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## DRILLS SET TO TAP NOKESVILLE FIELD

BEGIN OPERATIONS IN FEW DAYS

Requires But Few Months To Determine Conditions—Contributor Declares Enterprise Deserves Support.

(Contributed)

The Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company has its machinery in place on the Nokesville field, and actual drilling will begin in a few days. It will require only a few months to determine the condition in the localities of Nokesville, Calverton and Manassas, as regards the production of oil, gas or coal, or all three of them.

### IMPORTANT QUESTION

This is a question of the greatest importance to those communities, and should not be treated lightly by any citizen of them or adjacent localities. I am creditably informed that in contiguous territory showing the same geographies and geological formations as the Manassas, Nokesville and Calverton sections, residents, with very few exceptions, have responded very indifferently to appeals made to them.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Why this has been so, it is hard to surmise. From the source I am informed that the Company needs the active financial support of the people of the sections referred to, as well as those of the whole State. I know it to be a fact that enterprises of the same nature in other States and Territories of the United States have and are now receiving the financial support of these same communities, to which such earnest and honest appeals have been made.

### ENOUGH ENTERPRISE

Other states do not nor can they give any better reasons for your support. Then why is it that this support is withheld from your own home enterprise, and so willingly and abundantly rendered to those of other States? Would it not be more business-like for you to take a livelier interest in the home enterprise, by the successful development of which you would be a thousand-fold more and better repaid than can possibly accrue to you from investments in other States.

### GREAT BENEFITS

You would only receive dividends in the foreign enterprise and there your benefits would be development of your enterprise will probably pay you as great a dividend on your investment. It will bring you prices, enhance your value, beyond their present value, and vouchers to each one in the oil or gas pipe who proves to have any size of these products a monthly royalty possible greater than the present value of your farms. It will bring people, and people have more opportunities to those who are employed. They can do additional business to those who are employed, whether as farmer, dairyman, carpenter, blacksmith, merchant, tradesman, and also to professional people, such as doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc.

### OPTIMISM KEYNOTE

Can you figure out any other half dozen developed enterprises that would be of more benefit to you personally than the one under consideration? You should remember that that financial help that the community does and must

## EASTERN WILL GIVE VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

EXAMINATIONS ON OCTOBER 3

Instruction in Harmony Also Will Be Given Successful Candidate Awarded for Three Years.

A vocal scholarship for three years is to be awarded at the examination before the music faculty of Eastern College in Recital Hall on October 3.

The successful candidate will receive instruction in harmony as well as voice, and will be required to sing in public during the school year, and at the end of three years to give a public recital of songs or arias from the standard oratorios or operas. The right is reserved by the music faculty to terminate the scholarship at any time should the work or behavior of the pupil prove unsatisfactory.

All applications must be sent to Frances Thomas Gordon, director of the vocal department.

Several more scholarships are now desired. This is a good beginning and as Manassas ranks high in Virginia musical circles, it is hoped that interested persons will endow the School of Music, which has maintained a high standard and stands among the best conservatories in the country.

When pupils graduate from Eastern College Music School they are equipped to appear with the best musicians. Concerts are to be given by the School to broaden the pupils' musicianship and to maintain the high standard.

Applications for the scholarship must be sent in before September 30. Following are the requirements:

Be American by birth or the children of naturalized parents.

Be under 25 years of age.

Have a good ear and well marked musical talent.

Have a good voice.

Be able to read music at sight.

Be able to play a simple accompaniment on the piano.

### BUSHONG WIVES MARRIED

J. L. Bushong, of Manassas, and Miss Mary Gladys Dingas, of Middlesex, were married yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian church at Vaucluse, the Rev. A. G. Liak officiating. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Bushong left for Atlantic City. They will be home to their friends in Manassas about August 15.

The bride is a daughter of W. H. Dingas, a prominent farmer and former supervisor of Frederick county. Mr. Bushong is in charge of the shipping department at the Hopkins Candy factory.

### THE NEW HOTEL LAW

The new hotel law passed by the last legislature is effective. It designates a hotel as any boarding house having ten or more rooms, and provides that all hotels shall be inspected annually and that the proprietors shall pay the inspector's fee, not to exceed \$10. All rooms shall be well aired and sanitary and no two guests shall be allowed to use the same bed linen. Each guest shall have a clean towel, and the bed sheets must be of linen or high grade cotton and not less than 96 inches long. Any room having been occupied by a guest having a contagious disease must be disinfected and the clothing burned. The penalties run from a small fine to six months in jail and \$300 fine.

## HORSE SHOW GREAT SUCCESS

SURPASSES ALL FORMER EFFORTS

Crowds Enthusiastic Over Exhibits Attendance Establishes New Record Horsemen Praise Enterprise.

Surpassing all former exhibitions in Horse Show Park, the Manassas Horse Show for the season of 1910 came to a most highly successful close last Thursday evening. The exhibits were all superior and the attendance, it is believed, will establish a new record. Interest was never keyed to a higher pitch, the crowds being highly enthusiastic on both days of the show. Expert horsemen in attendance declare that the show was one of the finest ever given on the circuit. Manassas has reason to be proud of the Horse Show, and particularly of the exhibition of 1910.

Following are the awards for the closing day of the show:

### PRINCE WILLIAM HUNTERS

Class 36: First prize, \$25, H. W. Herring, Nokesville; second, \$10, Melvin C. Hazen, Nokesville; third, \$5, Miss A. S. Mackall, Greenwich.

### COMBINATION HARNESS AND SADDLE HORSES

Class 24: First prize, \$25, E. L. Redmon & Co., Middleburg; second, \$10, Miss Amy E. du Pont, Wilmington, Del.; third, \$5, Mrs. Allen Potts, Gordonsville.

### SADDLE HORSES

Class 34: First prize, \$25, Mrs. Allen Potts, Gordonsville; second, \$10, E. L. Redmon & Co., Middleburg; third, \$5, H. W. Herring, Nokesville.

### LADIES' HARNESS HORSES

Class 28: First prize, \$25, Miss Amy E. du Pont, Wilmington, Del.; second, \$10, Miss Amy E. du Pont, Wilmington, Del.; third, \$5, E. L. Redmon & Co., Middleburg.

### GREEN HARNESS

Class 29: First prize, \$15, E. L. Redmon & Co., Middleburg; second, \$7, Iden & Goodwin, Annapolis, Md.; third, \$3, R. F. Donohue, Alexandria.

### HANDICAP JUMP

Class 42: First prize, \$50, Blenheim Farm, Baltimore, Md.; second, \$20, R. L. Adamson, Warrenton; third, \$5, Mrs. Allen Potts, Gordonsville.

