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NO WEDDING BELLS NO MORE TOBACCO

EXTREME PENALTY ON CURRY

Jilted Maiden Seeks Balm for Wounded Heart in Sufferings of Retraunt Swain in Eastern Mimic Court.

Blandishments of pretty girls and the love of money, have caused O. P. Curry, of Eastern College, many heart-aches and no end of trouble, to say nothing of an incidental reputation as social lion and spendthrift. These were the revelations of the mimic trial in which Mr. Curry figured last Thursday evening to give practice to the law students of Eastern College.

EMOTION OR COLD

Fortunately or unfortunately, as the case may be, the young woman seeking balm for her wounded heart, is abundantly supplied with money. Between sobs she told in court how the debonaire Curry had stirred her soul with his eloquent declarations of love, how he knelt in worship at her feet and how, with his voice trembling with emotion or a severe cold, she is now not quite sure which, he conjured visions of a rose-covered cottage in which their romance should dwell as softly, sweetly beautiful as the carress of silvery moonbeams on the brow of autumnal hills. Anon, he was to be the sturdy oak and she the clinging vine, she murmured quite practically.

SOB STORY

There was a hush in the court room and handkerchiefs were lifted to moist eyes when the girl told how her yearning heart lavished its wealth of love upon this hero of her dreams, the one whom she had crowned with a halo of romance. The little birds never sang sweeter melodies, she said. Never did the roses bloom so red, the violets nod so joyously, nor from its azure field did the sun ever before turn with such ineffable alchemy all nature into vistas of gold. Life held a new meaning for her.

SOME CLASS TO THAT BOY

But, Mr. Curry it appears, according to testimony, was stricken with temporary, though periodical, financial embarrassment—a lamentable condition which he disclosed to his lady fair with apparent extreme reluctance. "In the midst of his impassioned speeches," she sighed tenderly, "he would most strangely lapse into silence, a faraway expression would shadow his eyes while a haunted look would spread over his features like a pall. Naturally alarmed, I was solicitous in inquiry, and at last after insistent coaxing, he admitted that he was worried over money matters.

GOING SOME AND GOING SOME

"But I couldn't think of taking a cent from you, love," he suggested, before I even had time to consider the advisability of a loan," the girl continued in metallic tones. "But rather than see the poor boy suffer," she told the court in a silvery sympathetic voice, "I advanced him a large sum of money."

MAY I ASK THE PRECISE SUM?

interposed Prosecuting Attorney Hobart. "Five hundred dollars," replied the girl, with a lost air. Messrs. Bouffard and Carroll, attorneys for Mr. Curry, beamed complacently.

WHAT DID MR. CURRY SAY WHEN

asked for the amount of the loan.

COURT CONFIRMS FORD REPORT

CAPT. HERRELL WILL APPEAL

Report Charges Errors and Omissions to Extent of \$2,539.43—Involves Settlement of Penalties.

The circuit court Tuesday confirmed the report of Commissioner Vernon Ford in the suit of the Board of Supervisors of Prince William County against County Treasurer Jas. E. Herrell. Judge Barley stated that the decree will not be entered before next Wednesday. At the instance of the defendant a suspension of ninety days was granted in order to copy record and appeal to the supreme court, where it is confidently expected by Mr. Herrell's counsel and friends that the appeal will be granted and findings of the commissioner set aside.

One of the exceptions submitted by Mr. Herrell's counsel to the report was found in the report of the commissioner that Judge Barley had considered part of the matter with him, which the defendant's counsel thought ought to be made a part of the exception to the report. The exception was overruled.

Captain J. E. Herrill, treasurer of Prince William county, is virtually exonerated of the charge of illegal use of public funds, but is held responsible in the sum of \$2,539.43 for errors and omissions in settlements with the auditing committees appointed by the board of supervisors.

The suit involves settlements made by the treasurer of the penalties that should be accounted for in the years of 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907, interest on unpaid tax bills after June 15 for certain years, and other small items overlooked by the auditing committee.

Many Christmas packages never reach their destination while others are subjected to annoying delays because the senders neglect to observe the requirements of the postal service.

FREE LIFE FOR US SAY BACHELORS

ARGUE INDIGNATION OF WOMEN

Wise Judges Make Diplomatic Decision. Debaters Discuss Joys and Sorrows of Married Life.

"Resolved, That there is more pleasure in single life than in married."

A dangerous theme! C. H. Kirby and C. Moffet may thank their lucky stars that they are bachelors and did not have angry spouses to face last night. It is true, dear reader, that they had been out with the boys, but not in the accepted sense of the term. They had only been attending a meeting of the Jeffersonian Literary Society of Eastern College.

But while there they did enough to make every married woman who heard about it, mad all the way through. "The very impudence," they say, "of these bachelors talking about something they know nothing about." All the girls are angry, too. However, they all like J. A. Caskie and A. N. Green, who, although they have never tried it, argued that married life has everything else beaten to a standstill. It is suspected that they are about to prove the courage of their convictions.

Believing that discretion is the better part of valor the judges decided in favor of the negative.

PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL BURNS TO GROUND RESCUE SLEEPING GUESTS FROM DEATH

NARROW ESCAPES FROM PYRE; BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT TOTAL LOSS

Assign Defective Fire or Chimney Sparks on Roof as Cause of Disaster—Building Burns Three Hours Before Crumbling Into Ashes—Insurance Covers Most of Loss—Hundreds Witness Brilliant Early Morning Spectacle.

