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## FOR GREAT DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

By PROF. H. T. BUTTON  
Director Manassas Agricultural High School.

The Four Day traveling School of Agriculture will be held in the Court House, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 15, 16, 17 and 18, will be one of the most interesting and instructive meetings ever held in this section.

### DAIRYING

No man is more competent to speak on dairying than Prof. Brainard. He is not only master of his subject but knows how to sell it to an audience. Prof. Brainard will give special attention to feeding and breeding cattle.

Dairying is the most profitable branch of agriculture to those who can reach the Washington market with milk or cream, yet it is well known that there are but few good herds of milking cattle about here, and still fewer dairymen who feed their cows for the highest production. Those who listen to Prof. Brainard will have an opportunity to learn direct from one who speaks with authority.

### CORN PRODUCTION

No one person is having more to do with the progress of Virginia as a corn-producing State than Prof. Lyman Carrier, who will speak on corn production and utilization. Our soils are probably better adapted to corn than any other crop, yet few of our fields raise more than one-half of the corn of which they are capable.

A good silo doubles the milk producing value of a crop of corn. Prof. Carrier is an authority on the construction and use of silos and will give a most valuable talk on the subject.

### POULTRY

Poultry was the topic of our meeting but the subject was left unfinished and several members felt that more should be said on poultry houses and winter egg production. Dr. C. R. C. Johnson will lead the discussion on the construction, and Andrew H. Eggs on the production of winter eggs.

Poultry diseases reduce our production.

## SELECT MANASSAS FOR GREAT HIGHWAY

COMMITTEE MAPS OUT ROUTE  
Selection of Route Between Manassas and Fredericksburg to Committee of Manassas Citizens.

That the great transcontinent highway between Quebec, Canada, and Miami, Florida, will pass through Manassas, now is generally assured, the Richmond committee having reported favorably upon the proposed route through Manassas. Selection of route between Manassas and Fredericksburg has been left to Manassas committee. An actual map of the great highway through Virginia, published in Richmond, Virginia, last week, gives prominence to Manassas and Fredericksburg as principal points between the two cities.

After he had been dismissed from the employ of Mrs. May, the widow of the late J. W. May, returned to the farm, raised a disturbance, according to the evidence presented in court of Justice J. P. Smith, after a trial last week. He was fined \$5 and costs.

## DEATH CALLS HUSBAND HOVERS OVER WIFE

MARION THOMASSON SUCCUMBS  
End Follows Operation—Former Resident of Manassas—Member of Washington Police Force—Funeral Today.

Stricken with fatal illness while in apparent excellent health, Marion L. Thomasson, 27 years old, formerly of Manassas, member of the Washington police force, died Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock in Providence Hospital, Washington, six hours after an operation. Rupture of the digestive organs was the cause of death. The funeral was held this afternoon in Washington with interment in the Congressional cemetery.

### WIFE NEAR DEATH

When Mr. Thomasson breathed his last, his wife was hovering between life and death at their home, 713 I street, southeast. She has been under treatment for typhoid fever during the past two weeks. When told of her husband's death, she remarked: "I know I'll not be many days behind him."

### DIES AFTER OPERATION

When he went off duty at 3 o'clock Monday morning he was apparently in good health. He was taken ill at 9 o'clock in the morning, complaining of pains in his abdomen. The police surgeon found he was suffering from rupture of one of his digestive organs and advised an operation. After first objecting, Mr. Thomasson finally consented to be taken to the hospital. The operation was performed about 9 o'clock in the evening. He died six hours later from great loss of blood.

