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STATE TO PAY UP VETERANS' PENSIONS

APPROPRIATION TO COVER FUND DEFICIT

Indications Favorable That General Assembly Will Approve Appropriation for Manassas Agricultural High School

Pensions for Confederate veterans remaining unpaid when the last State disbursement had been exhausted, are to be met by an appropriation to be made at this session of the Virginia General Assembly, according to Thomas H. Lion, delegate from Prince William county, who was home several days last week, and returned Sunday to Richmond. Approximately \$63,000 will be required to pay the pensions. A bill authorizing the appropriation has been introduced in the House of Delegates.

INCREASE HIGH SCHOOL FUNDS

Mr. Lion states that indications are favorable for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the Manassas Agricultural High school, an increase of \$3,000 over the last apportionment. The growing importance of the institution as an educational factor of statewide power, and the splendid work it is accomplishing for the agricultural interests of Virginia, are so plainly apparent and generally recognized that it is believed no difficulty will be experienced in securing an increased appropriation.

STATE WIDE PROHIBITION

Although the state wide movement is confronted by determined opposition, a general belief exists that the measure finally will be passed, and probably at this session.

BYRD PRIMARY BILL

Now that the compulsory clause has been stricken out the Byrd primary bill is regarded most favorably. In substance the bill makes the following provisions:

Unless inconsistent with the act itself the regular election law is to govern and the primary is put under the protection of the courts.

Expenses are to be paid by cities and counties.

The winning candidate need only receive a plurality vote.

Parties may choose their own methods of nomination of Presidential electors.

Voter in primary must have voted in preceding general election for a nominee of party in whose primary he offers to vote.

Candidates must pay a fee of 5 per cent of one year's salary of office to which they aspire to prevent ballot being encumbered by irresponsible candidates.

Candidates are not permitted to spend more than 10 cents for each vote cast at last preceding gubernatorial election for candidate of his party.

Newspapers must mark paid political matter as advertisement and publish name of person paying for it.

ORNATE ENTRANCE

Two massive pillars supporting a wide arch, illuminated with the name "Eastern College," in electric incandescence letters, will form an attractive entrance from Battle street. Each of the pillars will be 15 feet high, while each of the illuminated letters will be 12 inches from tip to tip. The effulgent inscription will be kept ablaze from dusk to day-break.

NEW BOOK AND LADDER TRUCK

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COUNTY ROADS

Prince William county this year probably will receive an apportionment of \$2,000 for roads. The

D. BAILEY DIES OF PARALYTIC STROKES

Stricken twice by paralysis within a week, David Bailey, road supervisor of the Washington division of the Southern railway, died Tuesday at his home in Culpeper. The funeral was held today. Mr. Bailey suffered the fatal stroke late Monday afternoon, just a week after he had been first stricken while in the yards at Charlottesville. Physicians had held out little hope for his recovery, and the second stroke was not wholly unexpected. Mr. Bailey was supervisor of the Manassas division for years and was well known here.

ARRANGE-STRONG SCHEDULE

Manager Jos. J. McGivney has arranged a strong schedule for the Eastern college base ball team for the coming season. A trip is planned through North and South Carolina.

GYMNASIUM FOR EASTERN COLLEGE

Extensive improvements, including the erection of a gymnasium building to cost not less than \$7,000, are planned for Eastern college in the immediate future by the authorities of the institution. The improvements are calculated to give Eastern college the most beautiful setting of any educational institution in the state and will be an ornament of which Manassas may well be proud.

GYMNASIUM BUILDING

Work will be started in the early spring on the gymnasium to be erected immediately south of the new assembly building. The building, to be constructed of brick and concrete, will be 94 feet long, 48 feet wide and 18 feet high, and will contain a large swimming pool. The high rank of Eastern in college athletics, has made gymnasium facilities imperative.

PRETTY DRIVES

Through the length of the campus from an entrance on Battle street to Baldwin hall will run a pretty drive, broad and landscaped. On either side landscape gardeners are to transform the campus into a terraced lawn dotted with beds of blooming plants and pretty shrubs.

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INSTITUTE CONTEST BETWEEN PUPILS

PRIZES TO COMPETING BOYS AND GIRLS

Farmer's Institute of Northern Virginia Neighbors Interest in Corn Growing, Manual Training and Domestic Science—Event Officers.

Interest has been heightened among the pupils of the Prince William county schools in corn growing, manual training and domestic science, as the result of a contest instituted by the Farmers' Institute of Northern Virginia. Rules governing the competition are to be formulated at a meeting of the pupils with members of the corn club committee in Manassas, Friday, February 5, 1910.

OFFER PRIZES

Any pupil in the schools of Prince William county, whether a resident or not, is eligible to the contest. The plan promises to be one of the most instructive and attractive ever introduced in the schools, and is being eagerly discussed by the pupils.

Each boy entering the corn growing contest is to raise one acre of corn, keeping accurate account of expenses attending its cultivation. Prizes will be awarded to contestant getting the largest yield to the acre; for the best exhibit of ten ears; for the best narrative of the crop; and for the best showing of profit.

The girls will receive prizes for the best loaf of bread, biscuits, layer cake, plain cake, ginger bread and rolls.

In the manual training contest, prizes will be given for the best Morris chair, mission chair, high chair, rocking chair, sewing chair and child's chair.

ELECT OFFICERS

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, Friday, at the session of the Farmers' Institute. They are: President, William L. Heuser, Gainesville district; vice president, W. M. Wheeler, for Manassas; S. J. Miller, for Brantsville; L. E. Merrill, for Cole's; Corbin Thompson, for Occoquan; Charles F. Bailey, for Dumfries; William L. Heuser, for Gainesville; Captain J. B. Beverly for Plains; J. D. Doak for Clifton; A. P. Moon, for Burke's; B. F. A. Myers for Fairfax; J. Turner for Adie.

The executive committee comprises Westwood Hutchinson, S. C. Harley, J. B. Johnson and George C. Round, with Prof. H. F. Button, secretary of the executive committee and the Institute.

CORN GROWING CLUBS

Prof. Howe, of the United States Department of Agriculture, spoke most instructively and entertainingly upon the subject of corn growing clubs for boys. It is upon his suggestion that a club is to be organized in Manassas. The committee delegated to call the meeting to organize agricultural, manual training and domestic science clubs comprises George G. Tyler, Miss Lulu D. Metz, Miss Lena Taylor, Mrs. V. S. Riley and Prof. H. F. Button. The next meeting of the Institute will be held February 18, 1910.

The session opened with a discussion of the question "Why has the yield of wheat decreased, while the yield of corn has increased?" The conclusion was that corn has been carefully cultivated from selected seed, while wheat has been grown without such careful attention.

The town council will meet next Monday night.

ARREST EX-CONVICT AFTER LIVELY RUN

Brought to bay in a lonely lane at dusk last night by an officer of the law, after a thrilling man hunt in the vicinity of Gainesville, a negro ex-convict, is accused of horse-stealing and today is locked up in a steel cell at Warrenton, facing a return to the prison walls he left but a few weeks ago.

The negro appeared in the neighborhood of Gainesville late in the afternoon, leading a fine horse, which he attempted to sell first at \$75, and then at \$40. Suspicions that the horse had been stolen were verified when word was received from F. D. Gaskins of Warrenton, to that effect. The negro made a bold dash for liberty, but after an exciting chase was run down and surrendered with but a feeble attempt at resistance.

HIDDEN TREASURE LURES ADVENTURE

CHEST OF GOLD IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOIL

Search Abandoned Years Ago by Englishman Explains in Ball Room—Old Chart Key to Secret.

A portion of the Ball estate near Sudley Mills, in this county, was the scene of a recent search for a chest of gold and silver coin, believed to have been buried there a century ago.

CHART KEY TO SECRET

Years ago an Englishman appeared in the neighborhood of Sudley Mills and engaged a board with Elisha Cornwell, then a resident upon the Ball premises. The Englishman, who was of quiet disposition and well-dressed, confided to Mr. Cornwell that the object of his visit in that section, was to find, by a chart which he had in his possession, a chest of gold and silver coin buried in the Ball premises.

By flattering inducements, the stranger engaged the assistance of Cornwell in the search for the hidden treasure. A large area of the farm was excavated to depths varying from three to five feet, with futile results. Finally the search was abandoned and the stranger returned to his home in England.

MAY RENEW SEARCH

Recently a letter was received from the Englishman, now grown old, enclosing the chart and expressing the belief that in the first search for the hidden treasure, there was a misinterpretation of the courses and distances indicated in the diagram. He urged that another and more thorough search be made. In the event it proved successful, the treasure was to be equally divided between the finders and the Englishman or his heirs.

The chart had become the property of Captain John Wilkins, a conductor on the Southern railway, who recently died suddenly.

CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

F. A. Cockrell, who lives near Manassas, and who owns the Ball farm, declares an intention of instituting a search for the treasure chest and expresses confidence of ultimate success in locating it. The search to be made by Mr. Cockrell is based on memory of details of the chart given him by those who made the first search.

Mr. Cockrell is now in correspondence with the widow of Captain Wilkins in the hope of securing the original chart which now is said to contain more explicit notes which will guide him with more certainty to the spot where the valuable chest has reposed beneath Prince William soil for nearly a century.

FIVE-MINUTE TALKS ON CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZENS WILL EXCHANGE SUGGESTIONS

Each Enthusiasm Aroused Over Open Meeting of Business League, When Plans Will Be Formed for Adequate Water and Sewer Facilities.

Fifteen citizens of Manassas will deliver five minute addresses upon civic improvements when the water and sewer propositions are to be launched at the annual meeting and smoker of the Business League in Nicol hall, Friday, night, February 4. No doubt now exists that out of this meeting will develop a clearly defined plan which shall result in securing these needed improvements.

CITIZENS ENTHUSIASTIC

Citizens are enthusiastic over the prospects for securing adequate water and sewer facilities as a result of the initiative taken by the Business League, and are manifesting a spirit of earnest cooperation which promises to develop these improvement propositions into actualities.

FAVOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Sentiment, so far as sounded, inclines toward municipal ownership of public utilities, but the general expression favors, first of all, securing improvements by the most effective methods that can be devised. Property owners recognize the fact that the slight increase in taxation is of no consequence when they take into consideration the increased property values which will result from the improvements, through the very facilities so necessities, and through better fire protection.

MANY FAVOR BOND ISSUE

Although the most effective mode of procedure is to be determined by weighing the plans evolved from ideas exchanged by citizens at the meeting, many citizens favor the suggestion of a bond issue. They point to the strong probability that the bonds would command a premium and the certainty that they can be floated at six per cent interest. Further, it is believed that a rate of not more than five per cent might be secured. Conservative estimates place \$40,000 as the required amount of the bond issue. On the other hand it is known that there will be little difficulty in selling the franchise at a fair figure to corporate or individual interests.

ASSURE IMPROVEMENTS

Viewed from any angle it appears that through action taken by the Business League and supported by other citizens that adequate water and sewer facilities are virtually assured for Manassas. An adequate system of electric lighting and street improvements will follow.

Expressions from the principal speakers at the meeting are being awaited with interest for the valuable suggestions they will offer on the subject of public utilities. These speakers as announced last week in THE DEMOCRAT are M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern railway, Congressman C. C. Carlin and Judge C. E. Nicol. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year, music furnished by the Manassas band and luncheon and cigars served.

ELDER WATERS TO PREACH

Elder Charles H. Waters, of Washington, will preach in the Primitive Baptist church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

THE DEMOCRAT prints the news and prints it first.

HUNTER FINDS PETRIFIED DOG IN TREE

All the Culpeper neighborhood is discussing the astonishing find of a petrified dog in the limb of a tree by John O'Neal, an engineer on the Southern railway, while he was hunting squirrels this week in the woods near the town. Imagine O'Neal's surprise when, upon shaking the limb of a tree to rout the squirrel, a pure white stone dog came tumbling down at his feet. The petrified canine weighs about 85 pounds and assumed its statue-like posture as it was about to spring at prey, as its body is in a crouching position and the jaws are distended.

