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### PARAGRAPHS

In order to lay up money a man must salt down his coin.  
It takes a female detective to follow the fashions these days.  
Never offer an excuse that you wouldn't be willing to take yourself.  
Just before Christmas the days are shortest, after Christmas the men.  
Lets make 1914 a record breaker on the side of community progress.  
If Vic Huerta doesn't hurry up, he'll have to head his army in Texas.  
A crank is generally an expert in a line which you are not interested.  
Anybody will tramp on a fellow who doesn't put up a kick once in a while.  
Even though the currency is reformed some of it will stay out late at night, as usual.  
When a young man tells a girl he would die for her, these days she wonders if his life is insured.  
Some of the fellows are just waiting for the water wagon to turn a sharp corner so they can fall off.  
A Congressman has introduced a bill to protect calves. But it is veal he has in mind, not slit skirts.  
Belated reports from Chile indicate that the Colonel didn't have such a "Bully" time as was expected.  
President Wilson has reason to be pleased with his first year's work, since the country is pleased with it.  
Those treasury regulations for the taxing of "separated" couples convey an uncanny suggestion of hashed humanity.  
Huerta's idea that he and the republic are synonymous probably is based on the fact that nobody else is free down there.  
After carefully hiding away the fussy gift calendars, the tired business man goes forth to buy a calendar that he can use.  
One of the most striking exhibits Italy could make at the exposition would be a shipload of cashed American money orders.  
Big business should realize, however, that President Wilson has promised to let it alone as long as it is good and behaves itself.  
That missing grain of radium, valued at \$4,500 will be likely to inspire New York detective stories that will bring in a still larger sum.  
Canada complains that the "free list" in our recent tariff is draining her food stuff, but it has not lowered the cost of living here.  
The prosperous farmer will soon be demanding "bulletins from the department of Agriculture" on the selection and care of automobiles.  
It's hard to understand a minimum wage of \$3 a day for government employes, unless Uncle Sam is going into the automobile business.  
Having gnawed its leach, the high cost of living comes panting after the consumer merrily wagging its tail as though it, too, belonged in 1914.  
The new year will be what we make it, so far as our individual lives are concerned, and the man or woman who resolves to be happy in a healthful, unselfish way, is taking the first road toward happiness.  
By the terms of the will of the late S. A. Cunningham, the "Confederate Veteran," at Nashville, and of which he was founder and owner, is left to a board of trust, composed of officers of various Confederate associations and personal friends. In practical effect the bequest leaves the Veteran to the Confederate associations in perpetuity.  
When a man has accumulated a sum of money, and has accumulated it strictly within the law, the government has no right to share in its earnings. If the man has respected the law, ex post facto laws should not apply to property rights. Man's right to undivided ownership of his property in whatever form cannot be denied to him by any process short of confiscation. Men of great wealth give more to the people in their own way than does the government—John D. Rockefeller.  
In the opinion of the speakers of the annual convention of the National Shoe Retailers' Association, held in New York this week, the retail price of shoes may soon reach \$10 per pair. "Pure shoe laws," already adopted in 25 States and several measures of the same nature now pending in Congress were given as the chief causes for increasing the price of footwear. The shoe retailers were told that if all shoes were made of all leather, 2,000,000 more hides per annum would be required in this country alone.  
A workman's compensation law, designed to guarantee a laborer monetary return for injury received while in performance of his duty, has been drawn by Joseph Burton, State Commissioner of Insurance, and will be introduced in the coming General Assembly. It is one step beyond the employer's liability law, and is modeled after the Michigan workman's compensation law of 1912. It proposes to abolish, on the part of the employer, the common law defense of contributory negligence, assumption of risk and injury by a fellow servant, and in their place to establish an absolute liability in the cases except where the injury results from the wilful negligence of the workman.  
Industrial awakening "that will put the panic preachers to shame," was promised Tuesday by Democratic leader Underwood, after Republicans in the House had painted dark pictures of ruin and desolation as the result of Democratic legislation. "The Democratic party," declared Mr. Underwood, "has achieved for the American people more than has been accomplished here before in the history of our government. We have secured the results which the Republican party struggled for in the course of twenty years; the results which they gave their pledges to secure, and which for term after term of Congress were left undone. I look forward to unusual prosperity throughout the country in the next year."