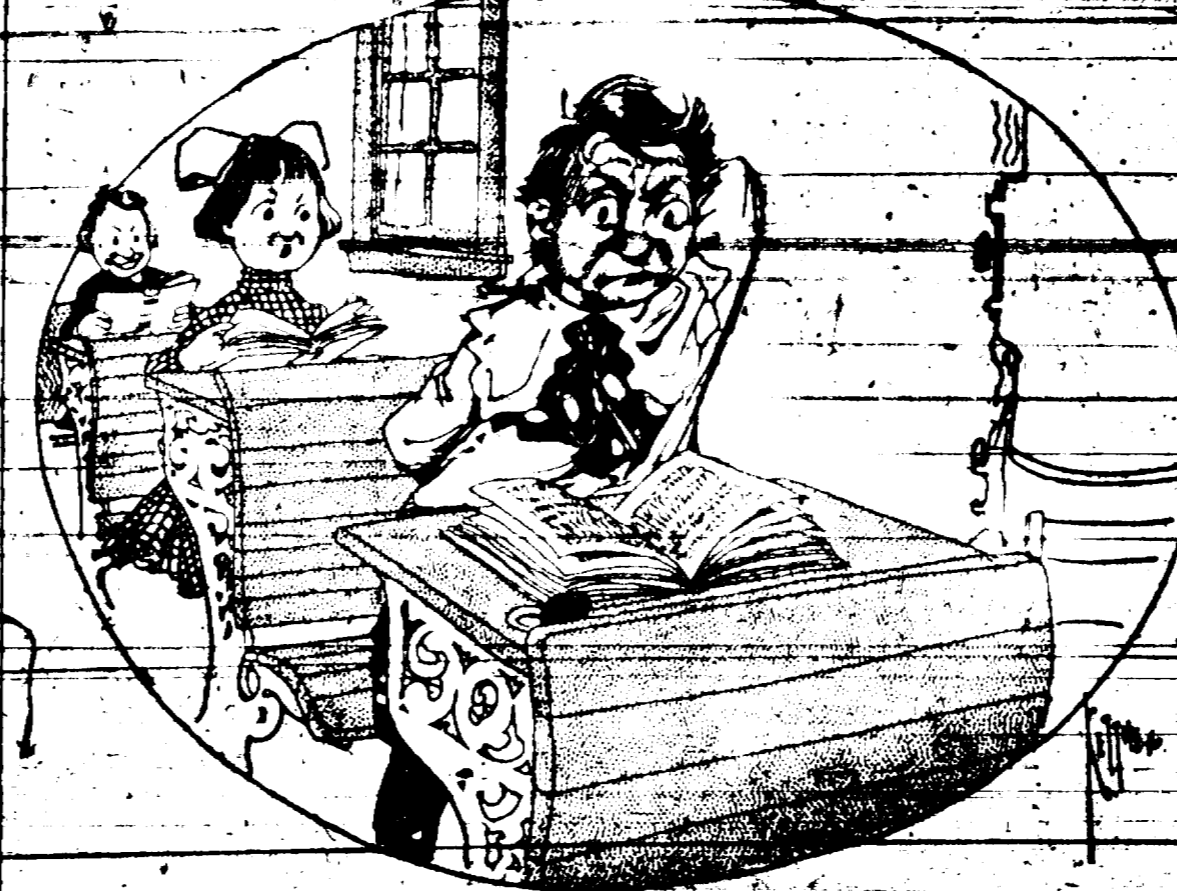
### FATHER CHRISTMAS GUEST

His father, T. A. Thomasson, had been his guest during the Christmas holidays. Marion L. Thomasson is survived by his widow. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Thomasson, Manassas; six brothers, Joseph C. Thomasson, James Thomasson, Baltimore; William Thomasson, Edgar Thomasson, Archie D. Thomasson, and Ashby T. Thomasson, Manassas; and five sisters, Mrs. Emily V. Sneaks, Mrs. Ardella May Pearson, Manassas; Mrs. Ada Stevens, Mrs. Blaecher Woodyard, Bradley; Mrs. Susan Holsinger, Baltimore.

### FORMER MANASSAS RESIDENT

Marion L. Thomasson was a former resident of Manassas, leaving here for Washington about nine years ago. At the time of his appointment to the police force he was employed as a motorman by the Capital Traction Company.