O'Neal has taken his petrified dog to Washington for examination by scientists. It was viewed with much interest by curious persons at the depot here yesterday.

COURSE OPENS WITH EMINENT ORATOR

NOTABLE LECTURE EVENT AT EASTERN

Dr. Byron W. King To Lecture in Main Hall of New Assembly Building, Tuesday Night, February 1—Event in College Annals.

Truly characterized as "a work or with faith in dreams and visions," Byron W. King, poet, orator and teacher, will make his initial appearance in Manassas, as the opening feature of Eastern college lecture course in the main hall of the new assembly building, Tuesday night, February 1. His subject is "Eyes That See Not, Ears That Hear Not."

CONVEYS A MESSAGE

The attainments of Dr. King, eloquent orator, appear all the more remarkable, when viewed in the light of difficulties he has overcome. From a stammerer of the worst type he became master of the art of oratory. He is a man of profound learning, brilliant address and magnetic personality. Each of his lectures conveys a message of uplift and cheer.

Dr. King is president of King School of Oratory, Pittsburg, and an author of note. He is shortly to publish "Systematic Etymology of the English Language," "Translation of Homer into English Hexameter," and "Bible and Hymn reading." He lectured at 21 chautauquas last year.

The management of the college lecture course is negotiating for the appearance here of Senator Gore, eminent blind statesman from Oklahoma, former Governor Bob Taylor, of Tennessee and Dr. Oliver Huckle, of Baltimore.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY BENEFIT

The High School Improvement league will give an entertainment Friday night, February 4, at the Ruffner school building for the benefit of the Carnegie library. The program will consist of literary and musical exercises, a peanut stabbing, guessing contest and other diversions. Refreshments will be served. The admission fee, fifteen cents, includes refreshments.

The league expects to give entertainments at different times to add to the collection of books in the library, and hopes to be supported in this effort by all interested in having better reading facilities in the town. Several magazines already have been donated for the year. The library room in the Ruffner building will be open to the public every Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Books may be taken out on card obtained from the librarian. Some of the library books have become scattered. The management requests all having any of the books to return them as soon as possible.

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apportionment last year was used on roads. The state will pay the deficit, residents there having subscribed an equal amount.

An effort is being made to change the road law to provide superintendents for each road district.

EQUALIZE LAND ASSESSMENTS

An earnest effort is being made to formulate an effective plan for equalizing land assessments, probably through a state commission.

The General Assembly probably will adopt by resolution the proposed amendment to the National constitution providing a tax on incomes. The favorable vote of three-fourths of the legislatures of the States is required to adopt the amendment. A large majority of the legislatures to which the proposition has been presented have voted in favor of it.

TRY TO BREAK SURVEY

A determined effort is being made to break what is known as Bayler's survey and which is supposed to represent the natural oyster rock in Chesapeake Bay, and tributaries. The survey now includes about 27,000 acres when, as a matter of fact, the field of natural rock is said to cover less than 7,000 acres. The territory, not natural rock in the survey, will make the finest oyster planting ground in the world, according to experts. The measure, if effective, will produce much revenue for the State.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETS TONIGHT

Officers will be elected at a regular meeting of the fire department tonight.

CANDY FACTORY RESUMES

With bright prospects for the coming year Hopkins Candy factory resumed operations Monday morning after being closed several weeks for inventory and general repairs. Thomas Smith, an expert on fine candies, has been added to the force.

DEATH OF ARTHUR JEFFREY

Mrs. G. W. Payne received news last week of the death of her father Mr. Arthur Jeffrey which occurred January 11 at his home in Sunderland, England. He was 70 years old. Mrs. Payne was preparing to go home to be with her father in his last illness when she heard of his death.

RETURN FROM HOSPITAL

Willard Leith, who has been recovering from an operation at Emergency hospital, Washington, is to be brought home Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Leith. The child ran a fragment of a needle into his knee sometime ago, but its presence did not become known until last week, when it was feared that he had fractured his limb.

SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party was given in honor of Miss Beulah Griffith on Friday evening last. The guests were entertained by games and music. Among those present were Misses Lillian Amos, Nellie Fetzer, Othello Williams, Mary Larkin, Margaret Lynch, Eleanor Sanders, Dorothy and Gertrude Button, and Masters Eddie Lynch, Parlee Wain, Chester Amos, Harry Sanders and Allen Merchant.

ALL THE FIFTY-SEVEN VARIETIES

Rain and snow, sunshine and overcast skies, balmy warmth and biting cold, are diversified and extreme weather conditions not only results in hardship which have prevailed since last and suffering to the carriers and Thursday. A heavy rain falling from midnight Thursday to early Saturday morning converted the roads into a sea of mud. The rain turned into a light snow which disappeared under the warm sunshine Sunday, only to return Monday for a brief stay.

ELDER WILSON DELIVERS FINE SERMON

Elder J. R. Wilson of Indianapolis, Indiana, preached the subject "The Five Baptist Church" Tuesday morning and evening. In the morning he delivered an able and interesting sermon from the 13th verse of the fourth Chapter of Paul's first Epistle to Timothy: "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

During the course of Elder Wilson's remarks he said: "Our religion and faith are founded upon a Doctrine which has stood the test of 6,000 years. The expounders of this doctrine are chosen of God, not alone from educated Theologians commanding large salaries for their church work, but from the by-ways and hedges, and without special regard to educational qualifications, and into whose mouths He puts His divine teachings and commands them to go forth without money and without price, to sow the seed of salvation into the hearts of those which He has prepared to receive them."

During Elder Wilson's explanation of his Doctrinal belief, as to the re-union of loved ones in "The Great Beyond," many of the congregation were moved to tears, and when the benediction was pronounced there were few who did not press forward to express their love and gratitude in the clean of hands.

FIVE HUNDRED CLUB MEETS

The Five Hundred Card club met at the home of Mrs. Margaret Lewis on West street last Tuesday evening. Those present and playing were: Mrs. Lewis and her daughter Miss Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Waters, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Mrs. James E. Herrell, Miss Elizabeth Herrell, Mrs. John S. Clarke, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Bernhard, Dr. and Mrs. Fewell Merchant, Mrs. Johnson of Minnesota, Miss May Leachman Messrs. Bryan Gordon, R. E. Geither, Robert Moser, T. C. Craven, Harry P. Davis, and Frank Pattie.

Mrs. Clark and Dr. Johnson carried off the first prizes and Mrs. Ratcliffe and Mr. Gordon the second. The rooms were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted ferns, and each lady was presented with a cut flower. A most delicious supper was served, and the guests dispersed at a late hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

DR. AND MRS. NEWMAN HAVE INVITED THE CLUB TO MEET WITH THEM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, AT THEIR HOME ON CHURCH STREET.

KEEP COINS OUT OF RURAL MAIL BOXES

The United States postoffice department has issued a bulletin requesting people who live on rural free delivery routes to refrain as far as possible from placing pennies or other small coins in the boxes for the purchase of stamp supplies. From a recent count made in New York state it was found that each carrier collected an average of 115 pennies each week. This average applied to all the routes in operation throughout the country gives the enormous total of 300,000 pennies.

The coins, as a rule are deposited loose in the boxes, and the postmasters are notified to induce the rural patrons to provide themselves with stamp supplies in advance of their needs and also to equip their mail boxes with suitable coin-holding receptacles. It is pointed out that the amount from their own pockets.

Desecrated Drama.
I hate to see a problem play...
But the old is not a market...
For now we hear the lady say...
It gets the crowded houses...
Chicago Record-Herald

Ingratitude.
Gene, who is four years old, was delighted recently when the stork brought a long coveted baby sister. He went forthwith to announce the glad tidings to the neighbors. To his surprise, they were not inclined to believe him, especially Edward, his chum, who stonily scoffed the idea of a new arrival at Gene's house. With trembling lip Gene ran to his mother and threw himself sobbing against the bed. "Just think, mother," he wailed, "Edward won't believe I've got a baby sister! And you know"—here his sense of the world's ingratitude grew stronger, and he wailed afresh—"you know how good it was to him when they had kittens over at his house!"—Harper's Magazine.

Writing to Encourage Her.
"I wish I were a heroine, George."
"Why, it is easy for you to become a heroine, dear."
"I'd like to know how."
"The woman who is not afraid to remain alone while her husband goes to a poker party is a heroine."—Houston Post.

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No.	Protein Guaranteed	Found	Fat Guaranteed	Found	Fibre Found
8111	16 to 18 per cent	13.96 per cent	3 to 4 per cent	3.95 per cent	17.65 per cent
8156	11	11.85	2.5	1.85	15.92
8165	15.23	10.89	3.27	2.50	20.59
8168		6.95		1.91	26.61
8185	Increase 16.50	18.72	3.50	6.92	12.75
8370	18.00	18.65	4.50	5.82	11.32
9081	15 to 18	12.42	3 to 4	3.06	12.99
9096	13	10.41	2.00	2.76	5.28
9121	17	15.76	3.00	4.98	11.28
9131	11	10.80	2.50	.87	19.18
9153	15 to 17	15.75	3.00	2.08	10.34

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

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

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...the old doubts recalled her ... they were needless; Madame Nar-

In Love as in War
BY MARY LOUISE BRISILL
It was the last night of the Rockville Fair, and so far Margaret Carruth had firmly refused to have her fortune told by Madame Narjalo, the Persian palm-leaf, whose booth, just beyond her own, had been the most successful feature of the fair; for the gray-haired priestess holding court within had generously predicted such perfectly felicitous terminations to the tangled love affairs that before her that each seeker after knowledge left her mystic presence thoroughly convinced that he or she had individually cornered the correct answer.

...Margaret Carruth! exploded Billy in an injured tone. "You know me all the time I was babbling that fool jargon?" Well, of all the deceiving young persons!

The Old Man's Worry
"I reason this advice to the early Christmas shopper, is all right," said the "Old Man," "and since it's got to be done, the sooner it's over with the better. But the trouble is they won't stop early and stop there. There are six girls in the family, and they all want to be early, but they are afraid that they will be in the last of the Christmas shopping crowds, and what is put off is just how my pocketbook is going to stand the racket."—Atlanta Constitution.



A NEW RECORD
Maple, The Countess Eschbach, nee Vanderbilt, inherited \$20,000,000 from her father, the late John D. Rockefeller, Jr. She is now 24 years old and holds the record for 1909 as well as the previous year. All her work is done between school hours and in the evening, and as receipts average seven cents each, her earnings average from \$10 to \$15 a day. In 1908 she earned \$300. She is to devote the money to a college education.

Metal Effects Now a Craze
The craze for metallic effects which first appeared two winters ago in the adornment of women's hats and clothes has overstepped all bounds until now the household daisy is adorned with a bow of dull silver. New books are bound in old gold and homes are filled with the glint of burnished brass and copper. Our original New York City woman, whose purse permits the fullest exercise of fancy, seems to have reached the climax in gold adornment. Her walls are hung with a brocade of rose gold and on the subdued background are applied tiny but sparkling wings of gold spirals. The golden tone is repeated in a rug of saffron hue and the Cretan wall furniture introduces a note of contrast, while blending perfectly with the color scheme. On the desk stands a tall brass vase holding a single yellow rose.—New York Press.

Hints on Etiquette
A friendly informal note should be written for each wedding gift received. It need not be long, but mention by name the special gift for which you are writing thanks. Express your pleasure and appreciation, and include your fiancé's name on the thanks. Write the note as soon as possible after the gift has been received. When one is visiting, even overnight, one should go prepared with every toilet accessory. It is not polite to borrow anything from the hostess. It is considered in better taste not even to use the soap in the guest room, but always to have one's own. This is also true of a wash cloth and a sponge.

The 10 Richest Women in the World
There are 10 women in the world who own between them about seventy-one million pounds.
One is Mrs. S. G. Asher, the daughter of Harry Barnard. When she married her father bestowed a million upon her and at his death left her another clear million.
Then there is Mrs. Betty Green, the American woman banker, who is believed to own no less than eleven millions.

