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## FOREST FIRE RAGES MILLS BURN DOWN

## PRETTY PARK IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

## FAVOR IDA NICOL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

## \$50,000 BUILDINGS FOR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

## SUGGESTS BETTER TELEPHONE SERVICE

## BOOTH RESURRECTION PROVEN MYTHICAL

LOSS NEAR DUMFRIES AGGREGATES \$4,000  
Massive Conflagration at J. W. Kephart's  
Property—New Lawn, Flower Beds and  
Fence Destroyed

From the smouldering embers of a dying camp-fire, one of the most destructive forest conflagrations in the history of Prince William county was kindled Saturday, spreading until the timber surrounding Dumfries was a seething mass of flame, gaining headway until life was threatened and property valued at thousands of dollars destroyed. For two days and nights the fiery visitation hovered over Dumfries. Inch by inch it was fought back, until late Monday afternoon, men exhausted by their battle against the flames, left the scene of devastation, with danger driven back. Men left the mines, farms and stores to fight the fire, and in the path of destruction, but one thought prevailed—the protection of life and property.

HOPKINS COMPANY PLANS IMPROVEMENTS  
Beautiful Transformation to East North of Candy  
Factory—Lawns, Flower Beds and  
Fence Changes Unusually

A pretty park, with lawns, flower beds and ornamental railing, transforming an unsightly spot in the heart of the business district into a most attractive bit of landscape, is a fine improvement to be made by the Hopkins company on the two vacant lots north of the candy factory on Battle street.

WORKMEN NOW ARE REMOVING DEBRIS FROM THE SITE AND GRADING WILL BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY. THE LOT WILL BE SOWN IN GRASS, FLOWER PLOTS LAID OUT WITH BLOOMING PLANTS AND SHRUBS, AND AN ORNATE RAILING WILL ADMORN THE WALK ABOUTMENT. IN THE REAR A HIGH BOARD FENCE WILL BE ERECTED.

HONOR MEMORY OF NOBLE WOMAN  
Residents of Prince William County Would Have  
New Hospital in Manassas Named  
in Miss Nicol's Christian Death

Public sentiment is strongly in favor of naming the proposed new hospital in Manassas, The Ida Nicol Memorial Hospital, according to expressions from residents of Prince William county. In fact, the suggestion virtually is meeting with unanimous approval. The following communications have been received this week by THE DEMOCRAT:

ANDREW CARNEGIE MAKES \$15,000 GIFT  
New York Philanthropist Gives \$15,000, and  
Other Donations—Gifts by Robert F. W. T. Available for Splendid Improvements

MANASSAS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS	
New Trade Building	\$20,000
New Hospital Building	\$15,000
Revised Hall Improvements	\$2,000
Other Improvements	\$2,000
Total	\$40,000

NEED A NEW CENTRAL SWITCHBOARD  
West Potomac Advocate Dollar Donation by Each  
Subscriber, or Entertainment to Secure Funds—  
New Switchboard Will Cost \$300

(Contributed by VOX POPULI)

Perhaps there is not a single subscriber on the "Central Mutual" telephone system who has not had his or her patience severely tried at times, by a poor circuit through the faulty switchboard at the central office. This is not through the carelessness of the central operator, nor neglect upon the part of the company's officers.

SWITCHBOARD WORN OUT  
It is simply because the switchboard tolls are inadequate to port a more efficient service. A new switchboard is badly needed but there are not sufficient funds in the company's treasury to provide one. A switchboard which will give perfect service, so far as it is concerned, will cost in the neighborhood of \$300. There are, probably fully three hundred subscribers to the "Central Mutual" system, why not each subscriber donate one dollar each toward purchasing a new switchboard and enjoy the increased service which it would insure under a responsible guarantee?

REMOVES DOUBT OF BOOTH'S DEATH  
Sensational Story—Undoubtedly—According to  
a Navy Yard Official Who Claims to Have  
Festively Identified Booth After Death

(By R. W. MERCHANT)

There are numerous persons who are still of the opinion that J. Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Lincoln, still lives. Only a short time since an article appeared in one of our exchanges to the effect that Booth had been seen and recognized as proprietor of a store in Oklahoma, by a former resident of Washington, D. C., who had been a regular patron of the plays, in the National Capital, in which the noted actor took part.

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS  
The flames were confined by heroic efforts to the property of J. W. Kephart, and his loss will approximate \$8,000 with no insurance. More than 1,500 acres of his timber land have been laid waste, 100,000 feet of plastering with 30,000 feet of lumber and much costly machinery destroyed, and his planing, lath, bolting and saw mills and blacksmith shop and barn burned to the ground. Sparks carried by the wind from the burning buildings twice set fire to his residence, but quick action by a bucket brigade succeeded in extinguishing the flames before they had spread beyond control.

BEAUTIFUL MINATURE PARK  
Workmen now are removing debris from the site and grading will be started immediately. The lot will be sown in grass, flower plots laid out with blooming plants and shrubs, and an ornate railing will adorn the walk aboutment. In the rear a high board fence will be erected.

The improvement is most important, setting an example in what may be accomplished in making Manassas, the Town Beautiful. It is in line with movements in progressive towns throughout the country for civic beauty. There is no better evidence of civic pride than the making of miniature parks of unsightly vacant lots. It not only improves appearances, impresses visitors with the progressiveness of the community and the pride of its citizens in their town, but it also enhances the value of the property.

SHOULD COMMAND FAVOR  
Judge Nicol's proposition to donate certain lots, specified for the proposed hospital at Manassas, should, I think, command the favorable consideration of the committee having the matter in charge. The condition, upon which the proposed donation is based, is one that would doubtless meet the approbation of not only every contributor to the institution in the county, but everyone familiar with the pure and unselfish life of Miss Ida Nicol.

STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROXIMATING \$50,000, AFFORDING FACILITIES UNEQUALLED BY ANY INSTITUTION OF ITS KIND, WILL BE MADE AT THE MANASSAS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR. TWO FINE NEW STRUCTURES—a Trades building and a Hospital—are to be erected, extensive alterations made in Howland Hall, and numerous minor improvements effected.

CARNEGIE GIVES \$15,000  
Funds now are virtually available for the splendid improvements. Andrew Carnegie pledged \$15,000 a year ago to the Manassas Industrial School upon condition that the authorities of the institution secure an additional \$15,000. Through the efforts of Prof. Hill a subsequent pledge of \$10,000 was secured with the proviso that the colored people of Virginia raise the remaining \$5,000. They have contributed about \$2,500, and during a recent visit to New York, Principal Hill secured sufficient funds to place an obligation of only \$1,000 upon the colored people.

GIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
On-in-Hea-of this plan, why not the ladies of each neighborhood depending upon switchboard service, get up an entertainment of some sort and devote the proceeds towards the object mentioned. We say "the ladies" because they are more capable of carrying out an enterprise of this sort than the men. The men would doubtless aid them in the way of co-operation and by inducing a good attendance at the entertainment. Think the dollar-contributions over men, and you, ladies, see what you can do in the matter.

KILL SERGEANT  
This attorney according to the story says: "I was employed in a case, late in the seventies, by a man who said he was J. Wilkes Booth, whom the country at large believed to be long since dead. He told me that the man whom the Federals killed in the old barn in Caroline county, was none other than Sergeant Rudy who had accompanied him to Port Royal in his escape from Washington. He further stated that after crossing the Rappahannock river to which point he was conveyed by an old negro huckster with his load of poultry and eggs piled upon him to conceal his presence, he discovered he had left valuable books and papers in the huckster wagon and sent Rudy back for them. After re-crossing the river and securing the records, Rudy discovered the approach of the Federal cavalry and took refuge in the barn and was shot with Booth's papers upon him."

SPECTACULAR SCENE  
In a high wind the flames swept through the forest from the west, spreading with lightning rapidity, and presenting a spectacular scene which will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Almost before citizens were aware of the presence of danger, the fire burst through the timber and communicated with the mill buildings. Dense clouds of smoke lowering close to the ground, obscured the view in broad daylight until the fire fighters were guided only by a massing of falling walls and cracking timber. Fortunately no one was injured but several narrow escapes are reported.

PLANS BIG BAZAAR  
Plans formulated a year ago are being resumed with renewed interest for a bazaar to be given two weeks in December for the benefit of the new school building. The funds are to be devoted to equipping an assembly room, drill room and gymnasium. Mrs. M. S. Moffatt has received an autograph portrait of President Taft. The portrait is about 13 inches square and will be placed on sale at the bazaar.

PLEASEING SUGGESTION  
Since I have and can have so little to do with shaping the financial status of the hospital, I ought hardly to speak. But from what I have heard of the Bazaar character of Miss Ida Nicol, Judge Nicol's plan as all his other ideas, is certainly pleasing to me with reference to the hospital.

B. T. H. HODGE

NEW TRADES BUILDING  
The corner stone of the new Trades building will be laid May 30, on a site now marked by a school sign. The building will be constructed of pressed brick and cut stone and not less than two nor more than four stories high. Trades will be taught with machinery and tools under competent instructors. It is toward the erection of this building that Andrew Carnegie has given \$15,000.

PRISON SHADOWS FALL  
OVER TOM MOORE  
SIX YEARS IN PENITENTIARY SAYS JURY

The case of Thomas Moore, for a felony, was tried in the circuit court yesterday, the jury bringing in a verdict of six years in the penitentiary. Moore having been previously convicted of a felony and served a term of seven years, the law imposes an additional sentence, to that of the jury of five years which aggregates eleven years which he is called to serve.

WOLFENDEN BOOTE IN DEATH  
From a story told to the representative of THE DEMOCRAT, on Saturday last by Thos. Wolfenden, of Kopp, this county, and which is doubtless correct, all doubt, as to the death of Booth, as told in history should be removed. Mr. Wolfenden says that John Mellor, a cousin who held a position at the Navy yard in Washington, at the time Booth was brought on a gun-boat to the Capital city, after he had been killed by Sergeant Boston Corbett, near Port Royal in Caroline county, had occasion to go aboard the boat and noticing a stretcher on the lower deck he approached it and lifting the canvas winding sheet discovered it to be John Wilkes Booth, whom he knew in life, and was informed by an officer on board that it was indeed the assassin of the president of the United States, on that fatal night of April 14, 1865, in Ford's theatre.

FOREST FIRE NEAR MANASSAS  
A fire started on W. C. Taylor's place, about three miles south-west of Manassas on Sunday and swept over at least one hundred acres of wood land destroying valuable timber and ord wood before it was gotten under control.

EASTERN PLANS MAY  
MUSICAL FESTIVAL  
NOTABLE REHEARSAL ON FRIDAY, MAY 6

Designated Artists Will Appear With  
Annual Chorus Under Direction of Eastern  
College Choral Society.

A May musical festival, one of the most important enterprises ever attempted outside of the city, an event of much artistic and social prominence, will be held in Manassas, Friday, May 6, under direction of Eastern College Choral Society. Plans for the festival are now being arranged by Mrs. Frances Hodge Gordon.

HEARTY ENDORSEMENT  
I was much pleased to see the communication of Judge Nicol relative to the name of the proposed hospital in Manassas. I most heartily endorse it and furthermore would say that I do not think it could be named for a more noble, self-sacrificing and charitable person than Miss Ida Nicol. ONE WHO LOVES HER.

NEW HOSPITAL  
The modern hospital is to be built through a gift by John E. Berwind, of New York City. It will contain small wards for boys and girls, kitchen, isolation rooms, operation room, nurse's room, baths, and reception room. The building will be constructed by the boys of the school under direction of the head of the carpentry department.

CONCERNANTIAL EVIDENCE  
The evidence being purely circumstantial, with several links in the chain missing, and relying solely upon the evidence of William Jordan, in whom the jury had the utmost confidence, the verdict is regarded as satisfactory to the majority of those who heard the case.

ELECT HOSPITAL TRUSTEES  
A board of trustees for the new Manassas hospital is to be elected at a meeting in the directors room of the People's National bank tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock of a committee appointed at a recent conference of physicians and other citizens.

R. E. WIMP MARRIES  
M. E. Whip, special agent of Baltimore and Ohio with headquarters at Mt. Vernon, formerly the inspector for Southern at Manassas, and Miss Beils German, of Marshall, Va. were married Sunday afternoon at Marshall. They passed through Manassas Sunday night en route to Mt. Vernon.

DEATH OF THOMAS MELLOR  
Thomas Mellor, 22 years old, died of consumption Tuesday at his home in Nokesville, after illness of one year. The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow, and the interment will be in St. Joseph's cemetery at St. Edith's Academy. His father died two years ago of the same malady. Thos. Mellor was a railroad man, and popular with all who knew him.

HEARTY APPROVAL  
I heartily approve of the name "Ida Nicol Memorial Hospital" for the hospital shortly to be erected in Manassas, Va.

MISS LAURA CATLETT,  
Catlett, Va.

WORTHY NAME  
I take pleasure in answering Judge Nicol's article in the paper of last week and think if they were ever heard of by the colored people of Virginia raise the remaining \$5,000. They have contributed about \$2,500, and during a recent visit to New York, Principal Hill secured sufficient funds to place an obligation of only \$1,000 upon the colored people.

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**CIRCUIT COURT**

The grand jury returned indictments against Erbes, Moore, Wm. Ellis Moore, Alfred Grigby, Douglas Grigby, Lewis Riley, John Fengla and Lambert Fengla, two indictments for a misdemeanor. Presentment against the Hopkins Co. and Eastern College for public and common nuisance and summons awarded.

John F. Lining's will admitted to record. D. C. Cline qualified as administrator and appraisers appointed.

D. S. Clarkson appointed county surveyor in the place of G. W. Nutt, resigned.

J. J. Tolson appointed overseer of poor in Dumfries district in place of W. C. Keys, dec'd.

R. A. Cook appointed member of pension board.

Commonwealth vs. Douglas Grigby, "not guilty" pleaded. Verdict and judgement for 30 days in jail and fine of \$5.00 and costs of prosecution.

Lipacomb vs. Southern Railway, continued until next term.

Jeffries vs. Lewis, etc.; judgement for plaintiff.

D. N. Bear vs. W. T. Wine; judgement for plaintiff.

Hynson's Sur. vs. Hanborough; judgement for plaintiff.

J. A. T. Marsteller appointed guardian of John A. Marsteller, Charles M. Marsteller, Sadie Marsteller, Lucy B. Marsteller.

Fugter vs. Sampson Beavers; remanded to rules.

May Galleher, Ex'x. of Geo. G. Galleher; new bond as such Ex'x.; security and old bond relieved.

Patton's survey of Josephine Foster's land ordered to be recorded.

Commonwealth vs. J. H. McInteer. Verdict for acquittal.

V. S. Riley vs. Eastern College; L. L. Riley vs. Eastern College; rule for security for costs denied—case continued until third day of next term—peremptory order.

W. T. Allen, Justice of Peace in Brentsville district, resigned.

Rule against Oscar Chinn and Geo. Chinn for failure to attend court as witnesses before grand jury.

J. C. Stambus and C. S. Smith appointed trustees of parsonage property at Brentsville belonging to M. E. Church South.

Leary, Stuart & Co. vs. Lipacomb & Co.; Verdict for \$41.40, motion to set verdict aside continued.

D. E. Earhart appointed a member of electoral board in place of Henshik Reid, who failed to qualify.

Cornwell vs. Ben Bell; Verdict for plaintiff.

Order entered requesting designation of another judge to try certain cases this term.

**SNAP SHOTS**

In most cases ideals turn out to be idols.

Marriage is a lottery in which there are few prizes.

Love is an illusion which tests the imagination at times.

Tomorrow is not elastic enough in which to press the neglected duties of today.

Nothing interests a girl more than to have her mother read her father's old love letters.

When her husband suggests they have a garden this year, a woman wonders if she will have to work in it.

When he begins to wash his neck and shine his shoes, it's a sign that the young veal has fallen in love.

The girl who says she won't cook when she gets married, probably won't until she has had considerable practice.

