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GREAT INTEREST IN LEAGUE MEETING

BOOST FOR WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

Civic improvements subject for discussion at Annual Meeting and Smoker of Business League in Nicol Hall Tomorrow Night.

With interest keyed to a high pitch and with every indication pointing to the ultimate success of the movement, citizens of Manassas tomorrow night will discuss plans to secure adequate water and sewer facilities for the town, at the annual meeting and smoker of the Business League in Nicol hall.

Arrangements were completed today for the meeting. The session opening at 7 o'clock will last until midnight. The Business League will elect officers for the ensuing year, and after the business formalities, the proposed civic improvements will be discussed.

Luncheon and cigars will be served and music furnished by the Manassas band and by a quartette.

CITIZENS SUGGEST PLANS

Representative citizens will present their views on the proposed improvements in five-minute talks. Clergymen, lawyers, physicians, merchants, citizens and taxpayers in various pursuits will unite in formulating the most feasible plan to secure adequate water and sewer facilities for Manassas. The time for each speaker is limited so that a general expression may be obtained.

ASSURE IMPROVEMENTS.

Citizens generally express the belief that now the Business League is back of the movement the water and sewer facilities are virtually assured. They realize that the future of Manassas depends, in no small measure, upon the installation of these improvements in the immediate future. And in view of this fact, citizens who have the best interests of the town at heart are expressing a determination to co-operate with the League.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Sentiment favoring municipal ownership is steadily gaining ground. But the main point is to secure the water and sewer facilities. So far no opposition has developed against the improvements. Citizens recognize their vital value to Manassas.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern railway, yesterday accepted an invitation to be present and address the meeting. Acceptances also have been received from Congressman C. G. Carter and Judge C. E. Nicol. Dr. H. U. Roop and George C. Round also will speak.

BEST OUT LIQUOR SIGN

Some time ago a man, owner of a house, of Alexandria, caused to be placed upon the vacant lot in front of the Southern railway depot a large sign board advertising its business. The sign was placed against the division fence of Geo. C. Round and H. D. Wenrich. Mr. Round's consent to the placing of the sign had not been obtained and when his attention was called to it his violent opposition to the liquor traffic prompted him to have the objectionable inscriptions treated to a coat of paint of the danger color, and replaced with the sign "No Trespassing under penalty of the law."

A marriage license was issued Monday by the clerk of the circuit court, to Isaac R. Carter and Miss Farine Gill, both of Prince William county.

CHECK SPREAD OF MAD DOG EPIDEMIC

ASSASSIN BARES SOUL IN SUPPRESSED LETTER

SPLENDID LECTURE CAPTURES AUDIENCE

SAVAGE STREET DOG ATTACKS TWO GIRLS

SCHOOL SUPERVISION OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

TOWN COUNCIL ORDERS DOGS MUZZLED

PAID SHEET HOLDS HISTORIC INTEREST

DR. KING'S SPLENDID LECTURE

PEACE OF MIND EPIDEMIC PREVALES

STRONG LETTER BY GEORGE C. ROUND

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A spread into Manassas of the mad dog epidemic prevailing in nearby settlements is to be checked as a result of an ordinance passed by the town council Monday night, requiring owners of dogs in town, to keep the animals restrained or muzzled until March 1, 1910. Dog on premises must wear a license tag, in accordance with an amendment adopted.

The license on moving picture shows was fixed at \$60 a year, or \$5 a week for a shorter period.

A push-cart was ordered for the lampighter.

The following bills were ordered paid:

CORPORATION FUND

Standard Oil Co., oil	\$ 27.55
G. R. Ratcliffe, town clerk, two month's salary	10.00
Lawson Murdoch, cutting ice from tub	2.00

J. W. Wilcoxen, two months' salary and for one load wood	61.50
Goo. W. Maddison, two yards crushed stone	1.00
William Rumaldie, six lamp posts	2.10

W. C. Amada, traps, blankets, etc.	8.55
A. B. Davis, smokestack, pipe, etc., and repairing lamps	5.30

E. E. Nash & Co., sanders	1.00
Manassas Transfer & Ice Co., hauling engine	2.00

Beckett & Blume, coal and heating	11.25
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H. C. Cornwell, roofing, etc.	12.00
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H. Koontz, work on engine and roller house	12.00
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W. B. Henley, work on engine and roller house	12.00
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W. C. Beckett, painting, etc., December and January	43.25
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J. I. Kendall, hook and ladder truck	28.14
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swamp road	12.00
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J. S. Rector, work on board walks, etc.	11.87
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Williams Reid, work on board walks, etc.	11.62
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Levi Flaherty, work on board walks, etc.	12.00
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SUPPRESSED BY GOVERNMENT

The copy of the letter in possession of Mr. Smallwood was taken from an interdicted publication by a Fredericksburg woman.

On the back of it she wrote:

"The United States government has detectives scattered all over the South as well as the North, and I am saying nothing about this letter, as the slightest allusion to it would be reported to the war department in Washington, and in all probability I

would be called to account for having it in my possession."

TRAGIC LETTER

In this letter, among other things, Booth wrote:

"Right or wrong, God judge me not man, for he is my motive good or bad, or one thing I am sure—the lasting condemnation

of the North.

"I love peace more than life

have loved the Union beyond ex-

pression. For four years I have

waited, hoped and prayed for the

dark clouds to break and for a

restoration of our former sun-

shine. To wait longer would be

a crime—all hope for peace is

dead. My prayers have proved

as idle as my hopes. God's will

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Those who had the good fortune to hear Dr. Byron King's lecture at Eastern college, Tuesday night, will remember it as one of the most pleasant, and entertaining occasions of their life. Dr. King is president of King's school of oratory, Pittsburg, Penn., and author of "Practice of Speech," a manual of instruction for students and teachers. He was introduced by Prof. Irvin F. Mather. The topic of Dr. King's discourse was: "Eyes that see not, ears that hear not." The subject, which was handled in a masterly manner, was replete with timely suggestions born of mature judgment, and dealing with all classes from youth to old age.

His visit to Eastern college was in the interest of the Department of Expression, of which his pupil, Miss Eula Shryock, is directress. As an elocutionist and impersonator, Dr. King is doubtless at the zenith of his profession.

For nearly two hours this gifted orator possessing the power to sway his audience at will held it spell-bound by his fascinating and faultless rhetoric and humor, eliciting one moment deafening applause and the next bringing tears to the eyes of the stoutest hearts.

ADVICE TO YOUNG

His advice to the young people

was the soul of wisdom, rich in

thought, and earnest in admonition.

His portrayal of the fol-

lies of youth were true to na-

ture, and convulsed his audi-

ence with laughter. He advised

(Continued on inside page.)

Fearing that a mad dog epidemic was imminent, high excitement prevailed Monday, after the sisters, Sophie Delmas, 14 years old, and Anne Delmas, 11, had been bitten by a savage dog and reports circulated that others had been attacked. The eldest girl was only slightly hurt and the dog's teeth barely grazed her right hand. But the other victim is suffering from a severe wound in the left hand.

STRANGE COINCIDENCES

The attack was marked by a series of strange coincidences.

Both the sisters were bitten

within a few moments while on

their way to school after lunch-

eon. While hearing the post

office, the eldest girl was bitten

on the right hand by the savage

dog, which made no attempt to

attack any of the other persons

near, but ran down the street,

and bit the youngest girl on the

left hand. Neither knew that

the other had been attacked and

bitten until they met in the office

of Dr. Newman to have their

wounds dressed.

Late in the afternoon the dog

was shot and killed. The head

was taken to the Marine hospital

Washington for examination

but no trace of rabies was dis-

covered. Upon investigation it

was learned that the two girls

were the only victims.

The ground hog appeared

Wednesday and saw his shadow

and disappeared. According to

tradition this means six more

weeks of winter weather.

Investigation which has been instituted into the supervision of the public schools, with the view of determining the advisability of proposed retrenchments, and which may lead to abolishing the State board of examiners.

Wide publicity is being given by the State newspapers, to the following open letter addressed by

Mr. Round to Judge Martin Williams, member of the House of

Delegates from Giles county, author of the resolution propos-

ing the investigation:

INVESTIGATION IMPORTANT

"The investigation you have

proposed in the matter of the

proper supervision of the schools

of the commonwealth is, in my

opinion, the most important mat-

ter that will come before the

present session of the Legisla-

ture. This may seem extra-

vagant to many, but I think it is

easy to show that it involves the

interest of every man, woman

and child in the State, and who

will be in the State for genera-

tions to come. And for the years

immediately to come it involves

the proper expenditure of approx-

mately one-half of the revenues

of the commonwealth.

COMPREHENSIVE VIEWPOINT

"Your viewpoint is, of course,

higher and more comprehensive

than mine, compelled as you are,

to consider all the varied im-

pudent claims on

SCHOOL SUPERVISION OF IMPORTANCE schools. We have in our cities supervising principals. In my opinion they are not needed as agents of our citizenship we have expended a smaller percentage for supervision than in any other great private or public enterprise similar to those mentioned. The proposition can be proved to be correct, or incorrect, by a moderate amount of investigation.

HEAVY WASTE

"My third proposition is simply an opinion of my own, founded, however, on forty years observation of our public schools, and it is that at least one-fourth of our school taxes since 1870 have been wasted for lack of competent supervision. We have gone on the supposition that the schools would run themselves. We have left our teachers, trustees and county superintendents largely to their own resources and however resourceful many of them have proven, we could have done far better work if trained and experienced supervision had been possible.

GREAT ADVANCE

"The new Constitution of Virginia made a great advance when it enlarged the personnel and the powers of the State Board of Education. This Board represents the educational sentiment of our Commonwealth, constitutes a model head for the system of which the superintendent of public instruction, is the energetic executive.

"My fourth proposition is that whatever assistance this central authority can give should be granted.

"I submit that to tie its hands in the slightest respect, at the beginning of a new administration, would be unfortunate, almost suicidal. We are making great demands on Governor Mann and Superintendent Eggleston and their co-advisors.

"As the best judges of what they really need, I hope the committee of investigation will consult them freely.

MANUFACTURE

"My fifth proposition is that the manufacture of this central authority is to see that the public school system is impartially developed and carried on in every part of the State, in Scott county the same as in Accomac, in Pittsylvania as in Prince William, in Dumfries district the same as in Newport News. We all know that while in some counties and districts we have good schools, in many others the system has been set up at all, foolishly near a fence.

"If we are justified in expending money devoted to our courts, in such a way that justice shall be administered the same in Lee as in Loudoun, and vice versa, it is the duty of the Department of Public Instruction to employ some means to advance the cause of education uniformly throughout the Commonwealth, or at least with some approximation to it.

ENLARGE SUPERVISION

"As far as my personal observation is concerned, it appears to me that in bringing the Department of Public Instruction into touch with the necessities and conditions in each county and in inspiring the division superintendents now and old, with the real necessity for the performance of their duties and in securing competent teachers by examinations, and in giving superintendents, trustees, and teachers information on the manifold situations which are constantly arising, the special examiners and inspectors have been worthier times than cost, and the only change I could conscientiously advise is an increase in their compensation.

"CLOSER DURAL SUPERVISION

"Now that the office of Division Superintendent has been placed on a good footing, I have more suggestion, and that is at the Ruffner school building, a closer supervision of our rural

Fine Groceries

Provisions

Flours and

Confectionery

DAIRYMEN!

JUST ONE Sucrene MADE GOOD

Many Already Know to Others we Submit Proof

Choice Confections and other Good Things to Eat

BEACHLEY

THE CANDY MAN

We wish to call your attention to the Ninth Annual Report of the State Food Commissioner of Illinois showing the analysis of eleven brands of molasses feeds

as follows:

No.	Protein Guaranteed	Found	Fat Guaranteed	Found	Fibre Found
8111	16 to 18 per cent.	13.96 per cent.	3 to 4 per cent.	3.95 per cent.	17.65 per cent.
8115	11	11.85	2.5	1.85	15.92
8165	15 to 23	10.89	3.27	2.50	20.59
8168		6.95		1.81	26.61
8185 series 16-56	"	18.72	3.50	0.52	12.75
8870	18.00	13.65	4.50	5.82	11.52
9081	16 to 18	12.42	3 to 4	8.00	12.98
9096	18	10.41	2.00	2.76	5.28
9121	17	15.75	3.00	4.95	11.22
9131	11	10.80	2.60	2.81	10.18
9152	15 to 17	15.75	3.00	2.05	10.34

FOR

Marble, Granite

AND ALL KINDS OF CEMETERY WORK

M. J. HOTTE

Manassas, Va.

Note the fact that if any one of these foods EXCEPT "SUCRENE," makes good in protein, it falls below its guarantee in fat and if it makes good in fat it falls below in protein. You may be feeding one of them.

SUCRENE

Is In A Class By Itself

To use a cheap dairy feed is a costly experiment. Call or write us in regard to feeds. We will give you some facts that will put you wise.

