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Alexandria Gazette 22 Jan 1876

TEMPERANCE MEETING at MANASSAS

At a grand temperance mass meeting held at the M. E. Church, at Manassas, on Tuesday, the night of the 18th of January, pursuant to the call of the pastors of the churches, Rev. Charles King, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of the Presbyterian Church, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. Nearly every man, woman and child has endorsed the same by the signing of petitions to the Court, and the General Assembly. Remarks were made by the pastors above named, and by Rev. J. W. Marsh, Rev. Wm. Round, Dr. W. G. Hancock, Isaac P. Baldwin, and Geo. C. Round. The executive committee, to carry out the wishes of the people, were as follows: Gentlemen - Geo. C. Round, C. A. Snowball, Robert C. Weir, Samuel Wolverton, Charles H. Wittington. Ladies - Mrs. Ada Merchant, Mrs. S. A. Whitman, Mrs. Harriet M. Hixson, Mrs. Estell Cross, and Miss Nellie Hixson:

Whereas, The public use of intoxicating liquors has seriously injured our prosperity and reputation as a village and has proved a course alike to the bodies and souls of men.

Therefore, Be it resolved, by the citizens of Manassas, in mass meeting assembled.

1st. That we submit to our fellow citizens who are now engaged in the sale of liquors our earnest protest against the farther continuance of this traffic in our community, and respectfully ask them in deference to the common interest to make no applications for license during the coming year.

2nd. That we respectfully submit to the Honorable Judge of this county that in our opinion there is no suitable, proper and convenient place for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Manassas, except at the drug stores for medicinal, mechanical and sacramental purposes: That we protest against any license being issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors except at those places, and for the aforesaid purposes; that we protest against the issuing of hotel or ordinary licenses to persons who do not keep a public house; and we protest against issuing such license to any person keeping a place of amusement or a store for general merchandise, or to any person who heretofore has broken the laws of the commonwealth by selling or giving away liquors on Sundays, on election days, or to minors.

3rd. That we respectfully submit to the General Assembly of Virginia that the charter of the Corporation of Manassas should be amended to correspond with the charter of Falls Church, and many other towns of the State, allowing no license to be issued by the County Court except with the approval of the Council of the Corporation, and also allowing said Council the right to lay a suitable tax for Corporation purposes upon said licenses if issued. And that we respectfully ask our Senators and Delegates in the General Assembly to procure the passage of said amendments.

4th. That the pastors of the churches of Manassas acting as Joint Presidents of this mass meeting be requested to appoint an executive committee to consist of five gentlemen and five ladies, whose duty it shall be to prepare suitable petitions to the County Court and to the General Assembly, to circulate the same for signatures to present said petitions at the proper time with such farther statements as may seem proper, to arrange for future meetings to which they shall report, and in general to perform any duty which may seem necessary to carry out the objects of those resolutions, and the pastors of the churches of Manassas are hereby requested to act as ex-office members of said committee.

5th. That copies of these resolutions suitably attested be sent to the Manassas Gazette and to the Alexandria and Washington papers for publication.

O. P. Merritt
C. F. Tansill
Secretaries

Alexandria Gazette 26 Jan 1876

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

I see by the card signed "A. Nicol," dated January 21st, 1876, and circulated with the last issue of the Manassas Gazette, in which "A. Nicol" pronounces any and all who had preferred before the Legislature charges of fraud and corruption in his official conduct, or those who had endorsed them or any who circulated them, liars, slanderers, cowards and scoundrels. He also stated that this card "was stuck up and read in the presence of Wm. E. Lipscomb, the reputed author of the charges and that he was as dumb as an oyster." I presume the impression rested upon the minds of all who have read this card, that I cowered in the presence of this august Judge. In order to correct such an impression, I beg leave to state that the card was not read by Nicol, nor by any other person on my hearing, nor was I aware of the contents of the card, nor do I consider myself the author of the charges which have been preferred against this judge. Upon reading the supplement of the Manassas Gazette, I consulted with friends upon whose representations I became satisfied that this unnecessary attack on me needed no vindication at my hands. The truth or falsity of these charges will be determined by the proper tribunal and no wager of battle can vindicate or damn the character of the accused.

William E. Lipscomb
Brentsville, Prince William County
January 24th, 1876

Alexandria Gazette 29 Jan 1876

Judge Nicol's Case

The Manassas Gazette says: "It was not known by either Judge Nicol or anyone else in this county, save the parties to the attempt, and those to whom they confided the matter, that proceedings were instituted in the Legislature to impeach him until Monday last, on the reception of the Richmond papers giving a report of the presentation in the House of Delegate from this county, of the impeachment papers. It, of course, created a profound sensation with all except those who were cognizant of what was being done. Judge Nicol has been twice elected to the position of Judge; the first time over a popular young lawyer backed by influential relatives and friends, and the last time, we believe, without opposition. For ability, fairness and purity of character Judge Nicol, up to the present time, has stood the equal of any gentlemen wearing the judicial ermine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and no one of his friends or the public where he is known, have ever dreamt that a breath of suspicion rested upon his character as a gentleman, or as a judge.

"Judge Nicol assures his friends that he is innocent of the charges against him, and asserts that it is an attempt of his enemies to drag him down. The case goes before the Committee on the Judiciary of the House next Wednesday, and until that tribunal shall have proved the truth or falsity of the serious charges, let public opinion withhold its verdict."

The Richmond Enquirer says:

"Judge Nicol, of the County Court of Prince William, against whom grave charges have been brought by a lawyer of that county, was in the House of Delegates yesterday, and was confident of his ability to meet successfully every charge affecting his judicial integrity. He is quiet looking and has not by any means the appearance of a State officer who would be guilty of corrupt practices. His case will be inquired into without unnecessary delay."

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg News says:

"Judge Nicol, of Prince William County Court, is here. He demands the most searching investigation into his official record. Everybody hopes and many believe he will establish his innocence, which will be more to his credit than the prosecution failing to make out his case.

Alexandria Gazette 7 Feb 1876

JUDGE NICOL'S CASE

This morning the House Committee for Courts of Justice, Mr. Coghill chairman, entered upon the regular investigation of the charges brought by Mr. James J. Davies against Aylett Nicol, judge of the Court of Prince William County. The charges made and sworn to by Mr. Davies as "true so far as it rested upon his own information, and so far as made upon the information of others he believes the said charges to be true," have been expurgated by the committee so as to omit the following, which, if true, should be brought to the attention of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, and Judge Nicol would be disbarred:

"That the said Aylett Nicol instituted a suit in the Circuit Court of the said county of Prince William in the name of Rachel Carter, administratrix of Thomas Carter, deceased, against the estate of Charles E. Norman, deceased, in which he obtained a decree in the said court against the said Norman's estate; that the said decree or judgment so obtained and used in April 1875, to the sum of \$1,629; that in the said month of April, 1875, he advised his said client, Rachel Carter, to sign a blank assignment for the consideration of \$300, one-third of which said sum was to be retained by the said Nicol as his fee in the said suit; that the said Nicol, at the time he advised the said Rachel Carter, his client, to assign the said claim against the said Norman's estate for the sum aforesaid had in his hands, as commissioner of sale in the suit of Cole vs. Lynn's administrator, pending in the said Circuit Court, the sum of \$1680 which he could have had applied to the payment of his said client's claim, amounting, as aforesaid, to \$1,629.

