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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The editors and managers of THE DEMOCRAT wish you a very Merry Christmas. May the glorious festival bring you priceless gifts of joy and peace.

CHRISTMAS

Time has written another chapter in human history and again we celebrate the Christmas festival.

"Merry Christmas!" This is the customary salutation expressive of joy over what?

All Christendom knows that Christmas—Christ-mass commemorates the advent of the Savior. But in not more than one out of one hundred does this spiritual truth penetrate beneath the callous of materialism.

After all, it is the spirit of giving that makes the gift worth while. The gift is a symbol, a token of love, and its intrinsic value can not be expressed in commercial terms.

The joy should be in giving, not receiving. But Christmas shadows a higher significance. It reflects the central spiritual truth of history, and loses its meaning when defined in temporal, material terms.

Wise men today, like centuries ago, are guided by the Star of Bethlehem to Christ. Figuratively He is still found in the manger. He is crucified, too, in the deeds of men, and resurrected in the lives of the holy.

The more I view life the more I am impressed with the belief that true immortality consists in loving deeds, in efficiency and in the work one accomplishes for the progress of the world.

Christmas teaches that we should endeavor to live up to the standard of faith—the best faith that others have in us. In making the most of our lives, intellectually and spiritually, we benefit all men.

The Christmas message of peace and good will teaches the greatest lesson of all. There are highly spiritualized men and women who can forgive, and all but forget, injuries, and rare, isomen large examples of love for enemies.

Christmas intently is the children's festival. To them it means more than any one else. Children illustrate the Christmas spirit, as they are nearest Christ.

And it appears that Christmas means more than a mere merrymaking. It is a symbol of Divine Truth exemplified in the life of Christ, whose coming it commemorates.

There are no cases of dire material need in this community, but persons blessed with abundance, lack not the opportunity to give cheer to their less fortunate fellows.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT

The good roads movement in Prince William County is rapidly gaining ground by an awakened interest through recognition of the influence of improved highways for advanced commercial and social conditions.

"Among the several influences which have led to the decay of New England agriculture, the tax imposed by bad roads, which serves to favor the distant producer, deserves a foremost place."

"The statistics of this country show an ever increasing tendency on the part of our people to gather in the cities. Although this relative gain in the urban population is due to a diversity of influences, there can be no question that one of the reasons for it is to be found in the condition of our country roads.

The constructive side of the argument elicits this comment in a report of expert knowledge is one of the most important causes of bad roads, and if they are to be improved, it is absolutely necessary that they should not only be constructed, but also supervised in their maintenance.

The large majority of the people, including the officers in charge of the roads, do not travel far from home and do not know what a first-class road really is, and the advantages which it offers.

Effort, properly directed will secure the location of the proposed State Experimental Farm in Manassas, the natural site as center of the dairy industry in Virginia.

From the cradle to grave man, by his acts, is answerable to some woman. When a bachelor boasts of his liberty, a woman always calls her husband's attention to it.

Up in Montclair, New Jersey, the Bachelor Girls' Club has a latch key as an emblem, and each member is pledged not to marry.

As a matter of fact it is no one's business but your own when you begin Christmas shopping. But if it is to be Christmas shopping you must begin with in the next day or two.

The Poultry Show, a feature of December session of the Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia, was recently introduced of a prominent feature of the great Agricultural Fair to be held in October, 1912.

Our Manassas, Va., representative, in showing our line of samples at the Democrat office, and would be pleased to have you call and inspect the same.

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And in observance of this sacred festival let us not forget the great duty it imposes, that of bringing joy into the lives of others. Many there are hungry for human sympathy, hearts starving in lack of love from their fellow men.

The Mertz & Mertz Co. is recognized as the leading tailoring concern in the National Capital. This firm has the reputation of doing quality tailoring at popular prices.

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WATCH THIS SPACE FOR BARGAINS. Capt. J. E. Herrell will succeed John A. Nicol in the office of County Clerk. Mr. Nicol was appointed after the death of Judge W. E. Lipscomb.

C. A. Barbee will succeed C. Rorschum as sheriff. He has been deputy for Mr. Rorschum.

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NEW ADMINISTRATION IN EFFECT MONDAY

CHANGES IN COUNTY OFFICES Representative Chosen By People Will Begin Duty—Meeting of Supervisors For Re-organization.

The doors of the Prince William county court house will swing open next Monday morning to admit the new county officers from the people have chosen to conduct their public affairs.

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY Thomas H. Lion will succeed H. T. Davies as Commonwealth's Attorney.

J. P. Leachman as County Treasurer will succeed D. J. Arrington, who recently was appointed successor to Capt. J. E. Herrell, resigned.

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HOUSE NIBBLES MATCH SETS FIRE TO HOUSE

A tiny mouse nibbling on the tail of a match for a Christmas Eve feast, kindled a blaze that threatened to destroy the home of this Thomasson, near Milford, Saturday afternoon.

Christmas Day in jail was a dread experience from which R. C. Reid was spared when released under bond of \$1,000 for appearance in the circuit court on January 9, to face trial on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

WILLARD LETS STRUCKEN BY PARALYSIS

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TRAVELING SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Four Days of Instruction By Noted Authorities—State College of Agriculture Conducts Mobile School.

The traveling school of agriculture so much enjoyed by the farmers who attended its sessions last year is to come to Manassas again.

