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THE SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS

Another Congress with its good and bad bills, its economies and extravagancies, its moments of human interest and its times of apparent indifference has passed into history.

- The Direct Election of Senators Amendment. Passed.
The Russian Treaty Resolution. Passed.
The Statehood Bill. Passed.
The Tariff Bill. Vetted.

There is a clause in the Democratic platform that denounces the prodigal waste of money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation through the lavish appropriations of recent Republican Congresses.

SPRINGTIME

Once more the seasons have rolled around and the time of planting has arrived. In all walks of life the successful man or woman benefits by experience and is keen to follow up a plan that is working well.

PARAGRAPHS

THE country keeps very cheerful in spite of Wall Street gloom. Looking out for posterity is much better than boasting about ancestors.

WHILE the way of the transgressor may be hard it is seldom lonesome.

THERE is still room at the top; but it takes a well-balanced man to stay there.

IF PRESIDENT Wilson wants to see you he will send for you. Save railroad fare.

DR. ANNA Shaw has been mentioned for President in 1916, but we don't know who the original Dr. Anna Shaw man is.

DR. WILEY says girls should not flirt until they have learned to cook. By that time they would be too sensible. Doc is as wise as an old owl.

THE male persons who annoyed the suffragists in Washington are the kind who do not know enough to vote intelligently on any proposition.

A ST. LOUIS pastor says there is no recording angel in heaven. Maybe not, but we all like to think there is, when we do something that is half decent.

A GENEALOGIST says that George Washington's ancestors bore the name of Washen. Sounds more like Monday morning than the more familiar name.

THE 93rd semi-annual meeting of the Piedmont Convocation of the Episcopal Church will be held in Zion Church at Fairfax C. H., on April 15, 16 and 17.

AFTER all there are worse things than the friend who tells you about your faults. He does it to your face; your enemy keeps pecking at you behind your back.

MR. TAFT wonders "why all the world is not Unitarian." Probably it is because all people do not think alike; and they don't, as can be proved by the November election returns.

MISS Jessie Wilson, the second daughter of President and Mrs. Wilson, is a student of the working girl problem, and next month will speak on the topic at a meeting of the Y. W. C. A. in Richmond.

WHEN the pumping station at Bristow burned up the other day the Town Council held its breath, for what could our gallant fire brigade and our costly fire engine do in case of a fire?

PRESIDENT Finely, of the Southern Railway Company, has announced that work will be commenced at an early date on the installation of automatic electric block signals on the line between the Company's Alexandria terminals and Orange, Va.



What Three Bushels More to the Acre Means

EIGHT years ago the farmers in a central state averaged crops that ran three bushels less per acre than they now get.

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NEW YORK LAWYER JOINS DEBATE
C. P. H. Gives a Few Arguments in Favor of the Cause of Equal Rights

In regard to the debate on Woman Suffrage, held at Haymarket on March 19, as one of the audience I would like to say that I looked rather bad for the negatives.

One of the most beautiful and attractive social affairs took place in Conner's Hall last Monday evening when the Manassas German Club held its annual Easter German.

Among those who were guests of the Club were: Misses Sue Branner, of Broad Run; Ora Mason and Ada Kincheole, of Yorkville; Florence Roth, of Upperville; Theodora Waters, Marie Adams, Susie Shaner, Peggy Fred, Miss Stuedes, Miss Martley and Mrs. Robert Donahue, of Washington; Emily Marbury and Belle Adams, of Clifton.

In Colorado, after the women were given the right to vote, the very next legislature passed a law making father and mother equal guardians over their children.

TORNADO AND FLOODS SWEEP THROUGH WEST

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE KILLED
Thousands Left Homeless in Wake of Raging Floods and Tornadoes in Indiana and Ohio—Dayton Storm Center.

Following in the path of the terrific tornado which passed over the middle western states last Sunday, thousands of people in Ohio and Indiana have been made homeless by raging floods which swept a path of horror and destruction in these two states.

As a High School I shall leave this Saturday for the Plains, where they will line up against the High school of that place. Plains is said to have a very fast nine this season and I have no doubt that they will be very successful.

EASTER GERMAN ATTRACTS MANY

NUMBER OF VISITORS PRESENT
Supper Served at Midnight in Nicol's Hall by Girls of High School Domestic Science Class—Good Music.

The meeting of the Farmers' Institute to be held in the Court-house on Friday, March 28, will be the last for the season.

