

THE ALLENS

The same sentiment that causes so many women to send flowers to the cell of a wife murderer moves people—impulsive people—to sign petitions to the Governor asking for the pardon of such outlaws as the Allen gang.

WILSON ON BANKING REFORM

There is a sense in which a democratic country forces statesmanship upon every man of initiative, every man capable of leading anybody; and this I believe to be the particular period when statesmanship is forced upon bankers and upon all those who have to do with the application and use of the vast accumulated wealth of this country.

DON'T KNOCK BOOST!

Mr. T. W. STOCK, of Opequan, Va., near Winchester, captured the \$750 silver cup, offered at the recent land show in New York, for the best exhibit of fifteen standard boxes of apple of three varieties raised and exhibited by growers in Eastern States.

LITTLETON PROJECT DEFEATED

BY A VOTE of 141 to 101, Tuesday, the House voted down the project of Mrs. Martin Littleton for the appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of acquisition by the government of Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, now owned by Representative Jefferson Levy, of New York.

Many members championed Mrs. Littleton's cause, and fervid speeches in support of the resolution were made by Chairman Henry of the rules committee, Senator-elect Ollie James, and Representative Stanley, of Kentucky, and J. W. Clayton, Representative Daisell, of Pennsylvania, led the opposition on the ground that there should be no confiscation of personal property without government need or necessity.

PARAGRAPHS

The lack of money is at the root of much evil. We have two uncles now—Uncle Sam and Uncle Andy. Do your Christmas shopping early—if you have the price.

It will take the extra session of Congress to knock the tar out of tariff. First thing you know Taft will be charged with cruelty to officeholders.

The man with an ax to grind is generally looking for some one to do him a good turn. Ag Christmas draweth near the attendance upon the Sunday schools greatly increases.

NEW YORK is gradually getting civilized. Killing a Chinaman is now regarded as murder.

SOME men seem to think they are putting up a strong argument when they make a lot of noise.

CURES for tuberculosis and cancer have been claimed. But where is there a man who can cure that tired feeling?

THE young man who stops in the street, picks up a stray piece of coal and puts it in his purse has a great future before him.

AFRICANS have a vegetable butter, but nobody has produced anything in the way of an egg that is not associated with a hen.

MRS. WILSON will be the first Southern lady to rule the White House since Mrs. Andrew Johnson, was first lady of the land from 1865 to 1869.

WE don't suppose there will be a single member of the new congress who hasn't the talent to direct the distribution of garden seeds in his district.

A CLEVELAND lineman was shocked fifty feet in the air, but it is quite possible to stay on the sidewalk and be shocked nowadays, if one looks at the fall styles.

Denial of the mails and prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law as "conspiracies in restraint of trade" face the nation's stock exchanges and bank clearing houses.

To the injunction to do our Christmas shopping early, the Postoffice Department adds the advice to send off the presents early. Why not set Christmas Day a little ahead?

PRESIDENT TAFT, accompanied by his staff and his entire family will leave for Panama this month on the battleship Arkansas, the largest and fastest ship in the United States Navy.

THE next Vice President, Gov. Marshall, of Indiana, declared publicly the other day that cooks were a great deal more needed than governors. All housekeepers having trouble with domestics have known this long ago.

FIRST requiring the attorneys for Floyd and Claude Allen to sign a statement to the effect that they believed newly discovered evidence justified new trials, Governor Mann issued a reprieve for the condemned murderers until January 17.

IT may have been a question, several decades ago, just what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina, but there is no question whatever as to what the Governor of South Carolina said to all the Governors at Richmond last week.

SENATOR MARTIN introduced in the Senate Monday a bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purpose of buying a statue of Chief Justice John Marshall, which statue is to be placed in the State Capitol at Richmond. Senator Martin introduced the bill at the request of the Virginia Bar Association, who have had the matter of placing a statue in the capitol of his home under consideration for some time.

EVERY Christmas twenty-five thousand people fail to receive gifts sent them through the mails—and all because the senders don't exercise ordinary care in addressing parcels. To obviate this Christmas disappointment, Postmaster General Hitchcock, has just issued an appeal to the public to co-operate with the Department in making sure that all addresses on packages are correct, and that the sender's name is put in the upper left hand corner.