Did you ever use a Spring Wheat Flour? Ask your good Bread-maker and she will tell you that Spring Wheat Flour makes the best bread, and the BEST CAN BE MADE ONLY FROM SPRING WHEAT. Try a sack of

"MARVEL"

and you will come back for a barrel. We keep constantly on hand, at lowest prices, many of the best grades of Virginia Flour including, among the numerous brands,

"PURITY"

Which is unexcelled in the Winter Wheat Class

I am on my way to Hall's Cheap Furniture House

Try us for Bran, Middlings and Grain of all sorts. Best Timothy Hay—the only kind a horse should have—and Salt. Special prices on feed and grain in large quantities. Best Corn Meal in the state

C. M. Larkin & Co.,

Wholesale and Retail Feed and Grain Dealers
MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

S. T. HALL
NEW FURNITURE STORE

THE EDITOR.

On the 1st of January the new year began with two layers of the rifle. What did that mean? Who was to be the first to fire? Who was to be the last? Who was to be the winner?

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He said, "I will fire first." He began to fire, and his gun went off. Deep in the earth, he heard a noise. It was the sound of a gun.

He said, "I will fire first."

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler of Culpeper visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. B. C. Cornwell has been quite ill.

James A. L. Markham, Mrs. Rozier Larkin, was in town Tuesday.

The DEMOCRAT prints the news and prints it first.

Miss Bettie Elliott is visiting friends at Charlottesville.

Mrs. W. S. Athey, who has been quite ill, is recovering.

Dr. C. D. Stegweyer, of Occoquan, was in town Friday.

Mrs. Wilbur Latham, of Calverton, was in town Wednesday.

Harry Taylor is confined to his home by a mild attack of pneumonia.

Miss Martha Strother of Markham, is the guest of the Misses Mather.

About twenty games are to be booked for the season of Eastern college basketball.

Miss F. M. Early has been appointed teacher at the Horton school in Cole's district.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shelton will move this week to Washington to make their home.

George G. Tyler of Haymarket, county superintendent of the schools, was in town Friday.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hopkins company will be held next Monday.

Miss Edna L. Lickie left Tuesday to visit relatives and friends in Baltimore and Ellicott City, Md.

George Muddiman returned Friday from a five weeks' visit with his brother, John T. Muddiman, a contractor in Roanoke.

Mrs. L. E. Pope and little daughter Elizabeth left here Tuesday for a few days' visit to her brother, W. E. Lynch, at Culpeper.

Mrs. J. B. Bremanian, niece of C. E. Nash of Manassas, who has been quite ill in her home in Washington, was much better yesterday.

A pretty emblem is to be adopted by the commercial class of Eastern College. The design will be selected at a meeting of the class to be held soon.

W. S. Athey, David Arrington and Jessie M. Bell have been appointed appraisers in the bankruptcy proceedings of Dr. S. S. Simpson, of Clarendon.

W. B. Rouzie, representative of the Reynolds Tobacco Company, who formerly made headquarters in Manassas before being transferred to Washington, was in town Friday.

A number of young people will give a dance at Nicoll Hall tonight and on Monday night. After Lent dances will be given each alternate Friday with music by the Manassas band.

J. E. Clark has moved his shoe repairing shop from Florence's old stand to the brick building at the northeast corner of West and Center streets, formerly occupied by Hopkins candy factory.

J. C. Curtis, of Newport News, the contractor, and W. E. Wright, the architect, of the new assembly building at Eastern college were in town Thursday. Mr. Curtis has completed his contract. Work on the electric light and steam heating plants is almost finished.

Mrs. Janie Bowen entertained Friday night at her home. The guests were Misses Louise and Anna Mather, Mary Garrison, Dorothy Chapman, and Meena Gordon Lightner, Henry Camper, John Adamson, Richard Hayden, Sidney Thompson, and Harvey Russell.

Rules governing the contest inaugurated by the Farmers Institute of Northern Virginia, among the pupils of the Prince William county schools in corn growing, manual training and domestic science, are to be formulated tomorrow afternoon at a kins George and Walter Allen, and to free the South of the blunders of that memorable episode of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lynch of Culpeper visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Murray Adams, of Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Plains, who is visiting Mrs. W. M. Wheeler.

Alma Morgan, who turned from a visit to friends in Baltimore.

W. W. Smallwood is planning to build an addition to his residence early in the spring.

Will Colbert, composer on The Blue Ridge News, Purcellville, visited friends here Sunday.

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Sidney Thompson, of Eastern college, is recovering from a severe sprain to the leaders of his right foot, sustained while skating in Washington during the Christmas holidays.

Joseph Thompson, of Linden, former student in the Manassas Agricultural High school, was in town last week on his way to Giddings, Texas. He was accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Thompson.

An excellent program has been arranged for the entertainment to be given by the High School Improvement League in the Ruffner school building tomorrow night, for the benefit of the Carnegie library.

George M. Jameson, the Manassas photographer, went to Nokesville the latter part of the week to obtain a photograph of the new bank building for W.

R. Free Jr., which Mr. Free designs for use on souvenirs post cards.

L. W. Kirschner is recovering steadily from an injury received recently when he cut off a portion of his thumb with an axe. He expects to return to duty about February 15, on his run as mail clerk on the Southern railway between Washington and Bristol.

The high school classes in vocal music and in expression under direction of Mrs. Dodge, will appear at the entertainment in the Ruffner building, tomorrow night, for the benefit of the Carnegie library.

Wm. R. Selecman of Washington, who has been visiting his mother here returned last week. His many friends were indeed glad to have him with them once again. Mr. Selecman is proprietor of a well known dairy there.

Dr. Frank Lodge, A. F. and A. M. at Haymarket, conferred the third degree Monday night upon W. H. Dodge, George G. Tyler and Lawrence Hulfish. The work was put on by Right Worshipful W. J. Phillips. Luncheon was served.

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The case against J. H. and Robert McInerney, of Dumfries, both indicted for felony, on application to extend the limits of the town of Newport News, Newport News is in Warwick county and wishes to annex some of the territory of Elizabeth City county.

H. McInerney shot his brother, Robert, in the course of a violent quarrel, and the latter retaliated by shooting the windows out of Robert's house and threatening to kill his wife.

The Rev. E. J. Richardson, secretary of the Anti-Saloon League for the Northern District of Virginia, will speak in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a.m., and in the Baptist church at 7:30 p.m. He will discuss the question of state-wide prohibition. Mr. Richardson is always welcome in Manassas where he has many friends.

De J. C. Meredith was pleasantly surprised Thursday night by a party of friends, who called at his home to celebrate his birth day anniversary. The guests were Misses Maude and Fannie Kerr of Congress in the interests of the Brown Auto Sprayer is the best Sprayer. Sold by

Major J. Ogden Murray, of Winchester, was a guest Sunday of Lieutenant B. D. Meachant. The Major stopped over in Manassas enroute home from Washington, where he spent several days in consultation with men.

Now is the time to Spray. The Brown Auto Sprayer is

W. C. WAGENER, Alexandria, Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lynch of Culpeper visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Anne Swart, of The Plains, is visiting Mrs. W. M. Wheeler.

Alma Morgan, who turned from a visit to friends in Baltimore.

Charles E. Fisher and every member of his family have been suffering from a gripe this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Waters, of Washington, and Clinton Albin, of Rockville, Md., were guests Sunday of Captain and Mrs. Nelson.

R. B. Larkin has moved into a portion of the house occupied by Mrs. C. E. Nash on North Battle Street.

O. D. Waters, of the People's Cash store, was in Baltimore several days last week buying spring goods.

Mrs. C. E. Hynson returned

last week from several weeks

spent in Washington with her sister, Mrs. DeShields.

W. T. Allen, president, and W.

L. Houchens, cashier, of the

Bank of Manassas

have recovered from a severe attack of bronchial trouble.

The remains of Miss M. F. Bowers, of Front Royal, arrived Saturday morning enroute for Realtor for interment.

Mrs. Frances Thomas Gordon

requests that men of the town

interested in the choral society

meet Monday night at 8 o'clock

in the new assembly building at Eastern college.

Mrs. Gordon urges that the matriculation fee be paid immediately.

Miss Clara Lamb in the commercial bank were sold last week in Baltimore and Ellicott City, Md.

Freight trains No. 173 and 174

which were recently discontinued

were resumed. They run

between the Potomac Yards

and Manassas.

These rare relics are accompanied

of the rope and scatford used in

the execution of John Brown.

Aunt Susan Barker, avowed

highly respected colored woman,

has been quite sick with grippe.

Our Tables are filled with Before Stock-taking Bargains in

Our Business is Banking

Banking is Our Business

THE SIGN "BANK" does not make a bank and is

often misleading. It requires time, energy, close attention to business, a substantial capital and ripe experience in banking to make a bank. We claim,

without blushing, all of the essentials necessary to

make our business that of banking, and tender our

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DON'T SHOOT! I'LL COME DOWN!

NEWS OF Virginia

Jefferson Belle Smashed.

Richmond.—Although Spencer Byrd left the chair and took the floor in the House in opposition to a bill making slander a crime he lost his fight, the measure under consideration passing by the close vote of 43 to 43. There is no doubt that his efforts added much to the negative vote, but the members evidently decided to support the report of the Committee on Courts of Justice which had acted favorably.

The House passed 14 bills on their third and final reading, making a good introd. upon the calendar.

In the Senate the long-drawn-out discussion of the Fletcher Tax Equalization Bill was continued. Senator Strange criticized the bill, but the only Democrat who has so far manifested a disposition to assume a position of hostility.

A move was started in the Senate to revive the old scheme of a Governor's council which existed in this State prior to the fifteenth. The bill would make a body of 50 members, 2 from each Congressional District, elective by the legislature. They would serve without compensation or expenses and would act for the State as a board of trade does for a city. They would discuss with the Governor or plans for increasing the material prosperity of the State and bringing new industries into it. It is the idea to get a class of men who have been highly successful in the conduct of their own affairs, men who are well and broad in mind.

The bill providing for a vote on the consolidation of Richmond passed the Senate and now goes to the Governor.

An important measure reported to the House was the bill prescribing a term of four years between holding local-option elections instead of two as at present. It was favorably reported.

A bill introduced in the House was to punish persons offering transfers to street-car conductors where the time limit had expired, the punishment to be fine or imprisonment.

Another bill proposed in the House was to make it a misdemeanor to make a false statement in an effort to secure employment.

Captured Wyndham.

Winchester.—After a silence of many years, during which time there has been much speculation as to who really captured Col. Percy Wyndham, the noted Englishman who commanded the First New Jersey Regiment during the Civil War, Jacob Crisman of Keppsburg, gave the details of how he made the capture. Nearly all the Civil War histories have surrounded the capture of Wyndham with an air of mystery, and the explanation of Mr. Crisman will, it is accepted clear up the matter. It was Col. Wyndham who declared he would take the crown of laurels from the head of Gen. Turner Ashby, the Confederate cavalryman known as the "gallant knight errant of the South," but it was one of Ashby's own men who stripped Col. Wyndham of his own pride and glory. Mr. Crisman states that it was early in the afternoon of June 6, 1862, near Harrisonburg, Va., while Col. Wyndham was forming his men that he (Crisman) saw the Confederate lines in danger and suggested making a charge then and there. John Dean Adams, a comrade, shouted "Start!" and, with revolver in hand, Crisman gave the terrifying rebel yell and made a dash. He reached Colonel Wyndham before the latter had time to realize what had happened and of the second command to surrender the Jersey Colonel turned over his arms and equipment. Oberon Crisman's order to dismount, Wyndham went to the rear, where he was taken in charge by William Baker and James McKeever. Since the incident has been related by many former members of Company C, of which Crisman was a member in the "Ladie Brigade," have vouched for the story.

Triple Wedding.

Bristol.—Despite the pending divorce proceedings in which the legality of licenses issued by the deputy court clerk in Bristol, Tenn., is brought into question, Rev. Alfred H. Burroughs continues to marry eloping couples from Virginia every day who are undeterred by the situation. Late Thursday night Dr. Burroughs officiated at a triple marriage of young Virginians who eloped to Bristol. They were Rexford B. Hubbard of Roanoke and Miss Clark Wade, of Big Island, Bedford County; Ernest Clark of Roanoke, and Miss Sallie Rootes, of Salem, and Wyndham R. Moore and Miss Maude Stump, of Seven Hills Ford.

Official Too Speedy.

Richmond.—Charles F. Taylor, president of the Board of Fire Commissioners, was fined \$50 in Police Court for exceeding the speed limits on the occasion of the official inspection of the West End engine houses by the Commissioners. The fine was imposed on Mr. Taylor in his official capacity as president of the Board.

Eugene Peebles Recaptured.

Norfolk.—Telegraphic advices announced the arrest at Aiken, S. C., of Eugene Peebles, the former Augusta and Savannah, Ga., man who last week escaped from the asylum at Williamsburg, Va., following his commitment after the murder of his wife here.