THE CHARGES

The remaining charges upon which the investigation will proceed are three in number, and are as follows:

First. "That by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved July 11th, 1870, Jesse Hoyt, Columbus C. Douglass, Aylett Nicol, C. W. C. Dunnington, Daniel F. Ruggles, Walter Weir, and other associates and successors were created a corporation by the name of the Potomac and Manassas Railroad Company; that the said Aylett Nicol was a stockholder in the said railroad company, and that the said Aylett Nicol, on the 22nd day of September, 1870, purchased from one Thomas F. Tebbs, his undivided one-third interest in eleven lots in the town of Carrboro, in the said county. The said affinity further says, that at a County Court held for the said county of Prince William, on the first Monday in October, 1870, the said Aylett Nicol, sitting as judge of the said County Court, and being interested as aforesaid, on motion of the said Potomac and Manassas Railroad Company, appointed a board of commissioners to condemn land in the said county for the purposes of the said company, and that the said board of commissioners returned to the said County Court their reports condemning ninety lots situated in the said town of Carrboro, and which condemnation embraced the interest purchased as aforesaid by the said Nicol of the said Tebbs; that the said Aylett Nicol, sitting as judge of the said County Court, at he December term 1870, therefore, entered an order confirming the said reports; that the said railroad company was not represented by an attorney before the said County Court; that by an order of the said court, entered at the said term, Anson Bangs, president of the said railroad company, paid the damages arising from the said condemnation, amounting to the sum of thirty-eight hundred and ninety dollars to the general receiver of the said County Court; that the said Aylett Nicol, sitting as judge of the said County Court, entered at the same term, an order directing one of the commissioners in chancery to inquire and ascertain what persons were entitled to the said damages, and in what proportion; that the said Aylett Nicol obtained from the clerk of the said court a copy of the last mentioned order, and directed A. F. Woodyard, one of his said commissioners to execute the same. The affinity further says, that before the execution of the last mentioned order by Commissioner Woodyard, the

said Aylett Nicol had entered into a contract with one Wileman Thomas, a resident of the county of Stafford, in the said State, in which it was stipulated and agreed that the said Aylett Nicol and Wileman Thomas should share equally all profits growing out of their speculations in the said town of Carrboro'.

LAND SPECULATION

"The said affinity further says, that the said Aylett Nicol filed before the said Commissioner Woodyard, a deed executed by one William E. Dulin, the sole heir of one William D. Dowell, on the 15th day of April, 1871, conveying to one Thomas Chapman, all the said Dulin's interest in the Carrboro lots and his interest in the damage assessed for the said lots, upon which said deed the said Chapman made and executed an assignment transferring to the said Aylett Nicol, his said purchase from the said Dulin; that the said Aylett Nicol introduced the said Wileman Thomas as a witness before the said commissioner, and on the 20th day of April, 1871, caused the said Commissioner Woodyard to take the deposition of the said Wileman Thomas, to which he was made to say that he knew John P. Duval, who married Ann F. Tebbs, a daughter of Betsey Tebbs; that in the division of the Carrboro' lots Nos. 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 80, 81, 89, 90, 76, 77, 78, and 79 were allotted to the said John Duval, and Ann F., his wife; that she said Duval and wife in their lifetime sold the said lots to William D. Dowell; that he saw the deed executed by the said Duval and wife, conveying the said lots to the said Dowell; that William E. Dulin (who was the only child of Emma Dowell, who was the only child of the said William D. Dowell) had, as he (Thomas) understood, conveyed the lots to Thos. Chapman; that the said Aylett Nicol caused the said Commissioner Woodyard, by his report, dated the 20th day of May, 1871, and upon the testimony of Wileman Thomas, who was manifestly the partner of the said Nicol, testifying against the said John P. Duval and his wife, who were at that time deceased, and their heirs living in the State of Florida, to award the damages arising from the condemnation of the above mentioned lots, and amounting to \$490, to the said Aylett Nicol; and that the said damages arising from the said condemnation were paid to the said Aylett Nicol by the general receiver of the said County Court, under an order entered by the said court on the 5th day of July, 1871. Hon. R. H. Cockerille, of Fairfax County, presiding. The affinity says that in the division of the said Carrboro' lots Nos. 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 were allotted to Margaret C. Triplett, the wife of Thomas Triplett; that on the 3rd day of September, 1849, the said Thomas Triplett, by deed with general warranty conveyed the said lots (with others) to the said Wileman Thomas for the consideration of \$50, as expressed in the said deed; that the said Wileman Thomas, on the 21st day of April, 1871, by deed with general warranty, conveyed the said lots to one Francis Gray for the consideration as expressed in the said deed of \$75; that the said Aylett Nicol and his partner, Wileman Thomas, examined the two last mentioned deeds, and that the said Nicol obtained from the clerk of the said County Court a copy of the said deed from Triplett to Thomas; and that the said Thomas on the 16th day of May, 1871, procured from Landon Carter, and Ann E. his wife, and D. F. Neil, two of the heirs of Thomas Triplett, deceased, deeds conveying their interest in the said lots to his partner, Aylett Nicol; that the said deeds from the said heirs were procured by the treats of the said Thomas, that he would sue the heirs of the said Triplett for a warranty of title to the said lots conveyed to him by the said Triplett with general warranty, when he was only tenant by the courtesy; that the said Commissioner Woodyard, by report, dated the 20th day of May, 1871, awarded the interest of the said Landon Carter and wife and D. F. Neil, in the said lots, amounting to \$290.62, to the said Aylett Nicol, and that the sum of \$290.62 was paid to the said Nicol, by the general receiver of the said court, under an order entered by the said court on the 5th July, 1871, Judge Cockerille presiding.

MORE CORRUPTION

Second. "That an order was entered by the said Aylett Nicol, sitting as judge of the said County Court, on the ___ day of October, 1871, directing the general receiver of the

court to pay to Wileman Thomas, his said partner, ____ Hale's interest as one of the heirs of her grandfather, Thomas Triplett, and his wife, Margaret C. Triplett; and also as one of the heirs of her grand uncle, W. W. Tebbs, in lots belonging to the said Triplett and Tebbs, in the said town of Carrboro', and which were embraced in the ninety lots condemned as aforesaid. That the said receiver paid to the said Thomas over \$60 under the said order. That the said Thomas exhibited to the said Nicol, sitting as judge as aforesaid, an assignment from the said Hale, by which she transferred to the said Thomas exhibited to the said Nicol, sitting as judge as aforesaid, an assignment from the said Hale, by which she transferred to the said Thomas all her interest in the lots in the said town of Carrboro', belonging to the said Triplett and Tebbs. That the said Thomas, when he obtained said assignment from the said Hale, represented to her that she had a small sum of money, as the affinity believes, between \$6 and \$8 in the said County Court, and if she would give him the authority to draw it he would give her the money; and upon her agreeing thereto, the said Thomas caused the said Hale to execute the said assignment by which the said Thomas obtained from the said Aylett Nicol, sitting as judge as aforesaid, the said order upon which he received over \$60 from the said general receiver.

BRIBERY

Third. "That a board of commissioners was appointed by the said Aylett Nicol, sitting as judge of the said County Court, on the ____ day of October, 1870, to condemn lands in the said county of Prince William, for the purposes of the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad Company; that two reports were made by the board appointed as aforesaid, and one other report made by a board subsequently appointed by the said Nicol, sitting as judge aforesaid, in the matter of John Naglee's condemnation of land; that another report of a board of commissioners, appointed by the said Nicol, sitting as judge as aforesaid, was returned to the said court on the 3rd day of July, 1871, in the said John Naglee's matter, which was continued until the 4th day of September, 1871, on which day the said report was confirmed by the said Nicol, as judge as aforesaid; that between the 3rd day of July and the 4th day of September, 1871, a proposition was made to the said Nicol, as judge, by which the said Nicol agreed to accept a bribe of \$500 was not paid to the said Nicol, by reason of the attorney of the said railway company withdrawing his objection to the last mentioned report, and agreeing that it might be confirmed."

It is said that the committee was divided as to the exclusion of the charge of swindling a client in the Circuit Court, and that a motion will be made in the House to instruct the committee to investigate all the charges brought by Mr. Davies.

John S. Forbes esq., of Fauquier County, is counsel for Judge Nicol. Mrs. Davies, the petitioner and prosecutor, is a lawyer.

Richmond Whig

Alexandria Gazette 14 Feb 1876

IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE NICOL

The editor of the Manassas Gazette, writing from Richmond, says: "The impeachment of Hon. Aylett Nicol still drags its slow and weary way in the committee room of the House, developing more and more the shallowness of the long list of charges against that gentleman. The evidence of Judge R. H. Cockerille, of Fairfax, and Mr. E. E. Meredith, of Prince William, was heard yesterday, which gave but little, if any, comfort to the "impeachers," the evidence of Judge Cockerille being decidedly in his favor, and to-day, on motion of Mr. Davies, the investigation was again postponed until Wednesday next to give him (Davies) time to bring his witnesses. Whatever may be the results of the case in the end, it is certain that at this stage of the proceedings it is looked upon here as it is in Prince William, as the veriest farce, and as heretofore predicted by me, will end in the utter shame and discomfiture of the parties who have so recklessly made the charges."