## FLANNELS



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## FAST TRAIN CRASHES INTO FREIGHT WRECK

THRILLING ACCIDENT AT BRISTOW  
Demolishes Locomotive and Splits Caboose—Trainmen Leap for Life—Escote Railroad Tradition.

Thrills of a collision, but with none of the horror, were experienced by passengers on the southbound Chesapeake & Ohio limited when the train, running at the rate of a mile a minute, sidetracked the caboose of a Southern freight wrecked while the trains were passing in the Bristow yards shortly after 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The passenger locomotive was demolished, but the engineer and fireman escaped injury. The shock of the collision in full view of the wreck, the crash when the heavy locomotive tore through the caboose, the sound of steel and wood shattered, filled timid passengers with terror, but their fears were calmed before panic prevailed. All were severely shaken. None was injured.

### ESCAPE DEATH

Miraculous was the escape of two trainmen from death in the caboose. Three freight cars just ahead had plunged down the steep embankment when a fallen angle bar dragged over the ties as the fast Chesapeake & Ohio train flashed by. The derailed caboose remained upright, lifting over the edge of the southbound track. The crash of the wreck muffled the sound of the passing train, but the men in the caboose with presentiment of new peril leaped the instant of collision. The caboose was smashed to splinters. The steps were torn from the passenger coaches, after the impact of the collision had demolished the locomotive. Traffic was delayed an hour. The train proceeded with a locomotive from Nokesville. Two oil tank cars and a car loaded with lumber were thrown down the embankment. The lumber was broken into fragments. The tank cars, built of steel, were but slightly damaged.

### OMEN OF DISASTER

There is a railroad tradition that disaster is three-fold in visitation. When one disaster falls, two more are forming, say old-time railroad men, who point to records to bear out their belief. Bristow is an example. Within six months, and within a radius of one-half mile, the village has been the scene of three wrecks. Early in the summer three freight cars were derailed at the north end of Broad Run bridge, trainmen narrowly escaping injury. One life was lost and it is believed that three trainmen were injured in an accident of earth when a passenger car was derailed on the same spot a few weeks later. The wreck last Sunday falls the omen of disaster, shadowing the railroad rule of three.

## DOG WARNS MASTER WHEN HOME BURNS

MCGRATH RESIDENCE FIRE SCENE  
Owner's Clothing Takes Fire Threatening His Life—Suffers Severe Burns—Smothering Blaze on Porch.

Flames glowing through the trees beyond the cornfield aroused the instinct of danger in a dog, and guided by that instinct the animal, barking frantically, ran to his master, James McGrath, at work on his farm near Blandford, and seized him by the clothing as though to drag him away. Looking up, the man saw his home wrapped in a sheet of flame. Then he remembered that he had left a lamp lighted and a fire in the stove before starting for the fields that Thursday morning, last week.

### DOG TRIES TO HELP

It was now late in the afternoon and the man was quite alone on his farm. His wife died just before Christmas. He would have been altogether alone but for the faithful animal that warned him of danger and then tried to help him save the property.

### CLOTHING AFIRE

When Mr. McGrath reached the scene of the fire he saw that his home was doomed to destruction. With the dog at his heels, he ran into the burning building and began carrying out the household effects. His clothing caught fire, threatening his life but he smothered the flames with his hands and persisted in a desperate effort to save his movable property.

### RESCUE EFFORT FUTILE

All that he could save was piled out in the yard when the building crumbled in. And then, as though fate had decreed that nothing should be left, firebrands fell over the salvage reducing it to ashes. The loss, estimated at \$900, is partly covered by insurance.

Mr. McGrath is suffering from severe burns in his hands. The dog's hair is burnt off.

## MANASSAS UNITES IN UNIVERSAL PRAYER

OBSERVANCE IN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Holy Week Begins January 7 for United and Universal Prayer, by Invitation of Evangelical Alliance of United States.