Another Menopony
Where's that bird you used to have?
"Oh, the milliner down the street complained that he kept his customers away by obstructing the sidewalk."
"Obstructing the sidewalk?"
"Yes. You see he spent all his time down there pointing the birds in the window."—Burrhead's Magazine.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT
War is hell—and sometimes hell days.
Mirthless life is not much better than death.
A man's good habits make people very suspicious of him.
The world condemns bad people, but doesn't appreciate the good.
An extra easy way is to be sure you've got her.
It's a great temptation to do an easy thing the hardest way.
A woman comes down to breakfast in a mood to sing a man to swear.
Most everybody would be willing to be a good citizen if it wasn't so dull.
A poor excuse for coming home late is better than not coming home at all.
A woman wouldn't be willing to get out of her shell in an awkward pol-

Marriage Age Advancing
The average age of the community is becoming older. It was pointed out by the president of the Royal Statistical society recently. It is interesting to note that the age of marriage has also the same tendency. According to the available returns as many as 40,000 girls marry in England in a year under the age of 21, that is, in less than one-seventh of the marriages registered. Thirty years, a generation ago, more than one-fifth of the women marrying in a year were minors.

Protection for Fairy Ankles
Suede leggins to match her boots and gloves are among the newest novelties for the comfort of the woman who faces abroad in all kinds of weather. The leather clings softly and warmly to the slenderest or the stoutest limb, and has the added advantage of being comfy in appearance, too. Most of the leggins are fastened with many buttons from ankles to knees, but a few designs are fastened with buckles and still others with patent clasps.

Fashion Notes
Spangled and net robes again are worn.
Heavy mosquitoire sleeves are in vogue.
There is a fad for amber hair ornaments.
Already the mortgage style is on the wane.
Lace is much in vogue for blouses and gowns.
Chiffon and chiffon are among the fabrics used for attractive negligees.
Coats distinctively separate and for dressy wear are long and rather full.
Very handsome combs and other hair ornaments are shell, flocked and beaded.
Heels continue high, but they are thicker and more substantial than last year.
Quills studded with jet are among the smart trimmings for the tailored tuckers.
Soft Juliet in the softest colors and edged with rabbit skins 500 for the little people.
Mercury wings of fancy gilt are seen on some of the smart turbans and tricornees.
Some of the handomest fur turbans are shaped almost exactly like a policeman's helmet.
Suede boots are made highly decorative by their closest-set glittering buttons of gun metal tone.
Hennings continue large and elaborate for decorative effects, but they do not appear in numbers.
For evening wear satin of more or less lustre are holding on tenaciously as a favorite material.
The broad bow of velvet is much worn with the turnover collars of embroidered damask of blue.

Trapping in Wabash Valley
Trapping is good in the Wabash bottoms this year and several fine catches have been made. Irwin Williams yesterday afternoon brought in this city \$100 worth of fur, which he had trapped in three days.
His best catch consisted of seven muskrats. The traps were set near a brush heap, where the animals were seen at play one day, and the next morning the seven were found fast in the traps. The seven muskrats brought \$12. Thousands of muskrats have been caught and opossums are also falling prey to the traps of the fur hunters. The industry is a lucrative one and many trappers are making \$10 each night.—Carmel Correspondence, Indianapolis News.

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Home Ideas
Washing Chamois Leather
Make a weak solution of soda and warm water, put in the leather and rub well with the soap and let it soak for two hours. Then rub till it is clean. Rinse thoroughly in warm soapy water (if clear water is used the leather will dry hard), wring in a rough towel and dry quickly in an open air—then pull till soft.—Everyday Housekeeping.
Cleaning White Velvet
Take one pound of hard white soap, half an ounce of gum arabic and a gallon of water. Cut the soap into thin slices and boil with the gum until all has dissolved into a smooth, thin cream. When cool enough to bear the hand, dip the fabric in the liquor and wash by drawing them through the hand, but do not rub, until they are clean. Then rinse in cold water, dry them, and pin out on a table cloth and carefully, with a clean brush, raise the nap by brushing the way of the grain of the velvet.—Everyday Housekeeping.
For Hot Dishes
Very attractive plaques for the table are of crystal and silver, with a face or embroidered dolly between the two parts of the glass.
They are round or oval, and are in a wide variety of sizes and designs. The two sections of glass are held in the filigree silver frame, which screws together, and the dollys are placed between the glass plaques. They are saved from wear and from becoming soiled, but still feature as a dainty addition to the table.
These are used for omelette, for finger bowl stands and for hot dishes.—New York Times.

Rebuilding the Ara Pachs
Ancient Roman Monument to be Set Up Again by Italy
The festivities for the centennial in 1911 of the proclamation of Rome as capital of united Italy are going forward most actively and will contain many features interesting to lovers of art and antiquity. The most interesting perhaps will be the reconstruction of the celebrated Ara Pachs, the altar to peace offered to Augustus in B. C. on his return to Rome by the S. E. Q. R. (People and Senate of Rome). The remains of the altar stand under the historic Flavian palace, so that it can not be reconstructed there, but another spot will be chosen and as many of the original pieces as possible will be used and the remainder reproduced.

Curious Stencils
Among the medieval and oriental art of our American Indian designs have not been forgotten, but they are not used on garments.
Repetitions, at least in spirit, of the Indian blanket patterns have been stenciled with gorgeous red, brown and yellow dyes upon little wall hangings, made from a single width of coarse cotton and linen lace toweling. The smooth or mangled surface of this particular linen shows a grace not hitherto considered for decorative purposes, such as cushion tops, table centers and portiers. For these last the narrow widths are overcast together.

Recipes
Coffee Cookies—One cup each of molasses, sugar, coffee, one-half cup melted lard, two teaspoons soda dissolved in the coffee, two teaspoons cinnamon and a cup of chopped raisins. Flour enough for a moderately soft dough, and roll them quite thin.
A Dish of Sorrel—Take some cold potatoes, a few pieces of dry bread, some scraps of cold boiled or fried meat; chop it until quite fine in the chopping bowl, season with salt, pepper and egg; put in a piece of butter and cook it the same as hash. It is much better than potatoes alone warmed over.

Another Menopony
Where's that bird you used to have?
"Oh, the milliner down the street complained that he kept his customers away by obstructing the sidewalk."
"Obstructing the sidewalk?"
"Yes. You see he spent all his time down there pointing the birds in the window."—Burrhead's Magazine.

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Domestic

President Clarence Mackay, of the Postal Telegraph Company, declares the corporation of which he is the head will be the last competitor for a new corporation to obtain entrance to commercial centers of high flights of way along the highways between cities.

The explosion of four boilers in electric light works threw Paterson and Passaic, N. J., into darkness, injured nine persons, caused a panic in a theatre and shut down industries.

Tom Taggart, Democratic national committeeman of Indiana, was accidentally shot while hunting in Mississippi. He now has the sight of one eye.

Thomas L. Lewis, of Ohio, was re-elected president of the United Mine Workers of America, over William Green, of Ohio, his only opponent by 23,597 majority.

Employees of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company will appeal to Governor Cassel to aid them in securing arbitration.

Three men were killed and five injured by premature explosion of nitroglycerine in a tunnel near Fishkill Landing, N. Y.

Eight of the dressmakers indicted for complicity in the "sleeper trunk" smuggling of opium through their counsel, entered pleas of guilty in New York.

A well-to-do barber and his wife and mother-in-law were horribly murdered in their flat, on the East Side, the murderers making their escape.

Senatorial charges against the State Hospital for the insane of South Carolina were made in a report by an investigating commission.

Navy Deserter Says He Choked Anna Schumacher

THE CEMETERY MYSTERY IS SOLVED. Hall Could Not Sleep After Arrest For Desertion And Is Glad To Relieve Mind—Navy Holds On To Prisoner—Wants Assurance He Will Be Returned If Not Convicted.

Portsmouth, N. H., (Special).—James E. Hall, sailor in the United States Navy, who has confessed to the murder of Anna Schumacher, the mother of the boy who was strangled and assaulted in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester, N. Y., is still held a prisoner on the United States prison ship Southern.

Hall's crime, according to his story, was atrocious. In that he admitted he had buried the girl without even knowing that she was dead.

Hall will be released. Washington, D. C., (Special).—James Hall, the sailor now in prison at Portsmouth Navy Yard for fraudulent enlistment in the navy who is alleged to have made a confession in connection with the murder of Anna Schumacher, of Rochester, N. Y., will be discharged by the naval authorities so that he may be arrested by the civil authorities.

15 MEN BLOWN TO PIECES

Five Others Badly Hurt When Nitroglycerin Explodes in New York Tunnel.

The squad of 20 men involved in the accident, having drilled the holes and placed the explosive, were trooping from the excavation, the 15 killed in the rear, and 5, all of whom were foreigners, in the lead.

As the nitroglycerin had been properly set to shatter rock, it did not damage the interior of the tunnel more than the contractors had planned, and after two hours work the bodies were reached.

Thirty Miners Entombed. Richmond, Mo., (Special).—Two miners were killed and several others injured, none fatally, when 30 men were imprisoned in Mine No. 6, owned by Pence & Calenan and situated one mile from here, the result of an explosion. The other miners were rescued after being imprisoned three hours. With one or two exceptions they escaped with slight injuries.

1,045 Lost Lives in Mines. Harrisburg (Special).—A total of 1,045 lives were lost in the coal mines of Pennsylvania last year, according to reports received by the State Department of Mines. In 1908 the number was 1,250. In the anthracite field 551 were killed and 1,045 in 1908 and in the bituminous regions 473 lost their lives, as compared with 572 the previous year. The number of non-fatal accidents in all Pennsylvania coal mines in 1909 was 2,193, or two more than in 1908.

No Decision Is Rendered Before March 1. The Nation's Court May Be Asked To Extend The Date For The Law Becoming Operative—Solicitor General Bowers Files Brief.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—In event of the failure of the attempt to obtain a decision from the Supreme Court of the United States as to the constitutionality of the Payne-Farley act before March 1, the date by which the return on the income of corporations must be filed, Congress may be asked to extend the date for the law becoming operative.

The split in which the point arises, that of Stella F. Flint, as general guardian of the property of Samuel N. Stone, Jr., a minor, against the Stone-Tracy Company, of Wind-sor, Vt., was decided in the lower court last Thursday.

Solicitor General Bowers asked the Supreme Court for permission for the government to submit oral arguments and briefs in the Vermont case. At the same time Mr. Bowers asked, in his brief submitted to the court, that the case be advanced for an early hearing.

Whether the tax is direct in the constitutional sense and is void because not apportioned among the states in proportion to their population.

Whether the tax improperly interferes with the general taxing power of the state to create corporations.

Whether the tax is invalid in so far as the net income of a corporation may be attributable to state or municipal bonds held by the corporation as part of its business capital.

Whether the tax is invalid in the case of public service corporations chartered by a state.

Whether the taxing act makes an improper distinction between corporations on the one hand and partnerships and individuals on the other hand, engaged in the same business.

Whether the exemptions enumerated in the statute are sustainable.

Boycotts Are On In Many States, East and West.

Four Principal Cities Of Ohio Taking Part In Protest And Citizens Agree To Stop Eating Meat—Bricklayers Of Kansas City, To Abstain For Thirty Days—5,000 Union Laborers Of Omaha Take The Pledge—Pittsburg Falling Into Line.

New York (Special).—The boycott on high food prices started in Cleveland one week ago is growing rapidly. Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Michigan are now included in the ranks of the crusaders in the West, while in the East Maryland, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Delaware are lifting their voices in feeble protest.

It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 persons have in a brief week become actively interested in the boycott. Dispatches from Chicago said that a boycott soon will be started in that city by the Chicago Federation of Labor.

