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CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS

This is something that is destined to cut a larger figure in the future policies of our United States. It is at present only a voluntary gathering together of the sovereigns of our allied commonwealths without a well organized object.

Among the subjects on the program that brought out the most heated debates were "Modern Penology" and "Uniformity of Marriage and Divorce Laws."

But, laying aside the fireworks, there are many pertinent subjects for the governors to discuss with benefit to themselves and the country at large.

THE NEW PARCELS POST

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FINANCING THE FARMER

It is singular that the United States has been so long in awakening to the tremendous importance of farming as an industry, and to our inadequate provisions for financing the farmer.

A FREE COUNTRY

ONE THING the congressional investigation of the Money Trust is doing is opening the people's eyes to the menace the kings of Wall Street are to the American freestate.

PARAGRAPHS

SKIRTS blashed at the knees are the latest fashion. Handy to get at the money.

PEOPLE who live in one place and see only a few people do not evolve, grow and become. They get pot-bound.

THE London Jewish World prints the following paragraph: "It has been pointed out that in the cabalistic word 'Zohar,' which is so revered by Chassidim and other Jewish mystics, there is a statement in connection with the reference of Ishmael, in the Biblical portion of Vayera, that in the year of 5673 (1912-13) there will take place a great war against Turkey, and that a gathering of a number of kings will take place in the captured capital, Constantinople."

THE lever that will break the backbone of high prices of food-stuffs is more intensive farming, cultivation of unoccupied lands near the large cities, and more intelligent method of agriculture.

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

Senator Keayon's bill to rid dollar bills about January 1, 1913, the National Capital of vice and immorality is being urged strenuously by social betterment organizations throughout the country.

The defense of Judge Archbald in the impeachment charges against him in the Senate is well under way. It is probable that the case will not be concluded until after the holiday recess of Congress.

According to Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, the power of any commission that may be established to regulate the big business of the country, should be well defined and restricted.

The first bank notes bearing the signature of the new treasurer of the United States, Carmel Thompson, formerly President Taft's private secretary, will be issued in a big bunch of one

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WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD FARMER

AGRICULTURE A GREAT SCIENCE

"Back to the Farm," the Slogan of the Day—Nation Bowing at the Shrine of Agriculture.

The following very interesting address on the subject, "What constitutes a good farmer," was delivered by Mr. W. I. Steere at the Farmers' Institute, held in Manassas on Friday, Dec. 20.

Of course, it is necessary in describing a good farmer to tell how he plows, how he fertilizes, how he sows and how he reaps; how he markets his produce and how he spends his money, perhaps.

I wish to leave mostly to the other gentlemen the discussion of these more concrete questions and present what seems to me almost the first essential characteristic of a good farmer and that is a full appreciation of the nobility of his calling.

Let a change be in the air. "Back to the farm" is the slogan of the day. The nation is bowing at the shrine of agriculture.

The basket-ball team of Manassas High School has a game scheduled for this month with Marshall High School.

Nothing less than the elevation of agriculture to a great science, to the greatest science, I will say, for all sciences nearly are dependent upon and are elemental parts of the science of agriculture.

A druggist must be a chemist and a botanist, a banker must be a financier, a mining engineer must be a geologist, et cetera, et cetera.

KILLED WITHIN SIGHT OF HOME

SAD DEATHS OF TWO SISTERS

Miss Mamie Cooper and Sister, of Near Bealton, Struck by Engine 15 of Southern and Killed.

Last Sunday afternoon a party of young people were returning from making social calls two of them were killed by train No. 15 when they were within sight of home.

Ladies and gentlemen and fellow farmers: A few days ago the secretary, Prof. Button, came to me and said he would like to have five or six farmers at this meeting talk a little on the subject, "What constitutes a good farmer?"

Two years ago their father, who was employed as track man, was killed in almost the same place, in the same manner, by the same train run by the same crew.

MR. CLYDE HAMMER AND MISS GRACE VALENTINE MARRIED

The beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Wine, Manassas, was the scene of a pretty wedding Monday evening at 3:30 p. m., when Miss Grace Valentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Valentine, formerly of McKeesport, Pa., now of Washington, D. C., became the bride of Mr. Clyde Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hammer, of 317 East Capitol street, Washington, D. C.

