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## PASSING AWAY OF AN OLD RESIDENT

HER HOME IN BRISTOW, DEC. 24

On an illness of several months, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lipscomb succumbed to the illness of Mr. P. D. Lipscomb.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Lipscomb which occurred on the morning of Christmas Eve, at the home of her son, Mr. P. D. Lipscomb, near Bristow, was the oldest woman of Prince William county, and one whose life, if written, would present a vivid picture of the early days of settlement in this section, and those days previous and during the Civil War.

The funeral services were held Friday last, at 2 o'clock from the E. Church, South, the Rev. A. Roads officiating. The body was removed to the Manassas cemetery for burial. Mrs. Lipscomb was the daughter of Daniel Foster, a well-known citizen of this county. She was born in the year 1819, in Prince William, and during her childhood received her education at the then private schools of Leesville and that section. About the year 1841 she was united in marriage to Philip D. Lipscomb, who for many years was clerk of Prince William county, and the eldest brother of the late Judge William E. Lipscomb.

In 1863 Mr. and Mrs. Lipscomb moved to Amherst county and purchased a farm, at which place they made their home until 1866, a year of Mr. Lipscomb's death. Mrs. Lipscomb then returned to her farm lands near Bristow and engaged in agriculture, and in an attempt made a very successful business of the work. During the whole four years of the war she remained at Bristow, and when General Jackson came to this place her home was turned into a hospital. Upon Jackson's arrival there he learned that the rebel soldiers were coming and he remained under cover in Mrs. Lipscomb's home during the night, and the next day regained possession of Bristow. It was after this time and during the third stage of the war, when her home was used as a hospital, that she and Mrs. Lipscomb were refugees in Amherst county.

She was known for her charity and good as a neighbor, and throughout the county she had a great many friends. During her girlhood she became a member of the M. E. Church, South, and nearly her entire life was a consistent member, having a firm and profound belief in christian religion, and devoted much time and work in connection with it.

She was a practical woman of character and rare judgment in all matters. Coming from one of Prince William county's oldest families, she was well known and highly respected to many in this section. Mrs. Lipscomb is survived by her son, Mr. P. D. Lipscomb, two daughters, Mrs. Peters, of New York, who was formerly Mrs. Ethel Lipscomb, and Miss Gertrude Lipscomb, and four grandsons, Gaines, Harbourn, Willis and Ernest Lipscomb, who acted as pallbearers.

Appropriate Son & Bounce, of Baltimore, Pa., the contractors who are to install our system of water, are having their supplies and implements shipped here, and are being quite a quantity of supplies unloaded here this week. Subscribe for the Democrat.

## ALUMNI DEFEATS MANASSAS HIGH

IN EXCITING BASKETBALL GAME

Played in Eastern College Gymnasium Last Saturday Night, By the Score of 19 to 13—Best Game of Season.

The old graduates proved their superiority in basketball last Saturday night, when the Alumni of Manassas High School defeated the High School quint by the score of 19 to 13. The game was one of the best of the season, and was fast and furiously fought at every turn, and furnished the spectators an evening of interesting sport. The first period started with a rush, although the score was rather slow in the making. At the end of this period the result favored the high school one point, with the former students coming stronger every minute. The second half began with no substitutions, and from the first minute of play it was a royal battle, neither team showing to much advantage, although the Alumni outweighed the high school, and this helped considerably. At the close of the game the score stood 12 to 12, and five minutes extra play was added to decide the tie. This addition of time brought nothing, and five more minutes were given to play. It was at this time that the Alumni came to the front and in rapid succession threw three baskets and scored a foul, while the lads from the High School were unable to make but one point.

The game was one of many brilliant plays, and in many cases excellent basketball judgment was used by both teams. Partee Weir proved the real star for the Alumni, and from the start to the finish played excellently. Moon, a graduate of last year, and also a former basketball star, played well for the Alumni. Featuring for the High School were Adamson, Rice and Roads, all of whom played very good games, and were responsible for Manassas' showing. These three boys, to date, have shown the best ability as basketball players, and will no doubt be selections for the first team.

Line-up for Alumni was: Cox, center; Johnson and Haydon, guards; Moon and Weir, forwards; High School, Roads, center; Rice and Adamson, forwards; Williams and Prescott, guards. Referee, B. Johnson; Umpire, Woolford, of Eastern College. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

## NON MARRIAGE CUSTOMS VARY

Strange is it not, how marriage customs vary? In the ancient Anglo-Saxon days, the bride's father used to give his new son-in-law one of the shoes of the bride, in token of the transfer of authority, and the young bridegroom at once struck his bride on the head with the shoe so that she might feel the change. In Croatia today the bridegroom boxes the bride's ears. In Hungary, it is customary for the young husband to give his bride a kick after the marriage ceremony, to make her feel her subjection. In Russia the father of the young woman used to strike his daughter gently with a new whip and then give the weapon to her husband. In Virginia, the bridegroom hands the bride his tankbook and life insurance policy, and shows his new wife to walk over and see the real of his day a—Times Dispatch.

Mr. Rice, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was a Manassas visitor for a short while this week.

## CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL EXERCISES

HELD IN MANASSAS PAST WEEK

Entertainments Were All Very Interesting and Well Attended—Many Gifts Given to Needy by Baptist School.

The Christmas Sunday School entertainments, which each year are held by the various churches in Manassas, including the schools of Trinity Episcopal Church, Lutheran Church, M. E. Church, South, Asbury M. E. Church, and the Baptist Church, have all been held, and as part of the Christmas festivities here, have been well attended and very interesting entertainments in every respect. Large congregations assembled at each, and although some made more preparations than others, each school gave the usual treat of candy to the members of the Sunday School.

The first of these gatherings was held on Friday night of last week, when the Sunday Schools of Trinity Episcopal Church and M. E. Church, South, gave their entertainments in their respective churches. At both places excellent programs, consisting of songs, recitations, etc., rendered by members of the Sunday Schools, had been arranged for those in charge, and the evening passed pleasantly, while the congregations were entertained by the younger folk. At the end of the two different affairs the children were remembered with presents of candy, and several of the teachers made gifts to their various classes.

The Manassas Baptist Sunday School made a new departure this year in the way of its Christmas exercises while at the same time it took a much higher and more praiseworthy stand than ever before. Instead of having gifts presented to them at the tree, the scholars decided that they would forego that gratification and would themselves make gifts to the needy. Securing names from Salem Orphanage, the fourteen classes chose each a child and sent him a generous collection of gifts (the box going on Dec. 19). And instead of a typical "entertainment" the exercises, on the evening of the 30th, consisted of a missionary pageant in which was included in costume, procession, reading and song; the true Sunday School idea of spreading the Gospel.

The decorations of the building including the inevitable tree were unusually pretty. The crowd filled not only every seat, but also all available standing space. Dainty folders bearing the greetings of the church were distributed, and a collection for the Orphanage was taken.

The Christmas exercises entitled "Love's Offering" was delightfully rendered by the children at the Lutheran Church on the evening of December 26. The songs and recitations in the making of this service were of high order and decidedly scriptural, making prominent the Christ-Child whose birthday we fittingly celebrate. The musical setting was churchly in character and with Miss Evelyn Wenrich at the organ, our souls were stirred with pure Christmas joy. The recitations were well memorized and are destined to leave many and lasting impressions on the minds of the little folks concerning the Saviour.

The Star Exercise by the larger girls, portraying the virtues of Peace, Good-Will, Faith, Love, Mercy, Charity, Hope, Sincerity, and Joy was a prominent feature. All through the exercise has been pronounced one of the very best ever given by the Sunday School which speaks much for our worthy Superintendent, Mrs. Green, whose untiring devotion to the Church and Sunday School is indeed worthy of emulation.

Mrs. W. N. Wenrich, the Misses Wenrich and Mrs. Aderholdt also contributed largely in making the service the success that it was. A treat was provided for the encouragement of the children and an offering taken for the Orphan's Home.

## ENJOYABLE PARTY GIVEN AT BRISTOW

DANCE 1913 OUT AND 1914 IN

Misses Leone and Alberta Davis Entertain a Number of Friends at Their Home, "Glee Hall," Last Night.

Near the number of fifty guests assembled at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis, at Bristow, last evening, where their two daughters, Misses Leone and Alberta Davis, entertained at dancing. The home was artistically decorated with running pine, holly and other emblems of Christmas and New Year.

The majority of the guests were from Manassas and early in the evening they began to arrive. By 9:30 a large host had gathered, and dancing began in the large spacious rooms. The music furnished at the piano by Mr. Lawrence Hurdle, of Washington, alternating with Misses Bernice Davis and Miss May Leachman, was good, and kept the dancing couples in a continual merry mood. While the younger folks were enjoying the pleasures of fancy dancing, the older guests were entertained at cards.

At midnight came intermission, and dainty refreshments were served, immediately after which the dancing was resumed until the departure of the guests at about 1 a. m. Everyone present voted the affair a very delightful and enjoyable one, and highly pleased with the charming hostesses.

Among the guests from Bristow present, were: Mr. and Mrs. Wisler, Misses May and Marie Leachman and Lucy Buck and Messrs. Chas. Lynn and William Leachman. Those from Manassas were: Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank Patte, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. Davis, Mrs. H. P. Davis, Misses Bessie Walker, Bet Elliot and Mary Leachman and Messrs. John L. Hynson, Robert Leachman, Gordon Moran, Mackall Ellis, Dr. W. Fred Dowell, Torrence Woolford and W. W. Garrison.