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### PEACE IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

A recent speech of Vice-President Marshall in which he set forth the desirability of promoting peace between business and the Government instead of conflict and friction, has been heartily approved by the business world and business men of all sections. Under Presidents Taft and Roosevelt, the Government launched wholesale law suits against business enterprises all over the country. In many instances the business interests were unable to understand what the real aim and policy of the Government was and what benefits to the people, if any, were sought to be accomplished. President Wilson has made his policy clear and it is this: that one group of men shall not control a certain business and by interlocking directorates control several others. He has given the business world to understand what they may, and what they may not do, and there is now a very clear and definite understanding between the Government and the big business interests.  
A few weeks ago President Wilson made the following significant statement:  
"I gain the impression more and more from week to week that the business men of the country are sincerely desirous of conforming with the law, and it is very gratifying indeed to have occasion, as in this instance, to deal with them in complete frankness and to be able to show that all we desire is an opportunity to cooperate with them. So long as we are dealt with in this spirit we can help to build up the business of the country upon sound and permanent lines."  
As a result of this understanding the Morgan group of financiers which is the dominating financial power of the country has withdrawn from active participation in about thirty of the great corporations, and railroads of the country. This wise and statesman like policy is now rapidly improving business in all sections of the country, and instead of having unending legal battles between the government and business interests, for which the public has been footing the bill, we are now entering upon an era of business peace and prosperity, and under the beneficial operation of the new currency bill the small business man will have greater opportunity than he has ever enjoyed before. We now have statesmanship in the White House instead of Democracy and it is going to pay big dividends to the public.

### OLEO TAX MAY BE REMOVED

Again congress is asked to remove the tax on oleomargarine. This time Representative Buchanan asks that the embargo be taken off both the pure and the colored oleo. His bill also provides that the person who knowingly purchases oleomargarine sold under a false label shall be punished. "The poor man's butter" is what oleo is called. The consumers of butter are the ones to complain. It is true, oleomargarine is wholesome and good to eat, and is cheap when compared with the price of fancy creamery butter. Millions of individuals are willing to eat the product, but they want to buy it under its right name. Government officials declare that the 10-cent-a-pound tax on the colored oleo has not stopped the imitation of butter by many dealers, although it has to a great extent done so. The consumers do not feel that they should be required to pay the tax of 10 cents a pound, and those who purchase butter at butter prices do not wish to be fooled by being handed a package of colored oleomargarine. The tax was placed on oleo at the behest of the representatives of the dairy states, and congressmen who voted for the tax did so believing that dealers would sell the product under its right name and not as butter at butter prices. If Representative Buchanan's bill will compel oleo dealers to sell their products on its merits the measure will probably be well supported. Frauds are what the consumers are anxious to be rid of.

### COX ELECTED SPEAKER

Preliminary organizations of the House of Delegates was effected Tuesday night by the nomination of Edwin P. Cox, of Richmond, as Democratic candidate for speaker, and Harry R. Houston, of Hampton, as caucus chairman. The expected session failed to develop, the caucus being a place of oratory and good fellowship, in which predictions were made for an aggressive session.  
The two houses of the General Assembly held their formal sessions Wednesday at noon.  
In accepting his nomination at the hands of the caucus, Mr. Cox came out strongly for open sessions of all committees, and for a division of the work of the Finance Committee, having a new Finance Committee, concerned with problems of taxation and the raising of the revenue, and an Appropriation Committee having supervision of the outgo.  
On account of the tremendous amount of work before both branches of the General Assembly, a proposition will be made for an extra session to take place during the fall of 1914. It is said that the committees will be appointed to study out the tax question, who will report at the extra session. This proposition will pass both the house and the senate.

### APROPOS OF THE DRAMA

Of late there has developed a tendency on the part of certain play writers to portray all their own discover which is low and evil, and the daily press as a general thing applauds. It is argued by critics that the young as well as their elders and the innocent and uncorrupted of all ages should be informed about mysteries of life and science. The problems played are graduating. They have no morals to them, although they pretend to point a lesson. When one sees a home theater or a show in the parlor where there is good furniture and pretty pictures and nice a brace. They are not conducted to the lack yard and asked to give into the garbage cans and great over the fifth which has been removed from the house. Why, then, should the stage portray the fifth and degradation of society? The theater should be as clean morally as a church or a school. Why not?—National Weekly.