The following are among the visitors who were in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donahue, of Washington, and the Misses Lillian Holman of Washington; Susie Braxner, of Broad Run; Susie Shaner, of Washington; Ada and Ora-Mason Kincheloe of Upperville; Misses Adams and Watkins, of Clifton; Miss Susie Adams, of Washington; and Mrs. O. D. Waters, of Richmond.

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ALL WENT MERRY AS A MARRIAGE BELL

EYES SPOKE LOVE TO EYES, ETC.

The Lights Failed, but with the Aid of Candles Our Young People Chased the Flying Hours with zest.

Conner's Hall last Friday night was the scene of one of the best and most beautiful German dances that has been held here for years.

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A TWO-DAY FARMERS' INSTITUTE

By PROF. H. F. BUTTON, Secretary Northern Virginia Farmers' Institute.

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SOUTH NEEDS BETTER HORSES

SOME SUGGESTIONS BY MR. BROWN

One of the Better Ways to Get Bigger Horses is to Buy Draft Stations for Breeding Purposes.

By W. M. BROWN, Field Agent, Southern Railway Company.

One of the best ways to get the larger type of horses is to buy draft stations to which our native mares can be bred. It is all right, of course, to buy draft mares of these breeds, but in most cases it is far more economical to buy stallions.

Let us look out for better and bigger work stock so that we can begin cultivating that farm that has been lying idle just under top soil for these many years.

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THE QUESTION OF GOOD ROADS

SOME REMARKS OF W. L. HEUSER

The Immense Profits Derived from Having Good Roads—Statistics Proving the Same.

The French have spent the enormous sum of 613 millions on good roads, 80 millions for maintenance a year. They paid Bismarck's war-tax of 1,000 millions, without outside aid, in a few years, and still they are the creditor nations of the world, buying American bonds for investment. Could they have done so, if they had assumed an excessive burden? It must have been a profitable investment.

Mecklenburg county, N. C., built 150 miles of good roads, cost \$3,500 a mile, land \$6 and \$10 per acre, 8 miles from Charlotte, then; now from \$50 to \$100 per acre.

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EASTERN COLLEGE THE COMING YEAR

OPEN WINTER TERM JANUARY, 6

The College Department furnishes the Usual Standard Four-Year Course—Increased Interest Manifested.

By DR. H. U. ROOF.

Another year has departed, gone as on the wings of the wind. A new one has begun its course, its duties and responsibilities have already begun to meet us. How shall we begin the work of the new year? Shall we not begin it with renewed confidence in our ideals and in our work? The winter term of Eastern College will open next Monday, Jan. 6, with increased interest and attendance.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

All our merchants report a good holiday trade. Miss Ethel Ford, of Washington, is visiting Miss Julia Maloney...

Dr. Roop was a Washington visitor one day of the week. Mrs. J. L. Harrell left Monday for a visit to her sister in Bristol, Tenn.-Va.

H. C. Ryckman was a guest of O. P. Grazier, of Culpeper, Christmas. John Hynson and Reed Hynson were Washington visitors one day this week.

President Roop made a business trip to Washington yesterday. Robert Cannon of Kensington Md., was in town Wednesday visiting relatives.

GREETING

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AT CONSTITUTES A GOOD FARMER

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EASTERN COLLEGE THE COMING YEAR

We make every effort, however, to secure satisfactory positions for our students, and investigation will show that practically all of our graduates...

HAYMARKET

Happy New Year to the DEMOCRAT. Mr. Gustav Peters is home for a few days.

HOADLEY

Mrs. Cora Fairfax still continues quite sick. Mrs. Brownie Ball was guest of Miss Goldie Davis one day last week.

"Cardui Cured Me"

For nearly ten years, at different times, Mrs. Mary Jinks of Treadway, Tenn., suffered with womanly troubles. She said: "At last, I took down and thought I would die. I could not sleep. I couldn't eat. I had pains all over. The doctors gave me up. I read that Cardui had helped so many, and I began to take it, and it cured me. Cardui saved my life! Now, I can do anything."

