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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## CROWD AT OPERA HOUSE

Record-breaking Manassas Audience Witnesses Performances Last Friday.

In Conner's Opera House last Friday evening was presented the one act drama, "Old Uncle Con," and the sparkling musical comedy, "The Bingville School." Long before the appointed hour crowds lined the long stairway and when the curtain rose on "Old Uncle Con" a record-breaking house was in place, while an improvised gallery over the stairway provided room for a goodly number of youngsters who did not object to the absence of a ladder.

"Old Uncle Con" opened with the appearance of the two feminine characters who gained new laurels and added to their long line of amateur theatrical triumphs. Mrs. J. R. B. Davis as Marion, the beautiful young daughter of the wealthy house of Harper, in whom every sweet and lovely characteristic of womanhood was combined, surpassed herself in the portrayal which elicited the most spontaneous applause noted during the performance.

Miss Mary Beverley Leachman as Blanche Morgan, her guest, quite won the audience, especially at the moment she walked upon the lovers in very striking attitude and was obliged to emit several loud "ahems" to attract their embarrassed attention.

Mr. D. R. Lewis as Mr. Harper, gave life and vigor to the part which was not an easy one and required a knowledge of some of the finer parts of the craft.

As Paul O'Brien, the son of Uncle Con, the Irish gardener, Mr. F. H. Cox was a distinct success. Probably his most effective moment was while trying to conceal from his father his love for Marion Harper, though the ludicrous situation occasioned by the advent of Blanche in the near love scene may have been most generally appreciated.

Mr. R. C. Leachman played the part of the wayward youth of fortune with unusual feeling and ease of expression. His confession to Paul and the dramatic confession at the climax of the drama were moments of tense excitement and profound speculation.

Old Uncle Con was a peerless character. Played by Mr. Frank S. Davidson, the well-known comedian under whose supervision the drama was staged here, the part lost not a jot of its appeal and rather gained by the inimitable action and expressive portrayal.

Miss Julia W. Lewis played the incidental music for "Old Uncle Con" and Miss Evelyn Wenrick calvinized the scene between the curtains.

"The Bingville School" was just a long, long laugh and the audience left the building in a very happy frame of mind. "Teacher" was Mr. Davidson who was wildly applauded for his comical facial expressions during his trying time at the head of the Bingville girls and boys who included Misses Marie Leachman, Louise Walker, Jessie Bennett, Ida Ransdell, Emma Lois Davis, Louise Maloney, Julia Maloney, Edna Davis and Olive Hornbaker, and Messrs. D. R. Lewis and R. C. Leachman as Mary Baker, Millie Noisy, Susan Stayer, Mercy Bestitt, Celesta Shim, Corinne Corker, Anabel Perkins, Jennie Thirsty, Bessie Boneless, Julius Jenkins and Willie Snodgrass. These students were as bright as the proverbial dollar and their re-

## GAINESVILLE TRACK MEET

Will Probably Be Held Saturday, April 11—Rules and List of Events.

Gainesville District Track Meet will be held at Catharpin Saturday, April 11 (Date subject to a change).

Summary of events:

Parade at 9:30 by teachers and children of Gainesville district.

1. 220-yard dash, for boys over 15 years.

2. 100-yard dash, for boys from 10 to 15 years.

3. 60-yard dash, for boys from 7 to 10 years.

4. 60-yard dash, for girls from 12 to 16 years.

5. 40-yard dash, for girls from 8 to 12 years.

6. Throwing baseball. Open to all ages.

7. Climbing the bar. Open to all ages.

8. Running high jump, for boys over 15 years.

9. Running high jump, for boys from 10 to 15 years.

10. Running high jump, for boys from 7 to 10 years.

11. Three legged race. Open to all ages.

12. Sack-race. Open to all ages.

13. Running broad jump, for boys over 15 years.

14. Running broad jump, for boys from 10 to 15 years.

15. Running broad jump, for boys from 7 to 10 years.

16. Potato race, for boys from 7 to 12 years.

17. Potato race, for girls from 7 to 12 years.

18. Show-ups (passed above). Open to boys of all ages.

19. Relay race, 700 yards, for boys over 15 years.

20. Relay race, 400 yards, for boys from 10 to 15 years.

Catching the greased pig.

A list of the prizes offered will be published in the county papers at an early date. In addition to the prizes, the Catharpin Junior League will give a pennant in the Virginia colors to the school winning the most points, the first twenty events each counting five points.

For rules governing races, etc., apply to the Department of Public Instruction, Richmond, Virginia, for the book, "Play and Athletics for Virginia Public Schools," which is furnished free.

We desire each teacher to get as many pupils as possible to enter these events.

There will be no entrance fee charged to any of the events, but an admission fee of ten cents will be charged everyone at the gate.

No teacher will be allowed to enter a pupil in the events who has not attended school at least thirty days during the session of 1913-14.

Lunch will be served on the grounds by the Junior League.

For further information apply to Misses Lenora Harmon or Eleanor Watkins, Catharpin, Va.

Responses to questions were closely associated with roars of laughter.

The costumes were reminiscent of the backwoods and their general antics kept the house convulsed. The solo parts of Miss Leachman and Miss Bennett were rendered in pleasing style and the carol of Willie Snodgrass was none the less enjoyed.

Looking at the show from a standpoint of wholesome fun and entertainment it has been a long time since Manassas has enjoyed a like performance. Successful from every point of view, Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Manassas Dramatic Club Band have swelled their treasuries to the general satisfaction of all concerned.