INVESTOR PLANS BID ON UTILITIES FRANCHISE

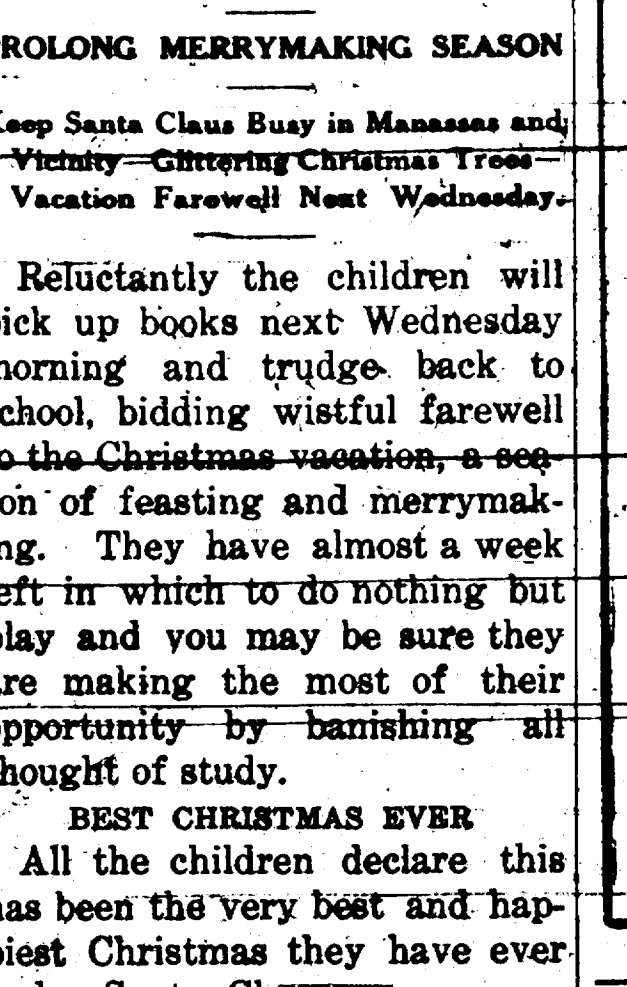
Expresses Confidence in Field Investigates Conditions and Declares Water and Electrical Systems Would Prove Profitable Investment.

An investigation of conditions in Manassas as a field offering comprehensive returns on investment in water and electrical systems, was made yesterday by a Philadelphia capitalist who recently has become interested in plans to promote the enterprise.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT LINGERS WITH TOTS

PROLONG MERRYMAKING SEASON Keep Santa Claus Busy in Manassas and vicinity—Chattering Christmas Treats—Vacation Farewell Next Wednesday.

KEEPIN' 'EM TWIRLING



Farewell tinged with regret, greeting buoyant with hope, will mark the departure of the Old Year, and the advent of the New Year.

MASTER PROBLEM OF MILK PRODUCTION

WORK OUT NEW PROCESSES Therapeutic Value of Fermented Milk—Buttermilk Little Understood and Seldom Uniformly Good—Great Demand.

Buttermilk, the only form of soured milk in general use here, is but little understood and seldom made uniformly good.

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WATER WAGON WILL START ON NEW YEAR DAY

The water wagon will start on its annual cruise on New Year Day with a full crew, but on sober reflection it is feared that many will desert upon touching the first port or when greeted by another vision of...

LEGAL HOLIDAY

New Year is a legal holiday, and so the banks, county offices and most of the stores will close. The holiday schedule will begin effect at the postoffice.

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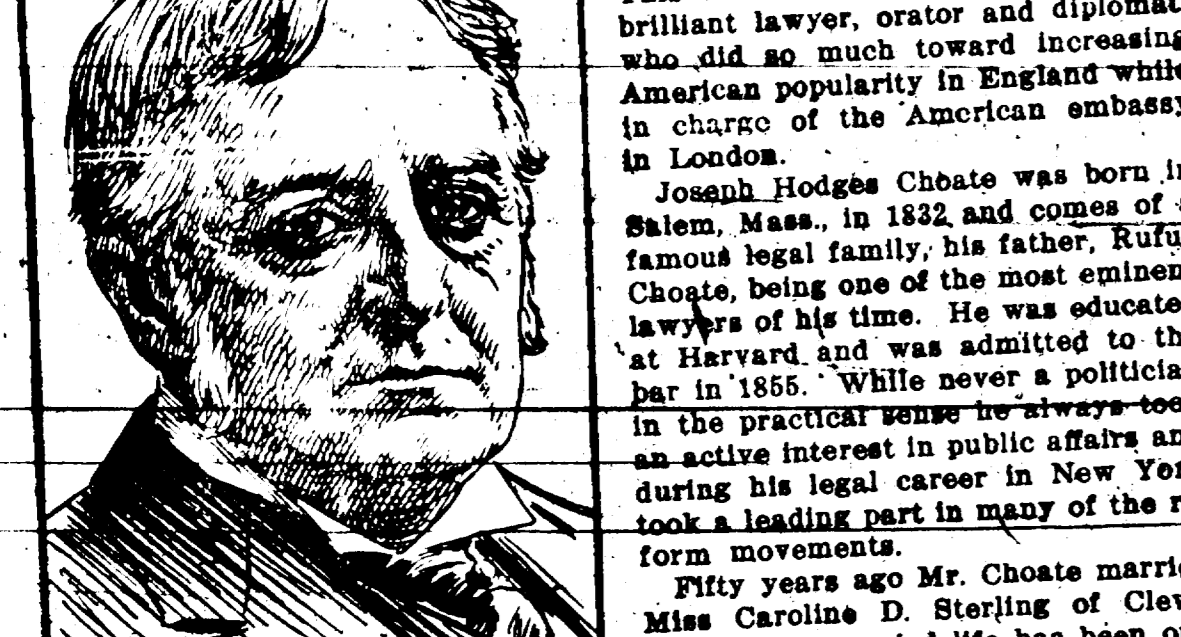
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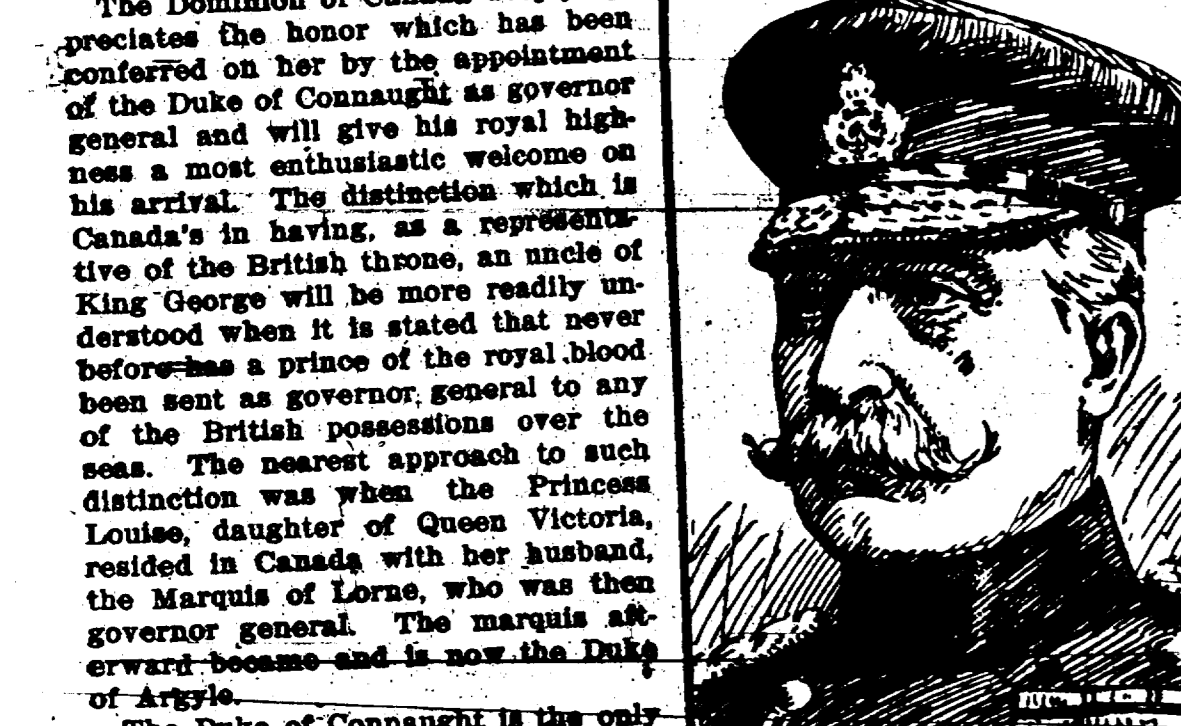
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## CELEBRATES GOLDEN WEDDING