When BLOODLINE RHEUMATIC LINIMENT has cured so many cases of Rheumatism, why do you suffer with this terrible affliction, it relieves all pain instantly, try and get a bottle.

**Tilden's Dog.**  
At one of the early dog shows Samuel J. Tilden bought an immense Great Dane dog. "What's his name?" asked the owner.  
"Askim," said Mr. Tilden.  
"What good would that do?"  
"It's his name," was the reply.  
So it was—Askim.  
The dog knew a number of tricks, but would only perform when fed. "He'd make a good politician," said his owner as he gave him a bone.

**Human Nature.**  
"Queer thing about men, isn't it?" remarked the thoughtful thinker.  
"What's queer about 'em?" asked the innocent bystander.  
"Why," rejoined the first, "a man will sit on a log half a day waiting for a fish to bite, but he won't wait three minutes for his wife to get ready for church."—Denver News.

**How He Lost It.**  
"How did that man lose his supremacy at home?"  
"His wife probably tried to phone him at the office one day and the secretary wouldn't understand the name."—Buffalo Express.

**The General Opinion.**  
Belle—How silly men act when they propose! Why, Jack acted like a perfect fool!  
Nell—That's what everybody thought when your engagement was announced!

**Modern Criticism.**  
"How do you like my portrait of her husband?"  
"Fine! Nothing to criticize but a slight resemblance."—Fliegende Blätter.

Do not grudge to pick out treasures from an earthen pot.—Herbert.

**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,**  
Wholesale and Retail Manufacturer and Dealer.  
BRISTOW, VA.

**CHANCERY.**

Bodine vs. Bodine; Report of Commissioner T. H. Lion confirmed, ordered stricken from the docket.

Peoples National Bank vs. Taylor; Decree for sale of land.

Melton's next friend vs. Travis; same order.

Payne vs. Payne; same order.

Cornwell vs. Cornwell; same order.

Wm. F. Hale appointed church trustee of Brethren church at Nokesville in place of Abraham Hinegardner dec'd.

Free vs. Free; Demurrer to bill, and leave to amend.

Trustees of Brethren church at Nokesville; Order confirming sale to Flickinger.

Vermillion vs. Vermillion; Order for commissioners of sales to pay out funds in his hands.

Tyler et al vs. Jordan et al; Decree confirming title to lot in Haymarket to Sarah Gray and Ellen Gray, and confirming sale of home and lots to trustees of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Bell's adm'r vs. Bell; Report of sale confirmed, commissioner directed to make deed to purchaser, to pay cost of suit, etc.

Maxfield vs. Maxfield; Decree for sale of land.

Trustees of Brentsville M. E. church, South; Sale to Daniel W. Brewster confirmed, and trustees directed to make deed to purchaser.

Hoon vs. Daniel; Sale of half interest in a tract of land belonging to infant defendants to Weaver M. Daniel and Nettie N. Daniel, commissioner directed to make deed to them when purchase money has been paid.

Hornbaker vs. Hornbaker; Sale to P. H. Lynch confirmed, Commissioner T. H. Lion directed to make deed; commissioners of court directed to distribute funds in hands of Commissioner Lion and Trustee Thornton.

Willcox vs. Capital Construction Co.; case dismissed by consent of all respondents, without prejudice.

Harlow vs. Cornwell; Verdict of \$25 damages for plaintiff.

**His Wild Flower.**  
"Now, Harry," said the teacher, "can you give the name of some wild flower?"  
"Well," answered Harry after a moment's thought, "Indian meal is the wildest flower I can think of."—Exchange.

**Par-Gee.**  
"Will your son take a full college course?" "No, not quite. He will have baseball, football and track athletics, but he fears there won't be time for basketball."—Cleveland Leader.

Subject may decide you; integrity never will.—Cromwell.

**Count the Satisfaction Not the Cost**

If you buy by price you don't often get your money's worth. But be governed by **QUALITY** and you'll get satisfaction—which is money's worth every time.

- Saks Clothes for Men
- Saks Clothes for Boys
- Saks Hats for Men and Boys
- Saks Furnishings for Men and Boys
- Saks Shoes for Everybody
- Saks Sporting Goods

That's our service—and every feature of it is based strictly upon **GUARANTEED QUALITY**. We'll not only show you the largest stocks in each line, but we'll promise you that our prices are lowest, if you consider the value. If you don't find it convenient to come to town send to us for what you want and we'll give the order our personal attention—and ship, subject to your approval.

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Largest Men's and Boys' Outfitters in the South  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street.

**Don't Talk Hard Times**  
as long as we are in business. Turn over a new leaf and buy for cash and stop paying for bad debts.

Good lard	13c	Best Coal Oil, gallon	12c
Good Coffee	15c	Best Brooms	39c
Best Tomatoes, per doz cans	90c	Good Brooms	33c
Best Corn, per doz cans	90c	Family Flour	\$5.75
Best Beans, per doz cans	80c	Table Roll Flour	\$6.75
Best Eating Potatoes, bushel	80c	Potomac Herring, Corned, box	12c
Best Prunes	8c	Fine Mackerel, each	4c
Best P. R. Molasses, per gallon	40c	6 spoons Cotton	25c
	75c Tea		50c

Our Grocery Department is overflowing with good things just now and our prices are right. Just leave us an order.

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"THEY MAKE GOOD"

**THE HOTEL VICTOR Real Estate Bargains**  
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Rates \$2.00 Per Day

Single Room for Commercial Use

Near Southern Depot Manassas, Va.

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 is this true 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.

M. I. C. Building Manassas, Va.  
DEMOCRAT ads bring results  
**Nicol & Ransdell**

# A Parson's Story

By T. DE WITT BOWEN

I am an ordained clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church and have spent my life in mission work, usually among miners. When the gold fever was at its height in the west—that is, before mining communities were organized on the respectable basis—many of them are run on today—I did a deal of work among them. I would settle myself at a central point in a mining district, from which I would make trips to different camps, speaking to the people, trying to lead them to walk in the straight and narrow path. I was young and muscular in those days. Indeed, I had been a member of the national football team of my college.

One Sunday morning I started on a long walk to a mining camp at which I had spoken before and had made enough converts to warrant the starting of a church. I was going to address them on the subject, after which a collection would be taken up to start a fund for a building. The day was fine, the sky a deep blue, and as I strode on, occasionally pausing to enjoy some expansive view, I thought how thankful I should be at having such work to do instead of being shut up in a counting room or an office trying to make money out of people rather than improving their condition.

On the way I met a man carrying a larrikin in his hand, who, seeing my clerical garb, took off his hat to me and wished me good morning. I stopped to talk with him, but he politely hurried about and walked with me that the time used in conversing should be at his expense instead of mine. He asked me where I was going, my purpose and other questions pertaining to my work. I noticed that he was particular to know if this were to be my first visit to the camp. Then he asked me where I would preach the next Sunday, and I told him at the Palmer Gulch camp, some five miles from the same camp to which I was then going. I gave him much other information, including my name, before it occurred to me that he might have some object in getting all these facts.

Suddenly he whipped out a revolver and, holding it cocked upon my knee, told me to take off my clothes. It flashed upon me that he would put them on himself, go to the Acme camp, personate me, take up a collection and if possible get away with it. Probably I might have given my life to defend the pulpit, but my life would avail nothing. I obeyed his order and exchanged clothes with him after which he bound my ankles and my hands with the larrikin and left me.

On thinking his design over I made up my mind that he would not go to the Acme camp, for I had told him I was known there, but to Palmer Gulch camp, where he knew I had never been. I must get rid of those cords, follow him and head him off from what I believed was his swindling purpose. Though very strong, I could not break the bonds, nor could I untie them. I was sporting a pipe when the man pulled me and had continued to give me occasional puffs. The tobacco was still lighted. It occurred to me that I might possibly light a fire and burn down the camp. The only inflammable thing near me was dry grass. I thought to collect some with my fingers, dumped the lighted tobacco on it and by vigorous blowing produced a flame. Once lit I held the cord that bound my wrists, snatching it so that with my natural strength I was able to break it, though I singed my wrists as much as the cord. My wrists being free, I had little difficulty in untying my ankles.

The man had a good stock of ammunition, and I must not overtake him, unassisted as I was. I kept a sharp lookout before me and at this point of the road saw him ahead of me making a straight line for the Acme camp. I could not for a while understand his going where I was known to have occurred to me that he would say that I was ill or otherwise engaged and he was to take my place. I shadowed him, keeping him most of the time in view, though he was far ahead of me. I wished that I might meet some one from whom I could obtain a weapon, but my wish was not fulfilled. Once or twice I saw him stop and turn around. I knew he was looking to ensure himself that I had been securely bound and was not following him. Whatever he turned to was invisible to him, having fallen on my face before he could see me.

I supposed he would arrive at Acme, as I had expected to arrive, to find the people gathered in an open space used for meetings. Doubtless he did so, for when I entered the place I saw him there just mounting the board platform. I circled around and approached the speaker from behind him. Then I forced his revolver that I stole along under bushes till I reached the trunk of a tree directly behind him. I was still without a weapon, but I preferred not to use mine. I suddenly just as he was exhorting his flock to give liberality to the new church building I made a dash and plunged the revolver into his side.

I shall always remember the expressions of astonishment in the faces of his listeners. I called for assistance, he was alarmed, and I told my story. His flock wished to hang him then and there to a limb of a tree under which he preached. I was made a prisoner but was given to me. I made a convert of him.

At the regular diocesan meeting of the W. C. T. U. in session Friday afternoon, March 11, the following thoughts were expressed by Mrs. MRS. ROUND, President.

## BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

At the regular diocesan meeting of the W. C. T. U. in session Friday afternoon, March 11, the following thoughts were expressed by Mrs. MRS. ROUND, President.

SOME BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS CULLED FROM GOD'S OWN GARDEN

How a single rose may speak to us then! We know how especially we value the gift of flowers when some one is blooming in our gardens, or around us in the open air, when to give flowers not only means a kind thought, but a sacrifice, so costly are they. How grateful we are, and what appreciation accompanies the receiving of the gift.

I come to you this afternoon with a sweet gift of flowers—a bunch of sweet peas from God's own garden. We will enjoy them together because of their beauty and fragrance, and because of their abundance will share them with others who may need only this gift to bring them greater joy and peace than they have ever known before.

These I have chosen, exquisite in perfume and color: Double-Crimson, Praise-Gold, Peace-Lavender, Patience-Blue, Faith-White, Pleasure-Pink, Power-Red, Promise-Purple, and Prayer, a many-colored ribbon to tie the bunch together.

GRACE—CRIMSON The power of earthly potentates to grant pardon is so uncertain in its results. Without intention the king or judge may be biased in his opinion and pardon is not always granted where it should be.

GRACE—GOLD The earthly parent or friend may grant pardon, but how often it is accompanied with the thought that the fault, though forgiven, would be difficult to forget. You and I have a just Father who never makes mistakes.

PARDON is promised to the truly repentant, who turn from their evil ways and who, confessing their sins, know that "He is faithful and just to forgive." 1 John 1:9. "We have pardon through the blood of Christ." Matt. 26:28. "According to the riches of His grace." Eph. 1:7. Pardon is promised us, we know we can have it if we ask. Isa. 1:18. Not only does he forgive but he forgets. "I will forgive their iniquity and will remember their sin no more." Jer. 31:34. He "blots them out." Isa. 43:22.

Our Heavenly Father pardons freely. Isa. 43:25. Readily, Neh. 9:17. Abundantly, Isa. 55:7. He holds out to us His dear nail-pierced hand, and freely offers us pardon. Let us freely take it. He readily grants it, generously and without reserve. Let us accept it readily and thankfully. He gives it abundantly. Let us abundantly prove our gratitude and serve Him loyally and unswervingly.

GRACE—LAVENDER Peace suggests self-control. Our God is a God of Peace. Phil. 4:9. Peace is announced in the world. Luke 2:14. We have peace through the blood of Christ. Col. 1:20. Peace is the partner of Faith, as it grows, so peace grows and takes possession of our souls. Nothing can deeply move the one whose faith is strong. Peace is the flowing of the river deep and wide. Calmly it moves onward to the sea. Storms come, but it is only the surface of the water that is lashed into foam.

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**TOPICS OF THE TOWN**

Fred Hynson Jr. is a Manassas visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hall visited friends Sunday at Catlett.

Miss Anne Holland, who has been quite ill, is recovering rapidly.

Gallaudet university of Washington will play Eastern here Saturday.

The Manassas band gave an enjoyable dance at Conner's hall Monday night.

Miss Sallie Wright, of Bristow, was the guest of the Misses Nash this week.

Henry A. Payne, of Washington, was the guest of his parents Saturday and Sunday.

W. M. Deming, of Schenectady, N. Y., visited his brother-in-law C. R. C. Johnson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Merchant and little daughter, Elizabeth, visited relatives in Nokesville Sunday.

The framework of S. C. Carter's building on Lee avenue was raised this week and the work will be pushed to completion.

Miss Helen Florence, who has been spending several weeks with friends and relatives in and near Clifton, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mollie Gray, who has been on a week's visit to relatives in Manassas and Nokesville, returned Tuesday to her home in Dumfries.

George Allensworth, Robert Adamson and Douglas Merchant will play with the Catlett baseball team Saturday against Marshall at Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doland, of Silver Springs, Md., visited Mrs. Doland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smallwood at their home near Buckhall this week.

Harry D. Tryon, of Washington, D. C., brother-in-law of A. M. Fetzer, of Manassas, has secured the contract for papering the Baldwin building of Eastern College.

Dan and Joseph Middleman have secured the contract for the cement work for Voorhes hall and for a side walk running from South street to the college buildings.

An ice-cream festival will be held at Buckhall Saturday night, April 16, beginning at half past seven o'clock for the benefit of U. B. Church. All are cordially invited to attend.

George C. Round has sold a lot on Grant avenue to J. H. Burks for \$475; a lot on Grant avenue to Norma V. Round; and a lot on Lee avenue to the Rev. J. K. Efrid, adjoining his present property.

Architects have completed an examination of the land recently acquired by the District of Columbia for a workhouse near Occoquan. Prisoners are to be kept in tents there until the buildings are completed.

C. O. Wise, of West Virginia, has opened a boarding house in Nokesville. This establishment will overcome the great inconvenience heretofore experienced by commercial travelers and others having business in the Oil City.

John Burke is having a well laid out on his lot on Grant Avenue, and has had the foundation laid out for his house which he will place in the course of construction within the near future. He will doubtless have the cage ready by the time he catches the bird.

The corporation having completed a much needed improvement in the relaying of a sidewalk on North Main street between Centre street and Quarry road, laid another improvement Saturday in the laying of a new concrete sidewalk on North Battle street from a point opposite E. Nelson's residence to the terminus of Selden Smith's property.

J. P. Leachman Jr., has secured a position as salesman with Hynson & Co.

Wm. Payne was the guest of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Payne, last Wednesday.

The board of county supervisors will meet Saturday to consider the purchase of a steam roller.

Lawns and gardens were greatly benefited by a light misty rain which fell Monday night and Tuesday.

R. Z. Hasell, a prominent contractor of Washington, who erected the M. I. C. building, was in town Monday.

Ideal spring weather Sunday attracted many to the fields and woods. Picknicker and fishermen lined the banks of the stream.

James Nails an old Confederate soldier, of Catharpin, and who is a brother of R. A. Nails, of Blooms Grove, fell from a fence on his farm this week and broke his arm.

The regular examinations of county teachers to qualify for certificates will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 21, 22 and 23, in the Bennett building.

Sealed bids will be received by F. A. Cockrell, commissioner, for opening a road adjoining the land of F. A. Lewis from Sudley road to Rixlow, until April 18 at 12 o'clock.

Eastern College easily defeated Bethel Military Academy, of Warrenton, here Saturday by a score of 3 to 0. Inability to solve Hynson's delivery was responsible for the defeat of the visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Free Jr. entertained the students of Hebron Seminary at their hospitable home, White Hall, last Saturday evening. Refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable evening was the verdict of all present.