The idea of depriving ourselves of meat simply to get the prices down does not appeal to Federal Reserve Board Secretary Charles Nockels, but he proposes to do all that is in his temporary expedient in order to

FORTY-EIGHT REPORTED DEAD AND NINETY-TWO INJURED

Train Falls Into River in Canada—Cars Derailed By a Broken Rail.

Death in all its most terrible forms blotted out the lives of at least a score, and perhaps two score people, when four cars of a Canadian Pacific passenger train, on the Soo branch, leaped from the tracks and plunged through the ice-covered surface of the Spanish River.

Some were drowned; others were crushed to death in grinding timbers. Most terrible of all, maimed and injured caught in the wreckage of one of the cars were burned to death.

The train wrecked was known as No. 7, enroute from Montreal to Sault Ste. Marie and Milwaukee. An official statement given out here, says that it probably was due to a broken rail.

The engine, baggage, express, mail and one second-class car remained on the rails, while one second-class, one first-class, a dining car and sleeper went down the embankment. The first-class car and diner went into the river. The sleeper and second-class car stopped on the embankment, the second-class car catching fire.

Some Cold Figures as Submitted by Bradstreet's.

Of Ninety-Six Commodities That Enter Into Daily Consumption Have Made The Wholesale Cost On January 1 Higher Than In The Flush Days Before The 1902 Panic—Figures Submitted.

New York (Special).—Bradstreet's has compiled a record of prices on 96 commodities that enter into daily and direct consumption by the people, and the record shows that the cost of living has now reached an absolutely high record, exceeding even that of March 1, 1907, when prices went soaring in an anticipation of the panic which came in the fall of that year.

The figures compiled by Bradstreet's are known as "Index Numbers." They are based on actual wholesale quotations for commodities in question, which make them comprehensive, accurate and objective.

The new number, surpasses the previous high record of March 1, 1907, \$9,1293 by 1.1 per cent. This ratio also measures the advance that was made on the 96 commodities in the month of December last. At the same time the present index number reflects a gain of 41.7 over January 1, 1909, which means that the price of 96 commodities within a year's time, 7.97 cents point for commodity prices for which Bradstreet's have any record was touched on July 1, 1909, when the index number was 85.40.

There is a table showing the important swings in the index number by the 96 commodities since January 1, 1902:

Table with columns for date and index number. Data includes: Jan. 1, 1902: 88.1882; Low: July 1, 1896: 5.7019; High: February 1, 1900: 8.2307; Low: July 1, 1901: 7.4181; High: December 1, 1902: 8.1413; Low: July 1, 1904: 7.6318; High: March 1, 1907: 9.1293; Low: June 1, 1908: 7.7237; High: January 1, 1910: 9.2510.

The 96 commodities included in the tabulation are divided into 8 general groups as follows: Breadstuffs, livestock, provisions, fruits, hides and leather, textiles, metals, coal and coke, oil, naval stores, building materials, chemicals and drugs and miscellaneous.

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Walsh Goes To Prison. Chicago (Special).—John R. Walsh, 72 years old, after wearing his way from the newboy rank to the control of millions of dollars in the control of newspapers and banks, railroads, for the Federal court field, left here, KEB, to be given a five years' sentence for misapplying the funds of the Chicago National Bank, of which he was president at the time of its failure three years ago. The start for prison followed the denial by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of his petition for a new trial, on the ground of alleged misconduct by the jurors who found Walsh guilty.

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The new index number mirrors an increase of 19.5 per cent. over the comparative low point reached on June 1, 1908, but it is only 3.5 per cent. over January 1, 1907, also a time of ascending prices as forerunners of the panic. The gain over January 1, 1908, is 10.8 per cent., while the rise over the same date in 1905 is 14.2 per cent., and increase of January, 1904, is 15.5 per cent.

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Foreign

The Chinese government has approved the construction of the Chingchow-Aquim Railroad in Manchuria by American capitalists. The work will cost upwards of \$48,000,000.

The Italian continue to gain steadily in the English parliamentary elections, and the indications now are that the Irish will hold the whip hand in the coming session.

Prussian government officials are studying conditions of emigration to the United States at the Baltic ports. Astronomical observers in Germany report that a new comet is visible there to the naked eye.

Japan Has Declined the United States Proposal for Neutralization of the Manchurian Railways.

Colonel Roosevelt has killed five members of the Rhoacore family in the Belgian Congo.

Suits brought by the Public School Teachers' Association of Rhodema, France, against the bishops who warned Catholic parents that the teaching in the public school jeopardized the religious belief of their children came to trial.

The French Court dismissed the case growing out of the attempted seizure of lace curtains furnished for the Paris residence of Mrs. Leishman, wife of the United States Ambassador to Italy.

Explosion Explodes Seven Miners.

Uniontown, Pa., (Special).—Seven miners, all foreigners, were seriously burned and internally injured when a stove, exploded, demolishing their house. The men were miners and employes of the Pittsburg Coal and Coke Company.

Girl Saves Man. New Iberia, La., (Special).—The plea of a child moved Walter Bernard to rescue a negro from a mob after he had shot into a crowd at the Southern Pacific depot and wounded Augustus Well and Cheek Domingo and killed a negro. Durand ran an automobile into the mob, picked up the negro and carried him to the police station. When the mob had the negro a little girl said to Durand: "Don't let them hang Mose; he's only crazy." Durand's daring prevented the lynching.

Earthquake Causes Panic. Kingston (Special).—Two sharp earthquake shocks were felt throughout the island at 2.50 o'clock. In Kingston—the protracted tremor caused a panic, but no damage was done.

Government Decides To Prosecute Beef Trust

Three Firms Named—Action Against Them in Chicago—Blamed For High Prices.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—The "Beef Trust," so-called, is to be prosecuted by the national government. The Department of Justice evidently believes its existence is a leading factor in maintaining the present high prices of fresh meat.

The contemplated action of the department follows an investigation which has been conducted by its special agents for some months. Initial proceedings will begin before the grand jury at Chicago probably this week, and may contemplate both civil and criminal action.

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Kansas Sues Meat Packers.

Kansas City (Special).—Attorney General Jackson, of Kansas, began suit in the District Court of Kansas City against the Armour and Swift packing companies. He charged that the two companies, in a combination, conspired to raise prices, that they belong to the Kansas City Produce Exchange and are, therefore, liable under the Kansas law providing a penalty of \$100 a day for such membership.

Price Of Shoes To Go Up.

Boston (Special).—The price of shoes is going up. Official announcement to this effect was made by the National Shoe Wholesalers' Association. The association says that the existing high prices of leather and materials make the increase necessary, but that the increase will be adjusted so as to permit the addition of new styles and values, with compensation for the increase in cost. The association's approval of the repeal of the duty on hides was enthusiastically voiced.

Dreadnoughts For Argentina.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina (Special).—The Argentine Naval Commission advised the Government to authorize the construction of two Dreadnought battleships of 28,000 tons each. The proposed vessels are to have a speed of 22 knots an hour and will carry 12 twelve-inch guns.

MAD DOG ATTACKS RAILROAD MAN

Great excitement prevailed at Catiets Station, on the Southern railway twelve miles south of Manassas on Friday, when it became known that a mad dog was running at large in the neighborhood. The rabid animal after attacking several persons who beat him off with a club, succeeded in severely biting Silas Jacobs, section foreman on the Calverton and Catiets section. Mr. Jacobs at once went to Baltimore for Pasteur treatment. Several dogs in the Catiets and Calverton section known to have been bitten by the rabid dog were promptly killed. The dog that bit Jacobs was run down and killed.

NARROW ESCAPE WHEN GAS EXPLODES

R. S. Hynson, president of The Acetylene Gas Light company of Manassas, narrowly escaped serious injury last Saturday morning when one of the 900-gallon generators of the company's plant exploded with a terrific report. Mr. Hynson was just giving orders to have the generators re-filled and had stepped outside the gas depot, when the explosion occurred.

The plant is supplied with two generators of equal capacity, and which operate independently of each other in the distribution of gas, hence the accident caused no inconvenience, or lack of light to the community. A similar accident occurred about a year after the plant was established which resulted in injury to both Mr. Hynson and J. I. Randall. Mr. Randall was carried to his home in an unconscious condition and was incapacitated for work for several days.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE DANCING CLUB

A delightful dancing party was given at Nicol hall Friday night by a number of young people. Refreshments were served. Plans are being arranged to form a dancing club, and another dance will be given Friday evening, February 4. Those present were: Mrs. E. E. Elliott, Mrs. O. D. Waters, Misses Claudia Waters, Bettie Elliott, Ola Waters, Stuart Hynson, Ruth Round, Adra Lion, Louise Ransdell, Blanche Ransdell, Bernice Davis, Leone Davis, May Simpson, Edith Moran, Ruth Morgan, and Marnie Lipscomb; and Messrs. G. D. Waters, L. Frank Patton, John L. Elliott, John L. Hynson, C. E. Spangow, Parke Delmas, B. Conway Taylor, John Leachman, Gordon Moran, Stuart Ransdell, Robert Moran, Bailey Davis, Harry P. Davis, Marshall Haydon, Richard Haydon, W. J. Adams, C. C. Westrich, Harold Sowers, and Messrs. Craven, Curry and Ross.

FINE NEW ASSEMBLY BUILDING OPEN

The splendid new assembly building on Eastern college campus was opened Monday morning for recitations, and the dormitories are rapidly being filled. The heating and lighting plants have been completed, and the building, with its brilliant illumination, presents a magnificent appearance. The regulation of the dormitories is in charge of committees co-operating with Dr. H. U. Root, president of the institution. The committees comprise George L. Mabry, R. L. Corkran, J. A. Myers, Sidney Thompson, C. L. Rudy, C. E. Sparrow, H. S. White, Douglas Robertson, M. W. Marine and C. W. Norman.

Doesn't your husband ever do any work?

"No, poor man; he has a weak back." "What's the matter with it?" "He strained it trying to lift the mortgage of the old homestead." Cleveland Leader.

Trying to Explain.

"Father," said little Bolo, "what is an entente cordiale?" "As a cow, my son, it is what exists when two powers are big enough to inspire a wholesome respect for each other."—Washington Star.

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CAPTAIN LOOSE, WHO SAYS HE MANUFACTURED POLAR DATA FOR DR. COOK

The most recent sensation in connection with the Dr. Cook polar controversy is the affidavit made in New York by Captain August W. Loose declaring that he was employed by Cook to figure up some polar data before his records were sent to Copenhagen. Loose is an expert navigator. He says he believed Cook's figures were tampered and went to him with a proposition to furnish scientifically correct data to be sent to the Danish society at Copenhagen. His contention is that Cook did not say him what he agreed to for the work and he gave the story to the newspapers.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

The Gyroscope.

Louis Brennan's unique gyroscope is said to have had its origin in the brain of a French physicist, Mr. Foucault, born in Paris in 1819. Foucault proved unaccountable motions, say to the physical sciences. In addition to inventing, or rather, popularizing, the gyroscope, he calculated the velocity of light by means of a revolving mirror, established the undulatory theory of light and made an improved electric light apparatus. Foucault used his gyroscope to make plain to the bodily eye the fact that the earth rotates on its axis, his instrument being merely a demonstration of the fact that when a symmetrical body is set rotating round an axis it will continue so to rotate unless acted upon by an outside force. The gyroscope, which insures the changes of the seasons. When a bullet is projected from a grooved rifle (with the consequent rotatory motion) it displays another application of the same principle—in the increased precision of fire. Just as Mr. Brennan steadies his car on its single rail by means of his whirling disk, so many years ago did Professor Piazzi Smyth, the astronomer royal for Scotland, steady his telescopes at sea. Lord Kelvin also constructed a gyrostal, which stood upon its rim in any set position. His liquid gyrostal is still more wonderful.

M. Aurelius, Irishman.

The inscription on the huge statue of Marcus Aurelius on the Brown university grounds puzzled one of the students for some time. But he wouldn't inquire, because he liked to have those young chaps at the college think he was as well informed as they. For one day some student, he formed a good thing. However, and in a night of confidence he told of his ignorance. He was well paid for his confidence, for he learned that the figure in question was of a British countryman.