Guests from out of town who were in attendance were: Misses May and Marie Simpson, of Clarendon; Annette Bell and Bernice Davis, of Washington; Mrs. W. L. Buck, of Atlanta, Ga.; Messrs. Thomas Strother and son, Eddie, of Markham; Ralph Robertson, of Haymarket; Chas. Trout, of Front Royal; Gray C. Buck, of Mobile, Ala., and Lawrence Hurdle, of Washington.

Following is the program rendered at Asbury M. E. Church last Monday night:

- Opening Hymn—Holy Night—Choir.
- Prayer—Mr. S. T. Hall.
- Recitation—My Prayer—Madeline McCoy.
- Recitation—A Bright and Blessed Christmas—Austin Beavers.
- Recitation—Christmas night—Dorothea Randall.
- Recitation—Ole Santa's Cate—Christine Beavers.
- Song—The Tiny Tots—Soprano girls.
- Recitation—The Xmas Day—Mary Bennett.
- Recitation—A Little Gift—Carrie Bell.
- Recitation—My Dollies Party—Georgia Bennett.
- Song—Mary Bell.
- Recitation—Ten Days Till Xmas—Elsie Rosenberger.
- Recitation—Jesus's Little Child—Christine Hewitt.
- Recitation—Cecilia Beavers.
- Recitation—Santa's Class Store—Aimee Bell.
- Song—Santa Claus is Coming—School.
- Recitation—On Santa Claus—Goldie Beavers.
- Recitation—Oh Santa Claus—Bep Bell.
- Recitation—My Dollies Stocking—Christine Bryant.
- Recitation—A Telephone Message—Mary Bell.
- Quartet—Wake the Song at Jubilee—Mrs. Merchant, soprano; Miss Bell, alto; D. B. Bell, tenor; J. M. Bell, bass.
- Recitation—The Joy of Helping—Raymond Hewitt.
- Recitation—You Shant Have My Bread—Mrs. Merchant—Martha Beavers.
- Drum—Eugene Bell.
- Song—Ole Santa—Douglas Hewitt.
- Recitation—At Christmas—Elsie Bennett.
- Recitation—Christmas Time—Arthur Bell.
- Santa Claus then appeared and performed some appropriate antics, after which the presents were distributed.
- The church was crowded and all seemed pleased with the entertainment.

## WINTER TERM OF EASTERN COLLEGE

OPENS TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1914

An Unusual Number of Departments Will Be Open to Students Who Desire to Enter at That Time.

The winter term will open Tuesday, January 6, 1914. An unusual number of departments and courses will be open to students who desire to enter at that time.

For those seeking preparation for teaching, there will be classes in the common branches and in Pedagogy; there will also be an opportunity for such students to take with Academy and College classes any subject for which they may be prepared.

In the Academy, which has recently been accredited by the University of Virginia, courses will be offered in Advanced Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, German, a and b, Latin a, b, c, Vergil, English a, b, and c, Ancient History, Physiology, Physical Geography and Physics, and Drawing.

In the college proper, courses will be given in Freshman English and Expression, Shakespeare, Tennyson, English and American Literature, Literary Criticism, Freshman Algebra, Trigonometry, French 1, 2, 3, German 1 and 2, Latin 1, Greek 1, 2, 3, General Psychology, Logic, History of Education, Principles of Education, History of Philosophy, Ethics, Economics, Sociology, European History, American History, Geology and Chemistry.

The time will be especially appropriated to begin work in the department of Commerce or Secretaryship—Shorthand and Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Office Accounting, etc., in the Conservatory of Music—Piano, Voice, Violin; in Chaps. Painting, in Free-hand Drawing, Charcoal, Water colors, Designing, Architectural Drawing, Public School Drawing; in Domestic Science, Cooking and Sewing, Household Chemistry; and in Manual Arts, Wood-working, Composition and Design.

## BULL RUN INQUIRY CLOSED.

A board of army officers named by Secretary of War Garrison to report on the feasibility and cost of the acquisition by the government of historic parts of the Bull Run battlefield placed the results of its inquiry before the Senate military affairs committee last week. The board was made up of Col. H. O. S. Heistand, Col. G. B. Baker and Capt. R. M. Ralston. The investigation was made in accordance with an act of Congress signed by President Taft March 3.

The grand Army of the Republic has a standing committee to urge the purchase of parts of the battlefield. The members of the committee are Col. William J. Wells, of Pennsylvania; Col. Alfred S. Roe, of Massachusetts; Gen. James McLeer, of New York, and Gen. E. W. Whitaker, of the District. The project is to be actively pushed.

## CARD PARTY AT J. P. LEACHMAN'S

The Bristow home of County Treasurer J. P. Leachman was the scene of a very delightful card party last Monday evening, when a number of Mr. Leachman's Manassas friends were entertained. Those from here who enjoyed the affair were Thomas H. Lion, C. E. Nash, James E. Nelson, C. C. Leachman, Roger W. Payne, W. L. Buck, F. E. Hansbrell. Among other guests were Mr. R. H. Davis, of Bristow, and Mr. Wisler, of Millford Mills. After a delicious repast the guests departed, leaving their host an excellent one.

## EDUCATORS WILL MEET IN RICHMOND

FROM FEBRUARY 23 TO FEBRUARY 28

Many Well-Known Leaders in Educational Thought to Have Places on Program Next Month—2,400 People Expected.

School officials from every State in the Union will assemble in Richmond for five days, from February 23 to February 28, at the annual meeting of the Department of the National Educational Association. It is expected that there will be fully 2,400 delegates in attendance. Up to Saturday afternoon the Jefferson, Murphy's and the Richmond had reserved 625 rooms and the local committee, headed by Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, superintendent of the Richmond Public Schools, is receiving daily requests for reservation. Among the hotel reservations made was that of the superintendent of schools of Phoenix, Ariz. The Wisconsin State delegation has engaged quarters for 100 people at the Jefferson Hotel. The Georgia delegation has reserved rooms for sixty people at Murphy's, and there have been a number of other reservations for large groups that expect to come in a body.

The conference will discuss the problems of school supervision and administration—what might be called the business side of the school problem. It is made up mainly of State, county and city school superintendents, principals and supervising teachers of higher grades. Special topics under discussion are the proper construction and arrangement of school buildings, the arrangement of courses of study, and generally the problems incident to the administration and supervision of public schools.

The general meeting will be held in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School. Sectional meetings will be held each day in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, the ballroom of the Richmond Hotel, and the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A.

Among those on the program for whom hotel reservations have already been made are the superintendents of public schools in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati. The president of the association is Ben Biewett, superintendent of schools of St. Louis.

Many of the State superintendents have also made reservations, including John Finley, commissioner of education of the State of New York, formerly president of the College of the City of New York, and a former associate of Woodrow Wilson in the Princeton University.

Superintendent Shoop, who has recently assumed charge of the public schools of Chicago, has wired for reservations. Mrs. Eliza Flagg Young, of Chicago schools, is an active member of the association, and has attended former meetings, but it is not certainly known whether she will be present this year. Superintendent Davidson, who has recently gone from the Washington schools to take charge of public education in Pittsburgh, after serious conditions had developed there under the regime of the former superintendents will be in attendance. Alexandria, Va.

## CHANGE OF DATE

The Patron's League will meet on the third Friday instead of on the second, as noted in last week's issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Williams and two children, of Manassas, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Baker.

# HOME TOWN HELPS

## THRIFTY CITIES OF ENGLAND

Municipalities Make Use of Natural Advantages, and Thereby Taxes Are Lessened.

Glasgow sets a splendid example of thrift and enterprise to her sister cities and towns of Great Britain. She does not even scorn to collect and sell her waste paper and to traffic in scrap-iron, thus adding many hundreds a year to her exchequer. Her cleansing department does business with half the counties of Scotland. She owns nearly 1,000 railway wagons, and does a wide range of business, from bog-reclaiming to market gardening and butcher's work.

Manchester takes a good second place with an annual profit of roughly \$40,000. She does an excellent trade in soap, oil, and tallow, and other allied goods of her own manufacture, and employs about 2,000 men in making mortar on a large scale; her cleansing department is the largest in the kingdom, and she makes all kinds of implements, wagons, brushes and machines, while she has converted hundreds of acres of marshland into an agricultural paradise.

Halifax makes a substantial profit to the relief of the rates, from a large quarry which supplies the stone for the paving of her streets; and Maclefield is the owner of two such quarries.

Leds makes such goodly profits from her municipal water, gas and tramways that her highway rates are but half what it would be otherwise, while she has spent more than two million pounds in practically rebuilding the whole of the central part of the city.

## PERGOLA AS AN ORNAMENT

Without Care, This Attractive Addition to House is Worse Than Useless.

It is an age of pergolas; they are budding forth on remodeled houses, incorporated in new houses and added to old houses with an utter disregard of true fitness. They begin nowhere and lead nowhere, they support no vines and consequently furnish no shade, and, in fact, half the time look depressingly like nothing so much as a section of elevated railroad.

