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NEW RAILROAD FOR PRINCE WILLIAM

NEWPORT NEWS HARPER'S FERRY

Great Railroad Steamship Project is Engineered by Charles W. Morse the "Ice King." Once a Prisoner.

The news that a charter has been obtained in Richmond for a railroad from Harper's Ferry to Newport News is made more interesting by the later news that the road is to be built as a part of a great railroad-steamship project, engineered by Charles W. Morse, the "ice king," who was once so prominent in financial circles, but whose career was cut short in 1907 by a sentence to the penitentiary. Morse was released from prison by President Taft, upon the certificate of the prison physician that he was in a dying condition. But he recovered his health and his grip and he and his son are now at the head of great steamship companies in New York. It appears from scattered publications in the newspapers that the syndicate proposes to build a railroad from West Virginia to Hampton Roads, there to connect with a steamship line to be operated between Washington and New York.

Nothing definite has been given out, except the obtaining of a charter from the Virginia corporation commission for the railroad from Loudoun county line to Newport News. By reference to the map, it will be seen, that the line defined in the charter makes almost a straight shoot southward through the counties of Loudoun, Fauquier, Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Essex, King and Queen, King William, New Kent, James City, York, Warwick, and Elizabeth City. The line crosses the Pamunkey above West Point and then comes on down the peninsula between the York and the James, crossing neither of these streams. The line leaves Washington far to the east, and avoids the crossing of the Potomac, the Rappahannock and the York, all of which are serious obstacles in the way of a railroad between Hampton Roads and the national capital. Such a road would give the Baltimore and Ohio railroad a direct line from Harper's Ferry to Hampton Roads and another outlet for its coal traffic. Paul Delaney is owner of extensive coal lands in West Virginia.

But if the projectors have secured any water front on Hampton Roads for terminal facilities the matter has been kept a profound secret, and that is what keeps the wisecracks in the community guessing. It is inconceivable, however, that the company would undertake to build a railroad to deep water without having made arrangements for terminal facilities. Mr. Delaney is a prominent attorney and a man of affairs. W. B. Emmert, president of the company, is vice president and general manager of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway company, and others who are associated with them, including Edward B. McLean, owner of the Washington Post, are all men of prominence in the world of finance. The names of the promoters are sufficient to give character to the project and to command public interest.—Newport News Daily Press.

Mr. Lester Henry returned to the College Wednesday night. Mr. Henry was called to his home at Lockhaven, Pa., last week on account of the illness of his mother, who is much improved.

EASTERN COLLEGE

Baseball Team Practicing for Syracuse Game.

Eastern College baseball squad has been working out daily on the diamond in preparation for the big game with Syracuse University which is only one week off. Not since the great team of 1911 has Eastern been represented with such a fast aggregation of ball tossers as now represents the College. There is no reason why the team this year should not make as good a record as did the team of six years ago. Practically every position has been filled. Henry, behind the bat, will rank with the best in the South. He caught for Villa Nova College for three years, where he won the name of "Home-run Henry". Brennan at first fills the position in big league style and is a heavy hitter. At second Greany seems perfectly capable of taking care of that position and is a good hitter. Doyle at short and Hooe at third are two of the fastest little infielders for the last few days has been sensational, and when it comes to hitting the "old pill" they are right there. In the outfield Moore is showing up good, and will probably land a permanent berth in the center garden. Luttridge, a former Eastern fielder entered College last week and will take care of the left side of the outfield. Several are trying out for the rightfield position. Carroll and Pohl will take care of the pitching end, both are rounding into good form.

The game with Syracuse University of New York on April 6th will undoubtedly be the biggest ball game ever pulled off in Manassas and it is up to the ballfans of this vicinity to turn out in full force and show the Eastern boys their support so that other large college teams of the country will be brought down. The game with Fordham University for the 10th of April will also be another big game. Fordham is rated as having the best College team in baseball in the country and Eastern is expecting a harder game with them than with the Syracuse delegation. Remember the date of the Syracuse game one week from to-morrow (April 6th.)

HERNDON FIRE

Ten Families are Left Without Houses.

Herndon, Va., March 24.—This town is tonight taking stock of damages after the big fire on Thursday evening, with the result that it is found that only about ten families are left with houses, although none of them has been left without a home, for relatives and friends at once opened their doors to the victims and they were made comfortable. Herndon will be rebuilt at once, with more substantial structures.

Some of the officers of the Fairfax Chapter of the Red Cross were at the fire all night and were ready and willing to render aid, but none was needed. The board of charities of Washington sent a representative here to offer assistance, but that was not needed, either, although the Red Cross and the mayor of Herndon have sent thanks for the kindly offer. Although the entire business section of the town was destroyed, many of the business men were in rented buildings by early morning and ready for business before noon Friday.

INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING CLUBS

BY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Club News From Texas, West Virginia and Louisiana Showing the Great Possibilities in Club Work.

The County Agent has just received a letter from Mr. N. E. B. Talcott, State Specialist in poultry work, stating that the American Poultry Association had ordered a copy of the American Standard of Perfection to be sent to Smithfield Club. This was an offer made to all poultry clubs reported 100 percent. Smithfield also has the honor of ranking seventh in the State regarding work, Prince William County second.

Poultry Clubs Pins have been awarded to the following girls and boys, who reported in full: Stark Weather, Florence Arthur Fairbanks, Hardy Duval, Wingfield Dewey, Gessie Payne, Walter Sanders, Carroll Sanders, and Lee Pettie.

In behalf of the good work done by the Smithfield Club, the American Poultry Association has also sent a copy of twenty lessons in poultry to be placed in the Library for the use of the Club.

The girls and boys in Prince William are getting busy. The various clubs are all well represented, more than one hundred and twenty have made application for membership in the Poultry Club.

Boys and girls club members win as show from the following extracts from other States:

Mr. W. K. Jenkins, County School Superintendent, Comanche, Texas, says:

"From four years" record I find that the pupils belonging to the various clubs have made above the children who do not belong to any Club Work, a grade of 11 percent on all subjects except spelling and composition, and on those I find that on spelling, the Club pupils have made a general average as a whole above the other boys and girls, a grade of 16 percent better; and on composition I am pleased to advise that the Club pupils bested the others by 23 percent.

The Club pupils have been active and inspired to do better work and by this have created and sustained a desire to make researches for new things. Very few Club boys and girls in the rural schools of this county stay in school and when they do so it is not for their own choice.

Of more than 4,000 boys and girls in the rural schools of this county and of the number of suspensions and expulsions, not one has been a member of the clubs.

Of the Club children the Sunday school attendance has increased over the others by 7 percent attendance at church services by 5 percent.

I have made a demand on my teachers to organize and maintain under my dictation and suggestions the Social Center Move, and I am pleased to tell you that at least 40 percent of my schools have done excellent work and you will be pleased to know that the Club pupils have been in the lead in every case.

We offered a prize on sanitary conditions and the contest was indeed a heated one, and in every instance the schools which were represented by Club Work were in the lead and the prize awarded to school maintaining Club Work.

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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM UNIVERSITY

BY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

WIRELESS APARATUS INSTALLED

Charlottesville, Va., March 28.—That eleven counties in Virginia will have a forestry patrol beginning at once was the statement given out to-day by R. C. Standard, state forester and professor of forestry at the University of Virginia. They are Albemarle, Buckingham, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Chesterfield, Halifax, Bedford, Montgomery, Henrico, Charles City, and Appomattox.

The patrolmen are paid partly by the county and partly by the federal government. The above counties will have from one to four spaces. They will travel on horseback distributing fire preventive literature among the people, posting warning signs, fighting fires and investigating their causes.

Large lumber companies and land owners are building lookout towers and are erecting and installing telephones and tool supply stations. It is said that a forest fire in Mecklenburg county last spring caused a loss of \$200,000. Virginia loses more than \$500,000 a year by forest fires.

This movement is under the auspices of the State Geological Commission of which Governor R. C. Stuart and Dr. Edwin M. Davis are members.

Some sounds are coming from the Rouse Physical Laboratory at the University of Virginia. Six crackling noises accompanied by flashes of harmless fire, dyanamos, receivers, and sending keys is T. R. Bunting, the new wireless instructor.

Mr. Bunting is having a 10 minute chat with a ship some where between Halifax and Liverpool, setting his watch by the Arlington station, or parking up the latest European newspaper. Beginning March 26, he will give a new course in wireless telegraphy, preparing students for service in case of war.

President E. A. Alderman, Dean J. M. Pace, and Professor W. H. Echols, chairman of the committee on military affairs, have approved the new course. It is part of the "preparedness" work of the University of Virginia. The University of Virginia Y. M. C. A. has donated \$500 toward the construction of a bungalow at Riggs, N. C., for the accommodation of its delegation at the annual Southern Student Conference.

Students from all over the South will meet June 12-22 to discuss problems of college life and make plans for Y. M. C. A. work during the coming session. The University of Virginia will send 15 men this year. Dr. Chas. W. Keller and the Rev. B. D. Tucker, Jr. will also attend.

Interest in religious matters has been for years a marked feature of the life of the University of Virginia.