—Rev. C. H. Corkran, of Eastern College, will preach at Asbury M. E. church next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

## BONDING COMPANY RAISES QUESTION

Work on Civic Improvements Still in Motion While Matter is Referred to Supreme Court of Appeals Which Convenes in March.

The Town Council has received word from President L. A. Trowbridge, of the Hanchett Bond Company, of Chicago, to the effect that their New York attorneys, Messrs. Dillon, Thompson & Clay, to whom all papers connected with the Manassas Bond Issue were submitted, have decided that it will be necessary to refer the matter to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for decision as to whether a sewer system is or is not a public utility of the kind contemplated by Section 127, Clause B, of the Constitution of Virginia. The question has arisen as to whether sewers are not comprehended under Section 126 of the Constitution, which relates to Bond Issues for non-revenue-producing utilities.

It is believed that in view of the interests at stake, the Court of Appeals will endeavor to render a prompt decision.

In the meantime the work on the improvements is proceeding, arrangement having been made with the Peoples National Bank and the National Bank of Manassas for the necessary funds to tide over the contractors temporarily. The Council wishes to emphasize the point that the question at issue is a mere "legal technicality."

## WINS FROM WESTERN HIGH

Local High School Quint Comes Out of Hard Game Three Points Ahead.

Manassas High School's basketball team defeated the quint from Western High School, of Washington, last Saturday night by the score of 21 to 18. The game was the closest as well as the fastest and most spectacular that has been played on the local court this year.

Western threw the first basket but Manassas followed with three field goals in rapid succession and plainly had the visitors on the run when a broken light bulb gave them a breathing space. They then came back with a vengeance and the first half ended with the score 12 to 7 in their favor.

In the early part of the second period their superiority was even more marked, and they had boosted their total to 18 while the local team was relying almost entirely on the accurate free tossing of Roads and with five minutes of play left they were still three points behind.

Then the local high school boys took a brace and played the visitors off their feet, two field goals by Adamson and two free tosses by Roads giving them the lead of the argument at the close. Wheatley starred for the visitors while the whole Manassas team played good basketball and won the game on team-work and speed.

The line up:

| Manassas  | Positions | Western  |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Roads     | R. F.     | Peck     |
| Adamson   | L. F.     | Wheatley |
| Janney    | Center    | Adams    |
| Williams  | R. G.     | Bailey   |
| Blackwell | L. G.     | Giblin   |

Goals from floor—Adamson (3), Roads (5), Wheatley (5), Peck (2), Adams (2). Goals from foul—Roads (9). Referee—Mr. McDevitt. Time of halves—20 minutes.

The basketball game tonight between Alexandria High School and M. H. S. promises to be one of the best and closest of this season. The local team has made great strides since the game two weeks ago and is fully confident that it will emerge from forty minutes of hard basketball with the long end of the score. But the game is going to be a contest all the way and those who go expecting a dull moment are likely to be disappointed.

## PASSES AWAY IN BRISTOL

Mrs. Margaretha Dorsey Newson Dies Within Few Weeks of Her 101st Birthday.

Mrs. Margaretha Dorsey Newson, widow of Joseph Morrison Newson, of Berkeley county, died last Saturday in Bristol, Tenn., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Saunders. The body was shipped for burial to Westminster, Md., where another daughter, Mrs. Henry C. Cushing, now resides.

Mrs. Newson was born in Georgia February 23, 1813. In 1835 she was married to Prof. Newson who died in 1884 at the age of 77 years. Their union was blessed with 15 children though but two daughters and one son now survive.

Our old residents will remember Mrs. Newson as the mother of Mrs. Cushing who lived among us before her departure for Maryland, while more recent residents may only recall the celebration last February of her 100th birthday. At this time the venerable lady received an interesting letter from Miss Lillian Russell, the actress:

Fulton Theatre, New York City, Feb. 24, 1913.

My dear Madam:

I am desired by Miss Lillian Russell to offer you her sincere congratulations on attaining your one-hundredth birthday. She has just started a series of talks to the women of America with the intention of showing them how she intends to arrive at the same age while she is on earth, and with this end in view she is telling them of what she is doing and what she is avoiding to insure her efforts to keep her evolution.

She hopes in her campaign to induce women to bring more thought upon their everyday life. She firmly believes that both men and women have in them the power to emulate your splendid example with a little simple care. Yours very truly, LOUIS NETHERSOLE, Secretary.

hitched the mules and were packing the manure in large bags for the mules to carry to the needing soil. Mark Twain has well expressed how the Germans regard their manure pile. He says a German is rated according to the size of his manure pile.

The farmers of the United States lose every year three quarters of a billion dollars in the waste of the manure on the farms. Isn't it high time our farmers were stopping this waste? Isn't it time we were using every available effort to increase our annual output of farm products? Even some of the European nations are referring to us as an importing nation as regards many of the farm products that we should be growing. Farmers, let us not have this said of us.

I travelled through six of the European countries and I can say that I consider that the one great reason for the average production of farm crops of European countries being larger is the better care of the soil, and principally the conservation of the manure. Live stock and manures have made these countries. Let every farmer use every available load of manure for his crops this coming year. Do not let your barns go without being cleaned out, for your crop needs this help that you can give by applying this manure.

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## EUROPEAN VS. AMERICAN

The Old Country Farmers Have Learned the Value of Manure—A Lesson For Us.

BY W. M. BROWN (Field Agent Southern Railway)

I shall never forget my first day in a new country. We landed at Plymouth, the old, old Plymouth, on a Monday night in December. The next morning early we took a fast express train to London. The day was warm for the time of year and the sun was bright so that I saw the southern portion of England at her very best, to see it during the winter. Somehow, I felt that I was traveling in a dream, for many times I had studied about this country with all of its associations with olden times.

