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INSURE THE TITLE PURCHASER

Some time ago a lawyer in a Virginia community made a mistake in the preparation of an abstract of title, which caused financial loss to his client, but he is not held legally responsible for his error.

The point that we desire to make here is that somebody must lose in such a transaction. If the lawyer considers himself morally bound, he loses; if not, his client loses.

The second point we wish to make is, that if our system were changed neither would lose.

The third point we wish to make is that Virginia should establish the Torrens system of land title registration and guaranty. Under that method the State guarantees the title, and if defect appears to the damage of the purchaser, he goes against the State and recovers.

The adoption of this system would impose no appreciable burden on the legal profession, but it would confer vast benefits on the landowner.

There is every reason why Virginia should adopt this system, and none why she should not.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

The probable outcome of the present impasse with regard to the Mexican situation will be a special message to congress in which President Wilson will formally lay before that body the entire Mexican situation.

There is a quiet, businesslike bustle about the war and navy officers, which betokens action of one sort or another as imminent.

In a statement given out Tuesday by Secretary of State Bryan, he denies that an ultimatum has been sent to Mexico.

It is the general opinion in Washington that a few days will see the Mexican situation brought to a head.

That the president recognizes this necessity in case of Huerta's refusal to withdraw was indicated Tuesday by the visit to the White House of Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army.

PACKER GIVES ADVICE

Charles Armour, member of a great packing firm, says that the only way to lower the cost of meat is to quit eating it. This would curtail the demand, and as supply and demand govern prices meat would cost less.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The greatest feast day in America should be one of rejoicing and thanksgiving by all the people. This is the time when the whole nation gives thanks for the blessings of the year.

PARAGRAPHS

You can't be happy today if you worry about tomorrow. If you look before you leap the chances are that you won't leap, but will walk around instead.

Mrs. Pankhurst is not great attraction. She does not burn any churches in full view of the audience.

Usually the persons who talk a great deal about the world growing worse never do much to make it better.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation setting apart Thursday, November 27, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Many farm boys have made the mistake of thinking there is more music in a factory whistle than in the old dinner bell.

It doesn't seem just right to hurl old shoes and things at a newly wedded couple and let those who come out of the divorce court escape.

A Missouri judge has ruled that a woman has a right to use a broomstick on her husband. The vacuum cleaner was invented none too soon.

One young singer says if woman wore trousers they would have less worry and more ease. Evidently she has not heard that trousers are to be worn skin tight.

One reason that a man is reluctant to jump out of bed on a cold morning is that he permits his mind to become absorbed with goose pimples instead of bacon and eggs.

There are many things we can hide but we cannot hide what we are. For a time a false reputation may deceive but ultimately a man's real character stands revealed.

A bill has been introduced in Congress "granting a pension to Martin Weary." If names have any weight in the Congressional mind, Martin ought to score at an early date.

"Every time a famous man goes wrong," says the Washington Star, "a lot of parents wish they had been more careful about naming their children." The only safe way is to name them after dead statesmen.

Mary dropped her eyes on the floor as Henry burst into the room. Her face lengthened rapidly and she finally pierced him with a glance. As his laughter and foil, she dropped her jaw and her voice broke. Judge.

The rank of the American legation at Madrid having been increased Hon. Joseph E. Willard, of Virginia, who was appointed Minister to Spain, now has the distinction of being the first Ambassador to Spain. His salary is raised from \$12,000 to \$17,500.

The number of murders in Virginia per 100,000 of population during the year ending July, 1913, was double that of the country at large, and greater than the large majority of the States of Union outside the South, according to the first vital statistics reports ever made by the Virginia health department.

There is a great difference between waiting to see what will happen and making things happen. The first attitude seldom achieves much for the welfare of humanity because it is too passive.

Under tentative two-year wage arrangement the new tariff is to be tested by employees and the United States Pottery Association. If the tariff causes a raise in prices the employees will get an increase in pay and if the tariff causes a loss the employees will receive less pay.

Oysters are no longer a luxury. It is beef, ham, chicken and such like that are the luxuries twice over. A gallon of oysters (strained) weighs between eight and nine pounds. At a dollar wholesale, or one-fifty retail, oysters cost between twelve and eighteen cents a pound, no bone and no waste.

