



VIRGINIA NEWS

A postal savings bank was opened Saturday at Richmond. By a score of 81 to 0, Virginia defeated William and Mary College at football Saturday at Charlottesville.

The daughter of Councilman John W. Mitchell, of Suffolk, accidentally overturned a lighted lamp Friday, spilling the oil on her hands and body. She was severely burned, but it is believed she will recover.

Not only will October 27 be a gala day for the people of Haymarket, when Patron's day will be observed, but another Rally day has already been decided upon for December 4.

The school population of the State for 1910 was 615,379. It is several thousand in excess of this number this year.

The Amelia County Teachers' Association was held Saturday in the auditorium of the high school. The president, Principal J. D. Harris, declined to serve further, giving as his reason that he believed in rotation of office.

The display of the Department of Agriculture at the State Fair is educational rather than designed to show products. Commissioner Koerner has arranged an exhibit of 100 specimens of insects which are injurious to plant life.

Ernest Hogg, one of West Point's young business men, disappeared on Tuesday night last week about 8 o'clock. His body was found floating, about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, on the waters of the Mattaponi river, at the foot of the street.

The engagement of Miss Mary LeGrand Donohoe to Fairfax Shield McCandish, has been announced. Miss Donohoe is the daughter of Captain S. R. Donohoe, auditor of public accounts in Virginia, and editor of the Fairfax Herald.

With the noon hour Saturday, the fiscal year in all departments of the State government ended. Annual reports are made as of this date, the books of the year are closed, new volumes opened, and all accounts balanced.

The annual convocation and opening exercises of the eighty-eighth session of the University of Virginia were held in Cabell Hall at noon Saturday, preceded by the usual academic procession.

Carl Pettit, aged twenty-eight years, an employee of the Potomac Dredging Company, was drowned off Greenway flats, near Marshall Hall, on the Maryland side of the river, Saturday.

A specimen of the last coffee served in the Confederate camp at Appomattox has been presented to the Confederate museum at Richmond by Thomas E. Elliott, of Norfolk, member of Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

RAYMARKET SCHOOL NOTES

AMERICAN WOMAN'S REPUBLIC

With the noon hour Saturday, the fiscal year in all departments of the State government ended.

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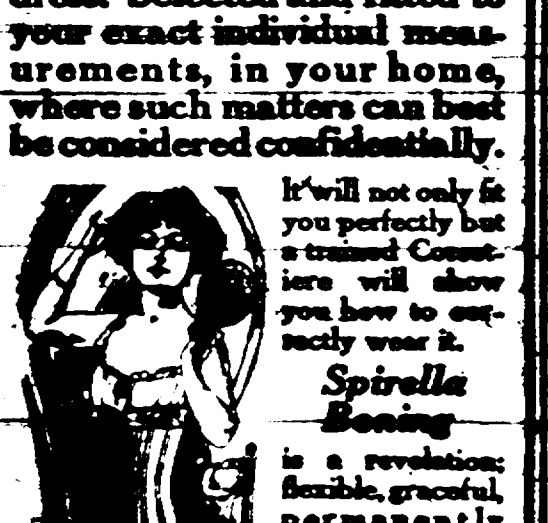
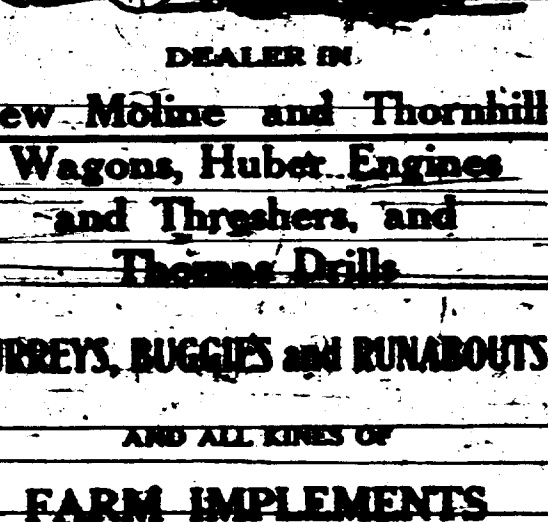
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New high records have been established in the coffee market in New York and for the first time in sixteen years for the entire crop.

The brilliantly lighted parlor in Voorhees Hall was, on Saturday night the scene of a very charming reception given to the Faculty and students of Eastern College by Dr. and Mrs. Roop.

Unrecognized by a single person in the curious throng that rushed to his aid, Rear-Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, U. S. N., retired, fell dead in front of the Berkeley Lyceum, on West Forty-fourth Street, New York, Monday afternoon.

