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I have been much grieved over the disposition of persons to deny the advantages to be had from bonding Gainesville district of Prince William county by those who should be most interested in having good macadam roads.

Under many of the rails there were as many as eleven ties, and under each of two rails there were twelve ties so badly decayed and broken as to be totally unfit for service.

THE MONEY TRUST

Mr. Morgan, that is, Mr. John Pierpont Morgan, of Wall Street, U. S. A., appeared before the Congressional Committee that is investigating the question, "Is there a Money Trust?"

PARAGRAPHS

The fellow who casts sturs is generally throwing a boomerang. Fwzz flowers for the dead and maw for the living would help.

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ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE MEETS IN ROANOKE MANASSAS QUINT DEFEATS MARSHALL CELEBRATION OF LEE'S BIRTHDAY GREEN MANURING IMPORTANT MATTER LEVY ASSESSMENT ON STOCKHOLDERS YOUNG MEN SHOULD STAY ON THE FARM

The twelfth annual convention of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League will convene in Roanoke Tuesday evening, February 18, and will conclude its work on the evening of the 20th.

The birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee will be celebrated at the high school next Monday afternoon under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Another ten per cent assessment was levied upon the stockholders of the Richmond-Washington Highway Association, at a meeting of the executive committee yesterday.

The Manassas quint defeated Marshall High School to the tune of 32 to 2. The Manassas quint started the game with a whirl that rushed the visitors of their feet.

At this date we have only been able to get a part of the program. Following is the part: Rev. T. D. D. Clark Solo "Down by the Old Mill Stream."

Under this head comes the plan of assimilating the free nitrogen of the air, but are used mainly as a winter cover crop on fallowed soils to take up the soluble plant foods.

The League would have been heartily welcomed in either Charlottesville or Lynchburg, but owing to the hotel situation in both of these cities the local temperance forces did not think it advisable to undertake to provide public accommodations for four or five hundred delegates.

Mr. R. E. Grabel, assistant manager, department of farm improvement work of Southern railway, will give a lecture at the Haymarket school building on next Wednesday night (Jan. 22) on farming in Northern Virginia.

By far the most important head is the leguminous, as these plants have the power of assimilating the free nitrogen of the air through the work of the bacteria on the roots.

MERCHANTS ORGANIZE LAST MONDAY NIGHT

The Retail Merchants Association of Manassas, was organized last Monday night with nearly every merchant in town enrolled. Officers elected were: C. R. C. Johnson, president; H. R. Camper, vice-president; E. R. Conner, treasurer; Karl Austin, secretary, and R. S. Hynson, C. S. Wagener and J. Bell, directors.

RECEPTION AT EASTERN COLLEGE

Among the most enjoyable receptions ever had at Eastern College was the one given by the members of the Y. M. C. A. to the new students and members of the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night, Jan. 11.

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The spacious parlors of Venable hall were bright with happy students and members of the faculty. After the guests had been received a delightful hour was spent in general conversation.

REMOVAL OF CONVENTION MEMBERS

Because a number of members of the association of survivors of the Constitutional Convention desired the date of February 21 for the reunion and dinner which is planned, it has been decided to change the day to March 14.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

