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## GREAT INTEREST IN FARMERS' MEETINGS

SPEAKERS COMING IN SPECIAL TRAIN

Discussions by Representatives of Virginia Department of Agriculture and Southern Railroad in Manassas, Monday and Nokesville, Tuesday.

With the arrival Monday in Manassas of the special agricultural train, interest will center in meetings conducted by the Southern railroad and the Virginia Department of Agriculture for the discussion of subjects of vital importance to farmers. A meeting at the court house in the afternoon at 2 o'clock will be addressed by Hon. C. W. Koerner, commissioner of agriculture, and others, including representatives of Land and Industrial Department, Southern railway. A meeting may be held in Eastern College chapel at 8 p. m. The train will arrive Monday at 1:35 p. m., and remain until the following morning.

### MEETING AT NOKESVILLE

A special meeting will be held at Nokesville next Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, the agricultural train remaining there until 11:20, when it will proceed to Remington for a meeting in the afternoon at 1:45. Meetings at Nokesville and Remington will be held in passenger coaches attached to the train.

### PRACTICAL ADDRESSES

The addresses will be of practical value to farmers and farmers' families. Among the subjects to be discussed at different points are soil improvement, potatoes as a money crop, improved methods of growing tobacco, the increase of the corn yield without additional cost, and profits in apple growing.

## PHYSICIANS READY FOR BIG CONVENTION

Next Annual Meeting of Medical Society of Northern Virginia and District of Columbia Will Be Big Event—Sessions in Nicol Hall

Arrangements have been completed for the semi-annual meeting of the Medical Society of Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia, to be held in Manassas next Wednesday, May 19. It is expected that fifty physicians will attend.

### ELECT OFFICERS

Election of officers and the discussion of medical topics will be the principal business. A councilman will be elected from the eighth district to the State Medical Society, at a session of members of the Medical Society of Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia with other physicians affiliated with the State society.

### BUSINESS SESSION

The meeting will be devoted wholly to business as many of the physicians cannot remain more than afternoon. Social sessions planned for them are to be omitted. Luncheon will be served in the Virenian club in the afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock. Dr. Stephen Harnsberger, of Catonsville, is president of the society, and Dr. Charles White of Washington, secretary.

### ADDRESS TO MANASSAS HIGH

Bradford Knapp, of the United States Department of Agriculture, will deliver the annual address to the graduating class of the Manassas Agricultural High School Thursday night, June 9. He is assistant to his father, Mr. Knapp, director of farm demonstration work.

## SUCCESS CROWNS MAY MUSICAL FESTIVAL

GREATEST MUSICAL EVENT IN TOWN ANNUALS

Vocal Artistry of Augmented Chorus and Noted Soloists, Enthralls Audience—Brilliant Renditions by Backing and Tenor

Success, artistic and financial, crowned the most notable musical production in the history of Manassas—the May Musical Festival under direction of Eastern College Choral Society in the College chapel last Friday night. In magnitude, without a precedent and in artistic worth unsurpassed in this section of Virginia, the festival has given Manassas an enviable reputation as a center of musical art.

### CHORUS FULFILLS PROMISE

An augmented chorus assisted by noted soloists enthralled with magnificent vocal artistry, an audience at once critical and enthusiastic. The chorus won its laurels distinctively upon merit. It had been heralded as a superior musical organization, and most gloriously were promises fulfilled.

"The Cycle of Spring" by the Choral Society was a highly artistic rendition, the ensemble interpreting the masterpiece in most harmonious unison. No song portrayal in Manassas has approached the excellence of this production. Careful, conscientious training was manifested in the ease and smoothness of the presentation.

### BRILLIANT RENDITIONS

Brilliance characterized the renditions of Miss Ethel Tozier, pianist, and Richard P. Backing, tenor, and artistic indeed was the accompaniment by Miss Carrie Saunders. Much of the success of the concert depended upon her.

Like sparkling strands of precious jewels, like resplendent lace of diamonds, pearls, sapphires and rubies, was the enchanting music of Backing's tenor. He touched and set to music responsive chords in the soul, revived half forgotten memories, spiriting away in magic spell his auditors to the dreamland of song.

### BEAUTIFUL TONE COLORING

Richard P. Backing sang his way into the hearts of the auditors with his first song. His voice, a pure lyric tenor, is held in excellent control. He shows great dramatic ability, and has a pleasing stage presence. Mr. Backing responded to numerous encores.

"The Cycle of Life," by Roland Gray ample scope to his ability, demonstrating conclusively his wonderful vocal powers. His tone coloring was beautiful, the soft tones fairly melting away, yet retaining requisite vibrancy and carrying quality. Without a doubt, Mr. Backing has a brilliant future. Manassas music lovers will look forward with pleasurable anticipation to his appearance here again.

### MUSIC IMAGERY

When Miss Ethel Tozier played you heard the call of Spring softly sighing down fragrant lanes, along laughing brooks, across gorgeous fields from the green, glinting, mystic woods. In the magic imagery crystal cascades flushed in the sun, vagrant zephyrs stirred the leaves, clouds floated idly by, twilight gathered the sun disappeared over the horizon and then the panorama faded away.

Miss Ethel Tozier is perhaps the most popular of rising musicians and promises to become America's greatest artist. She

## ATTENTION! CITIZENS

Is it not advisable to vote for an issue of \$20,000 worth of bonds for a Water System for the Town of Manassas?

Come to the mass meeting to be held in Nicol Hall Saturday night, May 14, 1910, at 8 o'clock and discuss the question.

MANASSAS BUSINESS LEAGUE.

## HORSE SHOW OFFICIALS TRIBUTE TO EDMONDS

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS OF REGRET ON DEATH

Write Judges for Show Next July—Select Printing to Sealed Bids—Appoint Music Committee—Important Meeting Tomorrow

Resolutions of regret on the death of D. P. Edmonds were adopted Saturday at a meeting of directors of the Prince William Horse Show Company. Mr. Edmonds was a member of the board of directors, had been associated with the company since its organization and active in advancing its interests. C. J. Meetez was appointed a member of the committee on prizes in the place of Mr. Edmonds.

### INVITE JUDGES

Andrew Lowe and H. F. Lynn, of Prince William county, and Mr. Van Sicker, of Loudoun county, have been asked to act as judges at the show on July 27 and 28, and award prizes in both classes.

D. J. Arrington and H. T. Davies were appointed a committee on music.

Sealed bids for the printing for the 1910 show are to be requested of THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT and THE MANASSAS JOURNAL.

### RESOLUTIONS OF REGRET

The following resolutions of regret were adopted upon motion of C. A. Heinkein:

"Whereas, It is with deepest regret the board of directors of the Prince William Horse Show Company has learned of the untimely demise of our friend, associate and member of this board, D. P. Edmonds, who has been associated with this organization since its inception, and has devoted his time, energy and means to its success, and was always a good and wise counselor; therefore be it,

"Resolved, That it is with great sadness we learned of the death of our lamented friend and associate Mr. Edmonds, and it will be difficult to find another who will so consistently devote his best energy toward the success of this association, as did our departed friend, who was in every respect an honored citizen of this county; be it further,

"Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of our departed friend, under the seal of this company, conveying to them our sincere sympathy in their late bereavement."

### IMPORTANT MEETING TOMORROW

Matters of importance are to be decided at a meeting in the office of the secretary, Thos. H. Lion, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Members of the board present at the meeting May 7 were: President N. T. DePauw, C. A. Heinkein, H. T. Davies, W. N. Lipscomb, M. M. Washington, J. O. Detrick, C. J. Meetez, D. J. Arrington.

Among the beneficiaries in the omnibus bill reported to the Senate at the vestry of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Haymarket is named for \$1,000.

## SHAFT SYMBOL OF SOUTHERN SENTIMENT

MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT OF CONFEDERACY

Monument in Richmond Commemorates Important Tribute to Memory of Jefferson Davis—Fashion of Last Century

(By E. W. MERCHANT)

At the head of Monument Avenue, in the city of Richmond, and commanding a beautiful view of the western section of the city and outlying rural districts, stands, in all its grandeur, the Jefferson-Davis monument.

Doubtless those who have not seen this magnificent tribute to the memory of the president of the Southern Confederacy, have no adequate idea of its pleasing symmetry and charming sentiments, to all true Southerners, expressed in the numerous inscriptions which stand out in bold relief from base to apex.

### DAUGHTER OF CONFEDERACY

On the top of a massive shaft of circular gray granite fluted, approximately one hundred feet tall, with the index finger on the right hand and the gaze heavenward, stands the bronze figure of Winnie Davis, "The Daughter of the Confederacy," suggestive of the immortality of her illustrious father. At the base of this figure is inscribed: "Deo Vincit."