### "OLD UNCLE CON" AND "BINGVILLE SCHOOL"

CONNER'S HALL, FRIDAY, JAN. 30  
Given by Local Talent Under Direction of Frank S. Davidson, Master of Stagecraft, Who is Well Known Here.

It is with eagerness and pleasure that the public awaits the coming of the Dramatic Gem, "Old Uncle Con," and the musical comedy, "The Bingville School," which will be presented in Conner's Hall on the night of Friday, Jan. 30.  
These two plays, to be given in one, were written by the well-known and quaint comedian, Frank S. Davidson, and under his direct guidance and supervision, with the assistance of the best local talent, this performance promises to be one of the best that a Manassas audience has ever witnessed. They are the latest and best efforts of one who has for a quarter of a century stood at the head of the clean and wholesome amusement class and Mr. Davidson's name alone guarantees the character of the performance.  
Not only will those who attend be afforded two solid hours of real pleasure, but will be benefiting at the same time two very worthy causes, the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Manassas Dramatic Club Band. For this reason if nothing else the show should turn out and benefit while being benefitted.  
"Old Uncle Con" and "The Bingville School" are modern, up-to-date and clean in every respect, and there is enough pathos, sentiment and sensation, wisdom and wit, music and mirth artistically mingled in the performance to thoroughly delight every auditor.

The best features of tragedy, drama, comedy, farce, musical sketch and vaudeville have been utilized in the making of this remarkable entertainment.  
Don't fail to come out and help the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Dramatic Club Band, and at the same time enjoy Manassas' best show.  
The following is the caste of characters:  
OLD UNCLE CON  
Mr. Harper—The Rich Man  
Joe Harper—His Son  
D. R. Lewis  
Joe Harper—His Son  
R. C. Leachman  
John O'Brian—The Clerk  
F. R. Cox  
Miss Harper—The Daughter  
Mrs. J. R. B. Davis  
Miss Mary Beverly Leachman  
Old Uncle Con—The Poor Man  
Frank S. Davidson

**SOUTHERN'S SPECIAL**  
**AGRICULTURAL TRAIN**  
WILL ARRIVE IN MANASSAS FEB. 22  
Commissioner Keiner, and Representative Groves from his Department to Deliver Lectures Along Route.  
To further the cause of up-to-date agriculture by disseminating the latest information of improved farming methods among farmers along its lines in Virginia, the Southern Railway Company, working in co-operation with the Virginia Department of Agriculture, will operate a special agricultural train in Virginia during February. The special train begins its tour at West Point, February 5, and will make forty-eight stops. It will consist of two coaches for lecture purposes, one coach with seats removed for exhibits and an officer's car to carry the lecturers who will accompany it. W. E. Gross, agent of the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway, will be in charge of the train, and Commissioner Keiner and representatives from his department will deliver lectures and demonstrations.  
Following is a part of the itinerary:  
February 21, Capehart, 10 a. m.; Midland, 2 p. m.  
February 22, The Plains, 10 a. m.; Markham, 2 p. m.  
February 24, Strasburg, 10 a. m.; Tom's Brook, 2 p. m.  
February 25, Manassas, 10 a. m.; Burke, 2 p. m.

### FATAL ACCIDENT TO ELMER CLARK

ON "MINNIEVILLE" ROAD, FRIDAY  
Wagon and Team Slip Down Steep Embankment, Crushing Him Beneath the Weight of the Two Horses.

Elmer Clark, twenty-five years of age, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark, of Minnieville, was suddenly killed last Friday night as the result of an accident due to the bad condition of the roads.  
Mr. Clark had been to Occoquan on a business trip and was returning home driving a heavy team and wagon. Upon coming to what is known as Chamberlin's Hill, where there is a deep cut, he found that because of its bad condition that it had been abandoned and a road made at top of the steep sides of the hill or bank. He took this road and upon nearly reaching the summit he drove too near the edge, his wagon slipped down the steep embankment pulling the horses with it, and he was crushed beneath the weight of the two animals, and was almost instantly killed, he living only a short while. Rescue came after hearing the cries of the dying man and he was carried to his home later.