Ask that janitor about the statue the next time you visit Brown and you'll learn that the statue is or "like O'Reilly—may I allow too. But these college folk put his name in Latin or some strange language, and few people know who it meant. But it's Mike O'Reilly, all right."—New York Press.

No use his yet been discovered for

many tons of this element are annually wasted in western mining districts. Tellurium, which is classed as a metalloid, is supplied as a chemical curiosity in the form of a black powder and in a metallic looking substance with a fine columnar crystal form. In color somewhat resembling lead. Some of the compounds of tellurium have an offensive, all pervading and ineradicable odor. Chemists who have been experimenting with tellurium say that after three months exposure to sun, wind and rain the clothing worn by them while they were making these experiments, although it had not come in contact with the tellurium compound, was still so unpleasantly scented that it had to be destroyed.—Argonaut.

A Lazy Man's Bed.

A furniture dealer in Paris is showing a novelty in the form of a bed which is an improvement on a similar one which attracted attention at the last Paris world's fair. It is in all appearance an ordinary bed, but the weight of the body upon it sets a clock-work in motion, and this operates a ratchet box which gives forth soothing melodies. The lullabies which it plays are supposed to induce sleep. By means of a dial at the head of the bed the person who occupies it fixes an alarm for the next morning. This produces when the hour arrives the desired sound, to which the person in the bed must pay heed, because failure to arise within five minutes after the noise has begun will cause the bottom of the bed to fall out.

Snubbing an Emperor.

It is not often that the German emperor allows himself to be snubbed by one of his own subjects, but an actual instance occurred last summer. His majesty was on board the Hohenzollern, and approaching a German port on the North sea, the imperial yacht took on a pilot, and this authority posted himself at the wheel. The emperor, who regards himself as a perfect master of steering, stationed himself in the vicinity of the pilot and suggested giving him a hand at the wheel. The rough sea dog, not recognizing the emperor, turned round with a snarl. "Are you pilot or am I?" he growled. Amazed, Wilhelm II. retired crestfallen to his stateroom. But he thought better of it and in a few minutes returned to the bridge and in great humility laid a box of cigars beside the pilot, with the remark, "Thank art the pilot."—London M. A. P.

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Manassas—Manassas Lodge, No. 122, A. F. and A. M., meets on Friday nights on or after the full moon in each month in the Masonic Temple. J. R. Evans, W. M. Ball Run Council, No. 104, J. O. U. A., meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Masonic Temple. Prices William Lodge, No. 271, I. O. O. F., meets every Thursday evening at 8:00 in the Masonic Temple. Stone wall Tent, No. 36, K. O. T. M.—Meets on Tues and Thurs—Monday nights at 8:00 o'clock in the Masonic Temple. Manassas R. A. Chapter, No. 89—Meets every third Monday of the month. G. Walter Merchant, P. M. Adams Council, No. 305, J. O. U. A., meets in J. O. U. A. Hall, P. M. Boly, Council. Dr. R. E. Wigs, Recording Secretary, Station.

RAILROAD TIME CARD.

In effect November 7, 1909. (As information only.)

SOUTHERN RAILROAD. SOUTHBOUND. No. 9—Daily local, 8:45 a. m. No. 43—Daily through train, 11:45 a. m., will stop at Manassas on flag. No. 17—Daily except Sunday, 2:15 p. m., local from Washington to Warrenton. No. 29—Daily through train, 5:10 p. m., will stop at Manassas on flag to receive passengers for points beyond Charlotte. No. 16—Daily local, 6:15 p. m. No. 31—Daily through train, 11:04 p. m., stops for local passengers from Washington and Alexandria and to take on passengers for points at which scheduled to stop. NORTHBOUND. No. 18—Daily except Sunday, local from Warrenton to Washington, 6:54 a. m. No. 10—Daily through train between Manassas and Alexandria, 8:45 a. m. No. 214—Daily except Sunday from Harrisonburg to Washington, 10:45 a. m. No. 44—Daily through train between Manassas and Washington, 4:52 p. m. No. 25—Daily local train between Harrisonburg and Washington, local from Manassas to Washington, 5:10 p. m. No. 30—Daily through train coach and sleeping car, Washington and New York, 5:45 p. m. Stops at Manassas. WESTBOUND. No. 45—Daily local for Harrisonburg and Winchester, 8:30 a. m. No. 27—Daily local except Sunday, to Strasburg, only, 2:50 p. m. No. 212—Daily except Sunday local to Harrisonburg, 5:32 p. m.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mrs. W. S. Athey has been quite ill the last week.

Mrs. Athey returned to school after a week's illness.

Vernon Cleveland has rented the bowling alley from Mike Lynch.

George G. Tyler, county superintendent of schools, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Lucy Hefflin, of Culpeper, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. William Bettis.

William Painter, of Harrisonburg, bought twelve horses in this vicinity last week.

R. L. Hynson has bought a gasoline engine to pump water on his residence property.

George M. Jameson leaves Saturday for a week's visit to his former home at New Columbus, Pa.

Miss Thelma Nash, who has been quite ill for several days, is able to resume her studies at school.

Miss Adria Lion is visiting in Richmond with her father, T. H. Lion, delegate from Prince William county.

E. K. and Clyde Bodine, John R. Bryant and Miss Leara Bodine, of Nokesville, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wright, of Richmond, and Bryan Gordon, of Manassas, were guests Sunday of R. W. Merchant.

The big advertisement of C. M. Larkin and Company, in this issue, is worthy of careful perusal by every reader of this newspaper.

Dr. H. U. Roop addressed the students of Eastern college at the first chapel exercises in the new assembly building Monday morning.

Dr. W. F. Merchant, of Manassas, has just been appointed assistant surgeon for the Southern Railway Company, in the Manassas Division.

Miss Frances Davis and Z. D. Robertson, of Eastern College Young Women's and Young Men's Christian associations, have returned from the international conventions of the associations in Rochester, N. Y.

According to a letter received on Tuesday, Prof. H. F. Button, Director of the Manassas Agricultural school is looking forward with much pleasure to a visit, two weeks hence, from his father whom he has not seen in two and one half years.

For half an hour after sunset Friday evening, Halley's comet was visible over the western horizon. It was viewed by hundreds of persons in this vicinity. Eastern College is the first institution in the state to report observations of the brilliant heavenly visitor.

The students in the commercial department of Eastern college have formed a class organization and elected the following officers: President, George L. Malry; vice president, Sydney Thompson; secretary, Miss Minnie L. Steele; treasurer, C. W. Norman; historian, Miss Ruth Morgan; poet, H. S. White.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shelton expect to move Monday to Washington. They have resided in Manassas for two years, coming here from New York. Mr. Shelton was engaged in the furniture business until last November when he sold to S. T. Hall. During their residence here Mr. and Mrs. Shelton have made many friends who deeply regret their departure.

John and Will Lucas, expert rig builders, arrived here this week from Charleston, W. Va., to assist in erecting the rigs at the site of the oil drilling operations of the Penn-Vir Coal Oil and Gas Company, near Nokesville. Work is progressing rapidly under direction of J. M. Sullivan, superintendent of construction, and much of the machinery has been delivered.

Miss Maggie Dupue, of Washington, visited friends in Manassas Saturday and Sunday.

Henry Camper, of the firm of Cigler and Camper was in town more on business this week.

W. A. McClain, of Cincinnati, has taken charge of the barber shop in the bowling alley adjoining the Hotel Victor.

Mrs. H. J. Jonas and daughter, Franziska, of Nokesville, were guests of Miss Ida Lickle, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Harvey Lynch sustained light injury, Tuesday, by running a pitchfork into his right leg. The wound was dressed by Dr. Meredith.

H. W. Dodge, secretary of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas company, has taken the agency for the New York Life Insurance company in Prince William and Fauquier counties.

Mrs. R. H. Hottle has been in ill health for several weeks. It is now feared that it will be necessary to take her to a hospital in Washington to undergo an operation. Mrs. Hottle's little child is also reported ill.

Persons wishing to procure a standard comprehensive dictionary free should immediately avail themselves of the liberal offer of THE DEMOCRAT. A dictionary is given as a premium for five paid in advance yearly subscribers.

Under the supervision of D. J. Hill, foreman of the 1st district of the southern division of the Postal Telegraph company, assisted by J. W. Jackson the hustling local lineman of the district, the company installed in its Manassas office this week, an extra cable of seven wires. This gives the office fourteen effective wires with double its former service.

Tenderly sentimental missives, adorned with cupid bows and darts, pierced hearts and other emblems of updying devotion, are appearing in the shops, proclaiming the approach of St. Valentine's Day. February 14. The comic valentines have lost none of their sarcastic descriptive and already are in great demand.

Bristow has been the scene of an epidemic of mad dogs, two having terrorized the community yesterday after another had stirred up considerable excitement Monday. One dog, known to be afflicted with rabies, was killed yesterday noon by Jacob Miller. Another made an attempt to attack a railroad crossing flagman, below the town, but was stoned away.

Garth W. Colderhead, son of Hon. G. Colderhead, member of Congress from Kansas, and Miss Margaret Holland, formerly of Prince William county were married in Washington last week. The happy couple are now touring in the South and upon their return they will make their home in Washington until after the adjournment of Congress, when they will go to Mr. Colderhead's home in the "jay-hawker" state.

Inquiries have been made of THE DEMOCRAT why money orders are not obtainable either at Buckhall, or from the mail carrier on Route No. 1, upon which said office is located. THE DEMOCRAT is advised by the Manassas Post Office that Buckhall is not a money-order office, and, also, that the mail carrier on said route has authority to transact money order business along his route through the Manassas post-office.

The many friends of Mrs. Whimins Smith formerly of near Nokesville, will be glad to learn that, from a letter recently received from her, that she is in enjoyment of good health in her adopted home in San Jose, California, notwithstanding she has nearly attained her eightieth birthday. A few years before leaving Prince William county for California, Mrs. Smith took a trip alone, to her girlhood home in Germany, at the age of 75 years.

Dr. and Mrs. H. U. Roop and Prof. and Mrs. Edwin Mather gave a reception, last Friday night, to members of Eastern college.

Harry Hewitt, baggage master at the Southern depot, who has been confined to his home by illness, has resumed his duties. During his absence, W. C. Bridewell has been acting baggage master.

The Mother's meeting will be held tomorrow in the room of the Woman's Christian Temperance union in the M. I. C. building.

The ladies are invited to attend and take part in the discussion. The subject is "Responsibility of Motherhood."

Mrs. Bresnahan, wife of Conductor J. B. Bresnahan of the B. & P. railway, and sister of C. E. Nash, of Manassas, was reported ill at her home, in Washington, on Monday, and Mrs. Nash who was summoned left here Tuesday noon.

W. W. Smallwood, of Buckhall, has in his possession a small section of the rope and a fragment of the scaffold used in the execution of John Brown, the insurrectionist, at Charlestown, W. Va., in 1869. These rare relics together with the sworn affidavit of Mr. Smallwood, will be on exhibition at the office of THE DEMOCRAT next week.

Roy L. Adamson, of Warrenton, spent yesterday and today here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Adamson. His chief delight is in horses and dogs. He has a stable of fine horses in Warrenton, and during the past year has made many sales at good figures. He is a member of the Warrenton Hunt club and has followed "old Reynard" in many long and exciting chases.

Mr. Adamson recalls a possum hunt he engaged in some years ago. The dog had treed and the tree being too large to fell, Mr. Adamson agreed to climb it. When well up among the branches of the tree, he suddenly discovered a large squirrel's nest, which, in the dim starlight, his frightened imagination converted into a huge bear. Letting go his hold upon the limb he exclaimed, as he came tumbling down: "Catch me, boys. I'm coming. I can't stay up here."

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NEWSVILLE NOTICES

Bob McCain, our deaf-mute townsman, is very ill with Pneumonia.