A. A. H. Jenkins, of Leesburg, was a business visitor in Manassas Saturday. Ernest Ransdell returned last week from a visit to friends and relatives in Washington. Wilson Wenrich has been on the sick list this week with a severe attack of a gripe. Harry Goodwin, a former Manassas boy, visited friends and relatives in town this week. B. Conway Taylor, of Baltimore, was in town last week visiting friends and relatives. Miss Bessie Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Britton of Bristol, is very ill of pneumonia. Miss Selina Taylor, of Falls Church, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in town. Mrs. Henry Camper, and little Billy were on the sick list this week but are now greatly improved. Miss Sue Brawner stopped over in Manassas last Saturday on her way from Washington to Broad Run. Four good reels were shown at the moving picture show last Saturday night. A good crowd was present. Miss Roberta Smith, of Culpeper, has given up her studies at Eastern College and returned to her home. Misses Emily Marbury and Marjorie Green, of Clifton, were in town last Saturday for a short visit with friends. J. A. Towler, principal of the Plains High School, was in town last Saturday, and made this office a pleasant call. Miss Jane Detrick returned to her home in Dumfries last Friday after a pleasant visit to Miss Elizabeth Smith-Culpeper Enterprise. There will be an ovster supper at the hotel at Clifton on the 24th of this month. It will be in charge of the School Improvement League. "Dreams of a Rarebit Fiend," a clever new feature of the Washington Sunday Star, starts in the comic section with the issue of January 19. I. O. Kibler sprained his ankle last Friday afternoon while practicing basketball at Eastern College. He is able to be about with the aid of crutches. At a meeting of the German Club last Friday night the by-laws were adopted. Ten members were present and all necessary business was transacted. The Boy Scouts, under the supervision of M. M. Martin, held a drill one night last week. This company seems to be having more success than our former militia organization. While cleaning up, preparatory to putting up some shelves in the hardware store, C. E. Nash found a diamond ring which he lost about a year ago, and also quite an amount of small change. Alfred F. Larsen, of Gold Creek, Neb., was here last week visiting his father, Thos. Larsen, and brother, Geo. L. Larsen and family. Mr. Larsen is in the employ of the Government as forest clerk for the Nevada district. An effort will be made to arouse interest in a militia company here and to get it under way again. It has been talked over and sometime in the near future a date will be set, at which meeting all the members will be earnestly asked to respond, both in Manassas and Prince William county. Eastern College started basketball practice last Saturday with a squad consisting of about twenty candidates. All of the squad is present and a long practice of two or three hours was held. Some of the men who have played the game before will form the foundation for a squad, and with the first-class material on hand a fast quint should be developed. Miss Cole, of Massachusetts, has returned to Eastern College for the winter term. Mrs. R. W. Merchant visited friends and relatives at Ellicott City, Md., this week. W. L. Houchins, cashier of the Nokesville bank, was in town on business one day this week. Miss Celeste Sutton, who has been on the sick list for the past month, is now able to be out. Miss Thedia Waters, of Washington, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in town. Wainwright Hutchison, who has been on the sick list for the past few days, is greatly improved. G. M. Rateliff, of Dumfries, was in town visiting his son, G. Raymond Rateliff, last Tuesday. Miss Lillian M. Jones visited Mrs. Al Davis at her new home in Clarendon one day last week. Miss Lizzie Merchant has returned from a week's visit to friends and relatives at Nokesville. Miss Stevens, instructor at Eastern College, spent Sunday with Miss Emily Marbury at Clifton. Capt. W. S. Allensworth, formerly of Manassas, was in town this week visiting friends for a few days. Miss Marie Simpson was the guest this week of her cousin, Miss Alberta Davis at her home in Bristol. Miss Middleton, of Erie Pa., arrived in Manassas this week and has enrolled as a student at Eastern College. Invitations will be out this week for the first dance to be given by the recently organized German Club, which is to be given on January 31. Dr. C. R. C. Johnson brought back some fine specimens of a new apple from the meeting of the Horticultural Society in Lynchburg last week. One of the largest hogs in the vicinity was sold to H. D. Wenrich last week. The animal weighed 409 pounds and was owned by Daniel Lomax. Frank Groesman, a Manassas boy, who has for the past two years been a member of the United States Marines, was home this week on a short furlough. The property of Mr. Dennis near Orlando was entirely destroyed by fire one night last week. All of the household goods were burnt and the residence as well. The property was partly covered by insurance. Dr. A. Vineburg, the oculist of Washington, was here on Monday last week, but on account of the inclemency of the weather many of the people who had expected to see him were unable to do so. Owing to this he will again be at the Prince William Pharmacy, Saturday next, Jan. 18, when all who have eye trouble may see him. The Daughters of the Confederacy are making a collection of pictures of all old Confederate veterans. They are to be hung in a cluster and placed in the U. D. C. rooms. All wishing to send pictures to Mrs. Margaret Barbour as soon as possible, and also include a little sketch of the service of each soldier whose picture you send in. Dr. Allen, Professor of the State Board of Health, will make an address at the Teachers' Institute, on "Medical Inspection in Schools," on Thursday, January 16, at 8 o'clock p. m. The speaking will take place at the courthouse. Dr. Freeman is one of the best authorities in the state on sanitation and a very able speaker. All parents and friends of the schools are urged to hear his discussion of questions to the health and welfare of the whole community. The public is cordially invited to attend. When baby suffers with croup, apply and give Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil as soon as possible. A little goes a long way. 25c and 50c. At all drug stores.