### TANDEMS

Class 27: First prize, \$25, Miss Amy E. du Pont, Wilmington, Del.; second, \$10, Bowles Bros., Millwood; third, \$5, W. M. Buckley, Agt., Gainesville.

### UNSCROOLED POLO PONIES

Class 46: First prize, \$15, H. R. Byckley, Gainesville; second, \$7, C. H. Keyser, Thoroughfare; third, \$3, Bowles Bros., Millwood.

### PONIES

Class 43: First prize, \$10, Miss Jane Detrick, Dumfries; second, \$7, J. U. Detrick, Dumfries; third, \$3, Herman Portner, Manassas.

### HUNT CLASS

Class 43: First prize, cup, Mrs. Allen Potts, Gordonsville.

### PRESIDENT'S CLASS

Class 44: First prize, \$35, Iden & Goodwin, Manassas; second, \$15, Julian C. Keith, Warrenton; third, ribbon, C. J. Meetez, Bristow.

### HEAVY AND MIDDLE WEIGHT HUNTERS

Class 41: First prize, \$50, Mrs. Allen Potts, Gordonsville; second, \$20, Blenheim Farm, Baltimore, Md.; third, \$5, Dr. C. S. Carter, Warrenton.

### SEVEN-EIGHTH MILE RACE

First, Don Lutz, Exhibitor, C. Brenton, Agt., Manassas; second, Saitram, Exhibitor, M. C. Coperthite, Burkes; third, Black Branch, Exhibitor, Ernest Utterback, Manassas.

### STEEPCHASE

First, Footlight, Exhibitor, S. C. Glasscock, Plains; second, Farmer Blair, Exhibitor, Lighton Stables, Middleburg; third, Southwest, Exhibitor, C. Saffer, Aldie.

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## DEATH WINS IN RACE FOR LIFE

RARE DIES IN MANASSAS DEPOT

Faulty Effort to Hasten Child to Hospital for Operation—Brought in Automobile from Catharpin.

Death won in a race against time—a last desperate effort to revive the tiny, flickering spark of life—when little Anna Elizabeth Roe, three years old, died in the arms of her mother in the Southern depot in Manassas shortly after noon Saturday. The child was being hurried in an automobile from the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Metcalf, in Catharpin, to a hospital in Washington, for an operation for appendicitis.

The child had been ailing for several days, but developments were not critical until Saturday morning. Dr. Shackelford, who was summoned, decided that an operation was necessary. The child's condition required hospital service, and an automobile offered the only means of immediate conveyance. While waiting for the train in Manassas the child died. The body was taken to Barclay, Queen Anne county, Md., the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley G. Roe.

### SWANSON SUCCEEDS DANIEL

Governor Mann Monday appointed former Governor Claude A. Swanson, of Chatham, to succeed the late John W. Daniel in the United States Senate. The appointment is for the unexpired term ending March 3 next.

Considerable excitement was created Monday by a report in the Washington newspapers to the effect that William J. Thorpe, of Manassas, had committed suicide there. Subsequent developments showed that Thorpe was a resident of Marshall.

Marshall; \$5, E. L. Redmon & Co., Middleburg.

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### EXCURSION TO MARSHALL HALL

Prince William lodge No. 271, I. O. O. F., will conduct an excursion to Marshall Hall, on the Potomac river, Thursday, August 11. The train will leave Manassas at 7:35 a. m., connecting with boat leaving Alexandria at 10:30 a. m. Returning the boat leaves Marshall Hall at 8:15 p. m., and the train leaves Alexandria at 10:27 p. m. The Junior Dramatic band will accompany the excursion.

Manassas will be well represented at the Warrenton Horse Show to be held August 21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-September 1. More than \$2,500 in prizes are being offered in addition to many beautiful plates. Prize lists may be procured and private boxes reserved by addressing the secretary, F. D. Gaskins, Warrenton.

Civil service examinations will be held in Alexandria on August 17, for plasterers and paper mache workers in the U. S. National Museum; on August 21, for historian, office of Indian Affairs, and on August 24 for farm superintendent, Department of Agriculture, and tariff clerk, U. S. Customs and Comm.

## LEE STATUE TO REMAIN IN HALL

CANNOT BE REFUSED POSITION

Attorney General Rogers' Decision Ending Controversy—No Objections Can Be Raised.

There is no law under which the statue of General Robert E. Lee can be refused a position in Statuary Hall in the Capitol at Washington, according to a decision of Attorney General Wickham.

As a matter of fact the statue reposes in Statuary Hall now, the gift to the nation of the State of Virginia, but objections have been raised as to its remaining there because of General Lee's affiliation with the Southern Confederacy.

Speeches have been made in Congress against it, and latterly, at least on a Grand Army organization, the Department of New York, adopted resolutions against it.

To settle the matter finally the President referred the protests to the Attorney-General for an opinion, and the latter has stated that under the act of July 3, 1864, providing for the creation of Statuary Hall, no legal objections can be raised to placing the Lee statue in the hall.

### OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS:

"It is now forty-five years since the Civil War was closed. Robert E. Lee has come to be generally regarded as typifying not all that is best in the cause to which, at the behest of his native State, he gave his services, but also the most loyal and un-murmuring acceptance of the complete overthrow of that cause. That the State of Virginia should designate him as one illustrious for distinguished military services is therefore natural; that his statue should be clothed in the Confederate uniform, thus eloquently testifying to the fact that a magnanimous country has completely forgiven an unsuccessful effort to destroy the Union, and that that statue should be accepted in the National Statuary Hall as the symbol of the acceptance, without misgivings, of a complete surrender and a renewed loyalty, should surely provoke no opposition.

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## OIL SETTLES DUST NUISANCE

PLAN PROVES MOST SUCCESSFUL

Water Sprinkling Soon Dries Out But Oil Application Gives Permanent Relief—Safeguards Public Health.

By REV. DR. HAMNER.  
EDITORS OF THE DEMOCRAT

I have thought of Manassas and the condition of its streets, with their alternate dust and mud, and have seen at Asbury Park and several of the towns and villages of New Jersey the solution of the dust problem.

Since auto-mania has seized the people and motor driven vehicles are everywhere hurling into the air the loose dust and the material of the binder of costly roads, experiment and experience have sought and found and proved the desired result—durable and durable streets and roads.

Water sprinkling, which a few hours of hot sun dries out is utterly inadequate, but the oil treatment coming generally into use is a complete success, and gives permanency of dust relief, costing far less than water sprinkling, preserving the road bed and safeguarding public health from the germ enemies to human life, contained in street and road dust.

A special road oil, containing from 50 to 55 per cent of petroleum asphalt is used. Too heavy an oil does not penetrate, but remains on the surface. This oil penetrates and when applied and covered with a light dressing to absorb what does not penetrate, secures the best results.