THE death rate among members of the United States Senate during the last twelve years has been a little short of appalling. The passing away of Senator Reyor, of Maryland, runs the death list up to 84 in that period, which shows that more than one-third of the total membership of the upper branch of Congress has passed away. These figures do not include the members who died after retiring from the Senate, but only the men who succumbed in harness. The present membership of the Senate is 96.

THE election for this State and its cities in 1913 will be something big. All State officers are to be elected next year, including the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and all members of the House of Delegates. In addition, every city in the State will elect its officers, including treasurers, clerks of courts, sergeants, commissioners of the revenue, constables and justices of the peace.

WHEN workmen Tuesday lay profane hands on the gigantic griffin that rears its lofty head in the main rotunda of the National Museum, the last of Col. Theodore Roosevelt's trophies of his African hunt will have been removed. The griffin, with its other stuffed brothers, will be set up in a less prominent place, for the rotunda is wanted for the establishment of a "Hall of Fame."

PRESIDENT Taft is head of the Smithsonian Institution, to which the collection was given, but Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the institution, and its executive, issued the order of removal.

HIDDEN MONEY

Statistics show that the percentage of money lost outside of banks is greater than that lost through bank failures by over 240 per cent. And yet people will store their money away in stockings, bureau drawers, mattresses, carpets, etc., waiting for the thieves and flames. The stories of serious and pitiable losses of this kind published during the past year would fill a volume. They show that many murders have been caused by hidden money—in some cases for ridiculously small amounts.

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There was a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry.
And the star rained its fire,
And the beautiful sang,
For the manger in Bethlehem
Cradled a King.

It was there the Infant Jesus was born whose birth had been announced by the angel. It was of Him the Angelic choir sang, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward men." It is of His birth we sing at Christmas. It is because of Him we rejoice and make merry at this glad season of the year. To this sweet babe we owe all the joys of life, for "He came to us as from our sins," to bring peace instead of war, joy in place of sorrow, hope for despair, and love for hate. He, our Saviour, "went about doing good," and teaching from His earliest boyhood lessons of forgiveness, of unselfishness, of generosity, born of true love which He exhibited in His pure and holy life day by day. The little children, drawn by His wonderful wondrous power; crowded about Him and were made happy by His kind words and the touch of His gentle hands laid on their heads as he blessed them. The poor were fed, the sad and neglected were cheered and comforted, and the sinful and erring ones were healed both body and soul. Oh, what a wonderful Saviour!

While we make merry and "serve the Lord with mirth" let us not forget the deep and sacred meaning of it all. The whole earth rejoices at this time. Songs of thanksgiving encircle the world and anthems of praise mingle with the angels' songs on high. Never before has the dove of peace so brooded over the earth. Never have nations so joined together in plans for peace and friendly feeling and in united effort to establish mutual interests. The various councils of the heads of nations, some of whom are even now in session, the many exhibitions in different parts of the world, involving not only commercial benefit, but above all, friendly intercourse and "good will," prove that this spirit of love has come down to us from the manger cradle in which lay the "Little Lord Jesus."

This season, with its time of merry making, its harmless stories of "Old Santa," with reindeer and packs of toys and good things on his back, seems eminently the children's time. Care free, they are up before day and with the arms full of stuffed stockings Santa has filled close to the chimney corner; their "Merry Christmas," "Christmas Gift" resound through the homes and warm the hardest hearts and stir a responsive chord that vibrates with the enthusiasm of childhood. The glad day is full of joy and together old and young join in the Christmas service with its anthems of praise and rejoicing and its carols, quaint and olden, and the good words of the preacher, who reminds all of the sacred meaning of the day, and tells of Jesus, the first Christmas gift, of His great love, and how "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Then comes the jolly dinner with all the tempting viands under which the table fairly groans. The baskets filled with good cheer to be distributed, are not forgotten, and hospitable and joyous love abound until the climax is reached, when the mysteries of the locked room are suddenly revealed, and the Christmas tree ablaze with lights and Christmas decorations and loaded with gifts is surrounded by merry shouting children, who rush in with a volley of oh's, ah's. Oh, the sweet joy of it all! Laughter and merriment prevail until fairly worn out with joy and fun, the children and young and older ones lay their tired heads upon their pillows, some hugging their dear toys to their hearts, others rejoicing that a loving Saviour came to bring joy and peace to our world. So the day is over, but does it really end there? No. Tonight, reading again of that wonderful time, our hearts are again aglow with joy and praise. We see that gentle mother resting there, her babe upon her breast. That mystery of mysteries trembling in her heart, that joy and wonder at the honor God had shown her deepened with every look at the gift she held enfolded in her arms. We can hear her singing, soft and low, a soothing lullaby as she watches the approach of slumber, and see the little form resting in sleep—we listen to the far distant stars as they "sang together."

