superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway on a trip to the South, stopped at Elliecot City, Md., Sunday. His daughter, who had been on the trip with him, had been seen in the city.

"Papa—I am married," she said to her father.

Thus briefly did Miss Campbell announce her marriage to Louis Hay.

Mr. Campbell, who is now on his way home, was surprised to hear of his daughter's engagement to Mr. Eliechberger.

Mr. Eliechberger had been a frequent visitor at Mr. Knight's home, and it was known that he was not like to part from his daughter.

**COUPLE MARRIED
OVER TELEPHONE**

**MARRIAGE BY MEANS OF THE LONG DIS-
TANCE TELEPHONE IS AN INNOVATION RE-
CORDED IN A SPECIAL FROM BOWDON, GA.**

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa.—Special.—Marriage by means of the long distance telephone is an innovation recorded in a special from Bowdon, Ga.

The bride and groom, Miss Rosa Elice and Mr. George Green, were married by Judge Barron J. Carrollton. The ceremony was read by the judge to the phone operator.

"I repeated it to the bride and groom. They in turn answered the questions to the operator," the judge said in his report.

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OVER TELEPHONE**

CHICAGO, ILL.—Special.—Three cents an hour increase in wages is promised by the switchmen's union members by the thirteen roads applying for the switchmen's union.

**BROADWAY FLIRT GETS
LAVISH DOSE OF EIGHTS**

NEW YORK.—Special.—Man and woman on their way to the theaters shortly after 9 o'clock Thursday night saw an angry husband trying to force his way through the crowd on Broadway.

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**CALL HER "WELL
SHIP" OF NAVY**

**INVESTIGATION INTO HADLEY ABOARD
Sloop Cruise Gallop**

NORFOLK, VA.—Special.—The investigation into the mystery among the crew of the sloop cruise Gallop, which the sailors have dubbed the "hell ship of the navy," has halted the Government's plans for extensive wireless experiment, looked forward to as spear-heading in the new season.

**NIGHT WATCHMAN
WAS A BURGLAR**

**ACCUSED OF ROBBING HOME HE
WAS SET TO GUARD OF \$10,
000 WORTH OF GOODS**

NEW YORK.—Special.—Detectives last night arrested William Hoffman, a night watchman on the home of Mrs. Louis H. Brown, 314 East 86th St., where he had robbed the home.

Hoffman lived in fine style at 1346 No. 1st St., Brooklyn, where he owns his own home. His wife and children went diving nearly every afternoon, and Hoffman dressed, when his wife was out, in his gray uniform, as a detective.

When Hoffman was arrested, he had \$10,000 worth of goods in his home. The goods were taken from the home of Mrs. Louis H. Brown, 314 East 86th St., where he had robbed the home.

**LOCAL OPTION ELECTION
APRIL 27TH IN DANVILLE**

DANVILLE, VA.—Special.—The local option election in this city will be held on Thursday, April 27th, Judge Allen so ordered today, after having carefully scrutinized the petition of more than 100 qualified voters.

Only the four wards on the south side of the river will participate in the election. Danville's two wards being dry by conditions of the annexation agreement.

**REAR ADMIRAL DILLINGHAM TODAY
CONTINUED PROBING INTO THE MISTERY
WHICH CONFUSED HANOVER SOVEREIGNS**

With heavy apparatus for wireless communication the Bureau and her staff ship, the Birmingham, are under orders to proceed to South America to work in co-operation with the shore wireless station at Beaufort, N. C.

It was declared today that the investigation might indubitably delay the cruiser.

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MELTING OF WOODBINE LEGION

The Woodbine Legion Temperance League met on Sunday afternoon, March 18, at the home of Mrs. M. M. Hill, ten members besides the officers, being present. The exercises were begun by singing, and the reading of the Lord's prayer, in unison. After reading the responsive service and singing a selection from the new Temperance songster the lesson of the day was taken up and conducted by the president, Morris C. Groff. This lesson was very interesting and also edifying, from the fact that it treated of sweet cider and its tendency towards creating a thirst for strong drink.

The next upon the program was the rendition of three beautiful temperance song selections by Misses Myrtle and Dorothy Hill and Master Howard Hill. The recording secretary, Miss Hope Hill, read a very interesting report of the meeting held the second Sunday in February after which two new members were enrolled. "The State Rally Cry" led by Mrs. M. M. Hill, who also presided at the organ, was sung with much earnestness, by the members.

