

Germany's New Bismarck

THE Moroccan dispute has served to bring to the fore a new and able diplomatist in Europe. Alfred von Kiderlin-Waechter, chief of Germany's foreign office, has lately shown himself to be a man of moderate means who has a passion for raising questions of international law.



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When he was born in 1862 Kiderlin's family was not very noble. His father was a mere "bourgeois" director of a Stuttgart bank, who married a noble lady named Waechter, so that the family adopted the semi-aristocratic name Kiderlin-Waechter. "Waechter" means "watcher out," and Kiderlin-Waechter shows himself an excellent watcher out.

Young Kiderlin fought as a volunteer in the war of 1870-71 and afterward entered Tubingen university. Since then he has been secretary of embassy in St. Petersburg and in Paris and member of the Reichstag at Constantinople. His first chance came in 1888, when he was taken by Kaiser Wilhelm on his first visit to St. Petersburg, Stockholm and Copenhagen. He picked up tremendous knowledge during his three years at the Kaiser's court, and he surprised the Kaiser by speaking the Russian language fluently. He received his first appointment all around and made a strong impression on young Wilhelm, who was already looking out for his "bourgeois" friends. From that day Kiderlin was looked upon as the Kaiser's friend, and Wilhelm stood by him when he was bitterly attacked by enemies.

TOM SHERMAN

See of the Vice President of the United States is a Creek Goff Player. Thomas Moore Sherman, son of Vice President James S. Sherman, is a crack golf player. In the seven years since he has been in the amateur championship, he has recently won the Apawamis links at Rye, N. Y. Mr. Sherman led all of the experts at the close of the first day's play. Mr. Sherman played around 70 and led a long list of golfing celebrities, who are thought it was in the wild of New Mexico right after a combined cyclone and tornado had muzzed up the landscape of a couple of counties.



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PATHFINDERS ARE PLEASED

Pathfinders Pull Into Manassas Sunday and Were Surprised at Her Scenic Beauty.

The pathfinding party, speaking the shortest, securest and most scenic route from Richmond to Washington, in connection with the conceived public highway from Quebec to Miami, Florida, pulled into Manassas a little past noon on Sunday, and the party took luncheon at the Manassas Cafe.

In the party were R. A. Allport, of the Richmond Automobile Club; A. L. Westgard, official map-maker of the American Automobile Association; President Preston Belvin, of the Virginia State Automobile Association; Lewis Shuman and George W. Hunter, who occupied the leading car. In the second machine were E. E. Hazelgrove, of the Richmond Automobile Club; Captain P. St. Julien Wilson, State Highway Commissioner for Virginia; L. B. Manville, who superintended the building of the sand-clay road between the Richmond and Newport News; C. A. Shuman and P. H. Cogbill and Jay Lewis, of the Richmond Virginian.

The party left Richmond Saturday morning and expected to arrive in Washington that night, but they had not reckoned on the reception they received along the route and especially they had not reckoned on the roads of Stafford county. "When we started out," said Lewis Shuman, "Mr. Westgard, who has toured all over the country and has just returned from a transcontinental trip, said that the roads in Virginia were not so bad. They really, on the contrary, were very good. This was while we were on the Richmond side of Fredericksburg. After having crossed the Rappahannock river he was asked again for his opinion. He said that he had seen worse, where or when he couldn't just remember, but he thought it was in the wild of New Mexico right after a combined cyclone and tornado had muzzed up the landscape of a couple of counties.

"But we got through all right," went on Mr. Shuman. "It was rather heavy going in spots, but we are here. "And the highway is going to be built, mark my words," said President Preston Belvin, of the Virginia State Automobile Association.

"It will be no great job to build the road," added Mr. Manville. "In Stafford county there is all the material needed right at hand, the people have a broad right of way, there will be no need of any grubbing—that is, widening of the road—and most of the road we came over is on a crest. This aids drainage and will help to keep the thoroughfare in good condition. The only matter with Stafford county roads is that they were not constructed properly in the first place and no attempt has been made to keep them in repair."

"It would be a comparatively easy matter to construct the road," asserted Captain St. Julien Wilson. This opinion was shared by Mr. Westgard, who said that there was a conspicuous lack of intelligence displayed in what little had been done in Stafford county on road building. Mr. Allport and Mr. Hazelgrove refused to be quoted. They were chiefly concerned about their cars, two magnificent Stevens-Duryan machines, which, although severely steamed, had come their hard ordeal in great shape. "Mr. Allport swore by Stafford county roads at the start," said Mr. Hunter. "Now he swears at them. Also, you should have heard the beautiful peroration

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OLD BANK BUILDING SOLD

Present Home of National Bank of Manassas Purchased by Robt. A. Hutchison.

