

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

The town council will meet next Monday night.

The April term of the circuit court will open Monday.

Park Delmas was here last week visiting relatives.

Miss Grace Nicol, who has been quite ill, is recovering.

W. E. McCoy and family have moved here from Alexandria.

Mrs. M. Harnsberger has returned from a visit to Catletts.

Mrs. Kate Randall has taken a clerkship in Bell Bros. bakery.

Mrs. W. S. Allensworth is visiting her mother in Hagerstown, Md.

Shirley and Robert Leachman and Elmer Marks have the measles.

Walter Shannon is reported ill of peritonitis at his home in Philadelphia.

A new concrete walk entrance is being constructed at Hibbs & Giddings' store.

Joseph H. Wheaton and family, of near Canova, were in town last Saturday.

Ernest Ransdell has returned from Washington where he has been attending school.

Samuel Spencer was elected captain of Eastern College football team yesterday morning.

A. Grossman is expected home next week from Fort Bayard, N. M., where has been recuperating health.

Miss Susie Brawner, of Broad Run, Fauquier county, was a guest of the Misses Waters last Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Lake, of Jefferson, Rappahannock county, has been visiting her brother, W. M. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. See and Miss Gertrude Collins were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allison Sunday.

Miss Jennie Rennoe, of near Canova, is quite ill in Alexandria at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Fair.

Elder Norton, of Washington, will preach in the Primitive Baptist Church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Fire, originating in a defective flue, destroyed the home of Miss Nellie Ewell, near Hickory Grove, last Friday.

Miss Bessie Layburn, who has been ill with typhoid fever in a hospital at Stateville, N. C., is recovering rapidly.

Seventeen miles of new macadam road are to be built in Fairfax county this summer and nine miles in Warren county.

On account of examinations at Eastern College there will be no meetings of the Jeffersonian and Washington Irving Literary Societies this week.

Civil service examinations will be held in Alexandria on April 12 for cadet officer, lighthouse service, and on April 22 for draftsman and cartographer in the Philippine service.

St. Patrick's day was observed in Manassas last Friday by the wearing of the green in shamrock and ties of vivid hue. An interesting entertainment for benefit of the library fund, was given in the Ruffner building in the evening.

A musicale was given by Eastern College Conservatory of Music last Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. A. B. Kelly, of Remington; mother of Richard Kelly, a student, and his sister, Mrs. John A. Tyree, of Blackstone.

W. M. Buckley, of Catamount Stock Farm, has sold to C. M. Gilbert, of Philadelphia, the heavy weight hunter, "Sea sand," and light weight thoroughbred, "Josie Hampton," and also four fine bays, all for good prices. He also has sold to D. M. Waller, of Broad Run, the thoroughbred saddle horse, "Long Island, Jr.," and a polo pony, "Chickwick."

Richard Jeffries was here Sunday from Washington visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Welch.

Miss Frances Willis, who is teaching school in Nokesville, visited her mother, Mrs. H. Lee Willis here last Sunday.

W. B. Bullock sold two fine stallions Saturday for \$3,500 to Sheriff Harne and Peter Dickinson, of Floyd county.

More than \$80 have been collected by Mrs. L. E. Pope for the new switchboard to be installed in the local telephone exchange.

John A. Nicol has been appointed deputy clerk of the circuit court during the illness of the clerk, Judge W. E. Lipscomb.

There was a slight improvement this morning in the condition of Judge W. E. Lipscomb, who has been seriously ill for over a week.

With an ideal day, spring arrived Tuesday, when the sun crossed the vernal equinox. Summer begins three months later, June 21.

Mrs. J. W. Bernhard has won third prize, a Henry Lindeman piano valued at \$500, in The Richmond Evening Journal book-lover's contest.

Mrs. M. E. Weedon, of Baltimore, and C. E. Lipscomb, of New York, were summoned here this week by the illness of their father, Judge W. E. Lipscomb.

Col. J. T. Leachman, of Millford Mills, will celebrate his nineteenth birthday anniversary next Saturday. There will be a family gathering at the home of Mrs. Bessie Elliott.

Center street between Battle and West streets is being macadamized and graded by the Galtier Construction Company, under direction of the street committee of the town council.

Augustine Cox, a colored boy, convicted of stealing a pocket book from the residence of R. H. Hottle while the family was at church, was taken to the reform school Friday morning.

"Christ, the Inevitable King," is the subject of a sermon to be delivered by Dr. H. U. Roop in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be special music. The public is invited.

Russell, catcher for Eastern last year, who has signed with the New York American League team, is making a hit in spring training, according to press correspondents. He is hitting the ball in great shape.

John Rookwood, 78 years old, of Waterfall, died week before last in the State Hospital at Staunton, a week after he had been taken there. Interment was in Staunton. He leaves a son, James Rookwood, in Waterfall.

George C. Round announces that he will not be a candidate for the legislature. When his name was suggested by his friends some time ago, Mr. Round stated that he would withhold his decision until the primary was announced.

Prairie fire, believed to have been started by persons dropping a lighted match, raged for three hours Tuesday over fifty acres owned by Mrs. M. E. Buckley, near Catharpin. Only by a hard fight the fire was kept out of the timber.

The county school board will meet next Monday morning at 10 o'clock to make estimates on the county and district funds for the coming year. The county fund is applied to payment of teachers and the district fund to general expense.

"Picking the Pinnacle" was the subject of a talk given by Dr. H. U. Roop before members of Eastern College F. M. C. A. last Tuesday evening. He illustrated his discourse with incidents from the life of David, how he was faithful in small things and became a ruler.

