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## GARY WEIR DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

SATURDAY IN BALTIMORE

Funeral and interment today in Manassas. Confederate Veteran Representative Prince William Citizen.

Edward V. Weir, 76 years old, Confederate veteran and representative of Prince William County, died Saturday afternoon after a long illness, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. N. Norman, in Baltimore, where he had resided for the last two years. Services were held Sunday afternoon, the Rev. D. P. Amison, assistant rector of St. Michael and All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, officiating. The remains were brought to Manassas Monday morning and funeral services in the afternoon in Trinity Episcopal Church were conducted by the rector, the Rev. P. A. Arthur. Interment was in Manassas cemetery, beside the grave of Mrs. Weir, who died several years ago. There were many floral offerings, tributes of esteem and love.

Ewell Camp, United Confederate Veterans, was represented at the funeral by Captain J. R. Rust, Captain J. E. Herrell, Westwood Hutchison, John Hall, G. W. Johnson, Joseph Johnson, J. F. Gulick, Thomas G. Smith, Prof. B. T. H. Hodge, John R. Tillett and L. A. Marsteller. The veterans were the pall-bearers and flower-bearers.

Mr. Weir is survived by three sons and three daughters: R. M. Weir, Manassas; Walter Weir, James Weir, Washington; Mrs. W. N. Norman, Miss Norwood Weir, Baltimore; Mrs. Lottie Wilhelm, California.

Mr. Weir was born in the historic "Brick House," on the family estate, now Liberia farm. The old building is famous as the headquarters of General Beauregard at the Battle of Manassas, and at another period of the war as the headquarters of General Sickles. During the war the estate was left in charge of house servants.

Mr. Weir fought for the Confederacy in the Prince William cavalry. When Captain Williams was killed at Raccoon Ford, Mr. Weir was by his side.

For years before moving to Baltimore, Mr. Weir resided at Milford Farm, a fine property he owned near Milford.

## MRS. CLARA HUTCHISON DIES AT BALLSTON

SUCCUMBS TO TUBERCULOSIS

Former resident of Arcola—Widow of Wilmer Hutchison—Funeral and interment Tuesday at Sudley.

After a lingering illness of tuberculosis, Mrs. Clara Hutchison, 65 years old, died Sunday night at Ballston, her home for the past year. For many years she resided near Arcola, and was highly respected in the community.

Mrs. Hutchison was the widow of the late Wilmer Hutchison, a prominent citizen of the community. She was a devoted mother and a kind neighbor. Her death is a great loss to her family and the community.

While hunting near Manassas today, Henry Snow accidentally shot Lawrence Ingram, the shot taking effect in his face. The wounds were attended to by Dr. Wine.

## EXTEND TIME FOR UTILITIES PROMOTERS

SENTIMENT OF BUSINESS LEAGUE

Original Plans Invite Extension of Time for Promoters of the Water and Electric Proposition.

Citizens at a special session of the Business League Tuesday night expressed sentiment favorable to a reasonable extension of time for promoters of the water and electric proposition. Unforeseen contingencies, circumstances over which he had no control, was assigned by Charles A. Farnum, of Philadelphia, as the cause of his failure to bid for the utilities franchises at the designated time. That he may have an opportunity to effect the proposition that he had developed from the initial stage, encouragement and assistance consistent with business policy will be extended him and his associate in the enterprise, T. J. Parmley, of Philadelphia. Through a committee the League has invited Mr. Parmley to Manassas for a conference on the proposition next Tuesday night, or at any time in the immediate future that may be convenient for him.

SUBSCRIPTION SUGGESTION

In the event that citizens shall decide to finance the enterprise with outside assistance, it is understood that Mr. Farnum and Mr. Parmley would submit a proposition to this effect. That as a basis for subscriptions from citizens they would be willing to have them subscribe at par to six per cent bonds and give them as a bonus twenty-five per cent of the amount of the subscriptions in the stock of the company. The proposed capital of the company as subscribed above would be \$60,000 in bonds and \$100,000 in stock on both electric light and water company. In addition there would remain in the treasury of the company for future extensions and improvements \$90,000 bonds which would be issued for no other purpose. Several enthusiasts suggested that public sentiment be sounded for another vote on municipal ownership.

## VICTIM OF OWN GUN DIES ALONE IN WOODS

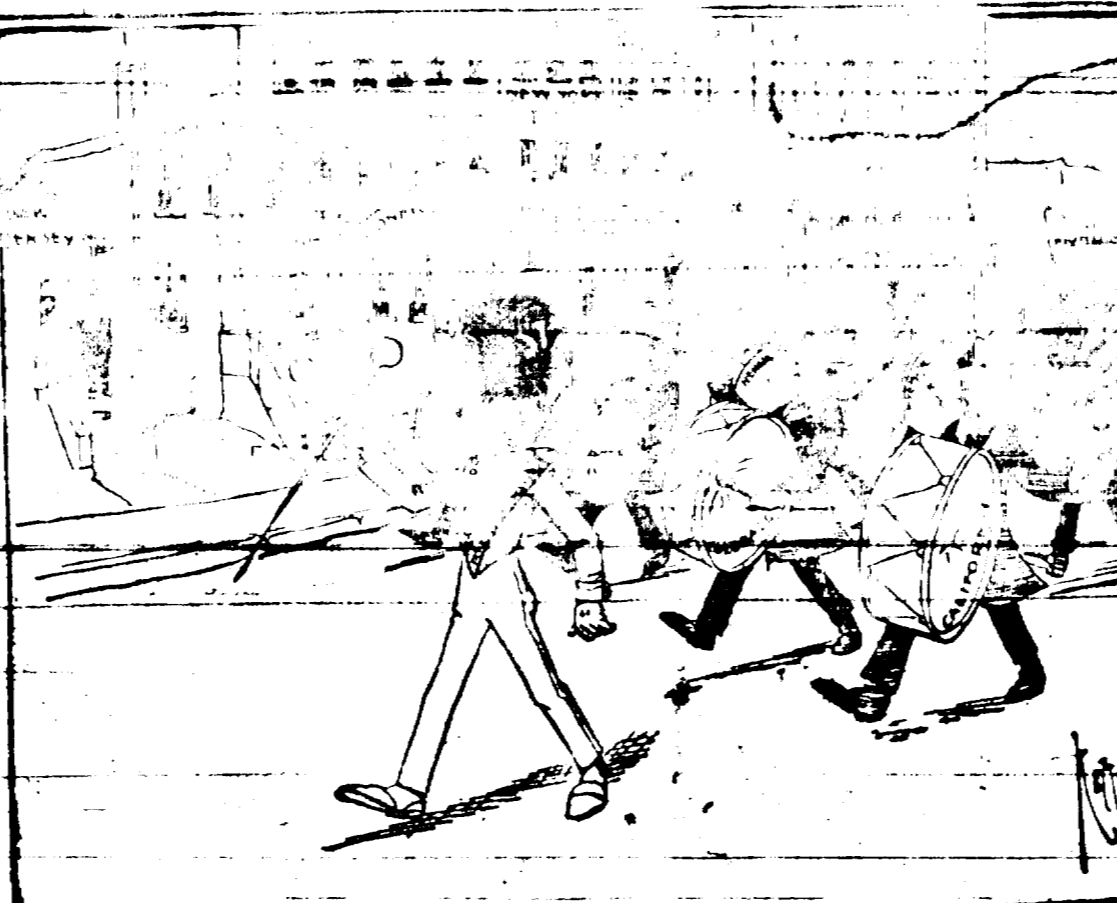
ACCIDENT FATAL TO EMORY ABEL

Firearm Catches in Boat and Sends Charge Through Breast—Quantico Woods Scene of Fatality.

His heart pierced and breast perforated with shot, Emory Abel, 21 years old, telegraph operator at Quantico, was found prostrate yesterday morning at 9 o'clock in a skiff along the wooded bank of Chappawamsic Run, at a point two miles from Quantico, where he met death by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting alone.

Mr. Abel left home Tuesday for a hunting expedition through the woods. That was the last seen of him in life. When he was found, he was lying on his back, his head resting on a log. His eyes were closed and his hands were clasped in prayer. The scene was a tragic one, and the community is in mourning for the young man.

## THE INVADERS



(Copyright, 1911.) Western Governors on a 5,000-Mile "Boosting Trip."

## NASH AND MEETZE "SEE THE SIGHTS"

ON MERRY TRIP TO RICHMOND

Wander Through Maze of Dazzling Attractions of State Capitol—Take Advice of Friends—Keep Out of Trouble.

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When it was learned that Governor Mann had appointed C. J. Meetze and C. E. Nash as delegates to the first annual Good Roads Congress held in Richmond, November 20 to 23, a certain party anxious to see the fun, relates what took place between Manassas and Richmond, and submits his report in this issue of THE DEMOCRAT.

BLOCK SIDEWALKS

Mr. Nash owns an automobile and is considered very wealthy, therefore has lots of credit and was able to stand off the clothiers for a new suit to wear to Richmond. But Meetze, poor fellow, is a "note magnate" and has a very limited credit and could not run his face for a new suit, and so had to wear his old summer suit and a borrowed overcoat with the lining so badly torn out of one sleeve that it took Nash ten minutes to get the coat on Meetze. They had to get in the middle of the street to put the coat on as they blocked the sidewalk every time Meetze went to put the coat on.