After the reading of the L. T. L. prayer, by the Superintendent, Miss Lizzie Smith the meeting closed by singing "Onward Temperance Soldiers." This chapter L. T. L. was organized eighteen months ago by Mrs. J. H. Efford, of Manassas, State Secretary of L. T. L. work, in Virginia, with four members. We now have a membership of thirteen, more than half of whom are boys.

THE MATCHES USED.

Three Millions of Them Struck Every Minute of Each Day. By the end of the brief minute taken to read these paragraphs the nation of the civilized world will have struck 3,000,000 matches. This is the average for every minute of the twenty-four hours of the day. Fifteen hundred billion is the enormous number for the less than a year. The matches are said to be responsible for the consumption of one-half of this amount.

The importance of the industry which turns out the little splinters of wood tipped with sulphur or some other material ignited by friction is only recognized when the average smoker tries to contemplate his predicament if he had to go back to the time when he had to coax a spark from a tinder box. Of course, the answer is, he would smoke if great deal less because of the difficulty in getting a light or else, on the other hand, smoke continuously in order to keep alive the fire at the end of his stogie of Havana, pipe or cigarette, as the case might be.

Small and insignificant as it is, the match demands perhaps as much attention in the choice of the wood going into its manufacture as any other forest product. Only the choicest portions of the best trees are suitable. Sapwood, knotty or cross-grained timber will not do. Instead of being a by-product of other articles of manufacture, the little match is turned out at hundreds of mills over the country where the byproducts are bulky objects, like doors, sash, shingles, siding, posts and cord wood. The pine, birch, aspen, white cedar, poplar, birch and willow are the most suitable match timbers.

The matchmakers—not the matrimonial kind—are already finding that the amount of choice timber available is dwindling. Forest conservation if applied to the holdings of the match companies, like it is on Uncle Sam's national forests in the west, will do much to make the supply sufficient for a longer number of years than would be the case if the old-time wasteful burning methods of a few years ago should continue. The rapid increase in the price of lumber at the chief factors in encouraging the wise use of the forests where suitable match timber is available.

GASOLINE CORN HUSKER.

Expense of Farming Reduced by Small Portable Engines. At slight expense, by the development of the gasoline motor, the farmer is now enabled with modern labor saving devices to do many of the amount of work formerly possible. The accompanying illustration shows the use of a portable gasoline engine driving a corn husker by belt transmission.

For operating the husking machine only a four to six horsepower gasoline engine is required, while it is stated that hundreds of bushels of corn have been husked by a machine of this type with only a three horsepower engine under favorable conditions. In central Ohio a four-roll machine has been able to husk 250 bushels in a day, requiring four teams and one extra man, besides the three men that operate the machine, with a cash outlay of \$25 per day. It is stated that one of these small husking machines operated by a light gasoline engine will handle the same 250 bushels at less than half the expense of \$12.50. This motor driven husker is of the two roll type, the rolls being four feet in length and three in diameter. It runs at high speed, thereby greatly increasing the capacity, which is about twenty bushels per hour under normal conditions, but has been operated at over thirty bushels without difficulty. It is stated that the average run is from seven to

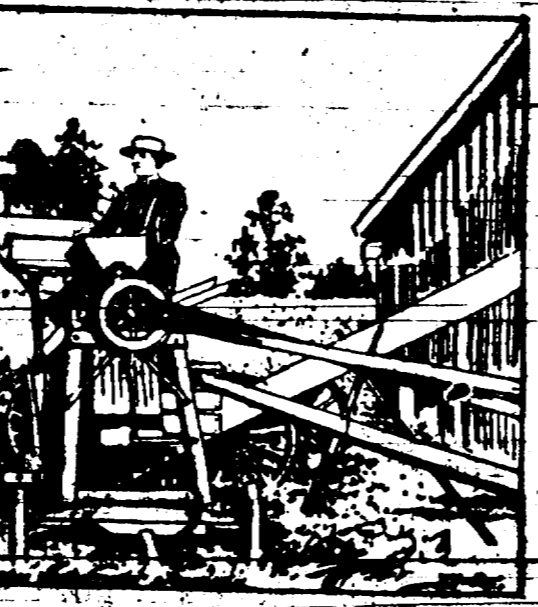


Illustration of a gasoline corn husker machine.

wa stacks (twelve and a half square) per hour. The shredder head is composed of knives strung on a shaft eleven-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, held in position so that only one knife strikes at a time. The knives strike with a shear-cut each way and one-half inches on the stalk, leaving the blades in good condition. The blower is arranged at the rear of the machine so that all the stores must pass over the screen. About sixteen feet of nine-inch pipe is connected to the machine. A bevel gear is used for driving the corn elevator, which is so constructed that the receptacle for receiving the corn is out of the way in driving up to the machine with a load. The power is discharged as well as the rolls by the simple movement of a lever attached to a spiral plug.