Harry Koontz sold his farm of 6 1/2 acres, one-half mile east of town Monday for \$1,600 to Samuel Galbraith, of Rockingham county, who will take possession tomorrow. Mr. Koontz will move to Manassas. The deal was made by H. Griffith.

The Graded and High School track teams are in active practice, getting in trim for the coming big meets. A preliminary to select the Grade team probably will be held Tuesday and the entry list for the county public schools meet will be announced next week.

A handicap meet between the High School and the Grades may be arranged for next Thursday. This would not only vary the monotony of training but would furnish a good time for the men can do in the actual meet. If held, a small admission fee will be charged, and the event run off the same as a regular meet.

Leo William Kasehagen, seven and one-half months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Kasehagen, and James Jenkins Davis, three months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Davies, were christened Sunday at Trinity Episcopal church. Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe was godmother, and W. C. Wagener and Judge J. B. T. Thornton, godfathers, for Leo William Kasehagen. Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton was godmother, and J. J. Davies and H. T. Davies, godfathers, for James Jenkins Davis.

The closing session of the Farmers' Institute for the present series, at Eastern College tomorrow, promises to be of unusual interest. Prof. S. W. Flecher, director of the State Experimental station at Blacksburg, will give an address. In the evening he will give a stereopticon lecture at Eastern College on "Making the Town Beautiful." Prof. H. P. Gould, of the United States Department of Agriculture, also will speak. Luncheon will be served at noon by the Domestic Science class in the Ruffner building.

The Prince William County Teachers' association will meet Saturday, April 30.

Alfred T. Rollins, of Alexandria, has sold his farm of 1001 acres two miles west of town to E. E. Blough for \$3700.

A questionable decision in the tenth inning caused the defeat of Eastern by Georgetown in a 3 to 2 score at Washington yesterday.

On account of the court session, the Farmers' Institute will be held in Eastern College chapel instead of the court house, as previously announced.

The Athalia Dramatic club of Eastern college, gave excellent presentations of Mr. Bob, and the Obstinate Family in the College chapel last Friday night.

Elder A. J. Garland will hold services to the Primitive Baptist church, on West street, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, and on Sunday night at the same hour.

Dr. John F. Gardner this week received a visit from his sons, G. H. Gardner, a merchant of Covington, and T. C. Gardner, a civil engineer of Southern Georgia.

Hynson & Co. are installing new awnings to their establishment, cor. Main and Centre streets, today, which will add both comfort and appearances to the premises.

Miss Gladys Davis, of Baltimore, cousin of Bryan Gordon, is visiting here. She is chaperoned by Mrs. Marie Clark until the return of Mrs. Gordon's mother, Mrs. H. Reardon.

In a car, on train No. 16 this morning, were one hundred negro men, packed like sardines in a box, en route for New York city where they have secured employment in a brick yard.

A case which has attracted considerable interest in the lower part of the county, and which was tried at this term of the court, was that of Smoot & Co. against Griffin which resulted in a verdict for the defendant.

T. C. Craven has rented the W. R. Myers' property at the east terminus of Centre Street and will occupy same with his family at once. We are glad to welcome Mr. Craven and his estimable wife as citizens of Manassas.

An exhibition of old-time needle work, some of it almost 100 years old, and a sale of useful articles made by the Domestic Science class, will be given by the Seventh and Eighth grades for the Grammar School athletic fund at the Agricultural School building this afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

**MILKMAID'S CONVENTION**

The Milkmaid's Convention, a comedy in two acts will be given in Conner's hall, next Tuesday night for the benefit of the Manassas High School Athletic Association. An excellent presentation is promised, and it is deserving of a large patronage.

The Milkmaid's Convention next Tuesday night.

Will surely be a wonderful sight. So come at 8 and don't criticize. And we'll try to give you a wonderful surprise.

We're sure you will like it and encourage us all.

For we'll try to adorn Mr. Conner's new hall.

The proceeds will go for athletics and so on.

We hope you will come and bring all you know.

**FAVOR IDA NICOL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

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establish a hospital here, there could not be a name more worthy appropriate.

Very respectfully,  
W. M. MILNES.

APPROPRIATE NAME  
I am glad to respond to Judge Nicol's article in last week's paper. I do not know a more worthy character and a more appropriate name.

MRS. H. D. WENRICH.  
APPROVES NAME  
I heartily approve of the name of Ida Nicol as a name for a hospital, a more beautiful character could not be found.

MRS. E. L. LIPSCOMB.  
APPROPRIATE NAME  
I do not think a more appropriate name could be found for the new hospital than The Ida Nicol Memorial Hospital.

M. C. DICKENS.  
ENDORSE SUGGESTION  
We, the friends of the childhood, as well as of the later years of Miss Ida Nicol do cordially endorse the suggestion of Judge Nicol to name the proposed hospital for her. For self sacrifice and charity she may possibly have had an equal—but never a superior. Her life was worthy of highest commendation and a model of christian service. By all means name the institution for her.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. BRAUNER

Miss Hilda Mertz and brother, Mr. Henry J. Mertz, of Nokesville, were in town Monday, and made the Democrat office a very pleasant call.

The West End defeated the East End in a lively game of base ball yesterday by a 19 to 3 score. Douglas Lion and Walter Allensworth were the pitchers.

The vestry of Trinity Episcopal church has elected C. A. S. Hopkins, senior warden; Judge J. B. T. Thornton, junior warden; Dr. J. M. Lewis, treasurer, and A. A. Hoff, register. W. C. Wagener has been elected delegate, and H. T. Davies, alternate, to the council at Richmond, May 18.

Lee Gaither left here this morning for Washington on business. According to his version, he will bring Mrs. Gaither back with him. He may bring his mother or his sister-in-law who would naturally bear that distinction, but we have no idea what he has yet summoned up the courage he has been lacking so long, to enter the matrimonial arena.

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Report of the condition of The Peoples National Bank at Manassas, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, March 29, 1910.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$178,516.46
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	641.46
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits	1,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	1,600.00
Real estate, mortgages, furniture and fixtures	260,000.00
Due from national banks (not reserves agents)	13,420.00
Due from approved reserve agents	2,784.85
Due from other cash items	26,224.28
Notes of other national banks	788.09
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	282.42
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specific	\$4,421.26
Legal-tender notes	1,736.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	7,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$548,752.15</b>

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,332.22
National Bank notes outstanding	30,000.00
Due to other national banks	1,546.16
Dividends unpaid	18.00
Individual deposits subject to check	187,877.21
Demand certificates of deposit	44.25
Certified checks	1,571.43
United States deposits	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$382,756.13</b>

STATE OF VIRGINIA,  
County of Prince William: ss.  
I, G. RAYMOND RATCLIFFE, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
G. RAYMOND RATCLIFFE, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of April, 1910.  
THOS. H. LIND, (Notary Public)  
Correct—Attest: A. W. SINGLAM, JAS. E. NELSON, A. A. HOFF, Directors.

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F. S. Key Smith, Gen. Counsel, 1244 N. York Ave., N. W., Room 303 Evans Bldg., Washington, D.C.  
 W. E. Tullens, General Manager, Haymarket, Va.

DIRECTORS—J. V. Latham, A. D. Bolen, O. C. Hutchison, F. S. Key Smith, W. E. Tullens,  
 C. Raymond Hutchins, Ralph C. Lupton.

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 23,000 acres of land under lease. This land was leased under the direction of Prof. F. J. Fluhbeck, 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 15 years' 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 20,000 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 J. R. 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 2,000 acres of land. The first well drilled was a 60-barrel producer, and for fourteen successive wells he did not strike a single dry one. The Bremen company, after two years and two months, is selling fifty-five thousand dollars worth of oil per month; its stock, which originally sold at \$25 per share, now sells for \$225 per share, and now 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, pointed them and advised the idea of getting up a stock company, and that there was no possibility of getting oil or gas from the field, and that the only way for their production was to get it from other fields. (This geologist told him that there was Texas, California, Oklahoma, Indiana and other fields that have been such heavy producers of oil.) And while this meeting was in progress, he, and the lecturer and led to the oil field. Now this field is a large producing and refining one.



### READ CAREFULLY

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

You may think you can do better by waiting and buying stock after oil is struck. Study the table of California above and decide how many shares you could buy after development, in its 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	2.50
Lucile	.15	5.00
Dillon	.25	3.50
Kern	.25	3.75
Starling	.50	4.50
West Shore	.50	4.50
Pedro	.50	3.75
San Joaquin	.50	12.50
Kern River	.50	21.50
New York	.50	20.00
Oil City	2.00	35.00
Pacific	2.00	150.00
Hanford	10.00	150.00
Puente	10.00	150.00
St. Lawrence	15.00	300.00
Kreyenhagen	10.00	250.00
Home	10.00	500.00

\$100 invested in New York Oil Company has since had a value of \$2,500.  
 \$100 invested in Hanford Company has since had a value of \$4,000.  
 \$100 invested in Pedro Co., now has a value of \$6,250.  
 \$100 invested in San Joaquin Company has since had a value of \$25,000.  
 \$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 Lucile Oil Company has since had a value of \$30,000.  
 \$100 invested in Home Oil Company has since had a value of \$40,000.  
 Its oil sells at from 25c to 60c per barrel.

The foregoing articles were gleaned from official sources and doubtless are not overdrawn. That the Petroleum Oil Industry is an inviting field for small investors will be readily admitted after reading this circular.

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

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MANASSAS, VA., THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1910.

### Progressive Manassas

MANASSAS has established a record for progressiveness approached by few, if any, Towns of its size. There is no Town in the country that has a brighter future. The remarkable advancement of Manassas perhaps has been most strongly manifested within the last few months. What other Town can point to greater activity for civic improvements—for Town building?

Let us review these activities: A special election is about to be ordered on a proposition to issue \$30,000 worth of bonds to install an adequate water system, a movement has been started to secure electric lights and more street improvements. Physicians and other citizens of Prince William County are co-operating on plans for a modern hospital. Donations of two fine sites have been offered for the institution. Prospects are favorable that within a year electric cars will be running into Manassas on the Gould line extension from Ashland to Washington, as the result of inducements offered by the Business League. Surveyors are now in the field running tentative lines. Eastern College has just completed a splendid Assembly Hall at a cost of \$30,000, and work is to be started immediately upon its counterpart, Voorhees Hall, to be erected at an expenditure of \$30,000, making a total outlay of \$60,000 in new buildings within a year. Plans are under advisement of the College authorities for the erection of a Music Hall and a Gymnasium, and the installation of other important improvements. An expenditure of approximately \$50,000 is to be made in building improvements at the Manassas Industrial School this year. This will represent \$30,000 for the erection of a new Trades Building, \$15,000 for a Hospital, \$3,000 for alterations in Howland Hall. The funds are available, and the corner stone of the new Trades Building will be laid on May 30. New buildings are being erected in the business and residential districts, others are kept attractive with new paint and repairs, vacant lots are being transformed into pretty miniature parks, and the streets are being kept clean.

Small wonder that Manassas has won the proud title of "the best town of its size in the State." It is the Manassas spirit that is making the Town forge ahead. It shows what may be accomplished when citizens work together for the welfare of a Town.

### Mothers-in-Law

A DANGEROUS theme! Suggested by an illuminating press dispatch to the effect that "a meek looking little man tames his mother-in-law with his hypnotic eyes." The writer is not a misogynist, neither is he a married man, else he might take occasion to remark what psychic science is doing to alleviate the suffering of man. My association with mothers-in-law has been all in the abstract, but experience with several most estimable ladies in such prospective relation, qualifies me, I believe, to say something that may lift a load from some heavy heart.

Believe me, if a woman objects to you marrying her daughter you are up against a proposition that makes Hannibal's Alpine tour look like a mild winter's day snowballing party. The girl may love you devotedly, but, remember! she also loves her mother. Naturally she may obey her implacable parent, but instinctively she realizes that her life's happiness is at stake and keeps on hoping for better days. Hypnotism may work on the mother after her spirit is broken and you have married the girl, but is ineffective as though exercised on a graven image so long as hope looms on her horizon. Really, she has classed you in the same category as her husband, which is saying a great deal or not very much, but which means precisely the same thing. Flattery arouses her suspicions, and may cause her to think you are not in your right senses, or even accuse you of drinking. If you argue the proposition with her, you are sure to get the worst of it. Cultivate the old gentleman. He'll appreciate it, for nine chances out of ten he was up against the same difficulties in winning the lady who now appears as a match with a fellow sufferer. Buy him a few cigars, laugh at his almanac jokes, and tell him that you'll warrant he was a gay wight in his time, and he'll go the limit for you. But, remember, before you get joyful that the limit is set by the feminine head of the household. By this time you will have discovered if the girl is the only one in all the world for you, the one sacred creature you would call wife, the one to whom you would tell the beautiful story that never grows old. If so, it's up to you to fight down opposing forces and capture her. If not, depart in peace.

### Ida Nicol Memorial Hospital

A BEAUTIFUL and an eloquent tribute to the memory of his sister is given by Judge C. E. Nicol in a proposal that the new hospital be named The Ida Nicol Memorial Hospital. It is filled with a brother's tender love, with reverence for a life which exemplified the teachings of the Savior. She consecrated her life to the afflicted and needy. She went about ministering to the sick and relieving the distressed. The Ida Nicol Memorial Hospital would stand monumental to her Christian deeds.

Public sentiment favors making the hospital memorial to Miss Ida Nicol, if expressions by many residents of the County be a criterion. They voice a desire that lasting recognition be given the blessed work of this noble Christian woman. None knew Miss Ida Nicol but to love her, and there are those in Prince William county today to whom her very name is a benediction. For grateful remembrance is the immortality of a loving deed.

Judge Nicol has offered to donate a site at the corner of Lee and Grant avenues for the hospital, an ideal location for the institution. He clearly pointed out its advantages in a communication last week to the press in which he stated:

"I think the corner of Lee and Grant avenues is the best location for the hospital because it is convenient and yet removed from noise, smoke and dirt and will be always under the eye of the public as the people of the county come and go to the court house. The names of Lee and Grant in conjunction speak peace and union. Reflection will develop this thought as applied to a hospital."

AN exchange asks, "How destroy the seed of wild oats?" Do not sow them.

THE improvement in the condition of Senator Daniel is cheering news to the people of Virginia.

THE House insurgents have decided to quit fighting and get down to business. Is it possible?

A VOLUMINOUS article in a daily newspaper bears the caption, "After Marriage." An inexhaustible subject.

ACCORDING to rumor Carnegie may start a newspaper. An effective method of fulfilling his hope that he may die poor.

AN Interstate Commerce Commissioner reports that Pullman car rates are excessive. The public has long been aware of that fact.

ACCORDING to reports the comet rises one hour ahead of the sun. We are unable to verify this calculation from personal observation.

THE first series of the Farmers' Institute, which closes tomorrow, has proven highly successful. It is an educative force which now has become indispensable.

CLEAN-UP days are being adopted by many Towns throughout the State, to a great improvement in their appearance. The plan is working out successfully in Manassas.

A CALIFORNIA girl has entered suit against her recreant fiance for \$20,000 to heal her broken heart. The operation probably would not be difficult under such conditions.

A PENNSYLVANIA man has completed a unique table in which he used 2,628 pieces of wood and which required 226 hours to make. Now to get something to place upon the table.

AN OHIO man who lived with two wives is looked upon as a hero by members of an admiring grand jury, who as a mark of recognition for his signal bravery, declined to indict him.

THE thirteenth census of the United States will begin tomorrow. It is of the utmost importance that the enumeration and the statistics be accurate and complete, and it is wholly dependent upon information given by citizens.

THE plans suggested by Vox Populi in a communication on the first page for betterment of the Central Mutual telephone service are worthy consideration. The present inadequate facilities are sources of serious inconvenience and irritating annoyance.

