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A TEAPOT TEMPEST

When James H. Thorpe, an American Indian from Carlisle, gained most of the most coveted prizes at the Olympic games at Stockholm last year and who was declared the greatest living amateur athlete...

SUFFRAGE IN THE SOUTH

Men in the Southern States are at last realizing that woman suffrage is bound to come. In the olden days men worshipped at the shrine of woman...

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KEEP A WOMAN A SECRET? ANNUAL SESSION OF BANKERS' ASSOCIATION

Westwood Hutchison and C. E. Nash attended the annual session of Group Three of the Virginia Bankers' Association held in Harrisonburg last Saturday.

The regular monthly meeting of the town council was held last Monday night, the following members being present: Mayor Chapman, and councilmen E. R. Comper, O. E. Newman, A. Speiden and W. M. Wheeler.

REGULAR MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

Ordered that Town Purchase Five Municipal Feet of New Fire Hose at Cost of 80 Cents Per Foot.

Despite the fact that the snow continued to fall Monday morning a good crowd of farmers were in town to see the splendid exhibit carried by the Farmers' Institute Train...

MANASSAS-HIGH WINS LAST GAME FEBRUARY INSTITUTE IS WELL ATTENDED

In the last home game of basketball Manassas High School defeated Alexandria High School last Friday night in Nicol's hall by the score of 19 to 15.

The February meeting of the Farmers' Institute was favored by mild weather and good roads which brought out a good attendance. The election of officers resulted in the following: President, Capt. J. Brad, Beverly, of The Plains; secretary and treasurer, Prof. H. F. Button, Manassas; vice-presidents, Westwood Hutchison, Manassas district; A. D. Bauseman, Clifton district; Frank Jones, Fairfax district; Corbin Thompson, Occoquan district; R. A. Rust, Gainesville district; Cecil Smith, Brentsville district; L. T. Merrill, Coles district; executive committee consists of the president, secretary and S. C. Harlow, W. J. Steere, and Howard Myers.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES HANDS

The real estate firm of Earhart & Rhodes, at Nokesville, report to THE DEMOCRAT that they are having a fine business season and in the past ten days have sold four farms, namely:

One of 124 acres for Mr. Stinson, near Brentsville, to J. M. Cline, of Brentsville, for \$5,000.

One of 101 acres for J. M. Cline, of Brentsville, to Everett Harris, of Bealeton, for \$600.

One of 80 acres for Mr. Geo. C. Mace, of Bealeton, to J. M. Cline, of Brentsville, for \$500.

One of 50 acres for Mrs. Lillian J. Payne, of Nokesville, to N. W. Lough, of Dayton, for \$2,100.

Mr. Lough will move about March 1.

Mr. Reynolds, formerly chief of the Jamestown Exposition, will give an illustrated lecture in Manassas tomorrow night, Friday, Feb. 28, 1913.

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THE BIBLE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BEST TEXTBOOK ON MORAL ETHICS

O. Grey Hutchison Gives His Views Regarding Reading Bible Without Comment in Our Public Schools.

By O. GREY HUTCHISON, *Constitutional Editor*

Some advocate that it should be read in our public schools, but without comment. In the minds of these people seems to lurk an idea that the teaching of the Bible is synonymous with teaching theology. In other words they cannot differentiate between moral ethics and the machinery for enforcing moral ethics.

As a matter of fact to read the Bible without comment to the growing intelligence is an insult to both the bible and the intelligence. Especially when the contents of all other books in the curriculum are freely commented upon not only by the teachers but also by the pupils.

To read it without comment is too much like being afraid of it. Of course some are ashamed of it; that portion of which is a history of their own people in their sin and wickedness. Others are afraid of it, thinking that it is impossible to comment on it without teaching theology prerequisite for church membership, or the church ordinances and rites on which so many good people differ as to the essentials.

These all forget that the bible is not primarily a book of rites or ordinances; but that it is primarily a book of morals. It was not written to expound some ones notion of theology, but to record the vital principles of ethical morals as have been found to produce the best results in those who sincerely and earnestly practice them.