Justice and good will as the law of life for nations as well as for individuals. This denotes the week of united and universal prayer by invitation of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States. Manassas will observe the holy week in the Baptist Church, Monday, January 8, to Friday, January 12, inclusive, beginning each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Choirs will unite in song service.

"The Kingdom's Cause and Advance" will be the theme in the pulpits next Sunday introducing the week of prayer, and the general closing topic on Sunday, January 14, will be "The Supreme Desires of the Kingdom's Triumph."

### SERMON THEMES

Sermons for the united observance in the Baptist Church will be:  
Monday, January 8: "Personal Faithfulness." The Rev. P. A. Arthur.  
Tuesday, January 9: "The Church of Christ." Dr. H. L. Charles.  
Wednesday, January 10: "Foreign Missions." The Rev. C. L. DeLong.  
Thursday, January 11: "Home Missions." The Rev. J. K. Egan.  
Friday, January 12: "Interests Domestic and Educational." Dr. H. U. Root.

## PROPOSE CONVICT CAMP FOR COUNTY ROADS

SUGGESTION TO SUPERVISORS  
W. L. Heuser Emphasizes Importance of Immediate Action—Says County Would Receive Full Share From State.

Declaring that the county supervisors should immediately file application with the State authorities for establishment of a convict camp in Prince William county, for labor on the roads, W. L. Heuser, of Haymarket, addressed the supervisors last Monday. The board has made application for money for 1912 from the State fund, but will consider the matter in the future.

### NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION

Mr. Heuser claims that it is of great importance to take immediate action in view of the probability that the present convict contracts will soon become inoperative and that public opinion will direct the Legislature to work the convicts on the roads. Mr. Heuser said:

### RECEIVE FULL SHARE

At present the State appropriation amounting from \$2,000 to \$2,400 per annum has not covered the \$3,500 expended by the county and State for the balance becomes the debtor and the debt is supposed to be wiped out at some future day. With a convict camp we could get our full share coming to us by law at once and be benefited to that extent. The convict camp can be run in a more economical manner.

### REDUCES COST

The cost of supervision per capita of the employed is less. This should not cost more than 40 per cent of the total expenditure for common labor on a permanent road. We find that 56 per cent was expended on the Carolina road—\$3,264 cost, common labor \$4,877.

### WORK OUT APPROPRIATION

There are about \$4,000 subscribed conditionally for certain improvements in the upper end of the county. We could use the convicts to work out the county appropriation and then place them at the disposal of other sections subscribing.

### BENEFIT WHOLE COUNTY

In this way the whole county would be benefited and adequate return for local aid received returned by the State, not to mention the benefits the convicts receive by better and healthier environment and employment.

## ORGANIZE FARMERS CLUB AT WELLINGTON

DISCUSS IMPORTANT PROBLEMS  
Will Co-operate With Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia—Agricultural Interests.

Citizens of the Wellington community Tuesday night organized a Farmers' Club to discuss matters of mutual benefit and to promote agricultural interests by co-operating with the Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia. Meetings will be held every Friday night. "Parcels Post" is the subject for discussion tomorrow, Friday night.

The officers are: President, J. D. Wheeler; Secretary, J. T. L. Rollins; The Club, rapidly increasing in membership, was organized by A. H. Compton, J. B. Wheeler, H. J. Schaeffer, W. F. Ward, O. Wells, C. W. Vetter, J. T. L. Rollins, A. S. Robertson, and J. C. Jones.

The meeting of the town council set for last night was adjourned to Monday, January 15.

## FEEDING

If we have cows we can feed

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The Onlooker



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FINE FABRICS CHEAP

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Are You a Woman?

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Newly Furnished Throughout Rates Two Dollars Per Day The Prince William Pressing Club Expert Cleaning, Seouring, Dyeing and Pressing Altering and Repairing Neatly Done

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Very Serious It is a very serious matter to ask for one medicine and have the wrong one given you. For this reason we urge you in buying to be careful to get the genuine.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR JANUARY 7 BIRTH OF JOHN FORETOLD. LESSON TEXT: Luke 1:31-33

The Old Testament closes with a prophecy; the New Testament opens with the announcement of the fulfilment of that prophecy.