A CONNECTICUT woman of uncertain age has eloped with a mere boy, and the youngster's parents are seeking annulment of the marriage on grounds of abduction. They are trying to make it appear a "kidnapping" affair, but the youngster no doubt was awake to the significance of the clandestine ceremony.

WHAT a wonderful difference just a little effort makes. The appearance of the Town is being greatly improved by the removal of debris from vacant lots and litter from the streets. But the alleys still are in need of the renovative process. To neglect them in the general clean-up, is like placing an immaculate collar on an unclean neck.

THE West is being swept by disastrous floods, causing loss of life and property. The mountains have been denuded of trees, until the continental "watershed" is a misnomer. If one-half the effort spent in squabbling were actually directed toward protection of the public domain and conservation of its resources, much danger of disaster would be eliminated.

THE reduction in Pullman rates ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission meets the earnest approval of the public. The reduction is general, but its most just application is in making a lower charge for the inferior service of an upper berth. Travelers have been compelled to submit to the extortionate rates exacted by the Pullman company or suffer great inconvenience, as the service is more a necessity than a luxury. People of limited means who have spent miserable sleepless nights in ordinary coaches especially will welcome the reduction.

RUMORS are in circulation that the railroads of the country will employ no more women as stenographers, clerks and telegraph operators. Executives believe that the future of the railroads rests with the young men in their employ, and it is from the ranks of men in the actual operative service that specialized workers are secured. They claim women are physically unable to take training which would fit them for higher positions. It is true that save in rare instances where unusual ability is shown a woman rarely advances in railroad service, but it is one of the very few industries which they have not mastered in detail and won high distinction.

VIRGINIA stands foremost among Southern States in development and general prosperity. According to the Hand Book of Virginia, compiled under direction of G. W. Kuiser, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and also his report for 1909, 2,000 Virginia farms were sold to persons from beyond the borders of the State, increasing the State's wealth by more than two million dollars. The population of the State has increased five per cent during the last five years. The total value of agricultural products of the State for 1909 was more than \$200,000,000, the corn crop alone being valued at \$35,000,000, showing an increase over the corn crop of 1900 by an average of ten bushels to the acre, or \$19,000,000.

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### THE NAME GOING OF MISS IDA NICOL

The name suggested for the proposed hospital now under consideration by the people of Manassas and Prince William county recalls the closing scene in the life of Miss Ida Nicol at the Bryn Mawr hospital in Pennsylvania, in the month of October, 1900. Mine was the last familiar face on which she looked, and true to the instinct of her consecrated life and within a few hours of the dread operation that took her home, she expressed concern about a trifling ailment from which I was then suffering. I can see her now as I saw her then, genial and self-possessed, and yet with an indefinable atmosphere of chastened resignation all about her. Never had I seen her look so well; never had I seen her smile more serenely. She described with mingled humor and pathos the horrors of the first night passed at the hospital, but expressed no fear of the impending operation. I, poor man, had gone to comfort her; she by the strength of her invisible helper comforted me.

The autumn tints were on the trees in plain view from her window and we talked like children of the beauty that was crowning the dying year. She then asked me to pray with her, after which she sent her dear love to all, and shaking hands, the last visible link that bound her to the past, I departed and left her waiting for the call of God.

How infinitely richer is the influence of a name associated with such a life than any money consideration whatever. The life of Miss Ida Nicol stands for pure and undefiled disinterestedness and any institution bearing her name will foster and feed this crowning virtue.

THOMAS D. D. CLARK,  
Manassas, Va.

### PAINT MAIL BOXES

Rural delivery patrons are requested by the post office department to paint their mail boxes and the post projection to which they are attached a pure white color. This, it is believed, will not only protect the box and post from weather damage, but will give the boxes a uniform color and fix their identity in all parts of the country as United States mail boxes.

The department also requests that patrons print their names and box numbers on boxes in black block numbers about two inches high. Further it is desired that road officials paint upon posts of boxes located at cross roads, but not to attach signs thereto, the towns or villages to which the cross roads lead, with an indicator showing the direction.

### A GHOST AT SEA

The Phantom That Boarded the Bark Sea Flower.

The following incident is recorded as a true short story by an English publication:

The Sea Flower, a bark of some 450 tons, was in the early hours of the 23d of June, 1864, bound for Bristol, England, under the command of the first mate, her captain, John Ellis, having been left behind at Kingston, Jamaica, suffering from "yellow-jack." It was about four bells in the middle watch (or 2 a. m.) when the mate, who was standing near the binnacle giving the helmsman his course, suddenly became aware of a mysterious presence in the waist of the ship. At the same moment his companions clutched him by the arm and, pointing shrieking, "D'ye see him, d'ye?"

Before he could reply the mate became aware that the dark shadow he had just before observed had so far materialized that it bore the appearance of Captain Ellis. The figure of the captain advanced along the deck and disappeared slowly down the companion.

Recovering himself, the mate left the helmsman and hurried down into the cabin, meeting, just coming out of it, the second mate, who told him he had been awakened with a start after dreaming that the captain had come aboard and was calling him. Both men then made a complete search of the saloon and the other cabins, but it was needless to say, without result.

Later it was found that Captain Ellis had died between 1 and 2 a. m. in the morning of June 23.

The story got about, and the ship obtained a reputation for being haunted; consequently a difficulty was found in obtaining crews, and in the end it was retained and sold to a foreign firm.

### An Artist's Criticism.

Falgoutre, the sculptor, tells a capital story of Henner, the great artist who, although he lived in Paris all his life, never lost his Alsatian peasant accent or his country manners. But Henner was a very keen critic and had a clever way of showing his dislike of wordy enthusiasm. Falgoutre, whose talent as a sculptor is known all the world over, was very fond of painting, but he did not paint particularly well. One day Henner was in his studio, and Falgoutre showed him some of his pictures.

"What do you think of this one?" asked Falgoutre.

"Superb!" said Henner, with his Alsatian accent. "Marfelous!"

"And this one?"

"And this one?"

"Supplins!"

Then the old man picked up a little bust which his friend had just finished:

"Ah!" he said. "Now, dat's good!"

"I never painted after that," said Falgoutre.—New York Mail.

### Have You Diplopia?

Diplopia, as its name signifies, is the defect which causes the eye to see two images of the same object. Of course the drunkard's temporary diplopia is well known, but it is possible for a quite sober person to perceive two keyholes instead of one, as the comic journals have it, and yet be a total abstainer. Diplopia is usually the result of squint or general eye weakness and is necessarily a distressing malady. As a rule, the defect manifests itself in regard to small objects at some distance—eight feet or so. For instance, one lamp will be seen slightly above another or to right or left. As a rule, the false image is fainter than the genuine one, but when I looked through the prism, which made me for the time being diploptic, I saw the second image quite as clearly as the first, but with a tendency to wander. The farther away the real image appears from the true the less distinct is its outline.—Strand Magazine.

### A Use For Old Hats.

Felt from an old hat makes good packing for automobile water circulating pumps. Strips should be cut to fit snugly in the stuffing box. When the felt is screwed down it will expand the felt and make a water tight joint.

### A Cynical Test.

Diogenes was hunting for an honest man. "I shall test those who announce they take a cold plunge every morning in winter," he cried. "I mean to do so," he took along a fish.—New York Sun.

### Unique Tablecloth.

When a southeast wind is blowing the visitor to Cape Town is treated to a peculiar and interesting natural phenomenon, for under such conditions Table mountain, in the language of the natives, "puts on a tablecloth." In other words, the thin line of fleecy cloud forming above it descends until it rests flat upon the mountain top, with its edges drooping gracefully over its sides. It is really, not unlike the article of household use which gives it its name.

### Echoes of the Past.

Mark Antony had asked his countrymen to lend him their ears. "I want them for a loan exposition," he explained. "I have already a splendid collection of Roman noses." Having gained their attention by this little flight of fancy, he proceeded to fling a few choice bouquets at the late J. Caesar.—Chicago Tribune.

### Valuable Advice.

Young Lady—A friend of mine is engaged to a man, and now he refuses to marry her. What would you advise her to do? Old Lawyer—Is the man wealthy? Young Lady—No. He hasn't a shilling. Old Lawyer—Then I'd advise her to write him a nice letter of thanks.—London Telegraph.

### A Crazy Spell.

The opera was "Erosators." "Though I no more may hold thee, yet is thy name a spell." sang the basso to the prima donna. And it was. Her name was Sophrosia Oeschlinskiwicz.—Judge.

### A Modern Quarrel.

Hum—I might have married a dozen better women than you. Her—I might have married a dozen better men than you, and, what's more, I intend to.—Cleveland Fester.

### Each decision you make, however trifling it may be, will influence every decision you will have to make, however important it may be.

What will you do for your cough, your cold, your throat, your chest, your lungs? I don't want it, but if I had it I would take BLOODING COUGH CURE, a few bottles will cure you.

## Conner's New Store

HAVING MOVED my stock of Meats and Groceries into one of my new storerooms, I will be glad to serve my customers in the same old way. We have no rent to pay and mean to sell goods cheap FOR CASH. We have a full line of Groceries and Meats. All kinds of Seed Potatoes \$1.00 per bushel.

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Full measure and satisfaction guaranteed. I want your patronage and will treat you right. Give me your next order

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. J. R. DAVIS has acquired the Lumber and House-building Material Business conducted by R. H. Davis & Co., at Bristow, Va., for the last fifteen years, and will take charge May 1st. The Hardware and Machinery Business will continue to be conducted by R. H. DAVIS & CO., at "The Poor Man's Store."

# 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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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,

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Best Tomatoes, per doz cans . . . . .	90c	Good Brooms . . . . .	33c
Best Corn, per doz cans . . . . .	90c	Family Flour . . . . .	\$5.75
Best Beans, per doz cans . . . . .	90c	Table Ball Flour . . . . .	\$6.75
Best Eating Potatoes, bushel . . . . .	80c	Potomac Herring, Corned, box . . . . .	12c
Best Prunes . . . . .	8c	Fine Mackerel, each . . . . .	4c
Best P. R. Molasses, per gallon . . . . .	40c	6 spools Cotton . . . . .	25c
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M. I. C. Building  
Manassas, Va. Nicol & Ransdell



They came periodically out of the indefinite mountains in central Idaho, tracked a few skins and Indian weapons and fished and loafed for a few days in the vicinity of the horse and cowboy saloon, sour-faced Bannocks, inc...

middle and pinning one arm, and with another wild yell he put spurs to his horse. Had her wit not then been...

FROM A WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

Constantinople School. Miss Helen Gould gave \$150,000 to the College in Constantinople last year. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt gave \$1,000,000 for the sanitary tenements, and is supposed to have given a half million to a home for cripples at Chappaqua, N. Y.

Who counts it wrong in a woman to do that which a man may do with immunity. Who boasts of his capacity for a life; of how much he can drink without showing the effect. Get away from him; he is more of a hoghead than a man.

HOME IDEAS. For rink-tum diddy in the dish, heat a cupful of butter, add a teaspoonful of soda, salt and paprika. Add two cupfuls of grated cheese, a little pepper sauce and as soon as the cheese is blended turn it into a toast or crackers.—New York Sun.

A Toll-Bridge Incident

By Franklin Welles Calkins.

The man they had deprived of a gun sat looking after them in silence for two or three minutes. Tracy, uneasy at what she had seen, watched him steadily until suddenly he wheeled and plunged through. When his pony had labored up the rather difficult bank, the Bannock rode straight across a sage-bush flat, toward a bunch of horses feeding near an opposite foothill.

Tracy's peril was frightful. One stumble from La Salle, and she would be dragged to death at the heels of that crazy creature's animal. She realized now that the Bannock was riotously drunk; that her only hope lay in the weapon in her pocket. She drew the pistol but hesitated to fire. Then, with sudden inspiration, she made several quick efforts, caught its muzzle against the rear rope and pulled it taut.

Tracy fired three shots in rapid succession; her horse rearing up, she gave her some steadiness of aim. At the third shot the Bannock's horse dropped in its tracks, its rider sprawling upon the slope, riven twice over, and lay face down, with arms outstretched.

Tracy dashed down to the bridge, unbraked the bolts without dismounting, backing her pony away to swing it up, then clattered across the bridge and upon the road along the fume and irrigation ditch.

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Candidate for Governor. Mrs. Marilla M. Ricker, a lawyer and a leading suffragist in New Hampshire, telegraphed from California, where she was spending the winter, that she would be a candidate for governor of New Hampshire on the next election.

The Contented Spinster. Blessed is the contented spinster, for great is her reward in comfort. She shall enjoy long vacations undisturbed, and unrebuked she shall waste her substance on lovely hats; cheerfully shall she practice economy in the necessities of life, and riotously indulge in her luxuries, and render no fearful account.

Expert in Dairying. Miss Beattie M. G. Dore, of Boyshot farm, whose marriage has taken place at Wootton-Fitzpaine church, enjoys widespread fame as an expert in dairying. She has won over a hundred prizes, certificates and medals for her butter-making, her fancy designing in butter gaining for her high distinction.

Antique Neckties. One sees on every hand wonderful neckties, articles of imitation. These are worn by women who could put on a row of pearls or diamonds without depleting the jewel casket. Some are worn by women who have no other kind of jewelry to display.

Girls Roll Over to Reduce Flesh. Muskogee, Okla., has a Roller club. Its members are all young women and they roll themselves to reduce their flesh. They belong to the best society of the town.

Fashion Notes. Hats will be rose-tinted. Figured swisses are in vogue again. Dangling earrings are in great favor. Handbags are again increasing in size.

French ornaments with square marked off by satin bands are among the prettiest of this season's novelties. Very serviceable undershirts are made of gray cloth in natural color. Sometimes wash silk is used instead of lawn for the ruffled collar.

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Who thinks he is irresistible to the fair sex. Who is courteous and amiable to strangers but keeps dullness for home consumption. Who thinks his cigars and wines a necessity, but looks upon household expenses as a luxury.

There are many mothers now living in the country who long to move to the city where they may secure better advantages for their children. It is always deplorable when this restless condition exists.

Here, too, while there is much to be done, there is leisure for instruction. The mother has the quiet evening hours when she may instill into her children those great lessons of obedience, reverence and moral obligation, and this can be done without the fear that on the morrow evil associates may undo the effects of her careful teaching.

Take one pound of potatoes; wash and pare them, and cut them into slices. Peel two or three large onions and cut them also into slices. Butter a pudding dish and put in a layer of potatoes and then a layer of onions.

To love their fellow men and serve their God. E. H. W., in the Farm Journal, Philadelphia.

Ordinary baking powder will put out a fire immediately. It forms a gas, carbon dioxide, which smothers the flame at once.

To mend a paper bag with a small hole breaks in the flour or other paper bag, cover with a piece of court plaster and save waste and bother.

How to repair a coal hod—When the hod has a hole in it, make a new paste. Take a stout piece of cotton and paste over the hole both inside and out; let dry before using. Will last about as long as a new one.

For a case of cold feet, cut two holes out of an old felt hat, a man's derby preferred. As they are not so thick and heavy, put them in your shoes and you will have warm feet in winter. I have tried everything and this is the best result I have found. To be the right thing. Take them out and dry them over night.

Two Sardine Receipts. For a little meat, toast slices of ham bread, spread them with butter and on each put a large sardine that has been drained from its oil, sprinkled with lemon juice and baked ten minutes in a cold oven.

Turkish Salad. For Turkish salad, shred a green sweet pepper divested of its seeds very fine and add a cupful of very finely chopped cabbage, the same quantity of minced celery, a cupful of sliced apples, two dozen white grapes seeded and cut in half and a dozen broken English walnut meats.

Lemon Cream Pie. Line a pie plate with rich pastry and bake it, first picking crust in several places to prevent blistering. Squeeze the juice from 2 lemons and grate into it the rind of 1, add cup of sugar and 2 tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, stir until dissolved; pour on slowly 1 pint boiling water, put over fire and stir until clear; take from fire, and while still warm, stir in beaten yolks of 3 eggs; fill crust with mixture and bake; when set, draw the cover of the oven and cover with meringue made of the whites of 3 eggs, beaten light, with 4 tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar; return to the oven until a golden brown in color, then set in a warm kitchen until pie is cool; keep out of cold drafts while hot.—E. H. W., in the Boston Post.