Alexandria Gazette 18 Feb 1876

THE NICOL CASE

The House Committee on Courts of Justice met at 4 o'clock and proceeded to consider the charges against Judge Nicol, of the County Court of Prince William. The examination of W. E. Lipscomb, deputy clerk of the county named, was commenced. He testified that Wileman Thomas and Judge Nicol came to his clerk's office and asked him to examine the records and find deeds from Thomas Triplett to said Thomas, and from Thomas to Frances Gray for certain of the lots at Carrboro, and that a copy of Triplett's deed appears by the fee book to have been made and delivered to Nicol. He further identified deeds made by D. F. Neal and Mr. Landon Carter and wife, who are the heirs of said Triplett, and purporting to convey said land to Judge Nicol, as being in the hand writing of Thomas. It is claimed by the prosecution that Thomas and Nicol were partners, and that those lost deeds were procured from the parties by Thomas for the benefit of him and Nicol by fraud and violence, and the effort is to affect Nicol with the fraudulent acts of Thomas. The examination of Mr. Lipscomb will be concluded this morning at 10 1/2 o'clock.

Richmond Enquirer

The case of Judge Nicol, of Prince William, was again before the Committee on Courts of Justice of the House this morning, after deciding upon the admissibility of certain evidence, the Committee adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock this evening. So far, the prosecution has failed to establish any of the charges, and the indications are that he will be honorably acquitted of each and every charge against him,

Richmond News

Alexandria Gazette 19 Feb 1876

JUDGE NICOL'S CASE

The House Judiciary committee met yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, and resumed, without concluding, the examination of W. E. Lipscombe. A question propounded by the counsel for the prosecution and objected to by Judge Nicol, was referred to a full committee. This question had reference to an alleged difficulty between Nicol and the witness, growing out of the removal of the latter from his position as deputy clerk of Prince William. Summonses have been executed on witnesses who have failed to attend, and a rule was yesterday issued by the committee against them to show why they should not be fined and attached for their contempt. This rule was made returnable Monday at ten o'clock to which hour the committee adjourned.

Richmond Enquirer

To the Editor of the Enquirer:

Sir: When charges are made against any one, the public are naturally inclined to give credence to them without waiting for proof, and such has been the case, to some extent on the part of the press, in regard to the charges preferred against Judge Nicol, of Prince William County.

Judge Nicol's known record should at least have protected him against any prejudgment prejudicial to him as an officer or a gentleman.

Judge Nicol has been upon the bench six years. During this time not one of his decisions has been reversed. Such a record as this not only proves him to possess ability, and a thorough knowledge of the law, but purity of character, at least until the contrary is established. Allow me to say, should the present investigation develop a shade affecting his moral or official status, it will surprise those most who know him best. JUSTICE.

Prince William Co. Va. Feb 12, 1876

Alexandria Gazette 01 Mar 1876

INDIGNATION MEETING AT MANASSAS

The following resolutions were unanimously passed by the citizens of Manassas, in mass meeting assembled, February 28, 1876 at Hixson's Hall:

Whereas, Mr. D. W. Whiting, Mayor of this town, has uniformly professed to be in favor of a law of the Legislature, giving to the Town Council the right to control the license for the sale of liquor in said town, and whereas, the said D. W. Whiting did go before the Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns, of the House of Delegates, and oppose the petition of our citizens for that purpose, which fact he has kept secret from our Councilmen and people thus forfeiting the confidence of the community in him as a public officer, therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That the aforesaid conduct of our Mayor justly merits our hearty indignation and condemnation.

Resolve 2nd, That we respectfully request the Common Council to ask our Mayor to resign his position.

Resolve 3rd, That we appoint our Chairman a committee to visit the Legislature and represent our wishes to the committee and members of that body, and that we ask our Senator and Delegates to render him all the assistance in their power.

Resolve 4th, That copies of these resolutions to be sent to the Alexandria and Richmond papers for publication.

William R. Will,
William G. Hancock,

Secretaries

Alexandria Gazette 08 Mar 1876

THE RICHMOND NEWS SAYS

Manassas -- Mr. D. W. Whiting, editor of the Manassas Gazette, and Mayor of Manassas, arrived here this morning, and appearing before the Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns, and gave his objections to the petition of citizens of his town to have their charter so amended as to transfer the granting of liquor licenses from the County Court to the Town Council. The committee, after considering the petition agreed to report adversely on the petition. Col. Tancill, of Manassas, was deputed by the petitioners to advocate the petition.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Mar 1876

TEMPERANCE AT MANASSAS

At a Temperance Mass Meeting, held at Manassas on the night of March 15, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Resolved, 1st. That we accept the report of Col. Robert Tansill, and return to him our thanks for his efforts at Richmond in the cause of temperance and good order; that we regret that the General Assembly should have allowed the opinions and efforts of the few who opposed our movement to overbalance the great majority of our citizens.

2nd. That we shall not be discouraged by our temporary failure; that the Executive Committee be requested to make suitable arrangements to present our petitions to the County Court, and we appeal to that tribunal not to expose our community for another year to the curse of drunkenness.

3rd. That we repeat what we have heretofore asserted, that our warfare is not a personal one against any individual engaged in the liquor traffic, nor against any of our fellow

citizens who may differ with us, but solely against the evil itself which has so disgraced and injured our community.

4th. That copies of these resolutions, auitably attested, be sent to the county judge, and to the Alexandria papers for publication.

R. C. Weir, Chairman,

Wm. G. Hancock, R. W. Merchant - Secretaries

Alexandria Gazette 18 Mar 1876

JUDGE NICOL'S CASE

The editor of the Manassas Gazette writing to his paper, says: The impeachment case of Judge Nicol still drags its weary way, and length of time which is supposed to develop all things, is an exception in this case, so far as its termination is concerned, and from present appearances it will require a half-dozen sessions of the Legislature to complete what has proved to all, and particularly to the members of the committee who have the matter before them, and to Judge Nicol, a wearysome task. As stated in this correspondence repeatedly, and by almost every paper in the State, there has not been a particle of evidence yet produced to sustain a single charge brought by the prosecutor, and the continuance of the case from week to week and month to month appears to be more an effort on the part of the prosecutor to vindicate himself than to impeach Judge Nicol, and the impeachment of his own witness bears us out in this opinion. Hon. John M. Forbes, Judge Nicol's counsel, in the commencement asked the committee to give the prosecutors every opportunity they desired to sustain their charges, stating that his client waived all technicalities and invited inquiry into all the acts of his life from the cradle down to the present hour.

The committee after having twice ruled out one of the charges as not within these jurisdiction finally by request of the counsel for the prosecution today, reversed their two former decisions and determined to inquire into it, which decision will, if carried out, probably run the case into the next session of the Legislature. Judge Nicol about ten days ago in order to secure a termination of the matter during this session of the legislature agreed if the committee should report that the House ought to take steps tending to removal from the bench or for his impeachment, to waive the twenty days notice provided in the constitution but as only two weeks are to elapse when the term of the Legislature expires, and the committee refused today to proceed with the case sooner than Friday next, it seems impossible they will conclude their investigation and submit their report prior to the expiration of the present season, a matter of great regret to both Judge Nicol and his friends.

Alexandria Gazette 20 Mar 1876

THE FIRST BULL RUN BATTLE

Dear Sir: I avail myself of the first opportune moment to answer your letter of the 17th ultimo inquiring of me, as in command at the time, why the pursuit of the Federals immediately after their route at the battle of Manassas, July 21, 1861, was suddenly checked and the Confederate troops recalled toward Manassas. I will first state that, though with General Joseph E. Johnson's consent I extolled the command during the battle, as its close, after I had ordered all the troops on the field in pursuit. I went personally to the Lewis house and relinquished that command to him. I then started at a gallop to take immediate charge of the pursuit on the Centreville turnpike, but was soon overtaken by a courier from Manassas, with a note addressed to me by Colonel T. G. Rhett of General Johnson's staff, who had been left there in the morning to forward that General's troops as they might arrive by rail from Winchester. Colonel Rhett thereby informed me that a strong body of Federal troops had crossed the Bull Run at Union Mill ford on our right, and was advancing on Manassas, our depot of supplies, which had been necessarily left very weakly guarded. I

hurried back to the Lewis House to communicate this important dispatch to General Johnson, and both of us believing the important to be authentic, I undertook to repair to the threatened quarter with Ewell's and Homes' brigades, at the moment near the Lewis house, where they had just arrived, too late to take part in the action. With these troops I engaged to attack the enemy vigorously before he could effect a lodgement on our side of Bull Run, but asked to be reinforced as soon as practicable by such troops as might be spared from the Centreville pursuit.