The well-used pergola whose framework is covered each of the first few years by the quick growth of annual vines, before the perennials cast enough shade, is the ideal pergola. It must have a use, primarily leading to or leading from somewhere; or be a place to sit in and enjoy, else it misses its point entirely. Sometimes the pergola is built for beauty alone, a curving white section placed at the far side of a pool, or at the end of a tennis court, against a background of green shrubbery, and in that case no one can dispute the use if it pleases the eye.

The pergola has more possibilities than seem at first apparent. If the growth of vines be unsuccessful, a striped canvas awning can be stretched across the rafters, or the entire pergola screened on the inside, which useful scheme need not detract from the beauty.

Two Kinds of City Debt. David Starr Jordan, denouncing extravagant expenditures of our time, is alarmed by the enormous increase of bonded debts of European and American cities.

There is debt and debt. European cities have gone heavily in debt during the past four decades to buy revenue-producing utilities, and those properties are paying for themselves out of their earnings. American cities, on the other hand, have bonded debt almost as rapidly as European cities have utility property of this kind to show for it. Our cities, like our railroads, are used to enrich little groups of citizens, whereas the European cities are withdrawing from such favored groups, the old-fashioned practice of laying a profit on the noses of the people.—Louis Post-Dispatch.

St. Paul Issues Improvement Report. A report that contains an interest discussion of various phases of city building and general municipal development has been issued by the committee of public works of the city. A comprehensive study for the improvement of the city is included.

Farming vs. Agriculture. "Father," said Johnny, "what's the difference between farming and agriculture?"

"Well, son," replied the farmer, "you seed a plot with a harrow and other implements, and by agriculture all you need is a pencil and a copy of paper."

## POPULAR CHOCOLATE

How to Prepare Delicacy All Like With the Cold Meat of Luncheon or Supper.

Materials: English mustard, one-half pound; tumeric, one-half ounce; mustard, two tablespoons; cider vinegar, one-half gallon; brown sugar, one cup; olive oil, one-half cup; cauliflower, one head; tiny cucumbers, one quart; button onions, one quart.

Directions: Cover the cucumbers with strong salt water and let stand over night, drain and wash. Boil the cauliflower, and onions separately. Put the vinegar into the kettle, mix the mustard and tumeric, then stir them into the hot vinegar and stir continuously until it begins to thicken, then add the remaining ingredients and pour this white hot over the well-drained vegetables and cucumbers. Seal jars. Medium-sized cucumbers may be used and cut in pieces, not sliced.

## HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Among the chair seats which come ready to adjust are those of leather, leatherette, wood or cane. Each has some points decidedly in its favor and none is difficult to fasten into place.

Mustard bowls is the name given to the pretty low blue and white bowls, which are quite as nice for bread and milk, or berries and cereal, as for mustard.

To remove iron rust from white material wet the goods with lemon juice, rub on salt and put out in the sun. If the first application fails, try it again.

If salt fish is required for immediate use it will freshen much more quickly if soaked in milk instead of in water. Sour milk will answer as well as sweet.

Mix stove polish with equal parts of household ammonia and turpentine and apply to the cool stove, rub it with a soft woolen cloth.

A porcelain sink can be quickly cleaned with paraffin. Dip a flannel tightly into the paraffin and rub the sink till all stains are removed; then thoroughly wash it with soda water.

About Paprika. Now that paprika is being so much used it is apropos to pass on a hint given by a man who is a connoisseur. He says paprika should be spread out on a paper and left in the sun for three days, which brings out its true flavor, making it far more appetizing. Nearly all cooks are now using it in french dressing. A bit sprinkled on cream cheese is delicious in brown bread sandwiches; and what could be sweeter than a weedy baked potato, that has been broken open enough to put inside a big lump of butter and a generous sprinkling of paprika, all so quickly done that it is—must be served piping hot.

Brown Mushroom Sauce. Open a can of French mushrooms, turn into a bowl and let air one hour. Just before cooking the steak, melt four tablespoons of butter, add two tablespoons of flour, stir and cook till a dark brown, then add one cup of stock if you have it; if not, one cup of water and the liquor of the mushrooms, season with salt, pepper, pinch of sugar, one tablespoonful of table sauce, one tablespoonful of tomato cat sup, one tablespoonful of sherry, and if you use water take a piece of butter the size of an egg. Add mushrooms, put back on stove to heat, but do not cook them as that makes them tough.

Cucumber Sauce. A new use for cucumbers is in a sauce which may be made in quantity and kept to serve from time to time with cold meats and fish. With cucumbers at their best, now is a good time to try this. Use 12 large green cucumbers, one onion, half a teaspoonful of red pepper and one teaspoonful of salt. Chop the onion and cucumbers and squeeze the water out of the latter in a piece of cheesecloth. Add salt and pepper and also one cup of hot vinegar. Mix all thoroughly and bottle in glasses with paraffin over the top.

A Century Hence. "And will you be mine, Helen?" "Yes, Horace!"

In a transport of joy he seized the hand of the young girl and shakes it. To be sure hand-shaking has been declared unsanitary by the best medical authority, but what has such a trivial love as theirs to do with considerations?—Puck.

First Stone Arch Bridge. Said to be the first stone arch bridge erected in this country, the "Choate Bridge, built by Town and County, 1764," as the inscription states, still stands, a monument to the builder, Col. John Choate, at Spanish Springs, it is seemingly as strong as ever.

Nature of the Beast. "I thought surely you'd sell that lot of sausages," said the grocer. "You realized it highly enough."

"I praised it too damned much," said the assistant. "It overtook me and dragged its tail."—New York Evening Post.

Why Dr. C. J. Mearns & Co. get all the business? Just read this and run over our office. Bran new 6-room house with cellar, double deck front porch, another good side porch, galvanized roof, fine wall, fine fruit, 35 acres good land, about 40 cleared, about 25 in timber; this property is located at Independent Hill, one mile of good school, 300 yards from store and post-office, terms \$2,000. The cash balance in 1 and 2 years. C. J. Mearns & Co., 41

Didn't Annoy Him. A gentleman 40 years of age, friend to the opera one night to hear the "Meistersinger" performed. He was very anxious to see the effect of Wagner's glorious music on the countryside, and watched him keenly during the rendering of the overture, which, grand as it is, is a little noisy, more especially when the bang of the drums and the crash of the cymbals occur at intervals.

But the countryman's face remained absolutely unmoved. At last the Londoner could bear his friend's indifference no longer.

"Doesn't this glorious volume of sound affect you?" he said. "Oh, not in the least," was the calm reply. "You forget I'm a bell-maker."—London Tit-Bits.

How the Term Originated. Adam was out one night after Eve thought he should have gone home, and she cried.

He went to work without kissing her next morning, and she cried. She put on a new fig leaf one day, and when he didn't notice it, she cried.

He told her once that her cooking wasn't as good as his mother's would have been if he had had a mother, and she cried.

He let their first wedding anniversary slide by without noting it, and she cried.

He gave her a beautiful diamond ring, and she joyfully wept. Then Adam said to himself: "Now I understand what the poets mean when they say 'Dewy Eve'."—Judge.

Its Probable Reference. "The pen is mightier than the sword," said the ready-made philosopher.

"I don't quite see how the adage applies to current conditions," commented the man with a practical mind. "It probably refers to the fact that the sword as now worn is entirely harmless, while a fountain pen can explode in a way that will ruin a \$45 suit of clothes in five seconds."

Many ills come from impure blood. Can't have pure blood with faulty digestion, lazy liver and sluggish bowels. Burlock Blood Bitters is recommended for strengthening stomach, bowels and liver and purifying the blood.

## HEARD IN MANASSAS

How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong—Kidney ILLs Corrected.

All over Manassas you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Manassas people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Manassas citizens advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

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**D. J. ARRINGTON**  
Manassas, Va.

The following is a partial list of some of the properties I have sold during the past summer:

- J. W. Hill's farm, 1 mile east of Arcola, containing 203 acres, sold to A. E. Erwin, price \$11,500.
- J. W. Nicol's farm, 2 miles north of Sterling, Va., 238 acres to Robt. Cochran of Winterhome, W. Va., price \$17,500.
- David O'Rear's farm to J. W. Hall, containing 100 acres, price \$8,500.
- Dr. Claude Hutchison's farm, 2 miles north of Arcola, to J. M. Spence of Wytheville, Va., price \$5,400.
- S. J. Crouch of Manassas, bought Robert Fleming farm, 3 miles south of Leesburg, containing 150 acres, price \$8,250.
- Walter Jewell farm known as Conner Hall farm, containing 100 acres to C. G. Reynolds of Laurel Branch, W. Va., price \$8,500.
- J. L. Maddox farm, containing 258 acres, to T. Z. Cecil of Potosi, W. Va., price \$11,500.
- T. Z. Cecil store property to J. L. Maddox, price \$5,000.
- J. L. Burser's farm to W. H. Queenberry, of Willis, Va., 243 acres, price \$9,000.

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## BIG ATTENDANCE AT CORN SHOW

The Secretary of the Virginia Corn Growers' Association, Professor Lyman Carrier, states that there is promise of a full attendance at the Corn Show and Convention to be held in Lynchburg on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 6th and 7th.

Success of the event is assured. The officers of the organization have taken great pains to secure a program which will prove attractive and instructive.

A valuable collection of premiums amounting to several hundred dollars have been offered to the exhibitors, assuring a good variety and a number large enough to make a big show. Several hundred exhibitors will enter the contest and make the display the largest of its kind ever accumulated in the State of Virginia at one time.