There are many who lend or who borrow. Who comes to collect or repay? Who are those who forget your tomorrow?

Don't be behind the times. Plant STARK'S Seed. Buy Senator, Senator, Senator, the best and Champion quality.

When Well-Known Manassas People Tell It So Plainly. When public endorsement is made by a representative citizen of Manassas the proof is positive.

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Your Best Friend



A man that hath friends must show himself friendly. Proverbs xviii, 24. You're a friend you have surely needed.

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Groceries Confectionery, Cigars, Tobacco, Etc.

Hay and Grain S. C. CARTER GROCER

Special Notice I will start my New Hydraulic Cider Press, located one mile southeast of Manassas, Va., on SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1911, and run every Saturday until further notice.

Advertisement for 'The Onlooker' magazine, featuring a woman in a long dress and hat, and text about the magazine's content and subscription information.

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### The Pool of Flame

LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—The story opens at Monte Carlo with the observation of a French nobleman, the Marquis de Beaumont, who is watching the young man's progress. The Marquis de Beaumont is a French nobleman who has been watching the young man's progress. The young man is the son of a French nobleman who has been watching the young man's progress.

CHAPTER II.—O'Rourke's mind is filled with thoughts of the night when he was shot. He is thinking of the night when he was shot. He is thinking of the night when he was shot.

CHAPTER III.—At his room O'Rourke reads a letter from the Marquis de Beaumont. The letter is from the Marquis de Beaumont. The letter is from the Marquis de Beaumont.

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## Consumption

Checked and in Early Stages, Cured by

# MILAM

the great Reconstructive tonic and blood renovator

Do not set forth MILAM as a cure for consumption, but it has proven so beneficial to such patients that we believe and are supported in our belief by a practicing physician, that MILAM is the most powerful and the most effective of all remedies for consumption. We know that it greatly benefits such cases in the advanced stages.

Preparations for breakfast were being made in the kitchen and the troops were bustling about as if nothing had happened, laughing and joking, cleaning riffs, feeding the mess, stirring teas, drawing water from the palm-timed well round which the camp had been made. Out of sight beyond the edge of the sunken oasis a detachment was digging shallow trenches for the latrines. The Irishman, however, was a stark grim figure in the growing light. O'Rourke sat by his side, although he knew in his eyes, fixed on the head of his friend.

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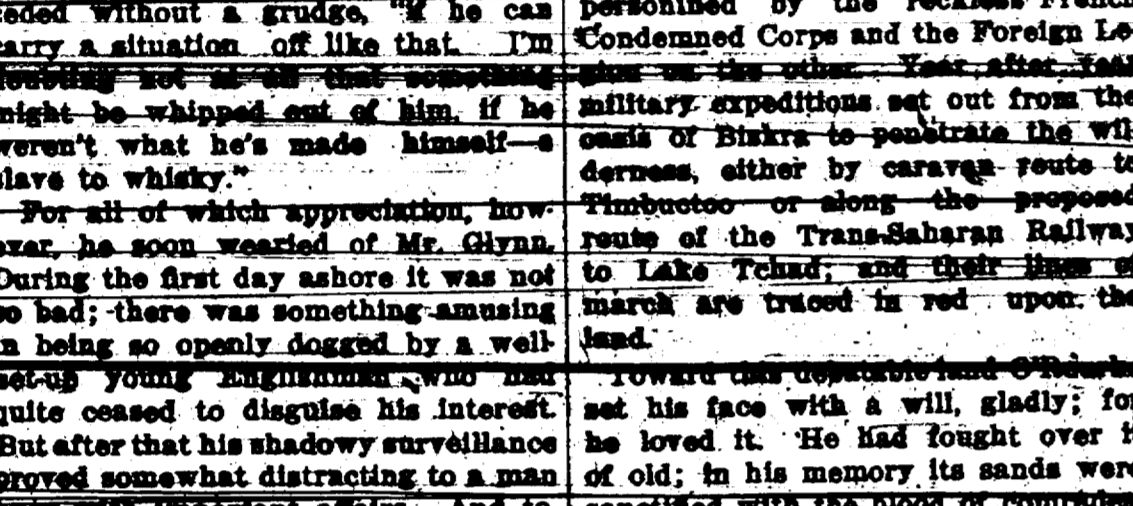
"Good evening to you," he said, glancing at the Honorable Mr. Glynn with an interrogative eye that served to deepen his embarrassment and complicity.