The figure was drawn, on a truck, by the boys and girls of the Sabbath schools of Richmond, and when it was unveiled the girls were arranged in appropriate form and dress to represent the flag of the Confederacy.

### STATUE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS

Immediately in front of the main shaft, and upon an ornate pedestal 12 feet high, with the left hand resting upon an open book supported by a fluted column, and the right extended in the attitude of earnest debate, is the statue of Jefferson Davis.

A few feet above the statue, on a tablet belt encircling the shaft is inscribed: "Jefferson Davis, President of The Confederate States of America, 1861-1865." Following this caption is inscribed one of the chief attributes in the character of president Davis: "Exponent of constitutional principles, defender of the rights of states, crescit occulto valent arbor alve fama."

### CONSTANCY AND COURAGE

On the left face of the pedestal is inscribed: "With constancy and courage unsurpassed he sustained the heavy burden laid upon him by his people. When their cause was lost, with dignity he met defeat, with fortitude he endured imprisonment and suffering, with entire devotion he kept the faith," and upon the opposite face: "As citizen, soldier statesman, he enhanced the glory and enlarged the fame of the United States. When his allegiance to the Government was terminated by his sovereign state, as president of the Confederate States he exalted his country before the nation."

### PROTECT INHERITED RIGHTS

The enclosure of the monument is a semi-circle of granite supported by fluted granite columns which is met on either side by an iron picket fence. On a belt at the top of the enclosure are bronze disks each bearing the coat of arms of one of the Confederate states, beneath which, in quotation, are the utterances of Jefferson Davis in the United States Senate on January 21, 1861 in defense of State Rights: "Not in hostility to others, not to injure any sec-

## BABE SMOTHERS TO DEATH IN SLEEP

PARENTS AWARE TO FIND LIFELESS FORM

Sabbath Morning, Tragedy in Home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mullinax, Near Millard—Child Not Over Eight Months

Unconscious of any danger hovering over their six-month-old son, as they lay beside him in peaceful slumber, on Saturday night, in their happy home near Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mullinax awoke early Sunday morning to find the lifeless body of their child where his mother had laid him after wooing sleep to his pretty blue eyes with gentle lullaby, soon after the evening meal. The child had been somewhat fretful for a few days, and Dr. R. C. Buck was called in to attend him. The physician saw him Saturday evening and noted no unfavorable symptoms, and the parents noticed nothing unusual in the child's appearance or actions.

The supposition, supported by foregoing facts, is that the child was accidentally smothered while his parents soundly slept, with no thought of impending danger to their cherished offspring.

### SELECT TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Employment of teachers for the school year 1910-11, will be considered at a meeting of the Manassas school board next Saturday. Bids are to be received for wood fuel for all the schools in the Manassas district. The fuel is to be one-half oak and one-half pine.

Plans for the next school year were discussed at a meeting of the board last Saturday. Prof. Chas. G. Maphis, of Charlottesville, examiner of colored schools, will be in Manassas, May 30, to be present at the laying of the cornerstone for the Trades building at the Industrial School.

### TALK OVER WATER BOND ELECTION

MASS MEETING NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

Citizens Will Assemble at Nicol Hall and Discuss Advisability of Voting \$20,000 Worth of Bonds for Proposed Water System

To awaken interest in the water works proposition to be presented to the qualified voters at the special election on Thursday, May 26, the Manassas Business League has called a mass meeting of citizens to be held at Nicol hall, next Saturday night, May 14. The advisability of issuing \$20,000 worth of bonds for an adequate water system under municipal ownership will be discussed. Citizens are requested to attend and express their opinions on the proposed improvement.

### COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY

Members of Prince William Lodge No. 271, I. O. O. F., will commemorate the seventy-first anniversary of the founding of the order, with impressive services at the New School Baptist church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. A. H. Smith, of Tombrook, a member of Woodstock lodge, who last year officiated at the observance in Manassas.

The Odd Fellows will meet in their hall at 7:30 o'clock and in insignia escort the Rev. Smith from the depot to the church. The public is invited to the services. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America was founded in Baltimore, April 26, 1819.

The Virginia Polytechnic institute will play a return game here with Eastern College tomorrow afternoon.

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Rev. Dr. Oliver Huckle, pastor of the Congregational church of Baltimore, will deliver the address at Eastern College commencement exercises, June 1. For years Dr. Huckle was pastor of Amherst College church, Amherst, Mass. He recently declined the pastorate of the American church, Paris, France.

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**SHAFT SYMBOL OF SOUTH'S SENTIMENT**

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tion of the country, not even for our own pecuniary benefit, but from the high and noble motive of defending and protecting the rights we inherited, and which it is our duty to transmit unshorn to our children."

**CONFEDERATE COAT OF ARMS**

The first belt of the shaft is plain. Upon the second, facing the avenue, on the east, is the coat of arms of the Southern Confederacy, the remainder of the circle being completed by eleven stars. The third belt bears the inscription: "Pro aris et focis," the remainder of the circle being completed with three stars. The fourth, or top belt, has this inscription: "Pro jure civitatum," the circle being completed with three stars.

A copper tablet on the massive pillar which supports the right terminus of the ornate granite circle bears the inscriptions: "The army of the Confederate States." "From Sumpter to Appomattox four years of unflinching struggle against overwhelming odds." "Glory ineffable these around their dear land wrapping, wrapt around themselves the purple of death; dying, but from the grave and its shadows, valor invincible lifts them glorified over on high."

**TRIBUTE TO CONFEDERATE NAVY**

On a like tablet on the pillar supporting the left terminus of the semi-circle is a tribute to the Confederate Navy in these words: "The Navy of the Confederate States." Giving new examples of heroism, teaching new methods of warfare, it carried the flag of the South to the most distant seas. "If to die nobly be ever the proudest glory of virtue, this of all men has fortune greatly granted to them; for, yearning with deep desire to clothe their country with freedom, now at the last they rest full of an ageless fame."

Upon a cap-stone, on each of the pillars named, is a collection of shot and shell gathered from the fields of many hard-fought battles, together with a kettle drum suggestive of "the last tattoo" of the lost cause. In the centre of these collections are furled Confederate flags, fashioned in bronze, telling the tale of Appomattox and the beginning of the death of him to whose memory the monument was erected.

**CROSS OF HONOR**

Any Confederate Veteran desiring a cross of honor can procure the same by applying to the undersigned, who will furnish him with a blank certificate of eligibility which must be properly filled out and signed by two members of a camp of United Confederate Veterans.

Veterans are urged to send in their applications at once. The crosses will be bestowed June 3. **MRS. ALBERT SPREIDEN, Pres. Manassas Chapter, U. D. C.**

**HEBRON SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT**

The following program is announced for commencement week at Hebron Seminary, Nokesville: Sunday evening, May 29—Baccalaureate sermon. Monday evening, May 30—Musical. Tuesday evening, May 31—Bible program. Wednesday evening, June 1—Alumni meeting. Thursday morning, June 2, at 9 o'clock—Commencement exercises.

**LAYS POACHED EGG**

Rostand's Chantrelor is rivalled by a hen that has laid a nicely poached egg, a feat unequalled in Maryland achievements. The hen belongs to Uriah Wilkinson.

Fine job printing promptly executed at the office of THE DEMOCRAT.

**The Taking of the Castle**

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

On Lake Como, in northern Italy, towering some 500 feet above the water, is a rock on the summit of which is the ruin of the Castle of Musso. In the early part of the sixteenth century a young man named Gian Giacomo Medici, afterward called "the Medici," became ambitious to possess this fortress. At sixteen he had committed a murder, and when later he was offered the stronghold on Lake Como as a price for assassinating Alessandro Visconti he readily consented. Meanwhile the duke, having become himself afraid of the Medici, had a plan for putting him, too, out of his way. He gave him the official documents conferring upon him the rock on Lake Como and sent him to take possession. He was also made the bearer of a sealed letter to the commandant. Becoming suspicious of the contents of the letter, he opened it and found that it contained an order to arrest the bearer and put him to death secretly. Giacomo destroyed the letter and as soon as he had taken possession of the fortress paid the men who were there to go away and replaced them by his own adherents. The new possessor of Musso made it impregnable, mounting cannon on its battlements that commanded the lake. He established a "custom house" and kept his revenue officers busy intercepting vessels and levying dues upon their cargoes. In this way he prospered, and his power enabled him to appropriate much of the neighboring territory.