ESTIMATED LOSS	
EASTERN COLLEGE	
Princess Hotel Building, 34 rooms	\$20,500
Equipment and Furnishings	10,000
Gross loss to Eastern College	30,500
Insurance	22,500
Net loss to Eastern College	8,000
W. R. LUCAS, MANAGER	
Personal Effects	\$1,000
Insurance	500
Net loss to Mr. Lucas	500
EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION	
Football and Baseball Equipment (No Insurance)	\$250

The Prince William Hotel property is a mass of smoldering ruins, the magnificent building with all its equipment burning to the ground at an early hour this morning in the most disastrous fire visitation in the history of Manassas, save the disastrous conflagration on the memorable night of December 5, 1905, when the business district was destroyed at an approximate loss of \$150,000. Sparks alighting on the roof, or ignition from a defective fire are assigned as causes of the disaster. The fire originated in the rear of the central portion of the building.

No lives were lost, the thirteen guests and the hotel employees escaping from the burning building while the flames were confined to the roof. None was injured. The hotel probably will not be rebuilt in the immediate future, and the College authorities have decided upon no disposition of the site. Panic and resultant fatalities or injuries only were averted by the self-possession of Manager W. R. Lucas and the hotel employees.

Firemen, aided by citizens, valiantly battled the conflagration, but the flames, fanned by a strong west wind, were beyond control from the moment of ignition with the roof. Streams directed on the fire were turned into steam by the intense heat before coming in contact with the blazing structure. Lack of protection by inadequate Town water facilities was never more strikingly illustrated. Connections with the railroad standpipe afforded a supply that could not have been obtained in another section of Town. However, neither the efficiency of the fire department nor the efforts of other citizens could save the doomed structure.

NEAR VICTIMS OF FIRE

- J. D. Clarke, Baltimore.
- J. S. Plecker, Pennsylvania.
- J. D. Longbeam, Marshall.
- J. M. Rowie, Virginia.
- W. E. Hatcher, Fork Union.
- J. W. Thompson, Boyce, Va.
- F. J. Slagle, Boston.
- W. Proctor, Cumberland.
- A. N. Brown, Lynchburg.
- C. E. Nicholson, Baltimore.
- J. J. Cowhig, Washington.
- W. H. Coates, Philadelphia.
- T. Moffit.
- W. R. Lucas, proprietor.
- J. W. Wright, clerk.
- Mrs. S. M. Lucas.
- Six hotel employees.

The fire was discovered by Will Lynch and M. Lynch, Jr., shortly after six o'clock. They gave the alarm to hotel employees, who ran through the halls and aroused the guests. The escape through the roof burst into tongues of hungry flame and clouds of dense smoke, transforming the entire upper portion of the structure into a threatening trap of death through which the guests and employees ran as though to providential escape.

BURNS THREE HOURS

Now the flames crept along the halls, down the stairways to the first floor, and barely had the last person left the building when the entire central portion burst into a mass of fire. The stiff gale spread the flames first to the north wing and then to the south and within an hour the

SAVE COLLEGE SUPPLY

The fire communicated with the storage tank supplying Eastern College with water. The tank stood about fifteen feet from the rear of the burning building. By great effort the tank was saved. Its destruction might have meant a temporary suspension of Eastern College extending beyond the vacation period of two weeks beginning tomorrow.

FIRE INCIDENTS

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Fork Union, a noted Baptist minister, was assisted from the burning

LIMSTRONG VICTIM OF ASSAULT WOUNDS

STRUCK IN HEAD WITH IRON BAR

Affray Result of Encounter With Belongers on Washington Street Caf—Former Resident of Prince William.

Gray Limstrong, former resident of Limstrong, near Manassas, conductor in the employ of the Capital Traction Company, is lying at the point of death in Emergency hospital, Washington, as the result of injuries sustained in an encounter with several negroes on his car. Limstrong's skull was fractured when struck by a heavy iron bar. Several negroes are being held by the Washington police for participation in the affair. Another conductor, Charles Gans, was severely bruised and beaten about the head.

It appears that one of the negroes made a remark which the conductors resented and that during the argument fists were freely used. One negro grasped an iron bar and felled Limstrong, who was found by the police in an unconscious condition in the street. He was taken to the hospital in an automobile.

Charles Gans, the other conductor was not so badly injured. Miss Beatrice Limstrong, teacher in the Manassas public schools, sister of the injured man, left yesterday afternoon for Washington. He has another sister, Mrs. Maude Dickens, residing at Limstrong, a sister, Mrs. Florence O'Callahan, at Athens, Ga., and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Bundy, in New York. Limstrong has been employed by the Traction Company for about eight years.

Severe weather kept many away from the observance of Red Letter Day last Sunday by the W. C. T. U. in the Presbyterian Church. But what the meeting lacked in numbers it made up in enthusiasm. A splendid address was delivered by Dean Irwin Mather, of Eastern College. Contributions were received for the state-wide prohibition fund.

FIND GAS TRACE IN NOKESVILLE FIELD

DISCOVERIES MADE WITH OIL

Discovery at Depth of 900 Feet—Prospects Bright for Rich Strike, Say Experts—Management Optimistic.

Sand strongly impregnated with the odor of gas was encountered Monday by the Penn-Vip drill in the Nokesville field at a depth of 900 feet. The drill yesterday in piercing a limestone formation lost the trace of gas, but it is believed by experts that all indications point to the existence of a large body of gas at a lower depth. The management is greatly encouraged in view of the indications which point to rich discoveries, but is making no statements for publication, other than that the optimistic success of the enterprise are to be realized.