"I say, have you a match?"

"Possibly," he conceded O'Rourke. "But I've got to meet them."

"My father's not here, however," said the young man, "but I will see that you go to the gambling table to allow my father to see you."

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Just before sunrise the man on the litter stirred, moaned, opened his eyes and turned his head to see O'Rourke. He saw the Irishman, and he said in tones faint yet thick:

"The Irishman rose. 'Don't talk,' said he. 'I'll be calling the surgeon.' But Chamberst stayed. 'Don't you do that,' he said. 'Don't you do that,' he said. 'Don't you do that,' he said."

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### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Corner Main and Church Streets  
Rev. H. L. HARRIS, Pastor  
Sundays 10:30, 11:15, 12:00, 4:00, 7:00, 8:00  
St. Ann's Episcopal Church, South  
Sundays 10:30, 11:15, 12:00, 4:00, 7:00, 8:00

### SOUTHERN RAILWAY WORKING TO HELP FARMERS OF SOUTH

HAS INAUGURATED IMPORTANT MOVEMENTS FOR BETTERMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTH-EAST.

### A LEADER IN DEVELOPMENT

How the Southern Railway System is Working to Aid the People Generally in the Southeast, and to Attract Capital and Dweller-Settlers to This Section.

### OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

Circuit Court Judge J. B. Thornton. County Court Judge J. B. Thornton. Justice of the Peace J. B. Thornton.

### J. A. MORGAN

LIVERY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE

Dealer in New Moline and Thornhill Wagons, Huber Engines and Threshers, and Thomas Drills

### Southern Railway

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Pumps of all kinds for sale at Reasonable Prices

### The Farm LIME

is the basis of all industry

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Lime and Cement

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## THE HON. C. J. MEETZE

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY will be ably represented in the Legislature by the Honorable C. J. Meetze. His strong character, high citizenship, excellent judgment and clear thought will be influential in the General Assembly—for impress of such qualities is essential in making laws for true Government. Mr. Meetze was elected by the farmers as their candidate, and he will merit their confidence. The advancement of agricultural interests through legislative enactment has been with safety and wisdom entrusted to Mr. Meetze. Agriculture is our chief industry, and the people decided that a farmer is best qualified to determine and to shape issues affecting that industry. Mr. Meetze represents all the people of Prince William County, and his broad principles will reach out for legislation that will promote their welfare. His high ideals of justice, keen sense of right, unquestioned democracy and broad sympathies, make him a Delegate of whom Prince William County may well be proud.

## WELLINGTON FARMERS' CLUB

It is the spirit manifested by progressive citizens of the Wellington community that makes for achievement. It is unity of effort that counts. The individual as such may accomplish much, but only in establishing reciprocity with his fellows, by closely identifying his personal interests with the community can he attain the greatest development. In other words, progress is a force in which the power of the individual is expended in harmony with others in constructive action. The individual may clear many obstacles from the path, but always in the way of any forward movement there are barriers requiring lifting power of many to remove. In this mainly consists the value of organization—the strength of numbers in overcoming difficulties. This is the spirit of progress made manifest.

