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BABES PERISH IN BURNING HOME

FLAMES CLAIM TWO; WOMAN SAVES THIRD

Colored Children Killed in House Start Disaster—Blaze By Throwing Lighted Taper at Mice—Building Burns to Ground.

DEAD.
Morris Jones, aged 11 months.
Alvine Jones, aged 2 years.

INJURED
Warren Jones, aged 5 years.

Death claimed two babies as its victims and left a brand upon a third, when fire converted the home of Mrs. Florence Jones, colored, into a funeral pyre, late Saturday afternoon. In a flash death and desolation fell upon a Christmas scene where three happy colored babies had been romping—playing with the toys Santa Claus had brought them. The frame building, the scene of the holocaust, burned to the ground, and was fully insured. The property was owned by Burke Mitchell.

THROW FIRE AT MICE

The mother had left the babies alone in the house while she had gone in search of their father. According to the statement of Warren Jones, the only one of the trio to escape death in the flames, the tots heard mice gnawing into a basket of provisions. Then, he says, they lighted a whip of paper and threw it into the basket to frighten the mice away. The fire-brand ignited the basket, spread with a flash and in an instant the room was a mass of flame, a fire tomb imprisoning the babies.

RESCUE CHILD THROUGH WINDOW

Mrs. Jones had no more than left home when a Western Union telegraph lineman saw a sheet of flame burst from the building. He ran to the scene, sounded the alarm and examined all the rooms, as he believed, but missing the apartment in which the babies had perished.

Mary Tucker, a neighbor was among the first to reach the scene, and it was she who rescued Warren Jones through a window. Not until the burning building had crumbled into smoldering ruins were the charred remains of the two baby victims found in the ashes. The body of the eleven-month-old babe was found under the springs of the crib in which the mother had left it sleeping.

MOTHER'S AWFUL AGONY

Pathos indescribable characterized the scenes around the fire. When the mother heard of the awful fate of her babies she came tottering down the railroad tracks with arms outstretched, her grief too deep for tears, but sobbing chokingly as though her heart would break. Kneeling in the snow she called her babies. When, silent in death, they were borne by her, she collapsed. There was no need to tell the witnesses of that scene that the kneeling woman was the mother of the victims. They knew.

Coroner Meredith decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Warren Jones, it is believed, will recover, although he is severely burned in the right side, and in the arms and hands.

FIREMEN PREVENT FIRE SPREAD

The fire department responded promptly to the call, but the fire had gained headway in the structure which could not be checked. By most efficient work the flames were kept from spreading to the adjoining buildings. The firemen destroyed the building by cutting it up, but desolating scenes for miles made it impossible for the churches and other buildings to be saved. Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the colored church, and other ministers, and a large number of the congregation, gathered to meet and pray for the souls of the departed.

EASTERN OPENS JANUARY 5

Eastern college will open for the winter term on Wednesday, January 5, with an enrollment of more than 150 students, a decided increase over the preceding term. The new assembly building, erected at a cost of more than \$30,000, is to be dedicated during the month, the date has not yet been selected. Dr. Elmer Brown, United States Commissioner of Education, an eminent educator, will deliver an address and other noted persons will speak. The new electric light plant at the college will be in operation with the opening of the term.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The union services for the week of prayer, January 2 to 8, will be held this year in the Presbyterian church each evening of the week at 7:30 o'clock, except Saturday. The program of the Evangelical Alliance suggests the subjects for prayer. The ministers of the several churches will take turn in presenting the topics. Dr. H. U. Roop, president of Eastern college, will make the address on Friday evening.

SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

An artistic success in every particular was the Christmas carol service by members of Trinity Episcopal Sunday school at the church on Christmas morning. Those who braved the storm to attend were more than repaid by the splendid rendition. The church was beautifully decorated with holly, running cedar and pine on a white background and with cut flowers. In addition accompanying the carols, the choir sang "There Were Shepherds," by Milard; Miss Faith Chapman was accompanist. Among those taking part in the service were Sophie, Ann and Gladys Delmas; Dorothy, Gertrude, Romaine and Burr Button; Mary Lee and Evelyn Chapman; Mattie and Thelma Nash; Elizabeth Lowe; Margaret Roop; Ethel, Comfort and Douglas Lion, Erwin Mather; Edith Lipscomb.

TAKING INVENTORY

The Hopkins Candy factory has closed down until January 17 for repairs and annual inventory. The demand for Hopkins candies has become so great that the factory has been running overtime.

FOLL HIGHWAYMEN IN LONELY LANE

THRILLING ESCAPE IN RAIN OF BULLETS

Three Heavily Armed Men Make Unsuccessful Attempt to Rob M. E. Whip and Son, Va., in Highway Near Cumberland, Md.

Waylaid at dusk by highwaymen in a lonely spot is an unfrequented road, under a fusillade of bullets, M. E. Whip, special agent of the purchasing department of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, a former resident of Manassas, had a thrilling experience recently near Cumberland, Md.

With much money secreted upon his person, Mr. Whip was driving in the dim light with his twelve-year-old son, Veri, when the shadowy forms of three men appeared on a fence by the roadside. Instantly he recognized the presence of danger, and, snatching the reins from his son, who was driving, he applied the whip to the horse and dashed past the bandits.

ESCAPE IN RAIN OF BULLETS

With revolver leveled upon him one of the men ran toward the carriage and was about to fire when Mr. Whip knocked the gun from his hand with a whip and sent the fellow reeling into the roadside. Several shots were fired as the carriage dashed down the road, but none took effect and the highwaymen did not offer pursuit. When they were past danger, the boy, not realizing the intentions of the men, asked: "Father, why did those men fire their revolvers? They might have made our horse run away."

Shortly after the family left Manassas, Veri Whip was kicked in the forehead by a horse and sustained an injury which came near resulting fatally. Mr. Whip related the incident of the attempted hold-up, while he was on a visit in Manassas on Christmas.

BOASTS CHARMED LIFE

Harry Goodwin, of Washington, formerly of Manassas, spent Christmas here with relatives and friends. He is said to be one of the best jockeys that ever raced, and notwithstanding the many accidents that have befallen him, he still has a fondness for the turf. In a race at the state fair last fall, Mr. Goodwin had his collar-bone broken, and had one rib broken since. He boasts of a charmed life.

TAPS SOUND FOR VETERAN

With Masonic honors and with tribute due a gallant soldier, the body of John H. Cannon, a Confederate veteran, was laid to rest last Monday in the Confederate cemetery at Manassas. The burial service was conducted by Manassas lodge, No. 182, A. F. and A. M., a representation of the fraternity escorting the funeral cortege from the depot to the grave. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Pulaski, Tenn.

John H. Cannon, for a number of years a resident of Prince William county, died on Christmas day, after a short illness, at the home of his nephew, John A. Cannon, in Kensington, Md. He was 81 years old and the greater part of his life previous to his removal to Tennessee at the close of the war, was spent in the vicinity of the present site of Manassas. He enlisted with the Confederate army at Culpeper, and served to the close of the war. For the last three years he has lived at Kensington. He was great uncle of Ira Cannon, and brother of Mrs. Woodyard and Mrs. Florence, of Manassas.

LAMP FALLS; STARTS FIRE

The edifice of the First Baptist church miraculously escaped destruction by fire shortly before evening worship Sunday when a chandelier with lamp lighted, became unfastened and fell to the floor. The flames spread over the carpet and one of the pews, and were gaining strong headway when Mrs. Maggie F. Jeffries, the sole occupant of the room, summoned assistance of a colored man who was passing. He extinguished the fire before serious damage resulted.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The German Lutheran church was the scene of a pretty Christmas entertainment on Tuesday night. The program consisted of recitations interspersed with Christmas carols and closing with responsive readings and a distribution of presents to the members of the Sunday school from a heavily laden Christmas tree. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and the glow of many lights upon the happy participants before the altar made the scene one of fairyland enchantment. Mrs. A. M. Fetger gave renditions of sacred music on the organ.

MANTLE OF WHITE GREET'S CHRISTMAS

SANTA CLAUS RIDES IN ON WINGS OF STORM

Six Inches of Snow Falls and High Wind Drives Flakes into Deep Drifts—Sleighing Proving Pastime—Tots Use Christmas Sleds.

Santa Claus rode in on the wings of a blinding snow storm Christmas eve, and by morning the earth was covered with a mantle of white to give Christmas typical greeting. The storm raged until Sunday night, a high wind driving the flakes into deep drifts in many places covering the fence tops, giving a traditional setting for the festival. Telegraph and telephone service was maintained with the greatest difficulty, many wires snapping under heavy loads of wet, clinging snow. Railroad traffic was kept free of interruption by much effort, but country highways in several localities were impassable. Six inches of snow fell, purifying the air and refreshing the parched soil. The sun broke through the clouds and the storm reluctantly retreated Monday afternoon.

Tinkling sleigh bells proclaimed the delight with which the first snow storm of the season was greeted. Every sleigh in town was in use, and all other pastimes have been relegated while the sleighing lasts. The snow was timely for tots with Christmas sleds and they have been making the most of the opportunity.

BUYS SITE FOR RESIDENCE

Dr. R. E. Wine, of Brentsville, who plans moving to Manassas, has bought two lots on north-west Grant avenue from the Manassas Real Estate company for \$600. He expects to build a \$2,000 residence on the site.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE HERE

The County Teachers' Institute will be held in Manassas on Monday and Tuesday, January 3 and 4, beginning at 9:30 a. m. each day. All county teachers who attend both days will be paid for their time at the rate of their salaries. All school officials, teachers and others interested in schools in this and surrounding counties are urged to attend. Program will be published later. GEORGE G. TYLER, Superintendent of Schools.

BUILDS BOAT OF PAPERS

Mrs. L. A. Wright, of Richmond, while in Manassas recently, related an interesting visit to an old curiosity shop in St. Augustine, Fla., where is exhibited the famous newspaper boat made and owned by George S. Johnson. The boat is made of 365 newspapers from all parts of the country, and of ten gallons of glue and shellac. Five months of labor were required to complete the boat. Mr. Johnson made a successful trip in this boat from St. Augustine to New York and it took nine weeks to make the journey. He contemplates another trip next summer and expects to make the voyage in eight weeks and win a wager of \$1,000.

WOULD RATHER RIDE

When the south-bound passenger train, No. 43, was reported passed Clifton and was forty-five minutes late at Manassas, on Tuesday, considerable anxiety among the station force, prevailed, as to the trouble which caused the delay. The arrival of a porter from the train brought an order to the chief dispatcher for an engine to take the place of the one attached to the train which had become disabled at mile-post 31. The first question that met the porter upon his arrival: "Any body hurt, John?" "No boss," said the porter, "less 'tis me, for I ain so near dead after my walk fru dis snow, dat I can't bed."

INTEREST IN CONFERENCE

Wide interest is being manifested in the conference of teachers of Prince William county to be held in Manassas next Monday and Tuesday, January 3 and 4. The model classes will be conducted in the Bennett building, while other exercises will be held in Calcesthene hall at the Ruffner building. Parents are earnestly requested to attend the meeting on Monday night when Dr. H. U. Roop, president of Eastern college, will speak on "Playgrounds," and "Child Psychology."

RING IN NEW YEAR

The advent of the new year will be the occasion for numerous social festivities in Manassas tomorrow, although the event will not generally be observed as a holiday. The stores will remain open. The postoffice will be open from 9 o'clock in the morning until noon and from 5 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The rural carriers will not make their trips.

SUSTAINS SLIGHT INJURY

Struck in the forehead by a piece of iron falling from the top of a telegraph pole, Clarence Shirley sustained a slight cut in the forehead Sunday. His brother, Fred Shirley, accidentally dropped the iron while at work on the pole repairing the line.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING

William E. Beahm, of Washington, and Miss Edith G. Priest, of near Brentsville, were married on Christmas morning by Dr. Hamner at his residence.

SELLS FARM FOR \$5,000

Dr. W. J. Bell has sold his farm of 150 acres near Nokesville to Melvin C. Haden and John P. Kerlin for \$5,000.

Christmas Shopping Reflects the Prosperity of Manassas

The business men of Manassas unanimously declare that the Christmas trade this year broke all all records. Never before, they say, has the shopping been so heavy. The greater part—almost all—of the Christmas money in Manassas was spent right here with local merchants. The publishers of THE DEMOCRAT feel that this newspaper is entitled to credit, as the only newspaper in Manassas and Prince William county which closes its columns to foreign advertising conflicting with local merchants. Advertisers in THE DEMOCRAT get results. Here's what they say of their Christmas trade this year:

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| S. T. Hall: I have no reason to complain. | The Hopkins Co.: We exceeded by far all past records. | C. E. Nash & Co.: Exceedingly satisfactory in all lines especially in stoves. | Prince William Pharmacy: Our trade in holiday goods, was very much more than expected, and shows an increase over last Christmas of more than seventy-five per cent. |
| Sanders Market: We are more than pleased. | H. D. Warwick: My business was excellent. | Waters, Wright & Hickey: Very good, exceeding our expectations. | A. Flaherty: My trade was fully up to my expectations. |
| Masey & Genamer: Have sold lots of Oysters. | W. C. Wagoner: Business quite satisfactory. The best year I've had since in business. | W. G. Austin: The best I've had since I have been in Manassas. | C. M. Larkin & Co.: We sold lots of flour and feed. |
| Mrs. R. J. Adamson: My trade has been exceedingly good. I am well satisfied. | L. B. Beachley: Had no good trade, or better, than I've had since in business. | C. E. Fisher: Perfectly satisfied with what I have done in the grocery line. | S. C. Carter: I sold more than three times the goods I sold last Christmas. |
| A. H. Harrell: Much better than I expected. Sold my share of goods. | W. L. Smith: I have no reason to complain. | Payne & Polen: Perfectly satisfied, much better than last Christmas. | Bell Bros.: Our business was quite satisfactory, showing a great increase from last Christmas. |
| Eastern Produce Co.: We had an immense trade. | Hynson & Co.: The best in the history of Hynson & Co. | S. T. Weir: It measured fully up to my expectations. | |

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Thursday, December 23

Judge John C. Pollock, in the United States district court today, in a decision, declared the Kansas bank guarantee law to be invalid.

About \$100,000,000 is to be the Christmas present of the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiary companies to the steel making territory from South Chicago to Gary, Ind. This sum is to be expended in building new plants and enlarging existing shops in the coming year.

The details of the battle of Rama in Nicaragua are now known. The victory of the insurgents was as complete as has been claimed by them. After two days of fighting the fiercest that Central America has seen, General Estrada Tuesday wiped out the enemy. Of Zelaya's army of 3,000 men, but 500 escaped. Both sides, as before reported, numbered 600 and 1,900 of the government troops surrendered after a desperate resistance. Three Hotchkiss and four Maxim guns, 2,000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition were included in the booty.

Friday, December 24

The Toronto Express, on the Canadian Pacific railway, which left Winnipeg Wednesday, was wrecked yesterday afternoon east of Fort William, Manitoba. Forty passengers are reported seriously injured. First reports had forty killed. All wires are down and the first and only information was received over the dispatcher's telephone wire.

Rainstorms in the provinces of Salamanca and Leon in Spain have caused the most disastrous floods experienced in fifty years. The towns of Burgos, Zamora, Valladolid and Bilbon suffered most. Eleven persons are known to have been drowned in the lower part of Ciudad Rodrigo, a city on the Agueda river. Fifty houses have been carried from their foundations and the death toll probably will be large.