The present home of the National Bank of Manassas, on Portner avenue, has been sold to Robt. A. Hutchison, Esq., for \$2,200.00.

The Bank will move into its handsome new banking house at the corner of Central street and Portner avenue early in the year, and having no need of its old building, which is a substantial brick structure, it was offered for sale. At the price it is regarded as one of the best investments made here for some years. Mr. Hutchison will re-model the structure and convert it into a law office.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS MANASSAS WANTS FARM PHOTOGRAPHY COPY OF THE ORIGINAL PRODUCTION PRESENTED TO MANASSAS CHAPTER U. D. C.

Sunday Schools to Hold Beautiful Christmas Celebrations During Holiday Week.

The Lutheran Sunday School is preparing to hold a beautiful Christmas service on Wednesday evening, December 27th, at 7:30 o'clock.

A program replete with Christmas cheer is being carefully arranged, and will include recitations, song service and responsive readings, all of which will tend to elevate the mind, improve the morals and contribute to the Christian character.

The song service will be especially beautiful and all interested in sweet anthems touching the Christmas story should not fail to attend.

A general invitation is extended to the public and there will no doubt be a large crowd in attendance.

METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH. On Christmas night the Sunday School of the M. E. Church, South, will hold its celebration, and the following program, which has been prepared, has been handed to us for publication:

- Carol, by the school.
Prayer and Scripture lesson.
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Welcome, by Frances Conner.
Exercises: "Five Little Evergreens."
Recitation, by Margaret Cornwall.
Solo, by Catherine Weil.
Recitation, by Ann E. Evans.
Exercises: "A Beautiful Christmas Morning."
Carol, by the school.
Recitation, by Mary Rosella.
Solo, by Edith Merchant.
Exercises: "A Little Child Shall Lead Them."

Recitation, by Marie Rice. Solo, by Dorothy Bernhard. Exercises: "Christmas Nurses." Recitation, by Helen Coleman. Carol, by the school. Exercises: "The Shepherds." Solo, by Mrs. L. Frank Pattie. Carol, by the school. The Appearance of Santa Claus and the Distribution of Candy to Scholars.

The Sunday School of the Baptist Church will have its Christmas tree and annual festive entertainment on Thursday night, the 28th. A splendid literary and musical program is being prepared and the entertainment promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the holiday week. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

M. E. CHURCH. The celebration at the Methodist church will be held on Tuesday night, A Christmas tree is being planned, along with a program of recitations and special music. The occasion promises to be of interest to all who attend.

TRINITY CHURCH. The Episcopal Sunday School will hold its Christmas service on Tuesday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The church will be elaborately decorated with palms and evergreens, and an interesting feature of the exercises will be a series of stereoscopic views, showing the early life of Christ, while a beautiful and touching song service is being held. A huge cross will be placed in front of the chancel, and while the exercises are being closed the children will march to the crosses and place their advent offerings at its foot.

Instead of some trilling trinket, why not send your friend THE JOURNAL for a year? It would be something to bring them comfort the entire year, and every week in the year your friend would be reminded of you and feel grateful. THE JOURNAL is only one dollar a year.

THE OLD ORIGINAL DIXIE A PROMISING BOY EXPIRES REPORT OF PATHFINDERS

Joseph Fately Dies After Lingering Illness From Complication of Diseases.

We have been favored with a copy of the original Dixie, photo engraved from the author's manuscript, which Mrs. T. S. Coles will present to the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. It is just as Daniel D. Emmett wrote it, music and all. The copy even shows the blots that were upon the page. Inasmuch as there have been so many distortions of this famous Southern song, we reproduce the poem in full:

"I wish I was in de land ob cotton, Cimmon seed and easy bottom. Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land. In Dixie land whar I was born in, Early on one frosty mornin' Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land."

Den I wish I was in Dixie, hooray! hooray! In Dixie land we'll look our stand To lib and die in Dixie, Away, away, down South in Dixie, Away, away, down South in Dixie.

Old Missus marry wuz de weaver, William was a gay deceiver; When he put his arm around 'er, He look us fence as a forty pounder, Hooray! Hooray! Hooray! &c.