The Emperor Charles V. of Spain then had a thought of sending a fleet and his representative in that region, Villatero, thought that he should possess himself of Musso for his imperial master, thus ending the Medici's piracy. Villatero had in prison a man named Sardo, whom he determined to utilize in this work. He told Sardo that if he would go to the Medici as a spy and concoct a plan by which the fortress of Musso might be delivered into the Spanish hands he should receive a free pardon from the emperor. Sardo accepted the mission and departed for its accomplishment. In due time he returned with the information that on a certain day the Medici would leave Musso for Bormio in order to take the famous baths there. A few soldiers only would remain in the fortress, and these, Sardo said, he had bribed to open the gates to the Spaniards.

Villatero and his spy then completed a plan supplementary to what had already been accomplished. Boats filled with armed men were to be rowed under cover of the darkness to the foot of the rock on which Musso stood. The force was to climb to the fortress and when it was in their possession a cannon was to be fired as a signal to that effect. A sailing vessel following the expedition was then to return to Villatero with the news. On the appointed night, it having been ascertained that the Medici had really left Musso, the little fleet started from the town of Lacco, on an arm of Lake Como, called Lake Lacco, under command of Villatero's brother. On reaching Musso they debarked and began the ascent. Approaching the summit, they gave a preconcerted signal and, moving over a narrow pass, were one by one admitted within the gates.

On the bosom of the lake below the commander of the dispatch ship listened for the sound of the signal gun that was to announce the capture. Suddenly a boom from above broke upon the night air. On the wings of the wind the little ship sailed southward to Lacco, where Villatero was feverishly awaiting the result of the expedition. As soon as the welcome news was communicated to him he set sail himself to take possession of his newly acquired fortress. Let us take up the thread of the story with the Medici's part in it. On the day he was to have gone to Bormio he ostentatiously left his stronghold with a large proportion of his men and a quantity of baggage as if for a long journey. But he had not gone far before he returned by an unfringed path and re-entered his castle, doubtless through a subterranean passage hewn in the rock under the mountain, a portion of which is still discernible. When the first of Villatero's soldiers emerged from the narrow passage which led to the gateway and stood within the battlements he was silently dispatched. The next men then entered and met the same fate. Thus the whole of the invading force was killed, no man knowing what had happened to the one who had gone before him. When the last man had been killed the Medici himself fired the signal gun.

Meanwhile the possessor of Musso had caused the lake to be guarded by boats with chains swung between them under water, with the intention of cutting off Villatero's boat. But the Spaniard had not supposed this point when he received the information that instead of being in possession of Musso his tiny army had been annihilated.

After a number of years of such life the Medici accepted a large sum of money and the title of Marquis of Mangano to abandon Musso and credit his conquests to the Duke of Milan. He was greatly moved at leaving the stronghold on which he had spent so much care and is said to have shed many a tear of regret, however.

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**SUCCESS CROWNS MUSICAL FESTIVAL**

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is a most earnest worker, which is evidenced by her playing. Her technique is flawless.

WONDERFUL ATTRACTION Miss Tozier's program was composed of compositions by the greatest masters. Her interpretation of the Erlkonig was wonderful. She plays with so much life and soul that mere words are inadequate to express appreciation.

The Wedding march and Elfin chorus was played in a masterly manner recalling happy memories and eliciting a burst of applause that was thrilling. All Miss Tozier's members were excellent and her sweet, unaffected manner won her many friends in Manassas.

In the afternoon a public reception was given the visiting artists at Eastern College. The receiving line was headed by President and Mrs. H. U. Roop, and Dean and Mrs. Erwin Mather.

To Mrs. Frances Thomas Gordon is due the credit for the splendid success of the May Musical Festival. She has worked tirelessly, and the results are indeed complimentary to her as director.

R. C. Scott and E. O. Conway were in town Saturday in the interest of the Virginia State Firemen's association to be held in Alexandria, August 24 to 26 inclusive.



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FROM A WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

GRANDPA said the old man, 'may we recognize our unworthiness and all thy mercies.' 'Amen,' said the stranger promptly and clearly. Presently the old man tried to explain to him the relationship existing between the child and himself.

Miss Pearl's Billings is the youngest hotel woman in Chicago, perhaps in this country. Several years ago she inherited from a cousin the lease, furnishings and good will of the Newberry hotel. By good management Miss Billings has made a success without a bar, a thing which the hotel men of Chicago told her would be impossible.

THE CHILD. What Myrtle Did for Jim in the Days When He Needed Help

The man had been running for some time. His face had paled with the strain, his breath came fast, there was a strange pain in his side. He ran slower and yet slower, and gradually his breath came back to him and the pain died down.

'Grampa,' he softly said, and, rising to his feet, stared at the child. 'Come, man,' she said, and held out her hand. 'See, I'll help you.' He came a little closer, step by step, and finally touched the extended hand.

'What do you want?' she called. He was a heavily bearded man and his voice sounded hoarse and rasping. 'I want one of your horses, ma'am,' he answered. 'One of 'em in particular.'

QUAINT AND CURIOUS. Oklahoma has the greatest Indian population of any of the states of this country—117,878. Of the \$3,200,000,000 that the farms of the United States yielded last year, the South's share was \$2,400,000,000.

Effect of a Vow. Too many women wear things because they attract the eye, with too little consideration of their becomingness. A girl placed in the oven of a stove in Mrs. Florence Ross' home in Wilmington, Del., exploded, and partly wrecked the room.

15 KILLED AND 50 INJURED

Explosion Lays Waste Country for Mile and a Half Around.

SAD DISASTER NEAR HULL, QUEBEC

Terrific Explosion At The Plant Of The General Explosives Company... Off Close And Barne And Dwellings Converted Into Kindling Wood...

Ottawa, Ont. (Special).—An explosion which wrecked the plant of the General Explosives Company of Canada, situated a mile from Hull, Que., and four miles from this city, killed fifteen persons...

A baseball game was in progress a short distance from the powder works about 1 o'clock. The teams were playing the last innings...

Some men in the crowd, aware of the possibilities of the danger when the main magazine was reached, pleaded with the crowd to go still farther back...

The baseball game broke up and the players rushed up to join the crowd at the fire. It was then that the main magazine exploded...

WILL RAISE THE MAINE

Congress Passes Bill To Remove Wreck Of Battleship

Washington, D. C. (Special).—After twelve years the ill-fated battleship Maine is to be removed from Havana Harbor...

WIRELESS SYSTEM TESTS

U. S. Cruisers Will Try To Communicate Over 3,000 Miles

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The cruiser Des Moines has arrived at Monrovia, Liberia, to relieve the Birmingham, which will begin a series of tests of the new naval wireless system...

TO TAKE TWO-YEAR WALK

Rev. Augustus Jones To Travel Through China, Etc., Abbot

Chicago (Special).—Rev. Augustus Jones, pastor of the Fourth Congregational Church, of Oak Park, a suburb, who takes pleasure in walks of from 40 to 60 miles...

It Rained Pomona

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (Special).—An explosion of a peanut-roasting machine, on Market Street here, was followed by a freak fire...

CHECK ON ARMAMENTS

Roosevelt's Advice To The European Powers.

The Colonel's Voice Giving Way Under Storm of Making Speeches Daily—Falls Him Several Times In His Address Before The Nobel Prize Committee At Christiania...

ROOSEVELT.

No man is worth calling a man who will not fight rather than submit to injury.

Something should be done soon as possible to check the growth of armament, especially naval armaments, by international agreement.

It would be a master-stroke if those great powers honestly bent on peace would form a league of peace, not only to keep the peace among themselves, but to prevent by force, if necessary, its being broken by others.

JOHN LIND.

But it is not Norway alone but the entire civilized world which has reason to be grateful to the United States.

Millions upon millions from Europe, poor and often down-trodden, but capable, have found in the new world that happiness and prosperity which the old world was unable to afford them.

Christiania, Norway (Special).—Theodore Roosevelt delivered his address on "International Peace" before the Nobel prize committee here.

The speaker, "who will not fight rather than submit to injury or see those that are dear to him suffer wrong." This principle Roosevelt applied to nations.

The whole house arose and stood with bowed heads for a moment when Mr. Roosevelt referred to Bjornson, whose death, he said, "leaves a gap in the literature of the whole world."

WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

Mrs. Charles W. Morse Appeared In The House And Sent With A Petition To The President...

Rev. Augustus Jones, who is serving a term in the Atlanta prison. The President has signed eight more proclamations restoring to the public domain 177,246 acres from the national forests of Washington, Idaho and Colorado.