A supper was served at midnight in Nicol's Hall by the girls of the Domestic Science class of the High School, after which dancing was resumed until two o'clock.

The regular program of the Institute is an unusually good one, but as it was thoroughly reviewed in these columns last week it is needless to more than mention the topics.

EASTERN COLLEGE WINS SLOW GAME

DOWN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM 18-5
Good Sized Crowd Present in Spite of Bad Weather—Shows Up After Few Inaugural—Lath Shows Up Well.

Eastern College played and won their first practice game of the year last Saturday, the score being 16 to 5.

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CLOSING SESSION OF FARMERS' INSTITUTE

HELD IN COURTHOUSE TOMORROW
Several Topics of Vital Importance to be Discussed—Program Described—Unusually Good Program.

The presence of Prof. Chas. G. Maphis should bring out every friend of the school to learn from him what is necessary for the future growth of the school.

Many of the school patrons know that the natural growth of the schools have produced really acute conditions of overcrowding and lack of teachers that requires immediate attention.

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PREPARATION-COVERS CROPS

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THE SOUTH THE GREAT CORN BELT OF FUTURE

CORN IS NOT A POOR LAND CROP
Field Agent, Southern Railway Company.

The progressive farmers through the help of various agencies have increased the corn crop of the Southern States more than 200,000,000 bushels in the three years from 1909 to 1912.

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CAPT. W. M. WILEY VISITS MANASSAS

A GUEST OF DR. W. A. NEWMAN
An Intimate Friend of President Will- is in the City on Business—His Views on the Mexican Situation.

Dr. W. A. Newman has as his guest this week Capt. W. M. WileY, president of the Mineral Development Company, of Guanajuato, Mexico, and New York, an intimate friend of President Wilson and at one time London correspondent for several American newspapers.

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ANNUAL EVENT AT WASHINGTON
National Capital May Become Meeting Grounds for Breeders and Buyers of Fine Horses From All Over.

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ground should be open enough and sufficiently deep to catch enough of this water to keep the soil from washing and to keep the crop in good condition through the growing period. Plow the soil as deep as possible and subsoil, if the subsoil is a hard clay or in any way seems to have a "hard pan." After plowing and subsoiling sow a cover crop, if not too late. Of course this cannot be done where corn is following corn. When this is the case give as deep plowing as possible when plowing under the green crop without subsoiling. We do not advocate subsoiling in the spring. A disc harrow run over the green crop before it is plowed down will do much good by "fitting" the top soil.

It is new too late to think of any green manure crop for this year's crop, but the ground should be plowed as early as dry enough, if it has not already been plowed. Do not be afraid to go down to a good depth, but turn the furrow up on its edge and do not turn completely over as so many do in plowing. After plowing harrow with the disc every 20 to 30 days until time for seeding. This may seem to be too much work, but it will pay many times over. In short, give a thorough deep preparation of the seed bed, and your crop is more than half made.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD SEED TO OBTAIN A FULL CROP.

Prof. C. H. Lane of the U. S. Department of Agriculture recently stated in an address on "Corn Raising" that good seed was worth \$25 per bushel to the farmer, and we do not disagree with Prof. Lane. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of planting of good seed. In order to secure a full yield, even on a rich soil and under ideal conditions, you must have a full stand of corn on the ground and this cannot be had unless you plant corn that will germinate 100 per cent. If you do not have good seed of your own, buy some from a good reliable man who has made a business of breeding corn for high production. After getting seed, make the germination test for yourself that you may be sure that you are planting nothing but live seed. Good seed can be obtained from \$2 to \$4 per bushel. In the fall while the corn is maturing, make a selection of your own seed for the next year's crop to give that expense the second year.

VARIETIES OF CORN

There are so many varieties of corn that it is oftentimes difficult to determine just which one is best for a given locality. It is usually safest to study the varieties of corn in a community and select the one that had given best results there under normal conditions. For Virginia the large one eared varieties seem to have given best results. The prolific types have been more popular farther South. Some of the varieties that have given best results are: White, Boone County, Silver Mine, Hickory King for upland, and Collier's Excelsior; Yellow, Palen's Yellow, Reid's Yellow Dent and Riley's Favorite. There are many other good varieties of corn which give splendid results in different places. Select some good variety and improve it year after year by careful selection of the best ears from the high producing stalks.

PLANTING, DRILLING VS. CHECKED CORN.