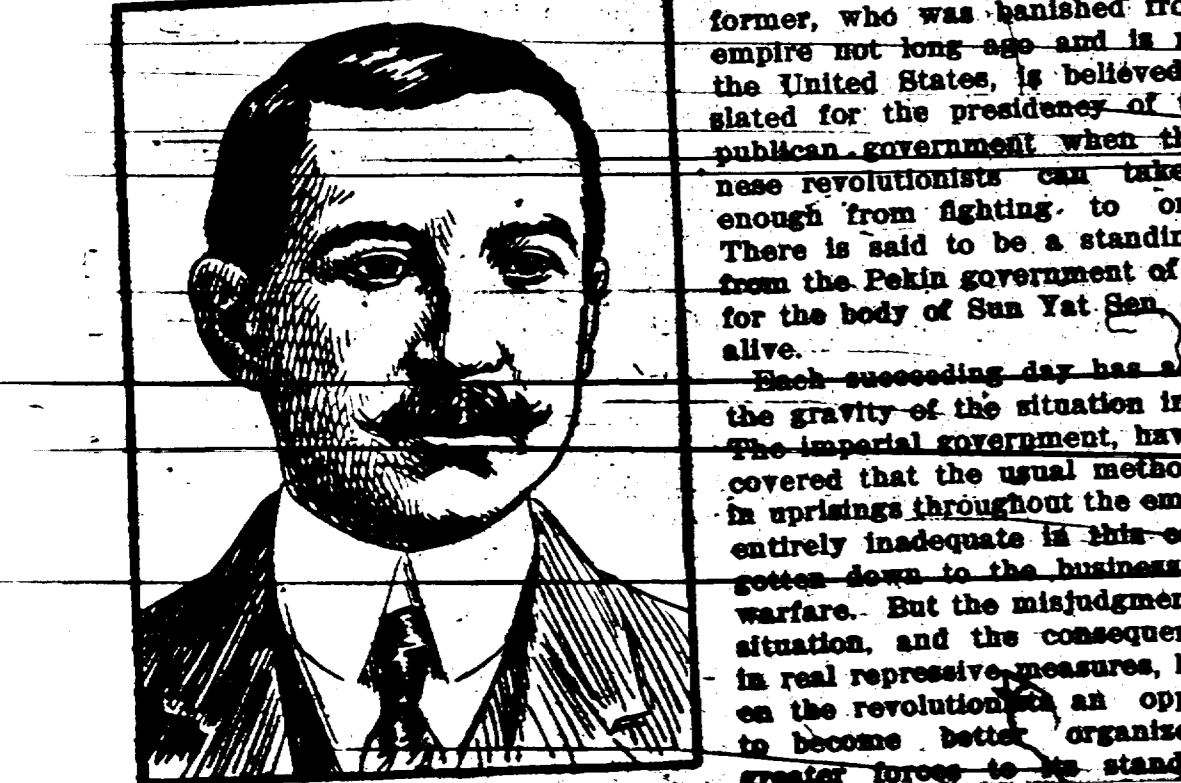
One of America's most picturesque figures celebrating the golden anniversary of his wedding the other day. This man is Joseph H. Choate, the brilliant lawyer, orator and diplomat, who did so much toward increasing American popularity in England while in charge of the American embassy in London.