The Interstate Commerce Commission Announced That It Will Not Tolerate A Continuance of Abuses of Its Rights by Shippers and Carriers.

The Federal Grand Jury concluded its investigation into the New York case of the wire responsibility for the receipt of special questions by telegraph.

Must Carry Wireless

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Senate passed a bill requiring every ocean-going steamer carrying 50 or more persons to be equipped with wireless apparatus capable of sending and receiving messages over a distance of at least 100 miles.

KING EDWARD VII., RULER OF GREAT BRITAIN DEAD

His Son Succeeds Him As King George V.—Pneumonia, Following Bronchitis, the Cause of King Edward's Death—Worry Over Political Situation Aggravated His Illness—England In Gloom.

The Prince of Wales succeeded to the crown immediately, according to the laws of the kingdom, without official ceremony. His first official act was to dispatch to the Lord Mayor the announcement of his father's death...

THE DEAD KING AND ROYAL FAMILY.

Born November 9, 1841, in Buckingham Palace. Was christened Albert Edward. Prince of Wales. His various titles were Duke of Cornwall, Earl of Chester, Duke of Rothesay, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Prince of Saxony, Earl of Carrick, Earl of Dublin, Baron Renfrew and Lord of the Isles.

Married Princess Alexandra, daughter of King Christian of Denmark, March 10, 1863.

Their children were Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward, Duke of Clarence and Avondale (dead); Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of Wales, formerly Duke of York and now King; Princess Louise Victoria Alexandra Dagmar, Duchess of Fife; Princess Victoria Alexandra Olga Mary; Princess Maude Charlotte Mary Victoria, now Queen of Denmark; Prince Alexander John Charles Albert (dead).

At Prince of Wales, he visited the United States in 1860, stopping in Baltimore and Washington. Traveled extensively and when abroad went under the title of Baron Renfrew.

The new King was born June 3, 1865, and married Princess May of Teck July 6, 1893. They have four children.

King George V. has been a sailor most of his life and is very unlike his father. He is extremely domestic, dislikes foreigners and speaks only the English language.

TRIBUTES TO KING EDWARD.

President Taft to Queen Alexandra: "The profound sympathy of the people and the government of the United States and my own personal sympathy and my appreciation of those high qualities which made the life of the late king so potent an influence toward peace and justice among nations."

Cardinal Gibbons: "The death of King Edward is one of the greatest calamities that could befall England and all of the British possessions."

London (Special).—King Edward VII, who returned to England from a vacation of 10 days ago in the best of health, died at 11.45 o'clock Friday night in the presence of his family after an illness of less than a week, which was serious hardly more than three days.

KING GEORGE V, PROCLAIMED

The past. While the body of the dead King Edward lies awaiting removal from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle and the hearts of the royal family and the loyal subjects are wrung with sincere grief, official preparations are being made with dignified haste for the installation of the new monarch, George V.

HONORS TO THE DEAD. The funeral of King Edward set for May 20, the remains lie beneath the Albert Memorial chapel at Windsor.

Services of memorial character held in St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey and other churches in London.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Dean of Westminster, the Bishop of London and the Vicar of Windsor, as well as the Catholic Archbishop of Westminster pay tributes to the dead king.

London (Special).—The future steps remorselessly on the heels of the past.

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HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE PERISHED WRECKED BY AN EXPLOSION

Earthquake Destroys Cartago, in Costa Rica.

Several other cities also shaken. Hundreds of persons injured by the collapse of buildings. Many suffering from destitution and death.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua (Special).—A large part of Cartago, Costa Rica, was destroyed by a powerful seismic movement.

It is known that at least 500 persons are dead and many hundreds injured. Scores of buildings were torn down among them the Palace of Justice, erected by Andrew Carnegie.

Cartago, the capital of Cartago province, lies at the foot of Irazu volcano, about 14 miles from San Jose. It has an estimated population of 10,000, and is the seat of the Central American Peace Court.

Cartago was the capital of the country until 1823. It has suffered frequently from earthquakes, and was partially or in greater part, destroyed in 1723, 1803, 1825, 1847, 1851 and 1854.

On April 13 last a series of earthquakes, varying in intensity, swept over Costa Rica, doing considerable material damage.

MINISTER IS HORSEWHIPPED. Mother of Girl Apples Lash Until She Faints.

Savannah, Ga. (Special).—Following charges against Rev. J. H. Wilcox by Miss Mota Monsee, of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension here, Miss Monsee, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Kate Monsee, went to the church in a taxicab and called the pastor from his study, horse-whipped him until the elder woman was too faint to ply the lash.

Boston's Milk War. The second week of the milk war between farmer and contractor began Sunday with both sides repeating their claims of the past week.

Back From Palestine. Portland Me. (Special).—The barkentine Kingdom of the Holy Ghost and St. Society of Bethon, in this state, arrived here from the Mediterranean with Frank W. Sanford, the head of the sect, on board.

West To Death Sentence. Ossining, N. Y. (Special).—Gilbert Coleman, a musketeer, convicted of wife murder in New York City, was electrocuted in Sing Sing prison. Coleman was smiling as he entered the death chamber and walked to the chair with a firm step.

The Minnehaha Doomed. Hugh Town, Seilly Island (Special).—Hope of restoring the Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha, which was wrecked on the coast, during the present spring tides has been abandoned.

\$28,000 In Alleged Graft. Columbus, Ohio (Special).—Former State Printer Mark Slater was sentenced to four years in the Ohio Penitentiary by Judge Dillon. Slater was convicted on the charge of certifying to teachers amounting to \$5,501, knowing them to be false.

On Trail Of Cook. Seattle, Wash. (Special).—Professor Herschel C. Parker, of Columbia University, arrived in Alaska to charge of the expedition for Seldovia, Alaska, to climb Mount McKinley and determine the exactness of the assertion of Dr. Frederick A. Cook that he had reached the North Pole.

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# CHAPTER PLANS BRILLIANT FUTURE

RAISE FUNDS TO EXTEND BENEFITS

These The Democrat, Official Paper of Prince William Chapter, American Women's League—

At a special meeting of Prince William Chapter of the American Women's League, Mrs. John A. Nicol was chosen as delegate to represent this Chapter at the Grand Convention to be held in University City, St. Louis, June 9, 10 and 11. The League will pay all expenses of one delegate from each Chapter but all paid up members can attend at reduced rates and will be royally entertained while there.

**CELEBRATE FOUNDER'S CHAPTER**  
The completion of the Founder's Chapter of the League will be specially celebrated and every member will wish to be there. The Founder's Chapter consists of the first one hundred thousand ladies who join the League, and they will constitute the ruling body of the League. Only members of the Founder's Chapter will have the right to vote and hold offices. They will receive the income from the \$2,000,000 endowment given this chapter by Mr. Lewis and from stock in other magazines given by the publishers who have united with Mr. Lewis.

All who join the League in May will become a member of the Founder's Chapter, those numbering first over 100,000 filling first vacancies caused by death of old members.

All members will receive many benefits, but those who come in first will get the most and will be the only ones who will receive an income from the League.

**LEAGUE FOR WOMEN**  
The League is for women, for mutual benefits on the co-operation plan. It is not a charity. To become a member each lady must do her part, which is to send in \$52 worth of subscriptions for over 100 magazines now working with the League. These magazines, instead of paying agents for these subscriptions, have agreed to give the League a percent of all subscriptions thus sent in and a portion of all renewals.

This creates an immense income, which is used in building the Chapter houses, the People's University and Art College, a Retreat or a home for members in old age or disability or want, and an Orphanage.

The League is an insurance that insures its members against want in this world and cares for their orphans if they leave any.

**EDUCATIONAL FEATURES**  
The Art Department of the University is doing grand work. Every member or member's minor child can take the course in Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, etc., entirely free. China painting a specialty.

Members also can take a course in Music from the Quinn-Campbell Conservatory of Music that would cost them \$150 if they had to pay for it.

The League is giving free Correspondence courses in many branches. Any member who in old age needs a support, will be taken in the retreat and every comfort supplied. If she has a home but no income, she will receive one from the League, not to exceed \$150 a year. This is not given as a charity but as an insurance.