BASE SMOTHERS TO DEATH

Awakened by a sense of dread visitation hovering over the home, Mrs. Aubrey Keys caressed her five-months-old baby boy sleeping by her side and to her horror discovered that the child was dead, having smothered in the night. It was then three o'clock Sunday morning and it was apparent the child had been dead several hours. Mr. and Mrs. Keys live between Manassas and Rockhill.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT HEBRON SEMINARY

ARRANGE EXCELLENT PROGRAM

Musical Event of Year in Nokesville—Rendition Saturday, December 17, Will Attract Big Attendance.

Christmas will be celebrated at Hebron Seminary, in Nokesville, with a musicale by the Music Department assisted by the Senior Chorus Class, on Saturday night, December 17, beginning at 7 o'clock. An admission of ten cents will be charged. The rendition will be the musical event of the season for Nokesville and the attendance promises to be unusually large. Following is the program:

- Song—Joy to the World. G. F. Handel. Senior Chorus Class.
- Piano—Sunset in the Mountains. Metzler. Miss May Hooker.
- Piano Solo—Slumber Song. Kern. Miss Esther Beahm.
- Vocal Solo—Babe of Bethlehem. Driscoll. Miss Vida Leatherman.
- Piano Duet—Christmas Festival. Buttchardt. Miss Lena Leatherman. Miss Mildred Allen.

- Anthems:
- (a) The Prince of Peace. Hall.
 - (b) The Heavens Declare the Glory of God. Palmer. Senior Chorus Class.
- Piano Solos:
- (a) Soul of the Night. Weil. Miss Matshka. Engel. Miss Vida Leatherman.
- Scene Second from "David, the Shepherd Boy." Miss Jennie Miller. Abigail. Miss Pearl Sheffer and Miss Mary Royer.
- Shepherds. Prof. J. T. Campbell, Mark Kerlin, R. A. Nedrow, D. H. Miller.
- Piano Solo—Home, Sweet Home. Slack. Miss Sara Beahm.
- Vocal Duet—From Worlds on High. Wallace. Miss Jenny Miller. Miss Mary Royer.
- Piano Duet—Over Hill and Dale. Engleman. Miss Sara Beahm. Miss Anna Beahm.

Good Things of Great Joy. Myers. Music Director. Miss Jenny S. Miller. Accompanist. Miss Vida Leatherman.

Term examinations now being held in Eastern College will close tomorrow at noon. The Christmas vacation begins tomorrow.

SPARE THE ROD SAVE THE CHILD

REVERSE OLD SCHOOL METHODS

Lively Discussion Before Meeting of Prince William County Teachers' Association at Nokesville.

Corporal punishment is unnecessary in the schools, save under extreme provocation. The corrective measures to be applied to youngsters who break the rule should impress the moral rather than the physical sense. This was the substance of a discussion Saturday in a session of the Prince William County Teachers' Association in Hebron Seminary, Nokesville. Diverse opinions were expressed on compulsory education. Among the speakers were Dr. H. U. Roop, president of Eastern College; Geo. C. Tyler, county superintendent of schools; and Geo. C. Round.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic in the history of the Association. Twenty teachers were present from the county public schools together with the faculty and instructors in the Seminary. An excellent musical program was rendered. The visitors were entertained by citizens of Nokesville.

C. M. Waller has been elected teacher of the colored school at Brentsville.

NEWS GLEANINGS FROM OVER VIRGINIA

A carload of furniture for the new postoffice has arrived at Fredericksburg. The building is completed, but will not be opened until early in January.

On the border of the Dismal Swamp, officers Saturday captured Washington Alexander, colored, accused of murdering Hugh Garner, another negro, in Wallace, N. C., last May.

Search is being made in the ruins for the body of James Waller, colored, who it is believed, perished in the fire Friday night which destroyed the Thornhill wagon works at Lynchburg.

After two years of no-saloon regime, Lynchburg voted Saturday to get wet for the next two years by a majority of 85. This is on the face of the returns for it is promised that the election will be bitterly contested to the last ditch.

Assistant Attorney General William E. Bibb, aged 65 years, died at his home in Richmond last Saturday, as the result of injuries received when he fell down stairs at his home some days ago, and a later surgical operation for another trouble.

C. E. Thompson and Archie A. Thompson, both of Lebanon, N. J., were arrested while returning to their homes from Richmond county, where they had been hunting. They had 27 partridges in a trunk and were fined \$50 and costs for attempting to carry game out of the State.

The Harrisonburg Poultry Show closed a three-day exhibition Friday. A stir was created when R. L. Simmons, the North Carolina judge, rejected a pen of Houdans that had captured a \$100 prize in Madison Square Garden, New York City. The birds were disqualified because of certain tiny feathers that had grown on the feet in violation of the rules of the neighborhood chicken.

The operations of a slick thief, who has been at work here for the past month, are causing the Alexandria police considerable anxiety. The latest thief is the horse blanket man, who Saturday last stole blankets from all the horses at the union passenger railway station. The other is a man, who, after spotting his victims for several days, sends a lad to their house, and when they are absent gets the boy to buy that they sent for it. As most of the places he has been successful.

John A. Nicodemus, who has about 16,000 fruit trees in his orchard near Winchester, was one of the men who did not sell his crop of apples to Northern and Western buyers early in the fall, as did practically all other local growers. As a result he is now receiving \$4 a barrel for No. 1 York Imperials and \$3.75 for No. 2s. He sold some of the Black Twig variety the other day for \$5 a barrel. He states that in his opinion the growers made a great mistake by selling their fruit to speculators early in the season.