The Farmers' Club at Wellington exemplifies the progressive spirit. The members propose to solve problems that for make benefit of the community—progress along broadest lines. The organization will co-operate with the Farmers' Institute, an effective method of realizing plans for improvement of conditions in agriculture. Citizenship of highest quality finds expression in organizations like the Farmers' Club at Wellington.

## LEAP YEAR

For a bachelor to attempt a dissertation on Leap Year is like a lost traveler trying to find his way in a strange land. But whom than bachelors should be better qualified to discuss this unique and, withal, startling change of masks with which Cupid is accused every four years. We do not believe it. Cupid does not don another mask. He simply turns the old one wrong side out. For there never has been a time since the world began but that woman made the selection. Calmly, confidently, she leads helpless man, fascinated by her charm, through enchanted fields of romance, the while hypnotizing him into belief that it is he who is weaving poes garlands—letters of captivity adorned. When a woman, after sorting her collection of suitors, selects one out of the pack for her king, that individual might just as well submit to the inevitable. It will save no end of time, worry and expense. There is no escape. And if he is a man he will not attempt to regain his liberty. For he is crowned with a woman's love—a gift from heaven, the highest human glory.

There are many types of bachelors, but in defense of the class truly it may be said that few are women-haters. They reverence women and in return are honored with their friendship, which, after all, is worth more than uncongenial domestic relations. But you never can convince a woman that most, if not all, bachelors do not carry wounded hearts. The springs of devotion in a woman are never failing. With heart pierced by Cupid's darts, a bachelor may be happy as a lark, but women brand the merriment a disguise and searching the heart, mold scattered fragments of sentiment into an image of romance, an idol which intuition tells them has been worshipped. Viewing their handwork ere the cement of imagination melts and shatters the ideal, they commiserate the amazed possessor, and pityingly remark: "Poor Mr. Blank, I wonder how it happened."

Few men are bachelors from choice. These few have consecrated their lives to their work at the sacrifice of domestic happiness. They experience no joy save that of attainment. That they might rise higher through inspiration of a woman in sympathy with their ideals is the declaration of an occasional convert. Save when temperament is sole ruler of the heart, save when happiness consists in one's own sorrow as source of inspiration, it is doubtful if the joy of such consecration compensates its sacrifices.

Leap Year is not a jest. If a woman loves a man enough to ask him to marry her, that is her own business. She is obeying the law of her heart in seeking life happiness, and is committing no impropriety, except before others of her sex who might like to, but dare not, follow her example and take the initiative in proposing. A husband won under such conditions is not to be reckoned in ordinary terms—he is either more to be desired than anything else in the world, or he is not worth having at all. But this is an extreme expedient. Modesty, sweet charm of woman, would not permit such sacrifice, in most cases, even though the heart were breaking. And a man who would permit a woman to so humble her pride is better single than married.

However, there are some determined women, and bachelors who speak lightly of Leap Year may find that it is not such a jest, after all.

WRITE it "1912"  
MIDNIGHT oil is the best mental lubricator.  
THE good roads movement is gaining ground.  
"GOODNESS is beauty in its best estate."—Marlowe.  
FEW of us are able to respond to the first "touch" of winter.  
"WE never see our sins till we begin to cure them."—Fenelon.  
SOME people get the worst of it so long that they really begin to like it.

ROOSEVELT may be a candidate, but that will be about the extent of it.  
NINETEEN Hundred and Twelve will be a year of achievement for Manassas.

WATER and electric lights are utilities that will be secured for Manassas this year.  
DIRT is matter out of place. Moral cleanliness is re-adjustment of guiding principles.

GAINESVILLE District is manifesting the right kind of enterprise for road improvements.  
AS the water wagon strikes the first stretch of rough road it is rather difficult to hold on.

ONE of the reasons we regard Santa Claus as a saint is because he comes only once a year.  
THERE is an old saying that "marriage brings out a man." Sometimes it keeps him in.

CHEER up, brother, how do you know it's Leap Year except what you've read about it?  
SOME women are so successful in making "yes" appear "no," that none dare doubt them.