**CHAPTER FLOURISHES**  
The Prince William Chapter now has 25 members enrolled and when they have 40 members and a suitable lot secured, the League will build a \$2,500 Chapter House for their free use for all time. No member ever has to pay one cent to enjoy all the benefits and pleasure of the Chapter House, which has an income to meet expenses. The Chapter already has enough members to entitle them to a \$1200 House, and a \$200 telephone.

can entertain their friends and spend many pleasant evenings in the Chapter House. The Societies in each church can take a membership in the name of one of their members and then can use the Hall for their meetings, social suppers and entertainments without cost. Only the member in whose name this membership is taken can enjoy all the benefits of the League. A membership is soon paid for by each member of that society subscribing for one or more magazines or getting a friend's subscription, or by an evening's entertainment.

The membership is really given free for a little work as all who subscribe, get their money's worth in the magazines. One hundred publishers investigated the League thoroughly before signing contracts to work with it.

## THE CRASH OF WORLDS.

**A Scientific Theory Concerning the End of Our Planet.**  
Credulous individuals who are always fearful that some of the ends of the world predicted by sensational prophets may prove to be true will find considerable comfort in the assertion of Professor Lowell that there is good scientific evidence for the belief that mankind will have many years' warning of the great catastrophe that is destined to put an end to all things on this planet.

According to Professor Lowell's statements, there is somewhere within the remote reaches of space a great mass of matter—once a world, but now dead—that is hurrying itself toward our sun. In time it is certain to reach the goal to which it is tending, and when the two come together the globe on which we live is destined to cease to exist.

Fortunately for our peace of mind, there is at the present moment no such dead world within dangerous proximity, and yet any day it may appear. Any day the morning papers may announce that one of those dark bodies has come within the range of the telescope—that it may readily be seen by the light of the sun reflected upon it.

While it would then be certain that the end of the world was in sight, there would still be ample time in which to prepare for the inevitable. If the first view of the intruder was caught at the seventh magnitude it could scarcely cause much alarm without being detected. It would not be until twenty-seven years later that it would become visible to the naked eye, and three years more would elapse before it appeared to us as equal in size to a first-magnitude star. In two years and three months more it would have come as near to us as Jupiter, and by that time it would be far the brightest star in the sky. In fact, its effect upon the world would already be felt. Our seasons would change, and the days would grow longer. Finally, just 145 days later, those who were still alive would witness the beginning of the end. The stranger would not strike the earth, but would pass so close in its dash to the sun that the earth would turn and follow until together they would drop silently into the sun.—Brooklyn Eagle.

**A Startling Comparison.**  
In silent absorption they consumed delicious cherry pie.

"James," said the hostess to the butler, "save all the cherry stones, please. Wash and dry them and put them on a shelf in the attic."

"Why," a guest inquired, "do you save cherry stones?"

"You never saw them burn," said the hostess, "or you wouldn't ask that question. All winter long I keep a copper jar of them on the drawing room hearth. As the fire burns up I stoop and throw a handful of the cherry stones in the blaze. The effect is wonderful. The stones crackle and send forth delicate green flames, and puff a soft, aromatic odor, as odor as sweet as cherry blossoms, sent through the room."

"There's sandalwood," began another guest.

"Oh," said the hostess, "I use sandalwood, too, but it compares to cherry stones in fragrance as Hamburger cheese compares to butter."—Mississippi Journal.

**An Embarrassing Question.**  
Mrs. Monroe was carefully explaining to her small daughter Margaret why she must do that evening. Company would be there for dinner, and Margaret was going to be allowed the privilege of sitting at the table. She listened very attentively and faithfully promised to obey. During the first part of the meal she never spoke, but remained quiet and thoughtful, but it seemed a long time to her before the dessert came. Finally a large dish was placed near her of which the contents looked most appetizing. For some time she gazed at it, and when no longer able to resist the temptation she reached over and put her delicate finger deep into the jelly and cream, then licked her finger and continued to savor her lips with great satisfaction. Before the mortified mother could say anything Margaret remarked: "Say, mamma, is this the jelly which the cat licked the cream off of and you said it didn't matter, there was 'more cream'?"—Los Angeles Times.

**The Other Kind of Deer.**  
When Israel Lane returned from the wedding of David Fletcher, who is known in the Balmi creek country as a mighty hunter, he brought the village store, where the bridegroom's cronies were gathered, waiting for news of the ceremony.

"How'd it go off?"

"Pretty fair, thanks to me," replied Israel.

"What'd you do?" demanded another.

"I saved person considerable of a shock and Mame some blushes," said Israel, with calm satisfaction. "Just before they was ready to stand up to the altar I says to Dave—I don't know what made me; guess it was meant to be—I says, 'Le's see your license.'"

"Well, Dave handed it over, and I discovered it was a hunting license. 'What's this?' I says, handing it back. 'You ain't got to hunt any longer, you've got her.'"

"It seems," concluded Israel, "that Dave just said he wanted a license, and of course the clerk thought he wanted the usual kind."—Youth's Companion.

**What He Had Done.**  
"I'd be ashamed to beg if I was a big, healthy looking man like you," said the aristocratic woman. "You ought to look for a job of some kind. Have you done anything at all during the past year?"

"Yes, ma'am, I hev," answered the husky hobo meekly. "I jist finished delin' thirty days, ma'am."—Chicago News.

**Character Sketch.**  
"You say he served four years in a reformatory institution?"

"Yes, and it made a man of him."

"I don't notice any evidence of it."

"It did, just the same. He was serving when he went in and twenty-one when he came out."—Chicago Tribune.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Fairfax is planning a county fair.

The first cherries of the season have appeared on the market.

Dr. C. K. C. Johnson has been suffering from an attack of malaria.

By a 6 to 4 score Woodbury Forest defeated Eastern College here Monday.

A meeting of Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., will be held Wednesday, June 1.

John Akers is here from Charlottesville visiting his mother, Mrs. C. F. Akers.

Mrs. Lucy L. Speiden of Washington, is here visiting her son, Albert Speiden.

A meeting of stockholders of the Hopkins company will be held Saturday, May 21.

Miss Laura Allensworth, of Alexandria, visited her brother, W. S. Allensworth, Sunday.

An entertainment will be given at the Catharpin school house for the benefit of the library fund.

W. C. Shaver who purchased the Waverly Mills near Haymarket from O. C. Hutchison, took charge Monday.

Mrs. Hattie Reardon, mother of Mrs. Frances Thomas, with little Mary Francis, has returned from a visit to Detroit, Mich.

Miss Mary Ambler has removed from Pleasant Valley to Manassas, and occupies the Robinson property on North Main street.

James E. Nelson left Monday for Danville to represent Prince William county in the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., which convened May 10.

Rumors are current to the effect that another lumber firm is to be established in Manassas. Particulars regarding the enterprise are not given out.

Mrs. Frank Bell and family, of Mobile, Ala., arrived here Tuesday to visit Mrs. F. S. Brand. Her daughter, Miss Edith Bell, has been here several weeks.

The Buckhall school has closed for the term with an enrollment of 44 pupils. The term has been highly successful under the direction of the teacher, Miss Beatrice Limstrong.

The summer schedule on the Southern, with a material reduction in rates to Alexandria and Washington will be effective the last of this month. The date has not yet been announced.

The new six-room frame residence being erected by W. F. Hibbs on Richmond avenue is nearing completion. Plasterers will begin work Monday and the structure will be ready for occupancy June 15.

Hope now is held out for the recovery of little Dorothy Randall, who accidentally drank poison Saturday afternoon, April 30. There has been a marked improvement in the child's condition during the past week.

Omeio Wells, of Wellington, was in town Monday. Mr. Wells is planning the erection of a commodious warehouse on his business property there in the near future, in addition to the extensive improvements he made last fall.

E. L. Hornbaker, postmaster at Bristow, after a month's stay at the Marine hospital, Annapolis, Md., where he underwent an operation on April 2, has returned to his home fully restored to health and says he never felt better in his life.

Mesdames Margaret Powers, Pierson and P. P. Croson and son Master Winfield Croson, of Washington, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rector this week. Mrs. John Hart who has just returned from Tennessee, stopped off to visit Mrs. Rector en route to visit her daughter in Bluefield, W. Va.

The board of county supervisors will meet in regular session on Saturday, May 21.

Many from Manassas attended the circus in Washington on Monday and Tuesday.

Flower plots will be made this week in the pretty park adjoining the Hopkins' factory.

Rev. Burgess, the retired pastor of the M. E. church, at Catletts, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. O. D. Waters and little daughter, Nancy, spent Sunday at Clarendon with Mrs. S. S. Simpson.

Elder Lee Hanks, of Georgia, will preach in the Primitive Baptist church on Monday, May 16, at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.

A petition for a charter for the Prince William Hospital Corporation was forwarded Monday to the secretary of state.