Representations at the University of Virginia have brought to the attention of students up to 400. This is 47 more than were here last year.

Dr. R. C. Feltz and Mrs. Yoder have spent part of the week in securing money for an endowment fund for the Lutheran college situated at Fishery, North Carolina.

FARM MACHINERY

Reduces Labor and Cost of Production.

The fundamental importance of all farm machinery is that it cuts the cost of growing crops. It returns larger profits for the farmer, lightens his work, increases his crop yields, and makes farm life worth living.

Since labor is as scarce and expensive as it is, the question of farm management is being felt. We must take advantage of all modern machinery possible to increase our production, and at lowest cost.

Labor-saving farm implements have greatly increased the earning capacity of the individual farmer. Before these implements came generally into use it required four farms to feed one town family—now one farm feeds three families in town. And yet our methods of farming, in general, is very inefficient. Many of our farmers are working hard, bending their backs and callousing their hands with primitive hand tools, while they could achieve much greater results with less labor by the use of proper farm implements.

I shall not attempt to name the most important tool for the farmer, as no man can state just what farm implements each farmer should use, but let us all endeavor to give much thought to the question of how he can utilize farm implements to lighten his above the routine of drudgery, increase his earnings, cheapen his production, and give him an opportunity to make more money to enjoy life.

County Agent.

PREPAREDNESS

Now is the Time to Clean Up and Plant Flowers.

With the rain over and winter gone Manassas is putting on her new spring dress. Flowering shrubs are in bloom, gardens are being made and all the spring bulbs are blooming in profusion. The grass with its fresh green mantle adds a brightness to what has been a dull gray and with the foliage of the trees gives a new tone to nature.

One thing to do now that spring is here is to see that all back yards and alleys are clean and no refuse left to decay and germinate disease. Nothing is so unsightly as a front or back yard littered with rubbish and dead leaves. Where possible plant flowers and shrubs. The cost is not much, the labor little, and the result surprising. Many a home can be made attractive by having a well kept lawn and garden and is enhanced greatly in value thereby. Manassas has many beautiful homes and streets and with every home, however humble, doing its share of beautifying their grounds, we would soon be called the "flower town." Now is the time to do this work. "Preparedness" should be the theme, not only in theory, but in practice—so to the citizens we say get seed and get busy.

Blind Justice.

They ain't no justice in this world No matter how you plan, For de cote that cided my' voice case.

Give de children to mak' of madd.

I never loved no such no thing Since the Lord Almighty risen, De s'p'ness day he rised and dat I knowed—

Not a one of dem as his'n.

—The Deebert.

HEADQUARTERS FOR THREE CANDIDATES

OFFICES NOW OPEN IN RICHMOND

Political Activities Seen at State Capital—Civilians Drilling in Anticipation of War—Judge Burks Takes Oath.

Richmond, March 27—The three gubernatorial candidates, John Garland Pollard, J. Taylor Ellyson and Westmoreland Davis have established offices here, in preparation for their campaigns, and it is expected they will start active work on the race for governor in a short time. J. H. Binford, of this city, has announced that he will not run for the office of Public Instruction, and with Harris Hart, of Roanoke, and R. C. Stearnes, present incumbent in the race, it is believed that it will be the liveliest campaign to precede the primary in August.

Military preparations are being made throughout the city by civilians, who are starting daily drills in anticipation of war. Every afternoon the employees of the First National Bank, under the instructions of an army officer drill on the roof of the twenty-story skyscraper. The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company will shortly organize a signal corps among its employees, and in the event of war, the men will be paid their \$600.00 for one year, the company will take care of their dependent families after that time. President F. W. Boatwright, of Richmond College, has offered the grounds and buildings of the institution to the government if war is declared and has made application for an officer to train the men in military drills. Another student cadet corps has been formed at the Junior Buford High School, and motor boat owners are preparing to offer their craft to the government for patrol duty whenever they are needed.

Judge Martin P. Burks, recently named to the Supreme Bench by Governor Stuart, to succeed Judge George M. Harrison, took his oath of office Thursday afternoon before Judge Whittle, chief justice of the court. Following the ceremony the court elected Thomas Johnson Mitchie, of Charlottesville, court reporter, to succeed Judge Burks. Mr. Mitchie is at the head of the Mitchie Publishing Company, of Charlottesville, and is well-known for his legal compilations. The great simultaneous campaign which is being held in all of the Protestant churches in the city is gathering increased interest, and large attendance is being noted at the nightly services. Many prominent out-of-town divines are appearing in the churches, and the anticipation is that the closing days of the campaign will show an unprecedented religious revival in the city.