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**SOUTHBOUND.**  
 1-Daily local, 8:45 a. m. Delivers connection to Washington to C. & O. No. 413 Alexandria and Richmond.  
 2-Daily through train, 11:25 a. m. Local for Washington to Warrenton.  
 3-Daily through train, 11:55 a. m. will stop en route on flag.  
 4-Daily except Sunday, 4:12 p. m., local Washington to Warrenton.  
 5-Except Sunday, 4:35 p. m. Local for Washington and intermediate points. Pullman Car.  
 6-Daily local, 5:35 p. m.  
 7-Daily through train, 11:04 p. m. stops at Washington from Washington and Alexandria to Warrenton and intermediate points.  
 8-Except Sunday, 4:35 p. m. Local for Washington and intermediate points. Pullman Car.  
 9-Daily through train between Manassas and Alexandria, 8:45 a. m. Arrive Manassas 10:15 a. m. from Warrenton and intermediate points. Pullman Parlor Car.  
 10-Daily except Sunday from Harrisonburg to Washington, 10:35 a. m. Pullman Parlor Car.  
 11-Daily local, 1:10 p. m. Connects at Washington with C. & O. Ry. from Richmond and Alexandria to Washington.  
 12-Except Sunday. Arrives Manassas 2:30 p. m. from Warrenton and intermediate points.  
 13-Daily through train between Manassas and Alexandria, 6:35 p. m.  
 14-Daily local train between Harrisonburg and Washington, 7:55 p. m.  
 15-Daily through train coaches and sleeping cars for Washington and New York, 9:27 p. m.

**WESTBOUND.**  
 1-Daily local for Harrisonburg and intermediate points, 9:30 a. m.  
 2-Daily local except Sunday, to Harrisonburg, 10:30 a. m.  
 3-Daily except Sunday to Harrisonburg, 11:30 a. m. Stops on flag at Haymarket, Plains, all Rectortown, Delaplane and Markham.  
 4-Except Sunday, 1:30 p. m. from Haymarket to Palouse car.  
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**THE ARMAGEDDON OF THE SCRIPTURES**

**Pastor Russell Presents Some Astounding Views.**

He Claims That the Time For the Establishment of Messiah's Kingdom is Here—Not Recognizing This Truth, Papacy, Protestantism and the Civil Powers of Earth Are About to Unite in Common Cause—Unitedly These Three Most Powerful Influences Are Preparing For the Battle of Armageddon.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 3.—The Brooklyn Academy of Music was crowded to the limit today to hear Pastor Russell's discourse on the "Battle of Armageddon." His text was: "He gathered them together unto a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Revelation xvi, 16). He said: Armageddon in the Hebrew signifies the Mount of Destruction. The Lord has associated the name Armageddon with the controversy between Truth and Error, during which the New Age of Messiah's glory will be ushered in.

"Unclean Spirits Like Frogs." Three unclean spirits will proceed from the mouth of the Beast, the Dragon and the False Prophet, and will assemble the kings and their armies on one side for the great Armageddon battle. In this symbolic language, doctrines are represented as "frogs." Frog characteristics are pompousness, inflation of dignity, and croaking. The symbol signifies that these three systems will send forth similar teachings. They will look vast, and see little respecting differences between them. They will prate on Apostolic Authority, the Divine prerogatives of the clergy and the civil power. They will croak respecting the results of personal and press liberties and cause the wheels of progress to turn backward.

The kings and their armies represent political kings, princes and retainers; commercial kings, princes and retainers. Each of these will marshal millions of humanity. The croaking of the "unclean spirits" will bring these to a condition of frenzy.

The Dragon of Revelation represents the Civil power; the leopard represents Papacy; "False Prophet" is another name for the image of the Beast of Revelation xiii, 14. Federated Protestantism. Good people in these systems are being led into the Armageddon battle without realizing that they are to "fight against God."

The Bible declares that God has committed to the Gentile Governments the privilege of ruling the earth during a period of 2,520 years—"The Times of the Gentiles." Meantime, God has been electing a saintly few from all nations, to be associated with Messiah in His Kingdom. Neglecting the teachings of the Bible, Christendom thinks that their armies are to fight the Christian warfare. Suddenly the most terrible revolution will occur. (Revelation xviii, 10; xvi, 18.) The masses will hope for victory through the ballot. When this final recourse shall have failed the social explosion will bring anarchy. "There shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." (Daniel xii, 1.) Our Lord added, "Except those days be shortened, there could no flesh be saved." (Matthew xxiii, 31, 32.) But the Beast, with these glorious heads, will inhabit "the New Heavens and Earth."