We do not hesitate to teach history of those we call heathen, and we freely comment on them, too. This even though the history shows a very low state of morality. We are glad to acquaint ourselves with customs, habits and modes of thinking of all peoples of all times until we come to the Hebrews and then we throw overboard the very best history written of them and hold our hands in holy horror if such a thing is mentioned as teaching their history as found in the bible. This, of course, because we do not see the difference between teaching the best Hebrew history and the union of church and state.

Then when we come to the New Testament we stand agape if some one even breathe a notion of reading that in public schools. And yet it is the best written code of morals the world has ever seen.

Some of our best scholars, having the brightest intellects and the widest experience, have tried to improve on the New Testament code of morals and have always failed.

Then as we wish to have the children taught the very best why not use that which we have already at hand, it having been proven through the centuries and its equal having not yet been found?

"Love thy neighbor as thy self" has never been improved upon. This is not only found in the New Testament but it is also found in the Old (Lev. 19:18). "Honor thy father and thy mother" is as good a precept for a child's relation toward its parent as can be found. Then over against "Love thy neighbor as thyself" put this negative one, "Thou shalt not covet." You see the bible treats both sides of the case. In other words it gives an impartial treatment of moral ethics.

Now please do not misunderstand me to advocate the teaching of the bible in the public schools for any other purpose than that of teaching history and morals. And of course I do not mean to teach sectarianism in any of its phases. If the moral

FEBRUARY INSTITUTE IS WELL ATTENDED

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He spoke eloquently of the slow process by which soil is built up in productiveness and of the need of innate and absolute honesty in dealing with your soil.

After a sumptuous dinner served by the ladies of the M. E. church, South, the discussion of the use of lime was taken up. Mr. Miller spoke with great moderation about the use of lime cautioning his hearers that it is only a means to the desired end and if unwisely used may do more harm than good. Lime affects soil in a variety of ways, first by supplying the small amount needed by plants; second by stimulating the activity of bacteria which gather nitrogen and which causes the decay of vegetable matter, and third by improving the texture of the soil and pulverizing the lumps so that roots can penetrate in every direction.

The addition of stable manure will often produce the same benefits as lime, showing that lime and organic matter have the same effect on the soil. Lime must be regarded not as a fertilizer, but as a means to an end. It enables us to grow clover and clover will prepare the way for all other crops.

Raw or unburned lime is, in the opinion of Mr. Miller, preferable to burned or caustic lime except where the soil is very acid. Raw lime has all the virtues of caustic lime, but does not destroy the humus. About twice as much of raw lime as of burned lime should be applied.

The meeting adjourned to meet again March 20.

principles of the bible are taught these other things will take good care of themselves. Those who are ashamed to have it read because of its history should be ashamed to have it read because of the moral teachings themselves. But none of us have a right through prejudice or stupidity to deprive the growing mind of the very best training it is possible to give.

With this illustration I will close. Years ago in Philadelphia there lived a man who feared God, as was proven by his membership in the order of Free and Accepted Masons. He became so disgusted with the church as he knew it that when he made his will he left his property to found a school for educating youths, provided that no cleric should be allowed to come into the school; also providing that the very best text book on morals that could be procured should be used. The trustees after examining various books on morals decided that they could do no better than to use the bible as a text book of moral ethics. This has been done to the present day notwithstanding the fact that school officials are allowed to allow school visitors. Yet this school has turned out more men of sterling worth and integrity who have become leaders of moral thought and action than any other school of like size in the United States.

So I say teach the bible in our public schools for what it is—a book of history and moral ethics—and make it one of the regular text books, requiring anyone applying for a teacher's certificate to take an examination on it just as on any other text that is required.

I believe this because I believe that we should train the children in all things that are good; certainly then in those things that are best.