Saturday, December 25

A report from Brussels says that Louise, the eldest daughter of the late King Leopold, has left that city without affecting a reconciliation with her sisters, and that King Albert's efforts to induce her to resume her place as a royal princess have failed. The special adds that Louise has elected to join Count Mattatichi, with whom she has been living at Buda-Pest.

Objectionable features in the production of "Charlotte Temple" at Blaney Empire theatre, Pittsburgh, were ordered cut out or toned down by Inspector Peter P. Welsh, of the East End police district. "Disgusting dialogue that I ordered cut out Monday night was absent last night," said Inspector Welsh. "That bedroom scene in the third act must go, and a kissing scene in the fourth act will have to be changed. Think of billing such a show 'A play for girls.' Why, it's bad enough for grown people."

Sunday, December 19

Fire to-day, according to reports which have just been received at Portland, Me., has consumed the greater part of the business section of Freeport, Me., a nearby town of about 5,000 inhabitants.

A heavy guard has been stationed about the doors of the headquarters of the Women's Trade Union League building, in New York, where 7,000 striking shirt waist makers gather daily, and unknown men are refused admission.

William J. Bryan, who arrived in Havana yesterday from Tampa, Fla., rejoined his family, who arrived a week ago, was the guest of Minister Morgan at breakfast at Miremar. Morgan

invited fifty prominent guests to meet Mr. Bryan on this occasion. Mr. Bryan has declined an invitation to lecture in Havana. He will soon leave for Brazil.

Monday, December 27

As he was about to enter a carriage with his bride, formerly Miss Rose Lee Butler, to whom he had been married five minutes before, at Strickland, Ga., Gabriel Len was shot and killed by Joseph Jackson, who had been a rival for the girl's hand.

Washington is now the center of interest in the switchmen's strike. The scene changed today from the office of the governor of Minnesota to the National Capital, where representation will be made to President Taft and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

When Leon Thabals, keeper of the feeble-minded ward in an insane asylum at Paris, wanted a drink of absinthe, his favorite tippie, he killed one of the inmates entrusted to his custody, according to the police theory, and with the 20-cent bonus allowed him for the extra work involved in the death of an inmate, kept himself supplied with absinthe.

Tuesday, December 28

Mrs. Mary Lipp, of Cincinnati, thirty-eight, today attempted to burn to death four of her eight children. The lives of the little tots were saved by neighbors.

The investigation of Secretary Ballinger's administration of the Interior Department will be conducted by the Senate and the House of Representatives jointly.

Sixty passengers were rescued from the foundering ferryboat Charron on the Ohio river, near Belleaire, after a perilous night in which the ferry was crushed and pitched in an ice gorge.

Tolling bells, memorial services, and a general display of crepe on public buildings throughout Italy mark the first anniversary of the earthquake that destroyed Messina and wrought such devastation in Sicily and Calabria. The day was generally observed.

Wednesday, December 29

The bodies of seven children, were discovered today from the ruins of the home of Steve Bronsky, near Dubois, Pa., which was destroyed by fire last night. The children was from two to twelve years old.

A Russian, believed to have been implicated in the assassination of Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Peterburg was arrested in the Russian bank at Paris, today and disarmed after a violent struggle. The man was attempting to sell Russian bonds that had been stolen in St. Petersburg. He answers the description of one of the suspects.

The Philadelphia police are trying to find the relatives or friends of a bejeweled woman, who, after registering at the Hotel Walton as "the Baroness Lillian Truckson von Wetsnus, of Alsace," was found wondering helplessly in the storm. She was sent to a Philadelphia hospital while inquiry as to her identity was made. The woman seemed dazed or partly demented. She wore a costly necklace of pearls and diamonds, two handsome diamond rings, and one large signet ring, which contained the portrait of her mother. She was only lightly clad.

The Benefit of the Doubt. Horrified Citizen—Hear, there! What are you pointing that way for? Man on Top—He says he can't remember whether he ever called me a liar or not. I'm just giving him (with the benefit of the doubt.)—Chicago Tribune.

The Producer. "Does your husband play cards for money?" "Judging from practical results," answered young Mrs. Torkins, "I should say not. But all the other ones in the game do."—Washington Star.

The man who loves home best and loves it most possibly loves his country best.—J. G. Holland.

REMINISCENT RHYME.

(Contributed by M. W. R.)

There was a C. & O. freight conductor, who ran over the Southern road, who pulled into Martinsburg, West Virginia, with a heavy load—not of freight however—but of burden of the mind, for matters had gone wrong with him and he was behind on schedule time. He needed coal for his engine, and to get a ton or two he pulled up to the coal bin in a hurry to get through. He said to the operator, "In just ten minutes or so I'll be through with my work here so give me the paddle to go." "All right, my boy," the operator said, "It shall be just as you say" and the conductor left the office and quickly went his way. When the time was up the operator, with a searching farewell look, reached for the paddle cord and hung it on the hook. And when the paddle was lowered, the operator made a dash for his old slouch hat and overcoat and quickly went home to "hash."

Great Scott!—When he returned, there stood the C. & O. man so mad and so "Hot in the collar" he really needed a fan. "Why didn't you give me the paddle, as you promised me to do?" shouted the wrathful conductor, while his face was black and blue. "I did give you the paddle" the operator replied, which brought forth an imprecation that the operator had lied. The man who worked the telegraph, was soon upon his feet, ready to resent the insult in the office or upon the street. "Hot words fall thick and fast—words that leave their stain!—from the man who worked the telegraph and the man who ran the train. The conductor started in for fight, as plainly could be seen, but there stood Chapman and Embury with "Big Moses" in between. "I'll see you later," the conductor said as he shot out the office door. "All right," said the operator, "I've seen men like you before." A report was sent to headquarters, and when the matter was through, the operator had proved his signal by Chapman and Embury too. The conductor got his twenty days but swore from then 'till dooms, that he'd get even or clean up everything from the coal bin down to Blooms.

The Nuisance Habit. A personal experience first, showed the writer the possibility of a state of affairs where the habit of noise could become as fixed as the habit of a drug. Working one night in the quiet of a country house far from other habitations, I suddenly heard the starting of the hot air engine which pumped the water—ebug, chug, ebug, ebug. I lay listening to its monotonous rhythm and wondering at the unusual hour for pumping until I fell asleep. The next night the sound was repeated. On mentioning the matter to my host he confessed that he could not sleep in the quiet of the country; that the sudden change from the roar of a great city to the silence of the woods was so great as to cause him real suffering. As his only way to rest he would leave the house in the middle of the night, start up the pump and, lying down in a nearby hammock, and sleep brought him by the lullaby of the hot air engine. That man recognized that he had the noise habit and finally confessed it.—Holla's Godfrey in Atlantic.

Oddly Named. A Mr. Hudson, who had made a large fortune as a dentist, had built a very expensive country house near Dubois, but of such an extraordinary construction as to bid defiance to the criticism of the architect. One day after dinner at Curran's this singular mansion became a subject of merriment for his guests. The question for their satirical inquiry was, "What was its order of architecture?" One said it certainly was Grecian, another contended it was Nazian, another that it was oriental, when their next time interposed: "Excuse me, gentlemen, you are all wrong. It is Turk-on. From the irregularities of the mansion and from its proprietor being a dentist the Turk call it Shaggletooth Hall."—London Answers.

Not Worth a Rush. "Not worth a rush" is, as a popular saying, the predecessor of the now more common simile "not worth a straw." In pre-earlier days it was the custom to strew the floors of dwelling houses. It was guests of rank were entertained with rushes were spread for them, but folk of lower degree had to be content with rushes that had already been used, while still higher persons had sofas, as not even being "wears a rush."—London Standard.

GRAND ROUNDS.

Dixon Tarr at twenty-five had been a collector, an explorer, prospector and miner. He had taken all sorts of risks and had not manifested the best of judgment. But who expects caution and daring in the same man, especially when passing out of his teens into his twenties? In one of his explorations into the south-westernmost part of the North American continent in trying to befriend the remnant of a tribe of Indians he had incurred their displeasure. He had picked up a valuable mine in their country, which he determined to work. Tarr was a man who when he set his heart on doing a thing no one could frighten him out of it, and he worked his mine, though the whole tribe had sworn to kill him. Then when he had proved its value he went north and married a wife.

Mrs. Tarr insisted on returning with him. To dissuade her he told her that the danger was too great to be incurred by a woman. He yielded and took her with him. Tarr's mine was encircled by a stockade provided with watchtowers and properly loopholed, in each of which a sentry was kept day and night, while the guard remained below.

Mrs. Tarr was the only one in the inclosure who was keenly alive to danger. She soon noticed that the guard had fallen into indolence through inaction, and a failure of their enemies to show themselves had induced a feeling of security. She pointed out these things to her husband, but he was fascinated with his mine, which was showing remarkable results, and she found it difficult to secure his attention long enough to produce any reformation. He assured her that the Indians, who were dependent from the value of their furs, would not think of attacking while men provided with modern arms and protected behind a stockade.

But Mrs. Tarr was by no means satisfied. She constituted herself an officer of watch and every day and night and went "grand rounds" frequently. The guard complained that this timid woman should be in their midst, who interfered with a sentry taking cat naps on post; that she was so fearful of the imminent threat of a race far below the importance as to worry herself and all the rest into an abnormal condition of fear. Some of these remarks she overheard, but they had no effect to make her relax discipline.

One night a sentry heard a slight stirring among the loose rocks surrounding the stockade—it was built in a rocky canyon—but concluding that the intruder was some animal, he paid no attention to it. Presently he smelled a singular odor. Then he became drowsy. Other sentries on his side of the stockade smelled the same odor and also fell asleep. They had not experienced the odor before and presumed it to be from some shrub they had never encountered.

Just before daylight Tarr, sleeping soundly, was awakened by a shot. He started up and put out his hand to assure himself that his wife was safe beside him. She was not there. Springing out of bed, he jumped into his boots and trousers, but had got on neither when he heard a number of scattered reports. He rushed out to find Indians jumping over one side of the stockade and down into the inclosure. A few of the guard were pointing their rifles to receive them, and the balance were snatching theirs. From one of the towers came a rapid fire, which did the principal damage that was done the assailants.

It was all over in a few minutes. Not more than a dozen Indians got into the stockade, and they were shot down at once. The guard mounted the parapet to see a black mass of Indians ready to follow up the advantage that had been derived by their skirmishers. They were too late. The whites poured a volley into them, and seeing the stockade manned, they disappeared in the gloom.

"My wife! My wife! Where's my wife?" The cry came from Tarr. The question was not answered. The frightened husband sent men everywhere within the limited inclosure to seek her with no avail.

"My God, she has been carried off! There has been treachery. They came to take her from me, knowing that it would be a worse revenge than my murder."

"Here she is!" shouted a man who had climbed to a sentry box. Tarr climbed the steps to see his wife lying in a dead faint. A few minutes before she had gone the grand rounds to find three sentries on one side of the stockade asleep, a smelly chloroform—the person who supplied it said taught the Indians its use was never found—and from one of the towers could distinguish Indian skirmishers within a hundred feet of the stockade. She fired a signal shot, killed a number of the first enemies to enter the fort and then when the fight was over collapsed.

It was plain that the life of every man in the inclosure had been saved by a woman, and that woman had been anatomized by every member of the guard. Had she not arrived on the scene in the very nick of time the advance of the Indians would have overpowered the guard and not a white person would have escaped. Mrs. Tarr was presented in those she had saved with a handsome jeweled sword appropriately inscribed: "She had earned the right to take her husband back with her, and this in a very short time she did."

New Year Greeting

Nineteen Hundred and Ten

Our Tables are filled with Before Stock-taking Bargains in

Dress Goods Notions and Shoes We Have Rubber Shoes for Everybody

Our Grocery Department is Stocked with Seasonable Goods at Right Prices.

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Happy New Year

I wish you a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I thank the people of Manassas and Prince William county for their liberal patronage during the last year and ask for a continuance of their favors.

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THE DEMOCRAT LEADS

OTHERS FOLLOW

The Democrat IS the Leading Newspaper of Manassas and Prince William county. The Democrat IS the Peoples' Paper, for the MASSES, not the Classes.

OCOQUAN NOTES

G. W. Hunter was in Washington last Monday.

Silas Wood, of Fairfax, was in town on Monday.

Here's wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Miss Carrie Allen of Woodbridge, was in town on Monday.

Charles P. Minstead, of Washington is here spending the holidays.

L. St. Clair, of George Washington university, was home on Sunday.

Julian Davis, of Richmond, is home spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss S. Violet Trice spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Lorton Valley.

Wayland Beazley, of New York City, was the guest of Miss Maud Tanner last Sunday.

Miss Couthorn of Woodbridge, is spending the holidays at her home in Southern Virginia.

Warren Clarke of Woodbridge, was the first to enjoy a sleigh ride of ten miles last Friday evening.

Ernest Rouzee spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Rice, of Washington, D. C.

The usual ice harvesting was begun today by our popular physician, Dr. G. E. Stackweather and Redman Selemcan.

It is reported that Ernest Rouzee, of Washington, is about to open a large stock and poultry farm on the outskirts of town.

F. B. Morgan, accompanied by his friend, H. C. Carter, left last Monday for the former's home at Eastern Shore, where they will spend the remaining holidays.

Mrs. Jas. N. Carter accompanied her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thos. I. Carter, of New York, to Washington last Tuesday, where they will spend the week-end visiting relatives and friends.

A fine improvement to our town has been made by Edward Hammill in the erection of an attractive residence addition adjoining his store. It was built by Eppa Hixson, our popular contractor and builder. Our town needs more such improvements.

A most happy reunion took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Carter on Christmas day and lasted over Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thos. I. Carter and their daughter, Miss Annie Louise, of New York City; W. M. Carter, of Baltimore, Md.; H. H. Carter, director of the Puritan Life Insurance company, of Washington; and S. M. Carter, of Washington. They were accompanied by Misses Janie, Lennie and Ruth E. Carter, from Washington. After a happy Christmas at home they returned on Sunday evening.

The people of our town were highly pleased with a Christmas entertainment held at the M. E. church of this place, under the sole direction of Mrs. Tyson Janney, who deserves much credit for the successful way in which it was carried out.

Taking part were: Misses Lola Beach, Irene Ledman, Myrtle Rouzee, Margaret Hammill, Rebecca Janney, Audrey Carter, Maggie Carter, Bernice Carter, Alice Selemcan, Messrs. Roscoe Clarke, Douglas and Harvey Janney, William Hammill, Edward Hornbaker, Ledman, Clifford Beach and John Powell. OH! YOU KID.

KOPP NOTES

Mrs. Anna Downs is visiting in Washington.

Graavie Keys is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. J. H. Smith is spending Christmas at home.

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stroke of paralysis a short time ago.

Raymond Woolfenden and Miss Bertha Woolfenden, are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Thomas Woolfenden Jr. with two of his children, Kenneth and Anna, are spending Christmas in Baltimore.

On account of the snow storm Christmas day the Christmas tree entertainment at Belle Haven church was postponed until Tuesday evening, December 23, X. Y. Z.

HAYMARKET NEWS

Carroll Shirley, of Norfolk, is home for the holidays.

A happy and prosperous new year to THE DEMOCRAT.

Henry Dodge is visiting his brother, W. M. C. Dodge.

Hugh Smith and wife of Washington spent Sunday here.

