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"BEGIN WITH THE KID" In an address before the American Road Congress in Richmond, Walter H. Page, editor of The World's Work, uttered a truth that is axiomatic with relation to education.

"Put into every school room somebody—an expert preferably—that will teach every boy the value of a good road and how to make it. Teach the American people your creed—begin with the kid."

In the foregoing paragraph Mr. Page epitomizes the modern plan of education—that is, to inculcate the practical as the basis of true knowledge, with ornamental learning as a finish.

Whether it be making roads, building a fence or baking a pie, the hand should be taught to work in sympathy with the mind.

The excellence of Prince William County schools is a matter of congratulation. They are "beginning with the kids" in establishing high educational efficiency.

MAKE Thanksgiving a holy-day. Don't Christmas shopping now. It also is blessed to receive thanks.

"THE world and all things in it are valuable, but the most valuable thing in the world is a virtuous woman."—Mohammed.

INSUFFICIENT hotel accommodations have kept numerous conventions and assemblies from Manassas. The new hotel will attract them.

"BUT the things which have life are superior to those which have not life, and of those which have life the superior are those which have reason."—Marcus Aurelius.

REPORTERS are to be barred from the death chamber denying the morbid the opportunity to read details of the electrocution of Beattie, slayer of his wife.

WANDERLUST, quickened by thrilling tales of life before the mast, lured a Baltimore boy from home to the deck of a tramp steamer.

Eighty-five notable actors out of work dined at the Lamb's Club in New York the other night and told their troubles.

By purchasing Christmas seals the people of Prince William add to fund of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis to fight the white plague.

An evidence of advanced exploitation of natural resources in Virginia, a marked increase in the coal output of the State, is presented in the following bulletin from the United States Geological Survey.

NOBLE, practicable as it is humane, is the sentiment of Cardinal Gibbons, venerable primate of the Catholic Church in America, indorsing international peace arbitration treaties.

REWARD \$500,000 offered for the return of the Great Red Ruby known as THE POOL OF FLAME

For particulars read the remarkable tale of romance and adventure by LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE

about to appear in this paper in serial form. Astory that critics have ranked with Wilke Collins' famous novel, "The Moonstone."

Full of life and color, dash and go, thrills and throbs.

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SUCCESS

SUCCESS means rising at five o'clock in the morning, living on \$1.00 a day if you earn two.

SUCCESS means promptness in all of your business engagements, and fair treatment to all.

SUCCESS means trusting in God and your own resources. This kind of success is within your reach—let us help you.

3 per cent paid on deposits, and the same rate paid to the small deposit of a child as we do to the man of large means.

The National Bank of Manassas Resources Over \$350,000.00

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR BARGAINS

C. D. WELCH Staple and Fancy Groceries and Meat

Meal, per bushel \$1.00 Butter, per pound 24c Hoffman House Ketchup 10c

Come in—I Can Save You Money

Waverley Mills

W. H. BOND, Proprietor HAYMARKET, VIRGINIA

"Royal Patent" and "Silver Lake Flour" Mill Feed of all Kinds

THE BEST

Agricultural Implements of All Kinds, Buggies, Wagons, Fertilizers, Lime, Seeds, Etc., Etc.

F. A. COCKRELL Cor. West and Center Sts. Manassas, Virginia

CO-OPERATIVE REAL ESTATE AGENCY

List your property with an agency having the means of reaching buyers throughout the county.

Jas. L. Kibler, Manassas, Va. Office: Battle Street—three doors from R. R.

REVERENCE MARKS THANKSGIVING DAY

Prize Services in Churches—Business Ceases for Holy Day—Feasting Feature of Observance—Family Reunions.

THANKSGIVING DAY CALENDAR Union Thanksgiving services in Baptist Church at 11 a. m.

Quietly and with reverence Thanksgiving today will be observed in Manassas, the sentiment of gratitude filling every heart for blessings abundantly bestowed.

THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Church bells this morning will call worshippers in congregation.

WEATHER WHIMFUL AS PRETTY GIRL SOIL ACTS AS FILTER

SOIL ACTS AS FILTER Soil acts like a filter, catching and holding in its particles water and plant foods.

HARM OF SOIL WASHING When we cultivate the land we check this cycle.

EASILY PREVENTED Washing of the soil is the most easily prevented loss.