Having reached the near vicinity of Union Mills Ford without meeting any enemy, I ascertained to my surprise that the reported hostile passage was a false alarm growing out of some movements of our own troops (a part of General D. R. Jones' brigade) who had been thrown across the run in the morning pursuant to my offensive line of operations for the day, and upon their return now to the south bank of the run were mistaken, though their similarity of uniform, for the Federals. I returned to intercept the march of the two brigades who were following me toward Union Mills, and as it was quite dark, when I met them and they were greatly jaded by their long march and countermarch that hot July day, I directed them to halt and bivouac where they were. Hearing that President Davis and General Johnson had gone to Manassas I returned and found them between 9:30 and 10 o'clock at my headquarters.

This will explain to you why the partial "retrograde movement" to which you refer was made, and why no sustained vigorous pursuit of McDowell's army was made that evening. Any pursuit of the Federals next day toward their rallying point, at and around the Long Bridge, over the Potomac, could have led to no possible military advantage, protected as their position was by a system of field works. No movement upon Washington by that route could have been possible, for, even if there had been no such works, the bridge--- a mile in length---was commanded by Federal ships of war, and a few pieces of artillery or the destruction of a small part of the bridge could have made its passage impracticable.

Our only proper operation was to pass the Potomac above into Maryland, at or about Edward's Ferry, and march upon the rear of Washington. With the hope of undertaking such a movement, I had caused a reconnaissance of the country and shore (south of the Potomac) in that quarter to be made in the month of June, but the necessary transportation, even for the ammunition essential to such a movement, had not been provided for my forces, notwithstanding my application for it during more than a month beforehand, nor was there twenty-four hours food at Manassas for the troops brought together for that battle.

G. T. Beauregard

Alexandria Gazette 27 Mar 1876

THE MANASSAS IMBROGLIO

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

Dear Sir: Herewith I send a true copy of the letter, charges and specifications presented to the Common Council of Manassas, March 28th against D. W. Whiting, Mayor. I make and forward the copy by request of Colonel Robert Tansill, complainant, and George C. Round, Clerk of the town of Manassas. There is great interest manifested in this issue by the citizens of this country, and an early publication will oblige many. very respectfully,

Frank A. Beal
March 25, 1876

Manassas, Va., March 20, 1876

To the honorable Common Council of Manassas: Herewith I have the honor to submit charges and specifications of charges which I have deemed it my duty as a citizen and respect for law and justice to prefer against D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, and

respectfully ask that your honorable body will bring the said D. W. Whiting to trial upon them, as I feel very sure that each and all the charges can be fully sustained by competent evidence. The honor of the town and the rights of good and peaceable citizens require that Mr. Whiting should no longer have it in his power to persecute, slander, oppress and punish innocent law-abiding and honorable citizens for exercising those sacred rights guaranteed to all the constitution of Virginia and the laws of the United States. An official injury to humblest individual is an insult to all, and I trust the Council will take such measures as will insure our people from further outrages by this tyrant, and thus relieve them of the disagreeable and painful necessity of appealing to the laws of the United States for the protection of their honor and rights. I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,
Robert Tansill

Charges and specifications of charges preferred by Col. Robert Tansill against D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, State of Virginia, to the Common Council of said town.

Charge 1st

Illegal arrest and punishment of a citizen -- Specification 1st: In this that he, the said D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did on or about the 11th day of March, 1876, order and cause the arrest and impose a fine of twenty-five dollars on George C. Round, a citizen of Manassas, Virginia, for expressing in the public street his disapprobation of the said D. W. Whiting's conduct as Mayor, he, the said D. W. Whiting, in arresting and imposing said fine upon the said George C. Round as aforesaid is guilty of official oppression and a gross violation of the bill of rights of the constitution of Virginia and of the first amendment to the constitution of the United States guaranteeing to every citizen the "freedom of speech" and the rights of all citizens to criticize and condemn the official acts of all public officers.

Charge 2nd

Using threatening, insulting and indecent language to citizens in the public streets of Manassas -- Specification 1st: In this that he, the said D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did, on or about the 11th day of March, 1876, in the town of Manassas, approached in a threatening manner in the public street W. R. Will, with a cane in his hand, thrust his fist at the said Will's face, using at the same time threatening and indecent language to wit: "You are a skunk and a nasty contemptible puppy," or words to that effect, for which he the said Will, had given no cause whatever, all of which is in violation of the town ordinances in such cases.

Specification 2nd: On this that he, the said D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did on or about the 11th day of March, 1876, use provoking, reproachful and indecent language to Mr. George C. Round in the public streets of Manassas to wit: "You are a low, contemptible puppy," or words to that effect, which is a violation of the town ordinances made and provided against such indecent, violent and lawless conduct.

Charge 3rd

Drunkenness -- Specification: In this that he, the said D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, was, on or about the 11th day of March, 1876 in the town of Manassas, drunk, thereby rendering himself incapable of properly performing his official duties as Mayor, and brought reproach upon his official position, all of which is a violation of the town ordinances and laws of the Commonwealth against drunkenness. (signed) Robert Tansill

Additional charges and specifications against D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas

Charge 1st

Using indecent and obscene language while presiding as Mayor in his office - Specification: In this that he, the said D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did, on or about the 10th day of March, 1876, while presiding in his office as Mayor, use indecent and

obscene language, to wit: "Suppose I should see a man----- in the streets, could I not arrest him," or words to that effect, thus disgracing his office and proving that he is not worthy to hold it.

Charge 2nd

Falsehood -- Specification: In this that he the aforesaid D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did, on or about the 11th day of March 1876 in his warrant for the arrest of George C. Round falsely charge the said George C. Round with inciting a riot, which charges he, the said D. W. Whiting, knew to be utterly false, and is therein guilty of willful falsehood, and using his official authority to justify and gratify his personal malignity in illegally arresting and punishing the said George C. Round.

(signed) Robert Tansill

Manassas Gazette 29 Mar 1876

THE MANASSAS IMBROGLIO

Pursuant to notice, the Town Council of Manassas convened on Thursday night last at Hixson's Hall, the object of the meeting being to investigate certain charges preferred against the Mayor, D. W. Whiting, by Col. R. Tansill. A large gathering of the most respectable citizens of the town of Manassas were present and all the members of the Council were present except one. Col. Tansill employed no counsel, but Geo. C. Round, a member of the Council, conducted the case for the prosecution, Mr. Charles Nicol defending Mr. Whiting. A most remarkable feature of the charges was disclosed, which consisted in the fact that they had been preferred and the Town Council had agreed to call a special meeting for their consideration, and up to this stage they had not even been sanctioned by an oath.

Upon this manifest injustice having been alluded to by Mr. Nicol and the oath of Colonel Tansill had been demanded, the Council immediately supported his views and requested Col. Tansill to come forward and give his affidavit. After a few allusions to constitutional law and Senatorial usages, &c., &c., he consented and came forward and subscribed his oath to the charges.

Parenthetically, it may be remarked that Mr. Whiting confiding in the ability and judgment of his counsel, entrusted the conduct of his case entirely into his hands. Mr. N. had not even indicated the line of defense to his client so that no one was more surprised than Mr. Whiting to find upon a citation of authorities that the Council had no jurisdiction to examine into the charges.

After a few preliminaries as above indicated Mr. Nicol laid down the proposition in regard to the jurisdiction of the Council as regards this matter, in these words, viz: "The Town Council has no power to consider these charges against the Mayor, petitioning his removal."

In addition to Common Law authorities, the following statutory references were given: Acts of Assembly 1872 - 3 page 354; item 1874-5 page 135; item, 1875-6 page 123, V. C. of 1873s, 40C, 54 p. 350

Upon mature deliberation the Council endorsed the views of Mr. Whiting's counsel and determined that they had no jurisdiction and dismissed the case. The County Court having decided the proper tribunal to try the charges, and as at the urgent request of Mr. Whiting through his counsel, Col. Tansill promised to bring the charges up at its next term, the public may confidently expect a thorough ventilation and be enabled to determine whether there has been any malice used under the spurious guise of "public spirit."