Utilizing Niagara's Power. A recent article in the Electrical World contains the following data relative to the utilization of the energy from Niagara falls. Of the 4,000,000 horsepower represented by Niagara falls only about 55 per cent is being utilized. Of this 2,200,000 horsepower is employed in electro-chemical processes, 40,000 horsepower for railway service, 38,400 horsepower for lighting, 45,000 horsepower for various industrial services, 12,800 horsepower is transmitted over more than a hundred miles, 23,500 horsepower between seventy-five miles and a hundred miles, 1,100 horsepower 84 1/2 miles, 70,000 horsepower between ten and thirty miles, while 745,400 horsepower is used locally, showing that many industries have been attracted to Niagara Falls because of the favorable electric power conditions to be found there.

Height of Atlantic Waves. The size of the waves of the Atlantic ocean has been carefully ascertained, the result of extensive investigations made by officers of the hydrographic office of the navy department. In height we are assured, these waves usually average thirty feet, but in rough weather they will attain some forty to forty-eight feet. During storms they will frequently from 500 feet to 600 feet long and endure ten or eleven seconds. The longest wave measured by the hydrographic officials was half a mile, and it did not spend itself for twenty-three seconds.

Uncle Sam's Highest Mountain. If most Americans were asked which is the highest mountain in the United States they would probably choose Mount McKinley. As a matter of fact, the honor belongs to Mount Whitney, which exceeds Mount McKinley in height by less than 200 feet. The summit of Mount Rainier is 14,160 feet above sea level, and that of Mount Whitney is 14,500 feet above sea level, making the latter the highest American.

To Remove Paper From Stamps. Old stamps as they are purchased usually have a part of the envelope from which they are taken sticking to them, and in removing this paper many valuable stamps are torn or ruined. Place all the stamps that are stuck to pieces of envelopes in hot water, and in a short time they can be separated without injury. By the stamp between two white sheets.

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PRINCE ALBERT, FUTURE KING OF THE BELGIANS, HIS WIFE AND HEIR.

Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, who will succeed his uncle Leopold II. as king of the Belgians, is one of the most democratic dynasts in Europe. He is popular with the Belgians, and it is believed that he will inaugurate many needed reforms when he ascends the throne. He is a genuine physician, and also his wife, who was Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke Charles Theodore of Bavaria. They have two children, Leopold, eight years old, and Charles, five years younger.

A Mass Seed of Corn. Last fall a single lot of shelled corn of a kind new to this country was sent to the department of agriculture from Shanghai, says Scientific American. It proved to have qualities that may make it valuable in breeding corn adapted to the hot and dry conditions of the southwest. The plants raised in the test averaged less than six feet in height, with an average of twelve green leaves at the time of heading. The ears averaged five and one-half inches in length and four and one-third inches in greatest circumference, with sixteen to eighteen rows of small grains. On the upper part of the plant the leaves are all on one side of the stalk instead of being arranged in two rows on opposite sides. Besides this, the upper leaves stand erect instead of drooping, and the line of the leaves are shorter above the top of the tassel. The stems of the ear are produced at the point where the leaf blade is joined to the leaf sheath, and they appear before the leaf sheath is fully developed.

Great Railways of India. The Electric Railway Journal calls attention to the great potentialities of the Indian railway system in modernizing the traffic system of the country. At the average daily income of the Indian railways is but \$1,000,000. The fare is 2 cents for a first-class ticket, while the average fare is 1 cent, or 1 1/2 cents. In order to withstand the ravages of the pest special varieties of wood had to be used in the cars and track system. Even the overhead system had to be made of steel to permit of the passage of the electric current.

Do you have that dark brown smudge on your face every morning? It is the result of the fact that the skin is not properly cleaned. Use the "Pimple Cure" and you will find that the skin is properly cleaned and the face is free from all blemishes. It is the only skin medicine that will cure the skin of all blemishes. It is the only skin medicine that will cure the skin of all blemishes. It is the only skin medicine that will cure the skin of all blemishes.

Why Thunder is So Loud. Experiments made in the Jefferson physical laboratory by Professor Trowbridge of Harvard university show that the astounding noise of a lightning discharge is largely due to the expansion of the air through the explosion of the hydrogen and oxygen gases produced by such discharges. In his mimic lightning experiments the authority referred to has produced a torrent of huge electric sparks. The noise of the discharge was so great that the experimenter had to stop his ears with cotton and then wrap a heavy cloth round them.