His face was sharp like a butcher's cleaver, But dat did not make us grieve 'er; Wit' our away missus took 'er deceiver, 'Er face was de color ob bacon rind, 'er Hooray! Hooray! &c.

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The parties must have been foreigners, for all the folks we saw on our streets the following day, as usual, appeared to be distressingly sober.

The miscreants were not fully satisfied with procuring an inside overview, but seeing a good outside one hanging in the room, which had been temporarily left there by Mr. J. L. Moser, they took that also.

So far as express officials have been able to ascertain no other property was disturbed.

Why Not Kindergarten? Proposition to Establish School for Training Children at Manassas to be Explained.

DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS:—I am a little boy eight years old and I go to school. I am in the third grade. I don't want very much. Will you please bring me a gun and a train, a drum, a horn and please bring me some candies and fire works and oranges and bananas. Don't forget daddy and mother. Your friend, EDWIN C. JONES, Smithton, W. Va.

REPORT OF PATHFINDERS FARMERS DISCUSS POULTRY

It is Perfectly Plain That Manassas is Chosen Route of Great Highway.

At the monthly meeting of the Richmond Automobile Club, Monday night, in Richmond, Preston Belvin, a member of the pathfinding party, which recently made a trip from Richmond to Washington, via Fredericksburg, in an effort to determine the obstacles which would be encountered in this important link in the national highway, now contemplated between Quebec, Canada, and Miami, Fla., made his report, discussing the various obstacles met on the trip.

It was discovered that the road via Fredericksburg would be a rather expensive proposition. Richmond must raise \$50,000 as her part of the money needed. Fredericksburg must raise a like sum. The counties intervening will be required to add their mite to the total. Roughly estimated, the road, following the route laid out by the pathfinding party, will cost about \$1,000,000.

The Richmond Automobile Club stands sponsor for the movement, and will aid in every way the effort to raise the money needed. It was brought out that no bridges of importance must be built, but where bridges are to be built, the counties in which these structures are to be reared will be expected to pay the price.

The government will also be asked to chip in and aid. The fact that the road passes through Manassas, and therefore through a most historic part of the country, lends hope to the view that the government can hardly get away from putting up dollars to aid in the cause. The work of actually raising the money needed will be deferred until some later time, nor as yet set by the club.

WHISKED XMAS WHISKY

Manassas Depot Burglarized, and "Booze" and Overcoat Appropriated.

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BY PROF. H. F. BUTTON

Big Show and Timely Address on Feathered Tribe at December Institute.

The Poultry Show and Poultry Institute were a substantial success. Despite rain and mud, despite glowing skies and a hastily changed place of meeting, the day was a success. 125 birds of the most important utility breeds, made up an exhibit that one would go far to equal. Many exclamations of surprise were heard that such a number of good birds could be found. The ribbons were placed by Messrs. Opperman and Sherman who commented favorably on the number and quality of the birds shown. Special mention should be made of the first prize bronze turkey hen, weighing twenty-five pounds; the beautiful Black Orpingtons shown by Mrs. Westwood Hutchison; the Brown Leghorns, the Barred Rocks and White Wyandottes and the large exhibit of White Leghorns.

The Institute was called to order at 11 a. m., by the president, Mr. Westwood Hutchison. After the reading of the minutes, Mr. Opperman was introduced and spoke on poultry as a part of farm economy.

The annual value of poultry and poultry products in the United States in now three quarters of a billion dollars and is rapidly increasing. The greatest part of this is not produced on the great poultry farms or by special poultry men, but by farmers with whom poultry is only one of several departments of the farm. The states of the Mississippi Valley, where most farms keep from 100 to 300 hens to consume the farm waste. Almost every large poultry farm fails after a few years. Hens, in large flocks, will pay well, but soon the vitality decreases, infectious diseases appear and the owner finds himself unable to keep up numbers. This most inevitable failure of large establishments with the success of thousands of small ones, seems to indicate that poultry keeping must always be in the hands of people of small capital. The speaker had little to say for artificial incubation and the discussion seemed to emphasize rather than contradict his assertion. It was brought out that incubators are better in February and March than in warm weather. Brooders came in for a more severe roast than incubators. If you hens want set at a proper time incubators are necessary, but at all costs induce a motherly hen to adopt and educate the institutionalized orphan. Large charts were shown, illustrating poultry houses and fixtures of modern type. A device that attracted much favorable comment was a combined setting and brooding coop which accommodates four hens at once. A small wire covered run is provided for each hen so that she may be fed and watered without trouble. The best breeds for the general farmer are the general purpose breeds—Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Orpingtons and Rhode Island Reds—which will make very much larger and plumper chicks than the Leghorns.