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THE MANASSAS IMBROGLIO

The case of the Corruption of Manassas vs. George C. Round came up before the County Court of this county at its last term upon an appeal from the Mayor's decision. The defendant George C. Round was charged with attempting a riot upon the public streets of the town of Manassas, brought before the Mayor upon his own information, and acting as prosecutor and judge in the case. Mr Round was fined twenty-five dollars. The Town Council, at its last meddling, passed a resolution disapproving of the action of the Mayor in the arrest and fining of Mr. Round, and employed counsel to represent them before the Court, instructing said counsel that they wished no vindictive prosecution but simply wished the case to be tried upon its merits. His Honor, the Lord Mayor, was represented by "special counsel."

Mr. B. B. Douglas, of Manassas, who represented the Corporation, Arose after the evidence had been given in and said, "that as the council for the Corporation of Manassas, he should, when the case was first called, have entered a nolle prosequi, but wishing to give the parties (who were anxious) every opportunity of vindicating themselves, he had departed from the strict rules of evidence, and allowed evidence to be admitted which otherwise might have been excluded, and that as that had now been done, and the parties given an opportunity of vindicating their character, with the res---- of the Council before him, and in his own judgment believing that they had no case, he now asked that the case be dismissed.

This, however, was objected to by the Mayor and his council, which was the first intimation we had that the case was not the "Corporation of Manassas vs. George C. Round, but the Mayor vs. George C. Round.

Mr. Douglas, after his motion to dismiss was overruled submitted the case to the jury without argument.

The jury, after being out for a few minutes returned with the following verdict: "We, the jury, find not a shadow of guilt against the defendant, George C. Round.

Now I will give you the gist of the evidence in this case: In the first instance a warrant was issued by the Mayor for the arrest of Mr. J. P. Baldwin on the night of the 10th of March, charging Mr. Baldwin with obstructing one of the streets of Manassas. Mr. Baldwin was accordingly arrested and brought before the Mayor and fined twenty-five dollars. After the trial of this case some persons assembled at one of the corners and expressed in a quiet and peaceful manner their disapprobation and condemnation of the Mayor's course. His Lordship hearing of this, declared that if any one dared to denounce his action he would send them to jail. Mr. Round believing (as did every fair minded person) that his action was unwarranted, upon the following morning declared his disapproval of his, Whiting's course, and called reversal gentlemen to witness it, and said I am now Mr. Mayor ready for arrest. Soon after he was arrested for the offense heretofore mentioned.

The decision in this case falls upon the would be tyrants of Manassas like a thunder bolt. The good sense of the people everywhere will hail such a decision with joy. It vindicates the rights and prerogatives of citizenship. No person is grieved but the Mayor and a few other malignant. Mr. Douglas course in the prosecution of this case was of the most commendable character throughout. He acted the gentleman as well as the lawyer.

C. King

Alexandria Gazette 08 Apr 1976

LETTER FROM BRENTSVILLE

Brentsville, Prince William County, Va., April 7 - The people of Brentsville have been for some time in a state of alarm owing to the fact of smallpox having made its appearance in a family that moved into our community about two months ago from New Jersey. The family, named Sentner bought a tract of land about a mile from our village, and

some time after they came here one of the children was taken sick with the above named disease. Since then four of the children have been stricken with it, and two of them have died. Every attention has been paid to this unfortunate family, and every precaution used by the authorities to prevent the spread of the disease.

The April term of our County Court commenced on Monday, but the rain and fear of smallpox kept a great many people away. Robert A. Sinclair was appointed Commonwealth's Attorney, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Larkin.

A bill has passed both branches of the Legislature authorizing and directing the Judge of the County Court to order an election to fill the vacancy in May next. The only candidate so far in the field is Mr. E. E. Meredith. The impression prevails that he will be the choice of the people.

A petition, signed by numerous citizens of Manassas, asking the court not to grant any license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Manassas, was presented to the court by Col. Robt. Tansill in a very happy and felicitous speech.

The most marked feature of the proceedings of this term was a --- --- led the Corporation of Manassas vs. G. C. Round. The evidence elicited in the case was to the effect that Mr. Round, on the 11th of March, had disapproved of the course of D. W. Whiting, who is the Mayor of Manassas and ----- Round was fined by said Mayor. The case, however, extended in to a private history of Manassas for the last year. There was a great deal of feeling exhibited on both sides, and crimination and recrimination were frequently indulged in. The Corporation of Manassas was represented by Robert B. Douglas, a promising young lawyer of this county, Whiting by Mr. C. E. Nicol, and Round by Mr. Meredith. After exhausting two days in hearing the evidence, nearly all of which should never have been allowed to go to the jury, the counsel for the Corporation stated that inasmuch as the Council of Manassas had expressed their disa----- of Whiting's course in arresting Round, and, after listening to the evidence he deemed it his duty to ask, that, the case should be dismissed. The court, however refused to dismiss. After some further discussion between the council for Round and Whiting and the court the case was submitted to the jury without argument. After being absent a short time the jury came in with a verdict, in these words. "We the jury, have agreed upon a verdict and find not a shadow of guilt against the defendants.

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY COURT

The April term of the Prince William County Court, Judge Nicol presiding, has adjourned.

Robert A. Sinclair was appointed attorney for the Commonwealth to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of George W. Larkin.

The will of James C. Green, deceased, was proved and ordered to be recorded, and Virginia Green, his widow, qualified as executrix, J. R. Purcell, John Thomas and Chas. H. Weedon were appointed appraisers.

Com. vs. B. W. Carney; indictment for larceny; cause continued; accused and witnesses recognized to the next term.

The motion of Augustus Schultz to qualify as guardian of Albert Schults, was continued.

Mitchell vs. Brenton; on appeal; continued, and attachment awarded against witnesses.

Administration on the estate of Isaac Millstead, deceased, was granted to Coleman Millstead. Montravill Cornwell, Mahlon Glasscock and Bernard Cannon were appointed appraisers.

In the matter of Julia F. Claggett's will; motion to qualify as executor by Thomas J.

Claggett; motion resisted by contestants, who moved to appoint A. D. Payne curator, which was overruled, and former motion granted; appeal and order of qualifications suspended.

The estate of Richard Atkinson, deceased, was exonerated from erroneous taxes.

Round vs. Corporation of Manassas; cause argued, witnesses examined, and verdict of not guilty.

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LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Manassas, April 12. Easter will be observed with the appropriate services in the M. E. Church at this place, Rev. Mr. Otis is preaching in the morning and the pastor at night. The month of May will be devoted entirely to special and appropriate services for young people.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Mitchell, consort of Geo. W. Mitchell, was born in Warren County, N. J. She united with the Presbyterian Church in early life, and ever lived a consistent and faithful member of the same. She died on Sunday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock, and was buried from her home on the 12th. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Charles King to a large and deeply sympathizing audience.

Rev. Charles Nourse, of Georgetown, lectures on temperance at the Presbyterian Church next Saturday night. The recent effort to crush the leaders of this movement has not only failed, but has resulted disastrously to those engaged in it.

D. W. Whiting has resigned the Mayoralty of Manassas, and his paper, the Manassas Gazette, is in the hands of Constable Weedon.

Alexandria Gazette 27 Apr 1876

THE MANASSAS IMBROGLIO

The following hostile correspondence between Col. Tansill and D. W. Whiting, ex Mayor of Manassas, is the GRAND FINALE of the late Manassas imbroglio, which has so stirred up the usually quiet citizens of that historic town:

Manassas, Va., April 11, 1876

D. W. Whiting, esq:

Sir: On the 7th instant I received the following communication from you:

Manassas, Va., April 7, 1876

Col. Robert Tansill:

Sir: You have made false and slanderous charges against me and had them published in the public press, and you have refused to have them investigated. Now, sir, I ask you to retract them, or I shall ask a settlement in a manner in accordance with the code of honor, and allow you to name a time and place and arms to be used.

Yours truly, D. W. Whiting

P. S. I send this message by my son, and please answer through him.

D. W. Whiting

Manassas, Va., April 7, 1876

D. W. Whiting, esq:

Sir: Your communication dated this day, is received. I shall not retract or withdraw my charges against you. 1st, because they are true; 2nd, because they have all been proven true in a court of justice during the present week by the trial and acquittal of Geo. C. Round, esq. by overwhelming evidence. Robert Tansill

P. S. I send this through the post office. R. T.

In answer to this note of mine you have sent me a challenge to fight you a dual, which is in these words and figures.