FRIENDS GIVE ADVICE

To be certain that they would not miss their train, they were ready to go about two hours before the train came. Nash's store was the meeting place to say goodbye and receive instructions from Walter Hibbs and Ira Cannon, who cautioned them about their conduct while away.

They expressed themselves as very doubtful if Nash and Meetze could make the trip without being locked up.

Mr. Round met them at Nash's store and escorted them to the station, giving them letters of introduction to everybody of importance in Richmond from the commonwealth's attorney to the mayor of the city.

It is not known whether they will have any success in their mission, but it is hoped that they will be able to secure the necessary funds for the proposed water and electric system.

## GAINESVILLE DISTRICT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

PROPOSE PLANS FOR HIGHWAYS

Committee Invites Discussion of Movement—Suggests Permanent Roads That Could Be Built by Bonding District.

By W. L. HEUSER

Chairman Gainesville Good Roads Committee. Editors THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT:

In a former article it was pointed out that the committee wished in permanent road improvements to reach as many taxpayers as possible. Furthermore the statement was made that we considered local interests to prescribe what roads shall be built.

It would be well if the general public would look over the roads and plans proposed in this article and express their approval or disapproval. Only by discussion and receiving light on such an important matter can full justice be done and mistakes eliminated as far as possible.

If a map is laid before us and we take a compass and draw circles with it from the terminals of proposed roads and continue doing this along the same where the circles intersect, we will find that one and one-half miles radius will include a large majority of all our people in Gainesville District.

Above Hickory Grove near the Loudoun line, and below Gainesville on the old Brentsville road I see are left out of circles and may have to wait a while longer, but the day is not very far off when they also will receive the full benefits of modern roads. But even these few will be vastly benefitted when going to depot or store.

Any fair-minded person will admit that it is practically an impossibility to give absolutely equal benefits to all. We as a people do not enjoy them in many ways. Our schools, churches, postoffices, depots, stores, court house, etc., etc., are not within equal distances, and especially so when the amount that is available, according to law, is not sufficient.

The committee believes it would be to the best interests if, in course of time, by bonding the District the following permanent roads could be established:

Continue the improvement on the Carolina road to Hickory Grove.

Build a road from Gainesville to Mrs. M. Law's corner, to a tharpin by way of Buckley's farm.

Improve the old Warrington road from Fageland lane to Buckland bridge.

## FIDDLERS SET GROW WILD WITH GLEE

PLAY LIVELY OLD-TIME TUNES

Dancers Rattle Swords in Nitty Fashion to Delight of Audience—Nothing Like It in Manassas Since Early Days.

They certainly "knocked the socks off the fiddlers" if we may be permitted use of this rather mixed, but fully expressive, metaphor in describing the great contest in Conner's Hall last night. The audience stood up on tiptoes and yelled itself hoarse for very glee. There has not been such merry doings in Manassas in many moons, not since the good old days, and happy as children who have found something they had lost, several hundred delighted men, women and youngsters went home with strains of "Turkey in the Straw" and "The Arkansaw Traveler" ringing in their ears.

REAL MUSIC

Any person who could not enjoy that offering has no music in his soul and, as Shakespeare tells us, is fit only for stragem, treason and spoils. That kind of music sets the blood-a-tingling and the feet a-shuffling until you forget that there is such a thing as dull care in life. It is being carried back into the happy past with memories all but forgotten.

SOME FIDDLING

Roy Carter won the prize fiddle. Dorsey Woodyard was the next best fiddler, the judges decided. Each was seconded by Mr. Barham and E. P. Robinson. The other contestants were Charles Beavers, J. C. Cross, Mr. Barham and Mr. Ennis and M. A. Rollins. It was pretty hard for the judges to tell who was the best, they all played so well.

LIVELY STEPS

Speaking of dancing as an accomplishment, the young folks of today do not know the meaning of the term. They may be able to maneuver and pirouette in new-fangled waltzes and the like, but when it comes down to real dancing, when it comes

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## GHASTLY SIGNAL BECKONS TO DEATH

MANIAC ENDS LIFE UNDER TREE

Jack Holmes, Colored, of Catletts, Wanders from Home to Destroy His Life—Slashes Throat with Knife.

With an ugly knife wound in his throat, inflicted by his own hand in a spell of mania, Jake Holmes, colored, 65 years old, was found dead late Saturday afternoon under a tree in the woods where he had wandered two miles from his home near Catletts. A handkerchief fluttering from the limb of a tree directed searchers to the scene of suicide. The signal had been hoisted by Holmes who then destroyed his being. Coroner Meredith decided that the evidence established the fact of suicide and that an inquest was unnecessary. The funeral was held Monday. Holmes is survived by his widow.

ESCAPES GUARDS

Eluding the vigilance of the guard maintained in his cell since he had been a lunatic, Holmes escaped from the asylum at the age of 65.

## PRIZE POULTRY RIVALS FOR BLUE RIBBONS

COMPETE IN SHOW ON EMBLEM

Exhibition of Superior Poultry of Various Breeds—Expert Fanciers Will Speak at Court House on Monday.

The first annual Poultry Show and Poultry Institute will be held on Friday, December 15, the Show holding over into December 16. As this is our first attempt at a Show its success can be assured only by the co-operation of every one who cares for poultry. It is not enough to wish the Show to succeed. Success will only be attained if every one who has some good poultry brings it to the Show and attends the Institute.

INSTITUTE AT COURT HOUSE

The Institute, as usual, will be held in the Court House and will be free to all. Specialists in poultry will speak on "Farm Poultry," with special reference to getting more of the product; on poultry houses and appliances; on raising chickens; on poultry for women; and on common diseases, their prevention and cure. In short the whole subject, so far as time allows, will be thoroughly treated by experts.

FIRST OF ITS KIND

The Poultry Show, which will be the first of its kind ever attempted in Prince William county, will be just as much of a success as the lovers of poultry care to make it.

FREE TO VISITORS

No admission will be charged to the Show, giving every one full opportunity to see the many fine fowls owned in the county. Prizes of ribbons will be given on single birds, cock, hen, cockerel and pullet of all recognized varieties of chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. An entrance fee of ten cents a fowl will be charged to cover the expense of premium ribbons and incidentals.

SHOW IN NICOL HALL

The exhibit will be in Nicol Hall and the speaking will be at the Court House. Admission of visitors will be free to both the Show and Institute. The entrance fee is on the fowls.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

An address by a woman lecturer of State-wide reputation will be a feature of the Women's Institute. A conference of the officers will be held Saturday to formulate plans for active work.

## CHARTER FOR NEW RAILROAD TO MANASSAS

LINE FROM ALEXANDRIA COUNTY

To Operate from Nauch Station—Connections Will Give Direct Service into Washington-Alexandria Headquarters.

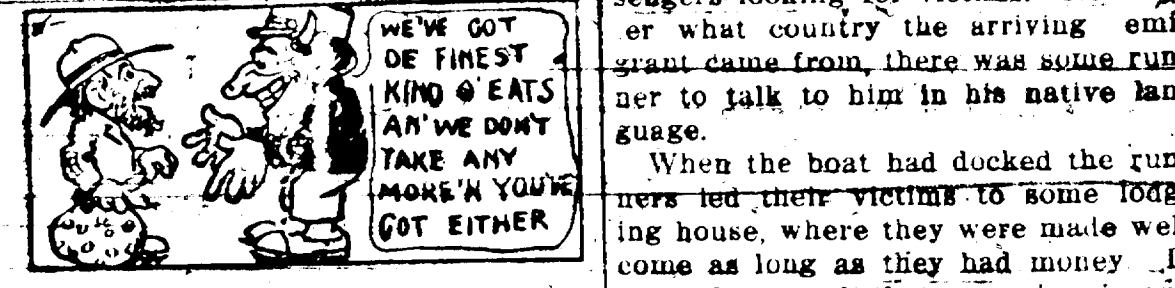
Plans for electric line that have been current for some time are given substantial force by a charter granted last week by the State corporation commission to the Maryland and Virginia Railway Company to build a railroad with a branch line to Manassas, Va.

The charter was granted by the State corporation commission on Monday. The railroad will be operated by the Maryland and Virginia Railway Company. The line will run from Nauch Station in Alexandria County to Manassas, Va. The route will pass through the town of Manassas and will provide a direct service into Washington and Alexandria.



# WHAT HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

## Curb on Sharppers in the Alien Hotels



NEW YORK—Robbing immigrants and emigrants has long been a recognized industry around the docks of New York and proportionately lodging houses have been taking money away from these people coming and going. Two laws recently became operative which lodging house keepers will be compelled to give the arriving and departing persons of foreign birth something like the equivalent for money received.

Foreigners arrive all the year around, but those who depart for a visit to the old country generally begin coming to New York about October 1 and continue coming until the Christmas holidays. Then the steady age begins to bring them back, and by March nearly all are again in this country and ready to go to work.

Under the old system, runners for the lodging houses boarded the steamers and went through the steerage pas-

## NEHEMIAH AND HIS ENEMIES

Sunday School Lesson, for Dec. 10, 1911  
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 4.  
MEMORY VERSE—GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid.—Ps. 118:147.  
TIME—B. C. 445.  
The wall was finished in 52 days in A. D. 445.