The funeral services were held last Monday afternoon at one o'clock, the Elder Waters, of Washington, officiating. Interment was in the cemetery at Minnieville.  
The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark, two brothers, John and Paul, and one sister, Miss Lucile Clark.  
Mr. Clark was a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics, and a prominent young man in the vicinity in which he had lived. He had many friends who together with the members of the family mourn his sudden death. Mrs. W. S. Athey and son, of Manassas, were among those from here who attended the funeral.

Following the invocation, which was offered by Rev. T. D. D. Clarke, the election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up. Pending the vote on the office of President the chair was occupied by First Vice-President Spiden. The following officers were re-elected: President, G. Raymond Ratcliffe; First Second and Third Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Spiden, Wheeler and Nash; Financial Secretary, Bryan Gordon. Dr. W. Fewell Merchant was elected as Secretary in lieu of Mr. Hopkins, and the following gentlemen were selected as members of the Executive Committee: C. R. C. Johnson, E. E. Randall, Westwood Hutchison, H. T. Davies, John A. Neol, Geo. C. Round, C. A. Sineath, R. S. Hynson and E. A. Brand.  
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"It has been said that the first step in local development is advertising a town to its own people; surely others cannot be made to believe in our town if we do not," said Mr. Ratcliffe. "We want to get closer together and become boosters once for all. We have assembled here tonight to celebrate the opening of a new page in our history. So let everyone 'sell his hammer and buy a horn' and become a Real Booster for a GREATER MANASSAS."  
The meeting next proceeded with the carefully prepared program of speeches and songs, and the serving of refreshments and cigars. A special feature of the evening was the distribution of buttons bearing the slogan "Sell your hammer and buy a horn." Small horns were also distributed.

### MANASSAS BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE HOLDS ROUSING "BOOSTER" MEETING

AUDIENCE ALIVE WITH ENTHUSIASM WHICH LASTED ENTIRE EVENING  
Meeting Called For Purpose of Increasing Local Pride and Welding Citizens in Campaign to Boost Manassas. "Five Minute Boosts" Program of Evening—Adopt Slogan: "Sell Your Hammer and Buy a Horn."

The most stirring and effective meeting in the history of the Manassas Business League was held in Conner's Hall on Friday evening last. The meeting was called for the purpose of increasing local pride and welding the citizens in a campaign to boost Manassas.  
At 8:30, the hour set for the meeting, all of the 150 places at the banquet tables had been filled, and shortly afterwards many others crowded in the hall. The tables were arranged in the shape of one large letter "E," at the head of which presided President G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Judge J. B. T. Thornton, Mayor W. Hill Brown, and other leading citizens. Pious for numerous gentlemen to whom subjects for speeches had been assigned were carefully distributed in various sections of the hall. No outside speakers were selected for this occasion, as it was believed that the people of the town were better able to discuss their own needs. All of the addresses, which were characterized as "Five Minute Boosts," were delivered in a manner which indicated that the speakers had given their subjects serious consideration. The meeting was alive with enthusiasm, which lasted throughout the entertainment, and when the meeting closed, many of those present were reluctant to leave. A serious indictment was brought against the "Town Knockers," and he was admonished in the interest of future development to change his tactics.  
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THE NEW TOWN HALL.  
Mr. Spiden drew a graphic picture of the present dingy little building and the proposed handsome structure. "It is the practice in most places," Mr. Spiden asserted, "to point with pride to the Town Hall. How many people take their visitors to our Town Hall?" Mr. Spiden said that the need of the new building was immediate. He pointed out that it is inhumane to incarcerate people in this inflammable structure and was nothing more than "placing their lives in jeopardy for a misadventure."  
NEW INDUSTRIES.  
In discussing the subject of new industries, Mr. Brand said: "What we need in Manassas is a PAY ROLL. The best that can be expected here," he continued, "are a few small plants which may employ labor in the class midway between rough and skilled labor—perhaps a canning factory, a brickyard, a plant to produce overalls, jean shirts, or the like. In order to get results we must transform words into action, and stay on the trail of a factory until we land it."  
Mr. Bryan Gordon made some interesting statements with respect to the possibility of establishing a canning factory in Manassas.  
The arguments of the preceding two speakers were reinforced by Mr. W. R. Myers, who closed his address with a fitting anecdote.  
Prof. Yarborough and Mr. Steers gave instructive talks on the interests of our agriculturists; Mr. Lion and Engineer N. Wilson Davis some information as to our proposed improvements; Mr. Myers and Mr. George W. Bell told of new industries which might be developed. Dr. Merchant exploited the proper kind of a Board of Health which would be so perfect we would not need a doctor; Mr. Waters gave a view of "Credits from the Retailer's Side;" Rector Burks told of his joy at seeing so many men for once among his hearers; Robert A. Hetchison told his hearers of "Home-making" while Rev. Mr. Clark defended the knocker at Heaven's door, and H. T. Davies reinforced him with some suggestions of his own. The new Lutheran pastor, Rev. Aderholt, told of his favorable disappointment resulting from his recent acquaintance with our town; Mr. Lipscomb put joy into the householder's heart by telling him how low insurance rates would be in Manassas. This town is known all over