## CANADA'S ROYAL GOVERNOR



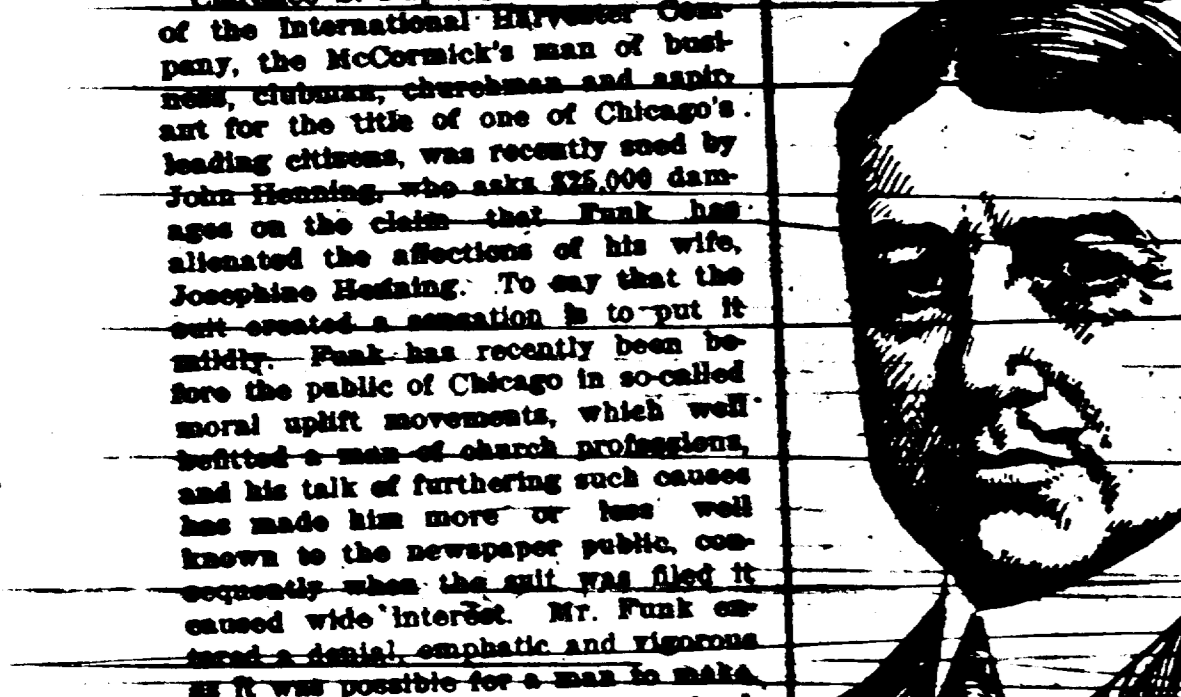
The Dominion of Canada deeply appreciates the honor which has been conferred on her by the appointment of the Duke of Connaught as governor general and will give his royal highness a most enthusiastic welcome on his arrival.

## MAY HEAD CHINESE REPUBLIC



Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese reformer, who was banished from the empire not long ago and is now in the United States, is believed to be related to the government of the republic.

## HARVESTER HEAD IS SUED



Charles S. Funk, general manager of the McCormick's man of business, has been sued by the Harvester Co. for the use of a certain design for the harvester head.

## WISDOM OF CATULLE MENDES

Men give their measure by their admissions. If gamblers agreed to cheat there would be no more cheating.

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSION FARES

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## Couldn't Walk!

"I used to be troubled with a weakness peculiar to women," writes Mrs. Anna Jones, of Kenny, Ill. "For nearly a year, I could not walk, without holding my sides. I tried several different doctors, but I grew worse. Finally, I tried several different doctors, but I grew worse. Finally, I tried several different doctors, but I grew worse."

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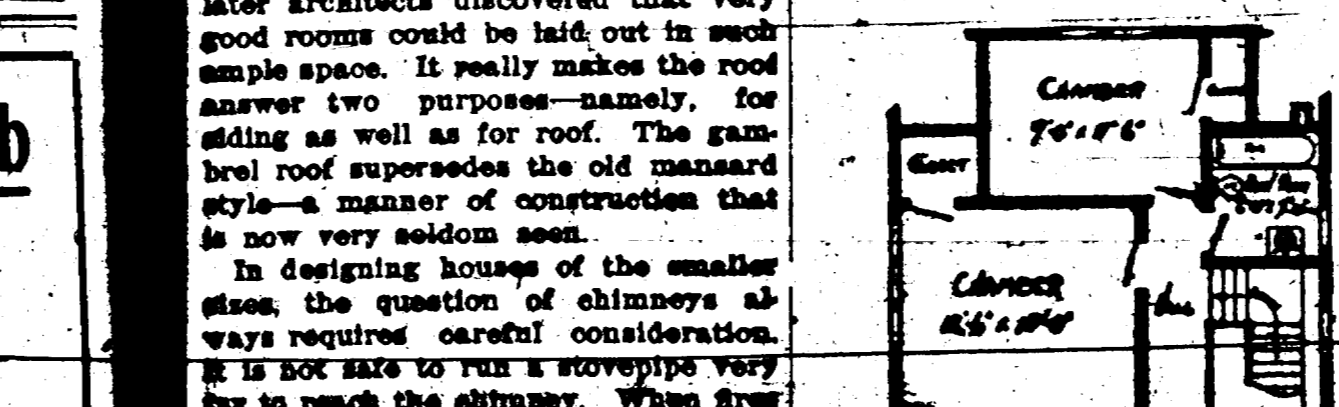
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### The American Home

WILLIAM A. RADFORD Editor

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF CHARGE and subject pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of the wide experience of Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he will, without charge, answer all inquiries in all these subjects. Write to Mr. Radford, 121 West Madison Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

Garment rooms in house construction are comparatively new. The old style was to make the top part of the room a sleeping porch. This was a mistake. The new style is to make the room a sleeping porch. This was a mistake.



The house shown herewith is in perspective and plan is not a little house. The size is 28-feet 6 inches by 34 feet; and it may be built when conditions are favorable, for from \$1,500 to \$1,800, without gas, mantle, or plumbing.

These luxuries would not cost a great deal in a house of this kind. The interior of this gambrel roof house is very pleasing. The entrance from the front porch is into a light, airy hall with an attractive open stairway. There is room enough at the

back end of the hall for a bathroom and doors open into the parlor, dining room, and kitchen, which is one of its best possible arrangements.

This plan gives us a large dining room with a pleasant bay window, just the place for a couple of comfortable chairs near the stove, as the chimney is calculated for a store in the dining room and a grate in the parlor. Because of the open door to the hall and parlor, a good heat stove in the dining room makes the whole house comfortable.

EVERY other thing that the housewife requires, and the kitchen or upper rooms are too warm to keep such things in. For this reason a convenient cellar-way, with good easy steps is not only a convenience but a necessity.

Every cellar should be divided into compartments. The one farthest from the heating apparatus should be about four feet high, and the other two for the hall and parlor. But potatoes freeze easier than apples, and it is hardly safe to keep them in the same room.

Then the good wife finds a compartment for a stove, and a compartment for a boiler, and such things where she can keep them. She may have this room plastered, and to have a good, hard, smooth ceiling floor, and a good roof with a rock for it so she can shut it up and turn the key.