Joseph and Stuart Tulloss are spending this week at home.

Miss Martha Carter is visiting Miss Jean Fuller in Baltimore.

Hugh Clarkson and wife are spending this week at Waterlee.

Miss Tremaine of Smith College, Mass., is visiting Miss Demory.

W. R. Joseph, of Washington, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Lawrence Hollister.

Miss Leafe Beane left on Wednesday morning for Baltimore where she will visit Miss Bennett.

Miss Clara Bell of Washington and Mrs. Katie Printz of Lynchburg spent this week at Belle Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hulfish, of Alexandria, and Lieut. R. H. Jordan, of Old Point Comfort, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William M. Jordan.

The Baptist Sunday School held its Christmas entertainment on Monday afternoon. Owing to the roads being blocked with snow the attendance was not so large as usual.

George Stacy and William H. Dodge of Washington and Gillespie Stacy of Austin, Texas, now attending Staunton Military Academy, are spending the holidays at the home of H. W. Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Hulfish, of Alexandria, who spent Christmas day with Mr. Hulfish's parents, left on the evening train for Roanoke, where they will spend several days with relatives.

The many friends of Miss Mary Price will be glad to know she is able to be at her home, Sonoma, where her family are spending the holidays after having been quite ill at the hospital for several months.

BRENTSVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Alice Wright is reported seriously ill.

Miss Emma Goodwin, Mrs. Ellicott and others are reported ill in Orlando section.

The Rev. Stuart, a copper mine promoter, is again in our section in the interest of his proposition. The roads in many places in this vicinity, have been rendered practically impassable by the deep snow drifts.

James ("Kip") Lovelace, of Washington, a collector for Gregg's dairy, is spending his vacation at home.

Mr. Ramey and sister, of Warrenton, who were visiting at S. P. Eogle's for a few days, have returned to their home.

The Christmas tree and entertainment held December 21 under auspices of Brentsville Union Sunday school was a splendid success.

F. E. Bell, who has been in Newark, N. J., for the past several days, and who returned home Saturday, has been ill for the past few days, but is now better.

A. F. Woodyard, wife and son, formerly of Brentsville, but now residents of the vicinity of Independent Hill, are visiting R. S. Cooper.

The heavy snow on Christmas was unusual for that day. Even children recall seeing a "White Christmas," but few recall a continuous snowfall on that day. Will some prophet interpret the omen.

James Wine, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., but now of Shenandoah, spent a week with his brother, Dr. R. E. Wine. He visited Washington and was surprised over the changes since 1906, his last visit there.

Miss Florida Allison, of Loudon county, and John W. Donovan, of Brentsville, were married December 24.

Ernest Beahn and Miss Edith G. Priest, both of Brentsville, were married in Manassas on Christmas day. We extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to both couples.

The Rev. Bratt, director of the Central Missionary union, of Washington, D. C. is spending a week with the Rev. S. P. Fogle. The Rev. Bratt made a short address at Christmas services last Friday evening and sang Martin Luther's favorite song in both English and German to the pleasure of all.

W. Y. Ellicott, of Orlando, who was taken to Sibley hospital on December 17 by his physician, Dr. Wine, and operated upon for appendicitis, has improved rapidly and is expected home in a few days. Dr. Wine has taken three cases of appendicitis to the city in the past three weeks and all are doing well.

TOOK THE PROF'S ADVICE.

His Suggestion Was Promptly Accepted Upon by His Hearer.

At a certain well known medical college not a thousand miles from New York there is a staff lecturer whose hobby is the necessity of a practicing physician possessing the ability to sleep at odd minutes. The gentleman in question, he it added, is a prey in the contemplation of this theme as he is insistent upon it, wherever he is affectionately known as "Cat Naps."

Just before the recent graduation he was for the hundredth time enlarging on the par topic at the close of a long, slow, snoring, discursive something like this: "And let me again impress upon you, young gentlemen, the prime necessity of training yourselves to that invaluable habit of sleeping here, there and everywhere, whenever an unexpected fifteen minutes offers itself to recuperate your over-extended energies. It may be in a car, with a side-sleep and no one at your elbow to annoy you. It may be in your office, between calls. At first, you know, there may be intervals. It may come anywhere, any time. But seize the opportunity whenever you feel you are bored perhaps with what is going on around you when you feel your time is being unprofitably employed."

And then from the hindmost bench came two best, unrepentant snorers!

Half Bright New Cook. Mrs. Blank prided herself on her ability to retain her servants, and she had just been bragging about the treasure she had in her new colored cook when the following dialogue occurred:

"Now, Assanath, I'll come out and try the chicken, but I want you to have it all ready for me. Dress it carefully and be sure to dress off every hair."

"Yes'm."

"Then cut it up just as I showed you the other day. Do you remember?"

"Yes'm."

"Wash and drain it well. You understand?"

"Yes'm." Then, as an afterthought, "Blessed THREE!" - Circle Magazine.

A Last Wish. The old major was nearing his end, and those about him were saying consolatory things.

Definitions. Man.—A two legged animal that spends most of his time trying to get something to put into his mouth.

Woman.—Impossible to classify. Habitat, bridge parties, theaters and cafes. Occupation, wearing the least possible amount of the best possible clothes.

Babies.—Necessary evils found everywhere except in certain flats and much more numerous in hovels than in mansions.

Music.—An invention of the ancients originally intended for pleasure, but which has degenerated into torture. (See phonograph.)

Comet.—As one time a mark of respect for women. Passed into oblivion with the advent of street cars.—Judge.

Overtone. "Richard," said the letter carrier's wife, "will you walk the foot with baby awhile?" "Oh, I suppose so," grumbled the man, "but this night male carrying is scarce."

"Never mind, dear," was the comforting response; "it's a short route you know."—Boston Transcript.

Going Down. "The elevator we have now appears to handle the business," said the head of the firm.

"But we'll need another to accommodate the airship passengers who wish to come downstairs," protested a director.—Buffalo Express.

No Tender Missives. "Why don't you see him for breach of promise?" "Aw, he had the postcard habit!" "What of that?"

"A man doesn't put much sentiment on a picture of the stockyards."—Kansas City Journal.

Fair Enough. "We don't hear any more about the Balkan states scurrying."

"I understand the Balkan states have been officially notified that they will have to put up a forfeit before getting any more free advertising."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Among Our Southern Neighbors. "I understand you have a new president down in your republic," said the Philadelphian.

"Not at all," retorted the Central American. "We have had the same president for six weeks."—Philadelphia Record.

He Was Responsible. "I understand she is separated from her husband."

"Yes." "Oh, tell me all about it! What did she do?" "Nothing. He died."—Eugene Life.

Why is a Judge? After a lawyer has demonstrated extraordinary ability in the matter of keeping people from getting justice he is elevated to the bench for the purpose of giving it to them.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Both Useful. "A clear conscience is a fine thing in public life."

"Yes," answered Senator Sorbusum, "and next to that is a talent for explaining."—Washington Star.

Dress Size. The Tailor: "Hip-pockets?" The Customer: "Yes." The Tailor: "Large or small?" The Customer: "Half-pints."—Cleveland Leader.

Another Version. "What's down on my neck, pal?" "Yes; he says that 'the hen is uglier than the sword!'"

Loading It. A farmer near once, with a farmer in tow, on a street full of hustle and strife, he's about to be trampled with a wink, "Don't you know I'm loading the stage?"—Chicago News.

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Milford Mills

Dairymen and Farmers!

The car of 20 tons of Hammond Dairy Feed has arrived and gone, excepting a few hundred pounds. Several of my customers have come for the second lot and all say that their cows increased in milk considerably with no extra feed. Messrs. Harve & Broadbent are shipping from 50 to 55 gallons of Milk per day from only 16 cows. They are using HAMMOND exclusively with Best Pulp and Cotton Seed Meal. A letter from the manufacturers this week states that if dairymen will use this feed two weeks they will want no other. I have ordered another car to come at once. Send your orders immediately or that I can file them, and then you will be sure to get some.

Blachford's Calf Meal

I am agent for this highly recommended feed and expect a shipment in this week. The manufacturers claim that your calves young calves without milk or this feed. Try some of it.

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Remember, I have on hand a half carload of choice Seed Oats. They can't be excelled in quality.

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Cotton Seed Meal

We have the best. Although the price is high this season a handful to a cow or steer every day will pay.

Corn Meal Ground by Water Power

Remember, we grind our meal by water power which causes it to retain all of the nutriment of the corn. Our corn is screened and cleaned before grinding. We invite you to visit our mill and see what kind of grub we make our flour and meal from.—You get no dirt and little ground in your meal when you get meal from MILFORD MILLS.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mrs. G. P. Strother is quite ill. **Madison is seriously ill of pneumonia.**

Mrs. R. H. Hottle is recovering from a serious illness.

J. L. Rosenberger, of Minnieville, was in town Monday.

Sidney L. Weedon, of Baltimore, is visiting John Hynson.

Miss Lillie Jones and sister spent Christmas at Alburton, Md.

Newman T. Depauw left last week for New Albany, Ind., to spend the winter.

S. S. Conner, who is attending medical school at Richmond, is home for the holidays.

Fire at Nokesville last Thursday destroyed a small building owned by James Bettis.

Miss Theodora Waters was here from Washington to spend Christmas with relatives.

Gaines Lipscomb spent Sunday at Bristow with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Lipscomb.

John H. Nelson, of Washington, is here visiting his parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. Nelson.

John Davies, of Culpeper, spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Mildred Davies.

George H. Massey spent Christmas at Alexandria with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos Newman, of East Greenville, Pa., are visiting their son, Oliver Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe have returned from a visit with relatives at Dumfries.

Prof. I. N. H. Beahm is delivering lectures on the Holy Land this week at Roanoke, Luray and Bedford.

Ed. Entwisle has left the employ of the Prince-William pharmacy and returned to his home at Wakefield.

Thomas M. Ransdell, of Washington, spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ransdell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cooley and little daughter, and Charles Cooley, of Strasburg, spent Sunday here with F. S. Cooley.

G. Paul Nelson, of Charleston, W. Va., made his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson a Christmas visit here this week.

Massey and Gesmer will open a lunch and short order department about January 1 in their oyster house at Center and West streets.

Miss Sallie Rudolph, who has been spending Christmas here with her sister, Mrs. F. S. Cooley, returned home Sunday to Tomahawk.

Mrs. H. Griffith, who has been ill of pneumonia at her home in Grant avenue, and who is under the care of a trained nurse, is slowly convalescing.

Dr. J. C. Meredith has started work on a new barn to replace the one recently destroyed by fire on his property near town. The new barn will cost about \$600.

Henry Camper, of the firm of Crigler & Camper, of this place, left here today for a visit to his parents in Orange county. A. M. Crigler, of the same firm left yesterday for Georgia, in the interest of a wholesale firm in Baltimore.

Fifteen rubber coats have been purchased for the fire department and more are to be ordered by J. I. Randall and Weir Waters, a committee appointed at the regular business meeting Thursday night. The election of officers has been postponed to Thursday night, January 27.

Great success is anticipated for the Bible Institute to be conducted by Hebron seminary at Nokesville from January 7 to January 16 inclusive. Among the speakers on the program are Elder J. Kurtz, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Elder P. J. Blough, of Hooversville, Pa., S. A. Sanger, of Vienna, and members of the seminary faculty.

Mrs. F. E. Morris leaves next week on a trip to Florida.

Mr. R. E. Randall is visiting Miss Mary Snook, at Bristow.

Miss Mabel Bennett, of Washington, is visiting Mrs. C. C. Round.

Mrs. F. S. Cooley is visiting her father, R. W. Rudolph, near Toms Brook.

W. H. Polen has completed a large barn on his farm near Hickory Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Burdge gave a family reunion dinner at their home on Battle street, Tuesday.

H. L. Hilleary, of Clifton, who was formerly engaged in the livery-business here, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Weedon and family, of New Baltimore, are visiting Capt. and Mrs. E. Nelson this week.

B. F. A. Myers, of Fairfax Court House, former president of the Mutual Telephone company, of this county, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bodine, of Washington, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Bodine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Jones, at Nokesville.

Among the several pneumonia patients in Manassas, are: the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herndon, Thomas, the little son of C. C. Carter and John the son of Will Goode.

George A. Hood, of Prince William county, and Miss Adri Ross, of lower Fauquier county, were married at the home of the bride yesterday, the Rev. W. L. Jackson, officiating.

The Rev. Andrew G. Grinnan, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., has accepted the pastorate of St. Paul's church, Haymarket, and will take charge on Easter Sunday, March 27.

Eddie Stewart, of Montpelier, Idaho, owner of a valuable copper mine in that district, was a guest at the home of Prof. and Mrs. B. Temple Hodge on Christmas day.

William B. Colbert, who formerly worked as a compositor in Manassas, and who now handles the type for The Blue Ridge News, at Purcellville, spent Christmas here.

J. E. Brown, scenic photographer, leaves today for the Shenandoah valley to take a number of views of a large stock farm, conducted by R. W. Rudolph, father of Mrs. F. S. Cooley.

The first installment of "The Lure of the Mask," a fascinating romance by Harold McGrath, appears in this issue. This splendid feature is but one of many to be presented to readers of THE DEMOCRAT.

Mrs. S. T. Hall underwent a successful operation at the University of Virginia hospital at Charlottesville, under direction of Dr. Newman, last Monday. She will be able to return home in a few days.

Frightened by the din of fire-crackers, a horse belonging to Joseph F. Britton, and attached to a buggy, ran away up Chester street Saturday night. The damage to the vehicle was slight, and the horse escaped injury.

The beautiful window display of dictionaries in the office of THE DEMOCRAT is attracting much attention and admiration. One of these standard dictionaries is given to each person the regular business meeting Thursday night. The election of officers has been postponed to Thursday night, January 27.

As the next regular meeting of Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., to be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Spieden on Wednesday, January 5, at 2 p. m., will be the last one before tenant Lou's birthday. It is earnestly hoped that all of the members may be present that the necessary arrangements may be made for a fitting observance of this anniversary.

Gordon Bryan has returned from a trip to Baltimore.

Mr. Vanhook spent Christmas with friends and relatives in Alexandria.

Mrs. T. Wolfe, who has been quite ill the past week, is very much better.

Miss Mary Larkin will entertain with a New Year's eve party tomorrow night.

The public schools will resume on Wednesday January 5, with the close of the Christmas vacation.

Manassas lodge, No. 182, A. F. and A. M., will hold its annual election of officers tomorrow night.

Misses Leone and Bernice Davis will entertain with dancing at their home in Bristow tomorrow night.

J. Stewart Brand, of Washington, was in town last week visiting his mother, Mrs. F. S. Brand, on Main street.

Mrs. Lucretia Johnson, of Marion Park, Minn., is here for an indefinite visit with her son, Dr. C. B. C. Johnson.

Miss Althea E. Loose, of the state normal, Harrisonburg, is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. G. C. Round.

Miss Marie Simpson, daughter of Dr. S. S. Simpson, of Clarendon, Alexandria county, is visiting Miss Blanche Ransdell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Griffith, of Washington, D. C., were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Griffith, Christmas week.

C. C. Carter will at the beginning of the new year, move with his family to Marshall, Fauquier county, where he will take charge of J. G. Swan's farm.

C. W. Wagener, who is attending the State university at Charlottesville, is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wagener.

The earnings of the Southern railway system for the second week in December show an increase of \$62,296, as compared with the corresponding week last year.