There were enemies within the Jewish church. Some of the nobles and richer men had been oppressing their poorer brethren who were working on the wall. Some of the nobles and richer men had been oppressing their poorer brethren who were working on the wall. Some of the nobles and richer men had been oppressing their poorer brethren who were working on the wall.

Under the new laws the runners are no longer allowed to board boats or steamers around the docks soliciting patrons and every lodging house keeper has to furnish a bond for the fair treatment of his patrons.

## Picture Unites a Brother and Sister

AURORA, ILL.—John Stanton of Aurora and his missing sister, Mrs. S. W. Waters of Philadelphia, whom he has not seen for 20 years, have reunited through a moving picture film, and the Aurora man has gone to make his future home with his relative.



Her last visit to her brother almost a quarter of a century ago when she was appearing at the Park theater in Brooklyn. Correspondence finally was stopped and Mrs. Waters had not seen her brother since that time. Mrs. Waters had not seen her brother since that time. Mrs. Waters had not seen her brother since that time.

## Pastor Quits Pulpit to Be Expressman

CHICAGO—Rev. Henry M. McDowell has resigned his pastorate in the Woodlawn Park Congregational church. He resigned because certain members of the church objected to his action in coming over and working as an express messenger for a week to augment his salary of \$125 a month from the church.

That manual labor lowered the dignity of the pastor, was the objection made by the members of the church, and according to friends of the pastor, while they were unable to have him resign from the pulpit, they made it impossible for him that he resigned.

## Corn Fed Catfish Latest From Kansas

TOPEKA, Kan.—Ever hear of a corn-fed catfish? Kansas has a new record in the raising of catfish. Prof. L. D. Dyche, curator of the National History museum of the State University and state fish and game commission, has undertaken to improve the method of raising catfish by the methods of expert breeders in Illinois, cattle, sheep and chickens. The method advised by Dyche is to improve the Kansas strain of selection of males.

Not at all the little ones. The worst trouble we have in a fish hatchery is to improve the Kansas strain of selection of males.

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## CITIZENS ON UTILITIES PROPOSITION

CITIZENS of Manassas are in earnest on the public utilities proposition. They are determined that the future of this progressive town shall not be set within limitations, and that its development shall not be checked, by lack of water and electrical facilities. Outside capital is being given the opportunity to install these improvements, and it is anticipated that the investment will be from such source. Unavoidable, it is asserted, was the failure of Charles A. Farnum to bid for the franchises at the time specified. Reversal of plans that make for public welfare is of more vital moment to the community than any other interest. The occurrence was regrettable for the promoter, and citizens, appreciative of the advancement of the enterprise almost to point of realization, are expressing desire to offer consistent encouragement and assistance. It is this kind of civic spirit that is the creative force of successful town building.

Communications from T. J. Parmley, of Philadelphia, associate of Mr. Farnum, manifest conscientious effort to carry out the original plan and have resulted in impressing citizens favorably for a reasonable extension of time. It is stated on good authority that Mr. Farnum and Mr. Parmley would co-operate with citizens in financing a company to install the utilities. The proposal can be more clearly defined when the status of the present situation is determined. It is hoped that the conference between Mr. Parmley and the committee from the Business League will result in clearing existing conditions that definite plans may be outlined.

As the proposition now stands prospects never were brighter for the utilities. Now, all citizens, as well as the promoters, are directing great effort to install water and electrical facilities in this town. Either the citizens or the promoters, or both, will give Manassas these needed improvements. Prevailing is the highest confidence in the ultimate success of the enterprise. Truly it may be said that this firm conviction has removed the last vestige of doubt. Citizens speak of the improvements as assured. None too optimistic is the prediction that within a year the utilities will be in course of installation, if not in operation. Installation of the facilities is the logical outcome of this stage of the town's development, more than representing private or municipal enterprise. The facilities are an absolute necessity for progress, protection, health and convenience. The town has passed the experimental stage, and in the wait of testing has prolonged endurance of primitive methods. Nothing but the real thing will do now. Citizens are determined that this town shall have modern, adequate facilities. And the result? The town will have them.

## THE McNAMARA CONFESSION

IMPRISONMENT for life for one and fifteen years for the other is penalty not commensurate with the crime of the McNamaras who have confessed to dynamiting The Times building in Los Angeles in which twenty-one lives were lost, and to another "job," as they term it, which caused heavy destruction of property. That human life was not taken in this other "job" was not due to any transitory humane impulse in the McNamaras. As it occurred, the plant of the Llewellyn Iron Company was unoccupied when destroyed. But in The Times building many toilers, innocent of any provocation for and unconscious of an awful impending doom, were at work. Twenty-one were hurled to death in the tottering ruins of the dynamited building.

For many years a bitter feud has existed between the Los Angeles Times and organized labor, but it had never been marked by violence. Organized labor as such is not to blame for that awful sacrifice of life and property in Los Angeles. The guilt is in the individual, the McNamaras who though technically affiliated with the unions are neither an integral part nor representative of them. They are infections on the union body politic, that give appearance of taint to the body as a whole. If one were to view the situation in the dim and false light of prejudice. Organized labor as such does not sanction sacrifice of human life or of property. But fiends of the McNamara type use the labor unions as a mask—a disguise stolen under fair pretences.

Many thousands of union men when they believed the McNamaras innocent contributed their savings to defend them, raising a fund of more than one quarter of a million dollars. Now knowing that the McNamaras are guilty they not only demanded that punishment be meted but that extreme penalty be exacted. Human society does itself an injustice by suffering existence of creatures of the McNamara type.

## PRIZE POULTRY

POULTRY-RAISING has advanced from a vocation or avocation of perfunctory interest to a most progressive branch of agriculture. Selection and raising of poultry is a science. The Poultry Show in Manassas, December 15-16, will be of inestimable value. Comparison of exhibits, discussion of methods and interchange of ideas will be sources of much valuable information. The element of competition will attract the finest products. Poultry-raisers who regard the occupation as a science recognize the value of the exhibitional feature. The Poultry Show is an important element in the formation of plans for an Agricultural Fair next year.

## FINEST IN PIEDMONT SECTION

PIEDMONT VIRGINIA, garden spot of the Old Dominion, is truthfully described as "one of the finest and most prosperous agricultural regions in the country." That section tributary to Manassas is without an equal for productivity of its soil and for the prize-winning thoroughbred horses raised on its stock farms. The Portner farm, conducted by D. M. Pitts, and Birmingham Stock Farm, of which W. B. Bullock is proprietor, are examples presented in the following comment in the current issue of The Southern Field:

Around Manassas, Va., famous in history as the field of the battle of Bull Run, are today fertile farms, green meadows, fruitful orchards and grazing stock. A few of the old redoubts and breastworks erected by the opposing forces may even now be seen standing forlorn in the midst of waving fields of grain or tenanted by peaceful Jerseys or Holsteins. The country in this vicinity is very level, well watered and has a rich and productive soil. The town of Manassas is a growing community with every advantage for residence and a good trade with the surrounding country.

### JUST A SAMPLE

One of the finest farms in this section is that conducted by the estate of the late Robert Portner. This place, containing about 2,000 acres, runs a large dairy business in connection with general farming, and ships an average of 225 gallons of milk daily to Washington, only one hour away, over the Southern Railway. This milk brings from 18 cents to 25 cents a gallon, and the cream, of which ten gallons daily are shipped to Washington, commands a very high price. There are about 200 Holsteins and Jerseys in the dairy herd, some 300 sheep, 100 horses and an equal number of hogs. The bulls and stallions at the head of the herds are of the purest blood, and the pigs are sold for fancy prices for breeding purposes to the neighboring farmers.

Wheat, oats, corn and hay are the chief crops raised on this farm. There are usually 150 acres in wheat every year, yielding an average of thirty-five bushels to the acre. Corn runs from fifty to sixty bushels to the acre, with usually several hundred acres. Two to three tons of the finest hay are cut to the acre, and there are some of the finest pastures in the vicinity on this farm for the dairy herd. In 1910 there were kept about 200 sheep on the place, from which the lambs netted \$850 and the wool, \$400.

There is situated at Manassas a breeding farm, conducted by W. B. Bullock, an Englishman, who has had the greatest success with the place. He raises Hackneys, Shires, Percherons and Belgians, and his office contains hundreds of blue ribbons taken by his horses. He states he knows of no better section for raising horses and he has lived in many parts of this and other countries.

## PARAGRAPHS

A KNOCKER is an exemplar of failure.  
Do not delay the Christmas shopping.  
NEXT month leap year begins. Look before you leap.  
VALETS have taken to writing memoirs. How dare they?  
TIRED housewives are thankful that Thanksgiving is over.

GOOD roads into Manassas would prove a valuable commercial asset.

"THE heart of man is the place the devil's in."—Sir Thomas Browne.

ELECTRIC railroad facilities will attract many homeseekers to Manassas.

MANASSAS will have public utilities, even if the public has to supply them.

A MAN up in New York begged sentence to a workhouse. Why didn't he go home?

THE very futility of the suggestion surrounds it with greater concern—clean the alleys!

THE mistletoe custom makes Christmas a hazardous season for bachelors just before leap year.