### COUNTY VETERANS MEETING MONDAY

LARGE AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE  
Celebrate Birthday Anniversaries of Generals Lee and Jackson—Dr. Clarkson Reads Poem: Daughter Saves Lincoln

The soldiers of the sixties, resident in Prince William county, met last Monday with Ewell Camp of Confederate Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans, in celebration of the birthday anniversaries of Generals Robert E. Lee and T. J. (Stonewall) Jackson. The ladies of the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, served the annual luncheon at the High School building, and at 2 o'clock, the public exercises began with Robert A. Hetchison presiding.  
A poem was read by Dr. H. M. Clarkson, of Haymarket, the poet laureate of the Confederacy, which was appreciated by the audience, and caused much applause. Many other features composed the program which had been arranged.  
A resolution was adopted by the veterans, setting aside Saturday, February 7, for suitable exercises, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gen. Richard Stoddard Ewell, the greatest military chieftain to whom Prince William county lays claim.  
A flag, presented to the first company in Prince William county, is now in possession of Mrs. Margaret Barbour, and she would like to hear from the surviving veterans of the county as to what disposition to make of the relic. The flag was for many years in the possession of the late Lieut. B. D. Merchant, and after his death his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Dunnington, gave it to Mrs. Barbour. It was the wish of Lieut. Merchant that the flag be sent to the Battle Abbey Museum, in Richmond, or be presented to the local chapter of the U. D. C. It will in a few days be placed on exhibition in the windows of Dowell's Pharmacy.  
It is requested that all those who have not sent in pictures of the old veterans to be hung in the chapter rooms of the U. D. C. do so at once, as this will be the last appeal.

**JANUARY MEETING FARMERS' INSTITUTE**  
EXCELLENT PROGRAM ARRANGED  
Two Speakers Will Be Here From Department of Agriculture—Good Housekeeping Club to Share Display.  
A large crowd will gather at the Courthouse tomorrow to attend the January meeting of the Prince William County Farmers' Institute. The executive committee has arranged an excellent program, and there will be two speakers from the Department of Agriculture. Dairying and the feeding of stock will be the subjects of these addresses, and both are of vital interest to every farmer in the county.  
The Good Housekeeper's Clubs of Hickory Grove, Cethappin, Stone House, Groveton and Manassas will each have a display in the rooms of the M. I. C. Building and are competing for the \$5 prize offered by Prof. H. F. Burton, to be awarded the Club and not an individual member.  
The judges are to be Mrs. W. H. Brown, of Gainesville; Mrs. A. H. Green, of Aiden; and Mrs. Reid, of Eastern College.  
The speaker of the domestic science class of the High School will serve their usual delicious dinner at the Ruffner building.