Mrs. C. C. Wenrich spent several days with her parents in Washington this week. Mrs. Lewis, of Vermont, returned to Manassas last Sunday night and has entered college. Miss Frances Jonas, of Nokesville, is spending sometime with Misses Mattie and Thelma Nash. Miss Josephine Grossman was here from Alexandria visiting her parents a few days last week. A meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held last Tuesday afternoon in their rooms near the courthouse. Hopkins Company's smoke-stack has been securely fastened after having the top blown off last week. Miss Reva Sammis, of Washington, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wenrich last Sunday. Mr. Ferguson, of Leesburg, has enrolled as a student at Eastern College for the remaining school months. The public schools are closed today and tomorrow on account of the teachers' meeting and the Farmers' Institute. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sinclair left last Saturday for Front Royal where they visited their daughter, Mrs. F. H. Nash. Miss Francis M. Hersel, of Philadelphia, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grossman a few days last week. The girls' basketball of the Manassas high school are now holding practice in Nicol's hall two afternoons each week. A meeting of the directors of the National Bank of Manassas was held last Tuesday and a dinner served them at the New Prince William. The fourth quarterly conference of the Manassas Station, M. E. Church, South, will be held on Sunday and Monday, February 16 and 17. This is the last conference of the year. Word was received here today of the death of E. H. Hibbs' mother at her home in Round Hill. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hibbs have been in Round Hill this week during her illness. Some very artistic window lettering was done in Manassas last week on the windows of several business houses. Dowell's drug store had several new signs attached, and also the Peoples' National Bank. From reports no more basketball will be played in Nicol's hall on account of the noise it makes, disturbing those in the store-rooms below. The high school will now for the third time have to find a new playing ground. The play which was to have been given at Eastern College tonight had to be postponed on account of the illness of Mr. Monahan, who took one of the parts in the comedy. He has returned to his home at Bealton where he will remain until fully recovered. Next month will see Eastern College baseball squad out for work to prepare themselves for a hand schedule which Manager I. O. Kibler has arranged. Work for the pitching staff will be held in the auditorium and by the time warm weather puts in its appearance baseball fans will probably see a first-class team representing the school. "Between the Acts," the play given at Eastern College last month, is to be repeated soon. It is one of the best farces that has been given here for some time and those attending will witness an entertaining, lively and laughable play. It is a three-act comedy, and aside from these there will be other attractions, such as recitations, songs, dancing, etc. Under the supervision of Miss Stevens, the actors have been carefully trained and will give a first-class performance, such as the first production. The show will be given in the college auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock. Clinic "Constitution Care." "Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me." - W. R. C. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

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**DYNAMITE AS AN  
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Draining of Wet Land, Stump Blasting, Tree Planting, etc. Results are Obtained from Dynamite.  
By T. S. BASKERVILLE,  
Manufacturers, DuPont Powder Company.  
For the last 2 or 3 years the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder Co. have been carrying on an agricultural campaign all over the United States and it has been proven by actual test that dynamite is the most useful tool the farmer can have on his farm. The new method of subsoiling with Red Cross dynamite has proven that most all lands can be made to produce in many cases double what it has been producing. They have had a representative in this section demonstrating recently and we await with interest the results obtained on the several acres and test plots which had been subsoiled with Red Cross dynamite. Their method is an easy one, putting half stick dynamite 3 feet deep every 5 feet apart. Stamp blasting has also been proven a success and many farmers are now using dynamite for this purpose as it is the cheapest and best way to remove stumps. Draining wet land by use of dynamite has also proven a success and at small cost. They sink holes down 3 feet or deeper according to the nature of the soil and place from one-half to one stick of dynamite in same; this breaking through the harder ground underneath allows the water to find an under drainage, and it is claimed that much valuable land which is now "bad ground" can be made the best on the farm. Tree planting with dynamite is one of the most valuable discoveries and most every large orchard as well as the small orchards are being planted in holes made with dynamite. It is claimed that trees make a more rapid growth, bear earlier and more fruit. While this method is comparatively new in the East it is said that many orchards in the West have been planted by this method and have done fine; 75 per cent of the trees planted in Virginia for the last two years have been planted with dynamite and there are several orchards in this state which were planted 8 to 12 years ago with dynamite, and the parties who own the same say there is no comparison. The method is to use half stick of Red Cross dynamite in each hole, 2 feet deep, then clean out the hole until you get to the pocket made by the explosion, then fill this hole up with dirt and see that the same is packed well so that there will be no air holes. Ditching with dynamite is also a new method and can be done much cheaper and quicker. Mr. W. M. Brown, field agent for Southern railway, and stationed at Manassas, will be glad to give any of the farmers in our section information on any of these subjects, or the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder Co., Huntington, W. Va., will be glad to send you literature on "Farming with Dynamite."

**COMMUNICATION FROM WM. M. WHEELER.**  
I learn that a circular letter offering to purchase their stock has been sent to the stockholders of the Central Mutual Telephone Co.; and also informed that the object of the purchase is either to cooperate with or to take over the system of our company over to the Bell people who have been trying to get possession of it for several years. In either case I think it would be very unfortunate for the holders to allow their stock to become absorbed by any one without the consent of a majority of said holders. We have now a good system that has taken time, money and labor to build up, and although the stock pays no direct dividends, yet every holder who has a phone has been more than repaid his investment in the cost of his service; for where he now pays \$5 for house and \$7 per annum for business service, he will find that it will cost him about \$24 and \$38 in a short time. 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