Mrs. Key's little boy is quite ill. He is attended by Dr. Wine and Lewis.

Our entire town seems to be in throes of influenza, pneumonia, tonsillitis, or some minor affliction.

The Reverend J. R. Cook, who preaches here once a month, has gone to Georgia, with his sister who has been ill.

The Reverend J. H. Leedy, of the Brethren Church, near Bull Run, preached in our town last Sunday in place of Brother Forde.

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.

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Almost every woman imagines that she possesses the peculiar type of beauty which lures men to destruction.

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A High school girl, when informed that a course in physics would be a part of the curriculum, went into a drug store and bought a box of little early risers.

KOPP ITEMS

Mr. Pitt visited last week at Mrs. Mary Thornton's.

Folks here are entertaining strong hopes that the proposed Gould electric railway from Ashland to Falls Church will pass near here.

May be, some time, we can come to Manassas without driving so far through the mud or dust.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

All persons who have claims against William H. Cather, of whatever character, will please file same with his attorney, Bryan Gordon. Those who owe said Cather please pay up at once to save legal expense.

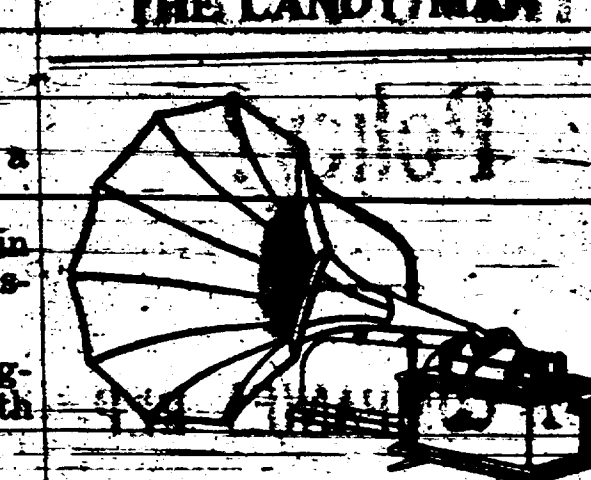
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MILFORD AND BRISTOW NOTES.

L. C. Lynn is slowly improving. E. C. Mullenax's children are better. George Ayers and family are convalescent again. Mrs. G. W. Rosenberger was confined to her room for several days this week. Jasper Mueller is the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. F. Ball, of Milford, this week. The high water carried the heavy ice all out from Milford dam, Friday night last. Mr. Mock, of the Valley, who is employed by M. W. Thomas, is sick with the measles. B. F. Ball and family spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting relatives at Centerville. E. J. Weaver was in Manassas on business Monday. Jim goes away most any time without telling us. A. T. Schmick, of Reading, Pa., was at Milford on Friday last. Mr. Schmick is one of the shareholders and sales manager of the Hammond Dairy Feed Company. The repairs and changes made at Milford Mills in the flour bolting machinery has added "Wonders to Meetze's White Loaf and best extra flour. They are busy all the time and their goods are giving satisfaction. Our farmers are beginning to move around and look anxious. Thinking of plowing, gathering up their plows and single trees from where they were left last season, (some of them). But those who put them away won't have to go to that trouble. Every one is hoping for a good season and will put out a fairly large crop. C. J. Meetze has two cars of Hammond dairy and horse feed now on the road. One car is due at Bristol not later than January 31st, the other car should reach Manassas about February 15. Two other cars, bought, to arrive in February and March, as ordered. This feed is giving entire satisfaction. Cows increase both in quality and quantity after using it for three or four days. There will be a move in the Milford neighborhood towards getting a bridge over Cannon's branch, at the school-house, on the Manassas road. This is one of the heaviest traveled roads in the county, the only route for the Nokesville, Aden and Greenwich people to reach Manassas, and while the ford is not deep, it frequently gets past fording and, when winter comes, is almost impassable. Several parties have been very near being drowned at this point. There is a good place to put a bridge and at a moderate cost. Nothing would add more to the safety, convenience and comfort of the people than a bridge at this point. The regular meeting of the Sons of Rest was held in their large room, on the second floor of Meetze's Mill, on Tuesday, January 25th. This being the time for the election of officers, another business was dispensed with. Dr. Buck, as predicted, defeated L. G. Lynn for president after a hot contest. Lewis has made a faithful and efficient president, always present and true to his obligations, but since the first of the year some of the members caught him in the act of cutting an awful lot of wood. This was reported to the club who lost confidence in him as his obligation, like all the rest, for his kind of work. The Order has great confidence in their new president, although the Doctor is almost a stranger he came highly recommended. M. L. Ball was elected vice-president. His vote was so large it was made unanimous. C. J. Meetze was elected Secretary and Treasurer, but was to give bond for ten dollars and when called upon for the cash, C. J. as usual, wanted to give a 90 day note. But the question arose as to whether the note was good or not, and some one said they doubted it. At this stage of the game, Meetze, being somewhat indignant, arose to his feet and said he knew his notes were good for everybody had one. After some discussion Meetze was declared elected. Joe Mayhugh was elected Tiler. Jim Weaver was elected inside sentinel. George Ayres was appointed solicitor. Sam Harley and Joe Mathias were put on the finance committee. All the officers being filled, applications for membership were next read and acted upon. Dr. Newman, C. E. Nash, J. F. Lewis, J. F. Dogan, F. C. Rarabaugh, E. R. Conner,

D. J. Arrington, G. R. Ketchum, C. A. Sinclair, S. T. Hall, E. B. Giddings, P. P. Chapman, J. W. Teats, L. W. Kasehagen, O. E. Newman, S. B. Sanders, M. A. Rollins and James Bradford petitioned the court for a writ of habeas corpus. The application blanks were filled in, especially that part where no work is to be done and each new member to furnish a nail keg and a pint of peanuts. The applications were ordered to lay over under the rules. After some discussion of their neighbors, etc., the secretary read his report showing what had been accomplished since the last meeting and reported 36c in the treasury, and, after hearing the report a motion was made to increase the secretary's salary to 30c per year. This motion was carried and the lodge all sang with great feeling that old familiar air, "Everybody Works but Father."

INDEPENDENT HILL NOTES
J. W. Hook has returned from an extended visit to Baltimore. Lumber hauling is about tied up down here, due to the condition of the roads. There were services Saturday and Sunday, at the Quantico Baptist Church, here. Robert Maxwell, who was operated on for Strangulated Hernia a few weeks ago, suffered a relapse, Monday, due to over exertion. The horse belonging to the star route mail carrier, between Kopp and Canova, is well trained and will cover part of the route without a driver. Hurrah for THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT. We all enjoy it down here because it doesn't print rumors and "they say's" and we can depend upon what it does print. The slight decrease in the price of meat this week may be attributed to the fact that E. L. Barnes, colored, butchered four hogs weighing a total of 1085 pounds. The largest weighed 416 1/2 pounds. It is learned from Mr. Maxwell's physicians that he did not suffer a relapse but that his present indisposition is due to his leaving his bed and engaging in labor in violation of his physicians caution. Now that January is drawing to a close do you ever stop to think of those "New Year's Resolutions"? Are they still fresh and spotless, or are they all tattered and torn? We know how to sympathize if they are. J. I. Sullivan, of Washington, D. C., formerly of this place, has just returned from Florida where he inspected a farm he has recently purchased. He is much pleased with his investment, and from prospects, he may be able to furnish Prince William county with oranges. Simeon Long who recently purchased a farm near Independent Hill and moved from Nokesville neighborhood to his new home, states that big owls, have been making persistent inquiries of him from their perch at night, fall "who, who, who are you?" to which he inwardly replies: "Simeon Long, a gentleman from Upper Prince William, who are you?"

WHO ARE YOU?
MISSING NEWS
Miss Linda Maddux is visiting relatives near Fredericksburg. Mrs. John Porter, of Charlottesville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. Burroughs. Miss Lizzie Humphrey, of Washington, is a guest of her cousin, Miss Jennie Humphrey. The Misses Caroline and Ethel Hemp, of Frederick county, Md., are visiting their uncle, W. F. Hemp. Miss Cecelia Cockrell, assistant principal of the High School, is visiting at the home of Miss Julia King, substituting for her. The banquet which was to have been given January 25 by the Business Men's association has been indefinitely postponed. Among those successful in passing the examination before State board of pharmacy was W. W. Ashby, of Remington. Mrs. W. F. Hemp died suddenly at her home here Sunday, January 9, of a complication of diseases. She is survived by her husband, three sisters, Mrs. Ag. Renn and Mrs. Emory Ramberg, of Frederick county, Md. and two brothers, John Long, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. J. W. Long, of Walkersville, Md. The remains were taken to Midletown, Md., for interment.

GREENWICH NOTES
Grayson Tyler, of Buckland, is spending the winter in Washington. The Rev. J. Royal Cooke is still in Georgia, but is expected to return shortly. The Rev. Mr. Jackson continues very ill in Fredericksburg and the doctors now give no hopes of his recovery. Early Hansborough has moved into his new home, built on the old site. This beats the record for pluck and energy. Will Mackall, who is attending the Episcopal High School, spent Sunday and Monday at the "Laws," with several friends. The Carter-Jeffries case which has been before the Virginia Court of Appeals, has been decided in favor of the Jeffries claimant. Edna, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brady died last week after a lingering illness, and was buried in the Greenwich church-yard. M. R. Washington visited Mr. Wm. Wrenn at Falls Church last week. Mr. Wrenn is now engaged in raising pigeons on a large scale for the Northern markets. Wilberforce Thomas, of St. Stephens, had the misfortune to lose a number of valuable thoroughbred fowls by the burning of one of his hen houses last week. Albert Dulin has returned from Florida and will visit "Broadland" this week. Mrs. Charles Grayson Dulin and daughter will remain south, during February, visiting Florida and Cuba, with friends.

WHITE LOAF FLOUR POPULAR
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NOKESVILLE NOTES.

Be sure to attend the bank meeting. Mr. Hale's house is quiet these days of inclement weather. E. W. Flory, of Vienna, Va., is at home for a few days nursing a cold. Mr. Workman and Mr. Weaver are pushing their new buildings on King St. Elder R. A. Nedrow, of the Seminary, has been indisposed for some days of pharyngitis. Mr. D. R. McCarthy expects to move into his new home at the corner of Main and King Sts., before long. The Bank of Nokesville will open February 5. A stockholders meeting will be held in the bank building in the afternoon. There will be speaking by the bank people at the seminary building. The Church of the Brethren will hold its quarterly business council at Hebron Seminary, February 5, beginning at 10 o'clock. It is hoped that they may get through in ample time to attend the speaking of the bank people. Our cousins J. T. Flory and Alfonso Armstrong have a kind of Hurculean task these days with muddy roads, but they are equal to the occasion. They are cousins because they are Uncle Sam's boys. Do you see the point? E. T. Garber and family of Nokesville, recently returned home from an extended visit to Mrs. Garber's niece, Mrs. Benjamin Hedrick at Yonkers, N. Y. During their trip they visited New York city, Coney Island and other points. "Maude" says "I didn't think this world was so big."

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GREENWICH NOTES
Grayson Tyler, of Buckland, is spending the winter in Washington. The Rev. J. Royal Cooke is still in Georgia, but is expected to return shortly. The Rev. Mr. Jackson continues very ill in Fredericksburg and the doctors now give no hopes of his recovery. Early Hansborough has moved into his new home, built on the old site. This beats the record for pluck and energy. Will Mackall, who is attending the Episcopal High School, spent Sunday and Monday at the "Laws," with several friends. The Carter-Jeffries case which has been before the Virginia Court of Appeals, has been decided in favor of the Jeffries claimant. Edna, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brady died last week after a lingering illness, and was buried in the Greenwich church-yard. M. R. Washington visited Mr. Wm. Wrenn at Falls Church last week. Mr. Wrenn is now engaged in raising pigeons on a large scale for the Northern markets. Wilberforce Thomas, of St. Stephens, had the misfortune to lose a number of valuable thoroughbred fowls by the burning of one of his hen houses last week. Albert Dulin has returned from Florida and will visit "Broadland" this week. Mrs. Charles Grayson Dulin and daughter will remain south, during February, visiting Florida and Cuba, with friends.