The railroad officials, attracted by the promise of a large attendance, have offered reduced fares to all who will attend. These reduced fares will be supplied to purchasers on the certificate plan basis; which is, that passengers will pay full fare on the going trip, and on the return trip tickets will be sold for three-fifths of the regular fare plus 25 cents. In purchasing tickets to Lynchburg for the going trip passengers should mention the Corn Show to the selling agent and secure a receipt, or certificate, showing the purchase.

There is a practical value arising from the holding of a contest of this character. It will encourage better yields at a lower cost and with a minimum amount of labor.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

- Same old whistles,
- Same old bells,
- Same old parties,
- Same old yells,
- Same old dinners,
- Same old calls,
- Same old music,
- Same old balls,
- Same old flowers,
- Same old frills,
- Same old hopes and
- Same old bills,
- Same old greetings,
- Same old dread,
- Same old temptation—
- Same old head—
- Same old pledges,
- Same old brags,
- Same old promise,
- Same old jags,
- Same old noses,
- Same bright lights,
- Same old crowds and
- Same old fights,
- Same old brightness,
- Same old cheer,
- Same old happy,
- Glad New Year!

—Puck.

## EPICRAMS OF GAYNOR

There are people who think they are pious when they are only bilious.

The last thing we should try to do in this world is to force our religious opinions and prejudices on others.

Some people say that they do not believe in God even. I do not believe them. No one can sincerely say that.

You ask me to give an interview saying what I would say to the readers of 3,000 newspapers. I would say to them to be very careful about believing all they see in newspapers.

I know of no place where there is more philosophy than in a barn yard. You can learn much from animals. Within their circle they know much more than we do.

He who cares to do no more than he is paid for will never be paid for more than he does.

Public opinion is most always in the wrong. It is so bad that we think it includes everybody, whereas, in fact, it may include very few. One straggling grasshopper in the angle of a fence makes more noise than the whole noble herd of cattle near by.

W. J. Gaynor, late Mayor of New York.

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## VALUABLE SEEDS PLACED IN VAULTS

Seeds which are scarcer than any jewel and which, if destroyed or lost, could not be replaced, have recently been placed in the safety deposit vaults of the Union Trust Company and the Seaboard National Bank by the Luther Burbank Company. They represent more than a quarter of a century of work by the "plant wizard," and are waiting the coming spring, when they will be planted. One is a new kind of flax, from the oil of which artists' paint is made, and the other is a cereal, known as quino, to take the place of wheat, oats and barley. There is not a peck of these seeds in the world. They are not for sale, but have been developed to supply two needs of the commercial world. Burbank says that the oil from this seed is what manufacturers of painters' materials have endeavored for years to produce; that is, absolutely neutral. The seed is of large size, and a big oil producer. The plant grows well in California.

## MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

Hereafter there will be no marriage licenses issued in this state which will not contain a marriage certificate to be furnished to every couple wedded in Virginia. The auditor has prepared a new form of license, and attached to this will be a certificate which the laws of the state will compel the officiating clergyman or person performing a marriage to fill out and detach and hand to the newly wedded pair immediately on the conclusion of the ceremony. In the past there have been a few occasions when couples have been given a certificate by the officiating minister, and there are a large number of cases in which the ministers have failed to return the marriage license after performing a ceremony, so that no record is extant of some thousands of marriages in Virginia. The new form of license will be distributed throughout the state not later than the first of the new year.

# TOPICS OF THE TOWN

## MANASSAS MARKETS.

(Corrected every Thursday)

Wheat	90
Flour (1st grade)	6.00
Flour (2nd grade)	5.50
Middlings	1.80
Butter	1.50
Bran	.30
Eggs	.32
Ham	.20
Shoulder	.16
Bacon	.16
Young Chickens	.14
Chickens	.12
Potatoes	1.00
Lard	.15
Dressed Hogs	.18

Happy New Year to all. Major James R. Purcell, of Gainesville, was a Manassas visitor this week.

W. O. Tavenner, of Orange, was the guest of friends in Manassas Sunday.

Miss Edna Davis, of Manassas, is visiting friends in Alexandria during the holidays.

Mr. Stuart Bivens spent Christmas vacation with his family in Manassas last week.

Harry Kozetz, of Washington, arrived in Manassas Monday for a visit to former friends.

Bill Strickler, of Front Royal, was among our well known visitors here this past week.

Douglas Clark, of Washington, is the guest of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Clark.

Richard Haydon, returns to Occoquan to attend to his school duties which begin next day.

Eddie Nicol and Mr. Bitzer, of Alexandria, were the guests of friends in Manassas last week.

Hubert Moon, of Burke, a former student of Manassas High School, visited here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Portner, of Philadelphia, returned to their home near Manassas last Monday.

Thomas Gulick, of Washington, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gulick, last week.

B. Conway Taylor, of Baltimore, has returned after a visit to friends and relatives in Manassas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharpe, of Nokesville, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb.

Miss Theo Brown, of Washington, has returned to her home after being the guest of Miss Mamie Lipscomb.

Quite a number attended the dance given by Misses Alberta and Leone Davis at their home in Bristow last night.

W. B. Walker, of Greensboro, N. C., has returned after a visit at the home of his father, W. J. Walker in Manassas.

Mrs. Robert Donahue and little daughter, of Washington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb this week.

"The Adventures of Kathlyn," by Harold MacGrath, begins in next Sunday's Washington Star. Order a copy from your newsdealer.

G. Raymond Ratcliffe spent a short while as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ratcliffe, at their home in Dumfries, last Thursday.

The first letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown last Friday. They state that they are highly enjoying their tour of the foreign countries.

Mrs. Wm. Moore, of Bayard, was formerly Miss Alice Laws, a student at Eastern College, stopped off in Manassas last Sunday as the guest of Miss Amelia Brown.

Next Friday afternoon at three o'clock, at the home of Mr. C. Round, the W. C. T. U. will hold a "Mother's Meeting," to celebrate the birthday of "Madam Willard." All are cordially invited.

W. R. Bullock returns to Victoria, Va., this week after spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Bullock and his daughter, Miss Flora. Since going to Victoria several weeks ago, Mr. Bullock has made several sales of handsome horses.

J. J. Dunbar, of Culpeper, spent Christmas and the last Sunday with relatives in Manassas.

Charlie Bell, of Washington, was the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. F. S. Brand, last Sunday.

Miss Sue Brawner, of Broad Run, spent several days last week with friends in Manassas.

Dr. John Hooe Iden, of Annapolis, Md., is the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Iden.

W. J. Walker and son, Beverly, were the guests of friends and relatives in Alexandria last Sunday.

E. B. Giddings spent Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. C. G. Giddings, at her home in Leesburg.

Mrs. L. I. Anderson and son, of Catharpin, are spending several days visiting in Washington this week.

Mr. Joseph Bumpus, of Huntington, W. Va., was a guest at the home of J. W. Todd this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Waters went to Washington last Saturday, where they attended the theatre.

Miss Blanche Ransdell left this week for Salisbury, N. C., where she will visit her brother, Ernest Ransdell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Allen, of Nokesville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Allen Christmas Day.

Miss Marie Simpson, of Clarendon, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Alberta Davis, at her home in Bristow.

Mr. Lawrence Hurdle, of Washington, is the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis, of Bristow.

Many Manassas young people attended the New Year's German given at Elks Hall, in Alexandria, last night.

Miss Edith Beachley has returned to her home at Myersville, Md., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Beachley.

Miss Neville Dogan will return the last of the week to the State Normal School at Harrisonburg, where she is a student.

H. D. Hiner, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived in Manassas last Tuesday morning for a visit to his father, J. T. Hiner.

Mrs. J. H. Giddings and two children, of Germantown, Md., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Giddings.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe entertained a number of their friends at cards last Monday. The affair proved a very enjoyable one.

Joseph Gulick returns the last of the week to Colgate University, New York, after spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gulick.

Misses Annette and Edith Bell, of Washington, who have been the guests at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. F. S. Brand, return tomorrow to their home.

Mr. Duraine and W. H. Lipscomb, of Plainfield, N. J., and Mrs. Robert Donahue, of Washington, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharpe, at Nokesville.

Mr. Paul Alexander Morrison, of Bethesda, Md., and Miss Hattie Pauline Roby, of Washington, were married in Manassas on Christmas Day. Rev. J. W. Wright, of the United Brethren Church, officiating.

Dr. B. F. Iden has issued invitations to the medical profession of Manassas, for a Star Dinner to be given at his residence on Centre street this afternoon. The affair will undoubtedly be a very delightful one, and is given in compliment to the local profession.

The new heating plant which is being installed at Eastern College gymnasium, will be in running order the last of the week, much to the joy of those who attend the basketball games and other functions at this place, and are forced to sit in the unheated hall.

The Monogram Dance to be given by the Club of that name at the Ruffner High School building tonight, will no doubt prove a very enjoyable affair, and will be very attended by members of the Club and High School students.

Baptismal Service at Trinity Church Sunday at fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock. The usual morning service and the celebration of the Holy Communion at eleven o'clock. Public cordially invited to attend both services.

Will O'Shea and Frank Fields, students at Catholic University, Washington, were here several days this week visiting Edward Lynch. Dr. Wm. Cooper, of the same university, came down and joined the boys in a hunt for one day.