William Berry, colored, who for some time was porter at the Prince William hotel here, died at his home near Catharpin on Christmas eve and was buried Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Merchant is visiting her brother, Elmer Merchant, at Clifton. Upon his return she will be accompanied by her niece, Miss Alice Brown Merchant.

A telephone has been installed in the office of THE DEMOCRAT, and the publishers request that persons having items of news for this paper avail themselves of the convenience.

More than 15,500 pounds of turkey, representing about 1,350 head or 72 barrels, were shipped from Manassas by the Eastern Provision company for Christmas dinners in Philadelphia.

Through generous contributions of both white and colored citizens of the town, the clothing, furniture and cooking utensils of William and Florence Jones, destroyed by fire in their home on Christmas afternoon, have been replaced.

The recent snow has afforded a carnival for the small boys. groups of the juveniles are seen in the streets, waiting for a passing vehicle to which they are allowed by the favorable drivers, who were once boys themselves, to hitch their sleds and take a swift ride through town with shouts of glee.

There was a Christmas tree entertainment at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon, consisting of a distribution of presents to the Sabbath school pupils, together with recitations and Christmas songs by the school. Santa Claus was in his happiest mood and in his distribution of gifts accompanied them with words of cheer and commendation for faithful attendance during the past year.

Lra Bond entertained a number of his friends with a dance Monday night.

The thermometer registered four degrees below zero at six o'clock this morning in front of S. C. Carter's store.

Mrs. R. W. Merchant and her daughters, Miss Alma and little Elizabeth, were the guests of Mrs. H. J. Jones at Nokesville, Tuesday.

John H. Nelson has purchased about one-half acre of land adjoining his property near town from the Manassas Real Estate company.

Ashby Glasscock, formerly clerk for S. T. Weir, but now associated with his brother in the confectionery business at Richmond, visited friends here this week.

A fine Christmas entertainment was given at the M. E. church South last night. Among those taking part in the exercises were Edith Merchant, Margaret Cornwell, Helen Coleman, and Pearl Snow.

The birthday anniversary of the mother of Miss Willard, the founder of the union, will be celebrated by the Womans' Christian Temperance union, with a mothers' meeting at the Lutheran church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The educational meeting of the Teachers' Institute to be addressed by Dr. H. U. Roop, president of Eastern college and Prof. Hamner, of New York, will be held in the Baptist church on Monday night, January 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

William Martin, of Washington, has been employed as harnessmaker by W. C. Austin. Mr. Martin is one of the most expert workmen in the country. He made the leather fittings for the Roosevelt expedition to Africa, while in the employ of the Beckers' at Washington.

Lee Hlyde, of Alexandria, has returned to Manassas from a trip through Rappahannock county, where he has been prospecting for timber. He is well pleased with the prospects, and contemplates moving the large sawmill of Johnson and Jones, of North Mountain, W. Va., to that county in the near future.

The home of Peyton Johnson, on the Southern railway near Blooms, in which the old man has lived for the past thirty-five years, was, together with his furniture and clothing destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The old man and his daughter barely escaped with their lives. An empty oil can found near the premises has created suspicion that the fire was of incendiary origin. The loss falls heavily upon this poor aged cripple, as he carried no insurance.

The Five Hundred club met Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leachman, near Bristow, making the trip in a rally-ho. Cards was the diversion. A fine supper was served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Miss Elizabeth Herrell, Mrs. Clarke, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Waters, Miss Lillian Brand, Mrs. Bryan Gordon, Miss Susie Brawner, E. A. Brand, Robert Moser, Miss Alma Morgan, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, R. L. Gaither. Dr. and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson will entertain the club Thursday night, January 13.

Miss Stuart Hynson entertained Tuesday night in honor of her guests, Miss Laura Butler and Miss Ada Kincheloe. Dancing and music were the diversions. Refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Stuart Hynson, Laura Butler, Ada Kincheloe, Ola Waters, Edith Moran, Mamie Lipscomb, Marie Simpson, Mariah Jones, Blanche Ransdell, Louise Mather and Messrs Jim Dunsen, John Hynson, Sidney Weir, Webb Garrison, John Leachman, John Elliott, George Ransdell, William Lipscomb, Frank Little, Conway Taylor, Gordon Moran, Ernest Ransdell and Park Deimas.

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J. H. DODGE, Master Accounts, Director

A Few Suggestions

A few articles that we keep in stock that make good and useful Christmas Presents.

Bones of Fine Stationery	Book—Story or Poems
Cut Glass—Libby's	Bible—Cheap or with Help
Fancy China	Perfumery—Hudson's
Corn and Bunch	Fancy Box Fine Candy

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A married man can always get

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A Chicagoan has won the title

The first step toward keeping

WEDDING

The home of Dr. and Mrs. B.

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They will be at home in West

Lightning and Balloons.

The rapid progress of aviation

Fearlessness of Seagulls.

A Glasgow doctor who was

Aluminum Paper.

Aluminum paper is intended

By MARY A. BOWERS.

When Miss Olivia Hale died at

Soon after they came to know

But they reckoned wrong. Those

The fight was a long one. There

The business before the upper

This proved the most unfortun-

And still the case dragged on.

Finally one day a decision was

Then came the casting of the

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FOR SIX DAYS ONLY

Beginning MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1910, at 9 a. m. o'clock sharp, and closing JANUARY 7th, 1910, we will offer to the people of this section of Virginia a

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Remember, this Sale will only last six days—no longer—as we begin taking inventory the middle of January, so hump yourself. Remember, nothing will be spared nor held back, and there are three more months bad weather. You need the goods, we need the money. Result—Bargains.

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Shoes of every description. High cuts, low cuts and mediums, and—PRICES cut. All our shoes are in this sale and nearly every pair new. The old ones we are almost giving away. Even the best must go. Such brands as the La France for ladies, the Waukerz for men and Lenox for children, need no introduction. For wear, fit and snap they are unsurpassed, and with every pair goes our guarantee, and you know we will make good.

Every Pair of Men's \$4.25 High Cut Shoes, in blacks and tans (warranted)	\$3.75
Every pair of Men's \$4.00 Shoes in patents, gun metals, tans and vicis	\$2.98
Every Pair of Men's \$3.50 Shoes, all styles and leather	\$2.79
Every Pair of Men's \$2.50 Shoes, all styles, solid leather	\$2.00
Every Pair of Men's \$2.25 Shoes, all styles, solid leather	\$1.69
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Ladies' \$2.50 Shoes, other brands	\$2.10
Ladies' \$2.25 Shoes, other brands	\$1.69
Ladies' \$1.75 Shoes, other brands	\$1.39
Ladies' \$1.50 Shoes, other brands	\$1.19
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We haven't space for all of them but will gladly show you.

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1 Lot \$5.00 Counterpanes	\$2.39
1 Lot \$1.75 Counterpanes	1.28
1 Lot \$2.50 Counterpanes	1.79
1 Lot \$1.00 Counterpanes	.79c
\$5.00 Blankets	3.79
\$4.00 Blankets	3.11
\$3.50 Blankets	2.88
\$2.50 Blankets	1.80
\$1.50 Blankets	1.11
\$1.00 Blankets	.79c
75c Blankets	.49c
\$2.00 Comforts	1.59
\$2.75 Comforts	2.11
15c Towels	11c
35c Towels	19c
10c Towels	7c
Linoleums, Oil Cloth and Curtains sacrificed	2c
5c Tumblers	19c
A great Assortment of Enamelware, your choice	25c
Beautiful Pictures that would grace any home	25c

Dress Goods

To economical and early buyers, buyers who get an early start on spring, this line will appeal very strongly, for we are showing a bang up lot of white goods of every description, and also Mohairs, Panamas and Silks. To save space we have classified them as follows:

All \$1.00 Dress Goods, including Silks	79c
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10c Bleached Muslin	8c
8c Bleached Muslin	6c
9-4 Bleached Sheeting	2c
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8c Outings	4c
12c Percaloes	5c
10c Ginghams	8c

Men's Furnishings

\$1.00 Shirts	69c	50c Hose	25c
50c Shirts	37c	25c Hose	19c
50c Work Shirts	39c	50c Neckties	25c
\$1.00 Sweaters	79c	25c Neckties	15c
50c Underwear	35c	25c Suspenders	19c
\$1.00 Underwear	75c	\$1.25 Hats	79c
Good Hose	3c	\$1.50 Hats	1.11
Better Hose	6c		

Ladies' Furnishings

25c Underwear	19c	\$1.00 Petticoats	79c
\$1.00 Gloves	79c	\$2.00 Shirt Waists	1.39
Good Handkerchiefs	3c	\$1.50 Shirt Waists	1.00
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\$2.00 Petticoats	1.39	50c Shirt Waists	39c
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AMERICAN TYPE IN FOREIGN STOCK

Physical Changes Noted in the Children of Immigrants.

VISIBLE IN FIRST GENERATION

Descendants of Foreigners Lose Distinctive Ancestral Physical Characteristics, Say Immigration Commission Experts—Change in Formation of the Head Particularly Remarkable.

That the physical form and the habits of living and ways of thinking of the descendants of foreigners who immigrate to America are different from those of their ancestors is the conclusion of the immigration commission as embodied in the preliminary report of that body which was recently presented to congress. The discovery is regarded as of importance in anthropological science as indicating the development of a distinct American physical type in persons of foreign descent.

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DUKE JOHN ALBERT OF MECKLENBURG AND HIS BRIDE

The most brilliant wedding that has taken place in Germany since the marriage of the German crown prince was that of Duke John Albert of Mecklenburg and Princess Elizabeth of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach. The ceremony was held in the presence of members of the commission, and Professor Franz Boas of Columbia university was engaged as expert.

WASHINGTON LETTER

There are now twenty-nine states in the public domain in the city of Washington.

Some time ago during a housecleaning in the possession department a number of "old" letters were discovered in an old and battered envelope.

The documents are considered as of more than ordinary interest, particularly as autograph letters of record of the writer's activities.

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A CYCLONE'S WORK

By LEONARD MALLOY.

Ralph Kirby, convict, having a good record from his work with a brick cloud-cutter that looked more terrible than the judge who years before had passed sentence upon him.

But something came up in comparison with which the riles of the guards were but as pebbles. Kirby looked at him from his work with a brick cloud-cutter that looked more terrible than the judge who years before had passed sentence upon him.

It passed between him and his guards. Being forewarned, he threw himself at the guards and held them at a stout bay. When it had passed the guards were nowhere to be seen.

There was method in what he did when he started to run in the wake of the top of the pile during all these years to give way to a bigger bird.

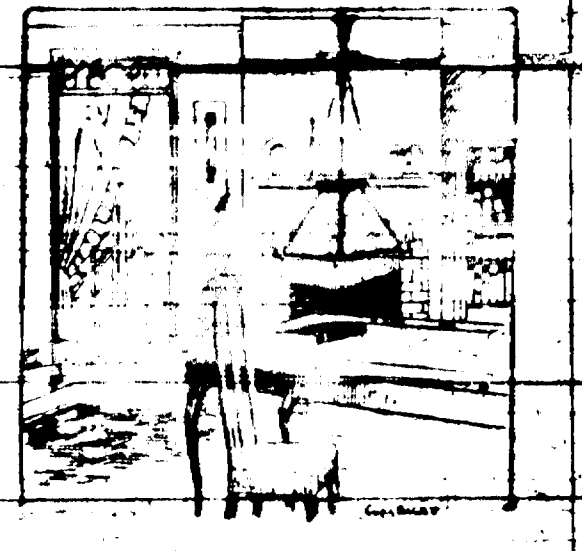
Instead of standing four inches high, the new presidential eagle is to measure five and three-eighths inches. The globe is to be reduced from three to two inches in diameter.

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J. I. RANDALL

The People's Barber Shop

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JOHN JOHNSON



The Lure of the Mask

What humans are chiefly hunting for nowadays is happiness in one form or another. This story cannot fall to give its reader inspiration, and therefore its value can hardly be overestimated.

CHAPTER I
THE VOICE IN THE BLOOM

It was a fine, bright night of the year's blurring. January fog came a voice lifted in song, a soprano.

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the policeman at the end, nodding with approval at her foresight. "I'll get a peep at her."

"All low was she dressed?" "In fog, for all I could see."

"I don't know, Giovanni. I don't know," she said, looking at him with a smile.

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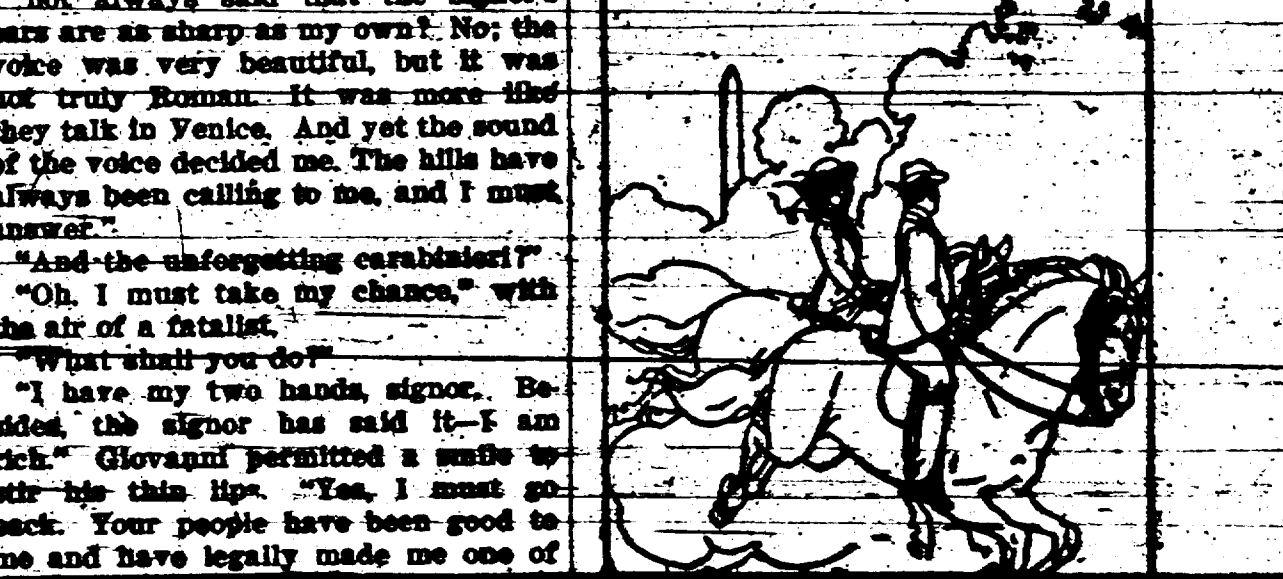
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half the time. I can't get away from the... "You think it's as bad as that?" "It is, but not as bad as what I'm going to tell you."

"Haven't noticed. What do you think of it?" "Charming." "And this..."

"You know that no hanging... And this..."