If the oil is spread properly one application will suffice for a season, and only requires renewal at the beginning of the following season. In many instances when the roads receive a second treatment in the fall of the year, they are protected from the frost and are in good condition the succeeding spring.

The cost of the oil is three and a fraction cents a gallon in tanks containing 8,000 gallons and upwards. In smaller packages it costs five and a fraction cents a gallon. Directions for applying the oil are supplied.

The quantity specified for sprinkling is at the rate of one-quarter to one-third gallon per square yard. After application of oil sufficient time should be allowed for it to penetrate. Then thin covering of screenings or sand should be spread over the surface to absorb any surplus oil that has not penetrated.

One cubic yard of screenings, sand or gravel will cover from 150 to 175 square yards of surface.

Ordinary roads are treated to a width of from eight to twelve feet in center and the oil will work over to the curb or gutter. Hand sprinklers with a nozzle fitted with a two-inch pipe about eighteen inches long with three sixteenth inch perforations are used when the area to be treated is not large. It is desirable that the part of the road which has been oiled should be closed to traffic for twenty-four hours. Otherwise the oil may adhere to the tires of vehicles. The road should be perfectly dry and the oil applied only in dry, warm weather.

It seems to me that this oil treatment of the streets of Manassas is just what is needed, especially in the business part of the town. I found that in Clinton, N. J., where they tested it last year in the principal streets, they are this year doing fourteen miles of roads leading into the town from different directions.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

John Edmunds, a prominent farmer, died at Warrenton last Friday.

Jesse Cooke, of Woodstock, while sawing shingles was struck in the head by the billet he was cutting and his skull was fractured.

The next annual meeting of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia will be held at Newport News, October 18, 19 and 20.

Richmond is besieged by millions of fleas. The Health Department explains that the plague is due to the hot spell, and will disappear when a drop in the mercury occurs.

Miss Virginia Lee Rose and Judson Rawlett, both of Edge Hill, King George county, ran away from home in a big touring car, and at 1:30 o'clock in the morning awakened the Rev. S. R. White, of Rockville, Md., who married them.

Owing to the unsettled condition of the cotton market, the Lynchburg cotton mill has shut down and will not reopen until September 8. More than 600 operatives have been thrown out of work. They had been on short time for several months.

Hugh Bly, about 25 years old, is in jail at Woodstock, charged with attempting recently to criminally assault his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Bly, near Lebanon Church. Bly is said to be irresponsible, and the defense in his case will probably take this turn.

Lightning struck science hall at the State Female Normal School in Rockingham county, during a heavy electrical storm and near cloudburst. The tile roof was shattered and the heavy timbers charred, but they did not ignite. More than 200 girl students were in the building and none was injured, but a panic was narrowly averted.

The farmers in the Fredericksburg section who make a business of raising pickles for the pickle factories are having a very successful year. The season has been just the right kind to make the little cucumbers come out over night. The acreage devoted to pickles in that section is not as large as usual, but the yield is far beyond the average for the last five years.

Attracted by the incessant barking of a dog, Mrs. Samuel O. Bollman went to investigate and found her husband lying dead in the orchard at his home near Harrisonburg. A score of hogs and dozens of chickens were attempting to reach the body and the faithful dog for more than an hour had fought off intruders. The body lay in the broiling sun, and when the wife touched the face and hands the skin slipped off.

Henry Parsons, at one time a rising young artist, prominently known throughout Virginia, and closely related to persons of standing and wealth in England, died in police station at Richmond. He was arrested on a charge of drunkenness. Several years ago he received \$6,000 from a wealthy relative in England. He went to Old Point Comfort, spent three months and returned to Richmond broke. He was about 55 years of age. His wife, a beautiful English woman died about three years ago. They had no children.

Explaining that they had no time to lose during haymaking season, Levi S. Fletcher and Miss Ohle Suggert notified the Rev. S. H. Greene, of Gainesboro, Frederick county, to be ready to marry them immediately upon their return from Winchester, where they procured the license. The ceremony was accordingly performed while the bride and groom were seated in a buggy in front of the Gainesboro parsonage, after which they proceeded home, the groom to complete mowing a field before sundown.

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help materially every man, woman and child in that community. Then, my friend, should you not make it a personal matter to aid and encourage this enterprise in every way you can?

INVESTIGATE PROPOSITION You may argue that you do not believe that any of these products can be found here in paying quantities. My friend, that has been the argument of men for thousands of years, who were pessimistical skeptics, and their self-styled wisdom has been and ever will be a great and impending bar to the developmental progress. As a rule these persons have never taken the trouble to investigate the conditions surrounding the proposition, and thereby become conversant with the scientific reasons as to the likelihood of the development being successful.

Dear reader, if you happen to be a pessimist or obstructionist, you are a very unfair person unless you take the trouble to investigate. If then you can produce unimpeachable reasons or testimony proving the enterprise is fallacious, then and only then can you maintain your position and you cannot denounce it in too severe terms. But if you cannot, you should accept the dictum of those qualified by education and life long experience, and follow their advice.

WORTHY CONFIDENCE The enterprise under consideration is worthy in the highest degree the confidence of every one both in management and proper safeguard. The company has secured the expert services of a consulting engineer, A. J. Greit, who has installed the best drilling outfit that can be purchased and employed a thoroughly competent drilling crew. The drilling tools of the Company are very heavy and adapted to drill through the hardest and most difficult formations that may be encountered.

All citizens should give their moral and financial support to this enterprise at once. Do not delay action, for your delay is as vital to its interest as it can be. You have the opportunity before you. Your failure to act may spell failure to the enterprise. Can you afford to have it fail? I think not. Can you afford to help make it a success? Most assuredly you can. Then help now and not tomorrow, next week or next month, but subscribe now. A FRIEND.

12th Annual Reunion Noff-Rice Camp Confederates - Vinton, Front Royal Crossing (New Market) Va., August 16, 1916.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY has authorized on account of the above occasion very low round trip fares from all stations Harrisonburg to Front Royal, inclusive: dates of sale August 17, 18 and 19. Final limit Aug. 20, 1916.

Special train will leave Front Royal Aug. 18, 6:00 a. m., arriving Forestville Crossing 8:00 a. m. Special train will leave Harrisonburg 9:30 a. m., Aug. 18, arriving Forestville Crossing 10:46 a. m. Same afternoon at 4:00 p. m., this train will leave Forestville Crossing for Harrisonburg. All trains except No. 18 will stop at the Crossing on Aug. 18. On Aug. 18, account Camp Fires trains 49, 28, 218 and 217 will stop at the Crossing. Confer with agents. See flyer distributed. L. S. BROWN, Gen. Agt., Washington, D. C.