The family of the Rev. Letcher Argenbright, of Mount Sinai, Rockingham county, is sorely stricken. For three months Carl, a three-year-old boy, has been helpless with infantile paralysis. His mother, driven insane by her child's condition, tried to commit suicide by jumping into a cistern. She escaped with painful injuries, and has been committed to the Western State Hospital in Staunton. Now it is announced that little Carl has fallen a victim to the epidemic of diphtheria which has appeared in that section of the valley. Physicians, however, hope for the recovery of the child from both maladies.

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	Large Dolls \$1.50	Purses, Bag Books and Hand Bags 25c, 50c, \$1
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CURRENT EVENTS

Here are the new spring styles of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association: The hobbie skirt is to flare into a bell. The long coat is to be supplanted with a short jacket. Collars are to be larger. Freak hats and bonnets are to be tabooed.

Postmaster William H. Gostlin, of Hammond, Ind., is looking for a cowboy for an Indianapolis girl who wrote him the following letter: "Dear Sir—Will you please send me a nice young cowboy. I am a girl of 19 years. I live at 815 Bradshaw street, Indianapolis, and I want a good looking cowboy awfully bad. Miss Pearl Woolf." If Gostlin can't find one in Hammond, he says he may go himself.

Morally, the United States is traveling the downward road as fast as Rome did, according to Clifford G. Roe, who resigned as assistant state's attorney of Cook county, Ill., to fight the white slave traffic in American cities. "The trouble with America," he said, in speaking before the Austin Woman's Club, "is the double standard of morality that welcomes the prodigal son home with open arms and kicks the prodigal daughter out of the back door."

The dark Matanzas from Brunswick, Maine, 35 days overdue, has arrived in the Philadelphia port after her owners had given her up for lost. The crew suffered terrible hardships, even butchering the ship's cat for food. The eleven men smoked ground coffee in lieu of tobacco. Five times vessels were spoken and supplied the Matanzas with provisions, but each time the bark was within hailing distance of the Delaware breakwater, and it was thought one day's provisions would suffice. The ship was driven out to sea five times.

The fight for downward revision of the tariff will start with a struggle to amend the Senate rules. Initial steps will soon be taken by "progressives" in both Senate and House to prepare the way for revision, schedule by schedule. Senator Cummins will offer an amendment to the Senate rules early in the session, the principal feature of which is a clause enabling any Senator to call up a measure for consideration after it has been in the hands of a committee for sixty days without a committee report upon it. This is aimed to prevent "pigeon-holing" legislation.

Boys in the Chicago public schools will not be transformed into "mollycoddlers" if Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of schools can prevent it. They are no longer to be set at the task of sewing on muslin where there is the least objection of protest from their parents. Recently, in a public address, Mrs. Young, referring to the practice of having boys sew in some of the schools, said she did not approve of making "mollycoddlers" of the boys. It is said she is sending letters to the principals declaring she believes boys ought to work on such subjects as will meet their needs, as marble bags, carpenters' aprons and skate bags.

Since the women in the state of Washington have been given equal suffrage and a club has been formed for studying politics, under the auspices of the Washington Political Equality League, Mrs. F. F. Emery, anti-suffragist of Spokane and actively identified with woman's clubs and charitable work, proposes to give mere man lessons in cooking. The idea started at one of Mrs. Emery's Sunday evening dinners, when a number of young men being present, she announced that the men would have to wash the dishes. The woman's suffrage question brought up the suggestion that she teach the men how to cook and the hostess declared her willingness.

Miss Juanita Miller, daughter of Joaquin Miller, "poet of the Sierras," has rented a small studio in New York and is spending her time composing poetry. She is living with her mother. Although in the heart of New York, Miss Miller declares she is able to obtain as much seclusion as does her father who resides in a cabin on the outskirts of Oakland, Cal. She is aided in maintaining her seclusion by a large sign on her studio door. The sign says she does not desire to be disturbed.

In connection with the announcement of the population of the United States made, the Director of the Census made the following announcement: I believe that the population of Continental United States, 91,972,266, is somewhat greater than was expected by most people, especially statisticians. The figures show a greater per cent. of increase from 1900 to 1910 than took place from 1890 to 1900, namely, 21 per cent, as compared with 20.7 per cent. From 1850 to 1900 each succeeding census except that of 1870 showed a falling off in the rate per cent. of increase. This was to be expected, because, in new countries generally, the rate of growth is higher than in old countries.

A mob of from eight hundred to a thousand men, women and children in Fresno, Cal., took the fight against the Industrial Workers of the World out of the hands of the police and themselves drove the score of members of this order who are not in jail out of town. Their tents were burned, their red flags torn up for souvenirs, and those who attempted to speak on the streets were knocked down, taken to the edge of the city and told not to come back on pain of being tarred and feathered. An attempt to storm the jail was only defeated by the refusal of the sheriff to give the keys and by making of speeches by the chief of police and prominent citizens. Members of the organization have been endeavoring to stir up other workers in Fresno for a month with what they claimed to be anarchistic speeches.

Southern Railway will sell greatly reduced fare tickets from all points on December 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1910, and January 1, 1911, final limit to reach original starting point returning January 8, 1911, starting Christmas and New Year holidays.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Logan Ross is recovering from a serious illness.

Remember the Red Cross Christmas stamps.