The new kind of train was another experience, too. We had a carriage all alone, so that my wife and I were going from one side to the other to get a view of the beautiful scenery and the well-kept farms in this portion of England.

One of the first things that took my attention was the large percentage of the land that was in permanent pasture. This was evidence enough that this was a

livestock section. At the same time I noticed the small size of the fields with cattle—cattle everywhere, it seemed. Every farm had a maximum number of cattle, practically all of them beef cattle. These people have pasture a good portion of the year and import the feed that they cannot grow. All the cattle were in good condition, and I noticed a great regularity in the breed and type of these cattle.

In one section all of the cattle seemed to be Short Horn, while 50 or 60 miles further on we came to a section where all the cattle seemed to be Herefords. If our American farmers would get together and grow animals of uniform type and breed they could sell to a greater advantage.

But I have wandered far from what I started out to say and that is that the European farmer recognizes that his manure pile is one of his most valuable assets. As I traveled through England I

I saw that every farmhouse, or barn, rather, had a well-constructed manure pit where the farmer deposited his manure every day as he cleaned his barn, barnyard and every place where his animals have been kept. At this particular time of year the farmers everywhere were carting out this manure and scattering it over the fields of grass or the fields of wheat.

The same thing was true as I crossed France. One thing was somewhat different in France, that is the Frenchman was putting down his manure in regular heaps over his fields of wheat or some other grain or where he had plowed for a crop next spring. I saw some of the peasants distributing the manure from the piles or heaps, and he did it with the greatest accuracy, it seemed.

After his work had been finished the whole covering seemed to be a uniform depth. As I passed up through the mountains of northern Italy, I saw how zealously the Italian guarded the barnyard manure. The Italian has to work very hard to make a living, so he must use every available foot of land. He cultivates small patches far up the mountainside. I saw an Italian and his son have a load of manure at the foot of a large hill upon the side of which he had his vineyard and farm. They were as far as they could go with the wagon, so

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| 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c Checked Nainsook              | 9  |
| 10c Checked Nainsook   | 8  |
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| 1 Lot Brown Muslin, in Remnants                                | 5  |
| 10c Towels   | 8  |
| 15c Towels   | 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                 |
| Beautiful Damask, 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -yard Patterns | 78   |
| Beautiful Damask, 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -yard Patterns | 98   |
| \$2.00 Napkins   | \$1.48   |
| \$1.25 Counterpanes  | 98   |
| 15c Madras, Shirting Woven                                     | 10   |
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| Pajama Nainsooks, 35-inch                                      | 10 and 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>          |
| White Crepes   | 15, 20 and 25                                  |
| Flaxons  | 15, 20, 25 and 35                              |
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### OUR GOVERNOR

The inauguration of Henry Carter Stuart as  
Governor of Virginia, gives the Commonwealth a  
chief executive, who by birth, training, education  
and experience, is the peer of any one of his dis-  
tinguished predecessors in that high office.

His public life and services are too well known  
to the readers of THE JOURNAL to necessitate their  
review at this time.

Old enough for his judgment to have fully  
ripened, and young enough to possess the enthus-  
iasm of youth; with a mind naturally vigorous in  
its grasp, broadened by a varied political experi-  
ence, yet untainted by political debauchery, and  
unsoured by adversities; with all the advantages of  
wealth, but with the sincerest sympathy with the  
tollers; with the prestige of a distinguished an-  
cestry behind him, but with none of the snobbery  
of the aristocrat of the popular fancy, Mr. Stuart,  
who is the first governor since the war to receive  
the nomination without opposition and the election  
without contest, begins his administration under  
the most favorable auspices.

His inaugural address outlines a policy which, it  
is believed, will meet with the approval and hearty  
co-operation of the business interests of the state.

THE JOURNAL, which was a cordial supporter of  
Mr. Stuart for the governorship when it was antici-  
pated he would have opposition, tenders its most  
sincere congratulations; and hopes that his admin-  
istration will be successful beyond his most san-  
guine hopes.

### THEY WILL READ

Fashions may change and tastes may vary, but  
newspapers are always in demand. And if our  
readers doubt it, they have only to turn to the new  
edition of the American Newspaper Annual and  
Directory to be convinced.

The tabulated statistics are interesting, if not  
especially encouraging, to publishers. The figures  
show, for example, that during 1913 five period-  
icals were launched every working day, but that  
suspensions, consolidations and failure reduced the  
net increase for this year to about 160. Almost  
1,400 were driven to the wall in that struggle for  
existence, which grows keener every year.

Scarcely less striking are the comparisons for  
morning and afternoon papers. Of 2,640 dailies  
in the country, the number of morning issues has  
been reduced until they form scarcely one-third of  
the whole. The reason for this, though it may not  
be known to our readers, is familiar to every pub-  
lisher. The afternoon paper is by no means as  
costly to establish or to operate as is the morning  
paper, for the reason that the public expects a  
higher degree of accuracy from the latter. The  
news must be fresher, must cover a wider field,  
and must be more carefully written both as to  
content and form. This entails the expense of a  
larger staff, heavier telegraph tolls, more foreign  
correspondents and a more extensive mechanical  
equipment. As the public demand has thus in-  
creased, the standard of metropolitan morning  
papers has improved, and their expenses have  
been multiplied. There is little wonder that many  
of them have not been able to meet the require-  
ments and have been forced to suspend.

Magazine publishing has apparently fallen on  
evil days during the past year. Some of the pop-  
ular magazines which once were "fat" with adver-  
tising sections are lean and despairing in their  
appearance; others are being operated at a loss;  
in scores of cases ends are being met only by the  
most economical management.