Armageddon Not Yet but Seen. For forty years the Armageddon forces have been mustering for conflict. Strikes, lockouts and riots, Court and Army scandals in Europe, Insurance, Trust and Court scandals in America, have shaken public confidence. Dynamite plots, charged by terms on employees and on employers, have made each distrustful of the other. The lines of battle are distinctly marked. But Armageddon cannot yet be fought, according to prophecy. Gentle times have still two years to run. The "image of the beast" of our context must be transformed from a mere mechanism to a living force. Protestant Federation realizes that its organization will be futile unless it receive vitality—unless its clergy be recognized as possessors of apostolic ordination to teach. This prophecy indicates will come from the two-headed beast, symbolically representing the Church of England, Protestantism and Catholicism, operating in conjunction for the suppression of human liberties, await this vivifying of the image, which Armageddon must follow—perhaps a year after, according to the Prophetic Word.

Still another thing intervenes: Although the Jews are gradually obtaining control of Palestine, and although sixteen millions are there, never theless prophecy requires an evidently larger number of wealthy Hebrews to be there before the Armageddon crisis—"Jacob's trouble" in the Holy Land will come at the very close of Armageddon. Then Messiah's Kingdom will begin to be manifested in the land of promise. Through its Divinely appointed prince Messiah's Kingdom, all-powerful but invisible, will begin to roll away the curse and lift up mankind.

**THAT LOVELY FROCK**  
 By LUCILE CAMPBELL.

Thursday morning Louise Erwin dropped in on her way downtown and told me that she was going to try on a frock that she had seen at one of the stores.

"I've about made up my mind to buy it, if it is still there," she said, "for it is very stylish and pretty and is a good bargain besides. It is only about half what it was earlier in the season when I first saw it and I think it will be becoming to me."

"How would you like the benefit of my advice," I asked, laughing. "I've a notion to go with you and give you an expert opinion."

"That's very good of you," said Louise.

So, an hour later, Louise stood before me with a childishly pleased and expectant look on her face. Although she is two years older than I, Louise often seems ridiculously young and inexperienced.

"Well, what do you think of it?" she asked, glancing into a long mirror complacently.

"It's quite pretty," I replied, "but aren't you afraid that chiffon tunic will be quite out of style next fall? That sort of thing has been worn so much this winter that probably it will be dropped altogether."

"You know I don't try to keep up with the fashions," said Louise. "I can get something that is pretty and becoming I don't care whether it's the latest thing or not."

"Well, of course, if you don't mind being a back number," I began.

"This is the latest design," interposed the saleswoman, "and it will be good style for as long as any one would wish to wear it."

"But my friend wears her things longer than most persons," I explained, "and I don't like to see her get something that isn't especially becoming."

"Why, don't you think I look well in this gown?" Louise asked, rather sharply. She appeared to be vexed because I did not rave over the gown.

"Well, you know, dear, an overdress effect like that is apt to make a person look rather stout," I explained. "I think one should be particularly careful not to wear anything that adds to the size. Still, if you like it and if you don't mind looking rather large, get it by all means."

"I certainly don't want it if I'm going to look like a mountain in it," Louise began to take off the frock very crossly. "I suppose you haven't anything else that would suit me?" she turned to the saleswoman.

"Nothing at this price that is nearly so beautiful. You see, this is one of our imported models. I don't understand how it happened to be marked so low. I can show you something less dressy."

"No, thank you, I want a really handsome costume," said Louise, looking regretfully at the skirt folds of silk and chiffon. Then as we left the store she asked me: "What are you going to wear at our Dix Amies reception Saturday night?"

"Oh, I don't know yet," I replied. "I usually wait till the last moment to decide."

"I had thought of wearing that gown I do wish it had been all right for me." "It's too bad that you are disappointed," I said, sympathetically. "But surely there's no occasion for any special dressing at our Dix Amies reception. You will look nice in any of your pretty little frocks."

Saturday evening I was taking off my wraps at the reception when Louise came toward me in a nun-like gown of gray.