Gov. Mann has offered a reward of \$100 each for the capture of James J. Avis and Robert Allen, both colored, who escaped from Culpeper county jail. They were prisoners from Orange and were taken there for safe keeping.

There are European specialists who declare that the tuberculosis germ cannot survive fifteen minutes at certain elevation reached with comparative ease by giraffes.

A school for wives is the latest and it should prove to be a good thing. The institution is located in New York city and its management announces that it will give a four-year course for girls, who, upon graduation and marriage will be qualified to spend their husband's income to the best advantage and keep an account book that will "come out straight at the end of the month."

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STATE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE MEETING

LYNCHBURG, BEGINNING NOV. 26. Lynch County Will Contest for Prizes. A Handicraft Class in the Green School Building Best Collection of Prizes Work.

The Virginia Educational Conference will open in Lynchburg Nov. 26. The conference will bring together many people, who make up the membership of four educational organizations which are working in harmony—the State Teachers' Association, the School Trustees' Association, the Division Superintendents' Association and the Co-operative Education Association of Virginia.

Among the affiliated organizations which will meet in Lynchburg during the sessions of the educational conference are the Classical Association of Virginia, the Peace League, the State Library Association, the Virginia Undergraduate Union and the Virginia Folklore Society.

A new feature of this year's conference will be the school exhibits made up of the blue ribbon work of the county schools, representing the best of the hundreds of boys and girls.

Fifty counties have indicated intention of competing in this year's State School inspection.

W. L. Lincoln is in-charge of this feature, assisted by Miss Ann C. Jones, chairman of the educational committee of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs.

A handsome wall clock will be given to the school sending in the collection of prize work.

The exhibits will include specimens of freestone, mechanical map drawing, penmanship, composition, needlework, domestic science and household and agricultural work of many kinds.

The State Teachers' Association will award prizes for the best reports of improvement made during the year by any rural school in Virginia.

The following points being considered making the award: improvement to grounds, improvement to buildings, furniture and equipment, libraries and unexpended funds in bank.

The report must be restricted to improvements through the efforts of the teacher, the patrons and the improvement leagues.

THE DEATH OF MISS JAMIE SEWREY LEACHMAN.

Miss Frank A. Burger, of 1319 1/2 Second St., Washington, D. C., died of a heart ailment on Thursday, Nov. 12, at her home in Manassas, Va.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burt, of Manassas, who is her great-grandfather.

She was a member of the Manassas High School and was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, of which she was a member.

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FIRST ACCIDENT OF HUNTING SEASON

FRANK POLEN SHOOTS HIMSELF. Taken Gun by Muzzle from Rear End of Buggy Accidentally Discharging. Flesh of Left Forearm Shot Away.

The first real accident of the hunting season took place at the Stone House last Saturday morning, when Frank Polen, son of James B. Polen, of Pleasant Valley, Fairfax county, accidentally shot himself, the lead entering at the wrist of his left arm, and tearing the flesh completely from the forearm.

He, accompanied by his little brother, had been sent to this vicinity on business, and was driving near the Stone House, when the older lad got out of the buggy to walk through the fields in search of some game.

As he went to take his gun from the rear of the buggy, muzzle toward him, the hammer struck the side and was discharged. Aid soon reached the injured boy, a doctor summoned, and he was then hurried to Manassas. Accompanied by Dr. C. F. Brower, of Gainesville, he was taken to Sibley Hospital in Washington on train No. 10.

Although very weak from loss of blood, his condition is not considered serious, and latest reports state that he is improving.

PROPER HOUSING DURING WINTER. KEEP STOCK OUT OF CHILLING AIR.

See that Your Stock has Warm Quarters. Proper Food, Water at Intervals, and Good Results Are Assured.

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

Well do remember the days of my boyhood back in Middle Tennessee where I saw the average farmer, who kept just a few cows, let them stand on the outside, and have the cold winter nights.

I saw numbers of farmers who would give very good protection to their horses, but treated their cows in this manner.

The food received by these cows consisted in a few "mushins" and an armful of stubs. These "farmers" wondered why their cows did not give any milk, and the cow did get so miserably poor before grass came in the spring.