Miss Riddell Detective.

Roanoke.—Miss Helen Riddell, clerk at the Western Union office, turned detective and assisted the police in the capture of Frank Fox, who it is alleged had appropriated a sum held which he knew to be \$250 fine for the owner. Fox went into the office and Miss Riddell telephoned for the police. Frederickburg, Va., following his arrival of the policeman, Fox, and Stephens Station about 18 miles from this city.



MEAT YEARS OLD FOUND IN COLD STORAGE PLANT

New York City.—On condition that the name of the guide be withheld, entrance was gained by a World reporter to one of the largest cold storage plants in New York City, and methods employed to make the public pay fictitious prices for food were seen at first hand.

All that was revealed by the investigation holds true, an experienced employee said, in many cold storage plants in the greater city. Records astutely guarded by the plant managers, it was said, staple foodstuffs in sufficient quantities to knock the bottom out of high prices in New York immediately, but which are kept out of the market in order to force the public to pay exorbitant prices.

These supplies are "canned in the cold" for six months to three years or more and then released gradually during high-priced seasons, when they are sold as fresh products at gilt-edge figures.

Some of the articles viewed by the reporter were:

50,000 pounds of halibut packed in the plant three years ago.

Barrels of turkey and geese (number not given), two years old or more.

300 cases of eggs, the remainder of 6,000 cases placed in storage beginning last April, purchased at about eighteen cents per dozen, and released during the past two months to be sold at from forty-eight to fifty-two cents per dozen as "strictly fresh eggs."

10,000 cases of fish (of different varieties) from one year to three years old.

5,000 barrels of apples.

200,000 pounds of meat held in storage for seven months.

"There has been a big call for eggs recently," the employee said, surveying the spacious room, which is kept at a temperature of thirty-one degrees throughout the year. "The cases have reached to the ceiling until a short time ago. Most of the eggs came from the West last April and May and cost the buyer about eighteen cents a dozen. He's selling 'em now for fifty-two cents. You can't buy 'em even if they get too old when they're broken up and sold to the bakeries. Come along and I'll show you how they do it."

He led the way to another room filled with four-gallon and two-gallon cans, and in which the temperature was only a few degrees above zero. The larger cans were filled with the egg yolks and the smaller with the "whites." He said that eggs in some cans were ten years old and the contents came from China.

A man who participated in the tour of inspection and who formerly worked in a cold storage plant told of the tops of some of them being knocked off in heating. The starch, he said, was so overpowering that workmen refused to handle the cans.

Eggs in this form are known to the trade as "eggline," and are used extensively in the making of pound cake and other pastries.

Two huge storerooms filled with meat which hang in a temperature of 40 degrees above zero were next visited. Beef, veal, mutton, lamb and other meats of a total weight of 800,000 pounds had been in storage for seven months. It costs a quarter of a cent a month for storage charges on this meat, which is purchased during the spring and summer at the lowest wholesale prices and distributed when the public is compelled to buy at天价.

These cold storage figures do not include the tremendous value of liqueurs in storage at breweries, distilleries and private places, the value of fur in storage nor the value of food supplies in cold storage at private plants.

All these food stuffs are hustled into cold storage at the time when, owing to the laws of nature, the food would ordinarily be cheap to the consumer. They are held to any length of time the food kings think necessary to maintain high prices.

VIRGINIA BRIEFS.

Fredericksburg—Rev. W. J. Dally, pastor of the Methodist Church of this city, is at Mount Hope Sanatorium, Maryland, for treatment.

Fredericksburg—Councilman J. W. Massey has purchased 1,000 acres of timber land in Spotsylvania County, bordering on the Potomac, Frederickburg and Piedmont Railroad, between Parkers and Stephens Stations about 18 miles from this city.

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The Meat Packers' Side Discussed

by J. Ogden Armour.

Chicago.—"Beef is only about half a cent higher than it was a year ago," said J. Ogden Armour. "Like many other things, it has risen during the last few years, but this is because its production has not kept pace with the demand."

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Cattle Production Does Not Keep Pace With Population, Says Expert.

New York City.—Nothing alarming to the consumer is seen in the high price of meat by the American Agriculturist. In its annual review of live stock on the farms it says that the increase in value in the last twelve months in spite of a decrease in the number of hogs and cattle other than which now amounts to \$20,000,000, or the largest annual increment ever recorded. The upward movement of values—the last year, is simply a part of the upward trend.

GARDEN FARM and GROWING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE UP-TO-DATE CULTURIST

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Pigs On Pasture.

Pigs do very well on pasture, but they will make more rapid gain if they are allowed some mill feed in the form of a slop and a little shelled corn soaked. Charcoal is a good corrector for hogs at this season of the year that are being forced for market. Try charing corn cobs.—Farmers' Home Journal.

Balanced Ration.

The farmer is in a position to furnish a well balanced ration without buying high priced patent foods. We might mention that clean, fresh water, oyster shell, grit, commercial beef scrap and dry bran, should at all times be before them. This, with a variety of grains, constitute in great measure their Bill of fare. It makes winter seem like summer, when you have meaty cent eggs on the farms of the middle west next April and May would not surprise us in the least.

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so. Other thousands, we believe, will realize the benefit and provide themselves with incubators before another hatching season comes on. They will be needed more than ever in the spring of 1910, for the reason that the short crop of chickens raised this year means a big shrinkage in the supply of eggs during the coming winter and spring and still higher prices than were obtained during the past season. Twenty-five cent eggs on the farms of the middle west next April and May would not surprise us in the least.

Care of Farm Implements.

Farm implements like all other implements have a time when there is no use for them. This time of inactivity is as hard on them as when in use, if they are not properly cared for.

All implements should be run under cover temporarily when not in use. It often happens, for example, that the corn planter may be idle for a few days. It should be run in the dry sun from the hot sun and so with all other implements.

No implement should ever be put away for the winter until the owner is sure that it is in good shape for the next season's work. If any repair is needed, see to this before the implement is housed. Having all the implements in good repair before they are needed the next season will very probably save time, money and expense.

I think Mr. Talbert is making his hog house too narrow. I would advise him to make it 24x36 and have a 5 foot crib at the north, a 10 foot driveway and feeding room, 3 foot alley and 6 foot broad sow nests. I built a wall and filled it with clay, tamping it solid except what I wanted for cement.—J. Logan in the Indiana Farmer.

Age Of Dams.

The age of dams exerts but little influence on the quality of flocks. Many examples of great sires are on record whose dams were 3-year-old fillies.

Other examples are numerous where aged dams produced noted sires and show horses.

The problem of breed

ing depends on the selection of a sire that will overcome any defect in the disposition or conformation of the dam.

Good tools are also produced by the farm machinery for such a farmer.

is a problem easily solved. But the farmer who has scarcely room enough

to shelter all his live stock is in a different position. To such a farmer it is often quite a task to find room for his binder. If he has one. But of all implements take care of the binder for it is expensive and is used only a short time each year, and then we are always in a hurry and want it to do good work. By taking off the reel and baling may be lessened.

Probably the worst implement to put away, and for this reason the one most often left out in the weather, is the hay rake. Room for it may be found somewhere in the barn if the wheels and tongue are taken off and the teeth hung up out of the way. Plows and harrows can very often be put in the hayshed.

The plows, the cultivator, shovels,

and runners to the corn planter should be greased with axle grease to keep them from rusting. It gives a farmer a pleasant feeling of satisfaction to know that his implements are all under shelter, and not rusting and rotting out by exposure to all kinds of weather.—R. O. in the Indiana Farmer.

Dairy Cow Ration.

A dairymen with much experience contributes to the Canadian Farmer some good suggestions on the dairy cow daily ration, and says:

A good ration for a dairy cow giving

1,000 pounds of milk should contain

about 28 pounds of dry matter; 2.5

pounds of protein; 12 pounds starch

feed or carbohydrates; and one-half

round of fat. All these figures represent the amounts digestible in the feed.

The protein should be in the rate of one of protein to

about 6.5 of starch matter.

Figuring on this basis the following

ration of feeds grown on the farm will

be found to give good results: Corn

silage 30 pounds, alfalfa 10 pounds,

oat straw 5 pounds, ground oats 5 pounds, and ground peas 4 pounds. This will give a nutritive ratio of 1.68 or in other words there will

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Farm Notes.

It is poor economy to try to save money by having the horse imperfectly shod.

When the timothy crowds the clover out the following crops often

are usually very large.

If the pullets have not commenced

to make comb they should be espe-

cially fed so as to hasten maturity.

Timothy and clover mixed makes

good hay because the timothy holds

the clover up and the curing is easier.

Look out for bad habits in your colts. It is so much easier to keep them out than it is to get rid of them

if they once get a hold on the young horse.

If you have a hogback hog in your

herd, put him by himself. If left with

the others he will only make a hog

of himself and keep the others from

doing likewise.

All good farmers watch the condi-

tion of their colts when put into wa-

ter tanks and when sent to live in

The Lure of the Mask

By
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MAC GRATH

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SYNOPSIS

Jack Hillard, a wealthy New York clubman, hears a mysterious voice singing in the night under his window. He inserts an advertisement in a personal column to find the singer, and receives a reply. He visits the mysterious singer, but she wears a mask. He falls desperately in love with her, but he has not seen her face. The unknown woman gives her name as Mme. Angot, which is assumed. They have dinner. She refuses to see him again. Hillard and Dan Merrinew decide to go to Italy. Merrinew loves Kitty Killigrew, a cornish opera singer who has gone to Italy. Hillard receives a black mask in an envelope. Hillard and Merrinew arrive in Italy and later live with Mrs. Sanford, an American society woman, who tells Hillard considerably about the mysterious woman with whom he is in love. She is now posing as an opera singer in Kitty Killigrew's company.

CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

"She wished that favor and that her presence in New York should not be known. Now describe to me exactly what happened. I am worrying about the plate and the silver."

He laughed. "And you will meet me halfway?"

"I promise to tell you all I dare."

"There is a mystery!"

"Yes. He began with your side of it." He was a capital story teller. He recounted the adventure in all its color, the voice under his window, the person in the paper, the interchanging of letters, the extraordinary dinner, the mask in the envelope. She followed him with breathless interest.

"Charming, charming!" She clapped her hands. "And how well you tell it! You have told it just as it happened."

"Just as it happened!" confounded for a moment.

"Exactly. I have had a letter—two, in fact. You did not see her face?"

"Only the calm and mouth. But if I ever meet her again I shall know her by her voice."

"Heavens! And how?"

"Two lower ones are gone. Otherwise they would be beautiful."

"Poor man! You have builded your house upon the sanda. How much more perfect will his foolish you!"

"But I saw with these two eyes!"

"There is a preparation which theatrical people use—a kind of gum. She mentioned the trick. Isn't she clever?"

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Do Your Part

CITIZENS who have faith in the future of Manassas, and who are willing to do their duty toward the upbuilding of the town, will be in evidence tomorrow night at the annual meeting of the Business League in Nicol hall, when plans for vital civic improvements will be discussed. This meeting has to do with securing adequate water and sewer facilities for Manassas, a movement started by the Business League, and one which calls for the co-operation of every citizen. Manassas has reached a point where the character of its development is to be determined by the nature of its civic improvements. With adequate water and sewer systems this town will enter a new period of growth and prosperity, and the slight increase in taxation will be not worthy of consideration in view of the benefits derived. The value of property will advance, and there will be better fire protection and proper sanitation. These improvements may only be secured by a united effort. If each citizen will do his part they may be installed in the immediate future.

Tragic Illustration

ANOTHER tragic illustration of the necessity of the adequate supervision of mines under the Federal government, and particularly the investigation of materials and their use, was presented Monday in a mine disaster at Trinidad, Cola. As a result of an explosion nearly a hundred persons are believed to be dead, and it is said that the workings of the mine now are in such condition that the survivors, if any, cannot be reached. The responsibility for the disaster has not yet been fixed. There will be accidents always where the human element enters, but much may be done in protecting life, by compulsorily safeguarding men from their own carelessness arising from constant contact with danger and by compelling mine owners to install equipment and material best calculated to minimize danger. This can only be accomplished effectively by Federal supervision and investigation. It is encouraging to note that despite determined opposition from economists, action has been taken in Congress favoring a bureau of mines.

Modern Enoch Arden

IN refreshing contrast with the nauseating recitals of infidelity which fill the columns of the average daily newspaper, comes now from Pennsylvania, the simple story of a modern Enoch Arden, who, unlike his prototype, returned home after many years absence, found that his wife and children had kept the lamp brightly burning in the window for him. They had struggled bravely against wretched poverty. They had felt the pangs of hunger, the pinch of want, but they remained true to the memory of the husband and father. Now a rich man, he has returned to reward their unshaken faith in him. But his presence is worth more to them than all his money can buy.