For every joy we have had, we have had its counterpart on the days of old—we can see the wise men with their gifts, and the adoration they gave the Divine babe. His glorious mission, yet all unknown to them. And the star, the resplendent star! Their guide to Bethlehem, shining clear and bright—with a light beyond compare, has been shining ever since. Down through the ages it has widened and deepened in the sacred lustre, and everywhere in its progress the world has been enlightened and now it is beaming in the darkest corners of the earth. The time is not far distant when that star will enclose the whole world, and the degraded, the unbelieving and rebellious, the sad and weary-hearted, will turn toward the star, and looking far back up its lustrous path, and seeing where it stood over the humble birthplace of the Divine and human babe, will be uplifted from their degradation, and will find faith for their unbelief, and peace for rebellion, joy for sadness, and rest for their weary hearts and wood and won, will yield their lives to the away and loving love of the One "on whose shoulder is the government of the world." "The Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

With the Christmas sparkle and the general feeling of festivity comes to us an involuntary happiness, then the desire to infuse this holiday gaiety into our surroundings and make our home speak of our gay and cheerful spirit. With the appearance of the holy wreaths and Christmas toys in the merchant's window, it is an odd heart that does not carry some of the gay heralds home, and from her own front windows send the glad tidings to all the passers-by, that they too, may catch a whiff of the Christmas spirit. Whether we wish it or not the brilliant berries, a wreath of holly, the Christmas green will arouse our youthful spirits and envelop us in a Christmas atmosphere. The custom of decorating the windows of both the city and farm home is growing more and more in favor; there is hardly a home in the country that does not claim its Christmas tokens, its holly wreath, or wreaths of autumn leaves and the bright red berries from our own woods.

ORDERS BY COMMANDER VIRGINIA DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS

General Orders No. 1 have been issued by Samuel D. Rodgers, of Petersburg, commander Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, announcing the appointment of his official staff. Among the assistant division inspectors named are Frank G. Newbill, Irvington; Dr. J. Garnett King, Fredericksburg. Among appointments on committees are: Co-operation With the Veterans—B. S. Herndon, Portsmouth, chairman; W. McDonald Lee, Irvington. Resolutions—Judge J. B. T. Thornton, Manassas. Home for Needy Confederate Women—D. W. Scott, Fredericksburg; B. S. Herndon, Portsmouth; W. McDonald Lee, Irvington; R. E. Harrell, Manassas. State Aid for Needy and Disabled Confederate Veterans—W. McDonald Lee, Irvington. Free Lance.

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FARMERS CARELESS IN REGARD TO MANURE

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Value of Manure Varies According to the Particular Kind of Animal—Three Methods of Handling Manure.

By W. M. BROWN, Field Agent, Southern Railway Company.

The farm animals of the United States are producing annually about two and one-half billion dollars worth of manure. At the very best fully one-third of this is entirely lost to the farmer, making a direct loss of over \$760,000,000. This is more than ten times the amount spent for commercial fertilizer each year. Then is there any wonder that the fertility is not decreasing even faster than it is?

The farmer or most of them are very careless with this all-important product of the farm. In fact, most of the loss is due directly to "pure and unadulterated" carelessness. We forget that manures have an actual money value, and that when we allow the stables to go for one or two years with their load of manure and it running out through the cracks and being washed into the nearby creeks, thence into larger and larger bodies of water, that we are allowing a product to leave us that has a value of so many dollars and cents. Springtime comes, the crop is to be made, the land is poorer, and we try to get our usual twenty bushels of corn by doctoring the land with commercial fertilizers. It often seems that the discovery of commercial fertilizers has been a curse instead of a blessing, when we see so much misuse of the product. It is so easy to neglect the manure through the year, and at seeding time purchase a few hundred pounds of 3-2-2 goods and think we are doing the right kind of farming. Manure is one of the most important products of the farm, and is thought so important by some of our farmers that they consider it as being the chief source of profit in the raising of some animals.