In the main, magazine publishers are themselves  
responsible for this decline in the demand for their  
wares. A few years ago they ran mad in catering  
to what was at best a passing fancy of the public.  
They abandoned these features upon which the  
reputation of many of them was made; they  
printed endless serials and short stories innum-  
erable, which had no other merit than the catch-  
word of a popular name; they flooded every issue  
with pictures which interested but a small per-  
centage of their readers. They had their day,  
perhaps, but now they are doomed. And in their  
place the old standard magazines and those which  
have struggled on in steadfast allegiance to true  
literary ideals are coming into their own.—Times  
Dispatch.

### BULL RUN PARK

Having established national parks at Chicka-  
maugua and at Gettysburg, the next move is for  
the establishment of a similar park at Manassas.

The first step towards accomplishing this purpose,  
directed by Union and Confederate veterans, was  
taken when the army board made a favorable re-  
port. Congress must now provide an appropriation.

The Virginia Senators and Congressman Carlin,  
in whose district the proposed park will be, have  
promised help, and it is expected that not only  
will they be joined by the rest of the Virginia de-  
legation, but that many Congressmen from South  
and North, East and West will lend aid to the  
movement.

The two great battles of Manassas, or Bull Run,  
furnished incidents which can be remembered with  
pride by Yankee and Southerner. It was there  
that the first great battle of the War Between the  
States was fought; where Jackson won the title by  
which he has become better known than by his  
own name; where the Confederate forces won their  
first great victory, and where, at the second battle,  
the Union forces, by their courage and stubborn-  
ness, redeemed, though defeated, the disaster of  
the first year of the war.

Union and Confederate veterans have joined to-  
gether to secure this national battlefield park at  
Manassas; Congressmen from the various sections  
should have no difficulty in following their ex-  
ample.—Times Dispatch.

### A SUCCESSFUL APPEAL

The problem of filling the churches on Sunday  
cannot be solved in a day. Those to whom it has  
been giving the greatest concern will be abundantly  
satisfied if it can be solved at all. But the success  
of Go-to-Church Sunday shows that effort in that  
direction is not wasted. A good beginning gives  
promise that much more can be accomplished.

Surely when some congregations in Baltimore  
are doubted and a large proportion of them are  
noticeably swelled in numbers, optimism in regard  
to the church possibilities of church attendance is  
justified.

It will be in order for clergymen who have ob-  
served the direct benefit of the plan to bend their  
attention to discovering other means that will op-  
erate in the same direction. The attendance yester-  
day was due, of course, principally to the novelty  
of the appeal. If the same thing were done every  
Sunday the novelty would wear off and the appeal  
would lose much of its force.

But the results so marked should be gotten from  
a simple expedient warrants careful study as to  
the possibility of finding a more effective way to  
accomplish the same thing. The result is chiefly  
valuable as encouragement to further effort.—Bal-  
timore News.

### A FINE EXHIBITION

The House of Representatives showed laudable  
common sense as well as public spirit in rising  
superior to passion and prejudice and voting down  
the anti-Asiatic amendment to the Immigration  
bill. And the large majority by which these  
amendments were defeated ought to have the ef-  
fect of assuring the sensitive Japanese mind that  
there is no general feeling of antagonism to them  
in this country. The honors of the day, however,  
go to Mr. Mann, the Republican leader, for his  
patriotic attitude and the words of exhortation  
that brought the Republicans into line with the  
Democrats in opposition to a course which might  
seriously embarrass the Administration and the  
country. These words ought to be remembered to  
Mr. Mann's credit.

I think now is the time for us to be cool and  
collected, not to be carried off our feet because we  
think, perchance, we can play politics at the ex-  
pense of the Democratic side of the House. We  
owe an allegiance to our country above our party.  
We represent the entire country and we ought to  
protect at this time even California against herself.  
Spoken like a man and a patriot. We tender  
Mr. Mann a large and fragrant bouquet of ap-  
probation.—Baltimore Sun.

### ADIEU!

Governor Stuart received the reins from Vir-  
ginia's grand old man who has won a place secure in  
the hearts of the people. "Governor" Mann will  
be remembered.

Teddy's smile pattern has been found in the  
rocks of South America. We didn't hear so much  
about that visit.

"Butch" McDevitt is not the first man with a  
strong desire to gain laurels without personal sac-  
rifice or attainments, nor has he failed to win  
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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Mr. L. E. Hixson is improving. Mrs. Elmer Merchant is quite ill at her home at Clifton. There will be a piano recital in Eastern College Auditorium tonight. Mr. B. Frank May, a former employee, is again on duty at the Manassas postoffice. Mr. M. J. Hottle is adding an attractive porch to his residence on Centre street. Some improvements were in process this week at Asbury M. E. church on West street. Mrs. W. N. Merchant has returned from a Washington hospital, much improved in health. Mr. Andrew Wright has bought the E. T. Garber property at Nokesville and has taken possession. The next meeting of the Prince William County Teachers' Institute is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20. Dr. R. E. Wine entertained the medical fraternity of Manassas Monday afternoon at his Grant avenue residence. A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to John B. Farnsworth and Edna B. Hirpina, both of Nokesville. Mr. W. W. Wheaton has been quite sick the past week with rheumatism and indigestion. Mr. Wheaton lives near Canova. Col. Robert A. Hutchison was in the inaugural parade last Monday with other members of the staff of Ex-Governor Mann. Mrs. Rittie Greenwood assumed the duties of postmaster at Independent Hill Wednesday. She succeeds Mrs. Luther Carter. A box party will be given at Nokesville public school Thursday, Feb. 12, beginning at 6:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Little Herman, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Reeves, died last Sunday at the home of his parents on the Wellington road. Master John Wilson, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilson, is extremely ill of pneumonia at the Wilson home on north Main street. The choir of Trinity Episcopal church meets regularly Saturday afternoon at the church at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. The students of Miss Nelle E. Monks, instructor in voice at Eastern College, gave an excellent private recital Tuesday afternoon in the College auditorium. Don't forget the entertainment lecture at Asbury M. E. church next Tuesday at 8 p. m. Rev. C. H. Corkran has chosen as his subject "The Pilgrim's Progress." E. W. Eubank, a lineman for the Western Union, had his elbow crushed and received other injuries as a result of a fall from a telegraph pole Wednesday, at Clifton. The regular meeting of the Patrons' League will be held at the Bennett building Thursday afternoon Feb. 19, at 2:30 p. m. All patrons interested are urged to attend. There will be services at Trinity Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School meets at 10 a. m. Master John Bowling Hooff, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hooff, of Manassas, was awarded the crazy quilt offered by Brentsville Camp, Modern Woodmen of America.