ARTER assuming innumerable disguises the last fragment of the Thanksgiving turkey has disappeared.

RESERVATIONS are being booked for the annual cruise of the water wagon which will begin January 1.

"A STRENUOUS soul hates cheap success. It is the order of the ascendant that makes the vigor of the defender."—Emerson.

A SAN FRANCISCO real estate dealer who evidently "had money to burn" accidentally lighted a cigarette with a \$1,000 bill, the other day.

SOCIETY women in Chicago played bridge, whist the other day to benefit a girl of the slums, a large sum being raised for her reformation. It was a game in which hearts were trumps.

"WITH all our inheritance few things come by nature. We must learn to talk, learn to smile, learn to be good company and learn to be tactful by watching what is fit for the hour."—Selected.

THE warden of an Indiana penitentiary will introduce moving picture exhibitions to relieve the monotony of the life of convicts. It may be added that moral picture plays depict appealing sermons and that their introduction in penal institutions will prove a powerful influence for reform.

COLUMBIA University is to have school of journalism. The best training for "the newspaper game"—the term "journalism" is eliminated after the glamour is dispelled—is apprenticeship as a printer's "devil" and then a cub run on a city daily. If that does not discover latent talent nothing ever will.

THE moon as an illuminant is beyond criticism, out of reach, so to speak. It can always be depended upon to do its part, and keeps right on working, though overcast skies prevent mortals deriving the benefit of its radiance. The moon schedule as utilized in Manassas is quite satisfactory when the moon is not eliminated from it. Under other conditions lighted streets are as necessary as when the nocturnal orb is reducing illuminating expenses in other sections. This is an illuminating theme, as citizens who have groped home in the dark will testify.

IMMEDIATELY preceding a Presidential campaign politics will play an important part in the Sixty-second Congress. The Democrats have a working majority in the House, and with assistance of Republican Insurgents will endeavor to enact progressive measures in the Senate. Important legislation to come before Congress includes bills providing for reductions in tariff; amendment to Sherman anti-trust law; a Federal incorporation act; arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France; parcels post; ship subsidy plan; bill providing for currency reform; establishment of National departments of health and labor; laws for operation, government and maintenance of Panama Canal; bills to reduce appropriation budget.

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## TOPICS OF THE TOWN

The Lutheran parsonage has been repainted.

E. M. Payne, of Catlets, was in town Tuesday.

The roof of the Baptist Church is being repainted.

F. H. Sanders, of Catharpin, was in town Friday.

The county supervisors will meet next Saturday.

M. M. Washington, of Greenwich, was in town Friday.

Harry Sanders last week visited relatives at East Orange, N. J.

J. W. Jones has completed a new store building near Bradley.

Buck Tyler, of Gainesville, was a visitor in Manassas last week.

Henry E. Davis, of Clifton, suffered a stroke of paralysis last week.

A meeting of the fire department is set for Thursday evening, December 21.

Miss Lucy Buck, of Milford, was a guest of Miss Mary Leachman last week.

C. M. Larkin has been suffering the past week with a severe boil on his left arm.

An enjoyable dance was given in Conner's Hall last Friday night by the German Club.

Care should be taken in tying packages securely and in writing the address legibly in ink.

Richard Kelly and Marion Willis have returned from a visit to their home at Remington.

Harvey Russell, of Marshall, a former student of Eastern College, was in town for the dance Friday.

H. C. Ryckman has moved his tailor shop into the handsome store-room in the new Wenrich building.

Arrangements are being made by the Ministerial Association for a union week of prayer early in January.

M. C. Holmes, of Kopp, returned Friday to Manassas to visit his daughter, Mrs. Ira Reid, during the holidays.

R. M. Weir, elected sergeant by the town council to succeed J. W. Willcox, resigned, began duty Monday morning.

Mrs. B. N. Merchant spent a few days in Baltimore last week visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. James E. Dunnington.

G. P. Calvert, foreman of Hayfield farm, Alexandria, was in town Monday. He moved there three months ago from Hoadley.

The Dramatic Club of Eastern College presented "The Mysterious Miss Miller" before a large and appreciative audience in Culpeper last Friday night.

John Chapman expects to have his barber shop moved from the Lynch building and ready for business in the room next to Bell Bros. bakery next Monday.

Persons planning visits home or to friends within the State are given advantage this year of special reduced railroad rates, effective until after January 1.

Willie Stanton, of Culpeper, was brought to Manassas Thursday night. He is suspected of being one of the five negroes who robbed the Hibbs and Giddings store.

An imported fiddle inlaid with pearl, the prize he won in the fiddlers' contest, was presented to Roy Carter last Friday, by C. M. Hopkins, of the contest committee.

Among those from Manassas who attended the theatres in Washington last week were Miss Mamie Lipscomb, Miss Bet Elliott, Miss May Leachman, and Miss Ollie Leachman.

V. M. Allensworth, of Falls Church, is ill at the home of his brother, W. S. Allensworth, where he is visiting. He will probably be taken to Catawba Sanitarium or to a hospital in Washington this week.

With only ten more days remaining until Christmas, holiday shoppers who delay until the last moment may be disappointed in making selections in the rush at the stores. Gifts by mail or express should be sent immediately to insure prompt delivery.

The ladies of Nokesville have completed their contest memory quilt for the benefit of the Lutheran Church there. The names of the contestants will be announced later. Miss May Wenrich was the successful competitor securing many names and \$12.70 in cash. Miss Bertie May had over \$4 to her credit.

W. B. Bullock has been confined to his home with illness the past week.

Mrs. Lilley, of Washington, was a guest last week of Mrs. Mae Entwisle.

George C. Round, Jr., of Herndon, was here last week visiting his parents.

Mrs. Amanda Woodyard is visiting her son, John Woodyard, in Chase City.

Miss Norma Young visited relatives and friends in Washington last week.

Plans are being discussed by the Business League for a smoker to be given in January.

Mrs. E. W. Walker, of Washington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. S. Allensworth.

A musicale will be a feature of the Christmas observance at Hebron Seminary, Nokesville.

Mrs. W. S. Allensworth, who suffered a renewed attack last week of neuralgia, is improving.

O. P. Curry left Sunday for his home in Gaffney, N. C., where he will remain until the first of March.

I. M. Wakeman and family have moved to Newmarket. Mr. Wakeman will engage in fruit growing.

Randall and McCoy have moved their blacksmith and machine shops into their new building on Quarry Road.

W. L. Clark, formerly of Manassas, was here Saturday from Washington, where he is engaged in the milk business.

Sheriff-elect C. A. Barbee has appointed W. J. Ashby, jailor, F. F. Cooksey, declined the appointment on account of other business.

J. A. Long, of Northumberland county, is moving in the Bell homestead near Sinclair's Mill, which he recently purchased from J. M. Bell.

Christmas shopping this year is later than usual, but indications point to a busy season. It is advisable to make purchases now, before the rush begins.

Statements show that Manassas financial institutions are in sound condition. The total deposits in the two banks last Thursday was \$428,710.27.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Lewis last week entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Heymond, of Annapolis, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Arnold, of Annapolis Junction.

The young ladies of St. Edith Academy will leave December 20 for their homes to spend the Christmas holidays. They will return January 3 to resume their studies.

When Dr. H. L. Quarles began the pastorate of the Baptist Church six weeks ago there was an indebtedness of \$500 on the building. The debt has been cleared within \$59.

There will be no meeting of the W. C. T. U. tomorrow, Friday afternoon. The ladies are invited to attend the session of the Women's Auxiliary of the Farmers' Institute in the Ruffner building at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

A family reunion is to be held at the home of Luther Sullivan, at Blandford, during the Christmas holidays. Four of his sons will be home for Christmas: Fernon, from Highlands, Md.; Edward and Richard, from Washington; and Alpha, of Manassas.

Action on the suggestion of the Ministerial Association for earlier closing of the stores, is deferred until after the Christmas holidays. It is proposed that the stores close Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock for prayer meeting, and Saturday nights at 10 o'clock that people may prepare for Sunday services.

Landowners, whose property adjoins the route of the proposed county road from the farm of Newton Payne to Woodyard's Ford, will appear before the county supervisors Saturday for a conference on the improvement. The road would extend a distance of one and one-fourth miles through Toler, Blooms, and Brooks.

A new ten cent stamp of special design, intended to identify mail matter to which it is affixed as being registered has been issued by the Post Office Department and will soon be placed on sale in Manassas. The use of the ordinary postage on registered letters and packages will still be permitted when the new stamps are not available but a registered stamp cannot be used for ordinary postage or special delivery.

Mrs. J. P. Prince, of Washington, visited Mrs. J. K. Efrid last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Griffith has returned from a Washington hospital, greatly improved in health.

There will be no service next Sunday afternoon at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Nokesville.

R. D. Mesler, of the Geological Survey, Washington, visited the home of J. H. Steele last week.

Mrs. Thomas N. Lynn and sons, of Alexandria, were guests last week at the home of W. Walker.

F. E. Garrison and family are moving from the O'Callaghan property into the Manse on Main street.

Mrs. W. H. Armour and son, Reginald, of New York, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wenkhous.

The Right Reverend Robert A. Gibson will be the guest of Judge J. B. T. Thornton on Grant Avenue Sunday.