National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic, Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 2-24, 1916.

Greatly reduced fares via Southern Railway from principal points account above occasion: dates of sale Sept. 15, to 19, inclusive, final limit Sept. 25. By payment of \$1 tickets will be extended to Oct. 28. Consult Agents or write E. S. Brown, Gen. Agt. Sou. Ry., 705 Fifteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C. for full particulars.

DEMOCRAT ads pa

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Just How It Was

The train was approaching the little southern town where Blithers was to lecture that night, when it suddenly dashed across his mind that he had not made any inquiry as to the hotel accommodations of the place. A reference to the hotel book on the train brought no light to bear upon the subject, Blithers not even being mentioned in its pages, and what was worse, none of the train officials seemed to know anything about their quality except the porter, and he was decidedly indiscommittal at first.

"Yassir," he said, "I been to stime boys, suh. One o' mah wives was botha at Mittleboys, suh."

"Well, is there a hotel there?" asked Blithers.

"Yassir, dey's a hotel dar, suh," the porter answered. "Dey suttinly is dat," he added, with an ominous chuckle.

"Well, John," said Blithers, "I don't want to go to the worst hotel, of course."

"Naw, suh, I don't reckon you does, suh," rejoined the porter, his smile endangering the back of his neck. "Dat's de Brackenbrush house, suh."

"What is?" demanded Blithers.

"De worst hotel in Mittleboys, suh," returned the porter. "Golly! I sometimes tink de Brackenbrush is de worst hotel in de world."

"Well," smiled Blithers, "there's so much gained. It is something to know what to avoid. And now that you've told me which is the worst, here's a quarter for telling me which is the best."

"De best?" repeated the darky, pocketing the quarter.

"The very bestest," said Blithers. John scratched his head for a moment as though puzzled for the answer and then he spoke slowly.

"Well, suh," he said, "I reckon dat's - dat's de Brackenbrush too, suh."

"What's that?" cried Blithers sharply. It really looked as if this son of Ham were trifling with him.

"De Brackenbrush, suh - I says de Brackenbrush is de best hotel in Mittleboys, suh," said the darky.

"But, you idiot," retorted Blithers, "did I see getting red with wrath, you just said the Brackenbrush was the worst."

"Yassir, dar's de fact," returned John. "It suttinly is de very worst there ever was."

"Look here, porter," put in Blithers coldly, "what do you think you are doing to me, anyhow? How in thunder can the Brackenbrush be the worst hotel and the best hotel at the same time?"

"Why, hit's beams, hom, you see de Brackenbrush is de only hotel in de place, suh." - Harper's Weekly.

The Biennial Movable Conference of the Grand Order of Odd Fellows (Col) Baltimore, Md., Sept. 12-17, 1916.

Greatly reduced fares via Southern Railway from principal Virginia points account above occasion: dates of sale Sept. 9 and 10, final limit Sept. 21. Consult Agents or write L. S. Brown, Gen. Agt., 705 Fifteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C. for full particulars.

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**TOPICS OF THE TOWN**

Little Mary Frances Gordon has been quite ill.

Miss Marie Simpson returned Monday to Clarendon.

Robert Adamson has gone on a fishing trip to Dumfries.

The county supervisors will meet Saturday, August 20.

The residence of Dr. C. R. C. Johnson is being repaired.

Mrs. Kate Randall is visiting Miss Mary Snook at Bristow.

Ralph Gregory has taken a position with L. E. Beachley.

The camp meeting at Dunn Loring closed last Sunday night.

Miss Stuart Hynson has returned from a visit to Connecticut.

John Akers, of Charlottesville, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Hattie Ewers and children are visiting relatives in Remington.

Mrs. Patrick Lynch and daughter, Miss Maggie, have been quite ill of malaria.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb and daughter will go to Atlantic City to-morrow.

Miss Mary Garrison and Miss Louise Weedon visited Miss Bert Davis at Bristow, Monday.

Miss Ora Mason Kincheloe left Friday for Warrenton to visit the family of Judge White.

The county school board will meet in regular session at the court house, Monday, August 15.

Ashton Simpson, who visited friends here during the Horse Show, has returned to Clarendon.

Mrs. Ada L. Carter, of Washington, is expected here Saturday to visit her father, S. C. Carter.

W. G. Covington, of Portsmouth, has bought the Lamb property near town and taken possession.

Prof. H. F. Button and family have moved into the Institute property, which they will remodel for a residence.

A cluster of green-pine plums grown on his property near town was left in THE DEMOCRAT office Monday by Bryan Gordon.

All persons who subscribed hauling on the new Milford road are requested to communicate with Supervisor J. F. Gulick.

Miss Blanche Arnold, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Arnold, is recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Brick work was started Tuesday on Voorhees hall, on Eastern College campus. The building will be completed at the earliest possible date.

A new form of money order, in the form of bank draft, and which dispenses with the advice, is soon to be issued by the post-office department.

The stenographic department of Eastern College is sending out an average of 1,000 typed letters a week advertising the college and Manassas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weedon passed through town Tuesday en route to Washington. They have been visiting Mrs. Weedon's mother, Mrs. Wright, at Nokesville.

Col. H. M. Lewis, of the Jefferson National Bank, Charlottesville, was in town Tuesday on his way home from a visit to his mother, Richard Lewis, at Broad Run station.

A social will be given by Mrs. Hynson's and Mrs. Fetzer's Sunday school classes of the M. E. church South, on C. L. Hynson's lawn this evening. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Manassas.

The Christy art plates on display in the windows of THE DEMOCRAT office are winning admiration. They are given as premiums with paid-in-advance renewals and new subscription to this newspaper.

J. L. Harrell is on a business trip through Southwestern Virginia.

R. M. Jenkins has returned from a visit to the Shenandoah county.

J. R. Athey, of Dumfries, was here Sunday visiting his brother, W. S. Athey.

B. W. Kanode, of Rippon, W. Va., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. E. Beachley.

Sam Shackelford, of near Clifton, a former resident of Manassas, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Ada Kincheloe, who has been visiting Mrs. E. S. Hynson, returned Monday to Upperville.

There were seven applicants for certificates at the county teachers' examinations last week.

Mrs. J. M. Holland and Mrs. M. E. Fleming are visiting their brother, Amos Payne, in Calverton.

Miss Jane Detrick and Miss Ray Wheat, of Dumfries, are visiting Mrs. W. Fewell Merchant.

Dr. H. U. Roop, will lecture Saturday and preach Sunday at the Penn Grove, Penn., Chautaugus.

Robert Rennoe, who has been visiting relatives here, returned Monday to the Soldiers' Home, at Richmond.