Aaron Vetter, of Woodstock, was in town Monday.

T. Mitchell Cook, of Gainesville, was in town Saturday.

Robert Herrell, of New York, visited relatives here Monday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Metz last Thursday.

Raymond Whitmer, of Bealeton, is here visiting his uncle, H. Griffith.

Dr. and Mrs. T. Walker Barr, of Edinburg, returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

The Manassas German Club will give a german in Conner's Hall tomorrow night.

The Junior Dramatic Club presented "Hickory Farm" at Front Royal Monday night.

Joseph Shaffer has sold 32 acres of the Henry Reid farm on Kettle Run to J. C. Statton for \$1,400.

The ladies of the Baptist Church in Occoquan gave an oyster supper last Thursday evening.

With improvements and repairs completed, Millford Mills resumed operation last Monday morning.

Prince William county with a school population of 3,768 will receive \$2,327.60 from the state literary school fund.

Miss E. Lynch is arranging a Christmas entertainment to be given at her school in Thoroughfare, Tuesday, December 20.

Miss Katherine Farrar left Monday for Washington after a visit here with her sister, Miss Mary Farrar, of Eastern College.

The county public schools will close for the Christmas holidays beginning Wednesday, December 22, and resume Monday, January 2.

W. J. Atjamon, Jr., who is attending the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond, is expected home Tuesday for the Christmas holidays.

Father Patrick returned last week from a visit to Belmont, N. C., and held services Sunday in All Saints' Church, the first since his departure for Europe last June.

G. S. Buckley, of Gainesville, leaves during Christmas week to take the management of a corn and cotton plantation of 1,000 acres near Duncan, Miss., for his uncle, S. J. Buckley.

Major J. Ogden Murray, secretary of the Immortal Six Hundred, who has many friends in Manassas, slipped and fell on an icy walk in Charlottesville, Va., last Thursday and was slightly hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Payne go to New York today. Mrs. Payne will sail Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives in England and Scotland, and will also visit Paris before her return about April 1.

George Washington Thorne, colored, last Thursday in the circuit court was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for murderous assault on Sergeant J. W. Whitehead on Sunday morning, October 30.

Freight business of the Southern Express Company will be transacted at the freight depot, where W. H. Clark, agent, has established his office. The passenger business will be in charge of J. W. Teates, assistant agent, and C. P. Tolley.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beale, of Haymarket, died of whooping cough Thursday night. The funeral was held Saturday from the residence of the services being conducted by the Rev. Griesner, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In her acquaintances, all of whom will be present at the funeral, which will be in St. Paul's churchyard. Her four little brothers acted as pallbearers.

The County Supervisors will meet next Wednesday.

Begin your Christmas shopping now before the crush sets in.

The fire department will hold a regular business meeting tonight. E. L. Herring, of Nokesville, is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Dr. W. R. Tullos has been confined to his home in Haymarket for several days with illness.

Dr. Lloyd Whitman, of Philadelphia, has moved to Haymarket and engaged in the practice of medicine.

A business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Edinburg building.

Mrs. O. Walls and Miss Mary B. Leachman, of Wellington, were guests of Mrs. W. M. Wheeler yesterday.

A number of young people from Clifton are planning to attend the german in Conner's Hall tomorrow night.

Traffic from Warrenton into Manassas was delayed about two hours Monday afternoon by an engine derailment near Casanova.

Mrs. Charles Jordan, of Haymarket, was taken Monday to a hospital in Washington to receive treatment for an affection of the eye.

The Colored Teachers' Institute of Northern Virginia will be held at the Manassas Industrial School during the Christmas holidays.

Miss M. R. Higginbotham, of Norfolk, and Royton St. Noble, of Barcelona, Spain, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Kasehagen.

The faculty of Eastern College presented President H. U. Roop with a fine rocking chair yesterday. The Presentation speech was made by Prof. Rankin.

Prof. and Mrs. H. F. Button returned last night from a visit to Orange, where Prof. Button gave an address before the County Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Annie E. Spies has sold her farm of about 100 acres on the Bradley road to Boston Steele for \$6,000, and bought from him for \$2,900 a farm on the Sudley road.

James Tavenor, 74 years old, died at his home in Occoquan last week. He was a brother-in-law of L. H. Carter, and a cousin of David Arrington and Mr. Scott.

J. B. Ross, of Eastern College, expects to remain in Leesville, N. C., where he was called by the illness of his brother. He expects to take charge of his brother's contracting business.

Mrs. H. U. Roop and little daughter, Margaret, left this morning for Pittsburgh, Pa., to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Kephart, and sister, Mrs. L. F. Johns. Dr. Roop will leave for Pittsburgh next week to remain over Christmas.

The Rev. Kelley, of Argo, will preach in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning, formally declaring the resignation following the resignation of Dr. Hammer. Dr. Roop will preach in the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, January 2.

Mrs. Sarah M., widow of the late Allen T. Callahan, died at the residence of her son, Commissioner of Revenue Chas. H. Callahan, at 4 o'clock yesterday evening. She was the daughter of John and Catherine Griffith. Ennis was born in Dumfries in 1863. Mrs. Callahan had been a member of the M. E. Church South for over sixty years. The deceased had been a resident of Alexandria during the past twenty-five years, during which time she had made many friends and acquaintances, all of whom will be present at the funeral, which will be in St. Paul's churchyard. Her four little brothers acted as pallbearers.