MANASSAS BABY WINS PRIZE A most beautiful baby is Raymond Jackson Ratcliffe, 8 months old.

THE OBSTINATE FAMILY The local talent of Quantico will give the play, "The Obstinate Family."

RECOMMEND CARTER OVERSEER OF POOR

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APPOINTS R. M. WEIR TOWN SERGEANT

SUCCESSOR TO J. W. WILCOXEN Council Names Committee to Draft Resolutions of Regret on Resignation of Faithful Efficient Officer.

The town council Monday night appointed R. M. Weir police sergeant to succeed J. W. Wilcoxen, who has resigned on account of ill health.

A permit was issued to C. E. Fisher to erect a small barn on his lot.

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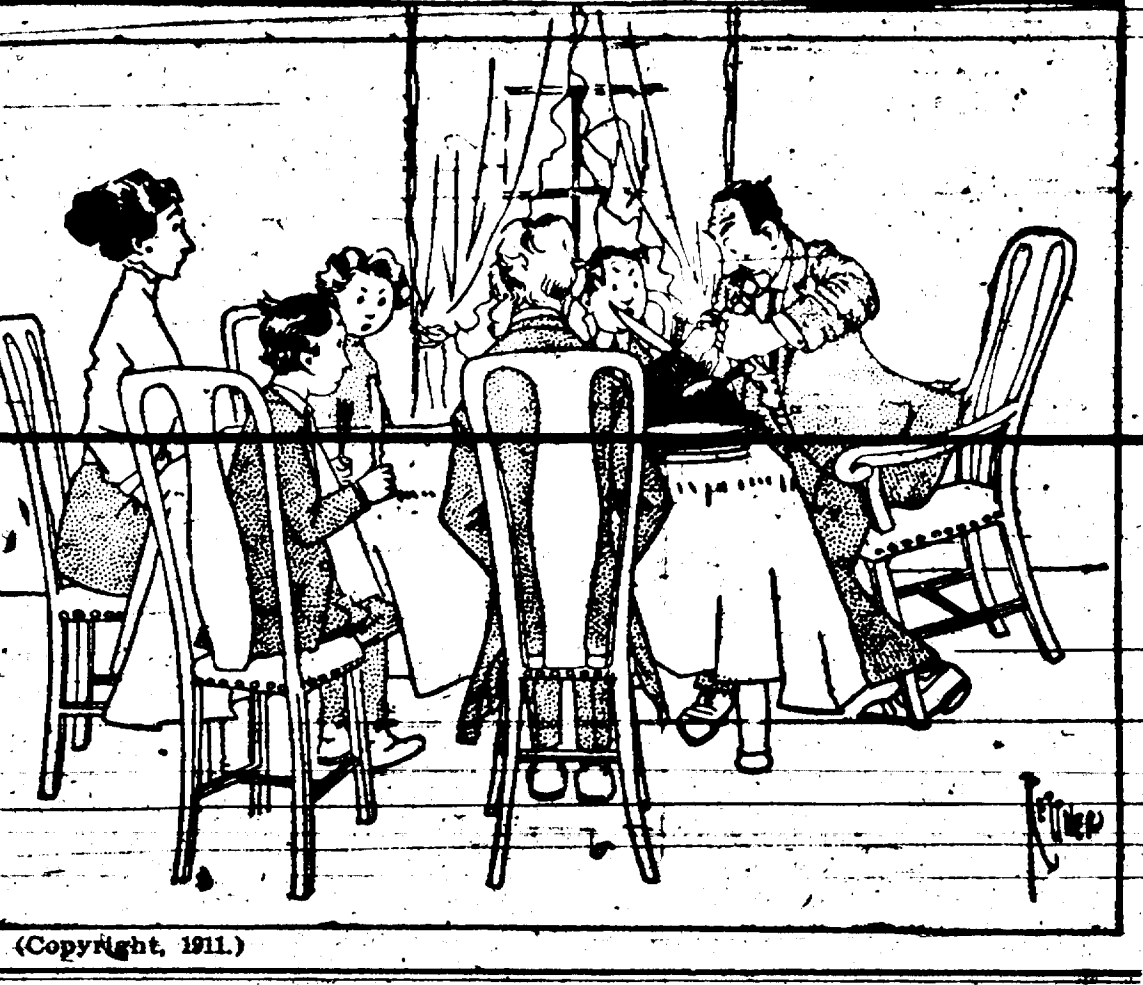
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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