The writer is proud of the fact that this state of affairs does not exist any longer, except in rare instances, and I believe that the humane society should see that the law punishes a man for cruelty to animals when he, through ignorance and carelessness, makes his animals suffer from cold.

The time of the year has now come for cold, chilling winds. Our farmers should be awake to the fact that they should properly house every animal on the farm.

The late rains have made good pastures and all growing stock should now be in good flesh. If we are to maintain this flesh and make some growth through the winter we must properly care for the animal giving shelter and the proper amount of the right kind of feed.

The animal uses a portion of food for maintaining the condition of the body.

Let every farmer see that his farms are in the best possible condition. Furthermore, let him see that his horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry are provided with comfortable quarters with proper feeds are given in the right proportions. Also see that your live stock have plenty of water at regular intervals. If followed out these things will save money to any farmer.

Surviving Mrs. Merchant is her husband, Mr. B. N. Merchant, and little son, Warren, and one sister, Mrs. William H. Cather. She is also a sister-in-law to Dr. and Mrs. W. Fellwell Merchant.

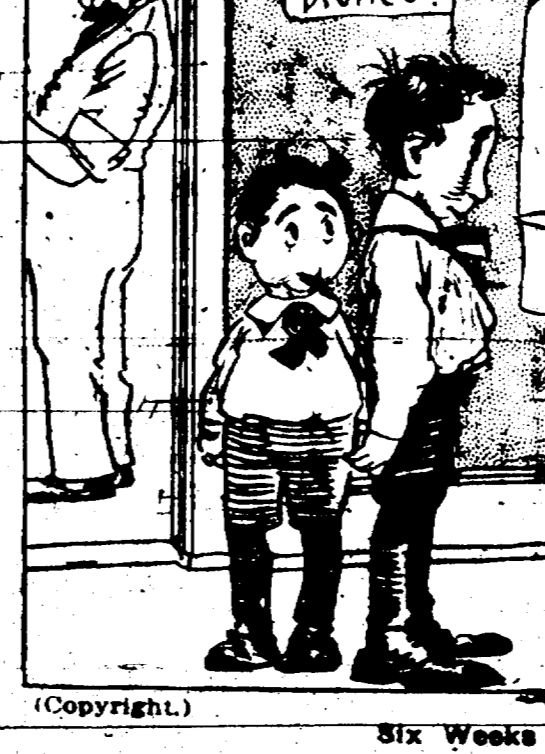
Relatives from afar, who attended the funeral here Tuesday, were: Mr. Harry Merchant, of Baltimore, and Mrs. J. E. Dunnington, of Wilson, N. C.

The pallbearers were: Dr. W. F. Merchant, William H. Cather, William B. Cather, Bernard Trimmer and the Messrs. Carter.

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TACTFUL SEASON IS HERE

MOTHER WHY WE HELP YOU WITH THE DISHES?



MRS. B. N. MERCHANT DIES IN WASHINGTON. SAD NEWS GREAT SHOCK TO MANY.

Had Been in Ailing Health for Some Time—Death Follows An Operation in George Washington Hospital.

After an illness of a little over two weeks Mrs. B. N. Merchant died last Sunday morning at George Washington University Hospital in Washington. Her many friends and relatives here and in Baltimore were shocked and stunned when the sad news reached them, as it was of an unexpected nature.

Mrs. Merchant had reached the age of thirty-seven years.

For some time she had been in failing health, and three weeks ago it was found that an operation would be necessary.

She was taken to the George Washington Hospital in Washington, where the operation was performed.

For several days following she was in a very serious condition, and it was thought that death would come almost momentarily, close relatives remaining at the bedside, fearing each minute that the last would come.

On Wednesday of last week, she showed encouraging signs of improvement, and it was thought that she would recover, but she died suddenly, she grew worse until the end came Sunday.

The remains were brought to the home of her sister, Mrs. William H. Cather, of Manassas, and Tuesday afternoon, were laid to rest in the Manassas cemetery.

The funeral services were held at the Trinity Episcopal Church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Merchant was for many years a resident of Manassas, and only within the past two years had she moved to Baltimore.

Her death is mourned by a wide circle of friends here, who deeply sympathize with the family in this late bereavement.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE ON FRIDAY, NOV. 21

PRIZES FOR BEST SAMPLES OF CORN. Address by Prof. Lyman Carrier, of V. P. I. on "Successful Hay Growing" Organize Corn Growers' Association.