RED CROSS STAMP FUNDS

While one-half the proceeds of the sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps in Manassas are to be devoted to the Prince William Hospital Fund, many inquiries are being made relative to the distribution to other organizations.

In reply to these inquiries the committee has asked the newspapers to make the following statement:

"The Red Cross campaign is the one appeal made to the whole people of the United States in behalf of tuberculosis work. At this time and at no other time all charitable bodies in the country engage in raising funds to combat consumption and united in asking the friends of this work everywhere to use these seals. In Virginia there are at present 25,000 cases of consumption and of this number only about 50 per cent are able to pay for the necessary treatment.

"The funds raised from the Red Cross seals go directly to the care of these people and to the education of others in the prevention of consumption. Fifty per cent of the proceeds of the sale go directly to the relief of consumptives in this locality, 37 1/2 per cent of the proceeds go to the aid of the work of the State Anti-Tuberculosis Association which is carrying on an educational campaign in other cities and counties of Virginia; the remaining 12 1/2 per cent of the proceeds is used for the tuberculosis work of the National Red Cross. We appeal to all friends of tuberculosis work in our midst to aid this cause at this time and to use the beautiful Red Cross seals as a means of preventing the disease and curing those who are now suffering from it."

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FIRE DESTROYS TANK FILLED WITH WATER

THREATENS TO BURN RESIDENCE

Serious Blast Saturday Morning on Property of George Snook at Bristow—Loss Estimated at \$200.

When George Snook, of Bristow, discovered that the pipes under the water tank supplying his residence were frozen Saturday morning, he started a fire to thaw them and then left for his sawmill some distance away. He was scarcely out of sight until the flames communicated with the woodwork on the metal tank and finally destroyed the entire structure, at a loss of about \$200.

The tank was filled with water. Neighbors, who volunteered assistance, directed their efforts to saving the residence which stood twenty feet from the blazing tank and was threatened with destruction. They formed a bucket brigade and checked the spread of the fire. There was no one on the premises after Mr. Snook left until the neighbors arrived.

James Payne, a son of the late Judge Payne, of Washington, who spent several years in this vicinity, is here on a visit from New Mexico where he removed three years ago. Mr. Payne purchased a ranch 45 miles from the railway, and leads the life of a recluse, his only companions being two bronchos and two dogs. He has no neighbors within 25 miles except two—one within 4 and 4 miles respectively. Mr. Payne leaves this week for his home, saying the East is too slow for him. He contemplates engaging in the moving picture business as he says the miners cheerfully part with fifty cents to view one, which is a novelty in that remote section.

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Teachers' Meeting in Nokesville

By PROF. H. F. BUTTON, Director of Manassas Agricultural School.

The regular monthly meeting of the Prince William County Teachers' Association was held in Hebron Seminary at Nokesville last Saturday with the largest and best attendance in the history of the Association.

All present will long remember the valuable talks, and the liberal hospitality extended them by the teachers and citizens of Nokesville. Teachers attending from Manassas were Mrs. M. S. Moffett, president; Miss L. D. Metz, secretary; Prof. H. F. Button, Mrs. E. O. Metz, Miss Emily Johnson, Miss Sara Jones, Miss Selma Taylor, Miss Lewis, Miss Berry, Miss Will, Miss Beatrice Limstrong, Richard Hayden, Geo. C. Round and President H. U. Roop, of Eastern College.

An unusually strong program had been prepared by Prof. I. N. H. Beahm, of Hebron Seminary, who presided in a most acceptable manner. Miss Mooney presented a paper on the teaching of reading, bringing out the interesting discussion as to the use of supplementary readers, which Mr. Round informed the teachers the boards of trustees would buy.

Mr. House, of Aden, gave an excellent paper on the Teaching of Ethics in the Schools which brought out a discussion of the subject. The use of the Bible was discussed.

Miss Miller, of Hebron Seminary, read a paper on "The Value of Music in the Schools," which was seconded by the Rev. Miller, who gave several instances of its value that came under his notice.

Prof. H. F. Button gave a talk "Defects in Our Educational System," mentioning a neglect of the study of political and economic problems, the need of more equipment and better buildings which can be secured by an equitable assessment of property in all parts of the state.

In the absence of Mr. Ellicott, Mrs. Metz gave a brief discussion of "Culture versus Gramming," in which she told of the aims of our High School. During the afternoon a Round Table discussion was led by Prof. Edmunds, of Haymarket. "Grading of Teachers" was discussed by Mrs. M. S. Moffett and Geo. C. Round. "Educational Fads" by Prof. H. F. Button, and "Our Progress in a Decade" by Geo. C. Round.

Miss Helen Berry, of Manassas, read an excellent paper on "The Teaching of Literature" in which she expressed fine ideas as to purpose and plan.

Dr. H. U. Roop closed the meeting by a talk on "The New Trench of Education" in which he said that mercenary motives in education as embodied in the "Three Rs" has given place to the "Three Hs" hand, head and heart. Dr. Roop ably described the improved conditions which have come about in all branches of school work, scholarship, athletic purity and scholarly attainments of teachers.

Before adjourning the Round Table moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the teachers and citizens of Nokesville and particularly to the quartet and soloist of the school for the most enjoyable sessions the Association has ever had.

FIRE BURNS DOWN PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL

Continued from first page

Butting by the hotel porter who had great difficulty in awakening him. Dr. Hatcher stopped over here last night on his way to Upperville to attend the golden wedding of Dr. and Mrs. Lake. He fears the loss of a valise containing valuable papers.