Manassas, Va., April 11, 1876

Sir: I understand that you do not consider my note as a challenge. Now, sir, I say to you that I intended it as a challenge and ask you to name time and place and arms.

D. W. Whiting

Send me word what you will do. Won't you go out in the commons and fight me? Let us settle this difficulty.

D. W. Whiting

P. S. If you say the word we will go into the commons where no one else is present.

D. W. Whiting

In reply to your last communication I decline to meet you as you propose for the following reasons:

1st. Both of your communications referred to were sent by your little son, some five or six years of age, and you requested an answer by him, showing that you have not the slightest knowledge of the code of honor to which you appeal.

2nd. Immediately after you sent your first note, which you now say was a challenge, and before I had time to answer it, you informed the Sheriff that you had challenged me, thus virtually inviting arrest in order to avoid the contest you profess to be seeking. I cannot be a party to such child's play.

3rd. At the time above named the Sheriff let you off at my request and assurance that in this case the code of honor did not require me to violate law.

4th. When you wrote both of your letters I am credibly informed that you were drunk, which information I believe to be correct from the appearance of the notes, and from the fact that no gentlemen would deliver them for you, and from your known character for intemperance.

5th. I brought the following charges against you as Mayor of Manassas; 1st. illegal arrest and punishment of a citizen; 2nd using threatening, insulting and indecent language to citizens in the public streets of Manassas; 3rd. drunkenness; 4th, using indecent and obscene language while presiding in your office as Mayor; 5th, falsehood.

The Common Council of Manassas, to which body my charges were presented, decided that they did not have jurisdiction of the case, but voted their disapproval of your conduct as Mayor, and you have tacitly confessed your guilt by resigning your office as Mayor. Moreover, all the above charges were brought under review in the last Circuit Court and conclusively proven by the sworn testimony of about twenty-five witnesses from the best citizens of Manassas. The triumphant vindication Of Geo. C. Round, esq., of the false charge preferred by yourself, (the falsity of which charge establishes the truth of all my charges against you) and the unanimous verdict of an honorable jury of your fellow citizens, which declared that in the long and exciting trial not even a "shadow of guilt" had been shown against the defendant, was the most emphatic condemnation of your conduct, and you now stand before the county a disgraced man, outside the pale of gentlemanly recognition.

The foregoing reasons preclude the possibility of my meeting you as a gentleman in the manner indicated by you as the code of honor requires equality in all things in such combats.

Robert Tansill

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LETTER FROM MANASSAS

Rev. M. J. Miller, residing in the vicinity of Nokesville, was miraculously saved from death during the late storm by a stroke of lightning which struck the corner post of his house in about eight inches of his head, while he was fixing a water spout.

It is hoped the severe freeze on the night of the 30th ult. has not destroyed the fruit, through many think it did.

The Sulphur Springs Academy has been revived with Mrs. Holmes as the Principal.

His Honor, Judge Gaines, of Fauquier, presided at our last County Court. He

granted no license, so the Sheriff informs us for the sale of liquor. These liquor men we are informed have been in the habit of making heavy levies on candidates. It is time these fountains of corruption were dried up. Applications for license we suppose will be renewed next court. From intemperance good Lord deliver us.

Alexandria Gazette 06 May 1876

LETTER FROM MANASSAS

Manassas, May 5. -- The past summer the weeds were observed to be of unusual growth over a small sunken space of ground 149 yards northwest of the M. E. Church, in a field belonging to Mr. G. C. Round, and on Wednesday last Mr. A. J. Pine while plowing there discovered the remains of a United States soldier immediately under the surface in a box, where they had doubtless been buried during the war. The attention of the Secretary of War is called to this fact that the remains may be properly buried.

Three of the five liquor dealers of Manassas have (we are informed) decided not to renew their application for license.

The fruit has not been seriously damaged by the freeze.

Both the candidates for the Commonwealth's Attorney are temperate men.

Dr. Hornbaker is building a new house.

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LETTER FROM MANASSAS

The school of religious instruction at Brentsville held a picnic in Mr. Herrick's Grove, on Saturday. The exercises were of an agreeable character. Lucy A. Herrick and Ida Nicol, the catechist, have been zealous and faithful in feeding and caring for the Lambs of the fold. In the evening and on Sabbath we had a most gracious rain.

Judge Nicol has returned from his western tour. The County Court is held to-day. But little interest is manifested in politics, save by the politicians.

The propositions for holding the Prince William camp meeting is being canvassed.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church was given Monday evening.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced on the ___ day of May 1875 in the chancery suit of Davis vs. Davis adm'r., the undersigned special com'r for that purpose will proceed to sell before the front door of the court house on Monday the 3rd day of July 1876 (that being court day) if not before sold at private sale two valuable tracts of land lying and being in Occoquan District, containing respectively 283 and 170 acres more or less and is the same land of which Warren Davis died seized. The above tracts are well watered, have valuable timber and lie about four miles from the town of Occoquan. Upon the following terms to wit. - cash enough to pay the costs of this suit and the expenses of the sale and the balance in three equal annual installments, the purchaser giving bonds with approved personal security bearing interest from day of sale and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

J. J. Davies
Special Commissioner
June 3, 1876

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a decree pronounced by the circuit court of Prince William County on the 12th of October 1874 in the chancery suit of Johnson vs. Riggs adm'r the undersigned special commissioner their in named, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the court house of the said county on the 3rd day of July 1876 (that being court day) all that tract of land lying in the lower portion of the said county within four miles of the village of Occoquan, containing 101 1/2 acres and the same land owned by the late Townly Riggs deceased. Terms - Cash enough to pay the costs of the said suit and expenses of sale and the remainder upon credits of one and three years the purchaser giving bonds with good personal security bearing interest from day of sale.

L. S. Helm, Commissioner
June 3, 1876

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William pronounced on the 9th day of May 1876, in the chancery suit of Purcell vs. Purcell's administrator, the undersigned special commissioner will proceed to sell before the front door of the court house on Monday the 3rd day of July 1876, (If not sold previously at private sale) a valuable Lot in the town of Manassas of which the late Jon. H. Purcell died seized, upon the following terms to wit -- For cash enough to pay the cost of the suit and the expenses of sale, and the balance in three equal annual installments, the purchaser giving bonds with approved personal security bearing interest from day of sale and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

J. J. Davies, Special Commissioner
June 3, 1876

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MASONIC

Manasseh Lodge No. 182 A. F. & A. M. meet in regular communication in their hall in Manassas, Virginia, on the Friday on or after the full moon in each month.

Geo. P. Wright W. M.
Wm. E. Lipscomb, Secretary

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GEORGE W. HIXSON

MANUFACTURER OF ONE, TWO, AND FOUR HORSE WAGONS, Buggies, Plows, Harrows and Other Farming Implements. Keeps constantly on hand all sizes of COFFINS & CASKETS, Of the latest styles, which he guarantees to furnish below city prices. Funerals attended to , Lumber of every description for sale, All orders promptly attended to.

George W. Hixson, Manassas Va.

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T. M. HOUCHENS

MANUFACTURER OF SADDLES, & HARNESS, Collars, Bridles & Whips, MAIN STREET, next door to Hynson's Store. MANASSAS, VA, Repairing Harness and Trunk promptly attended to.

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NOTICE

Any person wishing to purchase a valuable tract of land, containing 98 acres, lying within four miles of the town of Occoquan, heavily timbered, well watered and with a good orchard on it about 30 acres of cleared land, would find it to his interest to apply to

William E. Lipscomb
Manassas, VA

Manassas Gazette 10 Jun 1876

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE LAND

By virtue of decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, rendered on the 22nd day of May, 1871, in a suit in chancery therein pending in which Hunton & Bro. are plaintiffs and James R. Purcell and others are defendants, the undersigned commissioners will sell before the front door of the court house of said county, on Monday, the 2nd day of August 1875, that being court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following real estate belonging to the estate of James Purcell, deceased, a tract of 146 acres, lying in the junction of Cedar Run and Brentsville and Dumfries Road, about one fourth of a mile from Brentsville. -- Also, a tract of 334 ACRES, situate about two miles northwest of Dumfries, known as the Loudoun Tract. This tract is well timbered; All 4 lots in the town of Brentsville.

TERMS: Ten per cent cash, and the balance on a credit of one, two, and three years with interest from day of sale, the deferred payments to be secured by bond and approved personal security, and the title to be held as a further security therefore, But if the purchase money down, then the personal security for the deferred payments will be dispensed with.