Miss Elizabeth Todd, of Covington, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Todd this week.

Miss Ollie Cooksey has returned to Manassas after a short visit to friends in Washington.

Miss Mary Sorg spent a few days in Baltimore this week, as the guest of friends and relatives.

Miss Luck Uhler, of Alexandria, has returned to her home after a visit to Miss Mattie Ransdell.

Stuart Tulloss, of Washington, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ransdell last week.

Bryce Bayley, of Markham, was the guest of friends in Manassas for a short while last week.

Kirk C. Miller, of Washington, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis at Bristow last week.

C. Shirley Leachman, of Alexandria, has returned to his home after a visit to his father, C. C. Leachman.

Mrs. R. S. Hynson left Monday for a few days visit to the home of her sister, Mrs. James Kinchloe, of Upperville.

Eugene Marstellet, of Washington, was the guest of friends and relatives in Manassas and Bristow the past week.

Misses Ora Mason and Ada Kinchloe have returned to their home in Upperville after a visit to Mrs. L. Frank Pattie.

John W. Yowall, of Culpeper, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Quarles last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alonzo, of Washington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Beachley last week.

C. E. Collins spent Christmas day and the last of the week with relatives at his former home in Marshall.

Miss Mattie Studds, of Alexandria, arrived yesterday for a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Allen.

Miss Julia Stevens, of Washington, was the guest of Miss Marie Herrell for several days the past week.

Mrs. Barfield, of Washington, has been visiting friends and relatives in Manassas and vicinity the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Emerson and baby, of Alexandria, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Lynch last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pitts have returned from Elk Hill, Va., where they spent Christmas with Mr. Pitts's parents.

Miss Faith Chapman, of Washington, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Chapman last week.

Gray C. Buck has returned to Mobile, Ala., after spending Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Buck, at Bristow.

Rev. and Mrs. Harwood Myers, of Cortland, Va., will return this week after a visit to Rev. Myers's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Myers.

Messrs. Harry and Norman Buckley, of Gainesville, were among the many who were guests of the German Club last Friday night.

Latest reports from R. Basil Cockrell, who recently underwent an operation at a Washington hospital, is that he is doing nicely and rapidly improving.

We acknowledge receipt of a beautiful office calendar presented by the National Band of Manassas. The picture represents General Jackson on horseback.

At the Presbyterian Church the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday morning, Jan. 4. Members of other churches are welcome to participate.

Edward E. Carrico, age twenty-two years, and Miss Annie E. Embrey, eighteen years old, both of Catletts, were married in Washington last Tuesday by the Rev. W. A. Melvin.

W. L. Buck, of Atlanta Ga., who has been visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Buck, at Bristow, left last Tuesday on a business trip to New York, after which he will return to Georgia.

Word was received here this week from Daniel J. McDevitt, of Philadelphia, who last year was a graduate of Eastern College. Mr. McDevitt has recently arrived home from Phoenix, Arizona, where he has been playing baseball since the season in Wisconsin closed in September. He expects to re-enter Eastern on sixth of January and this news will be received joyfully as McDevitt was the mainstay of the basketball and baseball teams last year.

TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE NEW ELECTRIC SERVICE

The Washington Suburban Electric Company, of Washington, have become firmly established in their headquarters in Manassas. Their stock consisting of electrical supplies and fixtures of every description is being installed and they are now prepared to do any kind of work along the lines of electric lighting. You should be prepared now to have your home wired and fitted for electric lighting. Let them give you an estimate on wiring your home or place of business. This company is at your service and asks your share of patronage. Don't forget that their place of business here is in the "Old Journal Building," on Main st.

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**NEWS OF THE TOWN**

Old Taylor, of Baltimore, guest at the home of Mr. F. E. Garrison today.

Mrs. F. E. Garrison today and Mrs. John A. Payne, were the guests of Mr. R. W. Payne last week.

Wade C. Payne, of Gainesville, was the guest of friends and relatives in Manassas this week.

Martha Turner was among many Washingtonians who led the German last Friday.

Thedia Waters has returned to Washington after a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. and Mrs. Cam Sillings, of Washington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. and Mrs. J. E. last week.

Marceline Gatling, of Norfolk, was the guest of Miss Ruth at her home in Manassas last week.

Beale and children, of Washington, were guests at the home of Capt. and Mrs. J. E. last week.

C. Ryckman was a guest of Mr. Freeman, of Washington, at the Belasco theatre party at the Belasco theatre Christmas.

Miss Burtless, of Roanoke, has the guest of Miss Francis at her home in Manassas the past week.

Miss H. F. Tompkins, of Washington, was the guest of daughter, Mrs. Hawes T. last Sunday.

Miss Louise Walker will return first of the week from Barroville, where she has been during the vacation.

The National Banks here are closed today in the celebration of New Year, also the postoffice having shortened hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Lillard, of Anson, N. C., are the guests of Mrs. Lillard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant.

Edward Strother and sister, Sue Strother, of Markham, are the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Round this week.

Miss May Simpson, of Glendon, visited her cousins, Misses Marta and Leone Davis at their home in Bristow this week.

Among the many presents made laster Jack Ratcliffe, was a handsome little shetland pony cart, a present from Santa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hopkins returned to Washington after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. S. Hopkins.

Mr. Weir Waters, of Culpeper, arrived in Manassas yesterday for New Year's Day, and on his return will be accompanied by his wife and son.

The Manassas High School basketball squad is taking advantage of the Christmas holidays, and each time in the afternoons is devoted to practice at Eastern College gymnasium. Although many of the candidates have returned to their homes during the vacation, about two teams assemble on the floor each afternoon, and much progress is being made in development. Because of a suitable place to use for practice was not decided upon until late in the season, Manager Carroll Rice is having some difficulty in arranging his schedule.

The Christmas German, given by the Manassas Club in connection with the social season here and proved to be one of the most pleasing dances of the year. It was well attended by local members and a host of guests were present. So pleased were the many dancing couples at the usual end of the dance which comes at two o'clock was extended for an extra half hour and afforded the young people much pleasure. The evening was made by the absence of lights. The electric plant in connection with the hall was out of commission and the lights which were furnished burned only a short while.

**NOKESVILLE**

Mrs. L. V. Free is visiting relatives here.

Miss Anna Beahm is visiting in Hagerstown, Md., and Waynesboro, Pa.

Mr. Cecil Borst has returned to his home in Brandy very much improved.

Miss Mary S. Jones is spending the holidays at her home in Frederickburg.

Mr. John Swartz spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Benjamin Hedrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wright spent the holidays with friends in Washington.

The last meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Free.

Mr. J. C. Harrell and family spent the week-end with his parents in Markham.

Mrs. J. C. Gordon and daughter, Cornelia, visited her home in Brandy last week.

Mr. Ray Hedrick and family, of Alexandria, are visiting his father, Mr. John Hedrick.

Miss Lelia Green attended the Christmas German at Manassas on last Thursday evening.

Mr. Henry Markwood, of Ravenswood, W. Va., is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Allen spent Christmas day in Manassas with their son, Mr. G. G. Allen.

Mr. George B. Schadmann, of Washington, was the guest of Mr. S. H. Hinegardner the past week.

Mr. Henry King and family, of Manassas, are visiting Mr. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. King.

Miss Minnie Bettis, of Washington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bettis.

Miss Lois Mooney, of Washington, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mooney.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bodine and Mr. H. U. Jones were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Walters have returned from a visit in Washington, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Mr. W. L. Houchins, of Philadelphia, the former cashier of the Nokesville Bank, is the guest of his cousin, Mr. Walter Hooker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones, of Fairfax, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Allen during the holidays, have returned home.

The students and teachers of Hebron Seminary have returned after spending the holidays at their homes. School re-opened on Monday.

The Christmas trees at the Lutheran and Episcopal Church given for the benefit of the Sunday Schools were quite a success and well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Eichelberger had as their guests on Christmas day, Mr. Fred Eichelberger, of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Allen, of Catlett.

Miss Sate Burke, of Pittsburg, Pa., visited her brother, Mr. J. R. Burke, this week. Miss Burke is en route to Lake Helen, Florida, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Merchant, of Manassas, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrell on Christmas day, and attended the Christmas entertainment at the Episcopal Church on Christmas evening.

Mr. John King, of this place, and Miss Ethel Williams, of Catlett, who were quietly married on December 22, at the parsonage in Catlett, are spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. King.

C. H. Yarborough, director of the High School, returned this week from his home near Richmond, where he spent Christmas.

**SOME NEW YEAR DON'TS.**

Don't sprinkle salt on the tail of temptation.

Don't try to get the better of a man who hasn't any.

Don't snore in church. It's mean to keep others awake.

Don't be satisfied to pay as you go. Save enough to get back.

Don't get married with the sole idea that misery loves company.

Don't follow the beaten track unless you are satisfied to remain beaten.

Don't accept advice from a man who never offers you anything else.

Don't expect Opportunity to come to you with a letter of introduction.

Don't trust to luck. Ninety-ninths of the people in the world guess wrong.

Don't buy your friends. They never last as long as those you make yourself.

Don't envy the rise of others. Many a man who gets to the top is mere froth.

Don't greet misfortune with a smile unless you are prepared for a one-sided flirtation.

Don't make good resolutions unless you constantly carry a repair kit with you.