THE DEMOCRAT'S THANKSGIVING

THE DEMOCRAT today celebrates Thanksgiving on the second anniversary of its existence. With a circulation of almost 2,000 subscribers, the largest news file circulation of any newspaper ever published in Prince William County, we feel truly that we have cause for giving thanks. Only one thing is needed to make our thanksgiving complete, and we take this opportunity to remind the few subscribers in arrears that a contribution to the cause, in form of payment of their accounts, will be gratefully received. We trust that they will respond, that they may enter the third year with THE DEMOCRAT with accounts clear. We wish to extend thanks to those who have responded promptly to statements sent them, and trust that others will follow their example.

Joseph Fately is critically ill of typhoid fever. James Birkett, of Alexandria, is in town Sunday. P. S. Buckley, of Gainesville, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Mary Shannon is visiting in Washington this week. The county supervisor will meet Saturday, December 16.

Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe and son, Jack, are in Washington this week. The Ministerial Association will meet Tuesday evening, December 5.

A number of Manassas boys spend Saturday night trying to find a possum. Miss Marian Jones, of Front Royal, was the guest of Miss Bert Elliott this week.

Miss Elizabeth Merchant, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben Merchant. C. J. Meetze is confined to his home at Milford Mills with a severe attack of neuralgia.

Miss Faith Chapman is home from Washington to spend Thanksgiving with relatives. Miss Emma Shannon left on Tuesday for Newark, N. J., where she will spend the winter. Samuel Hedrick is completing a modern six-room frame residence at Nokesville at a cost of \$1,500.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Conner leave on next Tuesday for points in Cuba. They will be there for the winter. Delegates from Prince William county left Monday noon for Norfolk at the State Educational Conference.

A shooting match for Thanksgiving turkeys will be held at the railroad cut chutes this morning at 10 o'clock. J. L. Bridwell contemplates disposal of his property near Aden and expects to locate in Washington this winter.

Taxpayers are reminded that tomorrow, Friday, December 1, is the last day to save the five per cent penalty on tax bills. Miss Ruth Morgan and Dr. Lally, of Fort Meyer, came up from Washington Monday night for a visit of a few hours with relatives.

While at work in his sawmill near Greenwick, Nathan Hurst was slightly injured by a knot from a piece of timber striking him in the eye. Severe injuries to his left foot requiring services of a surgeon were sustained by William Bell, colored, in a fall of slate in the mine at Dumfries last Friday night.

Work is to be resumed before January 1 on the gymnasium in course of construction on Eastern College campus. It is expected that the structure will be completed by early spring. Mrs. Mary Shannon left Wednesday for Washington. She will spend the winter with relatives near Maryland. Her artists who revel in just another chance to appear in the glitter of the footlights, are in the high class presentation is given.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bell have returned from a visit to Garrisonville. Miss Webb, of Baltimore, was a guest of Miss Jessie Clarke last week. R. L. Gaither has returned from a business trip through North Carolina.

The circuit court will convene for the December term next Monday, December 4. The German Club will give a german in Conner's Hall tomorrow, Friday night. Paul Portner, of Washington, was in town this week spending a few days hunting. Mrs. Todd, who has been the guest of Mrs. Round, left on Monday for Indiana.

D. B. Gellie, of Washington, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gulick. Miss Theresa Milnes and Miss Ethel Akers visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Gulick in Washington last week. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Dunnington, of Baltimore, were here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. F. E. Morris and little son, Richard, are expected home Saturday from a visit to Asheville, N. C. THE DEMOCRAT appears several hours earlier today than the force may observe the Thanksgiving holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smart, of Washington, spent Sunday with Mrs. Smart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant.

A Thanksgiving oyster supper will be served in Gainesville today in the Hite residence opposite the depot by the Methodist Sunday school. Every other tree on the south side of Center street from the Baptist Church to the Catholic Church is being removed by the street committee.

The handsome frame building under course of construction by the Order of Fraternal Americans at Independent Hill, will be ready for occupancy about Christmas. Crossing the tracks at Main street on her way to the depot Miss Nettie L'Arzella tripped and fell in the pit at the railroad water standpipe, sustaining severe bruises last Saturday.