There seems to be a variety of opinion as to which is the proper method of planting corn, drilling or checking. Both are good and may be the best under certain conditions. Where the land is not free from weeds and grass and trouble is likely to be experienced in controlling same, it will be better plan to check. This will enable a more thorough working of the corn. But where the land is virtually free from weeds and grass, we would advise drilling. Be sure to put plenty of care in the ground to

secure a stand. It is much better to thin than to replant.

FERTILIZERS.

At this particular season thousands of farmers are asking what fertilizers to use to get the greatest returns for their money expended. Of course they have in mind the use of commercial fertilizers for all crops. It is to be hoped that the farmer of the South will come to realize the importance of growing legumes to supply one of the great elements found in fertilizers. Nitrogen. The three elements of plant food usually deficient in the soil are; phosphorus, potash and nitrogen. We will need to add phosphorus to our soils in the form of acid phosphate, rock phosphate, or basic slag, but most of our soils contain a supply of potash which can be made available by good tillage and the use of lime. Nitrogen can and should be gotten from the air by the aid of growing legumes.

In selecting a fertilizer for corn we must consider the soil condition.

Some soils are capable of utilizing more fertilizer to an advantage than other soils. We should be able to determine just how much fertilizer our soil will use at a profit. The more water the soil holds, the more fertilizer the soil will utilize, because water is the great carrier of plant food besides being a plant food of itself. Therefore, to get the best results for the use of fertilizer we need a deep, well prepared seed bed with good under-drainage.

ONE, TWO OR THREE APPLICATIONS FOR CORN?

There is still a diversity of opinion on this subject, but the results obtained prove that several and frequent applications of the fertilizer to corn gives the best results. It is easier and consequently the majority of the farmers put the whole dose of fertilizer on usually in the drill just before planting. We should advise at least two applications of fertilizer and three if possible.

An application of 300 pounds of acid phosphate mixed with 60 pounds of muriate of potash spread broadcast in the soil with a wheat drill about 30 days before planting will give good results on clay soils that are not subject to washing. An application of nitrate of soda should be made when the corn is about 12 inches high and a second application just before starting to tassle. 120 pounds in the two applications will give good results, but may be increased or diminished. The nitrate should be spread broadcast over the middle in order to reach more of the roots. From 400 to 600 pounds of a complete fertilizer showing 10-4-4 may be used on the more sandy types of soil. This should be put on the soil in three applications. After making either application use the harrow or cultivator to incorporate the fertilizer with the soil. If a green manure crop is to be plowed under an application of from 600 to 1000 pounds of lime will give good results. This will not show very much on the corn crop, but will do its work on the crop following corn.

CULTIVATION.

If the right kind of preparation has been given, frequent shallow cultivation will be all that is necessary. Use the harrow just after the corn comes up. Keep a disc machete formed by working the soil once every ten days or oftener with a harrow or cultivator. Corn should be cultivated as soon after every rain as the ground is dry enough to form the mulch to hold the water that had been caught by the soil. Continue shallow cultivation until the corn starts to tassle. Those late workings may seem unnecessary but they will pay. The one horse harrow or single or double row cultivators should be used for cultivating the corn.

SLAG CORN.

The silage is coming to be a nat-

ional factor in the development of our country. With the development of the live stock industry the South is realizing more and more the need of the silo. The cheapest silage that can be grown is made from corn. The varieties of corn used mostly for corn are the prolific types. This can be planted much thicker in the row and the rows may be placed closer together than with the field corn. The preparation, fertilization and cultivation are the same as field corn.

Culpeper is the latest neighboring town that has been scared up by dogs affected with rabies. It would be a good plan to have the dogs muzzled in this community and rid the public of the many stray ones that are seen on the main streets every day, none of which have any license.

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THE SUFFRAGE BEE IN HAYMARKET'S BONNET

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The people of these United States who are prohibited from voting are insane, criminals, idiots and women. If the former are partially represented, then so are the women. Another of his views: "The men give the women everything they want, why should they vote?" John will work very hard to buy Mary a new hat because she wants it. (Why do some men think a hat means everything to a woman?) Thank heaven we have some Johns who will buy his Mary anything he can for the pleasure in pleasing her. But how about the numerous Johns who sear buy anything they can squirm out of getting and if Mary gets anything more than her board and a very meager supply of clothes, in return for her share of the work she has to beg for it and give an account of every penny. Like the woman who was asked: "Does your husband keep a scrub book?" No, was the reply, but he keeps a check book and there is a scrub every time I want a check. How about the 8,000,000 working women who have no John to give them. They need the ballot for protection.