Meat Trust Fights Boycott

THE meat trust has decided to fight the boycott on the high prices of food by curtailment of shipments from packing centers into New York and other central points of the anti high price crusade, and by raising the wholesale price of food, based upon the alleged shortage of supply. The fight resolves itself into a test of endurance between the beef trust and the public. The people can get along very well without the meat trust, but it is impossible for the meat trust to exist without the consumer. It is up to the Republican administration to make good one of its campaign promises.

Commercial Enterprise

WHILE Congress has been quibbling over the expense and blocking the plan for American enterprise, Japan has taken the lead in a new commercial policy. Reports have been received that the Tokio Foreign office has appointed four commercial attaches to be stationed in London, New York, Tienstin and Hongkong. This plan has for many years been advocated by the State Department, but the question of salaries has apparently defeated the plan. It is probable that some favorable action now may be taken.

Amissible Negotiations

IT is probable that the United States and Germany will reach a satisfactory agreement in tariff negotiations, averting a threatened rate war. Germany probably will receive the minimum rates of the new tariff law. In the event that Germany will agree to suspend the microscopic examination of pork, the United States is disposed to waive the question of importation of live cattle into Germany. The live cattle question may be taken up later by a special commission. The question involves too much to the commerce of both nations to defer an adjustment of differences.

Infallible

THE Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is developing unexpected intricate features before the Congressional committee. It may yet be necessary to submit the problem to Frank Merriwell for solution.

Medical science has given no greater boon to the race than the cure of juvenile criminal tendencies due to mental deficiency. The possibilities of this would lie in converting paupers and criminals into assets for a community is beyond estimation. Most interesting is a report by Dr. M. G. Scapp, of Cornell Medical School, says:

"It has long been known scientifically that many adult criminals are victims of diseases, acquired or hereditary, which result in mental disturbance predisposing them to the development of criminal tendencies. With such cases the time for relief, if curative or ameliorating remedies are possible, is in youth and at the first indication of criminal tendencies, and the best opportunity, therefore, is through the children's court, whereto such unfortunate will naturally drift."

"It can thus be early determined, with suitable medical expert assistance, whether the difficulty is curable or incurable. Cures will be less expensive to the public than confinement in charitable institutions and later in reformatories, prisons and workhouses. The ascertainment of curability will be of value when youth ripens into full maturity. There are also cases of feeble minds that come through similar causes, and are susceptible of help sufficiently to stop the criminal inclination."

Workingmen need not worry over high prices and the meat boycott, declares Dr. Franklin White, of the Harvard Medical school. He claims that a laborer can live and grow fat on three meals for 20 cents a day. While the constituents of his sample menus may contain much nourishment, it is a safe assertion they would prove tiresome to a man with a healthy appetite. It would be like placing a wafer tied with pink ribbon before a hungry harvest hand. Here are the sample menus: Breakfast—Cornmeal mush, 1 cent; oleomargarine, 2 cents; syrup, 1 cent; total, 4 cents. Lunch—Potatoes, 2 cents; oleomargarine, 2 cents; smoked herring, 1 cent; cocoa shells and milk, 2 cents; total, 7 cents. Dinner—Beans, 3 cents; potatoes, 3 cents; cocoa, 2 cents; bread 1 cent; total, 9 cents.

THE Department of Agriculture has declared war on the English sparrow. This sparrow destroys small fruits, and buds and flowers of cultivated trees, shrubs and vines. It damages wheat and other grains and growing garden products. It carries on continual warfare with birds of economic value. Although there appears to be little hope of exterminating the English sparrow the Department advises that a spread of the nuisance be checked as far as possible by destroying the nests as soon as found.

PARIS, the city of laughter and lights, has been changed to scenes of desolation and darkness by the flood waters of the Seine. Disease and death lurk within its borders. The extent of the disaster is incalculable. With thousands homeless and out of employment typhoid has become epidemic. Relief is being administered by the Red Cross society.

AN example of the strong sentiment prevailing for the passage by the legislature of an act allowing a state-wide vote on prohibition was given Monday night in a public hall at Norfolk, when at the close of an address on the anti-saloon issue a vote was taken on the question. The whole audience favored the passage of such a measure.

THE Ways and Means committee of the House has decided to probe into the cause of the high cost of living. The investigation should be extended to cover the low cost of labor. Then real progress will have been toward the adjustment of a menacing economic condition.

A REPORT is to be made this week by the committee delegated by Congress to draft regulations for the labeling of whisky in accordance with the decision of pure food experts of the momentous question, "What is whisky?" The report probably will be full.

CONGRESSMAN OTTO FOELKER, of New York, appears to have discovered a way to bring down the price of meat. He proposes to introduce in Congress a bill to suspend the tariff on meats for one year.

A PITTSBURG man claims that he has found out how to get a "jag" on onions. So far as the odor is concerned, it is doubtful if his discovery is any improvement on the old-fashioned way.

A NEW YORK organization proposes to erect a monument to the memory of the late E. H. Harriman. His greatest monument is the rehabilitated Union Pacific railroad.

THE ground hogs scampered back into their holes yesterday for six weeks' nap. Probably they regarded the high price of pork as an alarming omen.

THE Interstate Commerce commission is after the stone quarry trust. It undoubtedly will be hard to break.

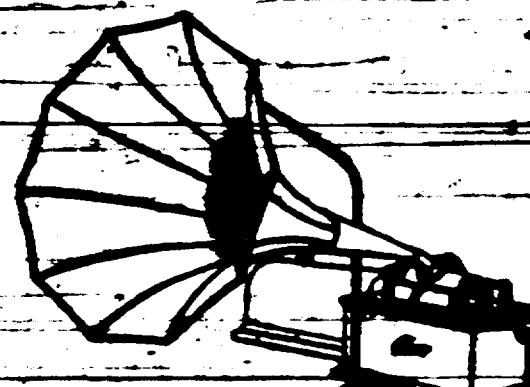
Gallery closed from Jan. 29 to Feb. 1.

Photos

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CITIZENS UNITE FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

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ed with excellent advice and timely suggestions.

FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

"Stand for municipal ownership," advised Judge Nicl, "and never give the right for public utilities to a private company or corporation. Manassas is on the natural geographical location for a big town. Manassas needs electric lights and the plant, when installed, should be owned by the town. This town also needs adequate water facilities, and the utility should be controlled by the municipality. The bond offer should be made at least five per cent, as gilt-edged securities may be had at that greatest value."

THOM. H. LION FAVERS IMPROVEMENTS

Although unable to be present, the Hon. Thom. H. Lion, delegate from Prince William county, to the General Assembly, sent the following excellent communication from Richmond:

"I have just received your invitation to be present at the Annual Meeting of the League to be held on Feb. 4th for the transaction of business and discussion of Municipal improvements for our town. In reply I regret to say it is so I cannot be present on that occasion, owing to the fact that the Legislature is busy and we are obliged to be on hand to look after legislation which we are interested, however, you will permit me to say was light" in an appeal for electric lights. "If citizens will get to work and put their shoulders to the wheel, we will soon have water and electric lights, in this point where facilities are inadequate. I believe that ultimate effort will be successful."

Judge Nicl emphasized the importance of securing through Manassas the route of the new railroad being constructed from Richmond, and recommended that the League appoint a committee to offer inducements to the line.

NEED MANUFACTURES

"Manassas needs manufacturing enterprises to increase its income," he said. "An effort should be made to secure shops of the Southern railway from a point where facilities are inadequate. I believe that ultimate effort will be successful."

Judge Nicl declared that the Agricultural High school has proved of greater value than would have the Normal school.

"It feels like coming home to be in Manassas, for it is my home," he said. "If any place occupies my thoughts it is Manassas. I feel that anything this assemblage of representative citizens attempts will be accomplished. Manassas is the liveliest town of its size in the state. When a town, like an individual, learns to rely upon its own strength, it will accomplish something. To get results citizens must pull together."

BUILD GOOD ROADS, SAYS CARLIN

In a characteristic address which was enthusiastically received, Congressman C. C. Carlin offered many valuable suggestions, and held the close attention of the assemblage.

"Improvement of roads leading into the town, is the best thing for Manassas," he said. In referring to the River and Harbor bill before Congress carrying an appropriation of \$35,000,000, he declared that an equal, if not greater amount, should be apportioned for good roads.

APPOINT COMMITTEES

"I would also suggest that the League appoint another Committee to include all attorneys in our town who are actively prosecuting their profession, this Committee to include Judge Lipscomb and Mr. Round, with the request that it aid our Town Council in all legal matters pertaining to their efforts in this direction, without compensation. I believe every attorney in our town will be patriotic enough to render this service without charge."

Mr. Carlin declared that he is opposed to postal bonds, and will vote against the proposed measure. He believes that the system would centralize wealth, and deprive communities of the independence which binds our country.

Mr. Carlin stated that the greatest care should be taken in the Federal census, as the last census for Prince William lacked approximately 2,000 names in its enumeration.

"The state of General Robert E. Lee is in the Hall of Fame by authority of law and shall remain there," declared Mr. Carlin. "The fame of Washington and Lee will endure beyond the life of states."

Mr. Carlin advised caution in municipal ownership of public utilities.

RICHARDSONS PREDICT GREAT FUTURE

With a message of optimism and with a promise of co-operation, M. V. Richardson, land and industrial commissioner of the Southern Railway, and a strong advocate of Manassas, predicted a brilliant future for Manassas.

"By systematic effort," he declared, "manufacturing enterprises can be secured for Manassas. When this town has demonstrated it wants to do some-

thing can be accomplished, save by united effort. He suggested that the roads be macadamized.

FOR IMPROVEMENTS

"We are in a position to help. I am confident from the sentiment of this meeting that the town will have water works, sewers, electric lights, or any other civic improvements that may be needed. Good roads are vital to the upbuilding of a community. Within the last ten years \$10,000,000 have been expended for good roads along the line of the Southern railroad. He desires that all citizens work together to accomplish what they have started out to do."

AGAINST DEADHEADS

R. A. Hutchinson believes that merchants should organize a protective association against deadheads who go from store to store until their credit is exhausted.

WATER MOST IMPORTANT

The Rev. J. K. Eiford stated that he had lived in many towns in the South and West, but liked none of them as well as Manassas, and declared that he intends to make his home here. Speaking in favor of the water supply he said: "Don't say that we can't get it but go to work and we will get it. An adequate water supply is vastly more important than any other improvement. I am in favor of electric lights, but that is subordinate to water."

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Bryan Gordon took as his text, "Let there be light and there was light" in an appeal for electric lights. "If citizens will get to work and put their shoulders to the wheel, we will soon have water and electric lights, in this town," he said.

FAVORS BOND ISSUE

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OUR MEAL

"It is in a class to itself. Our sales prove this to us conclusively."

WHITE LOAF FLOUR

Try our new brand. Fine as silk for Biscuits, Pastry, etc., and comes cheaper.

SEED OATS

Our Seed Oats come up when you plant them. See a box of them in our office.

CARLOAD OF HAMMOND

will be in Manassas in a few days. It is a mortgage lifter.

Hammond Dairy Feed

Wherever Hammond Dairy Feed has been sold for any length of time, 90 per cent of the largest and best dairies are using it.

Why is this?

Because they get more and better milk for less money. Dealers do not buy this feed from the manufacturers to please them, neither do the farmers and dairymen buy it from the dealers to please the dealers.

Why is this?

It is because they get results. You can take a sack of chaff and add a shovel of cotton seed meal and have the per cent of protein, but you would have a great balanced ration, wouldn't you?

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IN THE NECK

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IN THE NECK

IF YOU TRY TO BUY GOOD HARNESS

AT A POOR PRICE

IN THE NECK

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A GIRL GOES OVER THE FALLS OF NIAGARA

MANY MILLIONS OF
EGGS IN COLD STORAGE

Body of Suicide May Never Be Recovered.

WAS CHIEF CLERK IN A TEA STORE.
Turns Her Face To Would-Be Rescuers As She Is Swept Over The Brink. And Smiles—Had Waded Out Until Current Swept Her Off Her Feet. The River Is Jammed With Ice. Romance Had A Sad Ending.

Niagara Falls, N. Y. (Special).—A young woman thought to be Miss Beatrice R. Snyder of Buffalo, committed suicide by wading into the river just above Prospect Point and going over the American falls. As her body swept over the brink of the cataract she turned her face toward would-be rescuers and smiled a fare well to them. A park policeman paid scant attention to the woman when she first appeared on the path leading to the river bank. Then as she began to run toward the river it was too late to intercept her.

Without a moment's hesitation she waded into the stream. She turned once and smiled toward the men who were calling to her to stop and continued to move rapidly into deep water. In an instant she was whisked from her feet and carried rapidly toward the brink of the falls.

On the bank was found a handbag and in it this note:

"Mamma and Papa: May you both forgive me for bringing this awful disgrace upon you in these years of your life. Also may our heavenly Father forgive all my sins. But I have been very good, thank God. You will find a slip for the money under your dresser scarf. With my heart full of love for all your kindness and tender love, good-bye."