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We make a griddle cake flour composed of one-half pure graham flour, one-fourth extra flour and one-fourth white middlings. If you will try one week you will say that it is only excelled by Meetze's Pure Buckwheat Flour.
Buckwheat Flour
We have just bought a choice lot of Buckwheat, which we will grind this week and put on the market. This flour contains nothing except buckwheat unless marked differently on the sacks.

Milford Mills Water Ground Corn Meal
Remember our meal is ground from carefully selected corn which is run through our large-resisting separator, which screens and fans all bits from the meal. It is clean, fine and pure. It is made in large bins, which are clean, and then ground in any mill which might get in with it. It is a fine meal, and is ground before grinding. We invite our customers and users of our goods to come and see for themselves. Then to insure the right kind of meal out of good corn is to grind it on burrs properly cleaned and by water power, which gives you all those qualities in corn meal which should be. We are selling thousands of bushels.

Hammond Dairy and Horse Food
We have our fifth car of feed coming. Have sold four cars since the middle of November. Hammond Dairy Feed makes good milk, and lots of it. Hammond Horse Feed, which is composed of Corn, Oats, Barley, Linseed Meal, Oat feed and Pure Cane Molasses is a great feed and one which horses are fond of, and they do well when fed on it. Send in your orders.
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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. This land was leased under the directions of Prof. P. J. Fishbeck, of Bradford, Penn., an eminent, practical and expert Geologist in field work; who also located the point at which the first well will be drilled. The actual work of sinking the wells will be under the personal supervision of Mr. J. M. Sullivan, an oil and gas expert of life long experience, hence the Company's entire undertaking will be under the management of men of known experience in the oil and gas fields, of not only this, but of many foreign countries—men of experience. The Company has placed 20,000 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 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-transferable. 250 certificates 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. Purvis, who sank his capital in the venture. Though at first unsuccessful, Purvis 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 50-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 \$225 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 in a mass meeting, learned them and ridiculed 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. In all likelihood, however, for that prediction was wrong. (This geological well has struck the same results Texas, California, Oklahoma, Indiana and other fields that have been such heavy producers of oil.) Just after this meeting was in progress, he and behold, the well began to flow at the rate of sixty barrels of oil per day. The people left the lecturer and fled to the oil field. Now this well is a large producing and refining well.



READ CAREFULLY

Compare the holdings of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company (holding 23,800 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
Rocky Mount	.10	2.87 1/2
Lucile	.15	5.00
Dillon	.25	3.50
Kern	.25	8.75
Starling	.50	4.25
West Shore	.50	4.50
Peartree	.25	3.75
San Joaquin	.50	12.50
Kern River	.50	21.50
New York	.50	200.00
Oil City	2.00	94.00
Pacific	2.00	150.00
Hanford	10.00	120.00
Puente	10.00	150.00
St. Lawrence	15.00	200.00
Kreyenhagen	15.00	200.00
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 Peartree Co., now has a value of \$6,250.

\$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 Alameda Oil Company has since had a value of \$30,000.

\$100 invested in Home Oil Company has since had a value of \$25,000. 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.

In transporting its products to the markets of the world, the Penn-Vir Company will have a very great advantage over all other oil-producing sections of the United States—being in the neighborhood of 20 miles from tidewater on the Potomac and about 20 miles from Washington City.

Does not the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Co. offer an unboard of opportunity for investment? We claim we do. Then, why not invest in it now? Not to-morrow, for its stock will go rapidly, and only a sufficient amount of stock will be sold to develop paying values. When the expected happens the stock-holders will be closed.

The Oil of Virginia, is of a Grade Bringing \$1.53 Per Barrel—the Product Indicated in Our Field is of Same Quality

The Engine and Boiler are now in Position and the Lumber for the Derrick is on the Ground

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Patrolman... perhaps the oldest resident of Virginia...

This good natured pioneer of the Virginia mountains spent his life in comparative poverty...

Even in his extreme age Salver had a vivid memory of long ago and recounted incidents of the War of 1812...

For 50 years Samuel Salver was a magistrate in Wise County, and so unerring was he in his judgment...

Mr. Salver is survived by several children, one of whom being a minister of the Gospel of the Southern Methodist Church...

Stricken at Banquet... Winchester... prominent member of the Winchester bar...

Twins 85 Years Old... Harrisonburg... The publication recently of the death of S. L. Menifee...

Filling Pines... Petersburg... Governor-elect William Hodges Mann has made the following appointments...

Five Years For Bigamist... Petersburg... Justus A. Williamson was convicted in the Hustings Court...

Marriage Filed... Norfolk... A mortgage for \$1,250.00 was executed by the Camp Manufacturing Company...

Richmond... Football in Virginia is probably doomed...

Capt. R. S. Parks, one of the most captivate men in the lower branch of the Legislature...

Sentiment locally is divided as to the merits of the bill. It is understood that the Alumni Association of the University of Virginia will take some action...

Suffolk... Escaping from a chain gang, shot at and wounded by a guard, chased 16 miles by police...

Roanoke... Howard Little, the condemned sextuple murderer, in Buchanan County, and who is confined in the Roanoke jail...

Harrisonburg... As Night Operator Frank Coleman, at the Norfolk and Western station at Elkton, Rockingham County...

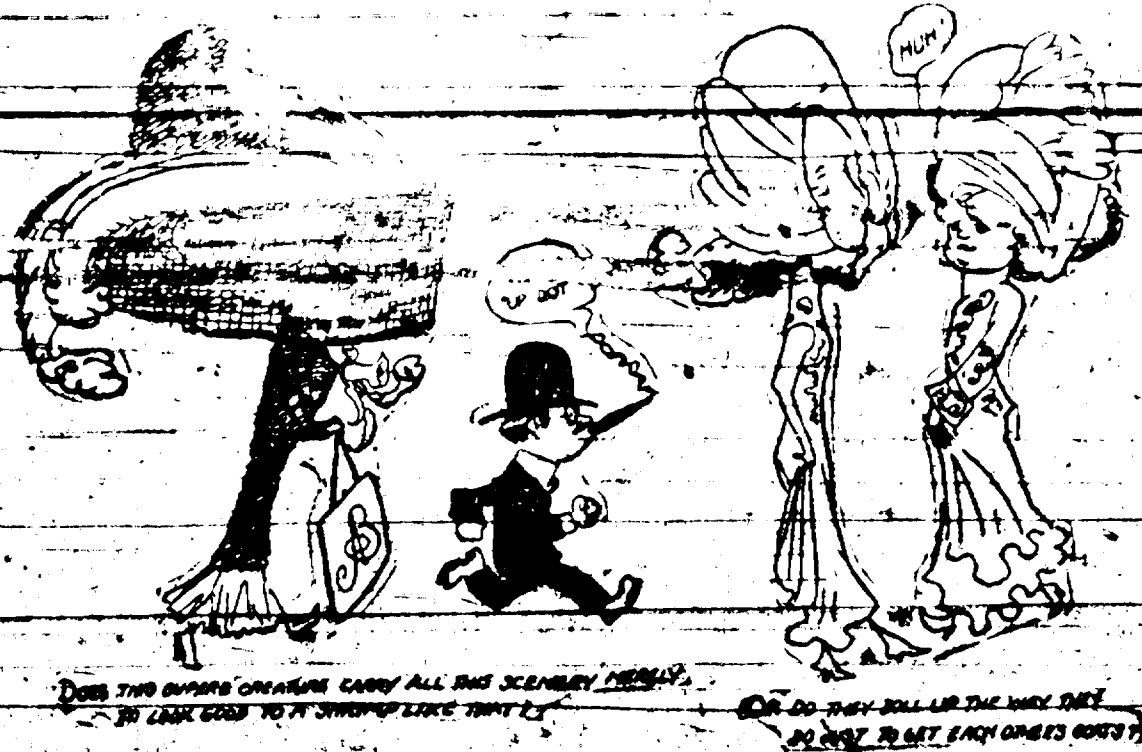
Danville Fair... The stockholders of the Danville Fair Association at a meeting unanimously decided to hold another fair here next fall...

Richmond... The Virginia Anti-Saloon League decided to abandon the idea of local option...

Danville... Miss Henrietta Anderson and Bascomb Jordan were married at the home of the bride's parents...

Fredericksburg... James W. Goode, formerly of this city, was married to St. Joseph, Mo., on January 15 to Miss M. Hodges...

Danville... Miss Villa Farmer, daughter of I. B. Farmer, of Ringgold, and William W. Wilson, Jr., a young farmer...



Cartoon by Triggs, in the New York Press.

GOVERNORS ALIVE TO COST OF LIVING AS A PROBLEM

In Some States Investigations Already Are in Progress—Hadley Advocates "Back to the Soil" Movement—Anti-Food Trust League Growing.

Washington, D. C.—As reflected by the views of the Governors now before the conference, the high cost of living is a most acute question throughout the entire country...

Governor Harmon of Ohio is investigating the condition through a special commission. Governor Hadley of Missouri will take the subject up with the Legislature when it next meets...

Governor Ansel of South Carolina thinks the problem too deep for ready solution. The people of his State haven't felt the pressure as keenly as in the North, he believes...

Governor Kitchen of North Carolina recognizes that there are thousands of contributing causes for the high cost of living, but the tariff is the Governor's chief objection...

Cleveland Butchers Promptly Respond to Campaign Against High Cost of Living—Thousands Join Crusade—Adopting Scheme to Follow Vegetarian Diet Until Easter—National Boycott Plan Gaining Popularity...

Washington, D. C.—The President issued his proclamation in which he declared that under the new Tariff law the countries of Italy, Great Britain, Russia, Spain, Turkey and Switzerland are entitled to the minimum rates...

Relative Profits... something in regard to the relative profits from the individual cows in their herds... it should be, this is unnecessary...

Choice of Sows... One should choose his sows from a brood that is long bodied, roomy in her build, and prolific...

Good Roads... During the winter we have a chance of knowing where the bad roads are if we ever do...

Skim Milk and the Pigs... Where dairies or butter factories are, where the milk cow is a factor for other purposes than the sale of milk...

To Control Mildew... It is very well worth while to have some bushes of the big English gooseberries. They are enormous fruited...

Tuberculosis in Cattle... Tuberculosis or consumption in cattle is an infectious and communicable disease known by the formation in the glands and other parts of the body...

Milk Got His Mate Up... The street was slippery and the driver pulled at the reins. The scales strained in their effort to turn the wagon...

Valued Accusation... "It is not always necessary to trace a direct accusation," said the lawyer, who was making his case against his client...

The Lure of the Mask



By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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SYNOPSIS

Jack Hillard, a wealthy New York clubman, hears a mysterious voice stinging in the night under his window. He inserts an advertisement in a personal column to find the singer, and receives a reply. He visits the mysterious singer, but she wears a mask. He falls desperately in love with her, but he has not seen her face. The unknown woman gives her name as Mme. Angot, which is assumed. They have dinner. She refuses to see him again.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

CHAPTER VII.

THE GREAT SHIP had passed the telegraph cables and was now in the Bay of Naples. The ship was a magnificent beauty. Both he and Merrifew were foremost in the press against the forward rail. To the latter's impressionable mind it was like a dream—yonder, the temples and baths of Nere of the golden hours; yonder, the palaces of the grim Tyrrhenian; yonder, Pompeii, with its arches, its domes and its blind girl. The dream picture faded, and the reality was no less fascinating—the white sails of the fishermen winging across the sparkling waters, leaving ribboned pathways behind; proud white pleasure yachts, great vessels from all ports in the world, and an occasional battleship, drab and stately, and the hundred pink and white villages, the jade and amethyst of the islands, the ruined temples, the grim giant ash heap of Vesuvius.