The next meeting of the Farmers' Institute will be held on Friday, Nov. 21, at 10:30 a. m., in the Court House at Manassas. Prof. Lyman Carrier, of V. P. I., is expected to be present on that day, and will make an address on the "Successful Growing of Hay Crops."

A storeroom has been rented by the M. I. C. building, and will be used for the purpose of housing the corn exhibits and offer products, which will be shown.

The farmers are urged to bring the best samples of corn in for this show. Corn will be judged immediately after dinner. It must be understood that no exhibits must be removed until after 4:30 o'clock on that day. Entry cards may be had upon application to the Secretary of the Farmers' Institute.

The boys of the Boys' Corn Club are requested to bring in their corn for this show. It is further necessary that they have authenticated reports on the yield of their crop, three prizes will be given for highest yield and three for the ten best ears.

The afternoon session has been set aside for the discussion of the resolution adopted by the Committee on Legislation. Ten minutes will be allowed each speaker to express his views and ten minutes for rebuttal.

It is hoped that a great many farmers throughout this section will take great interest in the Corn Show, and it is especially desired that they attend.

At this meeting a Corn Growers' Association will be organized for the purpose of improving the corn crop in Northern Virginia. This association will include all counties in the 8th Congressional district.

By having a local organization the work of improving the seed corn will be much more effective than a state organization because it reaches so many of our people. All farmers interested in fine corn or in improving the corn crop are urged to attend this meeting and take part in this organization.

The Civic League of Manassas High School re-organized on Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mr. Carroll Rice; Secretary, Mr. George Agnew; and Treasurer, Miss Marie Leachman.

All the various departments of the High School student activities come directly under this organization. Hence, its importance cannot be overestimated.

This League was first organized in April, 1909. In the 5-6 years of its existence over two hundred dollars has been raised through the assistance for the purpose of procuring new books for the Kuffner-Carnegie Library. Various other activities have been carried on through its influence.

The people of Manassas owe a debt of gratitude to this organization which they can only pay by attending the various entertainments to be given during the year, and thus assist in carrying forward the noteworthy work which is being planned.

H. F. S.

FORMER MANASSAS GIRL BECOMES BRIDE

WEDDED LAST WEEK IN ROANOKE. Miss Courtenay Marshall, Daughter of Mrs. Marshall, Married to Mr. F. W. D. Jones, of Charlotte, N. C.

One of the most beautiful and effective weddings in this city, was solemnized last night at nine o'clock, when Miss Courtenay Marshall, daughter of Mrs. Martin Marshall, was married to Mr. Peter W. D. Jones, of Charlotte, N. C.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Otis Mead, rector of Christ Episcopal church, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fishburn. Mrs. Fishburn is a sister of the bride.

At one end of the large living room, an improvised altar of palms, ferns and ascension lilies was constructed and lighted by candles set in chrysalis. The room was beautifully decorated with trailing ivy and lilies.

To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Josephine Hattie, the two matrons entered first, Mrs. Charles Fishburn, sister of the bride, dressed in pink brocaded crepe, then Mrs. Thomas A. Marshall, of Baltimore, Md., in blue brocaded crepe, both gowns trimmed in lace and rhinestones. They were followed by the two maids, Miss Mary Butler and Miss Alice Preston, both in flesh colored crepe chiffon. All four of the bridesmaids carried conventional bouquets of pink rose buds, forget-me-nots and marguerites.

The bride was charmingly gowned in white faille satin trimmed in Russian point lace. Her veil was arranged in cap effect, the cap being made of Russian point. The lace and pearls worn by Miss Marshall were worn by her mother on her wedding day.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Thomas A. Marshall, of Baltimore. She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. F. H. Briggs, of Richmond, Va.

After the ceremony a delightful informal reception was held. Mrs. Ellis Robinson welcomed the guests in the hall. Mrs. Lawrence Davis served punch, assisted by Mrs. E. T. Morris and Miss Virginia Evans. Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. J. A. Fishburn and Mrs. W. L. Powell were the assisting hostesses. In the dining room, the table looked lovely with the bride's cake, baskets of white roses, tied with tulle and crystal candle sticks. Mrs. Ella Starkey served in this room, assisted by Misses Rosa Rogers, Bessie Evans, Elizabeth Ewart and Mary Dodd Fox.