Legally, "Beatrice." There was a card in the purse bearing the name of Beatrice R. Snyder.

With the river now jammed with ice and the jam increasing hourly, there is little hope that the body will ever be recovered.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—Miss Snyder was chief clerk in a Buffalo tea store. She has been dejected since the death of her fiance, George F. Myers. They were to have been married in a few months.

FIRES COST \$400,000,000.

Lives Sacrificed Numbered 1,449 And 5,654 Persons Injured.

Washington, D. C. (Special).

Fire cost the people of the United States \$456,425,000 in the year 1907, caused the death of 1,449 persons, and resulted in injuries to 5,654 others, according to statistics presented by the United States Geological Survey. The total of fire loss includes the excess cost of fire protection due to bad construction and excess premiums over insurance paid. It does not include forest fires.

This fire loss of over one million a day is eight times as much as that of any European country—a per capita loss in the United States of \$2.50 against an average of 33 cents abroad. These figures are based on the direct loss from destruction of buildings and their contents, amounting to \$216,084,709 during 1907.

Wooden buildings, defective construction and faulty equipment are chiefly blamed for the insurance loss.

The report says the difference of cost between fireproof and inflammable buildings will soon become so small that it will cease to encourage fireproof construction. The federal government already spends \$2,000,000 annually for new fireproof buildings, none of which have to be insured.

The \$456,425,000 of fire loss is far in excess of the total value of the gold, silver, copper and petroleum products in 1907 in the United States. It indicates that over one-half of the value of all the new buildings constructed throughout the nation in one year is destroyed by fire.

TO THE EDITOR:

It is Being Made For A Man Who Told From A Woman.

St. Louis, Mo. (Special).—When Thomas Herbert leaves the City Hospital he will have a brand-new face. Half-a-dozen physicians and surgeons are now making it for him, and they promise such an improvement over the face that visitors have him that even his best self would not know him.

While driving a wagon Herbert fell off and a wheel passed over his face. The hospital physician found thirty-three fractures in the bones in his face. In fixing him up it was necessary to remodel his face entirely along new lines. They are now working the bones so they will knit, readjusting the flesh so as to give the face symmetry and character.

Glassmakers' Strike On.

Hartford, Conn. (Special).

After lasting five months the strike of the cutters and setters in the plant of the American Window Glass Company here was declared off by President Shinn. The company has factories in Belle Vernon, Pa.; Monaca-City, Pa.; Arnold, Md., and Jessup, Md., and Hartford City, Ind. More than 600 men will return to work.

Eleven Bullets in Head.

San Francisco (Special).—After firing 11 bullets into his head from a 22-caliber revolver, racking the weapon to accomplish thefeat, Homicide Lieutenant informed himself at the scene in attempt to make the trial work thorough. Six of the bullets entered his brain, and the fact that he was afterwards able to fasten a clotheline about his neck and strangle himself puzzled the coroner and physicians who examined

ELEVEN MEN DEAD

IN MINE EXPLOSION

One Warehouse in New York Has Been Fired.

Investigation of Cold Storage As A Means Of Maintaining High Prices Is Under Way In Hudson County, N. J. Tons Of Poultry Also Held For Nearly A Year—Indictments In Emergency To Raise Prices Pending.

New York (Special).—There are 80,000,000 eggs enough to provide eight eggs apiece for every man, woman and child in New York City and all its boroughs—in one cold storage warehouse in Jersey City, according to the information placed before the Hudson County (N. J.) Grand Jury in its investigation of the big packing and other concerns which maintains extensive warehouses on the other side of the Hudson River. The eggs have been there since last March, it was learned, together with 100,000 pounds of poultry stored since April last.

Prosecutor Pierre P. Garven, of Hudson County, has subpoenaed the managers of the Union Terminal Cold Storage Company, in whose warehouse the eggs and poultry are said to be stored, and officers of the other large refrigerating companies to appear before the Grand Jury when the prosecutor hopes to trace other large consignments of ancient meat and produce.

Witnesses from Swift & Co.'s cold storage plant, in Jersey City, were before the Grand Jury, but little reliable information was elicited. This particular Swift plant happens to be a small factor in comparison with other warehouses in the vicinity.

MEAT OR DIVORCE?

Man Tells Police He Is Tired Of Eating Patented Foods.

New York (Special).—The meat boycott is blamed for the marital woes of Samuel Bergman, who resigned in the Paterson, N. J., police court, told Recorder Carroll that he had raised a rumpus because his wife would not buy meat.

"My wife is in favor of reducing meat prices," said the prisoner. And she started this boycott business on me in December. Since then I've lived on all sorts of patented foods and I'm tired of being confronted by a vegetable garden on

the table every night. I told her I'd get a divorce unless she gave me some meat. But she won't listen."

Sentence was suspended on parchment of the charge of disorderly conduct.

FOOD LEAGUE CHARTERED

National Association Is Incorporated In Washington.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—For mutual benefit and protection, the National Anti-trust Food League was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, with J. Lynn Yeagle, Emily L. Schatz and Representative Conroy, of Missouri, all members of the board of directors, as incorporators. This league, which is to be national in scope, aims at a reduction in the cost of living by having its members refrain from purchasing those articles of food which rise to exorbitant prices.

FRIGHT CAUSES BLINDNESS.

Typewriter Worker Deaf Shot With Bang James Eyecight.

Minneapolis (Special).—Suddenly frightened by the swift closing of typewriter desk, Miss Christine Canfield, a stenographer, 31 years old, has been totally blind since last Friday.

On that day her desk started to close automatically. Anticipating the crash, Miss Canfield placed her hands over her eyes. The desk banged shut and Miss Canfield took her hands off her eyes to strange dark room.

GIRL SCARED BALDHEADED.

A surgeon believes Miss Canfield will recover her sight gradually.

FAMILY OF SIX POISONED.

Moher And Child Dead; House Was On Fire.

Washburn, Wis. (Special).—Mrs. E. Behrman and family of five children were found poisoned at their home here.

The mother was dead and each child has since died. The recovery of three of the other children is doubtful.

The poisoning was reported by Behrman who says that he also was poisoned. An investigation will be made.

When neighbors first arrived the house was on fire and Behrman was running about in his night clothes.

A MURDER Mystery.

Quincy, Ill. (Special).—A motor automobile to have struck here at 1:30 o'clock A. M., aroused the whole city and caused buildings to tremble. Many about the streets saw a glare in the sky and a terrific report as of an explosion immediately followed. Several saw the motor explode. Followed a few seconds later by trembling of the earth, lasting five to ten seconds.

Henry Knock, if the dogs die first.

Edward Baker, her son by a former marriage, is to get the principal of the \$10,000. But the income is to go to the support of the dogs and their master during their lives.

Knock only gets the income from \$10,000. Mrs. Knock left the State early for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \$2,000. Six relatives are not mentioned in her will.

Why Butter Is High.

Pittsburgh, Pa. (Special).—Spurred

by hundreds of complaints against high prices for food products, William A. Blakley, district attorney for Allegheny County, sent out the entire force of 20 county detectives to gather evidence in illegal conspiracies to hoard foodstuffs and boost prices.

Any evidence available will be placed in the hands of United States Attorney John H. Jordan to be presented to the Federal grand jury.

The district attorney was urged to take this

case to the report made to him.

Danced In Snow At 415.

Cleveland (Special).—Ara Mary

Espey Queen empress, who says she is 15 years old, danced barefoot in the snow with the other members

of her tribe at the celebration of Av-

Maria Day, at their camp near here.

Ara Mary believes in living close to nature. She never wears heavy weight clothing and it is her custom to go barefoot through the snow or over the ice. She is瘦 and smokes, and says she expect

to live 10 years longer.

SEVENTY MORE

MINERS ARE KILLED

Mexico Is the Scene of the Last Great Mining Disaster.

One Hundred and Ten Men Perished Ten Hours.

HELD BACK BY AWFUL BLACK DAWN.

One Survivor Crawls A Quarter Of A Mile On His Stomach To Avoid Gases In Mine At Indiana, Pa.—Dead, Blackened By Flames, Found Scattered About The Borgage.

Rescue Party Leads Impaired Men To Safety.

INDIANAPOLIS (Special).—Ten Hun-

garians and one American is the

death toll of a gas explosion in the

No. 2 slope of the Ernest mine of

the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal

Company, five miles north of this

place. The explosion occurred in a

heading where 12 workmen were lo-

cated, and one of these, Andrew

Krazer, escaped by crawling a quar-

ter of a mile on his stomach to

avoid the noxious gases. His in-

ability to speak English prevented

him from giving an account of the

explosion.

According to the latest reports

from the scene of the disaster 70

lives are known to have been lost.

After having been out over two

hours, the jury ordered actual dam-

ages of \$74,000 to the plaintiff, but

the suit was brought under the

Sherman Anti-trust Law.

Verdict of \$222,000 Against The

Dansbury Hatters Is Given By A

Jury In The United States Court

At Hartford.—Manufacturer Is

Given Damages For A Boycott.

Unions Held Responsible For Their

Official's Acts.—Plaintiff Spent Two

Hours Deliberating.

Hartford, Conn. (Special).—A new

declaration of independence is what

Attorney Daniel Davenport calls the

verdict of \$222,000 rendered in the

United States Court by a jury in the

suit of D. E. Loewe, of Danbury,

against 200 hatmakers of this state.

After having been out over two

hours, the jury ordered actual dam-

ages of \$74,000 to the plaintiff, but

the suit was brought under the

Sherman Anti-trust Law.

There was a remarkable scene in

court when the verdict was announced.

The defendants in attendance

were stunned for a time and then in

group dejectedly discussed the blow.

It is estimated that the costs in

the case will amount to at least \$10,-

000 and these, with the counsel fees,

may bring the bill against the Uni-

tated Hatters of North America to ful-

lly a quarter of a million of dollars.

Speaking in regard to the signifi-

cance of the verdict in the case,

which is said to be the most impon-

tant of its kind ever tried in this

country, Attorney Davenport, senior

counsel for the plaintiff, said:

"First, it means that individual

NOKEVILLE HAILS WITH ACCLAIM

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A few months thereafter the customer appeared at the cashier's window, livid with rage, with the astounding statement that the cashier had proven recant to the trust which he had reposed in him, and as a result the holder of the mortgage had foreclosed. The cashier inquired of his frate patron, what he had done with the paper he had given him in exchange for his cash. The astonishment of the cashier can better be imagined than described when the draft in question, was produced from among a number of papers in his customer's wallet.

RELATES EXPERIENCE

"I hope," said Mr. Gatling, "That such experience may not occur to the cashier of your bank or to any of its patrons." Mr. Gatling related, also, a recent humorous experience in his own bank, whereby a check had been sent to pay a note deposited in his bank, by Vice-President Hazen, for collection. The remitter stated that his remittance was short two dollars, from the amount of note, for the reason that the note was given for a cow with a private understanding that should the animal stop her natural propensity for kicking there was to be a discount of the difference between the note and his remittance and as the cow had never ceased kicking he claimed the discount. As this alleged occurrence was evidently intended as a joke Mr. Hazen arose at the conclusion of Mr. Gatling's remarks and said that it was quite certain that had the sale of the cow been made to Mr. Gatling he would have required cash in the transaction.

OPTIMISTIC VIEW

J. J. Murphy, a former resident of Prince William county, now a postmaster of one of the subdivisions of Washington and a substantial stockholder in the Nokesville bank, was the next to address the audience. Mr. Murphy was optimistic in his views as to the future of the institution which had that day started upon its business career and made a strong appeal for its support. When Mr. Murphy had bowed himself from the rostrum the choir sang, "What say the bells" in presenting Judge J. B. T. Thornton, of the circuit court of this county, Mr. Hazen said: "We have with us one who needs no introduction, one whom we all respect and love."

GREAT ADVANCEMENT

After customary greetings Judge Thornton said: "I can scarcely realize the great changes that have taken place in Nokesville and its environs since the student showing the greatest days when I kept silent audience in person, in at the close water for vigil as shepherd for of the present session. Theigen, my mother's sheep on the lonely cross-gates was thankfully accepted by Prof. Beaman. The scarcely a habitable building in view. Those days so full of privation and want, soon after the close of the war," said Judge Thornton, "stand out in bold contrast to the halcyon days of peace and prosperity of the present." To illustrate his surprise at the great advancement, the judge related the incident of the little girl who after having returned from church dressed in a new frock, was asked by her mother what the congregation had to say to her, and who replied, "Why, mother, when I went in church everybody got up and sang. I hardly knew you, I hardly knew you" (alleluia, halleluia).

Judge Thornton expressed his confidence in the success of the bank and paid a high compliment to its directorate, and said that institution as well as the other recent improvements in the community were the outcome of the splendid institution of learning, in which he then stood. In emphasizing education as a most valuable asset, Judge Thornton said that upon one occasion he

An Epistle.
Dear Kate, the wedding cake you sent
I got and put the bit
Beneath my pillow that same night,
THAT I might dream on it.