Put into a layer of cold water. Roll out to the thickness required. Cut a strip off for the edge of the dish. Moisten edge and pat strip round, being careful not to stretch the pastry, as it always shrinks with the heat. Cover the top with pastry, and put in a hot oven. Reduce the heat after the first ten minutes and cook more slowly for three-quarters of an hour.—New York Press.

In laundering a faded black skirt or waist, rinse in a deep bluing water to restore color. Ordinary baking powder will put out a fire immediately. It forms a gas, carbon dioxide, which smothers the flame at once.

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A raw egg with the shell removed, scalded immediately, will carry a fish bone down that cannot be removed from the throat by the utmost exertion and has gotten out of reach of the fingers.

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MRS. SAYLOR AND DR. MILLER GUILTY

Both Sentenced For Banker J. B. Saylor's Death. Dr. W. R. Miller Gets Twelve Years And Mrs. J. B. Saylor Gets Three Years For Manslaughter.

Scene in the Court Room. Judge Dibell set April 30 for arguments for a new trial, thanked the jurors for their work and discharged them.

For the first time since he was arrested Dr. Miller felt the grip of handcuffs as he was taken from the courtroom to the county jail after an exciting farewell to his wife.

Mrs. Saylor, somewhat recovered from her emotion, walked unbacked to the cell which has been her home for many months. John Grunden, with squared shoulders, went from the courthouse a free man.

14 KILLED BY A BLAST. Workmen Torn To Pieces On Santa Fe Extension. Novite, Texas (Special).—Fourteen men were killed and one fatally injured by the premature explosion of dynamite at a construction camp on the Texco extension of the Santa Fe Railroad.

Avenge His Half-Brother. Pawhuska, Okla. (Special).—Eugene Hayes, a rich cattle dealer, who was indicted in Kansas City for killing his partner, Edward Hays, in a hotel there, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Amos Hays, half-brother of Edward Hays.

Robbers Hide In Caves. Pittsburg (Special).—Two members of the band of four or more robbers and murderers which held up the Victor Bank in McKean Rocks are believed to be in hiding in the vicinity of Avella, a mining town near Washington, Pa.

Train Crash On Tracks. Spokane, Wash. (Special).—A misunderstanding of block signals resulted in a head-on collision of two passenger trains on the Spokane-Portland & Seattle Railroad a mile west of Spokane.

Loving Cup For Chinese Navy. Amoy (Special).—Preparations are being made for the presentation of a loving cup from the second squadron of the American Atlantic fleet to the Chinese Navy in commemoration of the visit of the battleships in 1908.

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BOY KILLED IN PRIZEFIGHT

Solar Plexus Blow Fatal to Gilbert Trehou. Schoolboy Quarrel At Passaic, N. J. Has A Serious Termination.

Trehou died here from a solar plexus blow received in a boys' prize fight. With brief intermissions he had been unconscious since he was lifted out of the ring and carried to a hospital.

The boys were both of good family. Reports of their quarrel differ, but the patchwork story pieced together by the police is that there had been bad blood between them for some time.

The hat was passed for a purse to the winner and the collection given to a stakeholder. The boys stripped and went at it hammer and tongs.

LIVE TO BE NINETY. A Millionaire Physician And Philanthropist Tells How. Chicago (Special).—If you would live to be ninety years old observe the following rules:

Keep the ten commandments. Go to bed early and sleep eight hours. Don't worry. Eat moderately of wholesome food.

When people call me a stingy old parrot, I take my hat off to them and consider that I have been complimented. At all times be your own executor.

Peary's First Anniversary Being Celebrated. New York (Special).—Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, president of the Peary Arctic Club, in recognition of the first anniversary of the discovery of the North Pole.

Eulogies To Senator McLaure. Washington, D. C. (Special).—In honor of the late Senator McLaure of Mississippi, eulogies were held in the House of Representatives here Sunday.

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EXPLOSION AND PANIC ON SHIP

Many Persons Injured on the Steamer Cairnora. THE MEN FIGHT FOR THE BOATS. Women With Babies In Arms Sitting On A Hatch When Explosion Occurs—Hurled To All Parts Of The Deck And Some Of Them Terribly Injured—Men Fight With The Women In A Mad Scramble To Reach Boats—Steamer Bound For Portland, Me.

A large number of the passengers were landed here, many of them in an exhausted condition. In all, not less than 50 were slightly injured.

The Cairnora sailed from London for Portland, Me. She carried 900 passengers, for the most part emigrants, and a general cargo.

Several of the first-class passengers and American cattlemen gave thrilling details of the accident. A number of women with children in their arms were sitting on a hatch when suddenly a violent explosion hurled them to all parts of the deck.

The madman was Jan Radowitch, a character known to most of the mission for his shiftless habits, slovenly dress and radical opinions.

BIG HATS WEIGH LITTLE. Why Railroads Have Raised Rates On Them. Washington, D. C. (Special).—Women's hats have been growing larger and larger every year.

THAW WAS WORTH \$400,000. Mother A Witness In Suit By County For Fee. New York (Special).—Mrs. Mary Copsey Thaw, mother of Harry Thaw, was a witness in the suit brought by Clifford W. Herdridge, a lawyer, for alleged counsel fees in Thaw's trial for the murder of Stanford White.

Victim Of A Manic. West Palm Beach, Fla. (Special).—Louise Weybrecht, 12 years old, who, with her mother, Mrs. O. W. Weybrecht, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Frank V. Pierce here is dead.

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MADMAN KILLS A MISSION WORKER

Frank Skala Assassinated After Sermon on Martyrdom. HIS COMPANION WAS ALSO SHOT. Fearful Crime. Ok. Held-armed Man In Pittsburg—Prominent Mission Worker Is Shot Down Just After He Had Declared Himself Ready To Die For Christ—John Gay, Who Was With Him, Is Seriously Wounded—No Apparent Motive For The Crime.

Pittsburg (Special).—A sermon on "Martyrdom," in which Frank Skala, editor and prominent mission worker, had declared himself willing to lay down his life for the Christian cause, was followed by his assassination in a highly sensational manner.

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Just From Sunday School. A moment before he had meekly read from juvenile leaflets in the Sunday School led by Skala.

BURGLARS USE CHLOROPORM. Ten Members Of Two Families Are Rendered Unconscious. New York (Special).—Burglars chloroformed 10 members of two families in a house in East Seventh Street, ransacked all the rooms of the four-story building and escaped with more than \$1,000 in money and jewelry.

ENGINE CUTS CAR IN TWO. A Dozen Persons Injured, Six Seriously, In Chicago. Chicago (Special).—A dozen or more persons were injured, six of them seriously, when an electric car on the South Chicago and Calumet lines was demolished by a switch engine on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in South Chicago.

Rob Treasury And Kill 17. Tula, Transcaucasia (Special).—Thirty robbers attacked the treasury at Kizlar, a town of Circassia, a few days ago.

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A BATTLE WITH BANK BURGLARS

Posse in Auto Chase Train Bandits Boarded. Entire Population Aroused By Explosion. Bank Of Coal City, Ill.—Highwaymen Leap On A Freight Train With Plunder—Pursuers Use Autos And Pitched Battle Follows—Three Bandits Wounded—Two Escape.

Chicago (Special).—Five masked bandits, escaping with \$2,000 stolen from the Bank of Coal City, at Coal City, Ill., exchanged shots with a posse of citizens, three of the robbers being wounded and captured.

The robbers then blew up the bank building and shattered the safe with a great charge of nitro-glycerin, and, after seizing the contents of the safe, leaped on a Santa Fe freight train with their plunder.

At Mason on the freight train stopped to switch cars. The bandits leaped from the train and hid in a clump of shrubbery near the track.

FOR TWO MORE BATTLESHIPS. Their Construction Authorized By The House. Washington, D. C. (Special).—By a decisive vote of 162 to 110, 14 being present and not voting, the two battleships to cost \$8,000,000 each, three Democrats voted for two battleships and 24 Republicans against the proposition.

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A BIPLANE ENDS ON AUTOMOBILE

A Peculiar Accident at the Memphis Meet. AN AVIATOR'S AWFUL SWIFT PLUNGE. J. C. Mars, Skilled And Daring Flyer, Escapes With A Wrenched Knee—Canopy Top Of The Touring Car Protects The Women And Children—Occupants From Serious Injury—A Thrilling Close Of The First Aviation Meet In The Tennessee City.

Memphis, Tenn. (Special).—Low-jobs of citizens, three of the robbers being wounded and captured. Coal City is 63 miles southwest of Chicago. The entire population was aroused by the explosion in the bank and the ensuing pursuit.

The canopies over the touring car saved the lives of its occupants, only one of whom was slightly injured. The biplane smashed into bits and Mars was caught under the wreckage, but escaped with no injuries worse than a severely bruised and wrenched knee and a slight cut on his chin.

The accident brought to a thrilling close Memphis' first aviation meet. Thousands of people followed the aviator in his flight across the mile course, saw his machine caught in a sudden gust of wind, spin around like a top to an angle right of the line of his original course and then plunge downward.

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# A ROUMANIAN LEGEND

## The Tragedy From Which Sprang Manoli's Well.

### A WIND-TALE OF OLDER DAYS

Neither Fate Nor Flood Nor Hurricane Could Keep the Faithful Angher From the Man She Loved and From Her Horrible Doom.

Tradition is not history, but it serves to fill in the gaps left by the chroniclers of older times and throws a light—sometimes a lurid one—upon the manners and customs of bygone ages. A dark deed cruel enough to be remembered even in a cruel age is repeated from father to son, each generation adding its touch of superstitious marvel to the story till it grows into the fairy tale of today—mythical, yet not without a kernel of truth.

Among the picturesque peasantry of Roumania legends many a weird tale of olden days. One such legend is related concerning an ancient monastery, the remains of which are still to be seen on a wooded hillside. Beneath the wild walls lie nine great lumps of granite, and among these rocks flows a spring of clear water, called by the peasants "Manoli's well" and believed by them to have a strange and wonderful origin.

Once upon a time, we are told, a Roumanian noble named Negen was a captive in the hands of Selim, the sultan of Turkey. During his exile Negen employed his time in studying architecture, and, possessing considerable talent, he undertook to superintend the building of a celebrated mosque. Charmed by the beauty of the building, the sultan granted Negen his liberty and permission to carry back to his native land certain costly materials similar to those used in beautifying the mosque.

Accompanied by nine skilled masons Negen returned to Roumania, resolved to immortalize his name by building there a religious house such as had never before been seen.

The site chosen, the builders set to work under his orders, but their labor was in vain, for every night evil spirits pulled down what had been erected during the day.

One night Manoli, the chief of the builders, had a strange dream. A mysterious voice warned him that the building they had undertaken would never be reared unless they built into the walls the living form of the first woman who appeared at break of day.

On awaking from sleep Manoli told his comrades of this vision, and together they made a solemn vow to sacrifice thus the first woman, maid or matron, who appeared the next morning.

With the first streak of dawn Manoli mounted the scaffolding and scanned the surrounding hills with painful, anxious gaze. Alas, who is it he sees in the distance? His own fair young wife, bringing food and wine for her lord.

They Manoli threw himself upon his knees and besought heaven to send a flood to prevent her from coming, and at once the rain poured down and the river rose so that a waste of water covered the valley.

The young wife waded through the water and, standing in the middle, beheld her will approaching.

Again she played, and a fierce hurricane swept over the mountains, leveling trees and hurling rocks in the way. Yet on she came, Angher had a brave spirit, and neither flood nor tempest would keep her from the man she loved.

Joyfully the masons received her, but Manoli's face was pale and stricken with anguish.

They led the young wife to a niche in the newly built wall and told her to stand there for a joke, while they pretended to build her in. At first she laughed merrily and entered into the jest, but her smiles vanished as quick as the will rose from nuptial to knee and from knee to waist.

Her entreaties and cries did not move the hearts of the stern builders, and soon her voice was heard no more.

The prophetic vision proved true. The building suffered no more from invisible foes and when complete satisfied the pride of Negen's heart. Manoli alone took no pleasure in the edifice which had cost him so dear.

It was destined, and the masons prepared to return to their own country. Negen, however, determined that they should never return. The design which they had worked out so admirably was the creature of his brain, the darling of his heart; it should never be reproduced. So he invited them all to the roof for the last time. Then, mysteriously removing the ladders, he left them there to die.

# BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

At the regular devotional meeting of the W. C. T. U. in session Friday afternoon, March 11, the following thoughts were expressed by Mrs. Hedge, and are published by request of the speaker with the hope that they may be helpful to some one who may read them.

MRS. ROUND, President.  
PEACE—LAVENDERS

(Continued from last week)

How beautiful must have been that scene on the sea of Galilee after this storm that evening when, weary after His busy day, our Savior slept amid the noise and confusion of the tempest. What an impression must have been made on those faithless ones who saw the wonderful change when their Lord uttered that command to the sea: "Peace! Be still." There was a great calm in their troubled souls. Does it not seem strange that His disciples should have been so anxious when Jesus was in the ship?

How is it with us day by day when the storms of life seem almost to overwhelm us? Is not Jesus in our ship? And cannot He give peace to the most anxious heart? Sometimes when the storms of life seem almost too much for us, it is well for us just to sit still and wait His bidding, to listen for His voice, and listening hear His "Peace! Be still." A great calm will come, a peace like that on Galilee that summer evening, when on its quiet bosom rested the soft tints of the setting sun. Peace with God, Rom. 5:1, gives us the "Peace of God." Col. 3:15.

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin! The blood of Jesus whitereth. Peace within!  
Peace, perfect peace, by thorough duties pressed! To do the will of Jesus, that is rest.  
Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away! In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they.  
Peace, perfect peace, our Father's love and grace! His love and grace, and His love and grace.

FATIENCE—BLUE

In Luke 21:19 in the Revised edition we read, "In your patience ye shall win your souls." This is a promise as well as a command. We are to win our souls not only by works of salvation but we are to make the most of them, and to accomplish the highest we can with our souls or lives. The servant of God will not permit himself to be impatient or engage in any selfish strife. Impatience is a waste and a loss. Phil. 2:14.

We must be patient with the defects of others, remembering our own infirmities. Thomas a Kempis said, "Seldom do we weigh our neighbors in the same balance with ourselves." We must be on the watch, like good soldiers, with our weapons ready, such weapons as are described in the sixth chapter of Ephesians. Silence when what is said to us might easily provoke an answer, is a great safeguard against impatience. Let us cultivate that patience which merges into joy, that patience with ourselves, our circumstances, and with others, which helps us to accept what comes and will lead us because of the grace that is ours, to "rejoice."

Let us guard our words in our homes. Let us not give our sweetest and best to those whom we meet elsewhere, who, however dear they may be, are not our own. If provocation comes, let us keep still until calmness has driven impatience from our hearts and we can give "the soft answer that turns away wrath." Prov. 15:1.

Will Carlton in one of his most pathetic poems says, "Boys flying kites sail in their white-winged birds; you can't do that when you're flying words." The heavy word may be much regretted and quickly withdrawn, but alas! the arrow was poisoned, and inflicted a wound not easy to heal. Let us let an example of patience to those about us, our dear children and young people, as well as to those older. Rest will fill our hearts and happiness will be ours. We will "be glad and rejoice."

rusty whirrs  
In the Sermon on the Mount our Lord said, "Blessed are the pure in heart." Our Guide book gives great prominence to purity. Nothing unclean "can see God." What has happened that beautiful white cloth? It has been carefully washed, but, alas! a trace of the ink spot still remains. Rough hands have marred the delicate tint of the rose and it can never be restored. The soft blush of the pink-shedded peach once gone is gone forever. The soul of one who is willing to listen to or repeat a story of unclean purity is stained beyond repair, were it not for the cleansing by the precious blood of Christ. How many youth and, alas! mature years, because they are clever or witty or amusing; listen to and repeat coarse jokes or stories that should cause a blush of shame.