ATTEND the State Course in Agriculture in Manassas four days beginning Monday, January 15.  
TURNING up the wick is an eloquent though silent, but not always appreciated, signal of farewell.

That perched, irritating sensation in the throat is one of the strongest symptoms of a New Year resolution.  
OHIO is not all harmony for Harmon. Some of the Democrats out there express disapproval of his candidacy.

A STRAIGHT line is the shortest distance between two points. A good thing to remember in striving to attain an ideal.  
WHEN a bachelor watches a woman darn a pair of socks he wonders what other word she might use if he were absent.

AMONG the unsung heroes may be classed men who crawl out in the morning and build the fires. Why do they get married?  
A MOVEMENT has been started to dissolve the harvestor trust. The monopoly is more tractable since the threshing it received in court.

ANY year divisible by 4 is Leap Year. But it is the addition, multiplication and subtraction that makes lots of them jump out of the way.  
"NO man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being better for it."—Phillips Brooks.

THE first important arrest this year is reported from Pennsylvania, where a woman sheriff gave up her office to get married. The prisoner is sentenced for life.  
SERGEANT Weir is enforcing the ordinance for removal of merchandise displays from the sidewalks. An excellent enforcement. The sidewalks are for pedestrians. The obstructions are nuisance.

"ANOTHER Pair of Socks" is the wholly imaginative title of a new play, in which the plot is unravelled by one man and nine suffragettes. The audience is never left in doubt as to whom wears the socks.

THE last embarrassment for suffragettes in California has been removed by the Legislature deciding that women voters need not tell their ages, and as the law for both sexes must be the same, men also will not have to tell how old they are when the new enactment goes into effect.

An optimistic note is sounded by Wall street for 1912, in contrast with this summary of 1911: "It has been a year of decided unsettlement in finance and business. Activity in almost every line was repressed. Business was sound but the characteristic American vim was lacking."

THAT Champ Clark's chances for the Democratic Presidential nomination are strengthened by an undercurrent in movements for his competitors, is the declaration of Senator Stone, of Missouri. In a press interview Senator Stone says: "Speaker Clark stands between Governor Wilson and Governor Harmon, and is the second choice of the supporters of each. I believe he will receive the nomination."

THE newspapers have an item that sixty persons bathed in the surf at Coney Island on New Year Day. We cannot imagine why the occurrence should be classed as news. Any one day in the year is timely enough for a bath, so long as the great duty to cleanliness is not entirely overlooked. Because sixty took their bath on a holiday, why are they entitled to commendation above others who have wet apart some other day.

## MOLDY FEED FATAL

An epidemic fatal to horses and mules has been traced to moldy feed and contaminated water. Losses are reported from the fatal disease in Prince William County. Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough, State Veterinarian, sends out the following official warning to farmers: "Attention has been called to outbreaks of a fatal disease among horses and mules in Virginia."

The trouble is described in circular No. 122, issued from our U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry as 'epizootic cerebro-spinal meningitis of horses.' Since the disease is caused by a fungus (mold) which the animals take into their systems when eating damaged corn or forage or drinking contaminated water, and since the affected animals die in a short time after the first symptom is noticed, we must turn our attention to preventive (prophylactic) treatment, as by this means we can stop the progress of the fatal disease in a stable, even though it has killed several animals at the beginning.

Preventive treatment consists in a complete change of food and water supply of the well animals. The cause is in the food or water.  
"Examine all feed carefully, especially corn; the moldy grains on the end of the cob is often where the cause is located. Do not feed damaged food (any feed which is contaminated with mold). Much corn was damaged last summer and in the fall by the late summer rains, thus so much of this disease among horses now that this damaged corn is being fed."

Medicinal treatment is unsatisfactory, but the disease can be prevented by simply not allowing your horses to eat damaged food—food contaminated by molds. This is simple and safe, while the disease is unusually fatal when it affects stock.

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