Color Cure. Dr. Ponsa, director of the lunatic asylum at Alessandria, Italy, has cured many of his insane patients by confining them in rooms of some uniform color. Patients suffering from acute melancholia have become cheerful after confinement in a red room, but some forms of life are adversely affected by certain colors. It has been observed, for instance, that blue and other tints do not soothe, but are rather distressing to the mind, which comes through blue glass or blue paper.

Tantalum. Tantalum, regarded as a rare metal, is becoming cheaper and is being tried for valves and contact points in electric apparatus. It seems to be superior to the steel. A typical tantalum filament for use in the vacuum tube is made of a wire of tantalum, which is coated with a thin layer of platinum. This coating is made by dipping the tantalum wire into a solution of platinum chloride and then heating it in a vacuum.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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John Bell has removed with his family from Manassas to the D. P. Bell place near Sinclair's mill... The Dramatic club will present "Mr. Bob" Friday night, April 8, in the College chapel.

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INDEPENDENT HILL NOTES... Fred Liming is installing a saw mill on the Ferguson tract near here... HOWARD RITENOUR OF WOODSTOCK made a flying trip to the Hill on Monday.

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Town Council Orders Clean-up

Recognizing the menace to public health lurking in unclean alleys, streets and premises the Town Council, with commendable promptitude, has ordered rigid enforcement of ordinances on sanitation. This action is in line with suggestions by THE DEMOCRAT, pointing out the existing danger. With the advent of hot weather this campaign for cleanliness comes none too soon. Already piles of reeking refuse are breeding disease, and unless tenants and property owners take IMMEDIATE action the health of the community will be seriously affected. Winter accumulations of debris actually have made several alleys almost impassable, vacant lots are strewn with rubbish, and certain streets covered with litter, presenting a spectacle offensive alike to nostrils and eyes.

It is to be hoped that no further urging will be required to place the cleansing process into operation, but effective may be the reminder that neglect to comply with the ordinance involves penalties ranging from one dollar to ten dollars. But compulsion should be unnecessary in this matter. Quite to the contrary the work should be done voluntarily and most willingly.

Without a doubt this movement for cleanliness is the most vital problem now confronting Manassas. In view of an improvement in appearances as well as from a standpoint of betterment in sanitary conditions, it is imperative that the process of cleaning up the Town proceed and without delay.

Elopements

WHETHER or not the advent of Spring with softly sighing zephyrs, and fragrant whispers of romance from radiant fields and gleaming woods, is responsible, the fact remains that elopements within the past month have broken the record, according to newspaper statisticians. The situation is viewed with alarm by parents who, by enacting rules of "love's locksmiths," have, in most instances, only themselves to blame for clandestine marriages, the most romantic kind after all. The young man who dares steal his girl, at least is to be commended for his daring and enterprise. By rights it is not theft at all, for it is up to the girl to take the chance, and so when the fairy prince employs strategy to carry away his maiden fair from the parental castle, he is merely claiming his own. So at least thought a young Lochinvar who outwitted an angry father, who gave him a futile chase over three Virginia counties, only to give up in despair while the youngsters stood hand in hand before a clerical gentleman in another state. So, too, believes the pretty daughter of wealthy parents with ambitions for her. She, herself, thought differently, and joyously consented to being spirited away by her affinity, whose finances by no means were proportionate to his nerve.

Electric Line for Manassas

REPORTS that surveyors of the proposed extension of the Gould electric line from Ashland to Washington, are in the field this side of Fredericksburg, have strengthened the belief that when the road is completed its terminus will be running through Manassas. Although officials of the company have given no such definite assurance, optimists base their hopes upon the advantages that a route through Manassas would offer over other lines that may be surveyed. The cost of construction would be lessened by easier grades and fewer bridges. Then, too, as shown by a committee from the Business League, in a recent conference with a Gould line official, increased revenue would result from opening up a productive territory now without railroad facilities and by interchange of traffic with the Manassas branch of the Southern. The acquisition of the line would prove immensely valuable to Manassas, making it the logical trading point for territory now difficult of access.

Celebrate Easter

BEATRICES services marked the celebration of Easter in Manassas churches. No festival in the Christian calendar revives greater hope for mankind than the commemoration of the Resurrection—the Triumph over death. From out of the mists of time upward through the ages, struggling humanity has longed for life everlasting. Immortality has been the prophecy of ages and the dream of poets, but until Christ came the way was closed. When He won the Victory over the Cross He gave man the golden key to the gates of Heaven.