Poultry houses have been greatly improved in the last two decades from the warm, tight, poorly ventilated expensive house of a few years ago, to the open front house of today, which

INJURED IN A RUNAWAY

Mrs. Arthur Thrown From Buggy at Depot and Painfully But Not Seriously Injured.

Mrs. Arthur, rector of Trinity church, of this town, had a rather exciting experience in a runaway accident at the depot here about 6 o'clock on Monday evening, and his mother, who was with him, narrowly escaped serious injury.

Mr. Arthur had driven his horse to the rear of the depot, and leaving his mother in the vehicle, had gone into the express office to dispatch a package. While engaged in the transaction an engine came along and frightened the animal and it ran away, heading across the vacant lots south of the depot building. Mrs. Arthur was thrown out and the wheels of the buggy passed over her left arm, severely bruising her, but fortunately not breaking any bones.

She was hurried to the rectory where Dr. J. Marie Lewis gave her medical attention, and her condition is now so improved that she is able to be out again, but the escape from more serious injury is remarkable.

As the horse was soon caught, no damage was done to the vehicle.

Another Appeal to Santa Claus.

costs less than half as much per hen as did the earlier type. Modern poultry houses are made tight on three sides while the fourth and usually the South side, is boarded up two and one-half feet from the ground. The remainder of the front is covered with wire netting and has a cloth curtain inside to be let down on the coldest nights. Cheapness and simplicity in all poultry fixtures and buildings was advised. Most of the feed for poultry should be the by products of the farm, as the poorer grades of grain, roots, etc., and the corn scattered by larger animals. As good chickens may be raised on wheat, cracked corn and millet as on the expensive chick foods. Health and vigor and profit, to a great measure, depend upon giving the chickens plenty of range. This can be done by putting the chicks in colony coops at eight weeks old. These colony coops may be scattered about in an open field where they roam at large and gather their own insects, green food and grit.