A favorite anti-argument is that the male is the natural protector of the female, it is proven by the birds, animals, etc.

This certainly should be true and is in lots of instances. But why is it our women are afraid to go out alone on dark nights and lonely streets even in daylight in some places? Are they afraid of wild beasts or their protectors? If the boys were all taught to treat all girls as they treat their sisters to be treated we would need no protection. There is too little time given to that part of their education.

Watch over your boys and raise them right and your girls can take care of themselves without being watched. As for a woman losing her womanliness, the ballot cannot give her qualities which she has not, neither can it take away those she has, and the men who have the true sentiment for women cannot lose it by giving her equal rights.

Our lawyer friend also said: "It would never do for a woman to talk politics with her husband, it would help break up the home."

Perhaps if the woman could talk politics with their husbands the men would stay at home more and not loaf on the streets and in the stores to talk to the men. Why not spend an evening with your friends talking politics as well as playing cards or any other social game? The political game is one in which we are all interested. We don't all play cards.

Ex-Gov. Adams, of Colorado, said: "I have known personally at least 10,000 women voters of Colorado and I have never known one to be less a woman or less a mother or less a housekeeper or less a bear-keeper from the fact that she voted, not one, and I've studied the question for thirty years."

The proof of the pie is in the eating. In writing this I am following the advice of the Hon. Edward T. Tyler, of Colorado, who says: "No woman on this earth can be engaged in a higher, nobler or more humane work than in making an earnest and persistent fight for the rights of her weaker and less fortunate sisters who have, through poverty, oppression and incessant toil, no power to fight for themselves. It is a strange trait of our man nature that anyone should strive so hard to prevent others from acquiring rights, which they so much need because forsooth he does not need

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FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1913

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WAGON, BUGGY, CART AND HARNESS—1 Moline 3-horse wagon with bed and spring seat complete; 1 new wagon bed; 1 hay frame; 1 dirt bed; 1 buggy; 1 breaking cart; 1 set double team harness complete; 1 set double plow harness; 2 sets of double harness carriage harness, riding and work harness; 19 collars; 3 carriage blankets; 5 horse blankets.

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BEAUTY IN AMERICAN CITIES

Field for Artists Has as Yet Scarcely Been Exploited, Says Writer in Scribner.

As I wandered about the streets and the parks, studying them under the constantly shifting and kaleidoscopic effects which are peculiar to our changeable climate (it might be at twilight, with the lights reflected in long streamers from the wet pavement, or at dawn, with a soft glow of a blur of snow on rainy days, or at night, or during the Indian summer days, when the tall skyscrapers show only as towering ghosts through the misty air, or when the sun is just gradually to perceive that there was another kind of beautiful which, however much it might differ from that to which I had been so long accustomed abroad, was none the less intrinsic and admirable, says a writer in Scribner's. As time went on I became more and more fascinated with this new new loveliness. And now, after thirty years, I have come to hold New York the most beautiful city in the world; not Paris, nor London, nor Rome, nor Antwerp can, in my opinion, compare with it, either in color or effect, or in the unexpected character and beauty of its piled-up buildings. Even the admitted charm of Venice becomes somewhat petty by comparison; there are picturesque details, but not necessarily connote beauty, and a scene which will make an excellent picture postal card will not always make an excellent picture.

I soon found that what was true of New York city was equally true of our American landscape generally. The quality of its beauty is wholly different from that of northern Europe, but it was equally adapted to pictorial expression on canvas. It had only to be approached by a systematic temperament and with unprejudiced eyes to yield limitless material for the painter's art. And, inasmuch as nature's moods on this side of the ocean are infinitely more varied than they are abroad, they lend themselves to the most divergent artistic temperament and result of a very wide range of personal expression.

NEED CARE IN ARRANGEMENT

Proper Display of Trees and Shrubs Must Be Made, to Secure the Best Results.

Mrs. Van Benschoten, one of our most artistic writers on the subject of landscape gardening, says: "If now we ask when and where we need the fine art of landscape gardening, the answer is not the active but the passive and wherever we touch the surface of the ground and the plants it bears with the wish to produce an artistic result that shall bring to the eye the pleasure and beauty of the scene. The name we usually apply to it must not mislead us into thinking that this art is needed only for the creation of broad landscape effects. It is needed wherever we do most things—on the lawn, in the garden, on the way, on the hillside, on the roadside, on the farm, on the city street, on the park, on the estate, or on the modest acreage. We must go about our work in an artistic spirit if we want a good result. Two trees and six shrubs, a good lawn, and a few flowering plants may form either a beautiful little picture or a dreary array of brown and ochre."