The quarterly conference of the M. E. church will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Asbury M. E. church. District Superintendent W. L. McDowell will conduct the conference. The basketball game between M. H. S. and Alexandria High School will be called tonight directly after the piano recital which begins at 7 p. m. Mr. W. M. Brown will referee. Be ready for the game at 8 p. m. The ladies of the U. D. C. who have promised to contribute to the Ewell Camp dinner Saturday, February 7, will please send contributions to Ruffner school building this afternoon. MRS. WESTWOOD HUTCHISON. Mr. Benjamin Darling, of Toledo, O., has purchased the John Bell place near Bradley and moved in Wednesday. His sister, Mrs. William Daniel, who has been living on the Welch property, Portner avenue, will make her home with him. Mr. George Lowe died at his home at Independent Hill about 7 a. m. Tuesday. The funeral was held at the Primitive Baptist church Wednesday. Mr. Lowe was seventy-odd years old. He is survived by his wife and one son, Mr. G. B. Lowe. "The Flowery Kingdom" will be given at Ruffner building next Monday evening at 7:30 instead of tonight as previously announced. The affair will be held under the auspices of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of Manassas Baptist Church. Mr. Addison Dove, aged 65 years, died Saturday at 4 p. m., at his home about 3 miles from Nokesville. The funeral was held at Valley View Church Sunday at 1 p. m., Rev. I. N. H. Beahm officiating. Mr. Dove is survived by a widow, four sisters and four brothers. The ladies of Grace M. E. Church, South, will hold the annual bazaar next Friday in the M. I. C. building. An excellent dinner and supper will be served and the usual attractive features will again be in place. The fancy table promises to be a wonder of needlework. A liberal patronage is assured. It's at the Ruffner building on the 7th at high noon that the splendid dinner is to be served by the Daughters. A limited number of tickets are on sale at the drug stores, and they are going like hot oysters. Get a good dinner and help a good cause. Interesting public exercises, free to all, begin at 1:30. Three unusually helpful and interesting services are to be held at the Manassas Baptist Church next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Dunford, the widely known Sunday School Secretary will speak at each service. The meeting at three o'clock will be under the auspices of the Royal Ambassadors and specially for young people. Mr. J. W. Wyckoff, of Burke, an esteemed former resident, is ill in St. Vincent ward, Providence Hospital, Washington, and his many friends and comrades are urged to visit him there. Through a friend Mr. Wyckoff has written to Mr. J. F. Gulick, expressing his regret that he will be unable to attend the Ewell celebration tomorrow. Mr. John L. Keys died yesterday afternoon at his home at Independent Hill, following a stroke of paralysis last Sunday and a second stroke Wednesday evening. Mr. Keys was unmarried; he is survived by a sister, several nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives. For some time he was a supervisor of Coles District. The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at Oak Grove church, near Hoadley. Interment will be made in the burying-ground there.

Lillie A. Robertson, widow of the late William Robertson, will be glad to learn that she is improving and will soon be back with her family and friends. Mrs. Robertson, who is a daughter of Mr. John F. Robertson, of the Manassas neighborhood, was recently taken to Sibley Hospital, Washington, by Dr. W. R. Tuttos, of Haymarket. A joint session of the Senate and House of Delegates was held Saturday when a silver service, consisting of a solid silver tray, pitcher and goblet, was presented to Governor and Mrs. Mann and tureen and tray to Lieutenant and Mrs. Ellyson. Delegate A. G. Weaver, of Warren, made the presentation to Governor and Mrs. Mann and Senator Thornton to Lieutenant and Mrs. Ellyson. We have heard from Mr. W. S. Miller who recently went to Oneonta, Ala., on account of his wife's health. Mr. Miller tells us about the hilly country with its delightful climate, fertile land and growing gardens: oats are coming up and farmers are plowing for corn and cotton. He also expresses an appreciation of the splendid people of the section and their Prince William friends will be glad to know they are so pleasantly situated. Louis L. Jackson, a young man accused of the cowardly murder last August of Richard W. Harrison, a young telegraph operator of the C. & O. R. R. Co., at Scottsville, was acquitted Wednesday at Charlottesville, in the circuit court of Albemarle. Mr. Harrison was a nephew of Miss Lillie Evans, well-known to Manassas residents, and a relative of the Larkin family here. The case has aroused much interest throughout the state. Lieut. Ralph Stover Keyser, who is connected with the America Embassy at Japan, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Keyser, of Thoroughfare, telling them of the earthquake that passed over the islands without warning on Dec. 15. There was a heavy storm and a roaring sound like thunder. The houses were shaking so violently that the people were compelled to leave, taking refuge in the parks. He says that the Americans from the embassy formed a relief party to help the Japanese and to quiet the crowds in the parks. RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT. Since God in His all-wise Providence has removed from the Shaw home at Clifton, the husband and father and a friend and well-wisher of the several Good Housekeeping Clubs of Prince William county, be it RESOLVED, That the Catharpin Good Housekeeping Club hereby extends to the beloved wife and children their sincere sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement. RESOLVED, That since Mrs. Shaw is so far from home and is loved by all we feel a double portion of sorrow for her in this hour of trouble. RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of our club, that a copy be sent to the county papers for publication, that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased. Mrs. W. L. SANDERS, Mrs. G. P. BROWN, Mrs. L. K. LYNN, Committee. COMING POULTRY SHOW. The Manassas Poultry Show will be held in connection with the next February meeting of the Northern Virginia Farmers' Institute on Friday, the 27th. The exhibit will be held in the M. I. C. building. Exhibitors are urged to enter early. Blanks may be had from Mr. C. H. Yarborough, Jr., secretary of the Farmers' Institute, who has announced that entries will be closed on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