L. S. Johnson, circulation manager of The Intermountain, Elkins, West Virginia, visited friends here Tuesday. He formerly resided in Manassas leaving here about two years ago.

The winter term at Eastern College closes next Friday and the spring term will open next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. There will be no Easter vacation this year because of the lateness of Easter and the shortness of the spring term.

Mrs. Mary Morris, 73 years old, died in Augusta, Ga., Tuesday morning, after an illness of only a few days of pneumonia. She was the mother of F. E. Morris, route agent here for the Southern Express Company. Mr. Morris went to Augusta Sunday and will return today.

The W. C. T. U. will have a "Mothers' Meeting," Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The subject will be "Ministry of the Home," or, "How May We Make Our Homes Restful and Stimulating." Come out, and help to make this an interesting and helpful meeting.

Mrs. Louise Karser, 83 years old, died Saturday afternoon in her home near Brentsville. She leaves a son, Henry Karser, of Brentsville, and a daughter, Mrs. Louise Steele, of Oregon. The funeral was from Valley Church Monday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. Early officiating. Interment was in Valley churchyard.

Manassas teachers will address the Eighth District Educational Conference in Orange as follows: Prof. H. F. Button on "Extension Work in Agriculture;" Mrs. M. S. Moffett on "The Salaries of Rural Teachers;" Miss Stella Waters on "What Can be Done to Obtain Illustrative and Supplementary Material in the One Room School."

Geo. G. Tyler, division superintendent, announces that the regular spring examination of teachers will be held in the Bennett building at Manassas, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 27, 28 and 29, beginning promptly at 8:45 o'clock each morning. Teachers are requested to bring their own pens, ink and pencils. Paper will be furnished free.

"Prohibition Rally Day—Birthday of General Neal Dow," will be observed next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. The W. C. T. U. and L. T. L. will unite in having this meeting. An interesting program is being arranged. All are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Efrid would like to meet all members of the L. T. L. at the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Subscribers and others should note conditions of the voting coupon which will appear each week in THE DEMOCRAT until the issue preceding the close of the contest. Any subscriber or individual will be permitted to cast the coupons or mail them to the Contest Manager and due credit will be given their favorite. The coupons are not collectible and will not be accepted in bulk and only within the limit of the time prescribed.

The insurrection, war and rumors of war that are now being talked of and expected to occur in and about Mexico are insignificant in comparison to the little war that is now being waged by the various contestants for the diamond rings offered by THE DEMOCRAT, and indications point to the fact that each general is handling her respective forces with agility, ability and at the same time using wonderful, personal strategy, toward that and whereby it is really hard to tell or even surmise who the lucky one will be in each district. Strategy is a great thing in matters of this kind as it is also in war and the contestants deserve credit for the way they are going about in their efforts to win.

Arrangements are being made for the May Musical Festival to be given by Eastern College Conservatory of Music and under direction of Frances Thomas Gordon. Miss Kathryn Horisberg, soprano, a beautiful Baltimore girl, who appeared in the recent big production of "Professor Napoleon" in Baltimore, will be a feature of the festival.

The Rev. W. T. Gover will preach his farewell sermon as pastor of Grace M. E. Church, South, next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. He has been here four years, the limit set by the Methodist itinerant system. His successor will be appointed at the annual conference in Clifton Forge during the week beginning March 29. The Rev. and Mrs. Gover have many friends here who greatly regret their departure.

Prince, who has been for nine years a faithful watch-dog belonging to Mrs. C. E. Brawner, was discovered last Saturday by Maxey and Charles Vallmer, her little grandsons, entombed under an ivy cliff where he had been for sixteen days. After much exertion the little fellows succeeded in extricating him in an amaciated condition, but their careful attention will, they hope, restore him.

John Cornelius Nickens, 65 years old, died Sunday morning after an illness of six years. He was a worthy colored citizen and had many friends. He had resided in the vicinity nearly all his life. During the Civil War John Nickens enlisted in Company G, Fifth Massachusetts Cavalry. He is survived by his widow and ten children. The funeral was held Monday from the Colored Baptist Church, the Rev. Williams officiating. Interment was in the colored cemetery.

O. P. Glazier, Culpeper's leading plumber who just recently installed the work for Eastern College, was a business visitor to Manassas this week. Mr. Glazier informs us that he has secured several additional contracts here on which he will start work very soon. The superiority of his work is known far and wide and he covers the greater portion of this section of Virginia and even to points in the extreme southern sections. He is a very busy man and one of that town's best citizens.

Miss Elisa Portner, one of the debutantes of the past season and regarded in the social circles of the capital city as one of its most charming members, stole a march on her family and friends yesterday afternoon by eloping to Baltimore with Lorimer C. Graham, vice-president of the Andrew B. Graham company, lithographers, of this city, where the two were united in marriage. After arriving in the Monumental city, shortly after noon, the young couple procured a license and presented themselves before Rev. Father P. C. Gavan, chancellor of the archdiocese of Baltimore, who tied the nuptial knot.—The Washington Star.

On the evening of Wednesday, March 15, a pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Kulin when their daughter, Miss Susie Elsie, became the bride of Amos Luther Smith. The bride's sister, Miss Frances Kerlin, was maid of honor, with H. G. Duling, of Gorman, W. Va., as best man. Others in attendance were Miss Sadie Smith, a sister of the groom and M. S. Kerlin, a brother of the bride, also Miss Gertrude Flory and Dornett H. Miller, both cousins of the bride. The bride was becomingly attired in cream cassimere and carried a bouquet of carnations. The Rev. S. H. Flory officiated. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. Over fifty relatives and friends were in attendance. Many useful presents were given the bride. After a few days in Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be at home to their friends on the Smith farm at Aden.

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