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Manassas, Va., Sunday, December 28. Henry S. Bowen, member of Nineteenth congressional district of Virginia in 1844; 86 years old, was partially paralyzed in his home at Tazewell Saturday night. Dr. Powers, a young man about 35 years old, was so badly injured while loading a car of lumber at Abingdon that he died yesterday afternoon. He was working in a car, which was struck by a passenger train. Fire occurred in the old Central Park hotel building at Christiansburg Sunday night about 10:50 o'clock, and for some time it seemed that it would not only be destroyed, but several other nearby buildings would go with it. Arthur E. Welch was convicted of violating the Byrd liquor law by dispensing ardent spirits at his saloon on Christmas day at Alexandria and was fined \$100. He noted an appeal. The accused claimed he was giving ardent away to friends. William J. Bland, who was awarded the Rhodes scholarship

Acquiring Widows. "What kind of a plant is this?" "It's a tobacco plant just beginning to bloom." "You old farmer!" "Indeed," exclaimed the farmer, "I have never seen it before the club here?" "Chicago News." The General object of the above stated part is to make use of a certain amount of the above mentioned plant in the manufacture of... "There was a woman once who... "I know who she was." That gentle... "Not she. It was a female pig... "Did the minister say anything... "You shall not find time here."

LEGAL NOTICES. In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Prince William, on the 19th day of December, 1908. Henry S. Bowen, member of the Nineteenth congressional district of Virginia in 1844; 86 years old, was partially paralyzed in his home at Tazewell Saturday night. Dr. Powers, a young man about 35 years old, was so badly injured while loading a car of lumber at Abingdon that he died yesterday afternoon. He was working in a car, which was struck by a passenger train. Fire occurred in the old Central Park hotel building at Christiansburg Sunday night about 10:50 o'clock, and for some time it seemed that it would not only be destroyed, but several other nearby buildings would go with it. Arthur E. Welch was convicted of violating the Byrd liquor law by dispensing ardent spirits at his saloon on Christmas day at Alexandria and was fined \$100. He noted an appeal. The accused claimed he was giving ardent away to friends. William J. Bland, who was awarded the Rhodes scholarship

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Happy New Year

THE publishers of THE DEMOCRAT wish you a most happy and prosperous New Year. We trust that this epoch may for you be marked by achievement, by approach to the ideals you are striving to attain, by realization of your hopes, and by the crowning blessings of health and happiness. We sincerely trust that all of fortune's favors may be yours, making the year, nineteen hundred and ten memorable to you for its benefits.

THE DEMOCRAT enters the New Year most auspiciously, backed the substantial support and universal good-will of the citizens of Manassas and Prince William county. We shall manifest appreciation of this confidence and esteem in our work—by making THE DEMOCRAT more than ever representative of this community, by maintaining its standard as "The Leading Newspaper of Manassas and Prince William County."

FRANK E. GARRISON
LOUIS E. SLINGERLAND.

Thomas H. Lion, Delegate

THOMAS H. LION will represent Prince William county in the Virginia house of delegates, at the next session of the legislature which convenes in January. He will represent this commonwealth in the broadest sense—in all that makes for the protection and for the advancement of the common interests of its citizens and of its institutions. However, the people of Prince William county need no assurance on this point. They have tested "Tom" Lion and they have found him true. They have sounded him and they know. A most profoundly eloquent tribute to his achievements, and his earnest, unselfish service, a more highly significant testimonial of their supreme faith in his sterling integrity and splendid worth, could not have been given by the people of Prince William county than when they unanimously elected him their representative in the Virginia house of delegates. He was elected without opposition. Mr. Lion's record constituted the platform upon which he was elected. Most efficiently, with honor to the commonwealth and to himself, Mr. Lion represented Prince William county in the session of 1891-2, the memorable session of 1892-3, and the session of 1906-7. Mr. Lion proposes to introduce a measure increasing the appropriation for the State Agricultural school in Manassas from \$2,000 to \$5,000. He will advocate the Byrd primary bill for the legal establishment of the primary system for party nominations. Further he will support a proposed amendment to the stock law, to vest the circuit court or board of supervisors with power to modify the restriction that the boundary lines of land, with particular reference to adjoining farms, in themselves, constitute a fence.

The New Year

THE New Year is crossing the threshold of time, buoyant with promise and faith, while the Old Year bent under its burden of broken hopes, shattered ideals and bitter defeat is creeping into the past. The advent of each year marks the opening of an epoch in every human life, a revelation of new opportunities which any man may grasp and of new possibilities for which he may strive. But with every avenue to achievement thrown open, it is wholly up to a man himself what this year is to give him as his portion. The work to be done will admit of no delay, for the building of the future is largely done with bricks of the time now at hand. Remember the lessons of defeat, as well as those of victory, and lift up your chin and climb.

A STRONG argument in favor of residents of small communities buying their supplies in their own town, is given in the discovery of the existence of retail food trust in the city. The gradual rise in prices is attributed to an overplus of retailers. It will be remembered by many that charges of combinations to boost prices some time ago elicited the reply that monopolies of producers were driving retailers from the field, making decided advances in prices unavoidable. It appears that neither competition nor monopoly can check the upward tendency to say nothing of inducing a downward revision. It is a noteworthy fact that, although there has been a marked advance in the cost of living, abnormal conditions exist largely in the cities.

THE perennial prophecy of war with Germany has broken out anew in England, alarming statesmen and agitating the public. The European situation is so involved that America is looked to as the only nation that can prevent hostilities in the event conflict actually is imminent.

PURE food experts, in connection with the law for labeling, have been worrying over the question: "What is whiskey." There are experts who could have answered the question instantly.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

LET the Christmas spirit linger.

NEW YEAR resolutions are in season.

MAKE the year nineteen hundred and ten an epoch of achievement in your career.

AN empty coal bin is an even greater destroyer of happiness than an iceless refrigerator.

WITH Zelaya in Mexico what joy would fill the hearts of the Texas Rangers should he inadvertently step across the border.

In his fight to overthrow the Speaker it is evident the President is endeavoring to prove that Cannon is not such a big gun, after all.

THE persons who last summer longed for winter, do not appear particularly elated over the fact that their wishes finally have been gratified.

THE people of Manassas and Prince William county contributed generously to the Red Cross Christmas stamp campaign against tuberculosis.

THE question, "Will Women Abandon Love?" asked in a recent magazine article, is about the limit for some one's lack of knowledge of femininity.

A DAILY newspaper asks: "Can a married couple live on eighteen dollars a week." Most married couples solved that problem for themselves long ago.

FROM present indications the proposed peace conference between President Madrid and Provisional President Estrada will result in intensifying hostilities.

AN eminent sociologist declares that education is routing the idle rich class. Many of us are willing to occupy the places they are vacating, even at the cost of some knowledge.

The commissioners of Northumberland county, Pa., played a trump card when they gave notice that if landlords increase rents, valuations on houses containing tenants will be raised.

PESSIMISTS of the new creed type, may find food for reflection, in the spirit of love for one's fellowmen inspired by the teachings of the Savior, and living in spite of rebuffs, is illustrated by the following press dispatch:

"The Rev. W. F. Bostwick, a post-graduate divinity student at the University of Chicago, will probably suffer amputation of both feet as the result of his courageous effort to walk 12 miles through a driving snowstorm last Sunday night to reach the Christmas celebration of the little Baptist church at Yorkville. The attending physician at Yorkville says there is but slight hope of saving the patient's feet. A pathetic feature of the minister's misfortune lies in the fact that he might have been saved great suffering had he not been turned away from the door of a farmer's house, at which he had appeared and applied for shelter and assistance after he had become exhausted in the deep snow and felt that he was freezing."

FEDERAL intervention is being sought in the controversy between the Northwestern railroads and their switchmen. The situation thus presented is significant. It is an open admission of inability or unwillingness to either or both parties to such controversy to adjust their differences. In this case it appears that the railroads are stubbornly refusing to meet proposals which might lead to an end of the strike, and a resumption of normal, and even then, none too adequate, traffic facilities in the affected districts. The railroads are the arteries of commerce, and to impede their traffic circulation is to paralyze business. In no other activity is the slightest cessation so quickly felt. The solution of the problem involved, the conflict of capital and labor, is one of possibilities of this era of anomalies, according to enthusiastic economists. But while that ideal state of affairs is being evolved, strikes recur with disheartening frequency, and most of the burden falls upon the public. It is one of the strongest arguments in favor of government ownership of railroads—an argument strengthened by the appeal for federal intervention.

PROCEEDS TO POOR

The Christmas entertainment to be given by members of Trinity Episcopal Sunday school at Nicol hall tonight promises to be one of the most successful ever given in Manassas. Santa Claus will be present to greet the children. The proceeds will be devoted to the poor.

NOTICE

The annual stockholders' meeting of The Hopkins Co., Inc. will be held in the office of the company in the town of Manassas, Prince William county, Virginia, on Monday, February 7, 1910, for the election of officers and other business of the company.

C. M. HOPKINS,
Secretary.

BRIGHT-BLIND BOY

Carl Allensworth is home from the School for the Deaf and Blind, at Staunton, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allensworth, and his brothers, Walter and George. Although totally blind, Carl possesses accomplishments of which persons many years older might well be proud. He is a fine musician and stenographer, and an unusually bright conversationalist, and reads correctly and rapidly by the dot system. He is able to go any place unassisted. Carl is twelve years old and has been in school at Staunton for three years.

"Jack Frost" last night completely photographed upon the lattice glass window of E. B. Ransdell's store the Christmas tree inside.

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INJUSTICE GRANTS PRINTING AWARD

(Continued from first page)

Table listing names and amounts for the printing award, including George C. Tyler, J. C. Howell, G. A. Gosson, etc.



W. J. CALHOUN, NEW MINISTER TO CHINA.

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HORSE SHOW STATEMENT

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RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES FOR 1909

Table of receipts for 1909, including Cash in Treasurer's hands, Treasury stock sold, etc.

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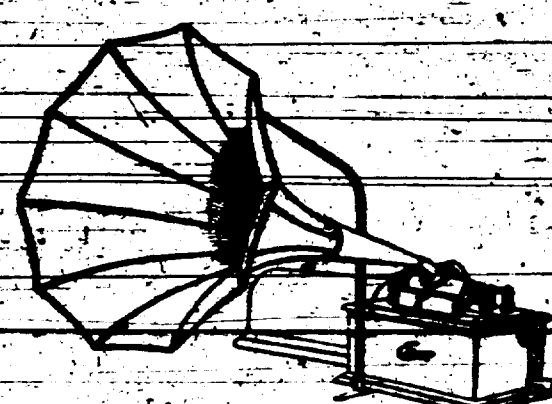
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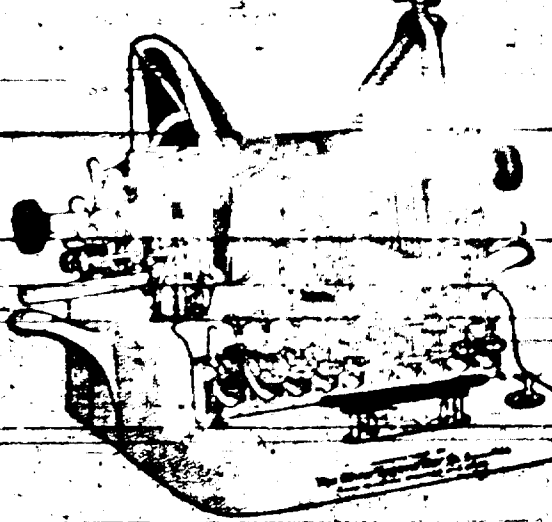
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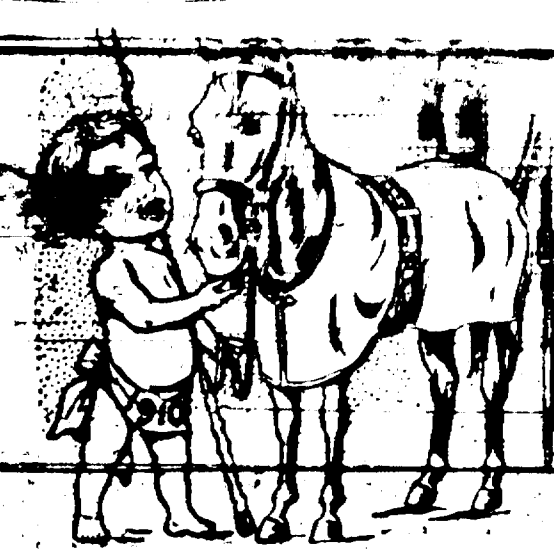
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J. G. Howell, poor claim.	12 00
G. A. Gosson, poor claim.	16 00
Charles H. Keyser, Gainesville road district.	30 00
H. L. Triplett, Gainesville road district.	5 00
H. F. Triplett, Gainesville road district.	45 00
Palmer Smith, bridge timber.	4 78
Palmer Smith, Gainesville road district.	18 80
J. J. Gough, Gainesville road district.	26 35
G. A. Hitchison, superintendent road district.	20 00
E. F. Cornwell, wood court house.	1 85
Jordan & Jordan, small box account.	3 94
L. R. Keys, poor claim.	18 00
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R. S. Abel, poor claim.	7 00
W. F. Hibbs, work on jail, etc.	1 40
J. C. Meredith, coroner, viewing bodies in Jones' fire.	10 00
J. P. Manual, supervisor.	4 80
J. F. Gulick, supervisor.	4 00
J. W. George, supervisor.	5 90
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J. T. Syncox, supervisor.	5 80
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J. Y. Roseberry, Brentville road district.	10 37
C. W. Baker, bridge lumber.	12 60
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M. F. Davis, poor claim.	12 00
Rufus Davis, poor claim.	44 00
S. F. Lantz, registrar.	5 19
S. T. Cornwell, Occoquan road district.	10 00
R. H. Mills, Occoquan road district.	9 00
D. A. Landis, Brentville road district.	46 61
George M. Davis, superintendent Occoquan road.	40 90
The Manassas Journal Co., county printing.	58 00
E. M. Cornwell, conducting luncheon to depot.	60
J. E. Gheen, poor claim.	4 00
John A. Morgan, oil for jail and court house.	3 00
B. C. Cornwell, in full of cistern contract.	147 60
W. Wood & Son, tools for road work.	12 35
L. A. Clark & Son, tools for road district.	7 50
C. A. Senclair, lunacy claim.	1 00
J. W. Wilcoxon, lunacy claim.	1 40



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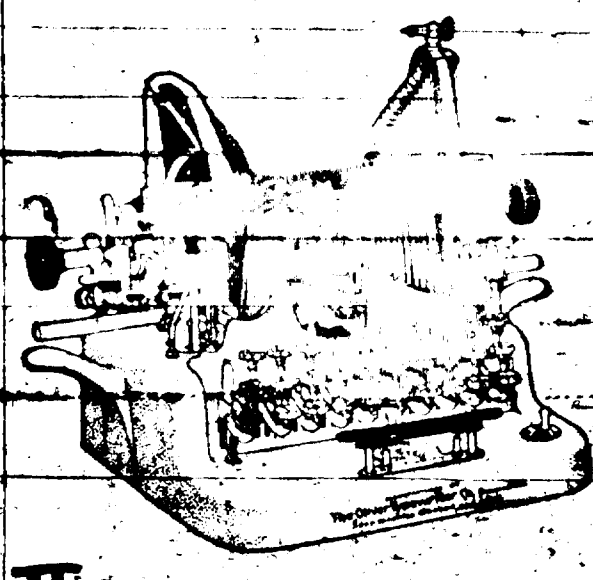
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"Then," retorted Le Hardy coolly, "you are likely to remain where you are forever, monsieur. For how can you escape from your house without setting foot on my land, seeing that last night's avalanche has set your cottage in the very middle of my field?"

"I will die where I am!" roared Michau. And he meant it.