Don't place too much confidence in appearances. Many a man with a red nose is white all the way through.

Don't forget in times of peace to prepare for war. That's about the only use some of us seem to have for peace.

Don't fail to have an object in view. Many a man leads such an aimless existence that he could fire at random without hitting it. — Lippincott's.

**NOKESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EXERCISES**

An inspiring and edifying exercise was given by the children of the Lutheran Church, at Nokesville, on Christmas Eve. The church was artistically decorated with evergreen, etc., and lighted with candles giving a beautiful setting for an almost perfect exercise. Most of the children had never been in an entertainment before and yet we detected no signs of stage fright. The excellent attention on the part of the audience which filled the house means that the service was appreciated. The children deserve much credit. But the success of the exercises is due to the splendid service of Mrs. Berkle who had the training in charge. Most cheerfully and patiently she did this work which was placed in her hands only a very short time before the time set for the service. Congratulations are due Mrs. Wise on the decorations which she had in charge. Every child in the audience was made happy by a nice treat of candy and oranges. The Fatherless children at Salem were remembered by a large free will offering.

**UNCLE SAM'S AGENTS GATHER INFORMATION**

Persons failing to make returns as required by the new income law will have to reckon with Uncle Sam. Officers of the federal government Tuesday visited the office of the auditor of public accounts in Richmond and made lists of those who have paid income taxes and those who have not. These lists are to be used by the officers when they begin their investigations, which are to include a personal visit to every person in the State to find out what his income is.

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**ROLL OF HONOR**

Roll of honor for Minnie Vane School for the month of December. Enrollment for month 42. Daily attendance 36.85.

**GRAMMAR GRADES**

Franklin Strobert Lawrence Strobert  
Pauline Carter Clara Carter  
Luce Charis  
Luce Charis  
Annie Brawner Pauline Brawner  
Florence Helen Paulovich  
Annie Stolarik Lena Strobert  
Elsie Windsor Henry Carter  
Dannie Alexander Paul Clark  
Willie Brawner

**PRIMARY GRADES**

Philip Carter Halcom Curtis  
Archie Curtis Thomas Dane  
Vernie Gordon Allen Jones  
Samuel Jones Willie Windsor  
Charlie Windsor Clarence Bailey  
Faith Brawner Frances Griffith  
Julia Strobert Helen Strobert  
Ruth Bailey Rowena Windsor  
Pauline Posey Lydia Bushey  
Mailla Bushey Joseph Stefko

**W. Y. ELLICOTT, Teacher.**

**ROLL OF HONOR**

Roll of honor for perfect attendance for month of December from Bradley School.

**PRIMARY GRADES**

Ruth Bibb Claude Bibb  
Roosevelt Hensley Lawrence Long  
John Cornwell

**THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES**

Ola Woodyard Nette Cornell  
Grace Long Maude Hensley  
Alma Armentrout

**SIXTH GRADE**

Joe Long

I wish to express through your paper our appreciation of the kind remembrance of our people and friends before and since Christmas began. Not only are these gifts appreciated for their intrinsic value but because of the spirit that prompted the giving. May God abundantly bless each one through the coming year by bestowing upon each his love and approval.

Your brother in Christ,  
E. A. ROADS.

**Croup and Cough Remedy.**

Croup is a terrible disease; it attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, N. H., writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you. 50c and \$1.00. A bottle should be in every home. At all Druggists. H. E. Beckler & Co., Phila. or St. Louis.

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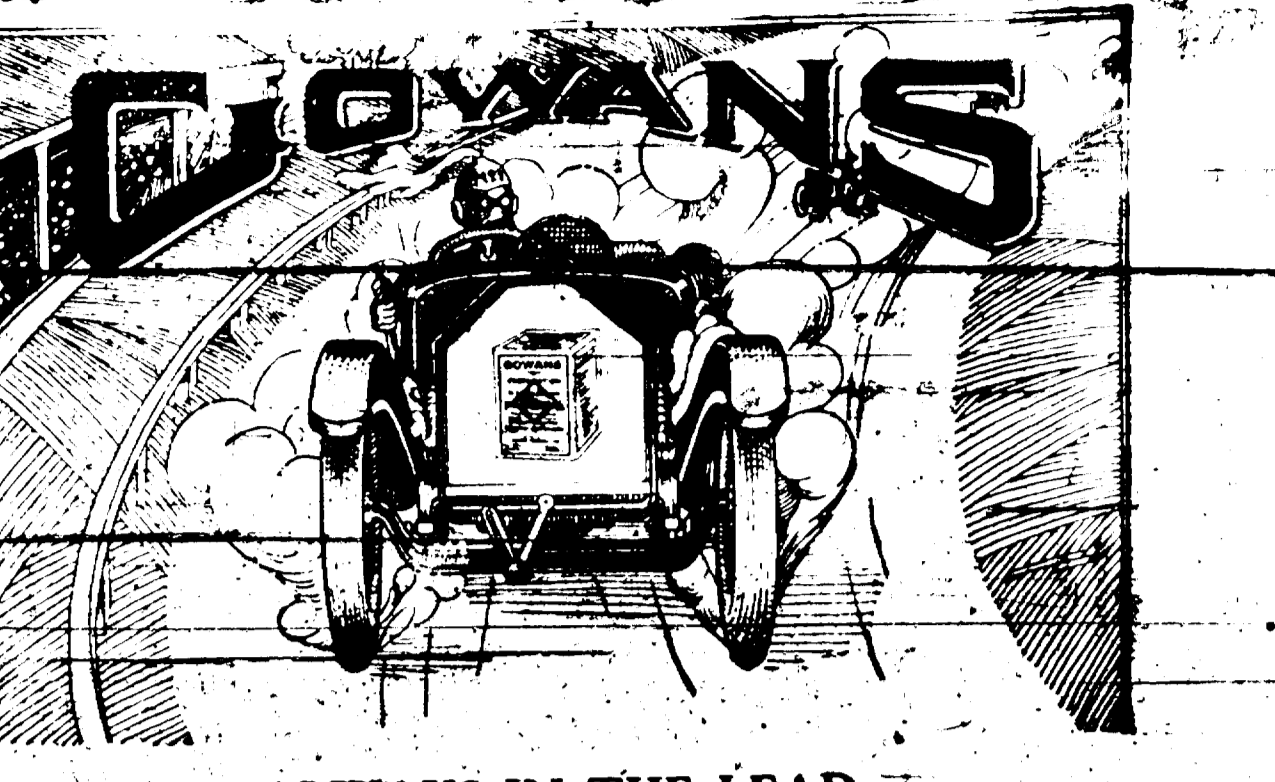
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on North Main Street, where will be found everything that a housekeeper needs, from a teapoon up to a fine bedroom suit; iron and wood beds to suit the most tasteful bride as well as the most economical mother. Also gifts for the best girl and her beau. Now as winter is here and Christmas draws on, come along and furnish your house with such goods as can be seen at this store. Don't fail to ask for any and every thing, excepting something to eat and wear. Come one, come all, and give us a call. Respectfully,  
S. T. HALL.

# HOME TOWN HELPS

## BILLBOARD AS A NUISANCE

Unnecessary and Unsightly, There is Absolutely No Reason for its Existence.

There is evidence that the movement against the billboard nuisance is becoming national. There is evidence that it is accomplishing things in spite of local reverses inflicted by unprogressive judges too ready with injunctions or of slothful and incompetent officials.

It is stated that in New York state nearly 100,000 signs illegally posted on the highways have been torn down. Hundreds of business men have formally pledged themselves to discourage the illegal billboard nuisance.

But what of the legal billboard nuisance? Sooner or later the statutes and ordinances against the former nuisance will be vitiated by public sentiment. But it is supposed to be all but impossible to regulate billboards placed on private property. Are citizens interested in civic progress to admit defeat in this direction? No, means.

France, it appears has abated the billboard nuisance along the principal lines of travel by means of a high tax. "The right to tax," we know, "is the right to destroy." Cannot ugly, offensive and depressing billboards be taxed out of existence? The plan is being advocated in New York by a commission that has just reported on the subject, as well as by citizens and newspapers, and it is worthy of attention elsewhere.—New York Sun.

## PROVIDING FOR SHADE TREES

Maine Town Has a Method That Would Seem to Be Well Worth Copying.

A novel method of providing and maintaining shade trees for the streets is in effect in Farmington, Me. where a disastrous fire twenty years ago killed practically all the trees. Following this fire some of the philanthropic citizens of the town originated the plan which is in effect today.



Street in Maine Town, Where Each Tree is Maintained by a Citizen.

and under which each tree is bought, set out and cared for by some one person. Each tree bears a number, and in the courthouse there is a map showing the location of each tree and the name of the donor. Many trees are maintained by former residents of the town.—Popular Mechanics.

## Model English Homes.

In speaking of the housing of the working classes by the London county council at Tottenham, a northern suburb of London, Mr. Watrous said:

"There within reach of the very poorest are airy and substantial dwelling places with all facilities, recreational and otherwise, of a class seldom to be met with in the United States.

"It is a fine thing when a municipality buys land, builds the premises and rents them at a nominal sum to the working classes. We were so impressed with the wonderful success of the Tottenham scheme that we have brought back photographs of the dwellings and other useful details concerning them with the idea of utilizing them as a model in our own country."