"You see," she said, "I took your hint to dress plainly and—"

Then, looking at me in astonishment, she exclaimed, "Why, Lucile, what have you got on? You don't mean to say that you bought that lumpy frock you wouldn't wear me get?"

I laughed gaily. "You were a true agent, Louise," I replied, "and as you decided against the frock it occurred to me that perhaps I could use it, so I went back to the store yesterday and found that it fitted me perfectly. Then I thought I might as well wear it tonight."

"Wasn't you afraid of looking stout in it?" she asked in a really unpleasant tone.

"Oh, no, I have no reason to worry about stoutness," I returned merrily. "I always try to overlook Louise's little exhibitions of temper. The poor girl has such an unfortunate disposition."

Carl Bates and Arthur Knight both complimented me upon my appearance. It is always worth one's while to dress well.

Lacking.

An old Englishwoman, who was extremely stout, was making vain efforts to enter the rear door of an omnibus. The amused driver leaned over good naturedly, and said in a confidential tone:

"Try sideways, mother; try sideways!"

The old woman looked up breathlessly, and replied:

"Why, bless ye, James, I ain't got no sideways."—Youth's Companion.

Might Have Been Worse.

Gen. Daniel R. Siches, on the occasion of his ninety-second birthday, said of contentment:

"When an old man sits down and dreams of what he might have been, here's a good deal more contentment in looking down than up."

Good Advice.

While Papa, Fido was just hit by a taxi.

Papa—All right, Willie; telephone for a taxi-cab.—The Publisher.

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For particulars consult agents or write L. S. Brown, Gen. Agent, Washington, D. C.

**PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**  
 Under and by virtue of a decree entered in the chancery cause of John M. Jeffries, admr., et al., Exrs. Hanover County, Va., on the 26th day of October, 1912, by the Circuit Court of Prince William County, the undersigned commissioners of sale therein appointed will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1912,**  
 at about 10 o'clock, noon, in front of The People's National Bank, in the town of Manassas, all that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being situate near the village of Greenwiche, in Brensville Magisterial District, Prince William County, Virginia, containing about

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Terms of Sale—One-third cash, and the residue in two equal installments, payable respectively in nine and eighteen months from day of sale; the credit to be retained until the purchase money is paid.

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J. J. E. Herrell, clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, do certify that bond has been executed by Thos. H. Lion, as required by the decree of sale in above cause.

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R. A. MCINTYRE,  
 TROST. H. LION,  
 Commissioners.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
 In the Circuit Court of Prince William County, Va. SOLOMON PERRY vs. HENRY PERRY  
 Order of Publication.

This cause came on this 29th day of December, 1912, upon the affidavit filed and upon the return of the summons by the sheriff, "not found in my county," and upon the application of the complainant for an order of publication against the defendant, Henry Perry, and it appearing to the Court by the affidavit of Henry Gordon, that in this cause the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, that he last known place of abode was Charlestown, Pennsylvania, that the object of the said suit is to obtain a divorce from the defendant on the grounds of adultery; therefore it is ordered that an order of publication be hereby granted against the said defendant, that she appear within fifteen days after the publication hereof and do what may be necessary to protect her interests in this suit. It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four successive weeks in THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT, a newspaper published in the County of Prince William, that a copy hereof be posted at the front door of the Court House of this county, on or before the next rule day, and that a copy be mailed to the last known address of said defendant by the sheriff of this county. The cost of such copy shall be certified by the Clerk of this Court.

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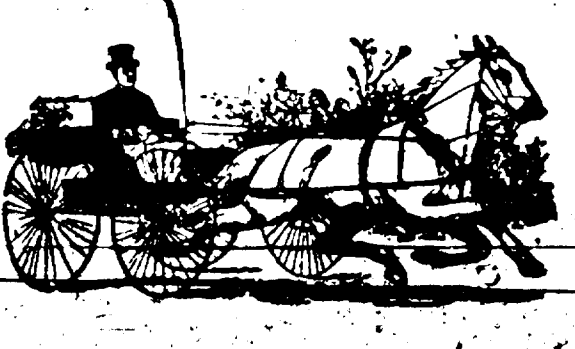
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## THE COAL TRUST