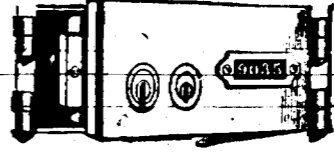
ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW Miss Elsa Langyher is still the guest of her sister in Washington. Miss Dora Langyher, of Bristow, visited friends here yesterday. Mr. Thomas Ballinger, of Alexandria, visited friends here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hart Gibson, of Clifton, were town visitors last week. Mrs. G. E. Nash was the guest of Mrs. Elmer Merchant at Clifton during the week. Misses Bertha Hall and Etta Wells of Nokesville, were Manassas visitors Monday. Miss Sallie Wilson, of Washington, has been visiting her brother, Mr. John S. Wilson. Mr. R. Hilton Evans, of Baltimore, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Evans, Sunday. Mr. Charles E. Ruffner, of Washington, visited his many friends in Manassas during the week. Mrs. Samuel R. Lowe, of Canova, was a recent guest of Mrs. G. C. Allen on Prescott avenue. Miss Effie Gulick, of Washington, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gulick, Sunday. Mr. J. C. Rust, of Lovettville, is a guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Dowell. Mr. R. L. Hickerson and little Miss Eleanor Hickerson, of Germantown, Md., visited relatives here Saturday. Mrs. Bessie A. Elliot leaves this afternoon to visit her brother Mr. Thomas R. Leachman, at Charlottesville. Miss Annette Bell, of Washington, was a recent guest of her aunts, the Misses Brand, of north Grant avenue. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Yarborough, Jr., were guests of Mr. Yarborough's relatives in Richmond Saturday and Sunday. Miss Mozelle Goods, of Alexandria, was the guest of Miss Evelyn Milnes last Sunday at her home on East Centre street. Mrs. W. D. Reed, of Bedford, was a recent guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Burks on her return from a visit to relatives in Westmoreland. Miss Nellie Bargaman, of Richmond, has returned from a visit to her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bargaman, of East street. Mrs. George Craig and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Craig, Jr., of Loudoun, were guests this week of Elder and Mrs. J. N. Badger in their home on West street. Mrs. Charles L. DeLong and little Miss Elizabeth DeLong, of Hyattsville, Md., wife and daughter of a former pastor of Grace M. E. Church, South, visited their many friends in Manassas yesterday and today. To the Pastors of Prince William County. BRETHREN: You are respectfully requested to meet in the study of Dr. H. L. Quarles, Manassas, Monday, February 9th, for the purpose of effecting a county ministerial association looking to furtherance of the cause of Christ. E. A. ROADS, Ch. Local Association. EWELL CENTENARY. Tomorrow the people of Prince William will meet at Ruffner building to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Gen. Richard Stoddard Ewell, the great Prince William chieftain. Prince William talent will provide pleasurable entertainment and tribute to the Southern hero. Let everyone be present.



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(From the Richmond (Va.) Times of July 3, 1896)

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Then a prayerful guidance. The inspiration came and I was ready. Putting myself in their position, I knew pretty well how things would go. Either the triggers would be pulled and close up the matter, or else they would try to capture me and thus open the question for discussion and hope. If a capture was to be attempted, then a surprise would be resorted to. But I must not be surprised. This and more flashed through my mind. As I anticipated, the two men shouted "Surrender," stamped their feet upon the ground and sought to overpower me with a sudden fright. I was relieved. It gave me a chance for life; it made me hope that as they were so much excited, they must be alone. This point I wished to settle. As soon as ordered to "Surrender," I tried to raise myself to a fighting position, at the same time saying: "What does this mean? Why are you trying to capture a man in his own encampment? Are you bushwhackers or guerrillas? Do you not belong to Casey's Division?" They answered, "We do, and you are the bushwhacker." Then I began to examine them as to their claims, saying: "Do you know such an officer, of such a company and regiment?" calling off the names with great readiness, which I had so recently committed to memory. This staggered them. Then followed a stiff discussion, in which I often became angry, and tried to rise, by my excitement. But the plan would not work. They had the advantage, being at my back, with the points of their guns on my side, and they resolved to keep all the advantage which they had gained. I felt the awkwardness of my situation, but hope never forsook me. After much argument, I had succeeded in throwing a doubt into their minds as to my real citizenship. They asked many questions, which were all turned to my own account. One or two, I remember, and the turn which they took will show the drift of all the questions and answers: "If you are one of us" (I never had said I was), "what are you doing with a gray rebel coat on?" My reply was filled with scorn, and my answer made them feel worse than I did. I asked: "Now, I know that you are green-horns, just broken away from your mother's apron-string, wearing a uniform for the first time, and you fancy that a man is not a soldier unless he has on a 'full-dress' uniform and is ready for 'dress-parade.' You never searched a Rebel's house, found his uniform and confiscated it, did you?" Their answer was very meek. Pressing my advantage, I said: "If a man captures Rebel roads he can enjoy them and while off duty, he can use a gray coat if he wishes to."