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session of the grammar and primary school to the usual nine months this year, instead of the seven month's session that is now threatened as a result of the reduction in the school tax last spring. The committee appointed for this purpose from the December meeting, Mrs. Hynson, Mrs. Round, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Spies laid before the League their correspondence with State Superintendent Stearnes which was published in last week's issue of THE DEMOCRAT.  
In the letter of the committee written to the Superintendent, the consent of the State Department was asked to the plan of allowing the school board to use a district levy for the purpose of extending the school term from seven to nine months for the years of 1913-14 and 1914-15, if the supervisor would increase this levy from 20 to 25 on the \$100.00 next April, (a district levy can by the usual regulations only be used for school buildings and equipment and not for salaries.) The reply of the State Superintendent to this communication gave a ready assent to the plan. Mr. Stearnes declaring in his letter that such a calamity as the shortening of the school term from 9 to 7 months should be avoided by every means in the power of the people, and that he would most unhesitatingly advise the school board to continue the session in the manner proposed in view of the emergency that now existed in the Manassas Schools. The plan of the committee thus approved by the State Superintendent was heartily indorsed by the Patrons' League and the original committee, increased by eight more members, was instructed to wait upon Mr. J. F. Gulick, the District Supervisor, and to put before him the plan of making this small increase in the District levy which had been endorsed by the League and commended by the State Superintendent.  
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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

MANASSAS MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various goods like wheat, corn, and other commodities.

D. M. Pitts is in Washington today in the interest of the Portner estate.

T. J. Linton, of Arcola, was a Manassas visitor one day the first of the week.

James E. Birkett, of Alexandria, was a Manassas visitor one day last week.

Thomas H. Lion made a business trip of several days to Richmond this week.

Kensel Laws, of Front Royal, was in town visiting friends for a few days this week.

Capt. J. R. Rust of Haymarket, was a Manassas visitor one day the last of the week.

W. A. and Simpson Buckley, of Gainesville, made a business trip to Manassas last Saturday.

Douglas Clark, of Washington, spent Sunday with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Clark.

H. C. Ryckman was a guest of Mr. L. M. Thompson at a theater party at the National Tuesday.

Dr. R. B. S. Shackelford, of the Plains, was a Manassas visitor one day the first of the week.

Those employed in Criger-Camper Co.'s store are busily engaged this week in taking inventory.

Frank Brower, of Gainesville, was in town last Saturday visiting friends and former schoolmates.

In honor of General Robert E. Lee's birthday last Monday both local banking institutions were closed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Weir Waters, of Culpeper, were the guests of friends and relatives in Manassas this week.

Mrs. W. N. Merchant has been seriously ill at her home on Main street, but at this writing is somewhat improved.

Miss Blanche Ransdell has returned from Salisbury, N. C., where she has been visiting her brother, Ernest Ransdell.

A. M. C. ... Baltimore, spent last Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. M. S. Moffett, of Herndon, paid a short visit in Manassas last week.

Lawrence Gregory, of Fredericksburg, was in town visiting friends for a short while last week.

President Roop, of Eastern College, made a business trip to New York last Friday and Saturday.

Irving Russell, of Marshall, formerly a student at Eastern, was a visitor at the school last Saturday.

George W. Smith, of Haymarket, stopped off in Manassas for a short while this morning on his way to Orange.

Miss May Lynn has returned from Illinois and will make her future home with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. M. Wheeler.

Several people in the vicinity took advantage of the cold snap and cut ice which had reached the thickness of four inches.

A number of Manassas young people enjoyed a straw ride to Partner's deer park on a skating party last Monday night.

Dr. H. U. Roop will deliver the address at the dedication of the new High School building at Catlett next Friday at 1:30 p. m.

W. N. Wenrich was a Washington visitor this week and during his stay attended the automobile show in Convention Hall.

Mrs. J. H. Harrell entertained a number of ladies last Friday night at the New Prince William Hotel during the Business League smoker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Buck of Sanford, N. C., arrived here this morning for several days visit to Mr. Buck's parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Buck.

Although the warmer weather of last Friday and Saturday dampened the ardor of many skaters, the ice remained very good and a great many young people took advantage and enjoyed the sport on nearby ponds and lakes.

C. J. Meetze, of Manassas, member of the House of Delegates from Prince William county, has been assigned the following house committees: Executive Expenditures, Federal Relations and Resolutions and Immigration.