OFFENSE AGAINST PUBLIC TASTE

It is astonishing that men of wealth and culture should fail to recognize the rights of the public in property which is owned in fee by individuals or corporations. Fencing to the public a right of way or fence, the cutting of a right of way or hedge or the failure to cut a shrub or tree are all offenses against the public which should be punished as such. We should remember that the earth was made for man—that we should reap and leave it to our posterity. It is found in this is true of our home park systems as well as the more elaborate park systems of our largest cities.

FOR FURTHER HIGHWAYS

The blue gum probably makes our finest country avenue trees, but it should be planted only where it will have plenty of room when fully grown and where it will not be injurious to adjoining property. It is easily and quickly grown, but is a gross feeder—the more the better—on rich soil. It is especially objectionable especially along streets or near residences. On the street the blue gum should stand 50 feet from the sidewalk and 60 feet from the corner. It is a tree of this size and of this quality of timber.

A SLAMMER MAILED

About two weeks ago there appeared in the daily press a report of a banquet attended by about five hundred "wine growers" in New York. A prominent official of that body stated that the then president-elect was not a "temperance crank," and would have liquors served at his table. He recited an "instance" in the campaign when Mr. Wilson had publicly drunk Scotch whisky and had also entered a prominent "café" in the West and drank liquor. We have awaited "developments."

Nobody will accuse the Washington Post of being a dry paper, and now the "developments" have come in the issue of the Post of March 10, and the article makes very interesting reading: "The edict has gone forth that the Wilson-Marshall administration shall be a 'white-ribbon' affair, with no wine or liquor served at any entertainment. Not only do the President and Mrs. Wilson and their daughters taboo the sparkling cup, but so also do the Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan, and nearly the entire cabinet."

"This is one of the most striking social changes under the new administration, and it is reckoned will save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to those who entertain frequently."

"When the Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan had the British Ambassador as a luncheon guest at the New Willard several days ago, Mrs. Bryan announced that neither she nor Mr. Bryan drank wine, and she knew Mr. Bryce did not.—Virginia Issue."

FEMALE LANGUISH

Women are living longer than they did twenty years ago, but the doctors aren't agreed on the reason. Though all admit it isn't due to the improvement of the human race, they are widely divided in their opinions about it. Statistics compiled in England show that the expectation of life of a woman of fifty is a year greater than it was in 1876, while that of a man is only a few months greater. One school of doctors, who believe that death is due entirely to a wearing out of brain tissue, says the greater longevity of women is due to the fact that they don't use their brains as much as men. On the other side of the scientific fence is a group of doctors who insist that woman lives longer now because "she is more sheltered than man; doesn't have to face the wearing competition of business that he has to endure and that she spends most of her time at home, with her family and her health that the office where men work."

REST FOR ALL

"I see that you are going to give your pastor a vacation."

"But why?"

"He needs a rest."

"But you are trying to give him six months' vacation."

"Yes."

"And why?"

"Say, you think I need a rest, too?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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TESTS FOR POSTMASTERS UP

The problem of providing civil service examinations for the thousands of fourth-class postmasters, placed under the classified service by executive orders, was taken up at a conference at the Postoffice Department Monday.

Postmaster-General Burleson, Assistant Postmaster-General, and several minor Postoffice Department officials and Civil Service Commission McHenry went over the situation. Test will be framed by the department and the Civil Service Commission jointly and will be submitted to President Wilson for his approval. The order for the examination would have to come from the President.

The department officials are finding considerable difficulty in arriving at a basis for tests which would obtain competent men and at the same time not so difficult as to frighten off applicants for the places.

THE FERTY FAITH

An article which had exceptional merit to survive for a couple of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. From a small beginning it has grown in favor and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of months. It is the only remedy for a cough or cold. For sale by all dealers.

WOMEN TO HAVE VOICE

Representative Carlin has decided, according to a letter which he gave out Monday, to try the experiment of woman suffrage in Virginia. The occasion for the experiment arose by virtue of a vacancy in the presidential postoffice at Purcellville, Loudoun County, and Mr