Harry Proctor, of Cumberland, had set his alarm clock for 5:30 and was just sinking into another doze when he was aroused by the cry of fire.

SCENE OF WEIRD BEAUTY

No pen can picture the weird beauty of the scene presented by this early morning fire. Day was breaking when a tiny spire of flame pierced the night, mounted higher and spread into a pillar of fire, swaying into fantastic forms, and illuminating intensely, brilliantly. Apart from the crest of a knoll in a field of snow, dazzling white, the magnificent structure, wrapped in a sheet of seething flame, crumbled into ashes.

HUNDREDS WITNESS FIRE

Early risers alarmed by the glow in the sky and the shouts of the rescuers, postponed breakfast until several hundred men, women and children witnessed the destruction. So intense was the heat that all save the workers were held at a distance from the doomed building, burning with fury that none of the spectators will ever forget. When the fire died away there was a rush for souvenirs—bits of charred wood, fragments of glass and wood, anything serving as a remembrance.

REOPEN RECENTLY

The Prince William Hotel was reopened October 15 last under management of W. R. Lucas, formerly proprietor of the Warren Green Hotel, Warrenton, and under his supervision has attained the greatest success in its history. Mr. Lucas has not yet decided upon his future plans, but with his mother left this afternoon for Warrenton. He will return here tomorrow for a few days.

The Prince William Hotel was built in 1902 by Robert Portner, at approximate cost of \$50,000. After several changes in management it was closed May 30, 1908. The building was bought by Eastern College about a year ago, and used as Ladies Hall until completion of Voorhees Hall, the new dormitory for girls last September. Mrs. Portner donated \$5,400 of the purchase price of \$25,000 to Eastern College when the property was transferred.

With both legs amputated above the knee, John Lewis, a cigarmaker, formerly employed in the Myers factory in Manassas, is lying at the point of death in a hospital at Huntington, W. Va. Gangrene developed after the operation yesterday and physicians hold out little hope of his recovery. Lewis had crawled into a freight car at Staunton, and violently ill he remained there for five days half frozen and without food and water. Traipmen attracted to the car by his delirious moans broke open the door and removed him to a hospital.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me. I tried two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all druggists.

Xmas Dinner

Dec. 25, 1910

MANY Manassas housewives are arranging to banish culinary worries on Christmas day by ordering the Christmas Dinner at THE MANASSAS CAFE, conducted in the Conner block, by Mrs. M. L. Sisson. A number of dinner reservations already have been made. The following excellent Menu will be served:

RAW OYSTERS

SOUP
CHICKEN A LA PRINCES

FISH
BOILED POTOMAC BASS MAITRE D'HOTEL

OLIVES CELEPY

ENTREE
CHICKEN PATIE A LA ROUSE

ROAST TURKEY, OYSTER DRESSING
POTATOES CRANBERRY SAUCE PEAS

SALAD
WALDORF—MAYONNAISE DRESSING.

DESSERT
ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING, VANILLA SAUCE
NAPOLITANA ICE CREAM

TEA **COFFEE**

HAYMARKET NEWS

Miss Beattie Brower, of Catbarn, is visiting Mrs. Magaw: Howard Butler, of Washington, came up Sunday for his mother who will spend the winter with him.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hinekin, Jr., who have been visiting in Washington, returned home Tuesday.

Everybody is enjoying the good sleighing. The jingle of the bells makes one feel the spirit of Christmas is in the air.

N. T. DePaw and daughter, Jane, will leave the latter part of this week for New Albany, Ind., where they will spend the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Clarkson have returned home from Laurel, Md., where they have been spending some time with their son, Hugh.

Mrs. Osborn, who has been visiting her son, Fields Osborn, at Wayside, since Thanksgiving, returned to her home in Gayson county on Monday.

Mrs. D. J. Cowhig, of Hagerstown, Md., and Mrs. William Barbee, of Georger, Wise county, who were called home by the extreme illness of their mother, Mrs. Dodd, are still here. Mrs. Dodd continues very ill.

Mrs. C. E. Jordan, after having suffered several days with her eyes, called on Dr. Floyd Whitman, who, after an examination, found the trouble to be hemorrhage of the retina and that it had for her to go to a hospital as an operation might be necessary. Mrs. Jordan left on Monday morning for the Episcopal Ear, Eye and Throat Hospital in Washington.

SMILEY SPINNS NOTES

The snow storm started some of our prominent citizens hustling for wood.

M. Lynch and son, of Manassas, made a business call in our town Saturday.

Mr. Costello and family, of Ashburn, spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. Ward.

Our colored friend, Jake Allen, of Conklin, butchered a hog that dressed 654 pounds.

Miss Ebbart, of Alexandria, spent Sunday with her friend, Mrs. A. V. Spencer.

G. F. Ward butchered the largest hog in our town, it weighed, dressed, 420 pounds.

The Rev. Homer Welch filed his regular appointments at Sudley and Fairview Sunday.

J. E. Beale, of Haymarket, has secured the assistance of L. K.

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Besides our regular line of Hardware and Furniture

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WHAT'S THE USE

Of spending your money for a lot of Jimcracks to make Xmas Presents of when for the same money you can get something that is both beautiful and useful? Here are a few suggestions

For Mother, Aunt or Grandmother	For Wife, Sister or Sweetheart	For Husband, Brother or Beau
A nice Hot Water Bottle for Cold Weather.	A Piece of Cut Glass, Or a Piece of Haviland China.	A Book or a Bible.
Or a box of Real Nice Soap.	Or a Bottle of Our Fine Perfumery.	Or a Year's Subscription to a good Magazine.
Or a Good Serviceable Comb and Brush.	Or a Box of Elegant Candy.	Or a Box of Cigars.
Or a Box of Fine Stationery.	Or a Fountain Pen.	Or a Pipe.
	Or a Sealing Wax Set.	Or a Good Shaving Brush.