Chas. E. Sinclair
E. E. Meredith
A. Nicol
Commissioners

The above sale is postponed until the first Monday in July (that being court day.)

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LOOK AT THIS

MERCHANT & SON have just received 100 pairs of Ladies and Misses Shoes which they are able to sell lower than they have been offered in this market.

These Goods are of excellent material. Ladies Kid Gaiters \$2.40, worth \$3; Ladies Kid Fox'd., Gaiters \$2.50, worth \$3.25; Ladies Goat Morocco \$2.10, worth \$2.50; Ladies sewed Calf \$2.40, worth \$3.00; Misses Calf Ditto \$2.00, worth \$2.50.

These Goods were Manufactured at Winchester, Virginia, and are entirely free of shoddy materials and we are very confident that they will give satisfaction. The above goods are offered at Manufactures Prices, For Cash.

We are also in receipt daily of Spring Goods in variety.

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PRINCE WILLIAM ITEMS

On Sunday morning last Rhoda Fewell was arrested at Manassas by officer Wallace Hixson on the charge of assaulting his wife on the night previous. He was tried before justice Whiting and L. B. Butler, who sent him to jail for 12 months and in addition imposed on him a fine of \$50. He was taken to Brentsville on Sunday evening. On Tuesday, his counsel, C. E. Nicol, esq., obtained a writ of habess corpus from the Judge of the County Court which was heard at 4 p.m. on that day. The Judge after hearing the arguments of counsel, released the prisoner on the ground that the Justices had no right to try a case on Sunday. The Commonwealth was represented by the Commonwealth's Attorney R. E.

Meredith, esq., assisted by Judge Sinclair. The Commonwealth's Attorney as soon as the prisoner was discharged had him rearrested for the same offense and brought before Justice A. W. Sinclair, who sent him on to the grand jury and put his bail at \$500. Fewell was unable to give the bail and consequently was committed to jail. He is also under arrest upon a peace warrant sued out by Mrs. Fewell.

Mr. Robert Lewis, an old and esteemed citizen of this county, living not far from Hickory Grove, on Tuesday last, whilst in the harvest field, suddenly fell down and was carried to his house in an insensible condition.

A mass meeting will be held at Brentsville on the first Monday in August, (court day) for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Congressional Convention, which convenes at Pappahannock, on Tuesday, the 15th day of August, 1876

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PRINCE WILLIAM TEACHERS INSTITUTE

Brentsville, July 28, 1876 -- Having derived much pleasure from a visit to the Teachers Institute for Prince William County, just held here, I think your readers will probably, be somewhat interested by a brief account of it.

At 11 a.m. on the 26th, an audience, filling the court house, was assembled; about fifty teachers, besides a number of school trustees and four of the district supervisors being among those present.

Major Wm. W. Thornton, County Superintendent of Schools, took chair, and a committee previously appointed, having reported a constitution for a Teachers' Association, it was unanimously adopted, and the following officers were elected under it, viz:

President, Maj. Wm. W. Thornton; Vice Presidents, Maj. J. P. Johnson, Joseph T. Janney, and C. B. Scott; Secretary, R. B. Gilham; Assistant Secretary, John A. Nicol; Treasurer, J. B. T. Thornton; Auditor, J. Blackwell.

The proceedings of the Institute were then opened by the introduction of your City Superintendent, Mr. Richard L. Carne, who, though laboring, as he stated, under a severe headache, explained and recommended the Word Method of teaching children to read, as practiced in the Alexandria schools during the past year. He was followed by the Rev. W. B. McGilroy, Principal of Leigh-Street School, Richmond, in a able and instructive lecture on School Management.

In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. McGilroy spoke again, on Teaching Reading, and was followed by Mr. George C. Round, who read an instructive essay entitled, "How shall we Teach?" from the pen of Miss Mary E. Chamberlain.

Mr. H. L. Stewart, on the part of the teachers of Prince William, then presented to Superintendent Thornton, a beautiful, gold-headed cane, as a mark of their esteem and affection. In the course of his remarks, he stated that in the five years since the public schools had been put into operation by Maj. Thornton, the attendance had increased from 300 to 1,500.

Mr. Thornton attempted to reply, but was so overcome by his feelings that he was not very successful, and Mr. Berkeley, one of the teachers, closed the proceedings with an eloquent and feeling address.

On the 27th, at 10 a.m., the teachers reassembled, and with them a large number of visitors, and Rev. Mr. McGilroy concluded his lecture of the preceding day, by a full illustration of the "Word Method," which he, also, strongly endorsed and more fully explained,

Superintendent Carne then arose, and after complimenting the teachers and the people of Prince William on the wonderful progress which had evidently been made since he attended the Institute of 1873, and giving some account of affairs in his own jurisdiction, stated and explained his method of teaching Geography. He concluded by referring to the

Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia as an educational agency of the greatest value, and urged all the teachers to visit it before returning to their work, assuring them that the knowledge they would acquire would pay in their profession. He gave some facts and figures to show at how little expense they could enjoy a week's visit to Philadelphia, and was listened to with deep interest, many expressing an intention to profit by the information.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Blackwell read an essay on Education, and Mr. John A. Nicol, one on Discipline and Education, a paper of great merit, by Miss E. Weadon.

Hon. Charles E. Sinclair, of the State Senate, was then called for, and made a brief, but spirited address, in the course of which he stated that the Superintendent of Public Instruction had told him that the Superintendent and other school authorities of Prince William stood very high on his list for efficiency in work and promptness in reports, and had made a similar remark concerning those of Alexandria.

A number of other gentlemen were then called for and either declined speaking, or made brief addresses, after which resolutions of thanks to the lecturers were adopted, and the Institute closed. The proceedings throughout were interested with excellent music on the melodeon by Mr. Webb, a gentleman of the vicinity, who sang various amusing and sentimental songs in the finest style.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to Superintendent Thornton for his efforts in carrying on the Institute so successfully. He displayed a princely hospitality, inviting all the teachers and visitors to his house and giving them both entertainment and lodging, though they counted by scores. To Messrs. Stewart, J. B. T. Thornton and Nicol, the Local Committee on Arrangements, too, the greatest credit is due for their unwearied efforts to please and accommodate all. Dancing was the order of the night, and visitors from all around flocked to Major Thornton's hospitable mansion.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Aug 1876

THE KING AFFAIR

Near Bristoe Station, Prince William County, Virginia, August 2, 1876 - To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Sir: - I notice in the Gazette of July 31st a statement signed by six citizens of Manassas to the effect that they believe my charge against Rev. Charles King false, and that the prevailing opinion of the community is that he is innocent, accompanying which is also a statement of the Rev. Charles King, charging me with being "the vile agent of a ring to crush him," &c. These things have been published to influence public opinion in favor of the Rev. King, and to blast the character of a woman. I wish here to state that I am employed by no "ring" for advice or counsel. My statement concerning Mr. King's conduct towards me was given under oath, in my own hand writing, and of my own free will, for publication. Mr. King, in his statement, calls it a "black mailing effort." I wish here to state, that after sending my statement to one of the stewards of Mr. King's church, and receiving a letter from Mr. King denying the statement, and saying that if we "repeated it again he should avail himself of the protection which the civil law afforded," I then felt it my duty, as a professed follower of Christ, to make it known to the world, and I wish here to state that I do not wish to injure any church, but as I have endeavored for nearly twenty years, both in my native State (Vermont) as well as here, to show to my neighbors, and to the world, that I will do what I can to help build up the cause of Christ. My house has ever been a home for ministers, and we have had many religious meetings in it, both in Vermont and here. I here with send you a certificate, signed by my neighbors, who have known me at my home, and ask you, in justice to myself and family, to punish it.