Mother's day was observed throughout the country Sunday. Pure white carnations were worn as emblems of the observance.

W. H. Owens, master mechanic of the Southern railroad, with headquarters in Richmond, was the guest of Dr. W. Fewell Merchant on Sunday.

In an exciting thirteen inning game and a 3 to 2 score the Mount Washington Club, of Baltimore defeated Eastern College Saturday afternoon.

Elder P. G. Lester, of Floyd, former congressman, will preach at Bethesda U. S. Baptist church, near Manassas, Friday, May 20, at 10:30 a. m.

F. F. Dreves, of Swetnam, was in town prospecting, on Tuesday. Mr. Dreves is well pleased with Manassas, and expects to locate with his family here shortly.

Little Miss Elizabeth Johnson was hostess of a birthday party last Thursday in honor of her sixth anniversary. The guests were Ann and Gladys Dehmas, Ella Garrison, Lillian Larkin, and little Nancy Waters.

Mrs. M. S. Moffett will conduct a meeting of the Prince William County Teachers' association in the Bennett building, Saturday morning, May 23, at 10 o'clock. Topics in the reading course will be discussed.

John Hart, who formerly operated the soapstone quarry on Bull Run, and who has been living for the past few years in Tennessee has purchased the quarry property and will operate the same on his own account in the future.

Lee Jin took possession of his new quarters in the Conner block Tuesday to establish an up-to-date laundry for the people of Manassas and surrounding country. This is a much needed enterprise for our town and deserves the patronage of the public.

Ira E. Omera, of Conkling, Loudoun county, met with a painful accident while repairing a fence upon his premises a few days ago. A rusty nail penetrated his hand between the index and middle finger, of his left hand causing much suffering. Mr. Omera went to Washington Tuesday to have the wound treated.

Civil service examinations will be held in Alexandria on June 1, for plant physiologist in the Department of Agriculture, on June 8, for glass blower, bureau of standards, and coal mine, geological survey, and on June 15, for laboratory helper, Department of Agriculture, and assistant in dairying, bureau of animal industry.

Mrs. Clara Stuard, thirty-one years old, daughter of James Horton, of Manassas, died of asthma, at her home in Newark, N. J., last Thursday after a short illness. The funeral took place on Sunday, Elder Williams of the Colored New School Baptist church of Manassas, officiating, and interment was in the cemetery at Chantilly, Fairfax county. The deceased is survived by her husband and one child.

Miss Gretta Hopkins has returned from a visit to Culpeper and Remington.

Miss Maggie Barbour is attending the Southern Baptist convention in Baltimore.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute defeated Eastern College Tuesday by a 10 to 6 score.

Miss Laura Fewell, who has been visiting here, has returned home to Jackson, Miss.

Oysters are off the market until the months with names containing the letter "R" return.

H. Griffith was stricken with symptoms of paralysis and heart complications Monday and is confined to his home.

Miss Mary L. Bowman and Raymond Florence visited their sister, Mrs. C. H. White, at Clifton, Sunday and Monday.

The Manassas High School Athletic association is planning to send a team to the Georgetown prep. field meet next week.

Dr. W. Reid, of Lapidia, Md., is expected here Sunday to preach in Trinity Episcopal church. He may be tendered the rectorate.

Master Robert E. Newman, son of Councilman O. E. Newman, left here Sunday for an extended visit to relations in Bridgeport, Conn.

The weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U., will be held in the association room in the Ebird building tomorrow, Friday, May 13, at 8 p. m. Everybody invited.

Mrs. R. W. Merchant and little daughter Elizabeth, returned home Saturday evening after a month's visit with Mrs. Merchant's daughter, Mrs. L. A. Wright in Richmond.

A. W. Berryman, of Washington, a former resident of this county and who was a member of the old 49th Virginia Infantry, commanded by Col. "Extra Billy" Smith, was in town Wednesday.

Clyde L. Rudy and Z. T. Robinson will represent the Jeffersonian Literary Society in an oratorical contest against debaters from the Washington Irving and Marshall Literary Societies in the College chapel, Thursday night, May 26.

A total solar eclipse Sunday was visible only in the western portion of the continent. The lunar eclipse of May 23 and 24 will be visible in the east. The moon will enter the earth's shadow at about 11 p. m., and leave it at about 2:35 a. m.

The Republican committee of the Eighth Congressional district met in Alexandria last Saturday and set Monday, June 20, as the date of a convention to name a Republican candidate for Congress. H. P. Dodge, of Manassas, is chairman of the committee.

The Hon. C. C. Carlin, the present incumbent, was officially declared Democratic nominee for Congress from the eighth district at a meeting of the Democratic committee in Alexandria Saturday. As no other candidate has been announced, there will be no primary on August 9, the date selected.

J. E. Brown, scenic photographer, of Avoca, N. Y., has returned and will complete several contacts before leaving for North Carolina, where he has bought farm property. He may decide upon a studio here, if he can find a suitable location. Since leaving here last fall, Mr. Brown has been seriously ill. He has many friends here.

Mrs. Sue Davis, a well known former resident of Prince William county, died Sunday at her home near Fairfax Court House. She was about 70 years old. The funeral was held Tuesday from the residence with interment in the Fairfax cemetery.

Mrs. Davis is survived by a daughter, Miss Mary, and a son, R. E. Davis, both of Fairfax. She was the widow of Richard Davis, who died many years ago. She moved from Brentsville about 25 years ago.

Miss Elizabeth Pope is visiting relatives and friends in Washington this week.

Miss Nellie Bettis, of Goldenvain, Va., is visiting her uncle, William Bettis, of Manassas.

Waters, Wright and Hickey, of the firm of Waters, Wright and Hickey, is confined to his home from a slight attack of malaria.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hedrick and little son Elmer, of Catlett, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hedrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hall.

M. C. Doggett who has been confined to his home by illness so far, recovered his health as to be able to attend to his business affairs.

Refreshing rains have fallen intermittently during every day of the last week. There now appears to be no danger of a repetition of last year's drouth.

Miss Margaret McDonald, of Culpeper county, and a relation of Mrs. S. T. Hall, of Manassas, is the guest of her niece, Mrs. W. J. Jasper at the Rixey farm.

The school census for Manassas district is being taken by George C. Round. All persons between the ages of seven and twenty years are listed. The apportionment of school funds is based upon the census.

John T. Kibler, father of Mrs. J. J. Rowe, of near Bristow, died of heart failure Saturday at his home near Luray. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe returned Tuesday from the funeral which took place from the late home of the deceased on Monday.

Geo. W. Bell, encouraged by developments in the use of shovel and pick, in the discovery of platinum and gold upon his premises at Sinclair's Mill, four miles south-west of Manassas, will in a few days put a boring machine in operation to further explore the wealth which he feels confident is not far below the surface.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Randall gave a reception on Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Henry Steen and Miss Mabel Wands, of Washington. Miss Eleanor Bell entertained with recitations in her usual delightful manner, as did also George Jameson with mandolin. A pleasant evening was passed renewing old friendships.

An addition, one story high, and ten feet square, constructed of brick with cement floor is to be built on the rear of the building occupied by Bell Bros. bakery and owned by John Johnson. The addition will be used for an oven room. The contract was let yesterday to B. C. Cornwell, who will begin the work within a week.

CLASSY BALL GAME

What promises to be one of the hottest base ball games of the season, will be played on Eastern Saturday afternoon by teams from Manassas and Buckhall. The local aggregation is made up of old time diamond stars who declare that they will put up a gift edge article of ball game.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock. Following is the line-up: MANASSAS: F. Merchant, catcher; A. Thompson, pitcher; W. Sorg, D. Merchant, first base; H. Cookey, ball; second base; P. Kinchke, Feltie, third base; T. Lynch, Adams, short stop; T. Moore, Garrison, left field; J. Craig, M. Lynch, right field; E. Kinchke, F. Bower, center field; R. Evans.

BUILDING MODERN GARAGE

A modern garage with capacity of six automobiles is being erected by C. E. Nash on his West street property. The contract for the structure, which is to be completed within a month was let yesterday to B. C. Cornwell, who began work immediately. The building, one story high, 17 1/2 feet wide and 25 feet long, will be constructed of brick with concrete floor.

STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE

There will be an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Carter Construction Company, Inc., held in the office of the Company, in the town of Manassas, on the second Tuesday in May, at 8 o'clock p. m. 4-21-4t J. S. E. NELSON, Secy.

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Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various assets and liabilities with their respective values.

CANDY

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Geo. W. Leith, Manassas, Va.

Advertisement for Conner's New Store, featuring text about moving stock of meats and groceries and offering special prices.