Playing with edged tools generally leads to a wound, and although it may heal, it is certain to leave a scar. "Keep thyself pure." Paul admonishes Timothy, 1 Tim. 5:22, 1 Tim. 4:3, James 1:27. It is not the lives that are lived in the seclusion of the convent screened from the world, that are purest or freest from taint. It is those that have had much to contend with, whose conditions apparently have been most hostile, who have attained the highest life of purity. The furnace has to be heated to the highest degree

before the dross all can be removed. The refiner sits by his caldron of gold and skims off the dross from the seething surface. He causes the fire to burn more and more fiercely, still removing every blemish until at last not a speck remains, and in the polished surface he can see his own face reflected. Jesus, the Refiner, is not content until He can see His image reflected in ours. "Blessed are the pure in heart."  
(Continued next week)

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**TOPICS OF THE TOWN**

Chris Meetze was in Baltimore on business Monday.

Mrs. Virginia Bell, of Catletts, is visiting here this week.

Mrs. W. F. Merchant will entertain at cards this evening.

Orlando Evans has started work on a new frame residence.

Blake Chew, of Haymarket, is reported seriously ill of typhoid fever.

Hamilton College, of New York, will play Eastern College here today.

Mrs. W. M. Wheeler, who has been quite ill for the past week, is much better.

M. J. Hottle has erected an ornamental iron fence on D. F. Bowman's property.

A regular meeting of the Manassas fire department will be held Thursday night, April 28.

Frank Wine and Miss Sadie Bell, both of The Plains, were married here yesterday by Elder Badger.

C. P. Nelson and family, of Charleston, W. Va. are here visiting his parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. Nelson.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Gardner, of Manassas, left here Saturday afternoon for Markham, where they will spend a month with their daughter Mrs. W. K. Moss.

Charles Evans and Morgan Hensley will open a general merchandise store at Buckhall about May 1, in the Evans building formerly occupied by Dan Kinch-elo.

N. D. Smith, of Northern Pennsylvania, is here prospecting for a home. Mr. Smith is well pleased with this section of Virginia and Manassas in particular.

The West End team met its first defeat of the season Monday from the East end by a 10 to 8 score. Allensworth and Cather allowed eight and five hits respectively.

C. E. Sparrow, coach of Eastern College base ball team, has taken a position as assistant sporting editor of The Baltimore Sun. He will continue to direct the College team.

Suffering from dangerous developments of internal injuries he sustained recently in falling from a building, Clay Utterback, of Marshall, passed through here yesterday on his way to University hospital, Charlottesville.

A strong church near Richmond has extended a call to the Rev. J. A. T. Marsteller, of Thoroughfare. As the offer was made without his solicitation, it comes as a high compliment. He is undecided yet as to whether he will accept.

The case of the Commonwealth against J. D. Harris, for the killing of Editor Thompson, of Warrenton, has been continued to Monday, June 13. The case was set for trial April 25, but previous engagement of attorneys for the trial necessitated a postponement. Mr. Harris renewed his bond Friday.

William E. Moore, colored, indicted of felony, was sentenced in the circuit court Thursday to six months in the county jail and payment of a fine of \$25. Moore is charged with breaking into a store at Greenwich last February and secured a small quantity of merchandise. The cases against J. D. Harris and Samuel Jarboe, charged with felony, were continued to the June term.

A surprise party was given last Thursday night in honor of Miss Eleanor Sanders. The guests were entertained by music, games and dancing. Among those present were Misses Mary Garrison, Dorothy and Gertrude Button, Katie Lewis, Beulah Griffith, Margaret Lynch and Teresa Milnes, and Joplin Adams. Eugene Davis, Eddie Lynch, James Metcalfe, Gordon Lightner and Allen Merchant.

D. F. Bowman is convalescent from a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia.

The Never Lets defeated the Industrial School Saturday by an 18 to 14 score.

Mrs. John Hamilton Shotwell, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. W. F. Merchant.

C. Shirley Leachman, of Wellington, has returned from a business trip to Baltimore.

Paul Akers, who holds a position in Culpeper, came on a visit to his mother, in this place, last Sunday.

The Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas company will hold its annual meeting for election of officers on Wednesday, May 4.

Rev. H. S. Willey will preach Sunday, April 24th, as follows: 11 a. m. Bristol; 3 p. m. Woodlawn; 8 p. m. Buckhall.

Miss Maude Barron, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Miss Stuart Hynson, was called home Tuesday by the illness of her father.

Samuel Flory, A. W. Long and Samuel Hedrick have been appointed by the circuit court to inventory and appraise the estate of Elizabeth Harpine.

The Milkmaids' Convention given in Conner's hall Tuesday night for the benefit of the High School association attracted a large audience. The presentation was excellent.

Ashby Glasscock, who was a former clerk for S. T. Weir of this place, and who is now engaged in business with his brother, in Richmond, was here on a visit to friends Saturday and Sunday.

C. B. Roland has installed a power wood-sawing plant on his property near Groveton. His outfit is one of the most complete in the county, the saws being driven by a 7 1/2 horse power gasoline engine.

"Taking the Census" is the subject of the sermons by Dr. Hamner at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will preach at Greenwood chapel near Minnieville in the afternoon at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wright, of Richmond, visited Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Merchant, of this place, on Sunday. Upon their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Merchant and her little daughter Elizabeth, for a month's visit.

The annual field encampment and maneuvers of the regular army and national guard organizations will be held at Gettysburg, Pa., beginning July 15, Manassas and several other points in Virginia offered inducements but on recommendation of General Wood, Gettysburg was chosen.

The Peoples National Bank, and Westwood Hutchison, cashier of the National Bank of Manassas, attended a meeting of Group 3, Virginia Banker's association at Alexandria last Saturday. Elaborate entertainment was given the 45 bankers in attendance.

Relics of anti-bellum days, displays of rare historical interest, attracted many to the exhibition in the Ruffner school building last Thursday afternoon. About \$16 was netted for the athletic fund. The display of needlework and embroidery was pronounced equal to that of the Jamestown exposition. Many of the exhibits were more than one hundred years old.

To arouse interest in the good roads movement, an endurance run, to be known as the Virginia run, will be made by thirty Richmond automobiles during three days beginning May 5. The three present were Misses Mary Garrison, Dorothy and Gertrude Button, Katie Lewis, Beulah Griffith, Margaret Lynch and Teresa Milnes, and Joplin Adams. Eugene Davis, Eddie Lynch, James Metcalfe, Gordon Lightner and Allen Merchant.

St. Joseph's College, of Baltimore, will play Eastern College here on April 25.

Mrs. W. F. Merchant returned from a visit to Lynchburg, and from a visit to Billingsgate, N. C.

Oliver Newman has taken a contract to paint all the buildings on Annaburg farm and began yesterday.

Mrs. W. C. Austin and daughter, Miss Kathryn, were in Washington last Friday, to meet relatives on route to the north.

A list of twenty events, including relay, has been arranged for the track meet to be held on Round field, Saturday, May 30.

George C. Round, with a party of his army comrades and his son, George C. Round Jr., are visiting old war scenes in North Carolina.

A light frost covered the ground yesterday morning after a drop in temperature during the night. The fruit was but slightly damaged.

A. D. Riden, of Haymarket, has purchased a large tract of timber land near Patuxent, Md., and will begin lumber operations there immediately.

Samuel Gallahue has purchased the Koontz property and moved his family here from Singer's Glen. He has entered the employ of W. C. Austin.

Specimens of five new potatoes, raised in a hot house, are being exhibited by Prof. J. H. Dodge. They are among the first of the season and are of the early rose variety.

Miss Maude Hall entertained last Friday evening. Cards and music were the diversions. The guests were Misses Adra Lion, Viola Davis, and Messrs Eugene Davis, John Brechin, Frank May and Thomas Lion.

The german given by the Manassas German club last Friday night was one of the leading social events of the season. About 60 couples were in attendance. Music was furnished by a Washington orchestra.

There is such a striking resemblance between Major R. A. McIntyre of the Warrenton Bar, and ex-Governor Claude A. Swanson that several persons came near speaking to him for the former Governor of Virginia during the Major's attendance upon this term of court.

P. Mulholland, the popular East End merchant, went to the city last week on business. As he boarded the early morning train he was cautioned by some bystander not to get lost. "Never you mind my man" said Pat. "I helped to lay out the city of Washington and know every book and crook about it, and if you'd keep sober when you went down there, as I propose to do, you would fare as well as I will."

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Clara Davis Norvell, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Peyton Norvell, of Birmingham, Ala., to William Ora Womeldorf, on Wednesday, April 27. Miss Norvell is well known in Manassas, having visited her cousin, Mrs. C. M. Larkin, here last summer. She also is a cousin of Judge J. B. T. Thornton, and grand-daughter of the late Lucian Norvell, of Prince William county. Her father was born near Nokesville, but left Prince William county in his childhood.

It will perhaps be of interest to the people living in the vicinity of Nokesville to know what became of Henry Snider who came to Nokesville about two years ago from West Virginia, and spent one winter in the employ of numerous persons in the neighborhood. From Mr. A. Halterman, who is from the same neighborhood from which Snider came, we learn that while in the employment of a mining or lumber camp he was killed by a barrel of molasses rolling upon him in unloading freight for the camp. This, according to Mr. Halterman, happened about a year ago.

**SEND WARNING ALONG ROUTE**

Messrs. C. E. Nash, J. P. Leachman, R. L. Gaither, I. E. Cannon and R. H. and H. P. Davis, went to Washington last week to secure the consign-ment of an automobile to C. E. Nash and bring it overland to Manassas. Before starting upon their run home from the Capital City they sent out a warning to parties living along the route which they would pursue, to keep their stock enclosed and themselves and their children off the public highway, between the hour of noon and sunset, when the vehicle of death and destruction would pass.

An expert chauffeur, from the Maxwell garage in Washington, was engaged to drive the car in safety to Manassas, it's owner preferring to take no chances with an untried machine fresh from the factory. The run, a distance of thirty-two miles was made in a little over one hour and a quarter barring the stops enroute. The trip was made without mishap or exciting incidents.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a mothers' meeting in the M. E. church on Friday, April 22, at 3 p. m. The ladies of the community are invited to be present, mothers especially. Subject: "The Home, the Pulpit and the School."

Dr. H. V. Roop, president of Eastern College, was prominent in the sessions of the State Sunday School Association at Richmond last week. He was appointed member of the associate faculty and of the teachers' training committee.

The Hotel Victor, which was recently thoroughly renovated, is now being painted on the interior by Walter Allensworth. W. S. Allensworth, the proprietor, is arranging for heavy tourist trade this summer, and has equipped his residence as an annex. The Victor hotel is a model of cleanliness and has a wide reputation for its cuisine.

Attention is directed to the new page advertisement of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas company, a Prince William county enterprise actively engaged in developing the resources of the county. The company has the principal part of its machinery on the ground, but the drilling for coal, oil and gas will not be begun until funds have been secured to guarantee the sinking of more than one well. This decision was made, the officers of the company say, to guarantee thorough exploration of the field. The company holds 24,000 acres under leases. Its officers are conservative business men of high integrity and unquestioned standing.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$178,516.46
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	641.46
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits	1,000.00
U. S. bonds on U. S. bonds	2,500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	100.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	15,400.00
Due from national banks (not reserves)	2,764.86
Due from approved reserve agents	25,834.89
Checks and other cash items	726.88
Due from other national banks	200.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	888.48
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz: Special	\$8,481.55
Legal-tender notes	10,206.56
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,500.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	1,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$282,769.16</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	4,583.22
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	20,000.00
National bank notes outstanding	1,514.16
Due to other national banks	15.00
Individual deposits subject to check	187,777.71
Demand certificates of deposit	1,571.48
Certified checks (not cashed)	1,000.00
United States deposits	1,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$282,769.16</b>

STATE OF VIRGINIA, County of Prince William: I, G. RAYMOND RATLIFF, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. G. RAYMOND RATLIFF, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1910. T. W. H. LION, Notary Public.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of April, 1910. T. W. H. LION, Notary Public.

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OCCOQUAN NOTES

Mrs. P. W. Keys, of Washington, visited friends here last week. A much needed rain came on...

DEATH SUMMONS JOHN T. ALLEN

After a long and patient suffering, John T. Allen, a highly respected citizen, died at his home at Woodbridge, Va., Saturday morning last at 2:30 a. m., as a result of a complication of diseases.

HAYMARKET NEWS

Henry Peters is home on a visit. We are sorry to learn that J. B. Chew is quits ill. E. R. Rector and wife visited friends in Clifton this week.

LIMSTRONG ITEMS

Miss Sarah Johnson has closed her school at Bradley. J. W. Jones has accepted a position in Washington. We wish him much success. Mrs. Beattie Holland, of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with friends here.

GAINESVILLE NOTES

Miss Elsie Triplett is visiting relatives in Norfolk, Va. The Misses Hall spent Saturday and Sunday at "Shirley". John Clarke has bought the valuable estate of James King.

MONEY-SAVING TIPS

For Rent—Five rooms over the furniture store of S. T. Hall on Main street, Manassas. Pleasant location and rent reasonable. Apply at Hall furniture store. 3-31tf

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The Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company has placed in position at Nokesville, Va., the principal part of its machinery necessary to the beginning of active operation in drilling for coal, oil and gas. But it has been decided not to begin until the company has sufficient funds in its treasury to guarantee the sinking of more than one well. To begin with funds only to sink the one well would possibly jeopardize the whole undertaking to such an extent that there could be no further prospecting of its 24,000 acres held under lease, and thereby make the thousands of dollars invested in its stock absolutely worthless. Such a result would be deeply deplored by each and every stockholder and would be no test as to the fact of the presence or absence of oil, gas or coal. This stand has not been taken unadvisedly, but our largest and most business-like stockholders have been consulted and approve the plans for the securing of larger funds for deep and thorough exploration of the whole field. Our prospects are of the best and we should not treat them lightly.

While the Company is securing these necessary funds, it will continue the preparatory work of placing the balance of the machinery, fuel, etc., on the ground, so as not to delay the day of beginning active operations longer than is actually necessary.

The Company has bought a large part of its machinery and paid every dollar in cash, discounting all bills. It owes no debts and has a goodly sum in its treasury. Therefore, the officials feel justly proud of its financial condition.

Good reliable agents are being appointed in Washington and other cities to solicit the sale of our stock and are meeting with much encouragement. This has not been done until recently. Placing stock will be pushed as rapidly as possible and the prospects seem unusually bright.

The officers are promoting the interests of the Company's stockholders in a conservative, yet in the most approved and efficient manner possible.

Lastly: Let me say to every Virginian and especially to the citizens of Prince William, Loudoun, Fauquier, Fairfax, Stafford, Culpeper, Spotsylvania, Louisa, Orange, Amhurst and other counties lying southwest of those mentioned and to the cities of Washington, Alexandria, Norfolk, Richmond, Lynchburg, Fredericksburg and Charlottesville, that this Company was organized purely for your benefit from the point of development. Therefore let me beg of each and every citizen that he make a business matter of considering this proposition: What it would mean to him individually, what to his county or city and lastly to his state. Will the production of coal, oil and gas, or either of them, do anything for him, his county or city? After considering these points act according to the dictates of a wise business man's interpretation of the matter.

This company needs your support. I am sure you do not wish to be a mossback. Then will you withhold your personal support both financially and by word of mouth? This company has no scheme to secure your money for other purposes than the development of your own interest, that which you cannot do for yourself single handedly. It does a strictly honest business of developing the whole state—she really needs it—the counties enumerated above especially.

Then be businesslike and don't be afraid, but be proud that you can and will have a hand in the proposed development. Don't delay acting in this matter a single day, but stretch forth your hand to help this great and praiseworthy effort to develop your own interest.