There are things to be kept in such a room that have cost her a good deal of money. It is not a room for the neighbor's boys are not likely to help themselves. She must be 'thorough' with the room, but she would rather deal with a small amount of money than a large amount of money.

It is a very serious matter to be careful to know just when to start in and how elaborate to prepare for the future, but it is a very good plan to get started. There is a great deal more comfort in a little house that is paid for, than there is in a big one that is not paid for.

### The KITCHEN CABINET

TOOLS discover that fruit is not so hard to handle as it is generally supposed to be. It is not so hard to handle as it is generally supposed to be.

There are several hundred ways of serving the pomme de terre so that we need not fear monotony in serving this common vegetable.

Have ready a quart of cold, cooked potatoes chopped to the size of small beans, a half a cup of tomato sliced and reduced to a thick pulp, one large green pepper freed from seeds and minced fine, one small onion, minced coarse, tablespoons of fat in which the onion and pepper is cooked until soft, then add the potato and tomato with salt and pepper to taste. Cook until dry and serve with fish or cold meat.

Hashed Brown Potatoes.—Chop cold cooked potatoes rather fine, dust with salt and pepper. For each pint of potatoes have two tablespoons of butter melted in a hot frying pan. Spread the potatoes evenly and shake them over the fire until brown. Add a half cup of thin cream and let stand without stirring until the cream is absorbed. Roll the creamed and served on a hot platter, garnish with sprigs of parsley. A soup that is very delicious and nourishing is made from potatoes.

Green of Potato Soup.—Pare and cook until tender four medium-sized potatoes, wash and add to the following ingredients: To a quart of milk add a slice of onion, a stalk of celery and a sprig of parsley, or any of the onion may be used as a flavor. When boiling hot remove the onion and add two tablespoons of butter and two of flour that have been cooked together in a pan. Add the potatoes, mash and add to the following ingredients: To a quart of milk add a slice of onion, a stalk of celery and a sprig of parsley, or any of the onion may be used as a flavor.

Potatoes Baked With Cheese.—Put a layer of cold cooked potatoes in a buttered baking dish, sprinkle with a generous layer of grated cheese; add more potatoes and a cupful of white sauce made with two tablespoons of butter and two of flour, cooked until smooth, then add a cup of milk. Cook in a hot oven until the cheese is melted.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

William Tavener is visiting his mother at Hamilton. E. A. Brand has returned from a visit to Providence, R. I. Miss Kate Holden has returned from a visit to New York. The Civic League will meet Tuesday evening, January 12. Mrs. A. A. Hoof is quite ill at her home on Grant Avenue. John Lamb spent Christmas with his mother in Manassas. D. R. Lewis spent Christmas with his parents at Hamilton. Miss Ruth Morgan visited her parents the first of the week. J. M. Payne, of Silver City, N. M., is visiting friends here. Oscar Hutchinson, of Hickory Grove, was in town this week. Mrs. R. A. Rector, who has been quite ill, is able to be about. Mrs. Eliza Florence visited relatives in Washington last week. Miss Julia Maloney spent Christmas with her parents at Fairfax. Miss Ethel Fishery, of Washington, visited her parents during the holidays. The annual meeting of the county supervisors will be held next Monday. Shirley Leachman, of Washington, visited relatives here on Christmas Day. Miss Mosele Goode, of Alexandria, was a guest of the Misses Milnes last week. J. J. Davies, of Culpeper, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Millie Davies. George Purcell spent a few days during Christmas with his friends and relatives in town. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Emerson, of Alexandria, spent Christmas at Mrs. Emerson's home. Mars Lewis, of Norfolk, spent part of the holidays with his brother Dr. Mays Lewis. Misses Annette and Edith Bell, of Washington, visited relatives in Manassas during Christmas week. Robert Herrell, of Washington, was here this week visiting his parents, Captain and Mrs. J. E. Herrell. J. E. Nelson has been summoned as a juror in the United States court for the January term in Alexandria. J. P. Leachman Jr., of Catasba Springs, returned Tuesday to his home at Bristow for a short visit with relatives. Miss M' Lodge Moffett, a student at Columbia University, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. S. Moffett. Stockholders of the Peoples National Bank met last Saturday and declared the three per cent semi-annual dividend. Irving Moran, formerly of Manassas, spent a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Moran, this week. Miss Constance Leachman, who has been visiting in Baltimore, stopped over with Miss Bet Elliot on her way to Charlottesville. C. W. Vetter and Company will open a feed and saw mill January 1 at Wellington in a two-story frame building they have erected. Miss Virginia Lee, of the High School, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee, near Bristow. Mrs. Charles E. Lipscomb, of Plainfield, N. J., and Miss Nettie F. Ardeis, of Washington, visited relatives and friends here on Christmas Day. Mrs. W. S. Allensworth has returned from a hospital at Lynchburg, where she has been taking treatment for neuralgia. Her condition is much improved. Paul and Maxy Rekrorde went to Shenandoah county last Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kibler, of near Woodstock.