In lieu of the regular meeting in April the Northern Virginia Farmers' Institute will hold a special meeting on Saturday, April 7, at the courthouse in Manassas. Mr. R. S. Ralston, State Horticulturist, will address the Institute on the "Care of Orchards." There are a number of small orchards in this section which, if given care and attention, would not only furnish an abundance of fruit for home use, but be made a source of income as well. We trust that a large number of farmers will come out and take part in the discussions. This is the last meeting of the session and we hope to have a record breaking attendance.—R. E. Watson, Secretary.

AN IMPORTANT LETTER FROM A VIRGINIA WOMAN.

There is nothing that will bring comfort and renew hope to the invalid so surely as good news. When the vital forces are at a low ebb and every thing seems useless a ray of joy and assurance will stimulate the weary body to new effort and energy.

Zeus, Madison Co., Va. "In reply to your letter which I had been waiting for two years - most of the time was not able to attend to my household duties. Weakness peculiar to women was my trouble and I was getting very bad but, thanks to Dr. Pierce's medicine, I am well and strong again."

When you feel like doing a foolish thing reflect that you have to live with your memory.

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting.

A man seldom gets so full of emotion that he has no room for...

Unusual work, bending and lifting or strenuous exercise is a strain on the muscles, they become sore and stiff.

Possession is nine points of the law and the attorney's fee is the tenth.

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Domestic crises confront married men with heads. Before they present themselves to the British army they will be required to remove that long cherished possession. "No beards" is the rule in the army, section 12 of the King's Regulations providing that the chief and underchief will be shaved, but no the upper lip. Whiskers, if worn, will be of moderate length.

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\$100 Reward. The head of this paper will be pleased to learn that the man in at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure is the blood. It is catarrh. Catarrh being great initiations by constitutional conditions.

It might be well while you are correcting your disordered offspring to remember that you did not do the young.

Let Your Cough Ring Up.

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AN UNFASHIONABLE FISH. QUEEREST OF SEA MAMMALS. Fine in Flavor and Food Value, Yet Our Anglers Discard It.

HEARD IN MANASSAS. How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong - Kidney Pills Corrected.

CLAWS OF THE CANARY. They Should Be Carefully Trimmed Every Few Months.

SEEING MOTION PICTURES. Some Advice on How to Avoid Suffering From Eye Strain.

INERTIA OF BODIES. Lay a visiting card on the tip of the left forefinger and on it place a penny.

FATHER FAILS AGAIN. Did you ever watch the bright young man who has picked out as the girl of a future and invited home for dinner?

POWER OF A RIVER. There are more spiders turned in the mills of Lawrence by the power of the Merrimack river than are turned by any other river in any other city in the world.

NEAR WHAT HIS NEIGHBORS SAY. "The neighborhood public and the neighbors of the late Governor Westmoreland Davis are very much interested in the death of the late Governor."

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Large Quantities of Fertilizer to Put Part on at the Remainder as a Top-

at, when the time comes for digging and filling of the potatoes, be as large a number of potatoes as possible, and the potatoes uniformly. In applying the fertilizer it has been found that quantities ranging from 800 to 1,800 pounds have given excellent results. Where about 25,000,000 bushels are produced annually, the application of fertilizer on the good soil of the State varies from 1,000 to 2,400 pounds per acre.

to Increase Yield and Quality. The fertilizer in the row up to the capacity of the fertilizer attached to the planter. Any amount in excess of this should be drilled in with a drill before planting, or applied with a lime and fertilizer distributor and well-mixed with the soil. This distributes the plantfood throughout the soil where the tiny potato roots find it early in their growth. The roots form on separate roots which grow under the plant, while the feeder roots stretch off into the soil in search of available plantfood. Contrary to common belief, the general distribution of fertilizer between the roots of potatoes does not tend to rob the growing tubers, but tends to provide a better distribution of food to the growing plants.

regardless of how much time and labor is given to planting and cultivating profitable crops cannot be obtained unless there is present a sufficient supply of quickly available plantfood.

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YEARS OF PROFITABLE GRASS

and there is a park at Rothamsted experiment station which has been a meadow for more than one-half century, and used as a hay field at the Revolution, and in sod when America was being colonized. This has been top dressed annually the last sixty years. The remaining of this period has produced about 1 1/2 tons of hay per acre. Where fertilizer has been used, the average yield for 50 years has been one case 27 tons, in another case 23 tons, and in a third case 20 tons, depending upon the amount of top dressing applied. This is really a wonderful accomplishment, and should be a lesson to those farmers who are content with "maling" instead of farming, with robbing the soil year after year getting smaller and smaller crops, feel that possibly they are using to the fullest the opportunities given them.



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