## CONFIDENT OF STRIKE IN NOKESVILLE FIELD

PLANNING CO. PLANS THOROUGH TEST

Plans formulated by directors of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil & Gas Company to arrange for a thorough test of the Nokesville field before drilling begins, are regarded most favorably by investors. According to experts, indications point to a vast basin of oil, with heavy gas pressures, and thick deposits of coal. They are fully confident that discoveries made by the drill will measure up to their expectations.

That by no chance should the field not be thoroughly explored, the directors decided upon sinking several wells. It is this plan that is meeting with wide favor among investors. Sales agents throughout the country report that they are encountering no difficulty in securing subscriptions for stock. John A. Nicol yesterday was appointed special agent by the board of directors.

### SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENT

Geo. G. Tyler, division superintendent, announces that Apportionment No. 2 of county school funds, to be used exclusively for the payment of teachers' salaries, is \$2,100; and is divided among the several districts, according to the school population of each as follows:

- Brentsville district: School population, 498; apportionment, \$281.81.
- Coles district: School population, 335; apportionment, \$189.57.
- Dumfries district: School population, 453; apportionment, \$256.95.
- Gainesville district: School population, 865; apportionment, \$489.49.
- Manassas district: School population, 1252; apportionment, \$708.48.
- Oceanham district: School population, 308; apportionment, \$174.30.

Total school population, 3,711; total apportionment, \$2,100.

### OFFERS FINE SITE

John R. Fillett has offered to donate a site for the new hospital on a tract adjoining his residence property on Fairview avenue. The offer is most liberal, as no conditions are attached. The site is admirably adapted to the institution.

### ORLANDO ITEMS

J. C. Barbee was in the neighborhood of Burke's last week.

W. L. Elliott is having a well drilled at his place this week.

J. M. Elliott sold a fine sow and pig last week to C. H. Earhart.

Miss Virginia Weedon is visiting at G. M. Goodwin's this week.

From all indications there will be a large fruit crop through this section of the country.

J. S. Ralls has about completed an addition to his store building and has put in a large stock of goods.

We are glad to see the ground getting in condition to work again so the farmers can plant their crop.

William Breodon has begun work on his new building which will be quite a fine structure when completed.

Quite a number of farmers from this vicinity went to the river after fish last week, but returned with few.

J. S. Ralls and Stephen Cooper took a jaunt to the river last week and report a pleasant time. They are arranging for another trip.

Stephen Cooper, W. Y. Elliott, R. L. Elliott, David Breedon and James Breedon attended the commencement at Brentsville on Saturday night and expressed themselves as having a fine time.

BOB WILSON

### CLIFTON ITEMS

Mrs. Rena Craig is visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. E. Merchant.

With the return of our home so many visiting ones, social life appears at its height.

Clifton Tennis Club is improving their court greatly and have also purchased a new set of rackets and balls.

Quite a number of Cliftonians attended the basket ball game and athletic performances at Manassas on Saturday.

Miss Ruth Richards has returned to her home here for the summer, having recently finished her school term at Herndon, Va.

Oscar Woody left Monday to make his initial trip in the ocean mail service. He expects to run from New York to Liverpool.

Miss Rita Dorsey was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dorsey last Friday and Saturday. She finished her school term at Haymarket this week.

Mrs. McCoy, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wright for quite awhile, left Sunday for Washington. Mrs. Wright has recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. Robinson fell on the board walk Monday morning and broke her right arm just above the elbow. The bone was set by Dr. Marie Lewis, of Manassas. She is doing as well as possible.

Miss Ruth Richards entertained a few friends Tuesday evening. Music and games were indulged in. A delightful evening was passed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Misses Buckley, Misses Adams, Miss Ethel Horton, Miss Richards, Messrs. M. Wilson, L. S. Booker, Frank Ford, J. Buckley and Walter Richards.

Misses Sara and Ella Buckley returned to their home near Catharpin Wednesday, having been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barton VanDenburgh for about ten days. The popular young ladies made many friends during their brief stay, all of whom regretted their departure. We hope soon to have them with us again. Miss Ethel Horton of Potomac is also the guest of her sister, Mrs. VanDenburgh.

Mrs. L. L. Harris died at her home here on Sunday morning after a lingering illness. Funeral services were conducted at her late home by Rev. Zachery of the Episcopal Church, Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in Clifton cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Episcopal Church, and bore her last illness with great patience and Christian fortitude. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, also a sister, Miss Bond, who resided with her.

Mr. and Mrs. B. VanDenburgh entertained at cards last Wednesday evening in honor of their house guests, Misses Sara and Ella Buckley, and Misses Horton. Refreshments were served, and all spent a most pleasant evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Merchant, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Poindexter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ford; Misses Antonia Ford, Sara and Ella Buckley, Ruth Richards, Ethel Horton; Messrs. L. S. Booker, G. W. Berry, J. Buckley, Frank Ford and Walter Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ford gave a delightful dance at their hospitable home here on last Friday night. The porches and lawn were lighted with Japanese lanterns and the rooms beautifully decorated with cut flowers. Splendid refreshments were served and everyone expressed themselves as having spent a fine evening. Music and dancing kept up until the wee hours of morn. among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Poindexter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Barton VanDenburgh, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ford, Mrs. G. S. Haycock, Misses Antonia Ford, Ruth Richards, Ethel Horton, Sara and Ella Buckley, of Catharpin; Rita Dorsey, Gertrude Robinson, Bessie and Ella Adams; Messrs. G. W. Berry, L. S. Booker, Frank Ford, Harry Buckley of Catharpin; N. Kyle, Walter Richards, Edward Capon, Harvey Jonas, Elmer Ayre and Fisher Dorsey.

CLIVIVE

### HAYMARKET NEWS

Miss Georgie Bleight is visiting friends in Washington.

Miss Rosie Shirley is spending the week in Haymarket.

Lawrence Hulfish, of Alexandria, spent Sunday at his home here.

William H. Dodge, of Washington, spent a few days at his home here this week.

Mrs. Brad Beyerly, of The Plains, visited her sister, Mrs. W. E. Tulloss, this week.

Herman Shirley has recently purchased the McDonough place, now occupied by Mrs. Kidwell.

Lieut. R. H. Jordan has recently purchased the lot joining the Baptist Church lot from H. R. Dragg.

Mrs. Gasquet de Zereph and children, of Aldie, are visiting Mrs. W. L. Houser, Mrs. de Zereph's mother.

Miss Nellie Kidwell, who has been quite ill for the past few weeks, is very much improved and hopes to be out in a few days.

Quite a large crowd attended Miss Lywood's sale on Tuesday. A number of pieces of old furniture and English china brought a good price. The lunch was served by The Ladies' Aid society of St. Paul's church.

CLIVIVE

### The Great Pinner Gasoline Light that has been installed in

## Hall's Furniture Store

lights up every nook and corner of the store, selecting their goods by night as by day. The great display of seasonal goods, such as Mattings, Floor Rugs, Mattresses, Deer and Window Screens, Mops with handles, Croquet Sets, and many other household needs on the eve of house cleaning, and which HALL is offering at such tempting prices should command attention, and the placing of orders with him. The "Wonder of the Age" Can Opener, which removes the tops of glass jars with ease and safety, should be in every home. New and Second Hand Furniture at prices that cannot fail to please. Samples of Upholstering Goods on hand from which quick orders can be supplied. Remember, I keep everything needed in my line at the lowest possible prices. Pictures framed while you wait. Give your orders their full purchasing power by bringing them to

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# Penn-Vir Coal, Oil & Gas Co.

## What it is Doing in Promoting Developments in Virginia

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Mitchell, Ralph C. Lupton and T. C. Picher.

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 do anything for him, his county or city? ~~These considerations~~ These points act according to the dictates of a sane 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 sadly 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? We thank 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 24,000 acres), with the holdings of other companies mentioned and you will realize 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 24,000 acres of land under lease. This land was leased under the directions of Prof. P. J. Fishback, 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 J. E. Purvis, Sullivan, an oil and gas expert of his 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 each 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. 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 2,500 acres of leases. The first well drilled was a 60-barrel producer, and for fourteen successive wells he did not strike a single dry one. The Bremen company, after two years and two months, is selling fifty-five thousand dollars worth of oil per month; its stock, which originally sold at \$25 per share, now sells for \$625 per share, and 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.) Just 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 those 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.

Investing in its prospects 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—being in the neighborhood of 40 miles from tidewater on the Potomac and about 30 miles from Washington City.