MEETING OF SUPERVISORS.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince William county held Saturday, Dec. 16, 1911, there were present chairman J. P. Manuel, J. F. Gulick, J. W. George, J. L. Keys, J. T. Syncox and J. L. Dawson. The following accounts were allowed and ordered paid by the treasurer:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like W. R. Free, Jr., & Co., poor claim \$10.00; W. R. Free, Jr., same 4.00; J. E. Gheen 15.00; A. H. Herrell 26.00; Rufus Davis 36.00; J. G. Barbee 10.00; Dr. J. C. Meredith 10.00; Dr. J. E. Claggett 2.00; J. C. Howell 5.00; W. R. Glossom 18.00; M. Cans 36.00; Dr. T. G. Brown 10.00; Southern Cotton Oil Co., s. r. t. 42.85; J. S. Huff, same 4.00; Picavater & Dobson 46.00; G. W. Johnson 1.00; J. F. Gulick 1.00; W. A. Evans 5.00; W. H. Evans 112.00; G. M. Katchie 1.75; J. C. McInteer 23.85; W. Wilson 26.00; Geo. S. Davin 10.00; Mrs. S. A. Payne 15.00; W. R. Free, Jr., & Co., Brentsville r. d. 1.65; Samuel E. Poole, same 3.00; J. Y. Roseberry & Son 5.75; D. L. Wright 28.25; G. W. Johnson 2.25; J. T. Spittle 32.00; J. A. Moore 24.88; J. W. Dodd 3.75; H. L. Spittle 41.38; J. B. Gough 15.00; W. R. Free & Co., Brentsville r. d. 17.20; E. T. Ebbas, jail work, 6 months to Dec. 6.00; J. S. Evans, viewing road, Evans application 2.00; Robt. A. Pearson, same 2.00; J. T. Speaks 2.88; J. A. Payne 2.00; F. C. Romberg, arresting Willie Stanton, &c 11.05; E. M. Cornwall, oil for court house, &c 2.10; B. T. Hodge, mileage 80; Treasurer, for rent of engine 15.00; Robt. Molis, Manassas r. d. 8.50; Bennett & Blume, same 22.88; Ed. Bryant 2.50; J. F. Gulick 5.00; Thos. Williams 4.75; J. C. Whitmer 5.00; J. S. Evans 2.50; W. T. Thompson 18.50; H. L. Hunsler 15.00; C. S. Herford 32.75; Wm. Hostle 33.75; J. L. Linsmeier 6.50; Newman Payne 8.80; S. T. Hall, poor house 21.91; Same, jail 1.80; Manassas Ice Co., courthouse 1.75; T. W. White, corner 30.00; David H. Carter, same 30.00; G. E. Snoot 3.97; Edg. Beavers 7.08; W. W. Pritter 30.00; J. M. Horton 30.00; T. M. Herndon 36.25; J. L. Lewis, same 36.25; Hyman & Co., poor house 2.85; J. J. Carter, supt. pool 154.64; R. S. Smith, court house yard 5.08; Dr. J. C. Meredith, poor house patients 10.00; G. M. Katchie, coffin for pauper Same, registrar 3.50; J. J. Gough, Gainesville to d. 10.40; W. A. Bell, same 38.45; Walter Garnett, balance on engine 250.00; W. F. Cheshire, Occoquan r. d. 5.00; H. E. Fairfax, same 41.98; Treasurer, from J. L. Gough, r. d. 3.00; J. W. Gough, painting bridge 6.00; E. B. Gosson, registrar 3.00; W. L. Heuser, Outwreiter r. d. 2.80; Democrat, clerk's office 2.50; G. W. Smith, room rent election 1.50; J. M. Lewis, ambulance claim 7.00; E. C. Romberg, sheriff 365.00; Jno. A. Nicol, clerk 458.53; Same, Board of Supervisors 45.84; Same, account of roads 38.18; J. P. Manuel, supervisor 4.80; J. F. Gulick 4.00; J. W. George 5.00; J. L. Keys 5.00; J. T. Syncox 5.98; J. L. Dawson 5.80; H. Thornton Davies, commonwealth's attorney 800.00; E. M. Cornwall, courthouse janitor 78.00; Bello, Office Supply Co., clerk's office 2.25; J. J. Tolson, overseer poor 10.00; M. J. Keys, same 10.00.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1911. CHRISTMAS. 'The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.' There is no event in Christmas that comes so close to common humanity as the Christmas season, when the chimera ring from the churches in cheerful chorus, emblematic of that epoch in history—the birth of the Christ-child—Jesus, the meek and lowly Nazarene. Yes, Christmas is dawning, and like the faithful, awe-struck shepherds who were startled when xrossed from their slumbers to behold a new star in the East, but who faithfully followed the guiding light to that lowly manger where rested the Babe of Bethlehem, we peer through the mists and vapors down to the dawn of that pivotal occasion in the signal history and salvation of man. It is well that there should come a season every year, when the rushing, roaring, tumultuous tide of time can pause for thought and reflection—when the world's struggling, suffering, silently sobbing and tolling millions can, in the calmness of their chambers, look back upon the past, around them and forward to the future, to see if they can measure the meaning of things as they are—when each one of this multitude of humanity can grasp the opportunity of lifting himself or herself above the sordid, selfish scenes of life and try to gauge his or her own obligations and relations to all that has been, all that is now and all that will come before the culmination of life. It is a season when we are called upon to ponderously ponder over and face the fact, that the present owes its presence to the past, and that it will inevitably act upon all the future—upon the future of the whole human family—each component part of it. Upon each individual member of the masses, high or low, rich or poor, exalted or degraded—and that that other fact that to wild, passion-tossed, storm-beaten current of human life is flowing, silently stealing, surely steering to some far off Divine event, under the gentle, guiding hand of the Creator. These gifts marked the life of