The subject for the sermon at the Adventist's tent tonight will be taken from the seventh chapter of Daniel.

The Rev. Iri Hicks, weather prophet, predicted the dry period this season, and forecasts drought and light crops next year.

Miss Vida Braden, of Remington, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Hobert. She will attend Eastern College next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Wood have returned home to Albemarle county, after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. E. G. Landes, at Nokesville.

Work is progressing on the new four-room school house in the Haymarket district. The structure is to be completed by September 15.

Miss Anna Portner sailed for Europe Tuesday for an indefinite stay. She was accompanied by her brother, Paul V. Portner. Mrs. Portner will probably join them later.

A number of Manassas people are planning to attend the firemen's celebration to be held in Alexandria, August 22, 23, 24 and 25. Reduced rates will be made by the Southern.

Mrs. E. L. Hornbaker is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Jennie Robertson, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Sherman Robertson and little daughter, Arline, of Joplin, Kan. Mrs. George Rosenberger also came here to meet them.

By a score of 16 to 15, Brentsville defeated Independent Hill at base ball on the Brentsville grounds Saturday. The batteries were: Brentsville, Bell, Cornwell and Keyes; Independent Hill, Hill, Hollen and Gallahan.

Catalogues were issued this week for the sixth annual exhibition of the Manassas Colored Horse Show association to be held Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20. Many entries already have been received and the show promises to be a great success.

Mrs. J. Arthur Peterson, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Lipscomb, of Bristow. Mr. Peterson will join his wife later. Mrs. Lipscomb had also as her guest for the Horse Show, Mrs. Henry Hunt McKee, a prominent musician of Washington.

The \$2.50 gold piece will not be minted during the present fiscal year. There is an oversupply of these little coins in the United States Treasury and so little demand for them, except around Christmas time, that Treasury officials consider it unnecessary and unwise to make any more of them at present.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bannister, of Vienna, were in town Monday.

H. C. Ryckman spent Sunday with friends at Chesapeake Beach.

Mrs. Bessie Elliott is visiting in Purcellville. Her daughter, Miss Bettie, is visiting in Norfolk.

The Rev. Loose who has been visiting George C. Round and family, left this week for New York.

Miss Fannie Willis has returned from Charlottesville, where she has been attending the State Normal.

Miss Kathryn Boorman, of Washington, was the guest of Mrs. Francis E. Morris during the Horse Show.

Miss Ruth Round and Miss Mabel Bennett returned Saturday from Harrisonburg, where they have been teaching in the Normal.

Dr. J. Walter Bernhard left Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Virginia State Dental Society in Staunton. He will return Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a business meeting in its rooms in the Eford building, tomorrow, Friday night, at 7:30 o'clock. As many as can are requested to attend.

L. E. Beachley has bought a new three-horse power gasoline engine for his ice cream factory. He supplied 200 gallons of ice cream to the Horse Show in Orange this week.

The appearance of a very poor counterfeit of a \$2 silver certificate has been reported to the treasury secret service. It is of the series of 1899, adorned with a portrait of Washington.

George Allensworth, Douglas Merchant and Weir Waters are attending the athletic tournament at Greenwich today. They are in the line-up for the Bristow and Catharpin base ball teams.

While working at a corn crusher, John Burns, of near Arade, Loudoun county, had his right hand, with the exception of the thumb, cut off in the machine. He is a brother-in-law of W. W. Smallwood, of Backhall, and is well known here.

Civil service examinations will be held in Alexandria on August 24 for assistant in wireless telegraphy, signal service; tariff clerk, interstate commerce commission; mechanical draftsman, Patent Office; aid, Bureau of Standards; library assistant, Department of Commerce and Labor.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Fewell Merchant entertained informally at cards Tuesday evening. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. M. Lewis, Miss Alma Morgan, Miss Elizabeth Merchant, Mrs. Somerville Stiles, Miss Courtney Marshall, Miss Jane Detrick, Miss Ray Wheat, Jim Dunnington, John Cowart.

W. Ernest Trusler, who has been assistant postmaster in the Manassas postoffice has resigned to take the position of assistant postmaster in the Front Royal office. He will be succeeded here by Miss B. W. Coates, of near Culpeper. Mr. Trusler, leaves this week for a month's vacation at his home in Ford county. He has made many friends here who regret his departure.

Bachelors who through sheer force of necessity have become adept in sewing on buttons, as well as others away from home and the restorative touch of woman, will appreciate an old-fashioned pincushion to be placed in each guest room of the Prince William Hotel, when the establishment opens on October 15. The pincushion will be supplied with needles, pins, thread and three trouser buttons. Travelers who have felt the responsibility of the last button, with no needle or thread available, will appreciate the pincushion.

Mrs. M. S. Moffett and daughter, Miss M'ledge, have returned from Charlottesville.

Miss Salena Taylor is home from Farmville, where she has been teaching in a Normal School.

Dr. and Mrs. Seth E. Cole, of Washington, were here last week visiting her mother, Mrs. James Bridwell.

Miss Mabel Bennett, who has been visiting Miss Ruth Round, left Tuesday for her home in Washington.

W. W. Liming has discovered a fine vein of sulphur and copper ore on his farm near Joplin. The ore from the surface runs 26 per cent copper.

The Penn-Via Coal, Oil and Gas Company has its drilling outfit in position, and will at once sink a well to supply water for the boiler. Drilling for oil will then be started.

Book publishers doing business in Virginia are required to stamp the price upon the cover of each volume, according to a recent decision of the State Board of Education.

Mrs. A. L. Nalls and two children, of Alexandria, Mrs. Lulu Groff and little daughter, and Mrs. Ada Reid, of Washington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Merchant last week.

The State Department of Agriculture has issued a special bulletin on canning and methods of canning all kinds of fruits and vegetables. The bulletin is profusely illustrated and has been sent broadcast throughout the State.

Misses Ada and Ora Kincheloe will entertain with a house party at the Loudoun camp meeting, August 12 to 23. Mrs. R. S. Hynson will chaperone. Among those expecting to attend from Manassas are Miss Ola Waters, Stuart Hynson, Frank Pattie, Sidney Weedon, James Dunnington, Webb Garrison and John Hynson.

Father Patrick, pastor of All Saints' Catholic church is celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary of priesthood by a tour abroad and a visit to Rome. He sailed from New York July 27, and will not return until late in the autumn. Father Patrick has been pastor of All Saints' Church for about twelve years. During his absence Father Eugene, of Atlanta, Ga., is officiating.

The pass book system, used in savings institutions, will be adopted for the proposed postal savings banks when they are established by the government. A committee of officials that has been perfecting plans for the postal banks had been considering what is known as the coupon system for postal bank deposits, but has now decided that such a system might produce complications that would be undesirable.