## School Wall Flower.

A word ought to be said about your duty to the students who are always left out of things. Many a real tragedy has been silently lived by misunderstood or disliked boys and girls at schools. If you are one of them, make up your mind that you will be agreeable. Don't resent it; that only makes it worse. Just be cheerful and patient; watch yourself to see if you have any little qualities that make you an undesirable companion; try to live every body—and you will soon find people liking you. If you are one of the popular set be on the lookout to check those who are among the "left out." You will be surprised at the pleasure you will find and at the sweetness of some of the friendships thus formed.—Christian Herald.

## A weighty Work.

I wish you would send me a dictionary or paraphrase. "Certainly," replied the bookkeeper. The boy with delivery K on his way home tonight. "But I want it in German." "Oh! Then I must send it in a wagon."—Puck.

## A Suggestion.

"Are electric wires quick-tempered steel?" "Why do you ask that?" "Because it seems so dangerous to cross them."

## BLACK ART IN WEST AFRICA

Natives Freely Acknowledge Guilt, Even When They Know It Means Their Death.

Early in 1911 a deputation from one of the larger towns of West Africa brought two prisoners, father and son, before the commissioner at Oban. They were accused of having, in crocodile form, killed two women while the latter were crossing the river. As they refused to swear their innocence on the dominant ju-ju of the town, they were brought before the "white man," who naturally decided that there was no case against them. The deputation, however, had not finished with the matter. On returning home another ju-ju was invoked, with the result that the son confessed that both he and his father were guilty, and that they had killed and eaten seven other men and women.

Strangely enough, people accused of this heinous power nearly always acknowledge their guilt, even when fully aware that such confession will probably cost them their lives. Awa Ita, an old woman of Oban, was suspected of being "a snake-sout," and of sending out her familiar every night to lick a wound on her husband's ankle while he slept, and so prevent it from healing. The chiefs of the Egbo society summoned her before their degraded tribunal, and she was condemned to death.

## HERE'S QUESTION FOR ANGLER

What Sort of Fish Hook Did Our Remote Ancestors Use? Is Up for Discussion.

What sort of hooks did our ancestors use? Our really remote ancestors, when wild in wood the noble savage ran? I am inclined to agree with the American view that the earliest type of hook, if hook it can be called, was a straight bit of flint buried in the bait. When the fish had swallowed the bit of meat, or whatever the bait was, the tightening of the line pulled the flint across its throat, and as it stuck there, the fish could be hauled ashore without more ado. Perhaps some bright innovator of that misty past saw day tried a bit of flint which had a double curve like a pair of buffalo horns, and found it effective, and perhaps out of that developed the genuine double hook, which seems to have been a very early form. And perhaps the single hook that came into being because it was realized that one hand was as efficient as two for most purposes.—London Telegraph.

## Sheep Ran into Kitchen.

An amusing incident occurred recently in Perth, Scotland, a sheep, one of a flock which was being driven down Leonard street, finding its way into a dwelling house, to be brought back to the fold only after the tenant of the house had been caused much annoyance and inconvenience. As is often the case when sheep are being driven through a town, one of the animals showed a tendency to stray from the flock. A street dog which happened to be in the vicinity gave chase, and succeeded in herding the frightened sheep up the stairs of its master's house. The animal was chased right into the kitchen of the house, to the great amazement of the lady owner, who shut the door of her kitchen pending the arrival of the shepherd. The drover arrived in due course, and after no little difficulty the refractory sheep was restored to the fold.

## Sensitiveness a Blessing.

Good news is announced by the Austrian specialist, Dr. Rekkel-Fernor, who declares that sensitiveness is a blessing, and that, so far from trying to avoid it, the holiday-maker should welcome it. The doctor was led to this discovery by the observation that patients sent on sea voyages got surprisingly well, despite the fact that they were continually seasick, and ought by theory to have been weakened. On the other hand, patients who were not seasick benefited only to a normal extent. "It is quite plain," says the doctor, "that sensitiveness is an essential part of the sea cure. People, it is true, have died from eating, exercise and other necessary and desirable things."

## Necessity for Stumber.

How much sleep is necessary for a man? The question was raised centuries ago by Montaigne: "Philistines," he wrote, "may consider whether sleep be so necessary that our life must needs depend on it, for we find that Perseus, king of Macedon, prisoner at Rome, being kept from sleep, was made to die; but Plinius saith that some have lived a long time without any sleep at all." And Hippocrates reporteth there are nations where men sleep and make by half years. And those that write the life of Epimenides the Wise affirm that he slept the continual space of sixty years."

## Panhandling.

Webster's new International dictionary defines panhandler as "a beggar who accosts people on the street to beg from them," and characterizes the noun as " slang or cant." The word does not occur in Webster's Pan-Farmer's great dictionary of slang. Probably the verb from which the noun is formed means simply "to handle a pan," that is, to ask for alms and to hold out a dish for the reception. The word is generally used for one who begs and holds out a pan to which money is to be placed.

## ALL WORTHY A TRIAL

DISHES POPULAR IN MEXICO MAY BE APPRECIATED HERE.

Highly Flavored But Tasty Are All These Recipes—Delicious Chile Sauce—Turkey Dressing Our Southern Neighbors Like.

Chile Sauce.—Take a half peck of ripe tomatoes, three green peppers, three large onions, five cups of brown sugar, one teaspoonful each of ground allspice, cloves and cinnamon. Chop the onions and peppers together, put in a preserving kettle with two and a half cups of vinegar and boil for an hour and a half, salt to taste. Bottle. Red Chile Sauce (Chile Colorado).—Take six large ripe tomatoes, three tablespoonfuls of brown sugar, one spoon each of ground ginger and cinnamon; half a spoon of ground cloves; one cup of vinegar; half a spoon of ground mustard; one pod of dry red pepper; two large white onions, a bit of clove or garlic. Cook until it thickens. Bottle and it will keep indefinitely.

Chicken With Almond Sauce.—Boil a chicken, either whole or cut in pieces, add onion, a parrot, a bit of garlic, a piece of ham, some thyme, sweet marjoram and a half cup of vinegar, the chicken when cooked to be served with the following sauce: Grind four ounces of almonds, heat a little lard with a clove of garlic well mashed, then dissolve a little flour in some of the stock and stir, to prevent browning too much. Add a piece of butter and a ladle full of stock. Incorporate the almonds, the ham and parsley, chopped fine; add salt, pepper and a dash of nutmeg. Chop two hard-boiled eggs, fine chopped, put in chicken and boil. This is a dish fit for a king. It is said that it was the one Spanish dish to which the Aztecs took kindly.

Turkey Dressing.—Until within the last few years, after the introduction of the American cooking stove, Mexicans rarely baked fowls, as they prefer their fowls and meats boiled. The following recipe for cooking and dressing turkeys is followed by the housekeepers on all the haciendas (plantations) and not a few city cooks. It is a variation from the baked turkey of the United States. Clean the turkey or fowl, spread with lard and pepper, put on in a large pot, and boil. When nearly done take out and stuff with this dressing: Five small green onions, five apples that have been boiled and mashed through a colander, four ounces of ham cut into small bits, pepper and salt. Fry this all together until done, stuff the turkey, put back in pot and boil until done. Remove from pot; have ready a large, deep vessel in which there is boiling lard. Put in the turkey, and turn frequently so that it may be browned on all sides.

## Date Biscuits.

Mix and sift two cups of pastry flour, four teaspoons baking powder, and one-half teaspoon salt. Work in two tablespoonfuls butter, then add gradually three-fourth cup of milk. Toss onto floured board, roll to one-third inch thickness and shape with small round cutter, first dipped in flour. On half the pieces place a date, from which the stone has been removed, brush round edges with melted butter, cover with remaining pieces, press edges firmly together, place in buttered pan and bake in a hot oven from 12 to 15 minutes.

## Escalloped Oysters.

This amount is for two. Use one pint of oysters. Roll into fine crumbs a dozen and a half of crackers. Take a quart (enamelled or enameled) dish, better if well, then put in a layer of the cracker crumbs to cover the bottom, then cover with a layer of oysters and bits of butter and a little shake of pepper and salt, and so on alternately, until oysters are used, having last layer of oysters. Then pour over the top the oyster liquor. Add a cup of milk with an egg beaten up in it. Put in oven and bake about three-quarters of an hour. Delicious.

## Parsley Jelly.

This is a very economical jelly and delicious. Take any quantity of parsley, cover with water and boil about half an hour. Then run through the jelly bag, measure and allow one cup of sugar to one cup of juice, add two or three rose geranium leaves, which give a fine flavor. Now boil all together until it becomes as thick as honey.

## Jim Roll.

Two eggs, their weight in flour and butter and six quite in powdered sugar, two teaspoons of baking powder, wash butter, mix ingredients, lastly eggs. Bake ten minutes; spread on buttered paper, then spread jam and roll.

## Maple Candy.

One cup powdered sugar, one-half cup maple syrup, one-fourth cup cream. Boil until a soft ball is formed in cold water. Take from the stove and stir in one-half cup fat meats, stir until creamy, drop by spoonfuls on buttered paper.

## About Tea Pots.

To keep tea pots that are seldom used from smelling musty, wipe them out very dry after using and put a lump of loaf sugar inside, leaving the lid open.

## When Feasting Eggs.

When beating the whites of eggs always add a pinch of cream of tartar when they are about half beaten. This is excellent as it keeps the eggs from falling before being used.