But not a single vision was mine
No. Wasn't that too bad?
And so last night I ate the cake &
Wish the dreams had!

—Sister Transcriber.

A Simple, Bashful Maid.
"I am glad your name is Mary," said
Mr. Slowcoach to his sweetheart, whom
he had been courting for several years.
"Why so?"

"Because I was reading today and
came across a line which said, 'Mary
is the sweetest name that woman ever

had.'"

"That is poetically expressed. I've
heard my father say it to my mother,
whose name is Mary. It is from some
poet, isn't it?"

"I believe so."

"But I have also heard my father
say that there was even a sweater
name than Mary."

"I think he must have been mistaken,"
said the lover as he tenderly
pressed his sweetheart's hand.

"No; I do not think he was mis-
taken."

"What was the other name?"

A brother Rush suffused the charm-
ing maiden's cheek, the sitter's voice
fell and veiled the lovely eyes, and in
a tone as soft as the whisperings of an
angelic harp she murmured:

"Wife."

The cards are out.—London Answer.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Section 43, of the Code of Ma-
nassas, is amended to read:

SEC. 43.—No dog or bitch shall
be kept in the town, on or after

the first day of March, 1904,

unless the said dog or bitch shall

have a collar about its neck, to
which shall be attached a license-

number, to be furnished by the

clerk, who is directed to have

such license numbers prepared

annually, changing the shape

thereof each year, and the license

number for dogs shall run in
even numbers, and the license

number for bitches shall run in
odd numbers, and no person shall

be entitled to such license num-
bers until they shall file with the

clerk a receipt from the Serge-
ant, showing that the sum of one

dollar has been paid to him, if
the license is for a dog, or that

the sum of five dollars has been
paid to him, if the license num-
ber is for a bitch. Any person

owning a dog or bitch, or permit-
ting a dog or bitch to remain on his

premises without wearing the
proper license number shall be
fined ten dollars.

C. A. SIMCLAIR, Mayor.

G. RAYMOND RATCHIFFE, Clerk.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Circuit Court, Judge J. B. T. Thornton, Goo-

ven, Va., Massachusetts on first Monday in February.

Assist. U. S. Collector, W. E. Clark, Manassas, Va.

Town Council, Town Council, Manassas, Va., every

day night in session, except Saturday evenings.

J. W. Williams, Sheriff, Manassas, Va.

Board of Supervisors, Board of Supervisors meet-

monthly, J. P. Manuel, chairman, Manassas, Va.

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Masonic Lodge, No. 182, A. F. & A. M., meets Friday nights on or after the full moon in session, except Saturday evenings.

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Ball Room Council, No. 104, Jr. O. U. A.—Meets

every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Masonic Temple.

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every Thursday evening at 8:00 in the Masonic Temple.

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RAILROAD TIME CARD.

In effect November 7, 1908.

(As information only.)

SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

SOUTHBOUND.

No. 9—Daily local, 8:45 a. m.

No. 49—Daily through train, 11:51 a. m., will stop

at Manassas en flag.

No. 47—Daily except Sunday, 2:15 p. m., local

from Washington to Manassas.

No. 56—Daily through train, 4:10 p. m., will stop

at Manassas en flag to receive passengers for points beyond Charlotte.

No. 48—Daily local, 6:15 p. m.

No. 50—Daily through train, 11:04 p. m., stops

to let off passengers from Washington and Alex-

andria and to take on passengers for points at

which scheduled to stop.

NORTHBOUND.

No. 12—Daily, except Sunday, local from War-

renton to Washington, 4:45 p. m.

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and Alexandria, 8:45 a. m.

No. 214—Daily except Sunday from Harrison-

ton, 12:45 p. m.

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and Washington, 8:45 a. m.

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ton and Washington, local from Manassas to

Washington, 4:10 p. m.

No. 50—Daily through train coaches and sleep-
ers en flag for Washington and New York, 8:45 p. m.

Stops on flag.

WESTBOUND.

No. 49—Daily local for Harrisonburg and Inter-
mediate points, 8:45 a. m.

No. 217—Daily local except Sunday, to Staun-

ton, 2:30 p. m.

No. 12—Daily except Sunday local to Harrison-

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

It is to laugh.

Mrs. C. M. Larkin is quite ill. Mr. Patrick Lynch is reported slightly ill.

C. O. Treagor is suffering from a mild attack of pleurisy.

George W. Hixon is suffering from a mild attack of erysipelas.

Mrs. W. S. Allesworth visited her son, Carl, at Staunton last week.

George M. Jameson has returned from a visit to New Columbus, Pa.

A number of young people gave a dance Thursday night in Nicol hall.

Mrs. Newton Wheaton and little daughter, Beulah, are seriously ill of pneumonia.

Mrs. R. S. Smith last week entertained her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Engle and family, of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. O. Wells and Miss Katie Cushing, of Wellington, were guests yesterday of Mrs. W. M. Wheeler.

J. D. Button of Canastota N.Y., is visiting his son, Prof. H. F. Button, director of the Agricultural school of Manassas.

A. B. Nicol, son of Judge C. E. Nicol, and member of the law firm of Nicol and Son, of Alexandria, was in town Thursday.

Thos. H. Lion, delegate from Prince William county to the General Assembly, was home several days this week on business.

Miss Mary Lee Chapman, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia, was able to be up Sunday for the first time since she was stricken.

The twelve-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Woodyard of Brentsville, died Thursday. The funeral was held Friday from the Brentsville church.

Mrs. W. Elmer Merchant, of Clifton, accompanied by her daughter Alice, were the guests of Mrs. Merchant's sister-in-law, Mrs. C. E. Nash, on Monday.

La grippe has been the epidemic the past three weeks, as a result of the sudden and extreme changes in the weather. Few cases of serious illness are reported.

Neat improvements are being made at the Antiseptic barbershop. A mission style wainscoting has been installed and the walls are being covered with a mosaic pattern.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lawler, of Independent Hill, were in town Monday with J. S. Storko also of Independent Hill, to close a deal for the sale of five acres of land near Kopp to Mr. Storko for \$125.

John, of Clifton, a former resident of this county, was in town on Monday. John is looking well, and his step is as elastic as when he was a more frequent visitor in Manassas fifteen years ago.

Ideal weather, worthy of June, prevailed after the heavy snow disappeared last week. The country roads in many places are still practically impassable with deep mud, but are in better condition than for many weeks.

Uncle Sam is playing the romantic part of matchmaker during the Valentine season, the mails being deluged with sentimental mementoes exchanged by youngsters. There also is a great demand for the comic variety.

The round-table, model classes and discussion of the best modes of instruction, will be features of the meeting of the Prince William County Teachers' association to be held at the Ruffner school building, Saturday, February 26.

The Rev. Edward J. Richardson, Field Secretary, Northern District of Virginia Anti-saloon League, delivered interesting addresses on the subject of temperance, in the Presbyterian church, at 11 a.m., and in the New School Baptist Church, at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Clement Cornwell is recovering from a slight attack of pneumonia.

Sidney Thompson visited friends at Wellington Saturday and Sunday.

Raymond Hixon is recovering from a severe attack of muscular rheumatism.

Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe has been confined to the house several days with a severe cold.

The new literary organization at Eastern college has been named The Marshall Literary Society.

Mrs. John Smith Clarke is very sick with la grippe at the home of her father, Capt. James E. Herrell.

Rev. Dr. Hamner will conduct Divine worship next Sunday at 3 p.m., in the Greenwood church near Minnieville.

A meeting of the County Confederate Pension board will be held at the courthouse, Tuesday, February 15, at 11 a.m.

The Hon. C. C. Carlin and M. V. Richards were the guests of Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe while attending the Business Men's "Smoker" last Friday night.

A. A. Hooff is able to be about on crutches a few hours each day, but it will be some time before he recovers completely from the broken knee cap he sustained recently.

R. W. Undike, secretary-treasurer of the Bentonville Milling and Manufacturing Company, of Bentonville, is visiting W. S. Athey.

Members of the Prince William County Teachers' association from Cole's, Dumfries, Occoquan and Cedar Run school districts will hold a meeting Saturday at Dumfries.

J. M. Bewley formerly connected with the press of Bristol Tenn., and present representative of F. R. Shannon & Co., of Knoxville, Tenn., paid the office of THE DEMOCRAT a friendly call on Monday.

J. Wilbur Latham has sold his magnificent estate near Silverton to a Roanoke physician for the sum of \$55,000. We trust that Mr. Latham will find something attractive in Prince William and will make his future home here.

The Rev. T. W. T. Noland, of Falls Church, preached to large congregations at Woodbine at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and at Brentsville at 3 p.m., on Sunday. He will hold services at the same places, on Sunday, March 6.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a devotional meeting at the residence of Mrs. C. L. Hyatt, on Friday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be led by Mrs. Walter Shannon. The subject, "Have faith in God." All ladies are invited.

Manassas Lodge No. 102, A. F. and A. M. is represented at the Masonic grand lodge meeting in session at Richmond this week.

Charles Evans, L. E. Gannon and J. R. Evans. They were accompanied by Robert Adamson, C. E. Nash, Thomas H. Lion, J. P. Leachman and J. H. Burke.

J. E. Dunnington, member of the former hardware firm of Dunnington & Merchant, of Manassas, and now travelling salesman for the firm of Duke, Peacock Hardware company, of Baltimore, was in town Friday. Ed had just returned from a two months trip through Eastern South Carolina and reports his sales double those for the corresponding period last year.

Charles Owens, whose home is near Gainesville, was adjudged insane, and committed to the county jail on Thursday afternoon, of last week, and was sent to the Western State hospital at Staunton yesterday. When he arrived at the county jail he was in quite a beligerant mood, and paid his respects to the jailer, in a very unsatisfactory manner to that official, as he was being hurried to his place of confinement.

Mrs. Eva McIntyre, of Potomac, was the guest of Mrs. C. E. Nash on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Edward Bersley, who have been visiting here last Monday for their home at Bowmans.

Mrs. Bebbie A. Longwell has sold to John and Sina Green her property on Quarry road in this place.

Robert Harnsberger, son of Dr. Harnsberger, of Catlett, was thrown from his buggy Sunday and very badly injured.

Lenten services will be held in Trinity Episcopal church on Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 p.m., and on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

M. J. Hottle has just completed at his marble yards in this place and placed at the grave of Richard Shannon in Bealeton cemetery a handsome monument.

J. W. McLean, of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., has been transferred from the Washington office to take charge of this field as successor to Geo. W. Leith.

Mrs. L. H. Willis and her little daughter, Louise, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. J. Bernard Trimmer, her sister, on Center street, who has been very sick for several weeks, but is now slowly recovering.

According to a semi-official rumor the Southern is to begin immediately on double-tracking from Monroe to Orange, and double-track is to be installed by the Chesapeake and Ohio from Charlottesville to Orange.

Mrs. P. J. Stephen, of near Nokesville, who has been suffering from an affection of one of her arms, from which she had to have the flesh laid open from the wrist to the elbow, was on Saturday reported somewhat better.

B. G. White, manager for A. Dulin on his fine estate, near Nokesville, was in the bank-opening crowd Saturday. "Bass" brought lots of eggs and butter with him but no "brushpile" rabbits. He says a certain fellow in Mapassas cleaned up all that stock on his place, on Thanksgiving day about two years ago.

But for the anti-beef crusade which claimed it as a victim, a hen belonging to W. W. Smallwood might have lived on indefinitely, concealing a remarkable

example of endurance. Not until the fowl was being prepared for the table was it discovered that its liver had been pierced by a large needle. Pus had formed and hardened around the wound permitting the organ to perform its functions.

The following program will be given by the Jeffersonian Literary society of Eastern college tomorrow night: Reading: Howard White; query box: J. A.

Mather; address: "The Gentleman," J. A. Myers; little chronicle: W. Sowers; debate, resolved: "That Washington has done more for the world than Napoleon"; affirmative, Z. D. Robertson, C. W. Norman; negative, S. G. Kelly, G. L. Mabey.

S. T. Weir, who has conducted a general store in this place for several years and who was formerly a member of the firm of E. W. Weir & Bro., has sold his business to Crigler & Camper, the sale having been consummated Tuesday night. Inventory of the stock is now being taken.

What Mr. Weir's future plans of business are is not yet made public. His services have been engaged, for the present, by the purchasing firm.

The office of THE DEMOCRAT, it seems, has been selected as a museum for rare and interesting relics. J. W. McLean, son of Major Wilmer McLean, upon whose farm at Appomattox Lee's surrender took place, has in his possession the clock, still in good running order, which stood upon

the mantel in the room in which Lee surrendered, and ticked the sad moments while the capitulation details were being arranged.

This clock will be on exhibition in the office of THE DEMOCRAT next week.

Misses Mary Bannister, of Vienna; Esther and Marian Buckley, of Clifton, and Anna Merchant, of Manassas, have enrolled in the music department of Eastern College.