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## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

The qualified electors of Manassas are to determine at a special election on May 26, whether \$30,000 worth of bonds shall be issued to establish a water system in the town, or whether the franchise shall be open to purchase by a private corporation or an individual. The proposition is the most momentous in the history of Manassas. The best interests of the town are at stake. The qualified electors are either to give impetus to the movement for "A Greater Manassas," or check its progress. MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IS VITAL TO A COMMUNITY. Corporation control fastens the grasp of monopoly upon the very life of a town.

Let us see, by careful analysis, what this water proposition actually involves. NOW, WHEN IT IS NOT TOO LATE, is the time for us to determine how Manassas will be affected by the outcome of the election in either event. WHEN THE ELECTION IS OVER, THEN IT WILL BE TOO LATE to weigh the proposition which will have been settled one way or the other. NOW IS TIME TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSITION AND THEN TO ACT—NOW WHILE THE OPPORTUNITY IS STILL OPEN TO THE PEOPLE OF MANASSAS TO CONTROL THEIR MOST VALUABLE UTILITY.

In case the proposition to issue the bonds is voted down at the forthcoming election either the franchise will be sold to a private corporation or an individual, or plans for an adequate water supply will be buried beyond hope of immediate resurrection. Corporate control means just this—the creation of a monopoly in a life necessity. Rates will be arbitrarily fixed, and from them there will be no relief. You will be compelled to meet a schedule regulated to pay heavy dividends in addition to interest on the investment. Corporations are not in business for their health, nor does any reasonable person begrudge them fair compensation for their services. But we all know that many corporations are inclined toward extortion, particularly when competition is eliminated. Especially has this proved true in corporation control of public utilities. Monopolies regard the public as a lemon they are privileged to squeeze dry. But the people are awakening to the fact that in the ballot they have a most effective weapon against monopolies, a lemon squeezer, in truth, which leaves nothing of acidulated corporations but the rind. Witness the fate of extortionate public service corporations in many progressive towns and cities.

True, in a sense, water is free as air, and the present source of supply from wells, makes property owners, in a measure, independent of water service corporations. But under the present system, residences cannot be equipped with modern conveniences without the installation of a water plant on the premises, the fire protection even with efficient department, cannot be the best, and as a result property values are not what they should be. Assuming that the bonds were voted down and that there were no bidders for the franchise even then, although vastly preferable to monopoly control, the situation would be most discouraging. Indeed, it would be a deplorable commentary on progressive Manassas to defeat the bond issue, and such would be lost.

But all is to be gained by municipal ownership, to be secured by voting for the bonds at the special election. BY THE INSTALLATION OF ADEQUATE WATER FACILITIES A BARRIER TO THE PROGRESS OF THE TOWN WILL BE PERMANENTLY REMOVED, AND PROMISES OF A GREAT FUTURE THEN WILL BE FULFILLED. THE SLIGHT INCREASE IN TAXATION THROUGH MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP, WILL BE OFFSET MANY FOLD BY THE ADVANCE IN THE VALUE OF PROPERTY. Progressive citizens who have the best interests of the town at heart will vote for the issuance of bonds to secure this vital improvement and to make its ownership municipal. They are cognizant of the great benefits to be derived. Municipal ownership of public utilities, is not an experiment. The plan has proved an unqualified success in every town and city where effected. Instead of a drain on town funds THE WATER SYSTEM UNDER MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP CAN BE MADE A SOURCE OF REVENUE EVENTUALLY REDUCING TAXES IN PLACE OF INCREASING THEM. This is not conjecture, but A FACT ESTABLISHED BY THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY TOWNS AND CITIES.

Such benefits will accrue to say nothing of the advantages which will obtain. Plainly speaking an adequate water system is an absolute necessity in Manassas. Civic pride alone demands that the improvement be installed. The enthusiasm that marked a mass meeting of citizens in February has resulted in this special election for municipal ownership of a water system. Let us demonstrate that the enthusiasm was substantial, not effervescent. The proposition is to be discussed Saturday night at a mass meeting of citizens in Nicol hall. MANASSAS, THE BEST TOWN OF ITS SIZE IN VIRGINIA, NEEDS THE BEST WATER SYSTEM OF ITS SIZE IN VIRGINIA.

VOTE FOR THE BONDS AND MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF THE WATER SYSTEM.

## PARAGRAPHS

AN exchange observes: "The marriage problem is difficult to solve!" How true!

THE rush is on to the gold fields of Alaska. The return trip usually is somewhat slower.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT is delighted with Paris. Can it be that he strayed into the Latin Quarter?

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

WITH the lawn mower, garden and chickens, a workingman's pleasant evening at home is rather a strenuous session.

NO matter if his other policies fail, President Taft made a strong play for the favor of the fans by endorsing professional base ball.

AMATEUR paragraphers should not overlook the excuse of grownups that they attended the circus "just to take the children."

THE Washington newspaper headline, "Too Many Wives Annoy," evidently was written by a man of wide experience in the matrimonial field.

THERE is no need of a street sprinkler so long as the present weather continues. There is more in this statement than appears at first glance.

THREE Washington youngsters left with the circus. About one season with the big tents and red wagons will make home look like the real thing to them.

A DAILY newspaper says that "the modern girl is prudent and that is why she hesitates to marry." Is it possible that the man has nothing to say in the matter?

A NEW JERSEY scientist declares he has discovered a way to exterminate mosquitoes. He forgets that gatling guns are beyond the reach of people in moderate circumstances.

A BRILLIANT demonstration of possibilities in street illumination, in striking contrast with the present system, is given by the new light temporarily installed at the intersection of Baffle and Center streets.

THE farmers' meetings to be held Monday in Manassas under direction of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and the Southern Railroad should attract a representative attendance of Prince William County farmers.

IN a special bulletin officials of the Weather Bureau declare that farmers who neglected to heed its warnings have only themselves to blame for damage to their crops. With regard to weather forecasts the public is in precisely the same predicament as the individual who, in attempting to regulate his life by a book of maxima, was nonplussed when confronted by the conflicting precepts—"Look before you leap," and "He who hesitates is lost."

## THE GIRL OF FEW INVITATIONS

A GREAT newspaper recently devoted more than a column of its valuable space to consolation for "The Girl of Few Invitations," regarding her as an unfortunate upon whom occasional sympathy and more frequent advice should be patronizingly bestowed by society's favorites. She was viewed in the light of a supplicant at the shrine of the elect, an erroneous interpretation of her attitude, as she usually possesses in rare combination the excellent qualities of common sense and high pride. The compensations of her quasi-asceticism are wholly ignored, and no comparison is drawn between the golden worth of ether, if enforced, home association, and the pinchbeck society offers. The Girl of Few Invitations necessarily has most of her diversion within her home, and naturally her highest interests are domestic. You will usually find her a woman of wide culture and high ideals, a most instructive, entertaining conversationist, for she has improved her leisure by extensive reading, with accomplishments worth while. Not least to be admired are her domestic qualifications, the ability to prepare a palatable and digestible meal. The principles of household economy have been inculcated into her training until she can make a dollar bring its full value in necessities. She possesses the homely graces that make the fireside a haven of peace. She is just the woman for the young man with a future, for she truly will be a helpmeet, a guiding star in his career as he climbs the heights.

## AN APPRECIATION

PRINCE WILLIAM County suffered a distinct loss in the death of Douglas P. Edmonds, a parting that has stricken with sorrow every person blessed with his friendship or honored by his acquaintance. The bereavement, too, is keenly felt in the numerous activities in which he was engaged for the upbuilding of the county. Citizen of the highest type, the life of Douglas P. Edmonds presents an example worthy of emulation. With a message of good cheer and an appeal for the smile he went through life an exponent of optimism, never too busy to do good, never neglecting an opportunity to promote happiness. He firmly believed in the universal brotherhood of man and exemplified such precepts. He gave liberally of his time and means to every movement calculated to advance the interests of the community. Prince William county has occasion to mourn the death of Douglas P. Edmonds.

## THE KING IS DEAD

EDWARD VII. of England, is dead, and George V. reigns. A great nation mourns the passing of a ruler and in the same breath hails its king. Edward VII. will be laid to rest beside his long line of ancestors, with tears to his memory and in the course of time forgotten, save to those who review history. The universal democracy of the grave is never more vividly illustrated than when to earth returns the ashes of the mighty, mingling with the dust of the lowly as the ages creep on. Dominion, rank and power and high estate are human institutions which crumble away at the portals of the tomb. Pageantry fades away, only the good in life, whether of king or cobbler, lives on forever.

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