### THE MASTER STROKE

Their battery was almost silenced, so I thought, but they came at me again with this question: "If you are an officer in the United States army, what are you doing here, this chilly morning, without your shoes?" Answer that one question and we have nothing more to say. It was a stunner, a solid shot, a question which needed an answer, and there was no answer to it. Then there had to be a mental "Right-shoulder shift arms." The end of the first plan had been reached, with only a partial result, but it had done a great work for me. It had paved the road over which I must now travel. With an upward glance, I saw what was next. I prepared it for the devil and his angels, tells us more about that place than all of the sacred writers in the Old and New Testaments combined. He believed that its sorrows rivalled the pain from a "flame that never shall be quenched," and the "gnaw."

"That is strange. It is a wonderful paper, that I almost hear men and women saying, even now, why does that man believe in a real 'worm,' a real 'flame of fire?'" This is only figurative language, "mere shadows and types." We'll hear Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson's reply: "True, it may only be a shadow, and yet a shadow requires a substance to make it." As I read my paper I saw something which made that paper very insipid. It was only a shadow, but it was the shadow of an enemy, armed for my destruction. It was only a shadow, but I knew that there was a reality somewhere. Young man, hear me. Go back to your lives of purity, and you will go back to your mother's Bible. That book teaches that there is a hell, and I make a solemn appeal to you to-night to "fly from the wrath to come."

THE END.

I held my two army pistols up in my left hand, and said, "who wants this prize?" Both men lowered their guns, and rushed forward to seize the pistols. I drew them back, and in a flash had another small pistol cocked and covering them. "Now, boys, it is my turn. Throw down your arms. I will kill the first man that tries to move. Drop your guns quick, or I will fire." Down came one, then the other. Reaching my hand, I gathered up the guns, sat on them and let one man sit with his back to a small white-oak tree, while the other "rested" against a hickory. No sooner were they comfortably seated than I renewed my reading—this time aloud—but in a rather low tone. Again the paper was very amusing. The more I enjoyed the paper the less they seemed to like it. I fancy I was reading it, and it was very amusing. A shadow fell upon it, and it became dull and uninteresting. Again, I find it absorbing. I knew a Southern soldier who despised books. A young lady met him as we were going towards Maryland, she fancied his looks and his attentions. She wanted to "size him up," so she said: "Do you like books?" Then came this reply. It is now a part of the history of the Army of Northern Virginia. "Madam, it 'pends on 'cordin' on how a book reads as to whether I like it or not"—and I find that to enjoy a lecture or a book, it very largely "pends on 'cordin' on how a fellow feels."

### TIMELY APPLICATION.

In closing this lecture, let me make an application, and use this last experience as an illustration. It is once in a while the case that some lad, brought up in a Christian home, with all the advantages which piety can give in forming his character and making his services desirable to a businessman in a great centre, fancies he has learned a thing or two since he came out into the great, wide world to live. He has read the "other side" too, found in dime novels and infidel sneers. Among other great discoveries made by Young America is that there is no hell. That would be pretty good news to a fast young man. He has, therefore, about decided that there is no hell. He never reads his Bible now, but he studies the old worn-out, and oft-answered arguments against the sacred Scriptures, which have done so much to make great men and powerful nations. See little Japan, with her open Bible in her hands, walking almost unmolested over the great empire of China, and dictating the terms of surrender to her prostrate heathen foe. No hell!

prepared it for the devil and his angels, tells us more about that place than all of the sacred writers in the Old and New Testaments combined. He believed that its sorrows rivalled the pain from a "flame that never shall be quenched," and the "gnaw."

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### IMPORTANCE OF KITCHEN

Points Out Importance of Economically Constructed and Comfortable Homes.

The importance to the farmer of having an economical farm-house has been emphasized by the farm architect of the Department of Agriculture, who states that the mental and physical fitness of the laborers both within the house and in the fields are vitally affected by the building that affords the family shelter. The average American home has failed to share in the improvements that are every day being made in agricultural conditions and, according to the architect, is a rebuke to our boasted civilization. Relatively, he says, the housewife of a century ago with her fireplace cooking and log cabin was better provided for than is the housewife today.

The most important building on a farm is the home. The health, comfort and happiness of the family are dependent upon its construction and equipment, and unless these matters are looked after the sanitary dairy barn or the economically constructed buildings for stock are of little value. Happiness and contentment in the family are essential to efficient service as improved tools and outbuildings.

Although the housewife spends in many cases, a lifetime in her "workshop," the kitchen and the family rooms, she is not, as a rule, capable of planning a house in the highest degree servicable and comfortable without assistance. Her help, however, is essential to the farm architect, as the result of his plans most vitally concerns her.

In 1910 a western farm paper, at the suggestion of the Department of Agriculture, conducted a competition for farm house plans. About 660 plans for farm houses were submitted, not one of which was fully satisfactory. The larger number insisted on some peculiar pet notion and emphasized a single feature to the neglect of other important ones. The men and women who familiarize themselves with the work to be done and then apply themselves to the single task of devising means, are the ones who, with the cooperation of the farmers, and their wives, can best handle the farm house problem.