The bride's going away costume was a snuff colored cloth suit, with brown accessories to match. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left on the midnight train for a Northern trip. They will be at home in Charlotte, N. C., after December 1.—Roanoke Times.

This morning another serious accident was narrowly averted as the Southern Railway crossing on Main street, and had it not been for the prompt action of several railroad employees death would probably result. Mr. J. T. Beahm, who resides a few miles from Manassas, had reached the crossing where a freight train was switching. Being signaled to cross by a member of the crew she started, not knowing that the brakeman was on the other side of the train signaling for the engine to back. When in the middle of the track the cars were backing rapidly toward her and just in time her horses were turned around and the buggy moved out of danger.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Owen Lynch, of Alexandria, was a Menocese visitor today. Hugh H. Green, of Clifton, spent last Sunday enjoying a trip to Orange. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts moved from Bristow to Manassas this week.

Mrs. H. F. Davis, of Washington, was in town the first of the week on business. James R. Dorrell left last Friday night on a business trip to Covington, W. Va.

Miss Nettie Hardella, of Washington, was the guest of friends and relatives in Manassas this week. Frank Rowbaugh has returned to his home in Timbersville, Md., after spending a week with relatives here.

Miss Sue Brawner, of Broad Run, was in Manassas yesterday on her way to Washington. Mrs. S. A. Wine, of Mt. Jackson, is spending the week with her son, Dy R. E. Wine, and Mrs. Wine.

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MANASSAS HIGH DEFEATS R. M. A. The Touchdowns Being Made in the First Quarter. Each Coming Within Ten Minutes of Play, Respectively. Broken field running, which is never been equaled on a local ground, together with a massive style of play gave Manassas an overwhelming victory.

M. I. S. ELEVEN DEFEATED 15 TO 0. BY A WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL. On the Grounds of the Local Team Last Saturday - Industrial School's First Defeat of the Season. The Manassas Industrial School team met its first defeat of the season last Saturday afternoon on the local grounds, at the hands of the fast M Street High School eleven, of Washington.

WELLINGTON ITEMS. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cross, of Washington, have returned home after spending the past week with Mrs. Cross' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bigelow, at Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kidwell have been visiting Mr. Kidwell's parents at Arcola, for several days.

BUSINESS NOTICES. TURKEYS WANTED FOR THANKSGIVING. We will buy live turkeys Wednesday and Thursday, November 19 and 20, dressed turkeys Thursday and Friday, November 20 and 21.

Do Not Fail to Attend the BIG SALE NOW GOING ON AT Crigler-Camper Co's. Commencing TODAY, this big sale of Goods, at GREATLY REDUCED Prices, will continue for ten days. We have placed on sale a line of merchandise that will appeal to you in style and quality as well as price.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE. After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue. Cairo, Ky., in an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all."

All Skin Remedies Fail? Have you tried all the advertised skin remedies without success? Have you sought medical treatment in vain? And you still suffer from that irritating, itching, scaly, scaly skin disease, eczema?

W. C. WAGNER. Manassas, Va. Subscribe for THE DEMOCRAT. H. D. Fry, of Barton, O., suffers from horrible ulcers on his foot for 14 years. Doctor advised amputation. He refused and reluctantly tried Dr. Le's Arnica Salve as a last resort.

WORLD'S QUEER FOLK

MANY OF THEM IN ACTUAL LIFE AND IN BOOKS.

Freake and Caprice of Nature, Added to Almost Daily a Source of Wonder to the Reader.

We read in the old books catalogued by booksellers as "quaint," books like "The Wonderful Mosaic" or the "Centric Biography," about misers, hermits, gargantuan eaters, strong men, men with horns, women with whiskers, and we wonder at the freaks and caprices of nature, but there is material every year for still more encyclopedic volumes, year books of "Living Marvels." Read the newspapers. There are wild men in the New England states. John D. Rockefeller, not believing in holidays, because they "too often lead to extravagance," kept the laborers on his "estate" hard at work on September 1. Letters to the New York Times inform us that there are persons, otherwise sane who are endeavoring to copy mezzotint plates in the heart of London a few years ago. He lived in a cellar, "the sole vestige of a house in Clare Market, pulled down and forgotten by its owners."