James D. Hall, well-known in Manassas, shot himself through the head with a shot gun, accidentally it is thought, at his home near Linden early Sunday morning and died a few hours later.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rouzee, of near Culpeper, have recently moved into the Frank Cannon property located in the eastern section of Manassas.

Civil Engineer Nelson and assistant, of Greensboro, N. C., were in town yesterday drafting plans for the proposed sports and trestle to the new power house.

Service Sunday morning at Trinity Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. Public cordially invited to attend both services. Sunday School at 10 a. m.

On account of the Farmers' Institute this week the W. C. T. U. will not hold their meeting until next Friday, Jan. 30.

Miss Beatrice Cross returned to her home here after a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. Sampson, of Washington.

Westwood Hutchison has returned from a trip to Richmond, where he went in the interest of the National Bank of Manassas.

W. F. Dowell left Tuesday for a visit of several days to Washington and his former home at Round Hill, in Loudoun county.

There will be a dime social at the home of Miss S. C. Bell over the bakery on Friday night of this week beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Bernice Davis, of Washington, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis, at their home in Bristol, last Saturday.

Will Cather and Harry Flaherty opened their candy kitchen in earnest yesterday and are now busily engaged in the making of an excellent line of goods.

Many local enthusiasts are attending the automobile show in Washington this week and large crowds from all points in and near the district have taken in the attractive exhibit.

A large congregation will gather at the Southern Methodist Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock for the young peoples services which will be held at that time. The public is cordially invited.

Shaking hands with the Indian over 26,000 miles and presenting each tribe with an American flag was the unusual experience of Dr. Joseph K. Dixon. Read about it next Sunday in the Washington Sunday Star.

Elder T. S. Dalton, pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church here, is spending the winter in the South with his wife, Elder Norton of Washington, will fill his appointment here Saturday and Sunday at the usual hour.

Conway Welfley, formerly of Bristol now of New York, stopped off in Manassas for a short visit enroute to Bristol. This was Mr. Welfley's first visit here in two years and he was warmly received by his many friends in this vicinity.

The regular meeting of the L. T. L. will be held next Sunday, Jan. 25, at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. Everyone is cordially invited. All members are asked to be present. The Legioners are requested to meet at the church Saturday afternoon promptly at 8:30.

The girls' basketball team of the High School under the supervision of Miss Emily Johnson and the Eastern girls' squad under the supervision of D. J. McDevitt are both making rapid headway along the lines of development and should either enter a game against a first class team, they would undoubtedly give a good account of themselves.

One of the most modern and up-to-date hardware firms in this section of the country is being run by Messrs. Newman and Foster. Although their entire stock has not been completed, they are carrying a line of the very best goods such as would attract the attention of all. Their excellent business qualities coupled with their popularity in Manassas should bring them their deserved share of patronage.

Mr. A. H. Compton celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday at his home near Wellington on Sunday, January 18. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dogan, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wheeler, Mrs. M. E. Dogan, Mr. J. T. Wheeler, Mr. Wm. H. Delaine, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Wheeler. A n old Virginia dinner was arranged by Mrs. Wheeler and served through the war as a member of the Eighth Virginia Volunteers and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the county. All joy in wishing him many returns of this occasion.

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Make it your duty to call on this Company at their local headquarters.

C. C. Leachman spent last Monday in Alexandria.

Messrs. Mackall Ellis and Alfred Zerega spent Monday at their respective homes in Green-wich and Aldie.

During the absence of W. F. Dowell this week the drug store is in charge of W. O. Tavenner, formerly of Manassas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wine, of Shenandoah county, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Wine at their home on Garnet Avenue this week.

The Modern Woodmen Camp, of Brentsville, will hold an oyster supper and entertainment on Saturday night, January 31. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Don't fail to get your tickets for 'Old Uncle Con' and the musical comedy 'The Bingville School,' which are to be given under the direction of Frank S. Davidson assisted by local talent. This clean, original and modern performance will attract many.

Eastern College basketball five will play the fast Massanutten Academy five of Woodstock at the college gymnasium this Saturday night at eight o'clock. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance for this game promises to be one of the best of the year.