Dr. D. C. Cline, of Dumfries, was in town last week on business. Cyrus Deavers, of Alexandria, spent a few days in Manassas this week. David M. Pitts spent Christmas with his parents at his home in Elk Hill, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Carroll, of Charlottesville, visited Mrs. Beattie Elliot Friday. W. H. Lipscomb, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, visited relatives here during Christmas. Miss Faith Chapman, of Washington, spent Christmas at her home in Manassas. M. H. Lynch, Jr., has been appointed patrolman on the Alexandria police force. Will Gulick of Washington spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gulick. Robert Smith spent a few days the first of the week visiting in Baltimore and Washington. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dunnington, of Baltimore, visited relatives in town during Christmas. R. L. Fox, of Conklin, will take charge of the W. A. Buckley farm, near Cathart, next week. Christmas and Thanksgiving turkeys shipped by W. H. Hayden to city markets brought him \$1,000. Emmitt, Tom, and William Gulick spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gulick. Miss Mary Cox who has been teaching school in the Valley returned for Christmas holidays this week. Work will be started on the superstructure of the Lutheran Church at Nokesville as soon as the weather will permit. Misses Lily and Jeannette Cohen, of Washington, D. C., have been visiting Misses Mollie and Vesta Copp this week. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tomkins, of Washington, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. H. T. Davies. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smart, of Washington, spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Smart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant. J. E. Nelson, P. E. Chapman, and O. E. Newman have been summoned as jurors for the January term of the Federal Court in Alexandria. The German tomorrow night at Conner's Hall is expected to be a great success as a number of visitors will attend as well as the town people. The Rev. O. Grey-Hutchison, of Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa., spent Christmas with his parents, Captain and Mrs. Westwood Hutchison. R. J. Bradford has returned from Asheville, N. C., and will open a blacksmith and machine shop in the building formerly occupied by Randall & McCoy. The Rev. and Mrs. C. T. DeLong left yesterday to visit relatives in Baltimore. The Rev. DeLong will return Saturday. Mrs. DeLong will remain there for a week or two. Christmas was celebrated by Sunday School children in Asbury M. E. Church last Tuesday evening. Gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree. An interesting program was given by the children. Miss Murray Adams, Miss Susie Adams and George Adams, of Washington, and Norville Larkin, of Clarendon, spent Christmas at Lexington Farm. Mrs. R. B. Adams, of Clarendon, was Christmas guests at the home of C. M. Larkin. Miss Maude Hall visited her sister, Mrs. Ray Hedrick in Alexandria last week. She was accompanied home by her little nephew, Elmer Hedrick, to spend the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick also visited the Hall home on Christmas.

R. M. Waters, of the Government Printing Office, came home for Christmas. Ramsey Taylor, of Norfolk, spent the Christmas holidays here with his mother. The Groveton school will resume Wednesday morning, January 3, at 9 o'clock. Miss Katie Leachman, of Washington, visited Mrs. Beattie Elliot during the holidays. Walter Shannon, of Baltimore, is in town this week visiting friends and relatives. Miss Carrie Williams, of Washington, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Manassas. Miss Stum, of Eastern College, left last week with her father to spend Christmas at her home. William Cather, of Sea Girt, New Jersey, is spending the holidays with his family in Manassas. Mrs. L. A. Snow and family left Tuesday for a visit of two weeks to friends in Shenandoah City. Mrs. Orneiq-Wells, of Wellington, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. M. Wheeler, on Christmas Day. Mrs. F. G. Eddy, of Washington, and Mr. Jacob Vandiver, of Philadelphia, visited at the home of Mr. B. D. Merchant on Christmas Day. Miss Susie Shaner, of Washington, who has been visiting Miss Bet Elliot during Christmas has returned to her work in the Bureau of Engraving, Washington. W. H. Colbert, formerly of Manassas, was a heavy loser in the fire which destroyed the plant of The Blue Ridge News. He was part owner of the property. Robert A. Hutchison has bought the building at present occupied by the National Bank of Manassas. The consideration was \$2,250. He will move his law office into the building. Frank M. Grossman, of the United States Marine Service, is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grossman. He is buyer on the receiving ship "Lancaster." The Haymarket school closed last Friday for a vacation of two weeks, with appropriate Christmas exercises. Miss Claudia Waters, primary teacher, had a Christmas tree trimmed with decorations made by the pupils. Superintendent Tyler gave the children an instructive talk. The president of Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, requests that all members bring or send to the chapter room next Saturday, December 30, between two and four o'clock in the afternoon, any little gift that may contribute to the pleasure of the veterans in the Soldiers' Home at Richmond. Captain B. D. Merchant was one of the happiest men in Manassas during the Christmas season. Then he had all his children and their families except one, under the home roof. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dunnington, Miss Elizabeth Merchant, and H. N. Merchant, Baltimore; Mrs. R. H. Merchant, Halifax, N. C.; W. F. Merchant and B. N. Merchant, Manassas; R. H. Merchant, of Halifax, N. C., was unable to be present. The home of Dr. E. C. Buckley at Milford, was the scene of a joyous family reunion on Christmas Day. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Buckley, of Atlanta, Ga.; Frank and Casey Buckley, of Norfolk; Gray Buckley, of Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Louise Bates, Shirley Leachman; of Washington; Col. J. T. Leachman, Mrs. May Dogan, Mrs. Beattie Elliot, Mrs. Roberta Lynn, C. C. Leachman, Miss Kate Leachman, Miss May Leachman, Miss Otthe Leachman. Choices bestwheat flour made from Virginia bestwheat at Milford Mills, on sale at E. R. Conner's and Milford Mills. Any size packages from 12 pounds to 50 pounds. If you want the standard brand ask for Meetez's.

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NEW ADMINISTRATION IN EFFECT MONDAY
Continued from first page
W. Ashby Jaylor, The County Sheriff is elected for a term of four years.
COUNTY SUPERVISORS
The new board of County Supervisors will organize with election of chairman at annual meeting Monday. New members of the Board are O. C. Hutchinson from Gainesville District succeeding J. W. George, whose term has expired; and T. M. Russell, succeeding John L. Keys, whose term has expired. Mr. Keys was Mr. Russell's competitor in the general election.
J. F. Gulick, from Manassas District, begins his third term, and has served eight years.
J. P. Manuel, from Brentsville District, the present chairman, begins his fourth term, and has served ten years.
J. L. Dawson, from Occoquan District, begins his second term, and has served four years.
J. F. Syncox, from Dumfries District, begins his second term, and has served four years.
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DELEGATE
C. J. Meetez succeeds Thos. H. Lof as Delegate from Prince William county to the Legislature.
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W. H. Ramoth succeeds J. F. Lewis as Commissioner of the Revenue for District No. 1.
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Remembered the Lesson.
My little girl, who was about three years old, had always had it impressed upon her that after she was once dressed she should not get dirty again. One afternoon after being dressed she went out to play and fell down in the dirt. She then came running to me and cried, "Mamma, now I'm all undressed."
OUR NATIONAL CORPORATION LAWS
A service of vast importance is being rendered to the country at the present time by the actions of the Commission on the Regulation and Control of Trusts, in its hearings upon the whole subject of the regulation and control of trusts, business enterprises, etc.