Never in the history of the canton had Antoine Michau broken his word. When Le Hardy had besought Michau to give him the latter's golden haired Jeanne Marie the angry father had not only posted the girl off to her aunt in the village below the great mountain on which Michau and Le Hardy dwelt but he had forbidden Le Hardy to be seen on his property.

All of this because of an accident that occurred between the Michaus and the Le Hardys.

Therefore it may be fancied what Michau felt when fate, pleasantly ironic, sent an avalanche which deposited the Michau cottage in the center of Le Hardy's little farm.

It had happened just before day-break that very morning. Luckily for Le Hardy himself, his own cottage was not damaged, it being on the edge of one side. His astonishment when he discovered the plight of the fate parent soon gave way to glee when he thought how neatly Michau would be forced to forewarn himself. But Michau had no such intention. As he could not fly or lay a bridge across and as his provisions would not last two days, he grimly prepared to starve, an arrangement which Lempiere, Le Hardy's special friend, advised the lover to anticipate.

"For when the old fox is dead of his own folly," sneaked Lempiere, "is that thou who man console the pretty Jeanne Marie?"

But Le Hardy, eating his own ample meals, could not enjoy them for thinking of Michau's rapidly diminishing larder. On the noon of the second day he filled a tray with food and carried it himself to Michau's door.

"Valla, mon voisin," said the young fellow good temperedly. "Thou must not starve. I will share with thee while thou remainest in thy chicken coop. Thou art welcome to it."

"An devil with thee and thy welcome!" yelled the enraged Michau, and there descended on Le Hardy's head a perfect shower of porridge, poached eggs and bits of bread. Lempiere from a safe distance doubled himself up in his efforts to suppress his convulsive joy.

"Now wilt believe me?" asked he as the lover hurriedly retreated.

To his surprise the young man bounded into a fit of laughter.

"What a tableau!" he said, holding his sides. "After all, though, one must admit the old rascal has spirit!"

That night Michau slept but ill. Hunger gnawed at his vitals till he rolled in agony, but he clung sullenly to his determination. Over and over he repeated himself that the neighbors should see of what stuff Michau was made. Chances were and chances are his ear that such a course was to leave the old free to Le Hardy; but though he ground his teeth and admitted it, yet he had no thought of yielding.

Dawn came, and the old man arose and tottered out on his tiny porch. There a surprising sight met his view. Le Hardy was standing close beside the steps, panting and resting on the handle of a broad shovel. From the

steps to the outer edge of the field which marked the confines of Le Hardy's property ran a narrow trail of fresh soft earth richly dark and about an inch thick.

"What devil's folly had thou done now?" sneaked the gaunt old man leaning on the nearest railing to hide his weakness.

"Vraiment," smiled Le Hardy good humoredly as ever. "I have turned thief, mon voisin, and have been thieving all night! This trail of earth which you behold!" He waved a hand toward it.

"Nom de Dieu—of course I see it. What of it?"

"It came from the garden, mon voisin. I chose it there that you might see the difference in color distinctly. My land along here is lighter and not so rich."

"From my garden, scelerat!" gasped the old man. "How hast thou dared? 'Twas because you had me trapped here, coward!"

"Rather," said Le Hardy coolly. "'Twas because I wished thee to leave thy trap. Tiens, mon voisin, you swore never to set foot on my land. Well, there is thine own land. Mayest walk away on it when thou dost please."

The hunger clogged senses of the prisoner went dumb for joy. That was a dignified method of exit. He was saved.

Reaching for his cane, he stopped coldly down and walked along the fresh trail, his feeble feet making irregular prints that stirred Le Hardy to fresh pity.

At the edge of the path he paused and turned to the man who followed him.

"Why didst thou do this for me? Thou wouldst have had a clear coast to win the girl had I died, and thou couldst have proved the offer of food to me."

"I hope I am a man," said Le Hardy proudly. "And as a man I wage fair fight, when fight I must. I love thy girl—I still strive to gain her. But I will never stoop to take a mean advantage of one thrown at my feet by a force of nature which not even a giant could have defeated."

He passed, then, added, a little wistfully:

"Hast thou nothing kindly to say to me, vieux voisin?"

The old man, now safely off the Le Hardy land, turned and grinned his reply.

"I have this to say to thee," he snapped, "that thou art a vile scoundrel for stealing my garden soil to fertilize thy barren fields."

He vanished in the distance, and Le Hardy, red and disgusted, went back to his work.

It was sunset when Le Hardy stopped for the day and went into the house to get his simple supper from his bachelor cupboard. He was setting out the viands, not a little sadly, when a rap on his door startled him.

"'Tis Lempiere," he muttered as he hastened to open it. But it was not Lempiere. It was a slender, girlish figure, with drooping head, that half-whispered:

"Mon pere would speak with thee."

The sweet tones were answered by a peremptory command from his late prisoner, who once again stood on the fresh trail and called to him, "Come!"

Le Hardy came, doubting his senses.

"Tiens," said the old fellow brusquely. "I have arrived to give thee notice that there's but one escape for thee from prison. Thou hast stolen my nice garden. Thy infernal shovel hath uprooted my best onions in thy digging. Thou canst not deny the theft and shalt suffer worse!"

"Calme," roared the bewildered Le Hardy.

"Unless thou dost instantly wed my girl," snapped the ex-captive. And Jeanne Marie hid her blushes in her lover's bosom.

Jeanne Marie's toddling children of ten wonder why Grandpere Michau always follows a certain path in coming to the second cottage on the Le Hardy farm. The other cottage he never appears in. This certain path is carefully marked off by lilies growing along it, and resolute Grandpere Michau will die happy because he has never yet set foot on the Le Hardy property.

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Treasury stock sold.	5 00	
Donation by Mr. DePree.	55 00	
Cash paid by Mr. Dodge for printing rule 29.	2 75	
Ground rents for 1909.	20 00	
Cash from sale of catalogue.	41 39	
Refreshment and other ground privileges.	127 90	
Saventy-three hat stalls rented.	146 00	
Premium receipts.	1102 50	
Gate and Grandstand receipts.	1856 30	
Receipts from members' stands.	7 25	
Advertising in catalogue.	25 00	
Total receipts.	\$3107 61	

DISBURSMENTS.

Premiums and postage paid.	\$1824 24
Postage.	25 25
Judges and their entertainment.	154 00
Music.	60 00
Ice and polishing water.	25 50
Veteranarian.	21 50
Rodges.	52 20
Police.	27 95
Straw.	23 75
Premiums returned.	2 00
Hardware and tooling.	37 02
Lumber.	53 54
Hayrage.	12 50
Printing.	138 08
Lewis, ground rent.	3 30
Phone, whitewashing, carpenter labor, etc. for preparing buildings and grounds for and during this show.	284 75
For clerical assistance.	25 00
Amount paid manager on account.	13 85
Amount paid secretary on account.	41 55
Printing this statement.	1 50
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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

A son was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. James Davies.

W. C. Wagener is making a fine window display of tools.

Mrs. Vollmer, of Bloom Hill, has returned to Washington.

Miss Lucy Potter visited her grandfather during the holidays.

Mr. Ellicott, principal of the Potomac City school, was in town yesterday.

Charles E. Brawner has returned to Norfolk after a visit here with relatives.

Jack Leachman, clerk for S. T. Weir, has returned to work from a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tompkins and son, Robert, of Washington, visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Swart, of the Plains, visited Miss Clara Lamb during the Teachers' conference here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moser, of Culpeper, spent Sunday here with Mr. Moser's brother, James F. Moser.

J. M. Sullivan, of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas company, was in Baltimore and Washington this week on business.

C. E. Sparrow, athletic coach of Eastern college, returned Tuesday from Scranton, Pa., where he spent the holiday vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who has been spending her vacation at home, returned Tuesday to Woman's college, at Baltimore.

The Rev. J. H. Gulick, who preached at Orange the last two Sundays, has returned to Richmond college, to resume his studies.

James E. Nelson, agent for the Hanover Fire Insurance company, is distributing fine three-color calendars advertising the company.

The Misses Davis, daughters of R. H. Davis, delightfully entertained a large party of their friends Friday at their home near Bristow.

H. H. Ryckman has returned from a hunting and fishing trip on the Potomac river below Alexandria. He bagged 23 ducks and caught a quantity of fish.

Miss Emma Johnson entertained the Alumni association at her home on New Year eve. A most delightful evening was spent, and delicious refreshments were served.

C. W. Wagener will resume his duties at the State university, although for a time it was feared that it would be necessary to remain at home on account of failing eyesight.

A. B. Thomas, of Haymarket, has been taken to University hospital, Charlottesville, for an operation for appendicitis. He was accompanied by Dr. Robert Shackelford, of Haymarket.

Before a large and appreciative audience, a song recital was given Friday night at the Manassas Colored Industrial school by Marie James, contralto, and Abby Williams, accompanist, assisted by school talent.

Col. Francis L. Smith, of Alexandria, has invited the members of the Prince William county bar to meet the Bar association of the Sixteenth Judicial circuit at luncheon Saturday, January 8, at 1 p. m., in Alexandria.

The children who so gleefully tossed books aside for the Christmas vacation picked them up again yesterday morning and returned to school and study.

The opening of the winter term was deferred two days on account of the teachers' institute.

The Bible institute to be conducted by Hebrew seminary will open at Nokesville tomorrow and continue to January 16 inclusive.

Among the speakers on the program are Elder J. Kurtz, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Elder P. J. Blough, of Hooversville, Pa., S. A. Sanger, of Vienna, and members of the seminary faculty.

G. H. Massey has returned from a visit to relatives at Alexandria.

J. W. Teats, express agent here, has returned from a visit to Bealton.

P. P. Chapman has returned from a visit to his mother at Roanoke.

Prof. Joseph Button has been operated upon for an abscess in the head.

Miss Theodora Waters, of Washington, spent New Year day here with relatives.

THE DEMOCRAT prints the news and prints it first. THE DEMOCRAT leads, others follow.

Webb Garrison, who has been visiting relatives here, returned Tuesday to school at Plainfield, N. J.

A. A. Hooff is gradually recovering from a broken knee cap, but will be incapacitated for several weeks.

Will Longwell, of Bellington, W. Va., was here visiting his daughter, Mrs. O. D. Waters, on Saturday.

Miss Susie Brawner, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Manassas during Christmas, returned Tuesday to her home at Broad Run.

John H. P. Lin was in town Tuesday to consummate the deal entered recently by himself and Melvin C. Mason for the purchase of Dr. Bell's farm near Nokesville.

Almost 1,000 Red Cross Christmas stamps were sold in Manassas and Prince William county during the holidays, making a contribution of about \$10 to the state anti-tuberculosis fund.

Dr. W. R. Tulloss, general manager, and J. W. Latham, president, of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Co., have returned from Washington, where they have interested capital in their enterprise.

D. Libeau is rebuilding his brick house on Lee avenue, which was partly destroyed by fire about two months ago. This house, when completed, will be much more convenient than heretofore, and will be the handsomest building on the avenue.

Work is to be started within a week of erection of a derrick at the site of the operations of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Co., near Nokesville. The timbers are now arriving and it is expected that drilling will be commenced within the month.

Dr. H. U. Roop, president of Eastern college, will make an address at the closing services of the week of prayer in the Presbyterian church tomorrow night.

The union prayer services this week have been more largely attended than in any previous year.

The many friends of the Rev. W. T. Gover, who fell unconscious in the snow by the roadside while on his way home from the entertainment at his church last Wednesday night, will be pleased to learn that he has sufficiently recovered to be again able to attend to his church work.

A change of time is effective for several trains over the Southern railroad. No. 44 northbound leaves at 6:30 p. m. instead of 6:37 p. m.; No. 36, northbound, leaves at 9:30 p. m. instead of 9:45 p. m.; No. 42, northbound, arrives 5:56 a. m. to let off passengers from points west of Lynchburg; No. 43, southbound, leaves at 11:58 a. m. instead of 11:51 a. m.

More packages of Christmas remembrances were received and sent from Manassas, during the holidays just closed, than in many years, according to the report of the Southern Express company. From December 15 to December 24, the company received 581 packages for delivery in Manassas, while 367 packages were sent from here. The report shows an increase of more than 40 per cent over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Dr. Fowell Merchant has opened offices in the Peoples National bank building.

W. W. Butler, mayor of Haymarket, made THE DEMOCRAT office a call Monday.

Miss Laura Butler, who has been a guest of Miss Stuart Hynson, left Tuesday for her home at Rocky Mount.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Welby Rice was taken to Washington Monday by Dr. W. A. Newman for nasal treatment.

Sidney Weedon, who has been visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays, returned Tuesday to Charlotte Hall college, Md.

Mrs. S. T. Hall has returned from the University hospital, Charlottesville, where she underwent a successful operation for facial neuralgia.

S. W. Fitzwater, of Nokesville, was notified, by telegraph, of the death of his sister Janie, at her home in Broadway, Shenandoah county, on Monday.

Mrs. F. S. Cooley returned Friday from a visit with relatives in the Shenandoah valley. She was accompanied home by her brother, Master Jodie Rudolph.

Mrs. W. S. Allensworth left Monday for Staunton with her son, Carl, who has been spending the holidays here. He is a pupil in the School for the Deaf and Blind.

J. R. Athey, of Dumfries, is visiting his brother, W. S. Athey. He has just returned from Fauquier county, where he attended the funeral of his wife's sister, Mrs. Eva Barron, who succumbed to an operation for appendicitis.

J. E. Brown, scenic photographer, who has been taking views in Manassas for several weeks, left Monday for Alexandria. He plans to return to Manassas early in the spring, buy property and establish a finishing studio.

S. B. Stonnell, of lower Prince William county, was in town Monday to close the deal for the purchase by himself and Tyson Janney of J. F. Dowling's Leesylvania farm of 970 acres for \$9,000. The deal was made about two months ago.

The stroke of enterprise by the management of THE DEMOCRAT in securing for its readers the enthralling romance, "The Lore of the Mask," is widely recognized and appreciated in town and county. This is manifested in heavy increases to the subscription list, both for the story and for the superior service THE DEMOCRAT offers in every department.

Col. Hobbs, who represents a Philadelphia shoe house and who is the oldest traveling salesman in the Virginia territory, was in town Wednesday. Although the frosts of more than three score years and ten have fallen upon the head of this veteran commercial traveler, his health is good and his persuasive manner as buoyant as at the beginning of his forty years on the road.

John T. Lamb, of Manassas, who obtained a position with the American Telephone Co., was recently promoted to the position of construction clerk, with headquarters at Philadelphia. In a letter to his sister recently, he said the company kept him constantly on the go, hauling him around on fast time, and should he not get some rest soon he feared his fleece would be more than "white as snow."

Miss W. C. Callender, who for several years was a clerk in the Manassas postoffice, and who was a recent witness before the Federal court at Alexandria, in a case in which a patron of the Manassas postoffice was charged with violation of the United States statutes, during the period of her clerkship, is on a visit to friends and relatives in Manassas. She will return to her home in Rochester, N. Y., the last of the week.

Maurice Hopkins, manager of the Hopkins Candy factory, returned last night from a weeks' visit to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wright, of Richmond, who have been visiting Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Merchant, returned home Sunday.

Frank B. Bell, who is connected with the Mobile and Ohio railroad, at Mobile, Ala., arrived in town Monday and will visit his mother-in-law, Mrs. F. S. Brand, for several days. He is accompanied by his son, Charles Stewart Bell.