Prof. M. M. Hargrove, formerly professor in Eastern College and well-known here, has been appointed assistant professor of languages in the Maryland A. & M. College, at College Park, near Washington. The trustees could not have made a better choice.

Warren Sentinel.

John E. Hottle has recently completed a \$3,500 residence for Prof. Stone on the property at the Flager Farm in Fairfax county. The home is furnished with all modern improvements. Mr. Hottle has received a contract to build a \$1,500 home for W. S. Randaline on his farm near Compton, and work will be started next week.

If every man in Manassas would make a resolution to speak a good word for the town during the present year, he would be astonished at the amount of real good he had done the city this time twelve months. The man who has the practice of calling his home town a dead one, will never see the day to dwell in a live one. Conditions are in a great measure what we would have them.

The Medical Society of Prince William county held its second meeting at the home of Dr. W. A. Newman last Monday evening. The society was permanently organized and about ten members were present at this gathering. After the business of the organization had been transacted delicious refreshments were served by the physicians. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 2, at the residence of Dr. R. E. Wine on Grant Avenue.

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Eastern, mindful of the previous beating, entered the game determined to win the contest, without not over confident, and Marshall fired with the spirit of former victory, resolved to fight for every inch.

The game throughout was an open, fast and rough, mixed with individual stalling and spectacular exhibitions. Repeatedly members of each team would recover the ball at one end of the field and dribble it to the opposite end, running through the opposing players.

McDevitt, of last year's team and the mainstay of the team this year, made his initial appearance, and although looking in practicing, played an excellent game at all times.

On Sunday, January eleventh, Capt. John R. Rust, of Haymarket, attended the funeral of R. Funkhouser, General of the 3rd Virginia Brigade, Confederate Veterans of Northern Virginia who died at his home in Martown, Va., on January ninth.

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# In Memoriam—William Wilson Finley

The Board of Directors of Southern Railway Company, assembled in special meeting this day of December 1933, and being advised of the death of William Wilson Finley, for the past several years President of the Southern Railway Company, accepts the following minute to be spread on the records of the Company and to be published in the newspapers of the South.

WILLIAM WILSON FINLEY was born at Pass Christian, Mississippi, on September 3, 1858, and entered railway service in New Orleans in 1878. During the succeeding twenty-two years he had a varied experience, earning steady promotion and a growing reputation in the traffic department of several railroads and in charge of traffic associations in the west and southwest. In 1889, soon after the organization of the Southern Railway Company, he became an active participant in the development of the company, which he continued until his death eighteen years later.

He became President of this Company in December, 1906, at a moment when the work of gathering in and welding together its lines into a consolidated system had been done. The map had been made; there are no more miles of railroad included in the system; today there were when he became President. His task was, therefore, complementary to a growing reputation during the past seven years in the history of how he conceived and accomplished that task of conservation of the Southern Railway Company increased 20.9 per cent, (comparing 1918 with 1907), but what is even more his achievement, the balance of income available for dividend (but largely put back into the property) increased 100 per cent.

This record of material success is in no small measure the result of Mr. Finley's policy and practice of building and strengthening a working organization of the Company so far as concerns personnel, organization and the history of the development of the property. He was in charge of traffic, his service for promotion to fill vacancies within the organization, by recognition of demonstrated merit, with the result that he secured and conserved that loyal identification with the Southern Railway Company and that respect for his judgment which he could not always see the other side; but a policy one determined by set about its accomplishment with a characteristic belief in the potency of persistence, and an unobscuring use of all the power at his command.

On the public side of his responsibility Mr. Finley developed steadily during the past seven years a conviction of the duty of accepting the changed conditions in respect of the nationalization of industry incident to the governmental policy of regulation of the railroads by public authority. He was in charge of the public relations of the Company and his work in this regard was of the most valuable assets the Company has today.

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## HER SHORT ROMANCE

By CELIA MYROVER ROBINSON.

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By HAROLD CARTER.

Professor Singleton sat crouched over his microscope. To the observer he would have seemed to be studying only a tiny spot of jelly upon a slide. The professor, however, was looking into a thickly-peopled world. The drop of jelly, like the world, was round, and within it several millions of the sprightly Jacksons were putting on wings.

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