There was a hermit in the neighborhood gave him food, and he was lastly happy until a journalist discovered him. The hermit was then interviewed and photographed, and the workhouse authorities pulled him out of his cell and cleaned him, so that his glare as a hermit faded. Mr. Chris Granger of Brooklyn on August 24 ate 19 lobsters watching from a pound and ate a quarter. Not long ago he ate a 15-pound bluefish, six green peppers, nine potatoes, two sweet corn cobs, a bunch of celery, and two peaches. He was interviewed by physicians who advised against drink at table, only put down 16 bottles of beer. Truly, this is a little world of great wonders.

Did not John Ruskin deserve a place in an "Encyclopedia of Wonders?" We do not refer to his handwriting. Mr. Ruskin is an artistic genius. He was not only not afraid to his crusade against railways and factories. When he suffered from a cold, he always asked that would be the worst for him, but then he referred to the fact that the physicians told him that pepper was dangerous. He scattered it profusely over every disk. An obstinate man, he was not deterred by the doctors' reckless advice, he recovered.

Some of us remember the old man who for 40 years had a telescope at Fifth Avenue and Broadway. He was in New York, Mr. President J. F. Boyd, known to thousands only as the professor. This learned stargazer invited the public by little placards to see the "Man in the Moon" or the "Mighty Jupiter." He had studied medicine, chemistry, law. He was a profane astronomer and an ingenious inventor. He was the inventor of the Grand Army. Why did he become a street astronomer? No one knows, and when he died a few days ago in a hospital at Hoboken, New Jersey, he was said of him that he had died of starvation. Living on the canal barge on the Hudson, he had burned all his papers.

The Collector. A Newark mailman at a moderate rate of speed, was about to pass a street when a reckless motorist dashed in front of him and carried away a lamp and a few dollars. The victim was able to stagger to the next crossing and report the case to the policeman.

"It's no use," said the officer. "He's gone by this time. You didn't catch his number there's nothing to do." Of course, this could happen only in New Jersey.

A Schooner. Assistant—Here is another letter from these glass people. Message—What do they say? Assistant—They want to know what terms they can get for the schooner. The prima donna recommended their places every time she is called before the curtain of an act.—Puck.

The Near-Prison. "Some rich man seem to enjoy bad luck," remarked the cynical observer. "He served me just such persons."

LIGHT CARRIES PICTURES

When Reflected From Object It is Made to Take Image Wherever It Goes.

We are accustomed to the idea that light is immortal, that energy can not be annihilated, that matter can not be destroyed, but what of this extraordinary immortality of deeds?

Simply this: Light that is reflected or given off from an object carries an image of that object, and the picture that it bears is revealed, no matter how long the journey or whether it may tend.

When these image-carrying light waves enter the eye, the picture they bear is revealed, whether the waves have been only infinitesimal fraction of a second in coming from the face of a friend across the street, or whether they have reached the eye after a jaunt of 100,000 years through space, from the flashing scintillation of a far-off star.

Even as we see our nearest star neighbor not as it is today, but as it was four years ago, the light that is reflected to this star from our planet carries pictures of the earth as it was 18 months ago, and every person who is at that distance from the earth, and equipped with some means of collecting the light waves, would see events and deeds that had in fact transpired on this earth in the year 1921!

Suppose we had such an apparatus and could out-travel light. We could journey to the solar star and behold the world as the earth as it was in the year 1821!

If we journey nine years of light waves farther in toward the earth, we would intercept the light waves that were fired on Fort Sumter in 1861.

Even though every book and every manuscript, and every monument should be destroyed, the immortality of bravery of our northern and southern soldiers are written eternally on the scroll of the heavens.

If we travel yet farther out into space, and caught up with the light waves that left us, say 490 years ago, we would see Columbus discovering America! The waves that left us about 1700 years ago, would give us the picture of Rocky Roads, with John, surnamed Lackland, signing the Magna Charta.

Nearly 2,000 light years from the earth speed the waves that bear the story of Caesar's fame and the glory that was Rome's.

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