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## WATER AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS

It appears that the proposition of investors from Philadelphia to establish a water system and an electric light plant in Manassas offers the solution of a problem that has confronted this community in the form of the unattainable. Not that effort has been lacking, as many plans have been formed and numerous movements inaugurated contemplating the acquisition of the vital facilities of water and lights. Such efforts, though non-productive of tangible results, have not been wasted—they have been educational, and have inculcated a deeper appreciation of the civic enterprise which they represent, and united citizens in a determination to remove an obstacle to the progress of the community by securing adequate public facilities. This unity of purpose is now manifest in attitude favorable to acceptance of the proposition now before the Council.

Although details of the proposition are not to be announced until a special meeting of the Council next Monday night they may be anticipated to a great extent. The promoters propose to invest \$50,000 in a water system and electric light plant in Manassas if a gratuitous franchise with reasonable privileges is granted and in the event the Town will enter contract for a stipulated municipal water and light supply on equitable terms. It is understood that the franchise would be in effect for thirty years, a period none too extended for an original grant, as the establishment of the system, and the extension of facilities will, for a term, preclude any returns upon the investment. Public service enterprises always are established in view of the future development of a community and it is this recognition of the potentials that marks the degree of confidence.

With regard to the rates, that is a matter for the Council and the investors to adjust. That the water and light tariff will be reasonable within the command of all citizens, we may reasonably expect, as assurance is given on that point. These men are here to invest their own money in a public service enterprise, which it has been demonstrated Manassas cannot secure in any other way, and without which Manassas can not hope to actualize its possibilities. All they ask is a fair reciprocity to which they are entitled. They have taken upon themselves the financial burden, and it is but just that they receive a fair compensation. It is a business proposition and it means more to Manassas than any other.

Citizens will approve the plan to utilize the town well on Church street, from a hygienic and a financial standpoint. Experts pronounce the water pure, and upon examination of the site declared that there is absolutely no danger of contamination. The well cost the Town about \$2,000 and has never been used. It can be used to good advantage now.

With the installation of water and electric lights Manassas will attain commercial and residential prestige unparalleled by any town of its size. We may accurately anticipate the future by contemplating the great achievements despite the lack of utilities so essential to the upbuilding of a community. Residents often overlook this fact, but it is none the less remarkable. Find another town in all Virginia, if you can, that can boast the number and character of building improvements that are in progress in Manassas. If this has been accomplished notwithstanding the lack of proper facilities, we surely have a right to great expectations under favorable conditions. Property values will increase; capital will seek investment here; people will come here to build homes.

Insufficient fire protection has checked many proposed improvements in Manassas, particularly in the light of the destruction by great conflagrations that have repeatedly swept the commercial district. The greater part of this menace would be removed by the proposed water system. The fire department is efficient, but its work is heavily handicapped by the inadequate water supply. The splendid improvements that have arisen from the ruins now make powerful appeal for protection from fire havoc. The strongest influence for structural improvements is a sufficient protection from fire.

Homeseekers today demand modern conveniences. They hesitate before locating in towns where they are subjected to inconveniences. Municipalities now are almost compelled to offer modern facilities. The installation of water will result in the construction of sewers, to the great improvement of sanitary conditions. Much of the prevalent illness can be traced to impure water and to exposed sewage.

Electrically lighted streets will illuminate the way to great progress. The antiquated system now in vogue should be relegated. It is unworthy a town like Manassas. The electric plant would maintain a day circuit supply abundant and reliable power—a great inducement to industries. There is no doubt that more manufacturing enterprises could be secured for Manassas by a guarantee of sufficient dependable power.

It is hoped that pending negotiations will result in the installation of water and electric lighting systems in Manassas. The opportunity is here—an unusual opportunity—and acceptance is a duty. Now is the time.

## PATRON'S DAY

A MOST worthy movement has been inaugurated by the Co-operative Education Association in the observance of Patron's or Clean-up Day in the schools of Virginia on Friday, October 27. State Superintendent J. D. Eggleston endorses the plan, and the declaration is made that "on this day more than ten thousand citizens ought to assemble in the many schools of the State to meet the teachers of their children and to learn the needs of the schools. More actual good ought to be accomplished than results from an Educational Conference." Division Superintendent Tyler announces that the day will be observed in all the schools of Prince William County.

No recent movement will have greater effect in advancing interest and promoting the welfare of the schools than Patron's Day. Co-operation of patrons with teachers is requisite to the highest development of the school system. To bring them together in a mutual purpose will result in great benefit to the cause of education. Patrons may obtain valuable information from the following suggestions to teachers, offered by the Association:

The main idea is to get the patrons out to the schools. Do this by advertising the event in local papers, by posting notices, and by personal invitations. Many of the schools need improvements to the grounds. Make this a general clean-up day. Invite the men to bring plows, axes, grass blades, and other necessary implements. Invite the mothers to bring lunch, including hot coffee.