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# AN INFERNAL MACHINE

How It Was Prevented From Blowing Up a Ship.

By SALLIE WENDEM.

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A party of travelers was assembled on the upper deck of the ocean liner Eric, four days out from Southampton, England, bound for New York. Walter Ricker had met and traveled with Miss Eugenia Floyd. They had become engaged and were returning to their homes to secure their parents' sanction to their nuptials.

The ocean during the voyage had run smooth, but the course of true love had not. An Englishman who permitted the fact to leak out that he was the eldest son of an earl and was going to America in search of a wife paid considerable attention to Miss Floyd, much to the annoyance of Mr. Ricker. The name under which this scion of British nobility traveled was plain John Mervale. He wore a check-suit with golf cap to match and was the best all-around player on the ship.

Mr. Mervale had settled himself into a steamer chair beside that of Miss Floyd, while Mr. Ricker was chatting or trying to chat with other young ladies of the party. His attention was not given to the young ladies, but to

"Very well. I have another plan to propose. Lower one of the lifeboats, place the box in it and tow the boat with a line long enough to be perfectly safe."

As these words were spoken the box was being carried out and in another moment was resting on the rail ready to go overboard. Mr. Mervale made so strong a protest that the captain hesitated. Mr. Mervale declared that if the box contained his property he would hold the captain responsible for its destruction. The captain, influenced by this argument, changed his mind and ordered the boat lowered. The box was put in the bottom of the boat, which was towed at the end of a 200 foot line.

The matter was not permitted to get out among the passengers till after the infernal machine was in tow, and then it was no longer possible to keep it secret. People gathered on the stern clapping to know why the boat with its contents was being put out, and when it was at a safe distance those who knew admitted that there was a box in the boat which might contain an explosive. Immediately the news spread that anarchists had endeavored to blow up the ship and it had been saved only by a wireless telegram from the chief of the Southampton police.

Mr. Mervale, who had received the telegram and among whose baggage the anarchists had placed the explosive, at once became the most important man aboard, not excepting the captain. Passengers crowded around him to learn every detail. He endeavored to calm them, telling them that he believed a mistake had been made and that the box simply contained a clock and other family belongings.

As distinguished men find their value enhanced by always keeping themselves before the public, so Mr. Mervale gained with Miss Floyd by his prominence, even if it were only on account of having had enough on his ship-logs that which might blow the ship and passengers sky high. Somewhat Ricker, who had seemed to her quite a man when pulling her in a boat on Lake Como, now appeared equally tame in comparison with this earl's son, who had become the center of attraction for the whole ship. The former gradually gave way to the latter, and Miss Floyd instead of walking the deck or sitting in a steamer chair all day in company with Mr. Ricker, merely began these socializations with him and continued them with Mr. Mervale.

Meanwhile the infernal machine bobbed up and down on the waves. Knots of passengers constantly loitering on the stern looked at it and expressed opinions whether in case of an explosion it was far enough from the ship to avert any damage. Then came the approach to port, the landing around at custom house blinks on which to make declarations of dutiable baggage, the fitting in of articles purchased abroad and handing them to the purser. Mr. Mervale said that if the box being towed was what he supposed it was the duty on the articles it contained was considerable.

The question as to whether it was a box of heirlooms or an infernal machine must be settled by the custom officers. He rather thought they would pass it free of duty.

The evening before reaching port Miss Floyd was sitting with Mr. Mervale on the upper deck, where they were not so liable to interruption as they would be lower down. He was telling her of the family home of his father, the earl, and his mother, the countess. Then he told her how they had sent him to America, where rich wives were to be had by British nobles for the asking, that he might marry a wealthy American girl and build up the family estates when he came into the title. But he had been captured before his arrival. He had no sooner seen Miss Floyd than he had succumbed to her rich or poor.

Miss Floyd told him that, as to means, she would have on the death of her father a large inheritance. But a complication had arisen in the matter of Walter Ricker. There was an engagement that had not been approved by her parents and might not be approved by them. She would be pleased to have Mr. Mervale see her in New York. That was all a young lady who had recently accepted one man could say to another when she wished to reject the first.

But she said nothing of this to Ricker. Miss Floyd was taking home a number of valuables that were dutiable. Her father was ready to pay the duty on them, but there is a fascination in "beating" the government on customs that attracts even young girls. Mr. Mervale told her that he had a way of getting goods through the custom house and if she would bring them up to him he would smuggle them into port and send them to her immediately afterward. She brought him up several thousand dollars' worth of goods, then during his good night, showing by a slight pressure of the hand that she was in a trap.

Soon after the parting between Mr. Mervale and Miss Floyd the infernal light was sighted, and in the morning the Eric was steaming up New York bay.

But where was the boat containing the infernal machine? And where was Mr. Mervale? The former was not in tow, and the latter was not on the ship.

No one ever found out how the earl's son got the box which besides a clock, contained \$100,000 worth of diamonds ashore. He doubtless took Miss Floyd's valuables in the same boat and smuggled them in, as he had promised, but Miss Floyd never saw trace of him again.



THE CAPTAIN HESITATED.

the compliments the Britisher was paying his fiancée and the pleasure with which she received them.

Now comes a dose seawards with a wireless telegram in his hand, which he delivers to Mr. Mervale. The gentleman reads it, starts, and his hand trembles. He rises at once, sends the captain of the ship and hands him the message, signed by the Southampton superintendent of police:

"One of your pieces of baggage was left on the dock. There is every reason to believe that an infernal machine with your name and address on it was shipped in its stead by anarchists with the intention of blowing up the ship."

The captain turned pale.

"Where is your baggage?" he asked Mr. Mervale.

"Part in the baggage room and part in my stateroom."

"Can this thing be in your stateroom?"

"No."

"Very well. We must get out what you have in the baggage room immediately."

The captain, attended by Mr. Mervale, went down to the main deck and entering the baggage room, ordered all the Britisher's luggage pulled out. There was a suspicious looking box about which the latter seemed very uncertain. He said that his mother had done his packing and he was not sure whether this box belonged to him or not. One of the men present put his ear to the box and distinctly heard the ticking of machinery. This was enough. The captain ordered the box thrown overboard.

"One moment," said Mr. Mervale. "I'm not sure but that a clock is there my mother asked me to take over and give to her sister, my aunt, who is living in America."

"We can't take any risk," said the captain. "Leave the box overboard."

"But, captain," persisted the Englishman, "if that box is really mine it contains several articles of great value. My mother spoke to me about it, but till this moment it had escaped my mind."

"The ship and cargo are worth too much money to take any risk, and the lives of the passengers certainly cannot be jeopardized."