This opportunity will not come to you along this line again in a long lifetime if you do not act now. One failure is never followed by another effort under twenty years as a rule. Are you willing to wait so long before reaping the benefits so apparent to those able to judge and so sadly needed in the uplifting and rebuilding of your beloved state. Thanking those most heartily who have stood so nobly by this company in its efforts for the general good to the common welfare.



### READ CAREFULLY

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

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 23,800 acres of land under lease. This land was leased under the directions of Prof. F. J. Fighback, 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 instalments of thirty and sixty days from date of subscription. The stock is non-assessable. No certificate will be issued until it is fully paid. As an illustration to the reader of the great profits accruing from the investments in new oil fields here, is submitted below the last and newest development in the United States, the Bremen oil field, and some instances of the paying capacity of this field. The Bremen oil field was a wild cat proposition for fourteen years. The first wells were drilled by a man named J. E. Purvis, who 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 3,500 acres of lease. The first well drilled was a 60-barrel producer, and for fourteen successive wells he did not strike a single dry one. The Bremen company, after two years and two months, is selling fifty-five thousand dollars worth of oil per month; its stock, which originally sold at \$25 per share, now sells for \$225 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 ridiculed the idea of any one taking stock in such a scheme, declaring that there was no possibility of getting either oil or gas in that locality, as all indications necessary for their production were absent. (This geological talk has been the same in Texas, California, Oklahoma, Indiana and other fields that have been such heavy producers of oil.) But while this meeting was in progress, he and his hold, the well began to flow at the rate of eighty barrels of oil per day. The people left the lecturer and fled to the oil fields. Now this field is a large producing and refining one.

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

In transporting its products to the markets of the world, the Penn-Vir Company will have a very great advantage over all other oil-producing sections of the United States, as it is situated on a tract of 50 miles from tidewater on the Potomac and about 30 miles from Washington City.

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# NEWS OF Virginia

**"YES, WIFE AND I ALWAYS DO A LITTLE GARDENING IN THE SPRING."**

**Shot And Captive.**  
Norfolk.—Thomas Wood, one of the condemned negroes who escaped from the Norfolk County Jail March 26, was captured in Drummond's woods, on the outskirts of Norfolk, at 5 A. M. after having been chased almost continuously for 24 hours with bloodhounds on his trail during the night.

Before being taken Noel was shot through the stomach with a pistol and a load of buckshot was also paid in his body. He is dying from his injuries.

Noel was condemned to death for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Sikes, of Norfolk County, when the latter sought to arrest him for robbery.

**Lynchburg And Liquor.**  
Lynchburg.—That the "wets" and "drys" are making ready for another fight next December is admitted on all sides, for already the first sparring has taken place for the first position. This has been the fact that voters who have been lax about the payment of their capitation taxes are being importuned to pay up before next election.

There are already indications that every man in the city, 21 years or over, black or white, will be sought after in the effort to have him qualify for the election, which seems inevitable. This will result in the largest registration since the days of the old Underwood constitution.

No one, of course, has said an election is going to be asked for, but the "drys" are anticipating such action and they declare they will not be caught sleeping.

The next election will settle the status of the city for four years instead of two, for the last Legislature seems to have changed the law so that the result of future elections will stand for four, instead of two years.

May Join Farmers' Union.  
Danville.—The Mutual Protective Association of Bright Tobacco Growers of Virginia and North Carolina met here with several hundred farmers in attendance.

**N. And W. Kites Fly.**  
Roanoke.—Vice-President and General Manager N. D. Mahon of the Norfolk and Western announced that beginning April 1 all employees of the company receiving less than \$155 per month should receive a 5 per cent. increase of wages.

**Pis In Her Appendix.**  
Roanoke.—Miss Elsie Brown, a teacher in the public schools of Roanoke, was operated on for appendicitis and the surgeons found a brass pin in the appendix which was removed.

**Head To Pittsburgh.**  
Richmond.—C. J. Thompson, secretary of the Marion (Ohio) Steam Shovel Company, is authority for the statement that within five years a railway will be in operation between this city and Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Found Dead In Woods.**  
Roanoke.—The dead body of Ira HARRICK, aged 10, who had been missing since last October, was found on the side of Mill Mountain, near the city.

**Negroes Assaulted One.**  
Richmond.—Bound securely with a heavy rope and accompanied by a mob of negroes, Percy Conroy, colored, was brought to the Henrico County Jail from Rio Vista, about 12 miles from the city.

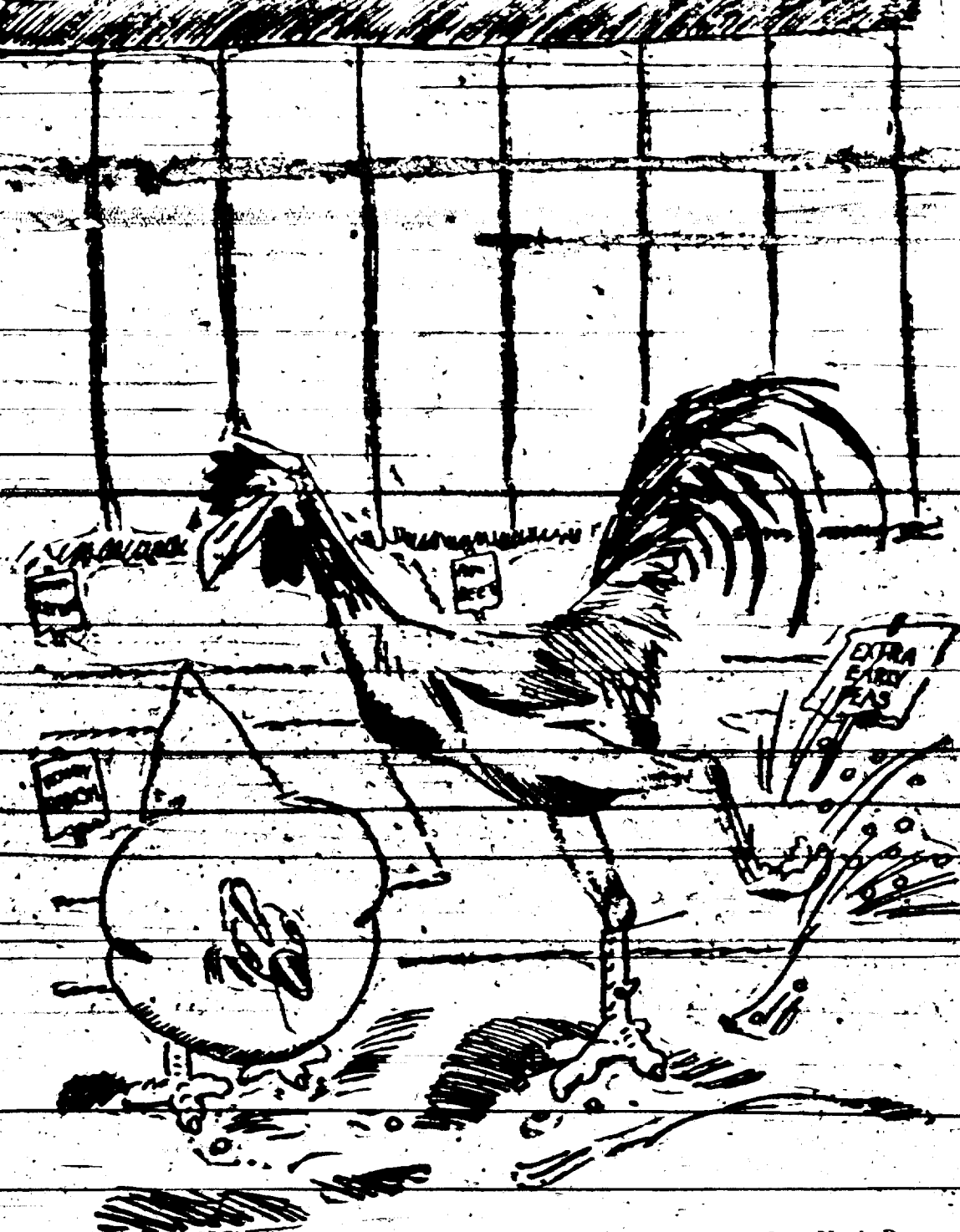
**Panic In Mountains Theater.**  
Martinsburg.—A serious panic in the Central Opera House during a performance was narrowly averted by the wise management.

**Weddings.**  
Petersburg.—In the Methodist Church, at Emporia, Miss Mattie Walker Powell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Powell, of Emporia, was married to Walter Powell, of Lawrenceville, Va., by Rev. George Vest, of Norfolk, assisted by Rev. Frederick Davis, pastor of Emporia.

**Senate Committee Finds High Cost of Food Not Due to Freight Rates.**  
Washington, D. C.—The special Senate committee investigating the high cost of food products has agreed upon a report prepared by a sub-committee to the effect that the tendency so far taken does not show that any part of the increase in prices is due to an increase in the freight rates.

**Penitentiary Banquet in London.**  
London.—A unique banquet was held in London, at which Lord Colebridge presided, the gathering being composed of 200 descendants of British penitents.

**Feeding Calves.**  
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### PROSPERITY WAVE BOOMS WAGES OF MANY WORKINGMEN

**Thousands of Skilled Workers and Laborers on Railroads and in Industrial Plants Get Increase—Advances Are Reported From Nearly Every State—Most of Them Are Voluntary, and Follow Darest Because of the High Cost of Living.**

**New York City.**—Substantial increases in the wages of workingmen, especially those on the railroads, in all parts of the United States are being granted. From nearly every State in the Union reports are received specifying increases. Many of them are voluntary. Some, but comparatively few, are the result of strikes or demands.

**Richmond.**—Governor Frank B. Weeks, of Connecticut, and Governor Aron J. Pothier, of Rhode Island, are expected here on May 9 to attend a reception to be tendered by Governor Mann, of Virginia, to the troops of those States, which are to be the guests of the Light Infantry Division of Richmond for a week and assist in opening the new armory here.

**Roanoke.**—The pitiful whining of a pet dog led to the discovery of the half-clad body of Annie White, aged 43 years, a revolver tightly clutched in her right hand. The woman had evidently committed suicide. The cause is unknown.

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## THE FARMER'S HOME AND ACRES

**What the Horse Should Be.**  
To be good and well formed, a correspondent says, must have three parts like a woman, the breast to be broad, the hips round, the mane long; three like a lion, countenance, intelligence, fire; three like a bullock, the eye, the nostril and the loin; three like the sheep, nose, gentleness, confidence; three like the mole, strength, constancy; feet; three like the deer, head, ear, short coat; three like the wolf, throat, neck, bearing; three like the fox, ear, tail, trot; three of the serpent, memory, sight, turning and three like the hart or cat, running, walking, suppleness. —*Farmers' Home Journal.*

**Hog Cholera Serum.**  
Illinois will soon have its laboratory ready to produce the new serum for vaccination of hogs to prevent hog cholera. This has been provided for under the authority of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture and the noted veterinarian, Dr. A. T. Peters, is to have charge of it. He says the blood drawn from a 150 pound immune hog, about three pints of blood for serum is made at one bleeding. When compounded chemically will make from 90 to 100 doses of vaccine. He says that such a hog can thus be bled every eight or ten days for making the serum. Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Tennessee and some other states are getting ready to use the serum to prevent hog cholera. —*Weekly Witness.*

**Saving the Silo.**  
In these times of high priced corn for feeding purposes, it is well worth while to bear in mind that about 40 percent of the feeding value of the corn plant is in the stalk, leaves and husk, and this other 60 percent is lost in handling corn as commonly practiced much of the 40 percent is lost. When corn is cut for silo before lower leaves are dry there is no waste. About twice the amount of dry matter can be stored in the form of silage as in the form of fodder. It has been determined that a cubic foot of hay in the silo contains about 4.5 pounds of dry matter, while a cubic foot of hay in the mow contains about 3.5 pounds of dry matter. A cubic foot of space in a silo being worth more than twice as much as in a mow. —*Indiana Farmer.*

**Canker Ear.**  
Canker ear in the dog is a very stubborn disease to cure. One of the first symptoms of canker of the ear will be that the dog will shake his head and scratch his ears with the hind leg and in very bad cases will hold his head sideways. Upon examining the inside of the ear, deep down, you will observe a brownish, waxy substance coming from the inner ear and the surrounding tissues may be inflamed more or less. By this you will recognize a canker ear or a catarrhal condition of the membranes of the middle ear, and the following treatment will give the most gratifying results: First, wash out the ears with warm water and castile soap, using a very soft silk sponge; then thoroughly dry with a sponge and drop in a few drops of a solution consisting of two grains of salicylate of soda in three ounces of water. After this drop a few drops of glyceride of tannin and keep dog in a dry place, and do not allow it to get his head wet too often. —*Farmers' Home Journal.*

**Feed Hay and Alfalfa.**  
Joseph K. Wing, in reply to an inquiry about feeding brood mares of milk says in the *Breeder's Gazette* that there is no danger. Here is the inquiry and answer:  
*"Is there any danger of blood poisoning their colts by feeding alfalfa hay with corn alone for the grain ration? I am told by a neighbor of mine that there is danger."*  
Thousands of brood mares have fed their almost sole ration alfalfa hay. Alfalfa hay and corn form nearly a balanced ration in themselves. Do not overdo the matter but feed alfalfa in limited supply. If the mares are given daily no more than one pound of alfalfa hay for each hundred pounds of their own weight the hay will do them no harm but only good. If they require a little more roughness than that, make it up by feeding bright corn feed or prairie hay. Do not overfeed with corn either; a moderate corn ration including no roughness will give best results.

**Two French Cornets.**  
Every year about this time the French papers entertain their readers with the names of the smallest and the heaviest, and sometimes the tallest of the cornets. For this in the season when the youth join the army to commence their training.

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# A SUPPOSED SON.

## The Sacrifice made by a Devoted Young Man

By AINSWORTH RHODES.  
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Two medical men, Drs. Fisher and Gardner, were disputing the question as to whether a father's or mother's love for a child or the child's love for its parent arises from consanguinity or association. Dr. Fisher maintained that there is a natural affection between parent and offspring that cannot possibly exist without that consanguinity. Dr. Gardner claimed that a father might love a son whom he supposed to be his own as well as his real issue. He also claimed that a child would love his supposed father just as well as those who were his begotten him. In support of this position he told the following story:

More than twenty years ago a charming young lady belonging to a family that I attended regularly was married. The match was all for love, no other consideration entering into the contract. That I may not reveal a professional confidence I will call the couple Mr. and Mrs. Ward. I knew Mrs. Ward well, though I had no acquaintance with her husband previous to her marriage. She was a sensitive, high strung woman, and I fancied that unless her husband was a very suave and self controlled man they would be likely to have trouble in getting over that difficult period which comes when newly married people shift from romance to reality. My fears were realized. The husband proved as restive as the wife. They quarreled and three months after their marriage separated.

Mrs. Ward very soon begged her husband to forget the past and return



to her. He made no reply to the letter containing her request. She wrote again and again and, meeting with no better success than at first, was so dependent that she was threatened with melancholia.

I was called in to see if I could be of any benefit to her, but as I was unable to remove the cause of her condition I could do nothing for her. I counseled with her as to how it might be possible to effect a reconciliation with her husband and incidentally mentioned that if she should have a child there would be an excellent chance for his return to her.

I was not called in again to see her professionally, but about a year after her marriage heard that she had given birth to a son. I was surprised that I had not been asked to see her, but on reflection, but of course gave my expression to that surprise. Then I heard that her husband had gone back to her, her reconciliation had been effected and the couple were living together happily.

Later another child, a girl, was born to the couple and I was the attending physician. At my first call on the wife, we two being alone together, said to me:

"Doctor, you are the only living man whom I ever loved."

"Why so?" I asked.

"I have a secret which I dare not reveal from you. Promise me that you will not reveal it."