One of the most important details regarding the average American farmhouse is that it must be inexpensive. The average annual net income of a farmer today, after deducting five per cent interest on his investment, is less than \$400. This does not mean that the houses may not be attractive. They may, if intelligently planned with the help of vines, shrubs and trees, become the prettiest spots in the landscape, and more beautiful and inexpensive than the crowded city houses.

The tenant-house problem is growing in importance as can be seen from the fact that the number of rented farms increased by more than 324,000 during the last decade. Today little more than half the farms in this country are operated by the owners.

**TO ECONOMIZE THE HOUSEWIFE'S STRENGTH**

The possible economy in household labor and conservation of the strength of the housewife are two important factors to be considered in the construction of a farm house. Pleasant and comfortable farm homes tend to hold families together, but the cheerless, unlovable and unsanitary houses drive boys and girls to the cities. Investigation of prisons, insane asylums and houses of correction, seem to prove the fact that the sins which account for the existence of these institutions are often bred in inadequate and unhappy farm homes. So this social aspect of the problem is considerable.

The public is awakening to the

fact that better farm houses are needed, and the special feature which many farm papers now issue as a "House Building Number" proves its interest to thousands of readers.

The Office of Farm Management of the Department of Agriculture has now undertaken to investigate this problem systematically and to evolve, if possible, practical movements for the benefit of the farmer's home.

Certain features are often overlooked in providing economical arrangements for the household when they might be easily provided for. One of the specialists of the office of Farm Management learned from a woman in Pennsylvania, who had broken down from overwork, that she had been carrying coal from the barn for years. When the husband was asked if there was any reason why a coal bunker could not have been provided near the cookstove and filled directly from the wagon, he answered that there was none, but that no one had ever thought of it. This one detail has been found neglected in other cases where it could have been easily remedied, if only someone had thought of it.

After economy in the construction of the building and in the house work has been attained, attention will be given to developing beauty. Simplicity in line and good proportions are meant by the use of this word beauty, and not so-called applied "ornaments." This simplicity is entirely in keeping with a general plan of economy.

Economy, however, is not a synonym for cheapness. Double strength glass may even be more economical in a tenant house than single strength, notwithstanding its first cost. A kitchen sink may be a paying investment although it excludes a bay window, or a fireplace, which has been a pet notion of the housewife. Screened-in kitchen porches, sleeping porches, double or triple windows and kitchen conveniences are fine economical features which even the smallest house plans may well consider. Separate dining rooms for families that generally eat in the kitchen are less important, as are "parlors." These separate rooms may have complete systems of plumbing, heating and lighting which involve additional expense. The kitchen is the most important room in the farm house.

For the average farmer, economy bars a room especially reserved for weddings and funerals. A back stairway in small houses is an unnecessary luxury. Large halls which are never used to live in, but merely as thoroughfares, are a feature which can be dispensed with in the interest of a smaller outlay of money.

Other features that should give way to a comfortable and convenient kitchen are narrow porches, sillage work, numerous angles in walls and roof, useless doors. There should be an intelligent purpose for every cubic foot of space and for every piece of material about the building, if possible.

It may not be found profitable for the Department of Agriculture to furnish plans and specifications of farm houses worked out for particular individual needs. However, it is believed to be desirable to work out plans and specifications for the general needs of the farmers and to illustrate and explain the plans so that the farmer may understand the principles involved and apply them when he remodels his present house. The Office of Farm Management is endeavoring to help the farmer and the farmer's wife along these lines.

**Pension Board to Meet**

The Pension Board of Prince William county will meet at the court house February 9th at 11 a. m. All parties wishing to come before the board may do so at this time.

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### HAYMARKET HARRENINGS

Mr. Ned Taylor, of Warsaw, Va., is the guest this week of his aunt, Mrs. R. H. Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Hutchison and Master Sam Hutchison were visitors to Richmond last week.

Mrs. W. W. Gilliss is spending a few days in Washington.

Mrs. Charles D. S. Clarkson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh T. Clarkson, of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Price and the Misses Price have closed their home here until Easter and will spend the time until then in Philadelphia and at Atlantic City.

Mr. Joe Verden, of Baltimore, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Aldrich, at her home on Carolina Road.

Miss Agnes Foley has gone for a visit of two weeks to friends in Washington.

Miss Mary Buckner has returned from a visit of several weeks to Charles Town, W. Va., and Washington.

Mr. William H. Brown, of near Gainesville, has recently sold his farm to a Mr. Grove, of New York, and is to give possession the first of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Clarkson, of Washington and Haymarket, are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a little son, who was born on Monday, the second instant. M.

### THE ENABLING ACT

What is known as "The Enabling Act," which provides for a submission to the vote of the qualified voters of the state on the question of statewide prohibition, passed the House of Delegates some time ago by a vote of 77 to 19.

When the bill reached the Senate, there was a delay of about two weeks, and the bill was amended, and a final vote was not reached until yesterday.

As amended, the bill passed the Senate by a vote of 29 to 11. It will not go back to the House for its concurrence in its action as amended.

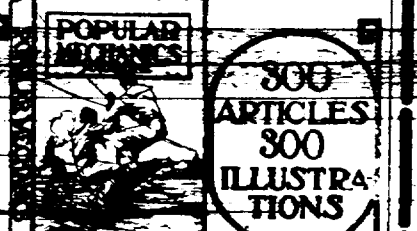
The bill, in its amended condition, provides:

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