## DELINQUENT LAND SALE

Lands in Prince William County, Va., Delinquent for the Non-Payment of Taxes for the Year 1912

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# COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst. I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework. I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off. I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

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Advertisement for 1847 ROGERS BROS. silverware, featuring an image of a silver spoon and text describing the quality and variety of their products.

Advertisement for PENMANSHIP, offering a complete course in penmanship by the HARRIS SCHOOL.

Advertisement for New Shoe Shop for Manassas, offering repairs and cleaning services.

Advertisement for W. E. HARRIS, President Harris School of Penmanship, located in BRISTOW, VIRGINIA.

Advertisement for D. E. Woodyard, Hebron Seminary, NOKESVILLE, VIRGINIA.

Advertisement for J. I. RANDALL CO., Blacksmiths and Machinists, offering services in Manassas and Manassas Park.

Advertisement for College Preparatory, English, Scientific, Commercial, English-Bible, Music, and Short Agricultural Courses.

Advertisement for SPECIAL PORTRAITURE, offering new styles on mountings and a new method of lighting.

Advertisement for RESIDENT TRUSTEE, Hebron Seminary, Nokesville, Virginia.

Large advertisement for Harman's Studio, featuring a portrait of a woman and text about the beauty of your figure and the quality of their photography.



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## THE PARCEL POST AND THE FARM

In his annual report Postmaster-General Burleson shows that the parcel post has earned a surplus for the postoffice department instead of being an added burden, as its enemies declared it would be. The farmer has derived greater benefit from this innovation than any other individual. It enables him to do most of his shopping without losing the time necessary to go to town and back. It brings him into closer touch with the consumer, who also is benefited. Canada, seeing the success made by Postmaster Burleson, is about to adopt the same system, the Canadian statesman and newspapers arguing that if farmers will make use of the parcel post the cost of living can be materially reduced. This year Postmaster Burleson will increase the maximum weight of packages to fifty pounds, and will make further improvements in the service. Considering that the postoffice department entered an unexplored sea in establishing the parcel post the service has been admirable. With the parcel post the man on a small farm can build up a business of his own. He can give his farm a distinctive name, and by supplying only the best products in his line he will be assured of always obtaining the highest prices. The parcel post makes it possible for the enterprising person who works a small farm to be independent. Persons living in the cities must be fed, and it is up to the small farmers to supply the wants of the urban dwellers. With a fifty-pound limit on parcels the farmer can ship and receive most of the stuff which enters into every day life. The express companies are going to reduce rates, hoping to retain some of the business, but the parcel post will leave them only a share of the pie.—National Weekly.

## PRESERVE RADIUM ON PUBLIC LAND

The medical discovery that radium may prove efficient as a remedy for cancer has prompted Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, to ask congress to pass a law empowering the president to reserve to the United States all rights and ownership in radium bearing ores found in public lands.

Experts of the federal bureau of mines have been conducting searches for radium bearing lands and have located tracts in various sections of the country. The secretary of the interior would have congress authorize the president to withdraw such lands in order that the federal government may retain control of the ores which contain the powerful curative known as radium.

The application of radium as a cure for cancer in the case of Representative Robert G. Bremner, of New Jersey, was the immediate cause of the recommendation relative to radium bearing lands embodied in a letter on the subject addressed to Representative Martin D. Foster, of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on mines and mining.

## VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS

In a bulletin made public Monday the secretary of agriculture estimates the value of farm products raised in the United States in 1913, at \$9,750,000,000.

In round numbers he fixes the total value of all crops for the year at \$6,100,000,000. He makes up the grand total of nearly ten billion by adding to the value of the crops the farm value of animals sold and slaughtered and of animal products, which he estimates at \$3,650,000,000.

The total farm investment in the United States is estimated to be \$40,991,449,000. The total gross income is estimated at \$6,237,850,146, and the total expenses \$2,163,822,647. Net farm income \$4,074,027,499.

In monetary value of products the farms of the United States have the annual record, although the volume of production was materially below the average. The value of farms for 1913 is nearly half a billion dollars above the value for 1912, which was itself a record year.

## CONSERVATIONISTS

Two million dollars' worth of woolen rags are exported from this country every year, being made abroad into the material known as "shoddy." Old tin cans, discarded kitchen utensils, the miscellaneous and ugly stuff that used to accumulate in vacant lots, are worked over and the iron and tin recovered represents an annual saving of \$114,000,000. The automobile tires, the life of which has expired, gets back to the rubber factories and that which is still useful in them is rescued and sent forth again as good, it is said, as the rubber direct from the tropics.

The person who can save to the use of humanity only a part of the things which are thrown away as useless deserves credit beside the person who makes two blades of grass grow where only one has grown before. He is a conservationist who prevents too great a drain upon natural resources, an instructor in the high cost of living.—Toledo Blade.

## TRUST LEGISLATION

There will be a trust regulation by the present congress, but not of the "trust busting" variety the country has witnessed in the past. No war is to be waged on any legitimate enterprise. President Wilson makes practical recommendations to congress. He suggests that the law define what constitutes a trust, and then that the law be amended to fit the case. Heretofore it has been impossible to tell just how far corporations could go in combining to restrain trade. The problem is to be solved in a national market.—Exchange.

## PARAGRAPHS

Some fathers would enjoy killing the fattest son in honor of the prodigal calf.

We should often be ashamed of our best actions if the world saw the motives which inspire us.

Government statistics indicate that Americans have been laying in their winter stock of diamonds.

It is a great misfortune not to have enough wit to speak well, or enough judgment to keep silent.

You can't judge of the amount of game a man kills by the amount of time he spends hunting.

Raymond Corke, of Chamgaign, Ill., recently was a "stopper" in an Indiana hotel, according to the local paper.

If stories of all good things done were published, like the bad ones, nobody would doubt that the world is growing better.

Now they are saying that young David didn't slay Goliath of Gath. Next we may hear that Billy Patterson kicked himself in the face.

Surely it is a feminist age in which the beef ranch gives place to the dairy farm and the male stenographer goes away to goodness knows where.

That White House wedding set a good example to many so-called funny people in that the guests did not try to kidnap the groom or otherwise annoy the bride.

An English specialist says being in love is a form of mental poisoning for which he has discovered a serum. But most victims will fall back on the old remedy—matrimony.

Representative Carter Glass is carrying around a well developed shoulder for the Bankers to weep on but his heart is adamant when it comes to accepting undemocratic suggestions.

The philosopher who says "the hen that cackles the loudest doesn't always lay the biggest egg" knows what he is talking about. The bantam who produces a miniature egg is one of the most vociferous cacklers.

Representative Siemp, chairman Republican State committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee at Roanoke on January 5th to consider the reduction of delegates from Southern States to the national convention, provided for by the Republican national committee.

"The loveless age will arrive," says a Chicago doctor, "when the doctrines of eugenics is generally applied, and that it is not far distant." That means the end of poetry and romance. The fiction writers will have to go out of business, and people will read life insurance statistics, the Congressional Record and the City Directory.—Toledo Blade.

With the understanding that there will be no jugglers and yodlers under the same tent, Vice-President Marshall has agreed to deliver a number of Chautauqua lectures in Missouri, Iowa and Kansas next August, provided it does not interfere with official business. He also stipulates he shall not be billed as the vice-president but as "Thomas Marshall."

Boston police have been notified that if they chew gum or tobacco while on duty they must do so "inconspicuously." Commissioner Stephen O'Mara has also forbidden the chewing of toothpicks by the policemen. Members of the force are forbidden to attend political rallies, except when detailed for duty there. They are instructed to assist newspapers in legitimate inquiry.

Because of the vigor, tact and constructive statesmanship he has shown in the currency fight, Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, chairman of the Democratic leadership of the House Banking and Currency Committee is being quietly boomed for the Democratic leadership of the house of representatives when Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, retires at the end of his present term.

Girl pupils of the public schools of Washington, are being taught how to keep a family of father, mother and three children on \$9 a week. A model house has been arranged for the purpose by the Neighborhood House Settlement Workers. Among those who visit model school are Misses Margaret and Eleanor Wilson, Miss Genevieve Clark, Mrs. Barney Hemmick, Mrs. Walter Tackerman and Mrs. John Jay White.

Attorney-General McReynolds has made public an agreement by which the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will reorganize to avoid anti-trust litigation. Competition is to be restored, according to President Vail. The telephone company will dispose of its control of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and promise to obey all trust laws. The action follows closely on the recommendation of Postmaster General Burleson, that the government should own the telephone and telegraph lines of the country. President Wilson has approved the plan.

When Woodrow Wilson was a candidate for the presidency some of his opponents assured us that as a professor of political economy he was O.K., but as president of the United States he would be as clay in the hands of the political potters in Washington. Now the chief complaint of his opponents is that President Wilson is the greatest loss and ring master that ever run a political circus. That's what he was elected for, and if he can tie a knot in the tail of the Elephant and Donkey and make them do team work we may give him a second term.—Better Farming.

Upon recommendation of the Illinois Live Stock Commission, Governor Dunne will issue a proclamation placing an embargo upon dairy cattle shipped from other states. The stand taken by the Live Stock Board is endorsed by the State Dairy men's Association. The proclamation will not apply to beef cattle, as they are already under federal inspection regulation. The states against which the embargo will be are: New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Texas.

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