THE United States Supreme Court has given out its decision on the case of the United States vs. the Anthracite Coal Trust. The opinion, written by Judge Lurton, is of enormous length and hard for a layman to dissect. The Attorney-General says that the amendment of the sixty-five per cent contracts is a great victory for the government and opens the way to general competition, but as to any good to the householders arising from all this legal struggle and expenditure of language "we are from Missouri." Anthracite coal, it is said, is worth \$2 per ton at the mine. We in Manassas have had to pay about \$7. Where is the \$5? The Coal Trust says the advance is due to the higher wages they are forced to pay, but the facts are alleged to be that the increased cost to the Trust for this year's output was about six and one-half million dollars while the increase in price has given them some fifteen million dollars in increased revenue. This is about the history of all the government's big lawsuits of the great monopolies; it results in an increased cost to the consumer and greater profits to the trusts. We stated in these columns some six months ago that it was our opinion that price control is the only method by which the government can get any relief for the consumer, and as time goes by and these lawsuits are fought out we grow more and more convinced that this is so. The Interstate Commerce Commission has given us great relief from the oppression of the railroads. That is the only monopoly that has been at all restrained for the benefit of the common people. In the decisions of the Supreme Court handed down in the Standard Oil and the Tobacco Trust cases the right of the government to exercise such control has been recognized and the quicker it is applied to such necessities as coal, oil, sugar, etc., the quicker the high cost of living will be reduced. In the light of this last decision, there appears no other way. A conservative journal, after making a close study of the situation, says that anthracite coal can be sold on the Atlantic coast at \$2.75 to \$3.50 per ton. That is just about one-half the ruling price, the other half goes to careless handling and to the profits of the trust's shareholders. Congress should form another board similar to the Interstate Commerce Commission with the same authority over other monopolies that it has over the railroads.

## INAUGURATION DATE

It is probable that the Henry resolution will be pushed at this session of congress again, and judging from the comments of the press and public speakers, it seems probable that it will be adopted. If it is made a law it will make a number of important changes in the government's program. It will extend the term of President and Vice-President to the last Thursday in April. That date in the future would be the beginning and ending of their terms and the date of inaugurations; Congress would convene annually on the second Tuesday in January and the terms of senators and representatives would begin and end on the second Tuesday in January, thereby doing away with the short session of congress.

The necessity of a change in the date of inaugurations alone is sufficient excuse for the adoption of the resolution. There is some difference of opinion as to this necessity, but most of the newspapers favor it. Some call the inauguration ceremonies side show performances and think they should be eliminated, but to most people it seems a fitting thing that our Presidents should be ushered in with a good deal of pomp and festivity. As hundreds of thousands of people will continue to come to Washington upon that occasion, either in line of official or military duty or merely as spectators, it is only right that the date should be changed to a more genial time of year. In the past thousands of people have taken severe colds and pneumonia, which in many cases have resulted fatally on account of exposure to such weather as this locality is apt to have in early March. The deaths of one President and many prominent officials have been directly attributed to it. This is saying nothing about the comfort of the tens of thousands of spectators that come to see the ceremony of inauguration as well as the festivities that always have, and we hope always will accompany it.

## FOREMOST NATIONAL ISSUE

BANKING reform has now become an issue of foremost national importance. Oscar W. Underwood, democratic floor leader in the House, says it is only second to tariff revision, and that the Democrats must take it up immediately. President Taft, leader of the other party, dwelt on it at length in his recent message to Congress, and said that it would benefit most vitally the farmer and the wage-earner. Colonel Roosevelt again discussed it at the recent Bull Moose conference in Chicago, giving it a conspicuous place in his address.

President-elect Wilson apparently regards this issue as equal in urgency to the tariff. Senator Gorman of New York says remedial legislation should come at the earliest practicable moment. Carter Glass of Virginia, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, has made an exhaustive study of the subject, preparatory to framing a bill. Congressman Burleson of Texas and Swager Sherley of Kentucky have demanded prompt action. The sentiment that a sound banking system must replace our present worn-out system is widespread, and must result in quick action in Congress.