What does your school need most? It may be repairs or paint, a new stove, perhaps, or a blackboard; it may be a library or musical instrument. Decide upon just a few things and get the assembled patrons to formulate plans for getting these things.

Every school in the State is required to have a supply of pure water kept in a cooler or a covered bucket and the common dipper has been abolished. Every school is required to have two decent out-houses. Every school that raises the sum of \$15 may procure a \$40 library. Remember these things when deciding upon the needs of your school.

Have an interesting program. Interest the school trustees; and, wherever possible, have two or three short talks by leading citizens of the community.

By all means organize a School Improvement League. Let those present elect officers—president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Induce all present to become members and decide upon the time for the next meeting. Send for a copy of the pamphlet, "How to Organize a League."

Be sure to report to your superintendent the results of the day. When possible, take pictures showing the people at work. Do not refuse to observe the day because you cannot carry out all the things suggested above. If you do nothing more than arrange a little entertainment attended by a half-dozen persons, the day will be a success.

## KID MCCOY AND LIQUOR

HERE is a lesson in temperance: A year ago, Kid McCoy, the pugilist, was classed as a "has been." Last week it took him less than a round in a "come back" trial in New York to stop Kid Elle, of Brooklyn, who had been announced from the ring as "no joke." McCoy attributes his ability to regain strength and skill to the fact that he quit drinking. The story as told in The Richmond Virginian, follows:

The temperance movement does not rely on prize fighters for its advancement. However, that fraternity well knows the evils of the liquor traffic. At this time the newspapers have a great deal to say about the new jar which has been turned over by Kid McCoy, the well-known pugilist. It seems that during the past year McCoy has changed his manner of living. He has quit the saloon business and quit drinking. He has brought about a complete transformation in his physical and mental make-up. His old friends scarcely recognize him. Not only does he look differently, but he does not talk as he did in the old days. A year ago McCoy weighed 170 pounds and was considered fat. Today he weighs 135 pounds and he is as lean and as hard as nails. He was asked what brought about the change and replied:

"It is simple enough; anybody can do as much if he will try. A year ago as I sat in my saloon watching the patrons filling themselves with harmful liquor, my better nature suddenly revolted. I got up, put on my hat and coat and abandoned the place, letting it go into other hands. I could not mingle with my former associates. I went down among them not long ago, and tried to talk reform to them—they laughed at me. I tried to show them that liquor was wrecking their lives—they hooted me. I felt somewhat crestfallen and shall not try again. Let them go their way, I shall go mine. The first thing I did was to cut out the liquor. I made a mental pledge never to touch anything intoxicating again. I cut out the late hours and every form of dissipation that I had indulged in. I decided to lead a clean life—I am thirty-seven years old now—looked it a year ago. People tell me now that I do not look more than thirty—I feel twenty. I am younger today than when I started on my career as a pugilist."—Exchange.

## PARAGRAPHS

TAFT received a cool reception in Iowa.  
THE most interesting war on turkey will be declared about Thanksgiving time.

A CHICAGO girl has married an Englishman without a title. She is entitled to a good husband.

The Chicago man who filed a guarantee to be a model husband may as well resign all other duties.

It is rather difficult to determine the merits of the various colleges, until the football scores appear.

DIRECTORS of the steel trust deny that the big corporation is planning to dissolve. Not from a lukewarm investigation, at any rate.

"HOLINESS is not a rapturous triumph away up somewhere in the heights of glory, steadfast and splendid like a sun. It is just a poor heart that makes room for Jesus."—Mary Guy Pearce.

"THOSE who bring sunshine into the lives of others can not keep it from themselves. There is something so penetrating about sunshine that it lightens not only the spot on which it falls, but all around, for light is stronger than darkness and good is stronger than evil. To be a bearer of sunshine to dark places is the pleasantest work in the world."—Great Thoughts.

CONGRESSMAN John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, has faith in the Monetary Commission. In an address before the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, at Manchester, Vt., he said he hoped the report the Commission will make next winter would be accepted, and that the bill accompanying it would become a law. "It will do more," he added, "to prove the stability of our commercial affairs and develop our foreign trade than any other similar measure which has been considered since the days of the Civil War. It should be in no sense a political question, for now most men admit that the Government has the constitutional right to authorize and use national banks as fiscal agencies, and those who would permit the Government to issue circulation direct are comparatively few in number."

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You hope to remain so?  
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That's evident  
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