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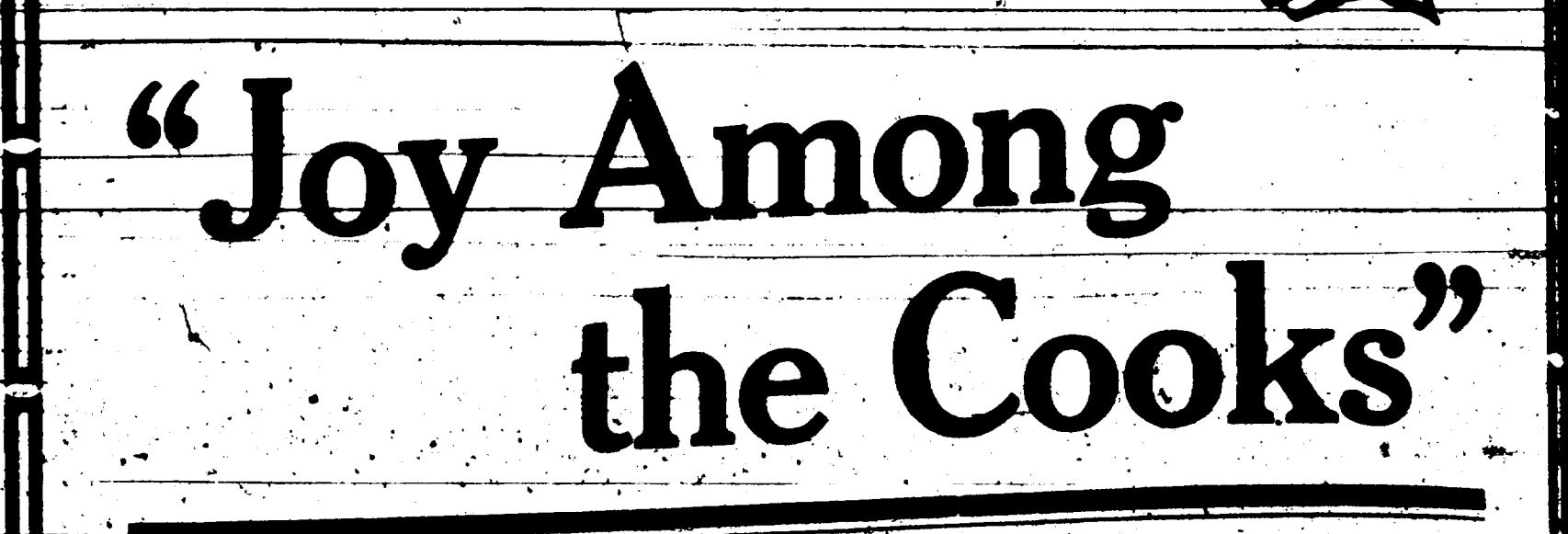
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WASHINGTON LETTER

President Taft has held a series of special Cabinet meetings over the Mexican situation; and it is announced that the administration believes in having troops sent for an emergency in case Congress decides that hostile invasion of Mexico is necessary. But the President is determined that no such step will be taken unless absolutely necessary.

Appropriate services in memory of those who lost their lives fifteen years ago by the destruction of the Maine were held last week in Arlington Cemetery, over the graves of those buried there.

It now seems that the getting together process of the Republican party will not be from the top, but from the bottom. Not the leaders, but the rank and file will be the agents to work the cementing of the party organization.

A dinner in honor of Uncle Joe Cannon, retiring Speaker of the House, was one of the greatest politico-social functions of the season. From far and near politicians, who had served or fought him, gathered to do him honor and fairly buried him under a avalanche of praise, congratulations and farewell blessings.

President Taft was present and made an address. The Chief Justice of the United States also made a short speech and, by doing so, broke an age-old custom observed by former Chief Justices of not speaking at political gatherings.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN.

The grand jury of Prince William county, in reporting upon its investigation of tax returns, says: "While our investigation has not resulted in bringing to light any great amount of taxable property, we believe that it will result in great good, as the commission of revenue and industry both better comprehend the intentions of the law in this important respect. We feel sure that this investigation has enhanced their efficiency and that their vigilance will be doubled in making future assessments."

There is no doubt of the force of this conclusion of the Prince William grand jury. The danger we see ahead is that any temporary increase of vigilance will encourage the legislature to temporize with the whole question of tax reform. If this is the result of the mid improvement of administration which will result from the efforts of Auditor Moore the improvement will be a disadvantage. Tax reform was before the last legislature, where it had no show whatever, in spite of the sentiment in the State for a radical change. It ought to be a chief measure in the next general assembly and a law should be passed which will properly separate State from county municipal taxation and which will accomplish a fair and just assessment of property.—Charlottesville Progress.