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Raymond Smith
Edith Wright
Verne Wright
Harold Smith
Veron Fifer
Gore Daniel
David Korin
Florence Smith
Lewine Kerrin
Mark Swank
Newton Wright
Wendell Fifer
Wilbur Wright
Zottie Fifer
Virginia Daniel
Mary Baker
Opal Marshall
Margie Marshall
Glen Strunk
Grace Danjel
Leta Hadzeng

ROLL OF HONOR, DUMFRIES SCHOOL
Dewey Amidon
Randolph Brawner
Guy Cline
Cecil Garrison
Kloman Garrison
Eugene Herick
Meredith Keyer
Howell McIntee
Wilson Merchant
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## THE NEW YEAR

### ANOTHER YEAR.

I dare say that with advancing age one instinctively, rather than by inclination, emphasizes "another" in so marking the flight of Time.

Whether or not with regret is an expression of the individual. For Time is simply a human concept. Eternity alone is real.

It is true that regret tinges recollection, but it is equally true that were humanity able to turn back Time and live over the past, slight improvement would reward the opportunity, unless—

Unless determination to overcome became a fixed power instead of a fleeting influence.

In forming habits we follow the course of least resistance until force of great determination is required to lift suggestive thought from the mental groove that repeated execution has worn. Habit is obedience of the physical to the mental. Until quality of thought is transformed until it makes for uplift, undesirable habits will remain unchanged despite all New Year resolutions. Shakespeare is declaring "There is no good nor evil but thinking makes it so," paraphrases the Scriptural truth, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

It is not an easy task to change the mode of thinking from a retrogressive to a progressive state, but it can be accomplished by determination, by exercise of the power of will. In this process the highest faculties are used and developed until the mental groove shapes the course for exalted thought and, acting upon the physical, is expressed in noble living.

Truly it has been said that God is doing all that a God can do for man. In creating man a free moral agent God gave him the choice of good or evil and established a system of rewards and punishments, and made conscience the seat of judgment. As deeds of men are good or evil, so in this life men are rewarded or punished. We are making our heaven or our hell on this earth. Nature enforces the law of compensation, and defers none of her transactions with men to the life beyond the grave. But interest increases so long as the principal or any part of it remains unpaid, at the cost of great sacrifice and deep suffering in the final settlement.

Regret for the Past! The Past is dead, but deeds of the Past still live. The influence of good deeds will live forever. But the influence of evil deeds will last only so long as we grant it life. The power of dispensation lies in our own souls. How, then, are we to live over the Past, by attaining an equivalent—that is, how are we to remove the influence of any wrong we have done? Surely not by vain regrets, which only give new life to evil and, through suffering, weaken and unfit us for the Future. How, then, can we work the seeming miracle of turning back Time, and live again in the Past that we may remove any wrong? Simply by substituting right for the influence of that wrong in the Present. Thus the evil ceases to exist. There is nothing miraculous about that. A miracle is defined as the operation of laws not yet understood—we might say, overlooked.

Disappointment and shattered hopes are spiritual acids for the test of character. He who is unable to brave and overcome failure is unfit for success. In the alembic of sorrow souls are tested. Until a man possesses sufficient strength of character to withstand the great temptations, he is of little value in human affairs. But what are the great temptations? The greatest lies in self—that appeal of self that would have man ignore the claims of his fellow-men upon justice, love and sympathy. When universal brotherhood exists the Kingdom of Christ is come. There will be no need of religions then. There will be no need then of a restraining influence over self. For in loving our fellowmen we truly love God.

The minor temptations to which men yield are regrettable and are to be overcome, but they are of slight consequence in comparison with serving mammon before God.

The Future will be what we make it. Longfellow says that "The building of the Future is largely done with bricks of the Time now at hand." Whether the temple we are to erect shall rest upon firm foundation and be noble in architecture depends entirely upon the quality of our material and workmanship. Deeds are the bricks and habits the tools with which we build the Future. Faith in God through Christ is the firm foundation.

Each man represents the sum total of his race up to this time, and with him is entrusted the supreme responsibility of determining the destiny of his race to the extent of his powers. If men could look back through the ages and witness the sacrifice and the suffering of their progenitors for advancement of the race from a non-sentient mass of cells in the mire of Time on through the successive stages of evolution to the present state of civilization, their hearts would be wrung by sympathy and their souls inspired with exalted determination in the light of sacred duty to fulfill the great mission for which they were created. And what is this great mission? What is this sacred duty? In what does this supreme responsibility consist? It is that through highest development of their spiritual and physical powers men are to advance civilization. And in attaining greater enlightenment and clearer vision, men promote human progress—the progress of the world. This is the work of the human race: to strive for perfection, and in striving for perfection to come nearer to God.

Faith in the Future! The New Year is radiant with promise. Opportunities are waiting for you to claim them. They are waiting for you to mold them into form, into form of utility and beauty, as does the potter the clay. Opportunities exist for you as abundantly as you are willing to accept and improve them. Let us clear our vision with understanding, with enlightenment from the altar of faith—faith in God, faith in our fellowmen and faith in ourselves—and then, behold! all things shall be revealed unto us.

## MOONLIGHT SCHEDULE.

WHILE it is true that a system of electric lights is to be installed in Manassas, the improvement in all its illuminating brilliance can not, until effected, cast light upon dark streets. At present we are depending upon the antiquated kerosene street lamps—and the moonlight schedule! The lamps are with us always—until now it has seemed that we never were to be rid of them for something better. But the moon is not with us always, and of late when scheduled to light the streets has been skylarking behind the clouds, leaving the town in darkness and we may well add—despair! Moonshine is better than kerosene any time, but when the effects of neither are to be had, what are people to do? With the "moonlight" schedule in effect the streets have been unlighted the darkest nights this week. It is a hazardous venture for one to be abroad after nightfall, as people positively refuse to lend their lanterns while the present street lighting system is either in use or disuse. When lighted the worn-out lamps do very well as beacons to the home port, but their very presence adds to the street hazards of the impenetrable darkness of many of our "moonlit" nights. The doubtful economy of this peculiar schedule is more than offset by the risk it imposes upon the public.

## NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

THE officials who constitute the new County administration effective next Monday morning have been chosen by the people of Prince William County to inaugurate a representative form of government. They are elected to service, not to power. Much is expected of them. The people have entrusted to them a great duty for fulfillment. They are to be put to the test. Their recommendations for employment were executive ability, unquestioned equity, high citizenship and democracy of political ideals. They will begin duty with the faith of the representative citizenship of Prince William County abiding in them. They hold the confidence of the people. Much is expected of them.

## ROAD FUNDAMENTALS

THE building of good roads is the most widely discussed topic in Prince William County. More than that the movement is advancing to the stage of wide improvement. Construction and maintenance of highways, so that the greatest value is received for the expenditure—that is the problem. Valuable points are here given from a circular issued by the Maryland Geological Survey:

The farmer by using very broad tires may be able to haul small loads for a limited number of times over the greenward. If the amount of the load is increased, the width of the tire decreased, or the vehicle passed repeatedly in the same tracks, the wheels soon cut through the sod and softer soil until they reach a comparatively firm foundation. The depth of the ruts thus formed would depend on the character and number of loads hauled, the condition of the soil, and the state of the weather. These facts should be most carefully noted by those who have any roads to construct. A light carriage which might do no injury to a dry road would soon destroy a wet road.

Water may reach a roadway either by falling as rain directly upon it, by flowing upon it from either side, or by lateral seepage through the ground. Rain falling directly on the surface will do little or no harm to a well constructed road, on the contrary often improving it, but if it is allowed to reach and re-soak, the road will soon be destroyed. There are two rules which must be observed in order to maintain a road in good condition; first, to take the water out; second, to keep the water out. If these simple rules are followed, the foundation will be dry and therefore well fitted to uphold the surface, while the surface, being impervious to water at all times and under all conditions, is fitted to withstand the wear it may properly be called upon to bear.

Where sand or gravel underlies a road which is moderately elevated, no special precaution need be taken to carry off the water, as it will quickly pass downward to where it can do no harm. If a road is constructed over a clay loam foundation, then the safer method will be to put in suitable drains. If the ground is level or rises on both sides, one drain may be placed on each side; if the road traverses the side of a hill, one drain constructed on the uphill side will cut off the ground water and prevent its passage into the road.

Whatever method of drainage be used, the drains themselves should be connected with the natural watercourses. Drains should be built by excavating longitudinal trenches from two and a half to three feet deep and ten to twelve inches wide, to be filled in with broken stone, coarse gravel screenings, or pebbles. A small drain tile is usually placed in the bottom of the trench, the stone to be thoroughly tramped over it to prevent any further settlement of the surface. By careful underdraining an otherwise poor material may make a good roadway.

Either iron or vitrified clay pipes may be used for culverts up to 24 inches in diameter, the ends being in all cases protected by stone masonry. The larger culverts may be built of concrete. From experience, this office has felt justified in accepting only good materials and workmanship in all masonry. The first cost of good work may be slightly greater, but the final cost is surely less.

The sub-grade, or the ground on which the surfacing rests must be thoroughly compacted by rolling. If necessary, gravel may be laid on before rolling, to prevent the soil of the sub-grade from pressing up among the stones.

The wearing surface of a road may consist of broken stone, gravel, oyster shells, marl, etc.

For surfacing a roadway it may be said in general a rock should be at once hard, tough, resistant to the ordinary agents of decay, yet capable of being broken into bits by the road hammer or the stone crusher. When fractured, the fragments of stone should not be easily nor have smooth faces; they should on the contrary be cubical with rough surfaces, in order that when driven together they may unite in a somewhat solid manner. It is also most advantageous for the finer sizes of the broken stone to have some of that cementing or "setting" quality which belongs to mortars and cements. Within the limits of Maryland two groups of rocks, those known as "traps" and the "limestones," possess in a high degree the above-mentioned qualities.

The limestones, especially the harder varieties, are particularly desirable for secondary road purposes. Their high cementing value prevents a road constructed of them from "ravelling,"—as is often the case when some "traps" are used, and further resists the washing effect of storms. There is danger, in an indiscriminate use of limestone, that varieties too soft for the purpose may be offered, in which case, not only will the road wear out rapidly, but ground for severe criticism of the road, on account of the resulting mud and dust, will be afforded.

If, before attempting to construct a stone road these fundamental requirements are observed, better results are sure to be obtained and money saved. The most important of all, and on which too much stress cannot be laid, is that of previously grading the road-bed before surfacing. This is referred to elsewhere, but is such an important consideration, and a part of road construction which has been so much neglected, that it is here again emphasized. In fact, the surfacing of a road is, without an absolute waste of money and material, after a road has received a layer of stone it is very difficult to have further improvements made, as these necessitate the removal of the stone surfacing, and there always exists a prejudice against improving what is already considered an "improved road." The surfacing of an ungraded road simply preserves it in bad condition, making it more expensive to reconstruct as it should be. Furthermore, the expense entailed for use and maintenance by an excessive grade should be considered.

## PARAGRAPHS

LET the Christmas spirit linger.

THE editors and managers of THE DEMOCRAT wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

"He worked and slaved all his life to move a big stone from one place on this earth to another, and then he died, and the undertaker placed his body under the stone and that is the whole story."—Selected.

THE keynote of the Presidential campaign has been sounded by Champ Clark, Speaker of the National House of Representatives, who declares that the tariff will be the great issue, and that the Democrats, unless they nominate a man who will divide the party, will win the campaign on that issue.

"THE passing of years is like the coming of dawn—slow, silent, inevitable. The most eager cannot hasten the quiet, irresistible movement, and the most reluctant cannot forbid. Some gifts the years bring which we would fain decline—age, sorrow, disappointment. Some treasures they take which we would keep forever—youth, beauty, innocence." But there are more precious treasures which time cannot supply and the years cannot remove—friendship, patience, faith and love."—Herbert L. Willett.

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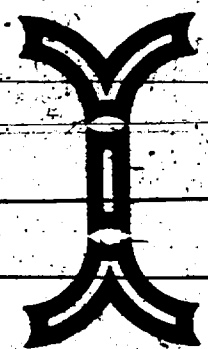
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