## PARCEL POST MARKETING

THE American public will probably be a little slow in grasping the fact that since the first of the year, it may ship eggs, butter, lard, fish, fresh meat, dressed chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese, vegetables just out of the garden, berries, orchard products and scores of other perishable commodities by mail. Yet, once thoroughly understood, we may expect that Uncle Sam will be operating wagons rivaling the huckster's in point of succulence, the butcher's as a spur to appetite and the expressman's when it comes to strange and hidden mysteries.

The postoffice department is laying down a set of rules, based upon postal experience and common-sense, which are to regulate the shipment of foodstuffs through the mails. Eggs may be sent any distance if enclosed in secure, wreck-proof cartons. Vegetables which might decay will be carried within certain limits. You may send fresh meat only to localities within your own zone. There is no restriction upon the mailing of cured, salted, dried or smoked meats and fish.

The use of the parcel post for the shipment of foods in small quantities ought to have far-reaching commercial results. We may expect farmers, especially farmers' wives and daughters, to work up retail markets of their own. They will have boxes, cartons, strong bags and material of the sort suitable for their purpose. They will have a pretty thorough knowledge of the mail trains, of the hours of distribution and the system of delivery, besides knowing to a penny what the charges should be.

If Uncle Sam's back is not bent over with his load and if he is not kept busily moving at his new job, it will be because the farmer people have overlooked an opportunity. We scarcely think they will let it go by.

## PARAGRAPHS

The days are now beginning to lengthen.  
The surest stepping stone to matrimony is a solitaire.  
Advice is like a bitter pill—easy to give but uneasy to take.  
The pills of the gods never shut down on account of a strike.  
Bachelors are "women's rights," and widowers are women's lefts.

Santa Claus seems to hate poor relations as much as millionaires do.

A lot of people with nerve get by in this world, while a lot of others with ability fail.

Little Willie will now begin tapering down his Sunday School attendance as rapidly as possible.

It would be interesting to know who originated the idea that a postmaster has nothing to do but draw a salary.

It has been several years since so many people were claiming that they never voted any other than a Democratic ticket.

It is alleged that the hard coal trust has been destroyed, but we fear it will be still just as hard to get coal and even harder to get trust.

People who started out a few years ago to banish Santa Claus have not met with success, and they never will until children are abolished.

For the good cheer and sympathy which pervades and the joy which come to little children we could wish that every day were Christmas.

When J. P. Morgan talks of figures under nine in number, he seems disinterested, as if to say that smaller sums are of use only as tips to the waiter.

By the use of the anti-typhoid serum there has not been a single case of typhoid fever among the 64,000 men in the U. S. navy for the past eleven months.

And now the scientists tell us that when we think we have a cold we are just recovering from one. In other words, we don't know we have it until we begin to get well. While this isn't perfectly clear, there is some little comfort in the idea.

Why did Woodrow Wilson's train pass through Manassas, on its way to Staunton Friday, like "a pay-car passing up a tramp?" Because, as the train came around the curve he noticed so many candidates for the postoffice "feeling" it up the track that he gave the signal to put on more speed.

Fifty young women arrested in an anti-vice crusade in Cincinnati, were sentenced in the police court to attend church four consecutive Sundays in lieu of customary fines. After the fourth Sunday is passed, the judge announced any of the women who may be convicted again will be sentenced to the workhouse.

It appears that the present plans of those interested in saving Floyd and Claude Allen from the death chair is to present the formal legal application for a writ of error to the supreme court of appeals Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1913, when the petition will be presented to the full court. This will allow the court ten days in which to consider the petition. Should the court determine to grant the plea for a new trial such a writ would serve as a stay of sentence. Otherwise, Floyd and Claude Allen will die in the death chair on Jan. 17, unless Governor Mann extends further clemency.

The following from an exchange should be read and inwardly digested by all men, as well as by a number of the opposite sex who are not careful how they often speak of a woman's character: "Be careful how you speak of a woman's character. Think how many years she has been in building it, of the toil and privation endured, of the wounds received, and let no suspicion follow their actions. The purity of woman is the salvation of the race, the hope of future greatness, the redemption of man. Wipe out her purity and man sinks beneath the way of despair, with no star to guide his life into a channel of safety. Think, then, before you speak, and remember that the hog can root up the fairest flowers that ever grew, so the vilest man can ruin the prettiest woman's character."

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