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Letters To Santa Claus

As next week will be the last opportunity for the children to write to Santa Claus, all letters must reach "The Santa Claus Editor" of THE DEMOCRAT not later than Monday noon to be delivered to Santa Claus and published in the paper.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a pair of leggings, a sled and some nice toys. Please do not forget me. Your little friend, MERL STEPHENS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a doll, a toy satchel filled with doll clothes, a ring, a stereoscope and lots of comic views, some candies, nuts and oranges and anything else you wish. I am your little friend, CONSTANCE E. WATERS.

Dumfries, Va.

Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is nearly here, I thought I would write and ask you to please bring me an air rifle and some shot, a pair of gold sleeve buttons, an umbrella for a rainy day. I don't want any candy, but please fill my stockings with nuts, oranges and lots of fireworks. I am a little boy nine years old. Your little friend, LEON R. WATERS.

Dumfries, Va.

My Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a fur and muff, a pair of skates, a box of water paints, a few handkerchiefs, a book, a pair of gloves, a picture and a lot of candy, nuts and oranges. I am a little girl ten years old. Your friend, MABEL E. HARTLEY.

Dumfries, Va.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a good little boy. I would like an automobile, a mouth harp, a sled, a little horse hitched to a wagon, and some candy, nuts and an orange. Your little friend, ROY D. COOPER.

P. S. Air-overcoat.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a go-cart and a doll. I would like to have a little trunk and lots of good things to eat. I am a little girl five years old. Your little friend, ALMA LUNS福德.

Dumfries, Va.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. Please bring me a little high chair for my little sister, Ruth, and bring me a wagon to haul wood for mama, and a cap and an air rifle and lots of candy and oranges and some red grapes and nuts, and an overcoat and a sled. Your little friend, WILLIAM R. MANDLEY.

Bristow, Va.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a little baby with pretty face and long curls, one that will go to sleep, and a sled and a pair of gloves and a white dog with shaggy hair and a set of little dishes and lots of good things to eat. Fill my stockings to the top. From your little friend, RUTH E. MANDLEY.

Bristow, Va.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a good little boy. Please bring me a little express wagon and some toys and some candy, oranges and nuts. Good by, LEONARD STEPHENS.

Leonard Stephens

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I thought I'd write a letter to tell you what I want you to bring me. I would like to have a wagon and a train of cars, a sled and a rifle, some fire crackers, candy, nuts and oranges. Don't forget to come. LOUIS LYNN.

Dumfries, Va.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I want a sled, a pair of skates, a book, a pair of gloves, a picture and a lot of candy, nuts and oranges. Your little friend, INDIA A. GARNER.

Smithton, W. Va.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy nine years old. I have a nice horse and would like for you to bring me a bridle for him. For my baby's foot book. Good by, HENRIETTA E. TUNNEY.

Smithton, W. Va.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. Will you please bring me a wagon, a ball and bat, a pair of gum boots, two books with pictures in them, a cap, and an overcoat for me and a pair of shoes for baby sister. I am a good boy. I help mama and papa to work. I can do a lot of work. Bring me a pair of overalls and a pair of shoes. I will give you plenty of time to pay for the horse. Every home is backed up with an iron-old guarantee, and all of them are good enough to place in my company. Correspondence solicited and visitors welcome. A good dealer is wanted in your community. Please write me. A very good stock for sale at reasonable price. W. B. BULLOCK, Prop., MANASSAS, VIRGINIA.

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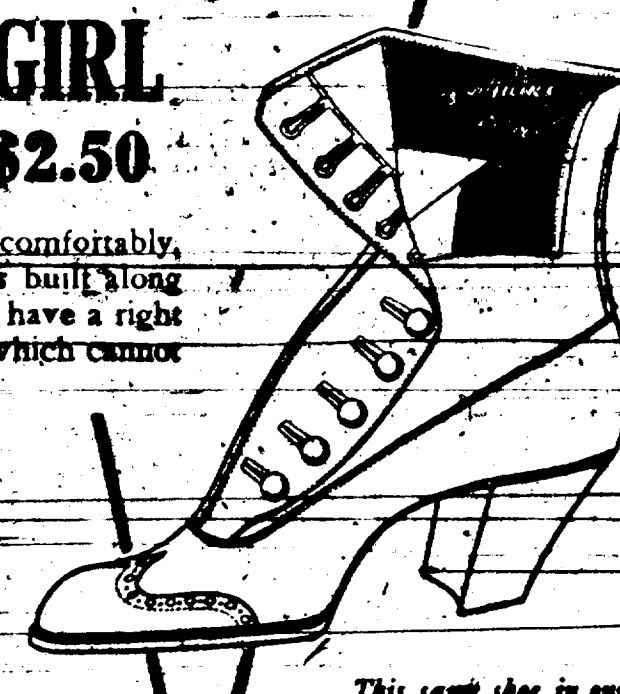
Many a woman thinks she is hard on shoes when the fact of the matter is her shoes have tricked her. If your shoes go to pieces unreasonably soon it's the fault of the maker. To meet competition he has skimmed and scalped and substituted inferior for honest materials till there's nothing left but looks.

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