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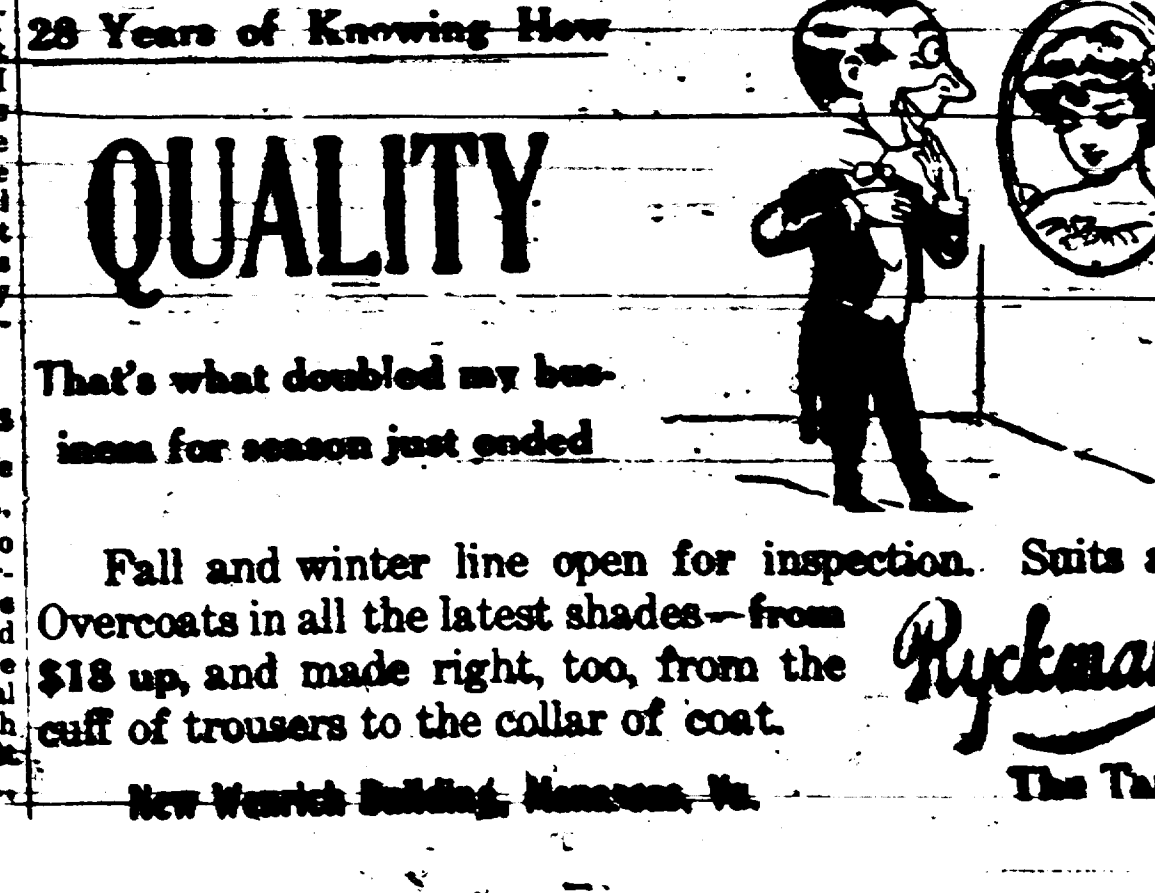
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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Ernest Ransdell visited friends and relatives in Washington this week. A. B. Davis, of Clarendon, was in Manassas yesterday visiting friends. Mrs. F. E. Garrison was a Washington shopper one day this week.

Robert Lipscomb spent Sunday last at his home near Bristow. J. J. Davies, of Culpeper, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in town. H. C. Rockman visited friends in Baltimore for a short while one day last week.

W. W. Buckley, of Clifton, was in town visiting friends last Monday. Another dance is being planned for next week by some of the younger people. W. J. Walker visited friends and relatives in Orange last Sunday and Monday.

G. W. Payne returned yesterday from a visit to Washington. Miss Cora Hottel, of Bealeton, is visiting Miss L. May Werlich. Hopkins candy factory is again running with the entire force once more at work.

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