John R. Daniels has secured a position as manager at the soapstone quarry near Clifton. The soapstone company has ground and shipped considerable of its product within the past few months.

THE DEMOCRAT's representative in Nokesville on Saturday added many subscribers to the list at that and other sections of Prince William and adjoining counties. He says that a person who could not get subscribers for THE DEMOCRAT could not sell bread during a famine.

A man from near Greenwich says that he would not be surprised if secret underground pipes are laid by the town of Nokesville to the Penn-Vit plant in the near future, in order that the town may get the first supply of gas. He says, further, that he sees no occasion for hurry as the town has, already, a pretty good stock on hand and should give Greenwich first chance.

John J. Murphy, who was for some years a teacher in the public schools of Prince William county, when Major W. W. Thornton was superintendent of the schools, and who subsequently established himself in business in Washington, was at the opening of the Nokesville Bank last Saturday. Mr. Murphy is postmaster of Station D in the District of Columbia, and one of the most substantial stockholders in the Nokesville bank.

A fire at Riverton Junction on the Manassas division of the Southern Railway, fifty miles west of Manassas, on Monday morning destroyed the telegraph tower, interlocking plant and warehouse of the Southern company and the warehouse of the Norfolk and Western railway company. The warehouse of the latter company was the first to suffer loss by the flames, but the origin of the fire is not definitely known here.

S. T. Weir, who, on Tuesday, sold out his business to Messrs. Crigler & Camper, has been engaged in business in Manassas, first as a member of the firm of Weir & Co., and subsequently for himself, alone, for twenty-six years. No firm enjoyed more fully the confidence of its customers than did Mr. Weir, and his patrons will regret his retirement from the mercantile business. Mr. Weir's plans for future business are not fully matured.

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From now to February 20, Ryckman the Tailor will give a handsome Eagle shaving set free with every suit or overcoat order.

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FINISH DERRICK

(Contributed by CITIZEN)

The Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Co. has finished the building of its "derrick," it is an immense structure and "all" the appearances of practical business methods in the conduct of the operations of the Company, and speaks well of the undertaking. Everyone should visit Nokesville and see this derrick. It is 86 feet high. The boiler and engine is now being placed in position and the work of preparing for drilling will be pushed forward rapidly. One seeing the immense size of their machinery, derrick, etc., cannot but favorably be impressed with the determination of officers of the Company. Everybody should extend a hand of hearty co-operation to these gentlemen.

A PRETTY WEDDING

Grace Episcopal church of The Plains was the scene of a pretty wedding Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, the contracting parties being Miss Nina H. Hulfish, eldest daughter of H. H. Hulfish, and Mr. John E. Lewis. Miss Mary Worth Hulfish was maid of honor and Mr. Will Slaughter was best man. Ward Boswell and Joseph G. Gibson were ushers.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. James A. Hulfish, of Alexandria. During the ceremony she played "The Melody of Love." The bride was becomingly dressed in a dark blue gown, away gown, and carried bride's roses. The groom wore the conventional black. The maid of honor wore all over, embroidered dress, over blue, and carried pink and white roses.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY

While the gentlemen of the town were enjoying a "smoker" at Nicol Hall last Friday evening, a number of their wives, sisters and sweethearts gave a surprise party in the hospitable home of Mrs. Margaret B. Lewis on West street. The evening was spent playing progressive five hundred and several songs were rendered by Miss Claudia Waters and Mrs. Walter Bernhard.

Although a "sumptuous banquet" was not arranged, refreshments were served which would in every respect, equal those at the "smoker," and cigars were given as souvenirs of the occasion. Among those present at the "ladies smoker" were: Mrs. Margaret B. Lewis, Mrs. Walter Bernhard, Mrs. W. Fewell Merchant, Mrs. Jas. R. Dorrell, Mrs. Walter A. Newman, Mrs. John Smith Clarke, Mrs. O. D. Waters, Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Larson, Misses Elizabeth Herrel, Claudia Waters, Kathryn Lewis and Murray Adams of Washington, D. C.

POPULAR PHYSICIAN MARRIES

Dr. R. B. Shackleford, of Haymarket, and Miss Mary Bowling of University, Charlottesville, Va., were married in the University chapel, on Tuesday evening, the Rev. Harry Lee of the Protestant Episcopal church officiating.

Dr. Shackleford is one of the most popular and talented physicians in the country, and his many friends together with the staff of THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT, wish him the health, wealth and happiness, which he richly deserves.

JUDGE GRIMSLY DEAD

Judge D. A. Grimsley, of the Ninth Virginia circuit court, was stricken with paralysis and died at his home in Culpeper on Saturday in the seventieth year of his age. Judge Grimsley entered the civil war at the age of 21 years and rapidly rose to the position of major of the Sixth Virginia Cavalry. He was born in Culpeper where he spent the greater part of his life. He was possessed of a strong judicial mind and was rarely reversed in his decisions while on the bench.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia will be held in Manassas, Friday, Feb. 18. An interesting program has been arranged.

The farmers are invited to take their dinner at this meeting with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, M. I. C. building. Price 25 cents only.

LOST.

Overcoat in road south of town. Reward for return to office of THE DEMOCRAT.

OCCOQUAN NOTES

Miss Hattie Scherman was in town on Friday.

Mr. Silas Reed, of Fairfax, was in town on Monday.

C. W. Hunter was in Washington City on business Monday last.

Mrs. Walter Allen, of Woodbridge, was in town shopping on Saturday.

Miss Lillian Stennett, of Woodbridge, is visiting relatives in Washington.

Mrs. George Allen, who has been ill for the last few days, is convalescent.

Mrs. L. T. Carter is visiting her brother, Mr. Morris Davis, in Washington.

Mrs. W. P. Clarke was the guest of Mrs. T. Powell Davis, of Woodbridge, on Thursday last.

Again the young people of our town can indulge in their chief delight, the thickness of the ice being 44 inches.

Miss Lillian Hammill, of Washington, paid a pleasant visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hammill, on Sunday.

Messrs. Rhee Ledraan and Wilson Davis were the guests of Misses Oliver and Carthorne, of Woodbridge, on Sunday last.

The Rev. C. S. Sydenstricker delivered a very interesting sermon on "The Feast of the Passover" at the M. E. church here Sunday evening last.

One of our former residents, Mr. Ernest Rouzee, was a pleasant visitor to our town on Sunday. Mr. Rouzee is a representative for a local tobacco firm at Richmond, Va. His many friends whom he made during his stay here were indeed glad to have him with them and regret that his visit was so brief.

An Epworth League was organized at the M. E. church here on Wednesday last. The following is a list of officers: President, Samuel N. Carter; vice-pres., A. R. Rogers; second vice-pres., Mrs. W. P. Clarke; third vice-pres., Miss Pearl Garner; fourth vice-pres., Miss Ada Carter; secretary, Leo E. Beach.

The Milford Item states that there has been just recently organized an order known as the Ancient Order of the Sons of Rest. Immediate steps will be taken to have an order of the above name organized at Occoquan. The promoter of this society will, we feel sure, experience no difficulty in obtaining a large membership, including the writer. There are several other well qualified applicants.

THE DEMOCRAT is winning for itself many friends in the surrounding neighborhood for the interesting news it furnishes its host of readers. Well it may be called a "newspaper." It prints the news and prints it first. Your correspondent has had many calls for it in Washington City from those who are deeply interested in the news and doings of the county. They can surely get spicy news in the ever popular MANASSAS DEMOCRAT.

OCCASIONAL

GREENWICH ECHOES

Mr. H. M. House had an alarming attack of acute indigestion last week.

Rev. Mr. Jackson has returned home from the hospital and is improving slowly.

Mr. M. B. Washington and Rev. A. B. Carrington are filling their ice houses this week.

Rev. A. B. Carrington had a severe attack of illness last week but is now improving.

Mr. Joseph Carrico, who lived near Ruburn, died last week and was buried at Oakdale.

Mr. P. M. Beale attended the meeting of the J. O. A. M. at Aden on Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mr. B. D. Herndon, now living at Greenwich, visited his old home near Adens Saturday, returning Sunday.

Henry Wood has left the post office at Nokesville and returned to Greenwich preparatory to active farming operations with his father.

Rev. J. Royal Cooke and his sister expect to return to Greenwich this week and he will hold services at the church on Sunday next as usual.

Miss Lina House, who has been visiting relatives in Illinois for more than a year, is now in Washington and is expected to arrive home this week.

The telephone directors met here last Friday and a direct wire to Warrenton decided upon, thus doing away with the switchboard at New Baltimore.

INDEPENDENT HILL NOTES

E. Wright has returned to his home at Toms Brook, Va.

David Yates has returned after an extended visit at Woodstock.

Robert Maxwell has so far recovered that he is able to be out again.

Gordon Storko made a flying trip to Washington on business Monday.

Mrs. F. R. Greenwood is in Washington, visiting her brother, J. I. Sullivan.

Howard Ritnire and wife left on Thursday for their home near Woodstock, Va.

Daniel H. Carter, living on the Flumfries road, has installed a telephone in his house.

Mrs. L. Sullivan is home after an extended visit with her son and family in Washington.

The funeral sermon of the late M. L. Storko was preached Sunday by Rev. Arthur Cummings at Belle Haven church.

The extreme cold of the past three days is probably due to Mr. Groundhog seeing his graceful shadow and retiring for another snooze.

Mr. Pearl Gallahan and Miss Addie Hayes, of Kopp, left unannounced for Washington, Monday last returning the same evening as bride and groom. We wish them a peaceful, happy journey down the sea of matrimony.

Fred T. Sullivan has been appointed postmaster here to succeed his father, T. I. Sullivan, who has held the office for the past nineteen years. Fred has been assistant postmaster for thirteen years. It was recently made a money-order office. His wife, Mrs. Pearl A. Sullivan, will be his assistant.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Redmon was the scene of a very enjoyable entertainment on Friday evening last. Dancing and other pleasant diversions followed by a delightful luncheon was the program. Among the out-of-town guests were: Misses Lena Leonard, Lillie, Emma, Ida, and Virginia Pearson and Virgil Cockrell of Deleplane, Alta Harrison, of Centerville; Madeline C. M. Mock, Maylon Taylor, Albert Lawrence, Chas. Beavers, — Schaffer, and Messrs. Harry Pearson, Will Leonard, Ben Shippe, Carter Vaughan, of Deleplane, Cecil Pearson of Gainesville, and Douglas and W. N. Merchant, Jr. Thos. H. and C. D. Welch, C. V. and R. H. Jeffries, Aldie Crabb, C. M. Mock, Albert Lawrence, Maylon R. Taylor, Chas. Beavers, James Breedon, and Richard Jones. The music was furnished by Beavers' string band, and Richard Jones was floor manager for the trippers of the light fantastic.

There was an entertainment in Ruffner school building on Tuesday night, for the benefit of the Carnegie library. The program consisted of quite a lengthy number of recitations by the students of the school, together with a choice selection of music under the direction of Mrs. R. T. Hodge. At the close of the recitation and musical program, a light luncheon was served after which "The School Journal" full of interesting news items, and replete with wit and humor, was read by Miss Bouleau Griffith, one of The Journal's staff, and proved to be one of the most interesting features of the occasion.

James F. Moser has withdrawn from the firm of Moser & Bro. of this place, and has established himself in the mercantile business in Warrenton.

Mr. Moser's multitude of friends in Manassas and vicinity wish him an abundant success in his new location.

BITCH BY SAVAGE DOG

On Monday a mad dog appeared in the Milford neighborhood, and attacked a dog belonging to Thos. Marks. Mrs. Marks beat the dog with a club, and Mr. Marks appeared on the scene was slightly bitten upon the hand.

The dog made off in the direction of Manassas, and upon his arrival here, several dogs in the vicinity. He was finally run down and killed between Manassas and Buckhall. Mr. Marks left here this morning for Washington where he will, out of an abundance of caution, take the Posture train.

Our neighbor, John Hedrick, has been on the sick list for a week.

John Will Hedrick is preparing to move to Nokesville where he has purchased property.

R. S. Avery is confined to his home with a grip. Mr. Stanbush and others are affected with the same disease.

CIRCUIT COURT

At the February term of the circuit court, Judge J. B. T. Thornton, presiding, the following was a summary of the proceedings:

FEBRUARY 7TH.

Grand jury sworn. Indictment against Lemuel Glascoe, alias John Glascoe, for a felony.

Manassas National Bank released from payment of \$12.92 county tax, \$12.92 special school tax, \$12.92 county school tax and \$8.82 district school tax, erroneously assessed for year 1908.

List of lands heretofore purchased by commonwealth, delinquent lands released before sale, list of lands sold to others than the commonwealth and list of delinquent lands sold commonwealth were examined and approved and copy of same sent to auditor of public accounts.

Dr. Eden's account of physician to jail amounting to \$18.75 certified to auditor.

T. O. Latham and W. C. Latham as administrators of R. C. Latham, executed new bond as such.

The complaint of John D. Harper and others against the Hopkins company docketed and special grand jury ordered.