"Nevertheless I protest against my property being jetted, and I am not sure but this box is mine and contains family belongings of great value sent by my mother to relatives in America. I think it quite probable that some one on the dock heard the ticking of the clock and informed the superintendent of police that the box was an infernal machine, hence the telegram. Suppose you open the box and find out."

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Her highness the Maharajah's daughter is a very progressive woman and she assists her distinguished husband in looking out for the welfare of his subjects.

When asked whether she believed in strange for women a dignified shake of the head and a quizzical smile was the answer to the question. She looked toward her daughter, the Princess Indira, the most beautiful princess in India, who is the first girl of her rank to gain the entrance examination to the University of Baroda, where she will enter this fall as a student.

"I enjoy my studies so much," enthusiastically stated the princess. "I shall graduate from the university and be as brilliant as my brothers, one of whom is in Harvard and the youngest, a darling of fourteen, in an English preparatory school."

The wife and daughter of the gawkier seem to glow, and there is no mystery of feeling the enthusiasm it is believed that girls should stay. Dark flashing eyes and perfect teeth are the only jewels with which the young Princess Indira is adorned, but her mother is a blaze of precious gems.

The royal orient party are on their way round the world, having left last spring for the journey.

Suggestions For the Housewife.

The tablespoonful of vinegar with a dash of salt of mixture to be used.

To keep a washcloth from rusting use a little on washday, wipe dry, and take a piece of cloth and saturate in kerosene and wipe the bottle to be used.

A plain cloth dipped in hot water and then a saucer of bran will clean the stain and not injure it. Dip in a little of soap in the paint.

A little of bread has become stale and a little water for a second dip in a hot water for a second dip.

When you are ironing any dark material do not put a linen cloth underneath, as the lint will come off on the material and you will have great difficulty in removing it of again.

Whenever that has been burned or scorched through use may be brightened in this way: Take a teaspoonful of lye, moisten with water and scour the spots are removed.

Send a small take a small piece of black sticking plaster and stick it on the spot. The plaster will be removed by the water.

A wife's influence.

How often see the wonderful influence of a wife exert for the good of her husband. By a gentle and dignified manner she may win the hearts of her friends. In nearly all walks of life where he has to do with the general public, a wife's influence is found in the inflexible of

### For the Children

Strange Friendship of a Dog and a Lion



A curious friendship between a lion and a dog has attracted wide attention in England, where they are being exhibited. The dog is a fine specimen of his kind and performs many clever tricks. He seems much attached to his feline companion, and they frequently have a game of romps. This is all the more remarkable, as dog and lion rarely make friends.

The most wonderful fact concerning this strange pair is that Leo, as the lion is named, has a decidedly vicious temper when with other animals and has killed several that were taken with him before the advent of his present canine companion. The two live together in amity, sharing the food thrown to them and sleeping side by side in a corner of their cage.

### The Diving Bell

How many of you children know who first invented the diving bell? It was not a man or a woman, but a little spider that built its home under the water long before man thought of the diving bell, says the Chicago News. The spider's house, made of the finest spun silk, it strange to say, though under water, filled with air. To keep his home from ascending to the surface the spider fastens it with silken cords to the grass in the pond or brook or wherever the house may be. If he did not it would rise like a balloon, float from its moorings and leave the spider family homeless.

### Telling Fortunes

Have you a game of dominoes? If so you can have lots of fun when your friends come to see you. Shuffle the dominoes well and lay them face down on a smooth table. Tell your friends to turn the dominoes, and the following are what the points denote:

Double six denotes receipt of money; will be very rich.

Six-five denotes success and pleasure.

Six-four early marriage; happiness.

Six-three denotes good luck.

Six-two industrial success.

Six-one twice married.

Six-blank sorrow, trouble.

Five-double very lucky.

Five-four will marry poor.

Five-three eventual wealth.

Five-two love.

Five-one engagement, invitations.

### Shearing Sheep

In spring and fall sheep shearing is an important operation, and the shearer is an important individual. In England very frequently his craft runs right through the family—first the father, then the sons and then the sons.

When shearing is done there it is done by a shearer, and he is not allowed to one family. These men take the animals, tie their legs together, throw them on their backs and soon the shearer is at work. An electric shaver will take off the fleece in one smooth piece, and these pieces are rolled into neat bundles to facilitate the counting. When an accidental cut is made in the sheep's flesh mixed with hard is applied at once to prevent an attack by flies.

### Riddles

When is the best time to get a fresh egg at sea? When the ship lays to.

Why is a thief called a thief? Because he's been a robin.

How can a leopard change its spots? By going from one spot to another.

What are the most uncomfortable ships? Hardships.

Why is a match a difficult thing to steal? Because it must be taken off its guard.

When does a farmer change the color of his horses? When he opens the field gate and turns them in to graze.

### The Swimming Pool

The dim and dingy swimming pool in the country boy's retreat. When he's tired of his lot or things get too hot and dusty from head to feet. And he's dusty from head to feet. It's a great and cool and makes him cool.

### For a Friend in Need

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To T. A. Foster, if living, and if dead to the personal representative and heirs at law, if any, of the said T. A. Foster:  
You are hereby notified that after the expiration of this notice, I will take the necessary steps to obtain, from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, a deed for a tract of land lying and being situate at Independent Hill, said county, and containing fifty acres as per plan and survey made by W. E. Lynn, county surveyor, recorded in the office of the said clerk. The said tract of land was purchased by me from the treasurer of said county for delinquent taxes for the year 1908.  
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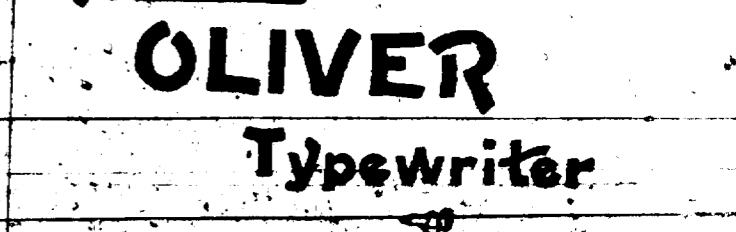
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THE GANG

WITHOUT a parallel in the history of Prince William County for subtlety and cunning, a plot so vengeful that it is vendetta, an intrigue so virulently vindictive that only by turning to melodrama may we find its like, is being unravelled right here in Manassas. It is a drama, more intense than ever was evoked by a litterateur, because it is real. It is a conflict of human wills—the fight of a fearless newspaper against an autocratic power that would crush truth and make justice a mockery. But even now is foreshadowed in the succession of events, the ultimate triumph of right, the day when justice not force shall rule.