A daughter born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Weir Waters died Monday afternoon. The funeral was held from the residence Tuesday morning, the services being conducted by the Rev. Leslie Robinson, Rector of Trinity church.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet next Saturday afternoon, January 8, promptly at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. C. Herrell to perfect arrangements for the commemoration of the birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee on January 19.

The Rev. T. W. T. Noland, of Falls Church, Va., was the guest of R. W. Merchant Monday. Mr. Noland, who has been called to the New School Baptist church at Woodbine, this county, has accepted the call and preached his first sermons at that church Sunday morning and evening. In the morning service he preached to a large congregation from the text: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace Good Will Toward Men."


Miss Mary Larkin gave a party at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hixson, New Year eve. The program consisted of games interspersed with music, and refreshments. The advent of the new year was hailed with joyful acclaim as the clock tolled the hour of midnight and the party dispersed. Among those present were: Misses Othello Williams, Katie Lewis, Mary Garrison, Gertrude and Dorothy Button, and Messrs. Karl Austin, Allen Merchant, Cundiff Williams, Aylette Clarke, Carroll Rice, Norvell Larkin and Harry Griffith.

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It is necessary that the people in the vicinity of this particular proposition should subscribe for the stock of this company, as it is an absolute fact that in all new fields it has always been up to the local people to develop the first oil, as capitalists never go into undeveloped fields, but are ever ready to take hold of any and all things, when proven valuable.

This company has 23,800 acres of land under lease, and has placed 80,000 of its 200,000 shares of capital stock in its treasury for sale, consisting of preferred, guaranteeing 8 per cent accumulative annual dividend, to be paid out of the earnings of the company, and common, to which it will add in the future other stocks when found necessary. The company offers this stock at its par value, \$1.00 per share; but will not accept any subscription for less than five shares. All payments will be made one-half cash and balance in two equal installments of thirty and sixty days from date of subscription. The stock is non-assessable. No certificate will be issued until it is fully paid. As an illustration to the reader of the great profits accruing from the investments in new oil fields here is submitted below the last and newest development in the United States, the Bremen oil field, and some instances of the paying capacity of this field. The Bremen oil field was a wild cat proposition for fourteen years. The first wells were drilled by a man named J. E. Parvis, who sank his capital in the venture. Though at first unsuccessful, Parvis believed in his proposition, and finally succeeded in getting a few friends to raise enough money to promote a stock company called the Bremen Oil and Gas Company, holding 8,500 acres of leases. The first well drilled was a 90-barrel producer, and for fourteen successive wells he did not strike a single dry one. The Bremen company, after two years and two months, is selling fifty-five thousand dollars worth of oil per month, its stock, which originally sold at \$25 per share, now sells for \$95 per share, and none is on the market.

As another example: While the first well was being drilled at Lima, Ohio, the State Geologist called the people of the community to a special meeting, instead of them attending the idea of any one taking stock in such a scheme, declaring that there was no possibility of getting either oil or gas in that locality, as all indications necessary for that production were absent. (This geological talk has been the same in Texas, California, Oklahoma, Indiana and other fields that have been such heavy producers of oil.) Just while this meeting was in progress, in and around, the well began to flow at the rate of eighty barrels of oil per day. The people left the lecturer and fled to the oil fields. Now this field is a large producing and refining one.



READ CAREFULLY

Compare the holdings of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company (holding 23,000 acres), with the holdings of the above companies mentioned and you will readily see what the great possibilities of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company will be.

You may think you can do better by waiting and buying stock after oil is struck. Study the table of California above and decide how many shares you could buy after development, in its good companies, and compare it with what you could have bought before development, and remember they were all "wild cat" properties at one time.

The Following Table Shows How the Stock of Various California Oil Companies Has Advanced:

	Started at	Has been sold at
Central	\$0.10	\$1.50
Monte Cristo	.10	2.47 1/2
Lucile	.15	5.45
Dillon	.25	8.50
Kern	.25	6.75
Sterling	.50	4.27 1/2
West Shore	.50	4.50
Peerless	.25	8.75
San Joaquin	.50	12.50
Kern River	.50	21.00
New York	.50	200.00
Oil City	2.50	34.00
Pacific	3.00	150.00
Hanford	10.00	120.00
Puente	10.00	150.00
St. Lawrence	15.00	300.00
Kreyenhagen	10.00	350.00
Home	10.00	5000.00

\$100 invested in New York Oil Company has since had a value of \$5,900.

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

\$100 invested in Peerless Co., now has a value of \$8,250.

\$100 invested in San Joaquin Company has since had a value of \$5,700.

\$100 invested in Kern River Co. has a value of \$9,500.

\$100 invested in Central Oil Company has since had a value of \$15,000.

\$100 invested in Alcalde Oil Company has since had a value of \$30,000.

\$100 invested in Home Oil Company has since had a value of \$40,000.

Its oil sells at from 25c to 60c per barrel.

The foregoing articles were gleaned from official sources and doubtless are not overdrawn. That the Petroleum Oil Industry is an inviting field for small investors will be readily admitted after reading this circular.

Recent geological examinations made by the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Co., whose holdings are situated in Prince William and Fauquier counties, Virginia, led them to believe that in the not very distant future, as much may be said of Oil Production in Virginia as is now related of California; and more, because the oil is high grade. Hence, only enough stock will be sold at the present low prices to develop these promising holdings of the Company to the point of assurance, when the books will be closed; therefore, we would advise those who are disposed to invest not to defer the matter until it is too late to get in on the ground floor.

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FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

It is a bird superior?
What is the bill of a bird and what
does it mean? asks a writer in the
Strang Magazine. I do not refer, he
continues, to the bill of a hawk, or a
heron, or an owl, or an ostrich, but to
that which is the abstract of all these
and a thousand more. I hold, regard-
less of anatomy and physiology, that
a bird is a higher being than a beast.
No beast soars and sings to its sweet
heart; no beast remains in lifelong
partnership with the wire of its
youth; no beast builds itself a sum-
mer house and decorates it with feathers
and bright shells. A beast is a grovel-
ing denizen of the earth, a bird is a
free citizen of the air. And who can
say that there is not a connection be-
tween this difference and other de-
velopments? The bird, thinking
only of its appetites, has evolved a
delicate nose, a discriminating palate,
three kinds of teeth to cut, tear, and
grind its food, salivary glands to
moisten the same and a perfected ap-
paratus of digestion. The bird occu-
pied with thoughts of love and beau-
ty, with "fields, or waves, or moun-
tains" and "shapes of sky or plain,"
has made little advance in the art and
instruments of good living. It swal-
lows its food whole, scarcely knowing
the taste of it, and a pair of forceps
for picking it up tipped and cased
with horn, is the whole of its dining
furniture. For the bill of a bird, pri-
marily and essentially, is that and
nothing else. In the chickens and the
sparrows that come to steal their
food, and the robin that looks on, and
all the little "dicky-birds" you may
see it is its simplicity. The size and
shape may vary as a Canadian ex-
ceeds from a Scotch ax; some are
short and stout and have a sharp
edge for shelling seeds, some are
longer and are pointed for picking
worms and caterpillars out of their
hiding places; some a little hooked
at their points and one, that of the
cross-bill, with points crossed for
picking the small seeds out of
cones; but all are practically the
same tool. Yet the last distinctly
points the way to those modifications
by which the simple bill is gradually
adapted to one special purpose or an-
other, until it becomes a wonderful
mechanism in which the original in-
tention is quite out of sight.—Ledger.

His Arithmetic.
A member of a school board was
visiting a public school not long ago
when he encountered a small boy in
the hall.
"What are you studying, my boy?"
the visitor asked.
"Arithmetic and geography," an-
swered the boy.
"And what are you learning in
arithmetic?"
"The boy thought for a minute, then
he replied: "Guzinta."
"Guzinta?" said the surprised offi-
cial. "What's that?"
"Why, don't you know?" said the
boy. "Two guzinta four, three guzinta
six, four guzinta eight, five guzinta
ten."—Lippincott's.

Ants Have Combs.
No creature is more tidy than an
ant, who cannot tolerate the pres-
ence of dirt on her body. These little
creatures actually use a number of
real toilet articles in keeping them-
selves clean. No less an authority
than Dr. McCook says their toilet ar-
ticles consist of coarse and fine tooth-
combs, hair brushes, sponges, and
even washes and soap. Their saliva
is their liquid soap, and their soft
tongues are their sponges. Their
combs, however, are the genuine article
and differ from ours mainly in
that they are fastened to their legs.
The ants have no set time for their
toilet operations, but stop and clean
up whenever they get soiled.—St.
Nicholas.

Adventure of a Baby Boy.
A person who lived some years in
South Africa tells the following
story. The infant son of one of the
Dutch settlers had strayed away.
After some time a search party dis-
covered little footprints leading in
the direction of the bush. Following
up these, they came upon a large open
space, at the farther side of which
they discovered the object of their
search sitting hugging a little wooden
doll, and munching a piece of bread
and butter.
Before they could make their way
through the thick, tangled under-
growth a large lion sprang into the
clearing. The little boy, far from be-
ing frightened, ran to meet the lion,
holding up his bread and butter, and
said: "Take a bite, doggie." The
father stood powerless to move or
speak through fear, expecting each in-
stant to see the child crushed under
the lion's paw; but, instead of doing
as he dreaded, the lion turned himself
over and lay on his back at the child's
feet, looking up in his face as a cat
would do, at play.
Watching his opportunity, the father
raised his gun and fired, hitting the
lion in the leg. The animal sprang
up and, leaving the child, rushed
on to the party, injuring two of
the number before it was finally kil-
led. From this circumstance the child
was immediately christened by the
settlers "Daniel."—San Francisco
Call.

The Lost Turkey.
Six years ago, my mother, father
and I were at my grandfather's farm
one autumn. He owned pigs, horses,
ducks, chickens, cows, cats and dogs
galore. While his daughters was the
possessor of six fine turkeys. Well,
one afternoon toward 5 o'clock, the
time when the turkeys were put to
bed (or rather escorted to bed), they
gathered outside the farmhouse door
as they always did, to wait for some
one to walk down to the barn with
them.
This afternoon we heard a "gobble,
gobble!" outside, and the family came
out to see what it was. There stood
five of the turkeys buddled on the
doorstep. But where was the sixth?
Annie called and hunted for this bird,
but not a sign could be seen of him
anywhere. In the mean time grand-
pa had built a fire in the kitchen
range, as it was cool. Just then we
heard a queer noise in the direction
of the roof, and looking up we saw a
dark form on the chimney. Some one
cried: "It's the turkey gobbler!"
We procured a ladder and, my father,
Ray, being his clerk, also, his dignity,
climbed up and proceeded
to rescue the "gobbler." We ex-
pected to see him take a toboggan
slide down the chimney and, but for-
tunately, he did not, but he did not
and came down with a splash, the tur-
key waving his long neck and gob-
bling gaily under his arm. I relieved
my father of the burden and car-
ried him to the barn accom-
panying him live and con-
scious. There I placed
him in his post, and the other

WIT HUMOR AND SARCASM

Who were the three
was men, Job? "Bachelors."—Life.

"Now, Willie," said the teacher to a
small pupil, "what is the term 'aid'
used for?"
Geraldine—"Who is the hero of
your new story?" Gerald—"The man
who accepted it."—Judge.

"What's a pyromaniac, sis?" "One
of them fools that's crazy about
burnt wood work."—Baltimore Ameri-
can.

"It is used to make people believe
we know more than we do," replied
the bright little fellow.—Chicago
News.

"Lowe pleads a call." "Going there
this evening?" "No. You see—
that isn't all I owe him."—Cleveland
Leader.

Silkies—"Do you believe there is
honor among thieves?" Cyrus—"No,
they are just as bad as other people."
—Philadelphia Record.

"Fashions are changing like the
deuce." "How do you know, old man?"
"Saw the milliner for the first time
in six months."—Pack.

"Do you keep servants?" "No, we
are like all other housekeepers in that
respect, we hire servants but do not
succeed in keeping them."—Houston
Post.

"How does it come that your wife
lets you come out between the acts?"
"I tell her I want to telephone home
and see if the children are all right."
—Cleveland Leader.

After the Mass Play—"How's yer
boy doin' at college, Cy?" "Just fine.
He hopes to be out of the hospital
some time afore Christmas."—Clev-
land Path Dealer.

"The time to save is when you're
young." "That's all right, but a fel-
low doesn't earn anything till he gets
well along and then it costs more to
live."—Boston Herald.

Jess—"He said my face was a
poem." Bees—"It is like one of
Browning's." Jess—"How do you
mean?" Bees—"Some of the lines are
so deep."—Cleveland Leader.

"Did you have any assistance when
you made your appearance on a stage-
er?" "Yes," answered the amateur so-
list. "There was a policeman keeping
order in the gallery."—Washington
Star.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise
again," said the ready-made philoso-
pher. "Yes," answered the discour-
aged New Yorker, "but Tagman fre-
quently does the same thing."—Wash-
ington Star.

Jack—"I was in a box at the opera
last night." Tom—"Were you?" Jack
—"I should say I was. I took two la-
bies there and then discovered that I
had left the tickets at home."—Boston
Transcript.

"I'm glad you've dropped in, Mrs.
Pears," said Mrs. Lapsling, cordially
greeting the visitor. "This has been a
dreary day for me, and a call from a
friend is like an oasis in the de-
sert."—Chicago Tribune.

"Bapleigh—"Bah, love, you know, an
accident has occurred to me." Mrs.
Pett (interrupting)—"Pardon me, Mr.
Bapleigh, isn't that more than a mere
occurrence? I should call it an
event."—Boston Transcript.

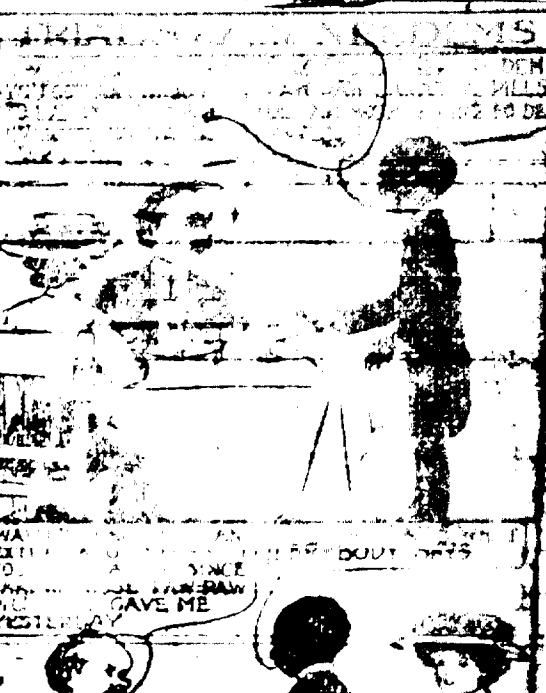
"You'd like to have me give this a
notice, I presume," said the literary
editor. "Indeed, I would," answered
the author of the book; "the best in
the world." But the conscientious lit-
erary editor, after reading it, classed
it as one of the worst in the
world."—Chicago Tribune.