George C. Round, member of the board of trustees of the Fredericksburg Normal School, attended a meeting of the board in Richmond yesterday.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will serve luncheon in the Ruffner building tomorrow, Friday noon to the Farmers' Institute, at 15c each. The public is invited.

The new county road from Blooms Station to Yates Ford, a distance of one and one-fourth miles, was opened to traffic Tuesday. The road was built by W. H. Evans.

Sunday school in the Manassas Baptist Church will begin ten minutes earlier hereafter, in the morning at 9:50 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock to give a recess before preaching services.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. Conner leave Sunday for Cuba to spend the winter. During his father's absence, J. J. Conner will be in charge of the mill on Railroad avenue and West street.

The frame warehouse being erected by F. A. Cockrell on West Center street, is nearing completion. Work will be started January 1 on the brick display building which will occupy the front of the lot. The display building will be two stories high.

"Jake, Among the Indians" is the title of a meritorious drama written by P. W. Gibson, principal of the Brown School, and presented at the Colored Baptist Church last Friday evening. The play tells the story of a romantic Indian maiden and her difficulties with a stern father.

The altitude of Manassas above tidewater is 317 feet at the Southern railroad depot and 322 feet at Eastern College, according to engineers of the United States Geological Survey who were in town Saturday. They are making a new geological map four times as large as the present map which was made thirty years ago.

Dr. W. A. Newman is rapidly recovering from a successful operation at University Hospital, Charlottesville, and expects to return home in about three weeks. An error occurred last week in a statement of the nature of his condition, which was not the result of an operation three years ago. Surgeons found the point of that operation healed and in good order. They discovered and removed a stone from the gall duct, as the cause of the present trouble.

The Christmas rush has not yet begun through the mails and express at Manassas, fewer packages being forwarded and received at this period of the season than in recent years. The delay will result in an avalanche of packages just before the holidays, with impatient, though thoughtful, patrons expecting the impossible. Prompt delivery will be facilitated, and much annoyance spared officials and public by sending packages now. Do not wait until the last moment.

A School Improvement League has been organized at Haymarket, and at a meeting tomorrow, Friday night, important plans are to be outlined. Citizens of the Haymarket community are invited to unite with the League. The officers are: President, Dr. W. R. Talbot; first vice president, J. E. Beale; second vice president, J. L. Kibler; secretary, Miss Bessie Norman; treasurer, Miss Claudia Waters. The executive committee comprises the officers and Mrs. Franz Peters, Mrs. C. E. Keeter and B. Rust.

Accidents will happen, but the best regulated families keep Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for such emergencies. It soothes the pain and heals the hurts.

Mrs. Omeio Wells, of Wellington, was a guest of her mother, Mrs. W. M. Wheeler, last week.

On account of lack of patronage the moving picture show will close after next Tuesday night.

A town eleven defeated the Graded School foot ball team last Tuesday afternoon by a score of 12 to 10.

Harvey Lynch will conduct a shooting match for turkeys near the railroad coal chutes before Christmas.

C. M. Larkin returned to business Saturday after several weeks illness. He was doubly affected with neuralgia and a severe boil.

Little John Lynn has been quite ill the past week. He celebrated his eleventh birthday anniversary last Monday by recovering from his illness.

Miss Margaret Mines, of Eastern College, leaves tomorrow for Clarksburg, W. Va., to spend the Christmas holidays. She will return January 1.

The Christmas service, "The Star Out of Jacob," will be given by the Lutheran Sunday School. The time and place will be announced next week in THE DEMOCRAT.

F. L. Mayhugh, who has been with R. A. Kishpaugh's book stationery department, of Fredericksburg, for the past five or six years has resigned his position. Mr. Mayhugh is formerly of Prince William county and is the son of L. Mayhugh, of Greenwich.

Celebration of Christmas in the Baptist Church is to be planned by members of the Sunday School at a meeting in the church auditorium this afternoon. A committee appointed last Sunday comprises the pastor, Dr. H. L. Quarles, Mrs. Spies and Mrs. Ira Cannon.

Santa Claus will appear before a glittering Christmas tree in Grace M. E. Church on Christmas night to distribute gifts to the children of the congregation. Christmas music will be directed by Mrs. C. L. DeLong. The committee arranging the event comprises Mrs. R. S. Hynson, Mrs. R. Lynn, Mrs. Welby Rice and Mrs. Wood Weir.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Efrid are recipients of a fine Christmas gift, a set of handsome chairs presented by John T. Cramer, president of the Thomasville Chair Company, of Thomasville, N. C. Mr. Cramer is an old friend of the Efrid family, also father-in-law of Mrs. Efrid's youngest brother, Charles A. Julian, of Thomasville. The gift was a surprise to the Rev. and Mrs. Efrid and greatly appreciated.

An impromptu oyster banquet at Beachley's after election of officers was a feature of the meeting Monday night of Stonewall Tent No. 36, Knights of the Macabees. The new officers are: Commander, J. I. Randall; lieutenant commander, D. J. Arrington; record keeper, J. E. Herrell; chaplain, A. B. Davis; sergeant, C. E. Fisher; master-at-arms, J. N. Muddiman; masters-of-guard, R. L. Johnson, R. V. Johnson; picket, D. V. Muddiman; sentinel, J. H. Burke.

Two interesting relics of the early history of Prince William county are possessions of George C. Round, which he exhibits with justifiable pride to visitors to his home. One is the keystone of the first financial institution founded in Prince William county, the bank of Dumfries. The slab bears the inscription, "William Waite, Febr. 1766." It was Mr. Waite who built the old Episcopal Church at Dumfries. A slab from the floor of the first court house in Prince William county, built in 1731 at Dumfries, when the county was established is the other historic relic.

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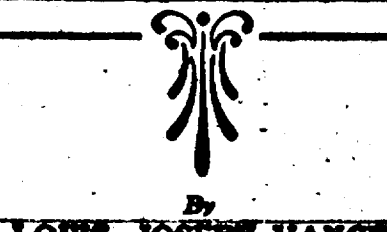
IN THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1911

Commencing at 10 a. m.



# The Pool of Flame



By LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE

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For the better part of an hour this continued. And the little group of sycophants which had gathered behind his chair to watch his play insensibly dissipated. A whisper ran through the ranks of the habitués that the luck of the mad Irishman had turned; and forthwith he ceased to be an object of interest. Only the little Austrian, having risked the number of stakes prescribed by his system for one evening's play, put away his notebook and pencil and, surrendering his place to another, lingered behind O'Rourke's chair, unable to resist the fascination of watching a man who could at once lose money and retain his composure.

At length, inexpressibly bored and too impatient to defer the inevitable by niggardly wagers, O'Rourke ransacked his pockets and placed the proceeds—several hundred francs—I am as ignorant of the amount as he was indifferent to it—upon the red.

There fell a lull, the croupier holding the wheel to permit an unbaked cub of Chicago millions to cover the cloth with stakes too numerous for his half-developed intelligence to keep count of; and the adventurer shifted in his seat, reviewing the assemblage. For some moments, through the mysterious working of that sixth sense which men are possessed of, he nominated intuition, he had been subconsciously aware of being the object of some person's fixed regard, that somebody was not only watching, but weighing him. He sought the source of this sensation and, for a little time, sought it unsuccessfully. Annoyed, he persisted. He heard the croupier's mechanical "Rain ne va plus," followed by the whirring of the wheel, he cared so little that he would not turn to watch the outcome. Only an examination of the Austrian's surprised him of the fact that red had won. He glanced listlessly round to see the money doubled, and let it rest, turning back to his survey of the throng. A moment later his attention became fixed upon two men who stood in the doorway, looking toward him. Again the wheel buzzed, the ball clattered and was still. The word rouse among others in the announcement told him that

again he had won; this time, however, he did not turn, but, frowning in speculation, stared back at the two.

Stared? Indeed—and he did just that. If it was impertinent, sure any were they not staring at him? And who should gaze at O'Rourke the right to stare at anybody, be he king or commoner? Furthermore, who might these men be, and what their interest in himself?

The one was tall and slender, saturnine, an elegant owing as much to the art of his tailor and upholsterer as to his own indisputable, native distinction; a Frenchman—at least of a type unquestionably Gallic. His nose was very pale, his eyes, pointed mustache very precise, jaw square, forehead high, eyes deep and dark beneath brows heavy, level and black, manner marked by a repose almost threatening in its impassibility.

His companion was shorter of stature, a younger man by at least ten years, rather stout and very nervous, with a fresh red face marred by hallmarks of dissipation; British, every inch of him.

"That, I'm thinking," mused O'Rourke, "will be the Honorable Bertie Glynn. Faith, he looks the part, at least, the just that kind—bred, underbred, without brains or real stamina—that would see through a half-million sterling inside a year."

But the other? "Monsieur," the little Austrian stammered excitedly in his ear, "for you the red had doubled a fourth time."

"Thank ye," replied O'Rourke without moving. "I'll tell you about this run."

The system-gambler subsided, puffed.

But the other? O'Rourke continued to probe his memory. Something in the man's personality was curiously reminiscent. Of it he could remember. The Frenchman had been pointed out to him, years ago, in Paris, as a principal in a Boulevard scandal which had terminated in a duel—a real duel, in which he had been victorious. He was accustomed to anticipate such an outcome of his affair of honor, however; that was why he had been named O'Rourke; Des Trebes (that was the name; the

Viscount des Trebes) was a duelist of international disrepute.