"See that village on the cliffs toward the south?" asked Hillard. "That's Sorrento, where I was born. Sit! Look at Giovanni!" Merrifew looked at the old Roman. Tears were running down his cheeks, and his gaze strove to pierce the distance to the faroff Sabine hills. Italy! Hillard leaned over and touched him on the arm, and he started. "Pardon! I am weak this day, but tomorrow I shall be strong. Seven years! Have you not hungered for it yourself? Has not your heart gone out many times across the sea to these cliffs?" pointing to Sorrento.

"Many times, Giovanni. But remember and control yourself. Remember the carabinieri will come on board. You will see that all our luggage goes promptly to the Bristol pier, up and through the customs."

"Trust me, signor." They landed at the custom house at 2 in the afternoon and passed without any difficulty. Hillard obtained rooms pleasantly situated looking out upon the sparkling bay. Giovanni began at once to unpack the trunks, happy enough to have something to occupy his till after dark, when he determined to venture forth. The dreaded carabinieri had paid him not the slightest attention. So far he was as safe as though he were in New York.

It was not so easy in the day that the two young men sailed forth in quest of light adventure. Besides, Merrifew was very eager to find some Roman and Florence newspapers. The American Comic Opera company was somewhere north. They found stationed outside the hotel a rosy checked caddy who answered to the name of Tommaso, or Tommas, as the Neapolitans generally drop the final. He carried a bright red top robe and blazer, spoke a little English and was very proud of the accomplishment. He was rather disappointed, however, when Hillard bargained with him in his own tongue. Tommas shook his fingers under Hillard's nose and Hillard returned the compliment. Finally Tommas compromised on 1 lira 50 centesimi (30 cents) per hour, with 50 centesimi (10 cents) as a perboire (tip). "Check, check!" Boomed the bill they went as if a thousand devils were after them. "By George," gasped Merrifew, clutching his coat. "The fool will break our necks!" Tommas grinned and cracked his whip. He did not understand the word slowly in his own tongue or in any other, at least not till he reached the piazza. A dozen clowns on the Via Roma Merrifew yelled that they would lose a wheel. But Tommas knew the game. Merrifew had never seen such a show. Coral coral wherever the eye roamed. "Get it, get it, get it all, and to whom, O. C. they sell it? Necklaces, tiaras, rings, brooches, carried and

uncarved—were there women enough in the world to buy these things? "Well, I'd feel devilish sorry for her husband at this moment." "But isn't the color great?" said Hillard. "It was good to be in Naples again."

"I never saw so many kids," Merrifew finally observed, "so many dirty ones," he added. "Herod would have had his work cut out for him here. Now where can we get some newspapers? I must know where she is."

"At the bookshop in the piazza they found the Rome and Florence papers," Hillard went through them thoroughly, but nowhere did he see anything relative to the doings of the American Comic Opera company.

"Not a line, Dan." "But there must be something in the Florence paper. They should be playing these parts."

"Nothing. These papers are two weeks old." Merrifew stared blankly at the sheet. "I should like to know what it means."

"We will write to the consulate in Rome. If there has been any trouble he will certainly notify us. I'll write tonight. Now, here's Cook's next look. We'll ask if there is any mail for Kitty."

"But there wasn't, nor had there been, and the name was not on the forwarding books." "Looks as if your Kitty were the needle in the haystack."

"Out it!" Merrifew yelled. Pictures and churches and museums were all well enough, but Merrifew wanted Kitty Killigrew above all the treasures of earth.

of him during the past week's excursions. Giovanni had aged ten years since they landed.

"And was this cousin glad to see you? And is he to be trusted?" "Both, signor. He had some news. She—the girl—was in Paris."

"Would you like me to give you the necessary money to go to Paris and bring her back to the Sabine hills?" Hillard asked softly.

"I shall go to Paris, signor—after." "What is his name?" Hillard had never till this moment asked this question.

"I know it. That is sufficient. He is high signor, very high, yet I shall search him. If I told you his name?" "There would be the possibility of my warning him."

"That is why I hesitate." "You are a Catholic, Giovanni?" Giovanni signified that he was.

"Does not the God of all Catholics, of all Christians, in fact—does he not say that vengeance is his and that he will repay?"

"But there are so many of us, signor, so many of us small and of slight importance, that likely enough, God, with all his larger cares, has not the time to remember us. What may happen to him in the hereafter does not concern me, for he will certainly be in the purgatory of the rich and I in the purgatory of the poor. It must be now, now!"

"Go your own way," said Hillard, dismissing him. "I shall never urge you again."

Giovanni went, Hillard leaned against the casement. The sun was bright this morning, and the air was clear. He could see Naples distinctly. Below, the fishermen and their wives, their bare feet plowing in the wet sand, were drawing in the net, swaying their bodies gracefully.

And then Merrifew burst in upon him wildly excited and soured the hotel register.

"Look at this!" he cried breathlessly. He hung the book on the table and pointed with shaking finger.

Hillard came forward, and this is what he saw: Thomas O'Malley, James Smith, Arthur Worth, La Signorina Capriciosa, Kitty Killigrew, Am. Comic Opera Co., N. Y.

"Kitty has been here!" "Perfectly true. But I wonder—" "Wonder about what?" asked Merrifew.

"Who La Signorina Capriciosa is. Whimsical, indeed. She must be the mysterious prima donna."

Hillard studied the entry frowning and ran his fingers through his hair thoughtfully.

"What is it?" asked Merrifew curiously. "I am wondering where I have seen that handwriting before."

Another fortnight found the pair back in Naples after spending a week in Capri. At the hotel they found a batch of mail. There was a letter which held particular interest to Merrifew. It was from the consul at Rome, a reply to Hillard's inquiries regarding the American Comic Opera company.

and a government by light opera—it can't be done here. And so the American Comic Opera company at the present moment is waiting for money from home."

Merrifew gnawed the end of his cane. All his pleasant dreams had been dashed. "But what if they not always done so? There would be no jaunts with Kitty, no pleasant little excursions, no little suppers after the performance. And what's a Michelangelo or a Titian when a man's in love?"

"Grace up, Dan. Who knows? Kitty may be on the high seas—that is, if she has taken my advice and got a return ticket. I'll give you a dinner at the Bertolini tonight, and you may have the magnum of my vintage you like. We'll have Tommas drive down the Via Caracciolo. It will take some of the disappointment out of your mind."

They had ridden up and down the Via Caracciolo twice when they spotted a huge automobile, ultramarine blue. It passed with a cloud of dust and a rumble which was thunderous. Hillard half rose from his seat.

"Somebody you know?" asked Merrifew. "The man at the wheel looked a bit like Sandford?"

"Sandford? By George, that would be jolly!" "Perhaps they will come this way again. Tommas, follow that motor."

Sure enough, when the car reached the Largo Vittoria it wheeled and came rumbling back. This time Hillard had no doubts. He stood up and waved his arms. The automobile barked and groaned and came to a stand.

"Hello, Sandford?" "Jack Hillard, as I live, and Dan Merrifew! Well, turning to one of the three pretty women in the tonneau, 'what did I tell you? I felt it in my bones that we would run across some one we knew.'

"So you thought she was Sandford?" "When we meet an old friend in a foreign land, one who has accepted our dimmers and with whom we have often dined, what is left but to fall on his neck and weep? There was, then, over this meeting much ado with hand-shaking and compliments, handshaking and questions, and as in all cases that this array was tried at once, they were old-New York, how was the winter in Cairo, and so forth and so on—till a policeman politely told them that this was not a private thoroughfare and that they were blocking the way. So they parted, the two young men having promised to dine with the Sandford party that evening."

"What luck, Dan?" Hillard was exuberant. "Gives you the price of a dinner." "I wasn't thinking of that. But what did you mean by that fool cable anyway?"

"Who?" "The lady in the fog, the masquerading lady?"

CHAPTER IX. SANDFORD knew how to order a dinner, and so by the time that Merrifew had emptied his second glass of Burgundy and his first of champagne, he was in the best of golden confidence. He would find Kitty, and when he found her he would tell her all as well.

"Say, Jack," said Sandford, "what did you mean by that fool cable anyway?" "Who?"

"The lady in the fog, the masquerading lady?" "Hillard had been patiently waiting for an opening of this sort. 'And what did you mean by hounding me?' 'Hounding you?'"

"That's the word. I was in your house that night. I was there as sure as I am here tonight."

"Well, am I crazy or is it Jack?" "Sometimes," said Mrs. Sandford, "when you put the champagne in the tonneau I'm inclined to think that it is you."

Hillard looked straight into the placid gray eyes of his hostess. Very slowly one of the white-lid drooped. He said, "Hillard."

"But really," continued Sandford seriously, "unless you bribed the carabinieri you could not possibly have entered the house. You have been dreaming."

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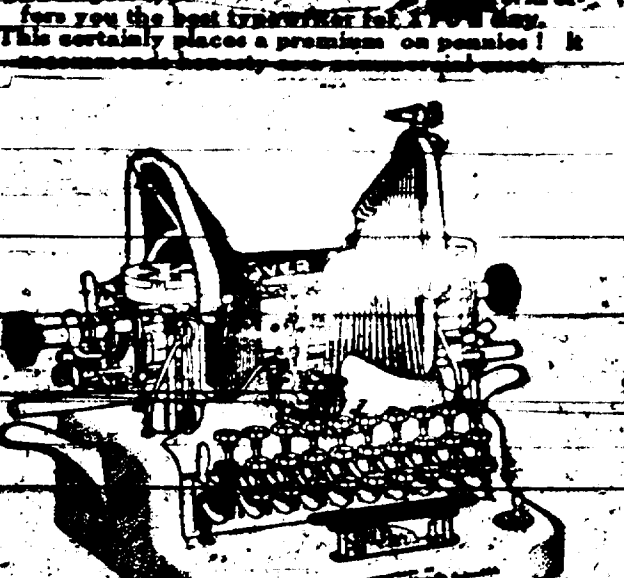
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LEGAL NOTICES

Virginia: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, Va. 1936.

THAT M. L. L. Plaintiff vs. Max Lombard, Defendant. ACTION OF TRESPASS ON THE CASE IN ASSUMPSIT.

Know: The general object of the above stated action is to recover a judgment against Max Lombard, non-resident, for the sum of five hundred dollars, with interest thereon, from the first day of June, 1935, and costs; to attach the said defendant's real estate in the county of Prince William, Virginia, described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being situate in Dumfries Magisterial District, in the county of Prince William and State of Virginia, between Quatico and Chappawamsic Creeks and the Tidewater road and Potomac River, containing about 120 acres, which is more particularly described in a deed bearing date of March 14th, 1897, and recorded in deed book 37, at folio 256 et seq., of the land records of the county clerk's office for said county of Prince William, from the Potomac and Land Improvement Company to said Max Lombard, and to said the same or so much thereof as may be necessary, to satisfy such judgment, that may be rendered by the court and costs.

And in supporting by affidavit filed according to law, that Max Lombard, the above named defendant, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, and that the plaintiff, M. L. L., is a resident of the State of Virginia, and that the plaintiff is entitled to recover the sum of five hundred dollars, with interest thereon, from the first day of June, 1935, and costs, and that the plaintiff is entitled to attach the said defendant's real estate in the county of Prince William, Virginia, described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being situate in Dumfries Magisterial District, in the county of Prince William and State of Virginia, between Quatico and Chappawamsic Creeks and the Tidewater road and Potomac River, containing about 120 acres, which is more particularly described in a deed bearing date of March 14th, 1897, and recorded in deed book 37, at folio 256 et seq., of the land records of the county clerk's office for said county of Prince William, from the Potomac and Land Improvement Company to said Max Lombard, and to said the same or so much thereof as may be necessary, to satisfy such judgment, that may be rendered by the court and costs.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order of attachment was posted at the front of the Court House of the said county in accordance with law. E. MASON, Clerk.

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