The Catharlin School Improvement League will serve an oyster supper at Catharlin schoolhouse on tomorrow, Friday evening, December 1, at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Postmaster H. P. Dodge has been notified that depositors in the postal savings banks may exchange the whole or a part of their deposits on January 1, 1912, for United States registered or coupon bonds.

John Chapman will move his barber shop about December 15 from the Lynch building on Railroad avenue to the Hornbaker building on Battle street, in the room formerly occupied by the anti-septic barber shop. Dinner and supper, the best the market affords, cooked in the old-time appetizing style, and a bazzar where articles both useful and ornamental may be purchased, will be the offering of the ladies of Trinity Episcopal Church in Nicol Hall, on Monday, December 4.

The first installment of "The Pool of Flame," by Louis Joseph Vance, will appear in THE DEMOCRAT on Thursday, December 7, and continue each week until completed. "The Pool of Flame," one of the greatest modern stories, is filled with mystery and abounds in human interest. Plans are being discussed by Bull Run Camp, M. W. A., of Haymarket, to present in Manassas the minstrel show that made a decided hit recently in Haymarket. The production contains several old-time burnt cork artists who revel in just another chance to appear in the glitter of the footlights, and a high class presentation is given.

Henry Boller, a colored resident, formerly of Manassas, was in town this week visiting relatives. Walter Merchant, of Washington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant. Mrs. R. R. Hayes and her mother, Mrs. C. J. Hill returned Friday from a visit to Winnebago, Minn.

The Rev. S. P. Fogle, of Bristow, left Saturday to conduct a revival in the Brethren Church at Rehoboth. Greatly improved in health Mrs. Margaret Mellon has been taken home to Nokesville from a hospital in Washington. The Rev. W. T. Gover, of Laytonville, Md., was in town last week. He was formerly pastor of Grace M. E. Church, South-Cloudy skies with occasional flashes of sunshine and more frequent drizzles of cold rain have been uncomfortable weather conditions of the week.

Robert Moser, of Warrenton, took charge of Moser Bros. store last week while his brother was recovering from slight wounds inflicted in a hunting accident. The Rev. J. W. Brill will preach a Thanksgiving sermon at Buckhall U. B. Church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Special music has been arranged for the occasion. The Rev. John McGill, former rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, has resigned his charges at Woodstock and Mount Jackson. He has returned to the Plains to reside.

Repairs on the Milford road have progressed from Manassas to Milford bridge. The road is being graded and drained. A small culvert has been put in near the Conner property. The Poultry Show to be held in Conner's Hall on Saturday, December 16, as a feature of the Farmers Institute, is attracting wide attention. The classifications will be published in THE DEMOCRAT next week. Graduates and seniors of St. Edith Academy tonight will celebrate Thanksgiving in entertaining the faculty, juniors and guests by representing characters from Tennyson's Princess. Music for the occasion will be rendered by academy talent—the Cecilian Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Although still in critical condition, slight improvement was made this week of E. A. Shoemaker, who was severely injured last week by falling from a wagon while attempting to set the brake on a steep hill near Sinclair's Mill. He is still at the home of W. D. Green where he was taken after the accident. In a loosely played foot ball game, the Manassas Industrial School eleven defeated the Seminary Athletic Club by a 16 to 0 score Saturday on Industrial School field. Manassas featured with long end runs and the work of the back field. The Industrial School will play the M Street High School, of Washington, today on Industrial School field.

For more than thirty years the Rev. M. D. Williams has been pastor of the Colored Baptist Church, a period of faithful, unselfish service in which he has accomplished great good and won the high esteem of his parishioners and the respect of every person with whom he has come in contact. The Rev. M. D. Williams is a most able minister. In recognition of his great service and as a mark of their love for him members of his congregation last Saturday evening tendered him a banquet in the church parlors. Addresses were made by several of the parishioners. Is your husband cross? An irritable, fault finding disposition is often due to a disordered stomach. A man with good digestion is nearly always good natured. A great many have not ordinarily cared of stomach trouble until they are afflicted with it. High class presentation is given.

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TWO YEARS

By a happy coincidence the second birthday anniversary of THE DEMOCRAT falls on Thanksgiving Day—this newspaper is just two years old today.

We are thankful that we are here!