It seems especially fitting, while sad and solemn, that this season should come at the close of the year, when its records are being reckoned for time and unfathomable eternity—at a time when the dirge for the dying year, so solemn, so filled with sorrowful cadences, is softened, chastened and hallowed by the echoes of that angelic anthem, which proclaimed alike to the hosts of Heaven and the inhabitants of the earth, that "this day was born in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord"—a light to enlighten, a hope to guild and garnish the densest, darkest cloud of despair, to bring surcease of sorrow, and a faith which sweeps over the roaring, cavoring cataract of Time, up to the perfect peace and rest of Paradise. Thus around the sacred scenes of the closing year are gathered all the associations and memories of the glorious Yuletide. At this time the past pushes its painful presence upon us more vividly than at any other time, and in our meditations we are given to give more thought to what we have lost than what we have gained. Our memories, like the winding, wintry midnight winds, wander among the graves of those who have gone before. Tears dim our eyes and stream our cheeks at thoughts of them, just as these chilly night winds strew their frozen dew-drops upon the withered grass over their graves, but, oh! how the gloom of those thoughts are brightened and banished by the light which comes to us from Bethlehem, and if we pause and listen with perfect patience we may hear the echoes of that angelic anthem, gloriously gliding through the sighs of the midnight's holy hour—we may see, if we search the beautiful realms in faith, the light of the resurrection and immortal life to man brightening the tomb. How few of us, oh, how few, in all the millions, who celebrate this beautiful festival and worship the birth and nativity of Christ, really understand and fully appreciate the overwhelming freedom, the simple yet perfectly sublime event we commemorate at Christmas. The birth of that Babe in Bethlehem was the culminating, the crowning point in all human history, the "far-off divine event," to which it carried the current of that history and was the foundation of a new and everlasting kingdom, fondly founded on earth, to include in its boundless realm, the whole universe, and on that night, while anthems were being sung by sweet angelic hosts, THE KING WAS BORN in a closely cavened manger—born in the lowest condition to soar to the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Heaven and of earth. No being in human form had ever been born a king before, but His kingship was acknowledged at once as He lay against His sainted mother's breast by the wondering, awe-struck shepherds, by the hovering angelic hosts, and by the coterie of wise men from the East, who came to kneel in ardent adoration at the first Christian shrine and to offer gifts of gold and purple and fine linen, of frankincense, adoration, myrrh, self-sacrifice and mortification to the newly-born Sovereign. These gifts marked the life of

Christ from its beginning to its ignominious sacrifice upon the cross at Calvary. One cannot recall it without going back to that grievous night in the Garden of Gethsemane when the gracious God-given Man-child shed tears and sweat great drops of precious blood. That was, indeed, the most sublime sacrifice, not only realized, but ever conceived. The finite mind can hardly grasp anything so stupendous, so self-sacrificing, so sad, yet so sweet and comforting to the classes and the masses. This sacrifice was the only key which can open for man the gates of Paradise! This self-sacrifice, this charity, is the highest and noblest Christian virtue. It seems to be the sum total of them all to establish them all into itself. St. Paul was only preaching the Christ-life, the Christmaside when he said: "Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and am all-knowing; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. "Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there shall be knowledge, it shall vanish away. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. "Charity is only love, the fountain from which flows every generous impulse of the soul, every blessing which comes to us on earth and which will be the seal of our happiness in Heaven. If your heart feels a cold, hardened-stiffness, warm it at the fire of charity at this Christmas-tide; if it is withering under the wintry, biting blasts of the world of wrong and injustice, open it to the gentle, reviving dew of charity and it will soon be brightened and freshened into new life—a life of love and joy. Christmas is, or should be, a feast for the soul. It is the one day of all when we should remember the poor, the afflicted, the distressed. Think of what our lives would have been but for the sacrifice at Calvary! Then, dear readers of THE JOURNAL, remember your unfortunate neighbors. Scatter the seeds of sweetness and kindness all you can, and you will reap life and joy. Do not distort the day, the anniversary of the birth of the Christian era, in riotous living. It is a day for deepest thought and devotion, not reckless revelry and shocking scenes that must ultimately bring sadness and sorrow. To all of our readers we extend the compliments of the season. May the holiday come and go without a single shadow falling upon the hearthstone of any one of them; and may the coming year be one of plenty and prosperity to all, yielding many golden sheaves. The proposition to establish a kindergarten school in connection with our academies and training institutions, is one that will commend itself to every parent in this section. The kindergarten schools that have been properly conducted, have been great factors in the moulding of the lives and characters of many useful citizens. We want the school. If it be true, as statisticians state, that the circulation per capita is \$34.35, somebody owes us \$34.05.

MANASSAS WAS MISLED. Senator Flour!