"Monsieur," the agitated voice fluttered in his ear, "you have won yet again—for the sixth time!"

"Let it stand for the seventh, monsieur."

Why should Des Trebes be watching him so openly, so pointedly? As he watched he became aware that these two, the Frenchman and the Englishman, were not alone; detached though their attitude was, they were evidently of a party of ladies and gentlemen whose gay, chattering group formed their background.

"Monsieur, the seventh turn!"

"Yes, yes."

"Rain ne va plus," croaked the croupier.

One of the ladies turned to speak to the Honorable Mr. Glynn. Smiling, he nodded, and offered her an arm. She lingered, addressing Des Trebes. The latter bowed, lifted his shoulders and laughed lightly, plainly excusing himself. A general movement took place in the party; it began to disintegrate, men and women pairing off all moving at leisure toward the lobby. Des Trebes alone remained. O'Rourke could see that the personnel of the gathering was largely British. He recognized Lady Pinfalmon, whose yacht (he had heard casually) had arrived in the harbor that morning. Evidently this was her party. Another woman's figure caught his attention; her back was turned, but she had a graceful set of the shoulders, an individual pride and spirit in the pose of her head, that O'Rourke could have sworn he knew. He was conscious that he flushed suddenly, that his heart was pounding. He made as if to rise and follow, but was prevented, almost forced back by a hand which the Austrian in his feverish interest had unconsciously placed on the Irishman's shoulder.

"Monsieur, monsieur!" he gasped, his eyes protruding, fixed upon the wheel. Beads of sweat glistened on his forehead. He trembled as though his own fortunes hung on the change.

Impressed, O'Rourke could not bear to linger, to cast a reluctant glance at the table.

The side of his pile of gold and notes on the red was a somewhat startling sight to him. His breath stopped in his throat. The ivory sphere was rattling over the compartments to its predestined place. What if he were to win? O'Rourke began to calculate mentally how much he had at stake, how much he might win if his careless prediction that red would turn on the seventh time should come true.

lost his bearings in a maze of intricate computation and was on the point of abandoning the problem when his hand was called.

"Great God!" gasped the Austrian, withdrawing his hand.

O'Rourke rose. "The fortunes of war, the friend," said he with a laugh

so unforced that it sounded unnatural. He strode away hastily, searching the throng in the lobby for her with whom his mind was occupied to the exclusion of all else.

The system-gambler followed him with a stare of incredulous amazement. "What a man!" said he to himself, if half aloud. A second later he added: "What admirable acting!"

But he was mistaken. There was nothing assumed in O'Rourke's air of apathy. He was actually quite indifferent and already preoccupied with his new interest—the pursuit of the woman whose unexpected appearance in Monte Carlo seemed likely to upset all his calculations. The sails of the barque of his fortunes had all his life long been trimmed to the winds of Chance; he was accustomed to seeing them fall flat and flapping, empty, just when a venture seemed most propitious. The loss of the money was nothing; the initial amount had been little enough in all conscience, though the major part of all that he possessed; but to him the woman was everything—the world and all.

And now she was gone, had disappeared with her companions! In that instant in which he had turned from her to the table, she had made her escape.

He cursed roundly the weakness that had lost her to him, and passing rapidly through the lobby, left the Casino, pausing before the entrance to look right and left.

There was no sign of what he sought; the party had vanished. And who should say whither? "Damnation!" he grumbled.

"Monsieur," a voice intruded at his side.

"He turned with a start, annoyed. "Well!" he demanded curtly, recognizing De Trebes.

The Frenchman bowed. "I have the honor to address Monsieur le Colonel O'Rourke?"

Reflecting that the man might afford him the information he sought, O'Rourke unobtrusively asked: "I am he, Monsieur des Trebes?"

Surprised, the latter lifted his eyebrows, showing even white teeth in a reproachful smile. "You know me, monsieur?"

"By sight and reputation only, monsieur."

"I am honored."

"No more than myself, if it comes to that."

The viscount laughed. "Then I may presume to ask the favor of a word with you?"

"Are ye not having it, monsieur?"

"True. But in private."

"One moment. Ye can do me a favor if ye will, afterward."

"I am charmed."

back: isn't he the Honorable Bertie Glynn?"

"The same, monsieur."

"And the lady who spoke to him—?"

"Madame Smyth-Herriott, I believe; I know her only slightly."

"Then ye are not of their party?"

"Party?" Des Trebes appeared perplexed. "What party?"

"Why, Lady Pinfalmon's, of course."

"I have not the honor of that lady's acquaintance, monsieur."

"Oh, ye have not? But Mr. Glynn?"

"Is here with me, monsieur—a flying trip. We ran down from Paris but yesterday. Our meeting with Madame Smyth-Herriott was quite accidental."

"Oh, the divvie!" said O'Rourke beneath his breath. Plainly he might expect nothing more helpful from this man; he had jumped prematurely at a baseless conclusion, it seemed. And by now it was much too late to think of further pursuit. "That is all I wished to know, monsieur," he admitted lamely. "There was a lady in the group whom I thought I recognized. I wished to find her, and fancied ye might perhaps direct me. Ye didn't by any chance happen to hear Mrs. Smyth-Herriott say where she was going with Mr. Glynn?"

"Unhappily, no, monsieur."

"Very well then. What can I have the happiness to serve ye in?"

The Frenchman hesitated briefly. "This is a trifle public," he suggested. "Will you not be good enough to walk with me a little distance, while we converse?"

"Gladly, monsieur."

Des Trebes produced a cigarette case, and together, smoking, the two turned their backs upon the casino and wandered off along the paths of the park.

"Have the Honor to Address Monsieur Le Colonel O'Rourke."

Gene. Ever descending, they

came at length to the secluded, little lighted and less frequented portions of the grounds which border the waterfront, and presently sat side by side upon a bench, looking out over the harbor. Then and then only did Des Trebes approach his subject—something which he had until now studiously avoided, distracting the not over-patient Irishman by a falling fire of banalities.

"I dare say, Colonel O'Rourke," he suggested abandoning his mother tongue for excellent English—"I dare say you are wondering—"

"I am that."

"I feared so. But it was essential that we speak in privacy."

"Yes—?"

"But before I proceed may I ask a question or two bordering, perhaps on impertinence, yet not so conceived?"

"What—a long-winded beggar!" O'Rourke commented mentally. "As for that," said he aloud, "it is impossible for me to calculate the impertinence until it's put to me. Eh?"

"Believe me, sir, I am anxious only to avoid indiscretion. It is the question of your identity alone. I desire only to be assured that you are the Colonel O'Rourke I take you to be."

"My faith! And who else would I be, now?"

"There's the bare possibility that two of the same name might exist."

"It's so bare that 'tis fairly independent," chuckled the Frenchman. "But first away."

"I am not mistaken in assuming that I address the Colonel Terence O'Rourke who was at one time a party to le petit Lemerche's mad Empire du Sahara project and who later married Lemerche's widow, Madame la Princesse de Grandlieu?"

O'Rourke took a long breath and looked his questioner up and down. "Ye have a very pretty taste in the matters of impertinence," he said gravely. "However, let that pass. I'm the same man."

"A thought, pardon me. Caution in matters such as this— A shrug completed the thought most eloquently. "You can give me proofs of your identity, then?"

"Proofs!" O'Rourke got to his feet. "Believe me, monsieur, ye have all the proof I'm willing to give ye, and that's my last word. If ye find it insufficient, why, then—"

"Pardon!" Des Trebes interrupted, stating. "I am myself more than content. But the Government of France—"

"The Government of France?" O'Rourke whistled.

"Is more exacting than I. It knows a certain Colonel O'Rourke and his name does it need?"

"The divvie it does! And what will it be wanting with me?"

I have a certain diplomatic mission to discharge, and shall have need, monsieur of a man strong, bold, venturesome, willing to undertake a long and perhaps perilous journey."

Had Des Trebes been inspired he could have formulated no speech better calculated to intrigue the Irishman; the mere echo of its import would have fired his hearer's fancy. He added: "And I am authorized to retain for that purpose should I be fortunate enough to find him unengaged, a certain Colonel Terence O'Rourke."

"Say no more, monsieur. 'Tis enough. Secrecy—dispatch—a long and perilous journey!—Faith I'm just your man!"

"You have no other business of the moment?"

"None whatever."

"Then I am indeed fortunate. And now, I presume, you will no longer object to satisfying me as to your identity."

"Not in the least. Although, to be candid, monsieur, I'm not in the habit of carrying me Bertillon record about me. But if ye'll have the goodness to accompany me to the Orient, over there, I'll put your mind at ease before ye can say knife."

Des Trebes nodded. "I should be delighted, but unfortunately"—he snapped the case of his watch—"I have an appointment with a confrere. May we fix a time—in half an hour, say—when it will be convenient for you to have me call at the Orient?"

"In half an hour? I'll await ye then, monsieur."

"Pardon, then, my haste. I am late. I must be off."

The man's hand touched O'Rourke's in the most brief of clasps, singularly firm and cold. The Irishman pondered the sensation for some moments after Des Trebes' hurrying figure had vanished in shadows.