FEBRUARY 8.

Commonwealth against J. McInister continued to next term and defendant recognized in sum of \$1,000.

Capias awarded against Lemuel Glascoe.

Commonwealth against Charles R. Dewalt; judgment supreme court entered and fine ordered.

FEBRUARY 9.

R. A. Hutchison resigned as justice of the peace.

CHANCERY.

Tyler vs. Jordan; order reference.

Milton vs. Traverse; order reference.

Payne vs. Payne; order reference.

Reed's administrator vs. Windsor; rule against J. L. Reed, alibi, enlarged until next term.

Lynn, next friend, vs. Holmes; order reference.

Vermilion vs. Vermilion; order to distribute funds in hands of special commissioner.

Fairfax vs. Robinson; order reference.

Lloyd Gaskins allowed to change name to Lloyd Mitchell.

People's National Bank against Taylor; order reference.

Evans against Simpson; order reference, and F. C. Korabough, sheriff, appointed receiver.

Brown vs. Brown; order reference.

Janney vs. Hart; Smith vs. Taylor; dismissed by order of plaintiff's counsel.

Morgan vs. Wine; report of commissioner confirmed.

Raymond Florence vs. Mae Florence; absolute divorce granted.

Souter vs. Souter; absolute divorce granted.

Bodine vs. Bodine; sale confirmed and order to reinvest money in other real estate.

Court still in session. Continued un-

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Lucile	.15	5.00
Dillon	.25	2.00
Kern	.25	3.75
Sterling	.50	4.25
West Shore	.50	4.50
Peerless	.50	8.75
San Joaquin	.50	12.50
Kern River	.50	21.00
New York	.50	200.00
Oil City	2.50	34.00
Pacific	8.00	150.00
Hanford	10.00	190.00
Puente	10.00	150.00
St. Lawrence	15.00	300.00
Kreyenhagen	10.00	250.00
Home	10.00	5000.00

\$100 invested in New York Oil Company has since had a value of \$3,300.

\$100 invested in Hanford Company has since had a value of \$4,000.

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The Lure of the Mask

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SYNOPSIS

Jack Hillard, a wealthy New York clubman, hears a mysterious voice singing in the night under his window. He inserts an advertisement in a personal column to find the singer, and receives a reply. He visits the mysterious singer, but she wears a mask. He falls desperately in love with her, but he has not seen her face. The unknown woman gives her name as Mine Angot, which is assumed. They have dinner. She refuses to see him again. Hillard and Merrilow decide to go to Italy. Merrilow loves Kitty Killigrew, a comic opera singer, who has gone to Italy. Hillard receives a black mask in an envelope. Hillard and Merrilow arrive in Italy and later dine with Mrs. Sanford, an American society woman, who tells Hillard considerable about the mysterious woman with whom he is in love. She is now posing as an opera singer in Kitty Killigrew's company.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

"And wisely, I am often afraid of myself. I always do the first thing that enters my head, and generally it

"La Signorina"—began Kitty.
"There! I have warned you twice. The third time I shall be angry."

"Hilda, then. But I am afraid whenever I call you that. You do not belong to my world."

"And what makes you think that?"

There was a smile behind the veil.

"I do not know unless it is that you are at home everywhere, in the Campo, in the hotels, in the theater or the palace. Now, I am at home only in the theater, in places which are unreal and artificial. You are a great actress, a great singer, and yet, as O'Mally would say, you don't belong."

Kitty had forgotten what she had started out to say.

Le Signorina laughed. "Post! You have been reading too many novels to the mold, Pompeo."

At the word, the great quarry of Venice, they uncharmed. The widow prima donna dropped 50 centimes into Pompeo's palm, and he bowed to the very gunwale of the boat.

"Gratia, nobilita."

"What does he say?" asked KITTY.

"He says 'Thanks, nobility.' If I had given him a penny if would have been thanks only. For a lira he would have ended princesses-princess. The gondolier will give you any title you desire if you are willing enough to pay for it."

The Piazza San Marco, or St. Mark, is the mecca of those in search of beauty. Here they may lay the sacred carpet, knee and worship. There is none other to compare with this mighty square, with its enchanting splendor, its haunting romance, its brilliant if pathetic history.

There were several thousand people in the square tonight, mostly ramblers. The band was playing selections from Andrea's whimsical "La Mascotte".

The tables of the many cafes were filled, and hundreds walked to and fro under the bright arcades or stopped to gaze into the shop windows.

The two women saw no vacant tables at Florian's, but presently they espied the other denizens—O'Mally, Smith, and Worth—who managed to find two extra chairs.

Through her veil their former prima donna studied them carefully, with a purpose in mind. The only one she doubted was Worth. Somehow he annoyed her. She could not explain, yet still the sense of annoyance was always there.

"Gentlemen," she said during a lull. "I have a plan to propose to you all."

"If it will get us back to old Broadway let us have it at once," said O'Mally.

"Well, then, I propose to wait no longer for letters from home. My plan

is to startle and impress the women as they passed, and once they were seated a good spike sent the gondola up the canal."

"What brings you down? They dined by little restaurants where Venetians in older days talked freely to themselves and with the Americans, and at length they came to the Grand canal where the boats were

"This is better."

"It is infinitely better when you are with me, kitty."

For years Kitty had taught her best the alone, independent and resourceful, and just here was leaning upon the shoulder of this friendliest woman, and gratefully too.

"Now, my dear Kitty, we'll just enjoy ourselves tonight, and on our return I shall fly a plan before you, and tomorrow you may safely return to the men."

"I accept it at once without knowing where you are."

"What a beautiful palace!" Kitty cried proudly, pointing to a house not far from the house of Petrarch. The moon poured broadly upon it. The station pony stood the sleeping pony, and Pompeo whistled over the steps.

Pompeo, seeing Kitty's gesture, threw the gondola diagonally across the canal.

"No, no, Pompeo!" Le Signorina spoke in Italian. "I have told you never to go near that house without express orders. Straight ahead."

"Who lives there?" asked Kitty.

"Nobody," answered Le Signorina. "Though once it was the palace of a great warrior. How picturesque the gondolas look, with their dancing dog lights!"

"The old palace interests me more than the gondolas," declared Kitty. But Le Signorina was not to be trapped.

From the Grand canal they came out into the great canal of San Marco, the beginning of the lion-gon.

is simple. They say that a gambler always wins the first time he plays. I propose that each of you will spare me what money you want, and I will go to Monte Carlo and take one plunge at the tables."

"More! More!" O'Mally brought down his fist resoundingly. "That's a good idea. If you should break the bank think of the advertisement when you go back to New York."

"Be still," said Worth.

"Death is business is business, and without publicity there isn't any business."

O'Mally was hurt.

"Mr. O'Mally is right," said Le Signorina. "It would be a good advertisement. But your combined opinion is what I want."

The three men looked at one another thoughtfully, then drew out their wallets, thin and worn. They made up a purse of exactly \$150, not at all a propitious sum. But, such as it was,

O'Mally passed it across the table. There were two women. One of them was this utter confidence in her touched Le Signorina's heart. She turned to Kitty Killigrew, as I live, shouted aside for a moment and fumbled with the hidden chain about her neck. She placed her hand on the table and beckoned to a gendarme who came over and calmly took the palm of her hand.

"I shall give this to you, Mr. O'Mally," said the owner. "I'll return. It is very dear to me, but that must not stand in the way."

"Ye gods!" cried O'Mally in dismay. "Put it away. I shouldn't sleep nights with that on my person. Keep it. We'll trust you anywhere this side of Italy. But you're a bit off the mark." And that was as near familiarity as O'Mally ever came.

She turned to Smith, but he put out a hand in violent protest; then to Worth but he smiled and shook his head.

She put the ring away. It was her mother's. She never would smile scornfully in secret at these men again.

"Thank you," she said quickly. "If I lose your money we will all go to Florence. I have another plan, but that will keep till this one is under hand proves a fallacy."

O'Mally beckoned to a waiter.

"Tom!" warned Smith.

"You let me alone," replied O'Mally. "A quart of Asti won't hurt anybody."

Early the next morning she and Kitty departed for Monte Carlo in quest of fortune. Fortune was there, waiting, out in a guise wholly unexpected.

CHAPTER XI.

A BOX OF CIGARS.

On the way up to Rome Hillard and his pupil had a second class compartment all to themselves. The train was a fast one, for the day of slow travel has passed in Italy, and the cry of speed is heard over the land.

There was a change of cars at Rome and a wait of two hours.

After luncheon Merrilow secretly bought two boxes of cigars to carry along. They were good cigars and cost him \$10. He covered them with some

newspapers and at the station succeeded by some legerdemain in slipping them into one of his cases. Hillard would have lectured him on his extravagance, and this was a good way to avoid it. But some hours later he was going to be very sorry that he had not made a confidant of his guide.

As they were boarding the train they noticed two gentlemen getting into the forward compartment of the carriage.

"What shall I do now, Jack?" Merrilow asked.

"I refuse to help you. Find out yourself."

So Merrilow, hopeless and subdued, went into the room designated, saw the cigar taken out and weighed, took the bill and presented it with a hundred lire note at the little window in the off room.

During his change he found Hillard sitting expectantly on the bench.

"I hope you are perfectly satisfied," said Hillard, with an amiability which wouldn't have passed muster anywhere.

"Oh, I'm satisfied," answered Merrilow. He stuffed his pockets with cigars, fastened the boxes into the case and locked them up.

"I enjoyed your short tobacco."

"I know it."

"You should have told me."

"I know that, too, but I didn't want you to lecture me."

"A lecture would have been better than waiting here in this hell for three hours."

"Three hours!" despondently.

"Oh, there's a restaurant, but it's not much better than this. It's bad—diseased—poisonous."

And by the time they had found the Ristorante Tornaghi—miserable and uninviting—they were laughing.

"Only I wish I knew where they were going," was Hillard's regret.

"They," said Merrilow.

"The women with Kitty is the reason I'm going to find if I stay to Rome ten years. And when I find her I'll give her a nice place."

"Good," said Merrilow, pouring himself a third glass of very indifferent Decaffe.

"But they may be going anywhere but to Monte Carlo—Paris, Cherasco, Cuneo. In my opinion, Monte Carlo is the last place two such women are likely to go to alone."

So they sat in the dingy restaurant, smoking and laughing and grumbling till the next train was announced. At that afternoon they arrived without further mishap at the most interesting station of the line to Europe, Monte Carlo.

And then into the omnibus, adjuring came the man with the nose.

Among the inspectors at Ventimiglia is a pink, whiskered Frenchman with a face as pale and insipid as the sand below Spain. He possesses, among other accomplishments, a nose greater than his for its shape than for its smell. He can "smell out" tobacco and a which doctor in Zanzibar sniffs out a "devil."

Fate directed this individual toward the Americans. Hillard knew him of old, and he never forgot it from this wizened little man.

"Monseur has nothing to declare?" he asked.

Hillard made a negative sign and opened his case. With scarce a glance at their contents and waving aside the coupons the inspector applied the chalk and turned to Mountebew.

"Monseur has nothing to declare?" he repeated.

Merrilow shook his head airily. "Niente niente," he said in his best Italian. He did not understand what the inspector said. He merely had suspicions.

"Look!" suddenly exclaimed Hillard. Passing out of the door which led to Liberty and to France, their luggage

were two women. One of them was

the other was not.

"Kitty Killigrew, as I live, shouted aside for a moment and fumbled with the hidden chain about her neck. She placed her hand on the table and beckoned to a gendarme who came over and calmly took the palm of her hand.

"La Signorina's eyes wandered till

they met Hillard's.

"And what good would it do you to

know? Would it bring money from

home again? No, indeed, never

that I am unhappy. The adventures

are over."

"Adventure?" Hillard laughed scornfully. "The proprietor pretends he

has."

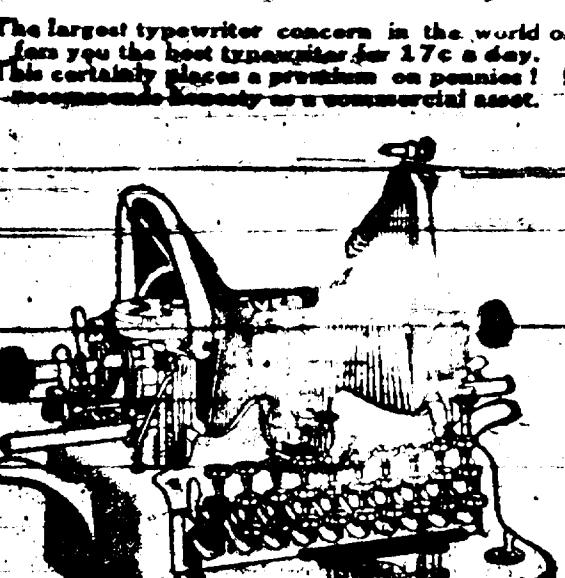
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