The Board of Supervisors on Saturday, by voting the bulk of the state road fund accruing to this county to Occoquan district, sprung a surprise on the business men of Manassas, who had confidently hoped that it would be given to this district in the interests of the proposed new international highway. This district has never had the appropriation—we do not know that she has ever asked for it—but now that there is a showing for the new highway to pass through this historic section, it strikes us as poor policy for the Board not to affiliate with the association formed here for its promotion and aid with all its power the gentlemen that have interested themselves in the matter to secure the building of the highway through Manassas, the county seat. This great thoroughfare will extend from Canada to the Florida coast, and, of course, should its route run through the county, it would be of untold wealth to us as a people, especially in the enhancement of the value of real estate. Our business men are working hard and earnestly for the road and have had flattering assurances from the promoters of the enterprise, but it is discouraging to them that the Board should so seriously break into their plans. Their work has been purely patriotic and they have been paying their own way, hoping to have the co-operation of every good citizen. The Board will meet again on New Year's day, and we would suggest that a committee from the Manassas Boosting Association, as well as Committees from the Civic League, the Business Men's League and the Retail Merchant's Association wait upon the Board and present the facts in full and ask it to reconsider its action. It is only fair to add in this connection that Mr. James F. Gulick, the member from this district, voted that the appropriation be given to Manassas district. The chairman of the Board, we understand, did not vote at all on the question.

A MEASURE OF MERIT. Manassas Citizens Should Weigh Well This Evidence. Proof of merit lies in the evidence. Convincing evidence in Manassas is not the testimony of strangers. But the endorsement of Manassas people. The kind of proof given here is the testimony of a Manassas citizen. W. L. Rector, Main St., Manassas, Va., says: "I do not know of another remedy that I could recommend more highly and with greater pleasure than Doan's Kidney Pills. I suffered from a lame and sore back for many years and at times I could hardly finish my day's work. I received temporary relief from several of the remedies but not until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills. This remedy did such good work that I was convinced of its merits." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

Dear old Santa Claus will make his annual visit on Sunday night.
Hebron Seminary, at Nokesville, closed this week to celebrate Christmas.
A merry Christmas to all our readers, as well as a bright and prosperous New Year.

The stores are now being crowded with shoppers, everybody seemingly having put off Christmas buying until the last moment.
West bound passenger train No. 13 ran into a combination box car on the Manassas Branch of the Southern Railway, near the Manassas coal bins, on Friday evening last.

Our thanks are due Hon. Geo. W. Koerner for a copy of the annual report of the Commissioner and State Board of Agriculture and Immigration.
Mr. John H. Nelson, of Washington, was in town Sunday.

ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW
Mr. John H. Nelson, of Washington, was in town Sunday.
Mr. Winnard Dunbar, of Haymarket, was in town Monday.

The Peoples National Bank of Manassas, Va.
W. H. BROWN, PRESIDENT A. W. SINCLAIR, V. PRESIDENT
3 per cent. paid on savings account
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Dear Friend:
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Metallic Caskets and all styles of Coffins and Caskets furnished and always on hand.

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BUSINESS LOCALS
Wanted, For Sale and miscellaneous advertisements will be published under this heading at the rate of five cents a line for the first insertion, three cents a line for subsequent insertions.
For Christmas dinner dainties come to me. C. D. Welch. 12-15-11

GREENWICH NOTES
Of its Christmas, merry Christmas, has it really come again?
There will be a Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church on Thursday night, December 28th.

LET US SHOW YOU HOW WE'LL SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR OVERCOAT!
We made a big clean up this week of manufacturers' small lots in overcoats and we have them at cost of production.
We are showing the new Scotch mixtures in all the latest English models; exclusive styles as is worn by the swell dresser of New York—\$20 to \$25.

THE STATE LICENSES.
State Auditor Donohoe in his report in the table detailing license taxes shows that the license tax other than liquor assessed in the various counties and cities amount to \$297,467.73.

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AT REASONABLE PRICES
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Phone or write for particulars.

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SUCCESS
SUCCESS means rising at five o'clock in the morning and living on \$1.00 a day if you earn two.
SUCCESS means promptness in all of your business engagements, and fair treatment to all.
SUCCESS means trusting in God and your own resources. This kind of success is within your reach—let us help you.

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Lot "X" \$9.98
Possibly 200 coats in the lot, in all sizes from 33 to 44, in plain collar, 46-in. coats and in the automobile and presto collar, 52 inches long. Not a coat in the lot worth less than \$12.50.
Lot "Special" \$12.50
100 coats in the lot, consisting of the latest convertible collar coats, full 52 inches long, in all sizes from 34 to 44. Not a coat in the lot worth less than \$15.00 to \$18.00.