Looking backward over the past two years we may define them the most eventful in our newspaper careers, if not in our lives. And in reviewing that thrilling epoch marked by threats, boycotts and ostracism because we dared make the fight for political righteousness, we repeat fervently—we are thankful that we are here!

And it appears that others are thankful, and still others not thankful that we are here, for the people and THE DEMOCRAT won that memorable fight for political justice.

We have made strong friends and bitter enemies. For both we are thankful!

When we started two years ago persons who did not like the idea of a newspaper for the people being established here, boasted that we would last not longer than six months! But all dire prophecies by our enemies have worked out just the reverse, and actually resulted in great good for us. And still we hang on! For all of which we are thankful!

THE DEMOCRAT enters the third year of its existence with almost 2,000 subscribers, and the list constantly is increasing. We are earning our living by working with our brains and with our hands. And for this opportunity we are thankful!

We are proud of THE DEMOCRAT. Competent critics pronounce it the best country newspaper in Virginia.

We have made sacrifices that THE DEMOCRAT might live. This newspaper always has been a healthy youngster, but in its infancy we experienced great difficulty in providing it with sufficient financial nourishment. Then, too, it required tender nursing when a recalcitrant stockholder threatened to throw it into the street to perish in the cold.

The boycott is still in effect, but it is a matter of no concern to us. We do not want patronage that is to be secured only by suppressing the truth. Permit us to repeat a declaration of our valedictory of two years ago: "THERE IS NO INFLUENCE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CONTROL, SUBSIDIZE OR SUPPRESS AN UTTERANCE OF THIS NEWSPAPER, OR SWAY IT IN THE SLIGHTEST FROM ITS STANDARD OF RIGHT. THE BELIEF OF THE EDITORS SHALL BE EXPRESSED WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR." We know that THE DEMOCRAT has lived up to this declaration, and that it always will under the present editorial control and management. That is our highest compensation. We are thankful for every utterance and every achievement of THE DEMOCRAT, and we would not recall or undo any one of them if we could.

We have to thank the people—the common, every-day people, not the aristocrats—for the success of THE DEMOCRAT, established with the initial issue as a permanent institution of Prince William County. The masses of the people, not the classes, standing by us has made victory possible. It has been a fight worth while.

After two strenuous years THE DEMOCRAT is on top to stay. We are thankful for it.

WATER AND LIGHTS

The failure of Charles A. Farnum to appear before the Town Council and submit a bid on the water and light franchises should not be taken to mean that the public utilities proposition is defeated. In fact, prospects for installation of the needed facilities never were brighter. R. C. Roth, of Philadelphia, at the special session of the Council last Monday, submitted a bid which was referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to report. Citizens in mass meeting next Monday night in Nicol Hall will discuss the water and light proposition.

Instead of creating complications developments have more definitely defined the situation. It had been hoped that the matter would be closed last Monday by a bid from Mr. Farnum. The bid submitted by Mr. Roth supplies the omission of Mr. Farnum, and simply entails delay in its relation to the original plan. There is no doubt but that for unforeseen contingencies Mr. Farnum would have bid on the franchises and that the utilities now would be in course of installation. But that reversal of Mr. Farnum's plans will not interfere with installation of water and light facilities in Manassas. By no means has Mr. Farnum withdrawn from the proposition, according to a communication received yesterday. He writes that he has entered new negotiations and may yet put the deal through.

Citizens at the mass meeting next Tuesday night under auspices of the Business League will thoroughly discuss the situation. Suggestions will be offered along constructive lines and a plan of action will be formulated. Citizens are urged to be present and express their views.

STROKE OF ENTERPRISE

It scored a stroke of enterprise in securing extension of the franchise rights in Prince William County of the Manassas Electric Light and Power Company by Louis Joseph Vance. It is a story filled with thrills and thrills, fascinating mystery and concerning human interest. The opening chapters will appear Thursday, December 7th, and continue each week in serial form.

THANKSGIVING

FROM the humblest huts in this land where scant fare barely suffices to relieve hunger from mansions where banquet boards are surfeited with luxuries, thanks today are offered for blessings of the year. Without regard for social status, class distinction or financial caste, men kneel together in gratitude. The sense of human dependence upon a Higher Power is never more clearly defined, never more deeply felt and never more fully appreciated than during the season of Thanksgiving when spiritual and material benefits are reviewed. And in the light of Thanksgiving joy, misfortune and sorrow are revealed in vivid and pathetic contrast.