Christ lives today, and the Divine immanence is the Christ life in every man, the only hope of salvation. The human soul is a mansion in the house of the Father, a trust that man may violate but a possession of which death can never rob him. And Easter commemorating the Resurrection is a season of glorious fulfillment.

Exploits Manassas

Manassas is receiving much valuable publicity in advertisements of Eastern College appearing in leading publications. This Town is exploited as an important educational center, attracting attention of the best people. Many of them establish homes in Manassas, in which their sons and daughters are being edu-

THE man with the hoe is in evidence.

THE base ball hero occupies the stage at present.

THE House had a bit of real war in attempting to fire Cannon.

BACHELORS are about the only ones who think Easter hat jokes funny.

FINANCIAL note: The beef trust has given the price of meat another boost.

A WOMAN at Utica, N. Y., broke her neck resisting a hug. The fatality may prove a warning to others.

ROOSEVELT has bidden Egypt farewell. Now the mummies again can lapse into peaceful slumber.

FROM fashion centers comes the report that there is no limit to hat styles for women this year. Help!

A DAILY NEWSPAPER asks: "Should parents live with a newly-married couple?" The answer is easy.

THE large attendance at the Farmers' Institute was representative of progressive Prince William county.

AN exchange asks: "What shall a wife do whose husband is attentive to other women?" Chain him up.

A DAILY newspaper states that a big snake routed sailors on a British freighter off Boston. What brand and quantity?

THE entire Rocky Mountain region is being swept by a terrific blizzard. Quite a contrast with the balmy spring weather in Virginia.

A MINING company at Johnstown, Pa., has posted notice of a voluntary liberal increase in wages. No danger of labor trouble there.

A Bachelor Girls' Club in Pennsylvania has disbanded so that all its members may marry. But that's no sign they are not still "manhaters."

A PUBLICATION devotes almost a column to suggestions on "How to feed a dog well." Let the dog forage, brother. Tell us how to provide for the family.

THE bazaar to be given by the women of Manassas to raise funds for the improvement of Eastern College campus, is an enterprise deserving liberal patronage.

A BURGALAR out in Nevada fled in terror before the tirade of an angry woman. Arguments at home doubtless had taught him that discretion is the better part of valor in such cases.

THERE is a bit of grim humor in the fact that burglars entered the Richmond postoffice in broad daylight and carried away \$30,000 worth of stamps. Must be late risers down there.

In a suit instituted in the United States Court it has been left to the tribunal to decide "what wine means." An evidence of confidence in the competency of the court to judge in the premises.

BECAUSE her husband kicked her out of bed when she read poetry to him while he was trying to sleep, a Los Angeles woman is seeking divorce. Some people have no appreciation of art, anyhow.

ACCORDING to press dispatches, Cook is reported to have landed in New Orleans, broken in health and fortune. He lost reputation after the Copenhagen decision, so the rest makes but little difference.

PROPRIETORS of lunch wagons and peanut stands believe they have cause for felicitation. Hungry policemen in Washington have been advised by their superior officers to supply themselves with sandwiches in the morning.

PUBLIC sentiment in Prince William County on the fight being made by THE DEMOCRAT for justice and a square deal and against the political ring, is strongly reflected by declarations this week in the Independent Hill correspondence.

Is it possible that the meat trust probe has been forgotten in the enthusiasm of the Department of Agriculture in instructing the public "in the preparation of wholesome and palatable dishes from the less expensive portions of food animals."

CIVIC pride in Manassas is evidenced in a high degree by numerous property improvements, none so small but to be of value. New paint, repairs to buildings, fences and sidewalks, and pretty lawns, all contribute to the attractiveness of the Town.

THE death of Associate Justice David J. Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, is deeply mourned. His career as a jurist was marked by distinguished service, eminent fairness, profound conscientiousness and splendid judgment. The selection of his successor is one of the most momentous problems confronting the President.

WIDESPREAD strikes are threatened in the bituminous coal mines of the country, according to an edict issued by a special convention of the United Mine Workers of North America at Cincinnati, that only an immediate advance in wages can prevent a general walkout. President Lewis declares that stock gamblers are trying to start trouble, but as there is room for agreement on most of the questions, he is of the opinion that the strikes would be of brief duration. The demands of the miners are year just, and even if granted will not be more than fair compensation for their labor.

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