"I don't like it," he averred; "it's a bad sign—a hand that's naturally cold. I never yet touched one like it that belonged to a man ye could trust. I misdoubt he's sound at the core, Des Trebes. But then, what's the odds? Can I not take care of myself?—And since 'tis the Government of France I'm treating with, and himself only the medium—that puts altogether a different complexion on the matter."

He spent the ensuing half-hour loitering in the more populous portion of the grounds, smoking as he strolled, his eyes keen to scrutinize each woman who came his way. But he discovered none resembling her whom he had seen in the Casino.

CHAPTER III.

As he stepped out of the lift Colonel O'Rourke remarked a light in his room, visible through the transom over the door.

"The femme de chambre," he thought: "Sure and the poor thing's still busy trying to clear up."

To the contrary, he found the door fast. "This careless she was to leave the light on," he observed, fitting his key in the lock.

If thoughtless in that one way, the woman had fulfilled the letter of her word in the other. It was with comprehensive relief (since he anticipated a caller) that he found the room once again presentable.

But one thing surprised him; and more surprising still was the fact that his ordinarily indifferent eye should have detected it at the first glance. He had indeed, hardly entered before he became aware of a square of white paper tucked in the corner of the bureau mirror.

"The divvie, now!" he greeted it. "That's curious. Could one of me many admirers have bribed the femme de chambre to bring a note to me?" He chuckled, holding to the light a much soiled envelope, gray with the marks of many fingers, plain



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The Frenchman Rees, Offering Him the Envelope.

tered with stamps and black with postage marks and substitute addresses, having evidently been forwarded over half the world before it reached the addressee, who was, in a bold hand, "Colonel Terence O'Rourke."

He whistled low over this, examining it intently, infinitely less concerned with its contents than with the manner by which it had reached him. The first postmark seemed to be that of Bamroon, the original address, the Cercle Militaire, his club in Paris. Thence, apparently, it had sought him in Galway, Ireland, Dublin, Paris again, and finally—after half a dozen other addresses—"C. of Mme. O'Rourke, Hotel Carlton, London." The London postmark was indistinguishable. (To Be Continued.)

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 Bradley School, Miss Sarah  
 Johnson, teacher, won the prize,  
 "Webster's International Dic-  
 tionary," offered to the one-room  
 rural school making the greatest  
 improvement during the school  
 year 1910-11. The Bradley re-  
 port showed a library of 270 vol-  
 umes, \$34 in the bank, and many  
 other improvements. The dic-  
 tionary will be presented to the  
 school by Mrs. M. S. Moffett,  
 representing the State Teachers'  
 Association.

This is the second time that  
 Prince William County has car-  
 ried off the honor, Cannon  
 Branch winning last year through  
 the excellence of a composition  
 by William Conner.  
 Mrs. M. S. Moffett was elected  
 President, and Miss A. Selina  
 Taylor was elected Secretary of  
 the Department of Rural  
 Teachers, one of the largest and  
 most important of the Norfolk  
 Conference, which met in Maury  
 High School building at Norfolk,  
 Wednesday and Thursday, No-  
 vember 28 and 29.

The first meeting was called to  
 order by Mrs. M. S. Moffett,  
 President of the Department.  
 Miss Taylor acted as Secretary,  
 Miss Watts being absent. The  
 minutes of the Richmond meet-  
 ing were read and approved.

T. S. Settle, State Inspector of  
 Rural Schools, well known to  
 Prince William County teachers,  
 delivered an address. His sub-  
 ject was "Ways and Means of  
 Introducing Agriculture and Do-  
 mestic Science into Our Rural  
 Schools."

Miss Mary Rosenberger told  
 "How the League Had Improved  
 Her School." The paper showed  
 the value of a League and the  
 co-operation of the parents to a  
 rural school.

Miss Taylor was also on the  
 program for one of her able  
 talks on Nature Study, and urged  
 every teacher to introduce it into  
 her school. Owing to lack of  
 time the Round Table was very  
 short.

George G. Tyler, Superinten-  
 dent of Prince William County  
 Schools, spoke Thursday on "The  
 One Room Rural School and Its  
 Equipment." He emphasized  
 the forward movement and ex-  
 pressed his hopes of the future.  
 Mr. Freeman spoke on "The  
 Qualifications of the Teacher,"  
 and Mr. Heatwole ably discussed  
 every-day problems. In behalf  
 of the Audubon Society, Miss  
 Katherine Stuart spoke on "Bird  
 Protection."

## FUNERAL OF MRS. LAURA McGRATH

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Mc-  
 Grath, who died last Thursday  
 morning at her home near Brad-  
 ley, was held Saturday afternoon  
 from the United Brethren Church  
 at Bradley of which she was a  
 member. The services were con-  
 ducted by the Rev. A. Conner.  
 Interment was in Bradley church-  
 yard. Mrs. McGrath is survived  
 by her husband, James C. Mc-  
 Grath. Her first husband, Wes-  
 ley Ledman, passed away several  
 ago being found dead on the road-  
 side near Blandford Bridge,  
 where he had been stricken with  
 heart trouble while walking home  
 from work. Mrs. McGrath is  
 survived by six children: Mrs.  
 Joseph Wheaton, Mrs. Elmer  
 Burke, Miss Minnie Ledman, Miss  
 Bertie Ledman, Benjamin Led-  
 man, and John Ledman.

## FOUND LOST HIDDEN BY BURGLAR

Two odd shoes and a coat taken  
 in the recent burglary of the  
 Hibbs and Giddings store were  
 found in a pile of ties near West  
 street, Sunday. There is grim  
 irony in a robbery, reported Mon-  
 day in effect that a burglar with  
 a peg-leg had stolen a typewriter  
 from the commonwealth's attor-  
 ney of Fairfax county.

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 17  
 EZRA TEACHES THE LAW.

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 8.  
 MEMORY VERSES—2, 3.  
 GOLDEN TEXT—"The law of the Lord  
 is perfect, converting the soul."—Ps.  
 119:7.

TIME—One week after the completion  
 of the walls in our last lesson. The first  
 day of the 7th month, B. C. 444. The be-  
 ginning of the civil year ushered in  
 by the feast of Trumpets. The seventh  
 month includes parts of September and  
 October. The 1st day of this month was  
 October 4, in 1910.  
 The seven days' feast of vs. 18-19 was  
 the Feast of Tabernacles beginning on the  
 15th day of the seventh month, in Octo-  
 ber, B. C. 444, and continuing 7 or 8 days.  
 Leviticus 23.

PLACE—Jerusalem.  
 PERSONS—Nehemiah the governor of  
 Judea.  
 Ezra, the Scribe, a chief priest.  
 Artaxerxes king of Persia, including  
 Palestine.  
 Herodotus is writing his histories in  
 Greek about this time, 450-430 B. C.

In spite of all opposition the walls of  
 Jerusalem had been completed. The  
 city was safe from her enemies. The  
 character and conduct of the citizens  
 had been restored, and was equipped  
 for service. These complete an act in  
 a great drama of providence, in which  
 the courage that stands to duty in  
 face of all danger and the faith that  
 looks to God in prayer had been vindic-  
 ated.

But these things merely meant Op-  
 portunity. They did not constitute a  
 great city, nor a true kingdom, nor a  
 holy nation, nor outward prosperity,  
 nor a people of God. They only ren-  
 dered these things possible. The  
 great question now was how to re-  
 store the nation to its place in the  
 Kingdom of God, how to build up a  
 pure, righteous, noble people, who  
 should be depositories of the true re-  
 ligion, who should proclaim it by  
 their lives and tongues, who should  
 hold up the True Light before the  
 world.  
 The first means was the instruc-  
 tion of the whole people in the Word  
 of God. After a week's rest from the  
 severe labors of building the wall, the  
 civil New Year's day was ushered in  
 by the blowing of trumpets, and horns  
 with mouth-pieces of gold; and this  
 "memorial blowing" continued all day  
 from morning till evening, proclaim-  
 ing a day of rejoicing. "Like our Christ-  
 mas bells. It was to proclaim God's  
 covenant, to sound victory over Satan,  
 to sound a call to repentance, as it  
 were a blast to wake men from their  
 sleep of sin.

The people gathered themselves to-  
 gether as one man, including men and  
 women, and all the children old  
 enough to hear with understanding.  
 This is the true ideal of the church—  
 all the congregation in the Bible  
 school; all the Bible school in the  
 congregation; and everybody in the  
 whole community in both. And no  
 church, and no body of churches, in  
 any town should be satisfied with  
 less. There should be a frequent and  
 accurate census by a federation of  
 the churches, for this end.

Ezra the Scribe and Teacher sud-  
 denly appears at this time. Where he  
 had been during the 13 years between  
 his reforms and the coming of Ne-  
 hemiah to rebuild the wall is un-  
 known. It seems most probable that  
 he returned to Babylon, and continued  
 his studies of the Law of Moses, and  
 when he learned of Nehemiah's great  
 work he also returned to Jerusalem,  
 and was prepared to forward the re-  
 ligious training of the people, as soon  
 as Nehemiah's work for their material  
 safety was completed.