The value of manure varies according to the particular kind of animal, the age of animal, and kind and amount of feed fed. The value of manure from the different classes of animals will rank as follows: Poultry, swine, sheep, cattle and horses. The variations of the manure are due to the character of each manure, that is whether or not it contains much bedding, much moisture, and whether a rich concentrated food is given. We find that poultry manure is valuable because it is made from a highly concentrated feed and contains little moisture. Sheep manure is valuable because it contains little moisture. Horse manure is less valuable because it contains a great amount of bedding. Cow manure contains a large percentage of moisture.

The richer the feed fed the animals the better the manure will be. Some farmers are of the opinion that manure made from wheat straw is just as valuable as that made from pea-vine hay. This is entirely wrong. The manure from one horse in one year is said to be worth approximately \$38.81; from a cow, \$22.27, and from a hog, \$15.21. Then it is an evident fact that we are dealing with a material that has an actual money value. Hence, it should be cared for not according to the easier method of getting it out of the way, but in a way that will conserve the greatest amount of its elements.

The farmer should have all of his manure out on the soil by this date, but if not it would be very profitable to spend a few days even at the expense of other work in clearing out the stables and putting on here or two of land in a condition so that it will be able to yield.

From the records of thousands, we see that manure has enough commercial value to warrant our taking better care of it, and handling it in a way that will prevent the least losses. We can still see loads of manure out in the barn lot to wait for a convenient time for hauling out, or until it leaches away and passes off into the nearby streams. The Maryland experiment station carried out an experiment in which they let eighty tons of fertilizer lie in an uncovered pile, exposed to the weather for one year, during which time it was reduced to twenty-seven tons. We can safely state that 40 to 50 per cent of the manure thrown out in this way is lost, entirely to the farmer.

For handling manure there are three principal methods: (1) Throwing out in the lot in piles to remain until spring or some convenient time to be hauled out. (2) Putting under sheds especially provided and hauling out when convenient. (3) Hauling out and spreading on the ground as soon as made. The first method is used by far the greater number of our farmers, and is the one that causes our greatest loss. If one hundred tons of manure is produced on the farm and if 50 per cent of it is allowed to go to waste there will be a loss of at least \$125, valuing it at \$2.50 per ton. A good method is to have sheds provided where the manure can be piled daily as the stables are cleaned out and weekly or monthly this can be hauled out and spread over the land. This is the method in use at the Tennessee experiment station, and has proven itself worthy of the attention of all farmers who are using the first method of handling their manure.

JOHN S. B. THOMPSON DEAR

John S. Barbour Thompson, formerly assistant to the president of the Southern Railroad, died at a hospital in Richmond, Wednesday night, after an extended illness. He was 56 years old. His wife survives him.

Mr. Thompson was prominently identified with Southern Railroad interests up to 1910, when he retired as assistant to the president of the Southern system to become president of the Atlantic Express Company. He entered the railroad business in the South when he was 20 years old, becoming a clerk in the general superintendent's office of the Virginia Midland Railroad. Later he resigned and entered the employ of the Long Island Railroad, but subsequently returned to the Virginia Midland system. He held various important positions with the company, finally being made superintendent of several divisions.

In 1900 he went to Atlanta as general agent of the Southern Railroad, and later was made assistant to the president of the system. He remained in the latter position until he became connected with the Atlantic Express Company. Mr. Thompson was born in Virginia and spent the greater part of his life in this State. He was a nephew of the late U. S. Senator John S. Barbour, of Virginia, and was named for him. He was buried on Friday in Richmond.

SLEMP'S SECRETARY INDICTED

The grand jury of the Circuit Court of Loudoun, Russell county, Va., Wednesday returned indictments on several counts against A. P. Crockett, secretary to Representative C. B. Slemp, of the Ninth district on the charge of having used money in the November election to influence the election of Slemp.

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