The drama, too, is a revelation, as it brings to light the motives impelling attacks calculated to crush out a medium of publicity that dares stand for the right. A fearless, truthful newspaper is the strongest defender of the people's rights, as it is the greatest destroyer of oligarchic or ring rule. THE DEMOCRAT IS A FEARLESS, TRUTHFUL NEWSPAPER. THE POLITICAL GANG OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY IS MOVING HEAVEN AND EARTH TO ACCOMPLISH THE RUIN OF THE DEMOCRAT.

Why does the political gang seek the death of THE DEMOCRAT? What is the political gang endeavoring to conceal?

From the time of its birth, THE DEMOCRAT has been a thorn in the flesh of the political gang, a tormenter they cannot remove. They have applied suggestive surgery, absent treatment as it were, all without avail. Then they have made threats, tried intimidation and instituted boycotts, all to no effect. They are continually endeavoring to present us in the wrong light with the public. Until THE DEMOCRAT appeared in the field the political gang, with public print muzzled, ruled with high hand and hope dared dispute its sway. A system of nepotism prevailed and had been planned for the future—a kind of dynasty crammed down the throats of freeholders. Public servants came to be regarded as objects of worship, only in their own opinion, mind you—a paradox of a self-constituted system of monarchical rule under a republican form of government. Aggrandisement is commendable so long as it does not encroach upon the rights of others. Then it is time to call a halt. Because they cannot answer the charges we have made against them members of the political gang in an effort to minimize the effect are endeavoring to discredit us with the people. To injure us they are circulating fabrications of the most malicious character.

One member of the political gang has in the presence of some of our friends tried to create the impression that we have no right to conduct a newspaper in this community opposed to his prejudices. He prefaces his bursts of confidence by attempting to pledge his unwilling auditors to secrecy. This individual declared before THE DEMOCRAT was started that he would do all in his power to down it, and he is keeping his word. The success of his efforts is doubtful, as the more he works against us, the more we prosper. As a matter of fact, with all his attacks against us, he is the best promoter of business we have. People whom he approaches, come and tell us about it, and renew their testaments of friendship to us. It would appear that this individual would learn after a time that his alleged influence is a boomerang against himself, and that he is by no means the power he believes himself to be.

This individual and another in particular appear to devote most of their time to working against THE DEMOCRAT. The expose of the unfair county printing deal made them so very indignant that they have never recovered from it, and they are trying to cover up that unjust episode in a mass of fabrications against us, personally and about our business. We have nothing to conceal. Our lives are open. Our business methods are above reproach.

We wish to state that should these individuals persist in their tattle, we will publish their names and perhaps a little episode or two we know about, so that they will have something more serious to engage their attention. They may take this as a fair warning.

This is our life story right here in Manassas, and by strange symbolism its principal chapters are being enacted on Battle street. We have had to fight our way through the world and we cannot see that we are any the worse off for it. There is one thing certain, this political gang cannot drive us from Manassas and Prince William County, and cannot get their circulate behind our backs we regard as characteristic of them, and make us all the more determined to stay.

It appears that all we have eyes done in newspaper work, and all that we ever hope to be is centered in this county newspaper proposition. We never before knew, or rather never before realized so fully the preparative value of preceding events. We see now that all our life has been a preparation for this principal episode in our careers. We do not propose that a set of fellows, whom we have come to regard with distrust and aversion shall balk our plans. We do not propose that they shall triumph over us when we are upholding the right.

The right. After all, that is all that is worth while. We will work here a pittance, if need be, to accomplish the downfall of this political gang. Believe us, the declaration is meant and we

will stand by it to the limit. THE DEMOCRAT is on a paying basis, as the people of Prince William county are standing back of it to a man. That is what makes the fight worth while.

Now, after threats, boycott and intimidation have failed, the political gang is playing for public sympathy. Its members are sending emissaries about interviewing business men and other citizens in an endeavor to—insinuate and discredit THE DEMOCRAT. One individual in particular since the preceding issue of this newspaper is making the rounds, ingratiating himself into the graces of merchants and insinuating that THE DEMOCRAT should cease its battle against the powers.

We wish it clearly understood that not until ring rule has been stamped out in Prince William County, will THE DEMOCRAT relax its vigilance, nor shall it ever give up its fight until then. A business man met us in the street the other day, and gave us much encouragement in a moral way by declaring that we had the gang worried and that its members did not know which way to turn. He inquired anxiously if we were game to continue the fight. We informed him that we were.

Another roorback emanating from the political gang is to the effect that we hold enmity toward Mr. Moran, editor of The Journal. Nothing can be further from the truth. We respect Mr. Moran as a gentleman and a newspaper man, although we must admit that we cannot respect the publication with which he is associated.

This is the plot formed against us—to fight from ambush, never in the open, to attack us behing our back, with fabrications, to go about endeavoring to poison the minds of the people against us with tales they dare not print. Why does not the political gang present its case, if it has one in the columns of its publication, so that all the people may know? That would be a fair method. They never can gain anything by deception. THE DEMOCRAT challenges members of the political gang to come out with a statement.

PARAGRAPHS

The wireless tripped Crippen.

OTHER Towns on the circuit will have to go some to come up to the Manassas Horse Show.

No more \$2.50 gold pieces are to be minted during the present fiscal year. We shall miss them.

A WRITER in a daily newspaper declares that "a job is a woman's first aid to matrimony." We believe it.

LOEB does not want to be the sacrifice offered at the next election. He has informed Republican campaign managers that he will not accept the nomination for Governor of New York.

GREENWICH NOTES

Miss Annie Edmonds is visiting friends in Warrenton.

Stewart Davidge is spending several days at the Grove.

George Edmonds is visiting his sisters, The Misses Edmonds.

Charles Riadom, of Washington is on a visit to his friends in Greenwich.

Lewis Mayhugh has returned from Washington to reside permanently in Greenwich.

Miss Roberta Washington, of King and Queen county is visiting her uncle, Malcomb Washington.

We are glad to report improvement in the road from here to Gainesville and hope the good work may continue.

Mrs. J. A. T. Marsteller will leave for Buckingham county on August 18, where she will join the Rev. J. A. T. Marsteller in their new home.

Miss Mabel Wagner, of Baltimore, left "The Grove" on August 1, for Bass Rocks, Mass., where joined by her sister, Miss Nan Wagner, she will spend the month of August.

HANLEY NEWS

Miss Viola Williams was the guest of Miss Nora Simpson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Simpson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garner.

Miss Pauline Wolfe was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Davis on Sunday.

Quite an enjoyable picnic was given by C. Russell at Bacon Race, Saturday, July 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Carter were guests of Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wolfe, on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lillie Fairfax and Mr. Lewis Milstead were quietly married on Saturday, July 30, at the home of the bride's comit Mrs. F. Davis. BLUE BELLS.

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