"There was no need for me to promise to keep a professional secret, as you know, but I gave my word to respect her confidence. Then she told me that my having said that if she should have a child the event would be the means of drawing her husband back to her had given her the idea of fostering upon him the idea of another. At a founding of a boy baby was procured who had come there dressed in fine linen and she had taken the boy to her home and witness her husband's love for him. He had returned to her at once.

You will admit that this was not a secret for a physician to reveal in the first place, I had promised to keep it, in the second I had given a wife in honor, in the third I had given the beginning of a happy life to a child had really been born to me to confess her deceit to her husband, relying on his generosity and love for her, enhanced, I hoped, by my knowledge that she had repented from her love for me. My promise was not heeded. She said she would

to confess would be to send her husband away, never to return. In vain I argued that she would live a life in danger of his discovering the truth, and that the consequences would be worse than the discovery, which was made. I saw the circumstances but to wish my hands of the matter and leave her to her fate, whatever that fate might be.

Another girl was born to the pair, and after that children kept coming—all girls—till there were five children, including the founding. He was a fine little chap, with a loving and lovable disposition.

Everard Ward—he was named for his departed—grew up to be a tumbler. He would have liked to go to college, but was an unnecessary burden on the happiness of the rest of the family, and they could not spare him from home. Ward senior was doing a fair business, which he owned, and longed to have Everard with him. So the boy, too fond of his father to disappoint him, entered his counting room. He was soon able to relieve the head of the concern of many annoying details.

On the day Everard was twenty-one years old a man called on him and told him that he would like to have him go out with him where he could impart a secret. (The man was over sixty years old and evidently a gentleman. He took Everard to a private room in a lawyer's office, closed the door and said to him:

"You are not Everard Ward. You are Lawrence Farwell. You are a foundling. I promised your mother that I would keep track of you and if certain persons who were heirs to certain property died before you I would advise you of the fact and enable you to claim that which such deaths would place in your hands. You were born in wedlock and today, your birthday, are entitled to a property worth about \$200,000."

The rest of the information the gentleman gave Everard—who his real father and his real mother were and why he had been adopted—was not necessarily form a part of this story. That it was all true the young man had no reason to doubt, for his informant showed him proofs which he had carefully kept for years and offered to turn over to him the fortune he referred to and of which he was executor. Everard, instead of being made happy over the discovery appeared to be very much pained. He asked why his supposed mother had adopted him, but on this point the only information the gentleman could give him was that his supposed parents had been living apart and that on the coming of the child they had been reunited. For any further information the gentleman referred him to me, the family physician, as the only person at all likely to know. Everard came to me, and I told him the story as I have told it to you.

Here was a crisis in the young man's life. If he accepted his inheritance his reputed father must know that he had for twenty years been imposed upon by his wife and that the boy he loved so well was not his own son. A fortune of \$200,000 was the price that he would receive for permitting this blow to fall upon those he loved. True, the means he would receive would enable him to lavish luxuries on them. But they were comfortably situated, having neither poverty nor riches. Everard asked my advice as to what he should do in the premises, but I declined to give it, leaving him free to set upon his conscience and his wishes. He told me he would think on the matter.

When I saw him again and asked him what was his decision he told me that not a million would tempt him either to risk trouble between his father and mother, to wound his father by telling him that he was not of his flesh and blood or even to let his sister know that he was not their brother.

I asked him what he would do with the estate that belonged to him, and on condition of absolute secrecy to turn it over for the endowment of a charitable institution.

And so it was that this young man declined a fortune rather than give pain to the woman whom he loved as his mother or the man who supposed he was his father. The baby who two decades before had reunited husband and wife and been the indirect cause from which had sprung a happy, loving family now turned aside to show rather than wound any one of those he loved so well.

Whence came the love that induced this sacrifice if not from association? The real father and mother had no place in the child's brain or affections. The supposed father loved and was loved as truly as if the boy were a reproduction of himself.

When Dr. Gardner had finished his story Dr. Fisher thought for a few moments, then said:

"I think, doctor, that you have rather given an illustration of a noble character than proved your case. I grant you that association has a great influence. I grant that in this case the supposed father loved the boy he thought to be his own with a stronger love than he might have loved a son of whom he was the real parent. His own son might have been a miscreant, while his supposed one would make almost any one love him. It is possible that if, in addition to the affinity of character, there had been the additional tie between the two their affection for each other might have been even greater than it was."

"I grant all you say, doctor," replied the other, "but I nevertheless hold that between consanguinity and association, especially among those naturally fitted to love, the latter is far stronger than the former."

**Donizetti and Coffee.**  
Donizetti, composer of "Lucia di Lammermoor," sought inspiration in the coffee-pot. It would be interesting to know accurately the total amount of coffee this erratic genius managed to consume during his short career. It was his habit to shut himself up in his room with writing materials and three or four coffee-pots full of steaming coffee. When these were emptied he ordered in three or four more and, these disposed of in their turn, another three or four. His biographer says that the amount of coffee he drank was "fabulous," and one can well believe it. The effect on his once fine constitution was deplorable. His face shrivelled and turned yellow, his lips became black, and, with the inevitable breakdown of his nervous system—his genius fell rapidly into premature decay.

**Routed the Enemy.**  
In some of the London courts there are private dining rooms reserved for the exclusive use of the legal fraternity. Into one of these rooms one day there bustled a gaunt knight, who on being courteously approached by a junior counsel flatly declined to leave. Thereupon an unflinching Q. C. looked the lady in the face and expressed his mind. Still she did not budge. Counselor Lookwood then intervened. "I do not think there is anything unseemly in this lady's presence," quoth he. "She wears a gown and—yes, I'm pretty sure that she also wears a wig." The lady went—London Tailor.

**He Knew Them.**  
A minister, the father of six-year-old twin boys, was obliged to send one from the table for misbehavior. The little fellow was sitting cross-legged on a chair in an adjoining room when the maid entered. Upon spying him she said: "Oh, Billie, I'd be ashamed to be sent away from the table, as big a boy as you are too."

**Billie, with flashing eyes, drew himself up, saying: "Well, you wouldn't if you'd know this family as long as I have."—Delinquent.**

**Getting the Rings Mixed.**  
"One ring for belly, two rings for chambermaid," read a hotel guest from the printed card hanging in his room. He pressed the button, and the maid appeared.

"I don't want you," said the guest. "I rang once twice."

"Oh," replied the maid, "I thought you rang twice once."—New York American.

**Marriage.**  
Muriel (telling him how easy it should advise you not to take it to heart. I might prove a most undesirable wife. Marriage is a lottery, you know. Malcolm (bitterly)—It strikes me as more like a raffle. One man gets the prize and the others get the shake.—Smart Set.

**(From The Fall River Globe)**  
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## THE MIRACLE OF MIRACLES

A BOSTON divine strikes at the higher criticism and denounces representatives of the pulpit and press who profess Christianity and yield its most cherished principles. The universality of his rebuke is most unjust, as catholicity of thought, like liberty of speech, making for the highest ideals, is as essential to the life of the church as to any institution of civilization. All modes and forms of worship are roads leading to the City. The savage who offers orisons to the sun, the idolater who falls prostrate before a graven image, is moved by a yearning for the Infinite which his untutored mind knows not how to satisfy. Man's head is nearest the stars—he looks up for the inspiration, the consolation, the help, that human things cannot give. Incessantly he is worshipping involuntarily, in wonder, admiration and delight over the works of the Creator. All life thinks—as life in its multitudinous forms represents the play of Infinite power. Plants exercise marvelous ingenuity in solving the problems of their fixed existence. Trees are known to accomplish wonderful feats of engineering that their roots may reach water. Ants have solved the community problem which man is grappling in despair. Birds sail the skies while we struggle with rudiments of aerial navigation. Oriental legends relate that the nightingale makes love to the rose in the silent, starlit night. The serpent, although fallen from grace since the Eden episode, is an emblem of wisdom, and employed hypnotism to charm its prey, ages before the wonders of psychic science were revealed to man. But God has given man dominion over the world. And man is the darling of Nature. John, the seer and mystic, recognized this latter truth when, in divine clairvoyancy, he proclaimed the coming of Christ.

The grinning savage enchanted with a string of gaudy beads worth a few coppers, is nearer to the soul of Christianity, than ever can be a suave, supercilious hypocrite of civilization. In this comparison is applicable the Greek adage that "he whose wants are fewest is nearest to the gods." There is hope for the idolater from the very fact that he worships. He cannot disobey God's command until he hears it. His starving soul is groping for a revelation of the Divine, but finding only a stone he has mistaken it for bread. When finally he stands in the shadow of the Cross his false gods crumble into dust. And the Boston ecclesiastic complains that "professed exponents" are divesting Christianity of its supernaturalism and that he has no patience with those in press and pulpit who depart from the conventional. Is he so mentally myopic that he cannot see that Christianity is expanding its power over the race as the glory of its revelations is sensed by men as a reward of investigation—albeit at variance with his concepts? Can he not see that the higher criticism is not shattering the Rock of Ages, and is not the very impatience he exhibits an evidence of lack of faith? Does not this ecclesiastic know that it is the REAL, not the supernatural in Christ that is winning men to Him? While he is endeavoring to read the stars, let him but pause long enough to contemplate life, from minute to mighty, and he may witness a miracle of miracles—a revelation come to him.

## DEMOCRATIC GAINS

DEMOCRATIC gains throughout the country, some sweeping victories in Republican strongholds, is causing consternation in the ranks of the Republican party, as foreshadowing defeat at the next Presidential election. The overwhelming defeat of George W. Aldrich, Republican boss, of Rochester, N. Y., for Congress by James S. Hays in a district which has been counted upon and has given a 10,000 Republican majority is a most significant Democratic victory. A Democratic House now is forecasted and prospects for a change to a Democratic Administration were never brighter. The inefficiency rather an apathy of the Republican party in dealing with vital measures, has never been more clearly demonstrated than during the present Administration. The trusts have forced the cost of living to the point of extortion, the tariff revision giving monopolies a tighter grip still rankles. The people no longer will submit to the yoke of Republican ring and boss rule. In protection of their interests against predatory powers, they are wielding a sure weapon—the ballot. They are returning to the Democratic party.

## PRISON STRIPES

THE regulation stripes are to be abolished in a Pennsylvania prison. This simple change will work greater results in the way of reclamation than many elaborate theories evolved by disciplinarians, whose knowledge of corrective methods and whose insight into human nature are often amazingly deficient. There is always hope for any man so long as he has a shred of pride left. But when the last trace of self respect is effaced, with it fades hope of redemption. To destroy pride with hideous communal apparel, to remove self respect at the cost of individuality may effectively break the spirit of penitents but there is nothing left upon which to lay the foundation of a useful, upright life.

## JEANNE AND I

JEANNE AND I ran away the other afternoon—a purely Platonic elopement I assure you, for Jeanne is less than ten and I am thirty-eight. We left the rest of the folks lingering over the dinner, discussing business affairs and household problems, the dullest, most uninteresting topics imaginable. Slyly I had winked at her while the others were not looking and she, with characteristic discernment, or was it sympathetic telepathy, had divined my meaning, had caught the mental message I flashed her and left the table, I waiting only long enough to divert suspicion before following her.

Under a tree she was waiting for me, challenging me with her roguish eyes to spirit her away to the fairyland of enchantment. In our realm of make-believe, for the nonce she was my lady fair and I her gallant knight. Silently we stole away over the greenward, she with her nut-brown hair shining in the sun and cheeks flushed with the thrill of adventure, and I, her cavalier, at her side to shield her from brigands whom we believed were lurking in the meadow beyond. With dancing step she ran down through the garden, and I, young again, ran with her. We were both filled with the joy of living, evening zephyrs, fragrant with the perfume of apple buds and cherry blossoms fanned our cheeks, the sweet smell of newly turned earth, too, greeted our nostrils and a concert that some birds were giving in the green bursting branches of an old oak tree, stirred our souls to music and we laughed aloud in ecstasy. We cleared the back-yard fence in a bound, stern commands having been given us a week or two before against opening the wide gate, which has been converted into a barricade to keep migratory quadrupeds out of the garden. We now were beyond the borders of our own domain, the whole world lay before us. We were argonauts in quest of the golden fleece of adventure.

With pathetic, choking sobs, Jeanne fell upon her knees in the dust, and I, stricken with alarm, advanced quickly toward her to discover that she held a dead chick clasped tightly to her breast. Her eyes were filled with tears and her lips trembled with emotion she could not suppress. After all, both were babes, though ever so far separated in the order of Nature. I endeavored to soothe the child and soon her sorrow faded away, but we did not leave the spot until we dug a little grave and marked the tiny mound with a tombstone fashioned from a stick. The house-cat has since been proven guilty of the murder and sentenced to death. None of us had the heart to kill her, she was such an affectionate old animal. But one of the neighbors volunteered his services as executioner, and said he wouldn't miss the opportunity for five dollars. He also keeps chickens. Jeanne's mother says she believes that cat was the reincarnation of some snooty old woman, as she was always into everything, was always slipping around to overhear conversations, and appeared to understand every mention of her.

New behind the willows that fringe the meadow the sun was slowly sinking, with dying rays lighting the skies with sacrificial fires, and painting the shifting curtains of cloud in magic pyrography. With an exclamation of delight and wonder, Jeanne turned toward me, then pointed to the skies, and together we beheld a vision. We saw a castle bordered by a deep forest, and although very far away we could discern through an aperture in the wall a beautiful maiden, eager, expectant, waiting. A brave hand-some knight on a pretty steed dashes down the road, clasps the maiden in his arms, and dashes away again. Sleepy guards start in pursuit. Then the scene dissolves, but we breathe mute prayers for the escape of the bold knight with his fair lady.

Violets, daisies, blue-bells and buttercups were gorgeous vestures of the meadow, and we paused long enough to gather large clusters. Some of them Jeanne wove into a garland, and when quite finished she handed it to me. With it I crowned her queen of our kingdom, she receiving my homage with royal condescension. But in return she gave me a violet for a talisman, an amulet which she said would ward away all evil. We wandered on until we came to the crest of a knoll and there together and alone we gazed into the distance. With bared heads we stood in silent worship until finally, waving her tiny hand toward the shadowy Blue Ridge, Jeanne broke the spell by asking: "What is beyond?" "Beyond," I replied, "is the cruel, merciless world. Beyond is misery and strife. Beyond, we are lost forever and hearts are turning to stone." "But here," I added, "is joy and peace." I felt at first that I should have spoken in simpler terms, but when I glanced at her I knew that she understood. A griefed look in her eyes following my first expression was driven away by the light of happy content when I closed. "Let us go home," she said gently. "Yes, let us go home, you and I," I replied with reverence as we turned away from the scene.

Twilight was gathering as we retraced our steps, hand in hand, and singing merrily. Dark clouds scudded across the sky, and the first heavy, scattered raindrops were followed by a steady down-pour. With light hearts we laughed at the storm, as we scampered home. Dripping wet we entered the presence of the family. "Where have you children been?" demanded Jeanne's mother impatiently. "Children?" I echoed, "why, I am old." "That may be," she reported, "yet you are but a child." "Well, you do not care if you are, do you Franz?" interposed Jeanne. "No, Jeanne," I replied fervently, "I do not care."

## PARAGRAPHS

THE millennium must be at hand. Telephone studies are to be observed in Washington.

SINCE Colonel Roosevelt left the vicinity, Mount Etna is showing renewed signs of life.

NEW JERSEY has begun war on the mosquitoes. The militia has not yet been called out.

A CRUSADE for "dry" Sundays in New York, has been all but swept away in a deluge of protest.

ROOSEVELT's emergence from the jungle is proving the salvation of newspapers facing a newsless summer.

FAINT hope that some day the roads may be improved, are being held out. The county supervisors have purchased a steam road roller.

COLORADO stockmen are experimenting by feeding cattle on cooked potatoes. Apparently the order of cuisine has been reversed.

CALIFORNIA hotelkeepers are preparing for a rush of tourists this season. The Southern Pacific bandits have revived the fascination of almost forgotten frontier thrills.

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