A Good Manager.
Thomas S. Taylor, president of the
National Archery Association, said at
an archer's dinner in Chicago:
"An archer must be very skillful and
cool and cool to succeed. He must
handle his bow as Mrs. Peacock, of
Michigan avenue, handles her hys-
teric."
"Mr. Peacock came home very late
the other night from an important
political gathering. In the hall he
kicked up rather a row, growling and
swearing to himself till his wife called
to him from upstairs."
"What is the matter, my dear?"
"Matter—his—is," Mr. Peacock
shouted, "that there's two hatsracks
here, and I dunno which one to hang
my hat on."
"But you've got two hats, haven't
you?" said Mrs. Peacock soothingly.
"Hang one on each rack and come up
to bed. You're tired."—New York
Tribune.

Rhodes All Round.
"She's my new gown is just lovely.
It's a perfect fit."
"How satisfied are you with it?"
"Yes, I know it's a good fit, be-
cause it pinches me so."
"Well, it doesn't pinch you half
as much as it does my pocketbook."
The Cathartic Standard and Times.

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phia Ledger.

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bed, for the itching was dreadful. He
would irritate spots by scratching
with his nails and that only made
them worse. A doctor treated him
and we tried almost everything, but
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gave them according to directions.
I used them in the morning and that
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I used them again and the improve-
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prising, the inflammation seemed to
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return of the eczema."
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Richmond. All of the boiler and tank shop men of the Richmond plant of the American Locomotive Works have returned to work.

The strike involved 150 men, besides those who at first went out and then returned. This strike is in conjunction with the general strike, involving, it is said, 2,000 men in Dunsmuir, Montreal, Richmond and Chicago.

The local force of the boiler-makers will be largely increased by the terms of the settlement. Men who were called in as strikebreakers to fill other places will continue working, as the capacity of the big plant is crowded to fill orders at present. A new order for half a million dollars worth of locomotives from the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway will keep the men busy for months to come.

Real Estate Deal. Roanoke. One of the most important real estate transactions in the history of Roanoke is the formation of the Raleigh Court Corporation, the charter for whose incorporation has been granted by the Virginia Corporation Commission.

Col. Sale Accepts. Richmond. Governor William Hodges Meas announced that he had offered the appointment of adjutant-general to Col. W. W. Sale, of Norfolk, and that the latter had accepted. Colonel Sale, who was a member of the State militia for several years, was strongly interested by a large number of the most prominent military men in the State.

"I Must Shoot." Suffolk. "I must shoot someone, and it might as well be you," sang Junius Copeland, colored, at a Christmas dance at Holland, Va. As he warbled his original version of the "Florodora" sextet Junius beat time with a big Colt's revolver, and as his rich voice lingered on the final note he sent a bullet at Buck Stevens.

Taken Over By C. & O. Charleston. Deeds showing the formal transfer of the property of the Coal River Railway to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company were filed with the Secretary of State. The papers are dated December 21, 1909, and transfer 17 1/2 miles of railway, opening up one of the richest coal and timber sections in the State.

Verdict Of \$1 Against Son-in-Law. Parkersburg. In the slander suit of Charles Cunningham against Robert Shrewsbury a jury returned a verdict for Cunningham of \$1. Cunningham sued Shrewsbury, who is his son-in-law and a wealthy merchant, for \$15,000 damages, claiming that he had made a slanderous remark about him. The evidence in the case was circumstantial.

Slain With Shotgun. Bristol. Arthur Howard, a prosperous young business man, was shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Arthur Cartson, 18 years old. Cartson used a shotgun, Howard's face being practically torn away by the discharge. Howard was married, John Cartson, the father of Reuben, was involved, and both he and his son were locked up, charged with the murder. Howard's father hurried to the scene and was fired upon by one of the Cartsons. The shot missed. The police hurried to the scene and located and arrested both John and Reuben Cartson.

WEDDINGS IN THE VIRGINIAS. Lynchburg. Prof. Percival Stimpson, brother of Mrs. B. G. Meas, of Washington Grove, Montgomery County, Md., and Miss Bertha Ford, of this city, were married at the home of the bride.

Charleston. Major Isaac H. Sabel, of Huntington, commanding the Second Battalion, Second Infantry, National Guard, was at his own request transferred to the supernumerary list.

Roanoke. Detectives Hugh M. Wright and L. L. Scherer, of the Baldwin Detective Agency, captured T. W. Preston, the alleged negro murderer of Michael D. Custy, of Roanoke, in Bedford City, more than three years ago. The capture was effected in Richmond, where, it is believed, the murderer has been since the commission of the deed in August, 1906.

Lynchburg for safe-keeping until he can be tried. It is reported that he will be hanged instead of electrocuted, owing to the fact that the murder was committed before the electric chair became effective.

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Richmond. Arthur E. Ford, 45 years old, is in a dying condition due to thrusting a knife into his body. The rash act followed a lawsuit instituted by Ford against the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, the street railway consolidation of Richmond, for \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained several months ago.

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Motocycle. One mile in 42 3-5 seconds, Springfield, Mass., July 31, 1909. In one hour, 71 miles 111 yards, at Springfield, September 2, 1909. Fred Huyck. One hundred miles, in 1h. 37m. 59s., J. D. Rozier, Los Angeles, April 18, 1909. Twenty-four hours, 1092 miles 1511 yards, C. Spencer, Springfield, October 1 and 2.

SUMMARY OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN 1910.

Solution of mystery of the origin of life and its artificial creation in the laboratory. Transplanting dog and monkey teeth into the human jaw. Cure for cancer. Shifting of vital organs from animal to man by surgical means.

SOME OF THE CHIEF BENEFACTORS IN 1909.

Table listing names and amounts: John S. Kennedy \$26,550,000; John D. Rockefeller \$12,852,000; Andrew Carnegie \$6,056,511; Mrs. Christopher L. Magee \$5,000,000; James Materson Burke \$4,000,000; Dr. Senator William P. Vilas \$2,000,000; C. M. Crittenton \$2,000,000; James Miliken, approximately \$2,000,000; Michel Valentini \$2,000,000; Mary Rhinlander \$1,975,000; Mrs. Russell Sage \$1,750,000; Charles M. Pratt and Mrs. E. B. Dame, his sister \$1,000,000; George Crocker, between \$1,500,000 and \$1,000,000; Harry S. Heary \$1,500,000; Mrs. Josephine L. Newcomb \$1,500,000; Massachusetts Brigham \$1,500,000.

British Postoffice Makes Money Order Deal With Western Union. London. The Postmaster-General has agreed with the Western Union Telegraph Company for an exchange of money orders between the United Kingdom and Canada and the United States after January 1, 1910.

Albany, N. Y. Denial was made at the headquarters of the Delaware and Hudson Company here that orders had been issued from Albany for the purchase of 200,000 bushels of wheat for the purpose of making flour.

Breed to Sound Horses.

Unsound horses are a disappointment to their purchasers. A sound horse is always ready for service and can perform more work than an unsound animal. Many farmers are so careless in breeding to unsound stallions and perpetuating unsound horses, that several of the states have passed license stallion laws, disqualifying unsound sires from performing breeding service.

Feeding Silage to Cows.

Doing everything at the right time is well illustrated in feeding silage to cows. Careless and thoughtless feeders who fail to observe this rule still complain that silage fed to cows taints the milk unpleasantly with silage flavor. It is only when the cows are fed silage when milking is going on that this is true.

Marketing Eggs.

Eggs vary in color, size, flavor and keeping quality just as fruits vary, and it is of as much importance that the poultry man grade his eggs before marketing as it is for the fruit grower to grade his fruit.

Fertilizing Wheat.

I want to use fertilizer on one hundred acres of my wheat during the coming year. How is the best way to apply it? Should I sow it before sowing the wheat or with it? This latter method is gaining great popularity in this part of the country.

Farm Notes.

Give the hens warm water to drink. Don't neglect to put up some good corn fodder for the cattle. Neatness and cleanliness in marketing poultry products will pay big.

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State Wide Prohibition

EVERY indication points to the enactment of a state wide prohibition law at the approaching session of the general assembly of Virginia. The tide of public sentiment against the liquor traffic is so strong that it is sweeping all opposition before it, and absolute prohibition appears assured in this state. The benefits of prohibition are so clearly apparent in comparison with the havoc wrought by drink, that there really is but one side to the argument. The benefits of temperance are manifested in happy homes, sane and substantial business conditions and a higher moral tone in a community. On the other hand while the liquor traffic may appear to stimulate business, the reaction to normal adjustment, more than offsets any apparent benefits derived. Broken homes, blighted lives and ruined careers make the wreckage left in the trail of drink. The law of compensation holds. An excellent example of greater prosperity under prohibition rule is presented here in Manassas. Business conditions were never better, declare merchants, improvements are visible on every hand, and there is every indication that the town has entered upon the greatest era of development in its history. Were it not for the present conditions Manassas would never have been chosen as the site for Eastern college, or for the State Agricultural college, acquisitions which are destined to make the town one of the greatest educational centers in this section of the country.

THE first indications of the spread of the railroad strike from the northwest to the east became apparent Monday when eastern trainmen presented a demand to officials for a new schedule of hours and wages. Drastic measures should be taken if necessary to determine the justice in either cause, and to adjust difficulties before the public is called upon to bear the burden. It is apparent that the men in this instance have the right upon their side, as they are working longer hours and receiving less pay than the men on the western lines.

THE public is awaiting with interest the beginning of the investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. The charges and counter charges of conspiracy have been so bitter and criticism has been so caustic, that there will be a general sigh of relief when the verbal duel is ended. Charges of the most serious character have been directed against the department of the interior, and nothing but an investigation can clear the atmosphere.

THE United Mine Workers have taken a step in the right direction by standing firm for an investigation of the Cherry mine disaster. Secretary Steadman, the mine workers' attorney, declares that the sealing up of the mine, making impossible the identification of the 310 miners still buried there, "will not prevent those responsible being held liable for damage."

ALTHOUGH it has been suggested that there is a sinister significance in the fact that many breakfast food manufacturers are located in sawdust producing centers of furniture factories, the food commission has given the circus press agent material for vivid stories by investigating whether peanut shells are substituted for the morning cereal.

THE National Geographic society is to make a further investigation of Dr. Cook's records to decide as to whether any further credence should be put in his claims to the discovery of the North Pole. That problem was settled in the minds of most people when the Danish-consistory rendered its verdict.

SPEAKING of inconsistency, a writer in a daily newspaper says that "the meeting of eyebrows is a sign of good health," and in the same article sounds warning of the germ menace in oculation. His opinion will make no difference.

THE good roads movement is gaining ground in many states. If as much attention were paid to improving roads as to agitating the movement conditions might be bettered throughout the country.

SEVERAL plans devised by an advisory board will radically change the system of passing baggage at the New York port, according to press dispatches. It is about time.

A PRESS dispatch says that the German emperor has consented to a betrothal. As though he could prevent it.

THE fight to dissolve the tobacco trust may by some be taken to mean an end to credit in the cigar store.

PENN-VIR INTERESTS OUTSIDE CAPITAL

Active field work in placing the stock of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas company outside of Prince William county, will be started immediately, as the result of action taken by the board of directors yesterday. Dr. W. R. Tulloss was elected general agent for Virginia and the District of Columbia with authority to appoint agents.

J. W. Sullivan was appointed superintendent of construction, and has taken charge of the erection of the derrick and the installation of machinery on the site of the company's operations near Nokesville.

Subscribers to stock in amounts less than \$60, have been granted the privilege of re-assurance in two-fifths common and three-fifths preferred stock.

SENSATIONAL MURDER RUMOR UNTRUE

Sensational rumors widely circulated Saturday night and Sunday to the effect that Joe Thompson, a former student in the Manassas Agricultural High school, had in a violent spell of anger, slain his mother with an axe at their home in Linden, have been proved untrue upon investigation. According to a report received from Linden, he is alleged to have choked his mother, and threatened to kill her if she did not give him twenty dollars, and was placed under arrest and later released.

WES IN CHAIR TALKING WITH FRIENDS

Thomas Briggs, 68 years old, of near Hartwood, Stafford county while sitting in his chair talking with A. H. Green, his partner in the stock business, at Mr. Green's home near Nokesville, Sunday night, suddenly expired without a moment's notice. His son, Maurice Briggs, was visiting friends in Manassas, where he is well known, when informed of his father's death.

SNAP SHOTS

A woman loves to torture the man she loves.

A woman would rather suffer a blow than neglect.

Don't forget, now and then, to write the year 1910.

During the high wind which prevailed last week, at Bristow, A Car was blown from the Southern railway track, down a steep bank. This Car was pretty heavily loaded, but sustained no serious damage.

A Manassas girl sent fifty cents to a Chicago firm in reply to an advertisement of a receipt for keeping the hands soft. She received this reply: "Soak them three times a day in dish water while your mother rests."

COUPLING CUTS OFF FOOT

W. C. Hefflin, freight conductor on the Southern railway, had his right foot cut off at Strasburg Junction Tuesday morning. In attempting to push a draw-head in place with his foot, he slipped, throwing his foot between the knuckles of the coupling with the result stated.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to thank THE DEMOCRAT for its excellent and correct account of the great misfortune which befell myself and family, when the fire on Christmas afternoon destroyed our home and two of our children, one of whom was an infant in arms. I also desire to express to the citizens of Manassas and community, the sincere thanks of myself and husband for their kind assistance in providing us with articles of furniture, food and clothing, in our destitute condition. FLORENCE JONES.

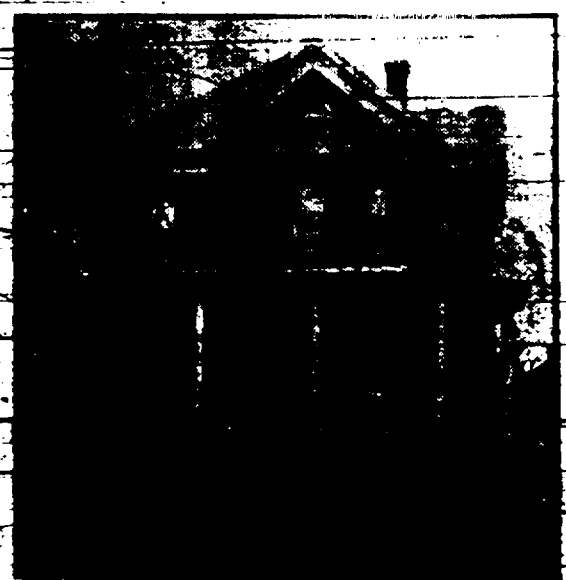
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It is the bank's policy to conduct its business in a careful, safe and conservative manner, and at the same time to extend to its patrons every facility and advantage consistent therewith.

Quality and Price

are the main points to be considered when purchasing supplies for your table. Naturally, Quality is first consideration, and thrifty housewives know that we are supplying them with the very best the market affords at the very lowest prices. We call your attention to our splendid assortment of dainties, as well as necessities for the Christmas feast.

Juicy, tender Meats, Choice Groceries and Fresh Vegetables

are offered in abundance and variety to satisfy the most discriminating taste. We handle the famous Purdy and Family Flour, and the Best Corn Meal in town.

We are in the market to buy Fat Cattle, Calves, Lambs and Hogs. Best Prices Paid.

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We are agents for Supreme Dairy Food, in fact for all kinds of feed, and for Meal, Hay and Salt.

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If you are planning to buy realty, you can save money by first inspecting our list of town and farm property. We have a most attractive and desirable list of farms and town lots, and can supply any demand in city property. We have many applicants for property which will meet requirements, making it most desirable for intending sellers to list their property with us. Especially is this true of Prince William County. In case you have property to sell, write for blank, fill in description and return to us, and we will get satisfactory results for you.

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