The division of modern society into two strongly opposed classes—the spiritual and the material—has failed to dim the significance of the Thanksgiving observance. It is a spiritual fact today more dominating and more distinctive as a national characteristic than any prophetic Puritan could have foretold when the custom was inaugurated at Plymouth Rock. It is the spiritual voice of the nation and expresses a national ideal. To give thanks for blessings implies that they have been bestowed. The highest national ideal is to materialize divine blessings for all men.

Every human being has much for which to be thankful. An inventory of incidents and events that constitute human life, shows a wide margin in favor of benefits. It has been truly said that misfortunes are blessings in disguise. They form character. Serene lives contribute little to progress, as they do not encounter and overcome difficulties—and the advancement of the race depends upon the development of the individual. Sorrow chastens the heart and forms strong and beautiful character. Retrospection emphasizes the fact that we are children of destiny, and that each happening in our lives, whether of joy or sorrow, is a means toward a definite end. "Happenings" and "happiness" are formed from the same derivative—in the final analysis all occurrences make for good.

The gift of life is greatest of all. It is an exalted privilege to take part in the development of this beautiful world—to share the responsibilities and help carry the burdens. By their labor in consciousness of life men earn their rest in death. Health is treasure more precious than gold, and he who possesses it may indeed be thankful. Poverty is a spur to achievement. Few are qualified for the gift of riches—with many it withers endeavor and lowers the life standard. In endowing poverty Nature does all within her power to create incentive for development of the element of greatness inherent in every human mind.

Let us be thankful then today for what we have, but let us not be content—let us strive for the highest that life can give.

GOOD ROADS

BEFORE the American Good Roads Congress in Richmond, President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, in an address on the welfare of the farmer in the improved roads movement, said:

"His interest should be recognized in the formation of all plans for the construction, maintenance and regulation of the country highways. The improvement of country roads will tend to check the flow of population into the cities and towns and accelerate the movement back to the farm. At the risk of seeming to be actuated by the interests of the railways, I have no hesitation in saying that if the greatest good is to be done to the greatest number the farmer is more interested in the improvement of the roads of the second class which I have mentioned—those radiating from a market town or shipping station."

As Mr. Finley states, the farmer is most interested in the improvement of highways. The farmer is most interested because he recognizes in road improvement the main avenue to a greater agricultural development. Transportation of products from the farm direct to market or railroad shipping point is a problem that farmers confronted by bad roads are continually called upon to solve. In facilitating transportation they increase the value of the land by adding to the profits on the products. In offering better compensation for labor, a greater independence and more wholesome social conditions, the farm is calling back its own from the cities. Young men and young women are finding out that not more than one in ten earns a comfortable living in the city, with not more than one in fifty attaining fair degree of success, while intelligent effort on the farm is rewarded liberally. Good roads afford easy communication with towns, the rural mail delivery and the telephone individualizes each farm with regard to modern facilities. There can be no doubt that the farmer is most interested in highway improvement.

PARAGRAPHS

Be thankful, anyhow.

ALMOST anything that happens might be worse.

"THERE is a spectacle that is grander than the ocean and that is the sky. There is a spectacle that is grander than the sky and that is the interior of the soul."—Hugo.

ENFORCEMENT of neutrality laws on the frontier by the United States in the interest of peace and order in Mexico, is viewed by Mexicans as a step toward American intervention in their affairs. While it is plainly evident that no such intention exists it is equally apparent that Mexicans are unable to govern themselves.

THE President again has refused to commute the fifteen-year sentence which Charles Morse, the New York banker, is serving in the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga. There is no reason why Morse should not serve out his term the same as the commonest offender. The condition of his health may appeal to sympathy but to commute the sentence would defeat justice. He has been taken to the Army Hospital for medical treatment.

WITH confession of murder on his lips, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., slayer of his wife, expiated his cruel crime with death by electrocution in the Richmond penitentiary last Friday. He prepared for eternity by embracing religion. His seventh hour confession, a prayer to act as an opiate in presence of the electric chair, met death with a smile and without flinching. The life and the death of Henry Clay Beattie Jr. presents a lesson. It should be a warning.

SUCCESS

SUCCESS means rising at five o'clock in the morning, living on \$1.00 a day if you earn two. Minding your own business and not meddling with other peoples.

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