It was the people themselves that  
 requested Ezra to read the law to  
 them, the law of Moses. This testi-  
 fies to a general knowledge of the  
 existence of a book the contents of  
 which so far as they are known,  
 agreed substantially with our Pentateuch.  
 Ezra did not originate this  
 law. The books of the law, and the  
 history of Israel had been scattered in  
 separate books in various places dur-  
 ing the distressed times of Israel's  
 later history. Ezra gathered, edited,  
 brought together, the law of Moses  
 and the unfolding during their history  
 very much as contained later the scat-  
 tered writings of the apostles were  
 united into our New Testament. But  
 it was the law of Moses, which the  
 Lord had commanded to Israel, a part  
 of God's Word.  
 This was the beginning of a NEW AGE  
 of Bible study. Very few of the peo-  
 ple could have Bibles, for they were  
 rare and expensive. Few could read  
 even if they had books. The reading  
 and the teaching were chiefly by the  
 priests. Now came the time of the  
 people. Synagogues began to be es-  
 tablished for teaching the law in every  
 town and village. The people must  
 learn for themselves, and all of them  
 be taught and trained in the Scrip-  
 tures.

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

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 rattler, a baby spoon and a set of  
 teeth. Little "BILLY" SEAY.  
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Dear Santa Claus: I want an Indian  
 suit, a little toy fire engine, a little toy  
 air ship like the one at Dr. Johnson's  
 store, an automobile, a boat that runs  
 in real water, a train that runs around  
 a track, a monkey that climbs a string,  
 a tricycle, a pistol, a drum, a flag,  
 some candy, nuts and raisins, and that's  
 all. HARDIE SEAY, JR.  
 Manassas, Va.

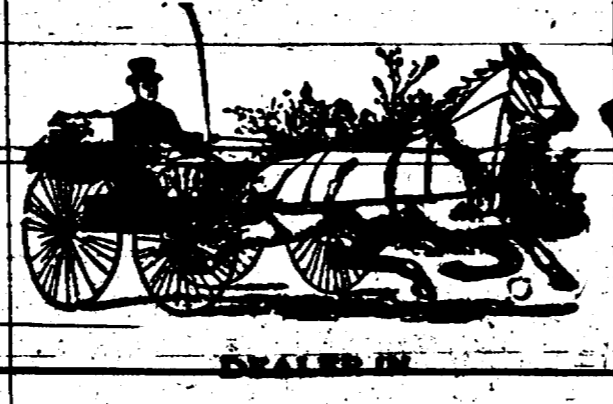
Dear Santa Claus: I want a toy pis-  
 tol, two boxes of caps, a tricycle, a  
 wagon, a horn, a billy goat, a harp,  
 a billy goat harness and a billy goat wag-  
 on. EDDIE WILLIAMS.  
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Pursuant to the terms of a decree entered by  
 the Circuit Court of Prince William County, in va-  
 cation, on the 24th day of November, 1911, in the  
 Chancery cause therein pending, wherein Polk  
 Triplet et al. are the plaintiffs and Hayward L.  
 Triplet et al. are defendants, the undersigned,  
 R. Triplett, who was by the said decree appointed  
 special commissioner for the purpose, will offer  
 for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for  
 cash, in front of the court house, in the town of  
 Manassas, Virginia

Saturday the 6th day of January,  
 1912, at one o'clock p. m., all the real estate of  
 which the late Hayward F. Triplet, deceased,  
 seized and possessed, located on the Warrenton  
 turnpike west of Gainesville, in Prince William  
 County, and containing about 153 acres, a particu-  
 lar description of same being contained in the  
 bill filed in this cause.

The property mentioned is all, except a few  
 acres, in a high state of cultivation, contains a  
 dwelling of ten rooms, large barn, numerous con-  
 venient outhouses, ice house, two orchards con-  
 sisting of several hundred fruit trees, bearing,  
 good springs, and an abundance of running water.  
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 plete body of land, is composed of two separate  
 tracts, one being known as the "home" tract and  
 containing 39 1/2 acres, the "Swinging" orchards, etc.,  
 and the other the "Kelly" tract and containing 113  
 acres, and the two tracts are separated by a  
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 the court.

R. TRIPLETT,  
 Special Commissioner.

J. John A. Nicol, Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
 Prince William County, do certify that R. Triplett,  
 Special Commissioner, named in the decree  
 for sale in the suit of Triplet et al. v. Triplet et  
 al. has executed the bond required by said decree.  
 154 JOHN A. NICOL, Clerk.

## NOTICE

To Martin L. Welley, Bertha C. Welley, J. Wil-  
 mar Welley, Greenville Gaines, substituted trust-  
 Westwood Hutchinson, general receiver, Ada  
 H. Rogers, assignees of Greenville Gaines, attor-  
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 The National Bank of Manassas, Manassas, Vir-  
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 Giltry, E. K. Walker, trustees, A. J. Welley  
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Notice is hereby given on the 28th day of January,  
 1912, at the office of Downing & Weaver, in the  
 town of Front Royal, State of Virginia, between  
 the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and six o'clock, p.  
 m. of that day, and on the 29th day of January,  
 1912, at the office of Downing & Weaver, in the  
 town of Front Royal, State of Virginia, to be read  
 as evidence in our behalf in a certain suit in equity  
 depending in the circuit court of Prince William  
 County, wherein we are complainants and you are  
 defendants; and if from any cause the taking of  
 the said depositions be not commenced, or if com-  
 menced, be not concluded, on that day, or within  
 the time specified, the same shall be adjourned from  
 day to day, or from time to time, at the same place,  
 or at such other place as may be ordered by the  
 court, and between the same hours, until the  
 same shall be taken.

Given under our hands this 28th day of Decem-  
 ber, 1911.  
 The Second National Bank of Culpeper, a  
 corporation, and C. M. Keates,  
 By J. G. HENRY and  
 Thos. H. LEW,  
 Couns.

The foregoing notice is given in pursuance of a  
 decree in the above cause of the Sec-  
 ond National Bank of Culpeper, a corporation, et  
 al., v. M. L. Welley, et al., pending in the circuit  
 court of Prince William County, Virginia, on the  
 28th day of December, 1911. 154

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 level lands, good climate, good people, short mild winters and  
 pleasant summers traversed by the main line of the Southern  
 Railway and its branches. For information write still bet-  
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No. 560. 405 acres. Finest land in this section. Well fenced.  
 Lies well. 75 acres fine bottom land in blue grass. 30  
 acres in timber. Exceptionally well watered; big run on  
 one side. Young orchard. Good dwelling. Large barn  
 near house; another for storage in another field. Also  
 tenant house. One-half mile to station on main line of  
 Southern Railroad. 36 miles from Washington. Cannot  
 be duplicated hereabouts. Price, \$22,000; one-third cash.

No. 1050. 90 acres. One mile from good town and station,  
 35 miles from Washington. Land is good; about 60 acres  
 cleared. Good fruit and shade trees. Ordinary four-room  
 dwelling. Price, \$3,500.

No. 1060. 18 acres. Two miles from Manassas. Mostly  
 cleared. Good six-room cottage. Many young fruit  
 trees. On main road. Price, \$1,900.

No. 580. 900 acres, mostly cleared. Good land, gently roll-  
 ing, clay soil. Culpeper County, Virginia. Seven miles  
 from County seat on main line of Southern Railroad.  
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No. 490. 740 acres. Fauquier County. Seven miles from  
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 half cleared. Good land, lies well, well watered. About  
 2,000,000 feet of good saw pine, all long, about half clear  
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 per acre, as a whole.

No. 1040. 48 acres. Three and one-half miles from good  
 station. 33 miles from Washington. One-half mile from  
 store, church and school. Good five-room house, fair land,  
 nice shade and fruit trees. Good spring, living stream.  
 Great bargain, \$1,100.

No. 90. 118 acres. One and one-half miles from Manassas.  
 About 100 acres cleared. Land is good, but has been  
 neglected by poor tenant. Fair six-room house. Very  
 ordinary outbuildings. Old and young fruit trees. Well  
 watered, free stone spring, living stream. Price, \$4,000.

No. 940 A. 300 acres. Mostly cleared. Fauquier County.  
 Within one-half mile of station, 44 miles of Washington.  
 Good eight-room residence, two porches. Bank barn.  
 Five-room tenant house. Nice young orchard. Price just  
 changed from \$14,000 to \$12,000; on account of sickness of  
 owner.

No. 950 B. New residence, in Manassas, Va., six rooms and  
 reception hall. Lot 100 by 300 feet. Price, \$1,300.

No. 720. New six-room, two-story residence on one acre of  
 land in Manassas, Virginia. Price, \$1,000.

No. 740. 590 acres. Eight miles from railroad. About 50  
 acres cleared. Five-room residence, barn and outhouses.  
 Fruit for family use. Price, \$3,750.

No. 790. 230 acres. Good land, lies well. Assorted fruit.  
 Very good eleven-room house with bath. Large dairy,  
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 station. Price, \$12,000.

No. 520. 240 acres. Five miles from Manassas. Mostly  
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 Spring and well. Land is good but much run down.  
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No. 1000. 200 acres. Ordinary six-room residence. Good  
 cow barn, sheds and outbuildings. Assorted fruit. Fine  
 water. Rich land, on Bull Run, half in bottom, lies well  
 and runs as a dairy. 40 gallons of milk daily. Three and  
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