Signed Mrs. Nancy A. Story

Prince William County, Va., August 1, 1876 - We, the undersigned, citizens of Prince William County, and neighbors of Mr. George T. Story, husband of Mrs. Nancy A. Story, here by certify that we have reason to believe, from what we know of the character

of Mrs. Nancy A. Story, that her statement against the Rev. Charles King is true, and that the prevailing opinion, in this community, is that he is guilty of the charges. SIGNED:

William P. Hereford, M. D., Mrs. Sarah A. Hereford, Thomas K. Davis, Joseph Sliffer, John Langyer, Robert Mitchell, Daniel Sliffer, Robert Devilin, James Brown, Chapman Godfrey, Marion Green, Jacob C. Gotwalls, Charles Wismer, Mary Wismer, W. A. Bollings, Mary A. Bollings, R. W. Mayhugh, Catherine Mayhugh, Capt. Wm. C. Birkett, Bernard Devlin, Martha Devlin, George Riley, Dennis O'Leary, James H. Weeks, E. M. Woodyard, Eliza Riley, Chas. Allen, L. J. Allen, John J. Geslen, Mary E. Geslin, C. S. Hereford, W. B. Robinson, B. B. Fountain, L. M. Pettey, John A. Brawner, H. D. Robinson, J. P. Manuel, John C. Fountain, Basil S. Robinson, M. L. Whitman, C. O'Donnell, Wm. H. Robinson, T. H. Cornwell, W. L. Laughyer, Charles Wright, R. H. Robinson, and M. Roseberry.

A card from Rev. B. P. Dulin, minister of the New School Baptist Church. -- This is to certify that I have known Mrs. Nancy A. Story for the last two years and never had but one opinion of her and that was that she is a genteel and Christian lady. signed, B. P. Dulin

Bristoe, Va., Aug. 2, 1876, I have known the majority of the signers to the above all my life, and know them to be among the most respectable and responsible citizens of this vicinity, and I can also certify to the fact that Mrs. Mrs. Nancy A. Story is known here as a woman of irreproachable character. signed, E. P. Gaines

August 3, 1876, I fully endorse the statements of my wife, Nancy A. Story. I feel that she has been abused by Mr. King, and by men that are bound to uphold him in his iniquity. signed, George T. Story

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY COURT

The August term of the County Court was held at Brentsville on Monday. Several indictments were found by the grand jury and some charges were disregarded by them. Our friend Meredith means business as we infer from the following.

A man was charged with breaking into the house of L. N. Fewell and the witnesses were sent before the grand jury. The substance of the evidence we learn was, that Fewell found a pair of his slippers in the possession of the prisoner. The grand jury found "not a true bill", our friend was exasperated and sent the witnesses before them a second time with the same results, and thrice did he appeal to them to indict but they couldn't see it. However, Meredith asked the court to hold the prisoner in custody until he could take further steps, which was done.

Commonwealth vs. King on assault. Trial in progress. --- Manassas Gazette

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PRINCE WILLIAM CONSERVATIVES

A mass meeting of the conservative party of Prince William County, held at Brentsville on Monday, Aug. 7, 1876, Major W. W. Thornton, County Superintendent, was chosen chairman, and William E. Lipscomb appointed Secretary.

On motion of E. E. Meredith, the following gentlemen were elected as the Executive Committee for the county:

Dumfries - John C. Weedon and A. H. Feuchsel

Occoquan - Dr. John S. Powell and John Clark

Coles - John H. O'Rear and A. J. Davis

Brentsville - William A. Bryant and Wm. W. Thornton

Manassas - B. D. Merchant and John T. Leachman

Gainesville - C. Cushing and H. F. Lyon

On motion of J. J. Davis the chair appointed as a committee of two from each magisterial district to report the names of delegates from their respective districts to the

congressional convention, to be held at Tappahannock on the 15th day of August, 1876.
The committee reported the following:

Gainesville - J. R. Purcell, A. H. Johnson, and Henry F. Lyon
Manassas - Chas. E. Sinclair, J. J. Davies, and R. B. Douglas.
Brentsville - E. E. Meredith, and C. E. Nicol
Coles - L. Cole, M. Cornwell, and M. W. Horton
Occoquan - George R. Atkinson and John S. Powell
Dumfries - J. F. Wheat and A. H. Feuchel

On motion the report was adopted. On motion of E. E. Meredith, the delegates were instructed to vote for the Hon. B. B. Douglas as the nominee of the Tappahannock convention. The proceedings were ordered to be published in the Manassas Gazette, Alexandria Gazette and Richmond Dispatch.

Wm. W. Thornton, Chairman
Wm. E. Lipscomb, Secretary

Alexandria Gazette 17 Aug 1876

THE KING TRIAL

Brentsville, Va., August 16 -- The trial of the Rev. Chas. King commenced on Tuesday, 8th, in the County Court of Prince William for an indecent assault on the person of Mrs. Nancy A. Story, on an indictment found against him the previous day by the Grand Jury. The warrant upon which he was arrested in the primary stage of the proceedings was for an attempted rape, but in the judgment of the Commonwealth's Attorney after hearing the evidence the crime was not of that grave dignity, hence the finding of the Grand Jury. In his opening address the attorney for the Commonwealth after hearing the evidence the crime was not of that grave dignity, hence the finding of the Grand Jury. In his opening address the attorney for the Commonwealth, E. E. Meredith, and a clear, lucid statement of the case, and a clear, lucid statement of the case, and expressed an earnest desire that a fair, generous and impartial trial should be had. Every courtesy incident to such trials was extended to the defendant, and the trial elaborated by the introduction of testimony as to the character of the defendant. It cannot be denied that there was considerable feeling against the gentleman who had stained the sacerdotal robe and presitituted the holy office of a minister of God, but that feeling was suppressed to an appreciative extent, and a disposition manifested by all for an unbiased unprejudiced trial. The clerk, Captain L. A. Davis, and his deputy, Edwin Nelson, in the urbanity for which they are so justly popular, were kept busily engaged in summoning witnesses on either side, and performing the duties necessary to such occasions. The jury sworn for the trial of this cause was one of intelligence and high social standing, and were regularly charged by the judge upon every adjournment to communicate with nobody on the subject before them for consideration. The case was opened by our talented and eloquent young member of the bar. Charles E. Nicol, who assisted the prosecution in an able speech of an hour and a half, replete with legal lore and acumen, during the delivery of which he held the audience and jury so spellbound that not a sound save the voice of the speaker could be heard. He was followed by George C. Round in an exhaustive effort of four hours. Judge Sinclair next arose and addressed the jury for two hours in one of his masterly and eloquent efforts, for which he is famous. It was beautiful. I heard it, and his friends consider it one of the finest of his life. E. E. Meredith closed the prosecution in a telling speech of two hours, in which I am told he was particularly severe. The jury retired, and after consultation found they could not agree, and after receiving instructions three times from the judge, the results was a "hung jury" -- eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. I am informed that the jury upon first entrance in their room stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal, but some of them afterwards changed, with the results above mentioned. The second trial will be had at the next term, the first Monday in September, SINGUE

Bristoe, Prince William County, Va., August 15, 1876 - To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette. -- Sir: I wish to acknowledge my thanks through your paper to the many friends who sympathized with me in my late trial for the defense on right at Brentsville, and also for their kindness shown me and my family. And I wish also publicly to thank my attorneys for Mrs. Nancy Story.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Aug 1876

AUCTION SALES

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND - By virtue of a decree entered by the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Alexandria, on the 7th day of July, 1876, in the matter of Charles Heath, the undersigned will offer for sale, at the front door of the Court House of Prince William County, on the **FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1876**, that being court day, that valuable tract of land, lying in the said county, containing 318 acres, known as "LOCUST GROVE," and is the same land of which Chas. Heath died seized and possessed.

And we will also offer for sale, at the same time and place, the **UNDIVIDED INTEREST**, being one fourth, of the said Chas. Heath in the **TRACT OF LAND** lying in the county of Loudoun, called "THE BURNT CHIMNEY," containing 200 acres.

Terms of Sale-- One fourth cash, and the residue on credits of 6, 12, and 18 months; the purchases giving bonds for the said residue in equal installments, with approved personal security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

J. S. Fowler, Assignee

Jno. M. Forbes, Commissioner

Wm. E. Lipscomb, Commissioner

Alexandria Gazette 21 Aug 1876

REV. CHARLES KING'S CASE

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Sir the card of the Rev. Charles King which appears in your paper on Friday last reminds one of the efforts of a dying man "catching at straws," or the pursued rogue who to deceive the crowd cries "stop thief," The reverend gentleman's efforts to divert the attention of an outraged community from himself to others will not save himself from the sure disgrace which his own conduct has brought upon him. His phrases, used toward the people of this county, which he seems to have a natural propensity for, such as "vulgar ruffians," "vile slanderers," "dilutors to wiggle in slime," &c., are well understood here, and only prove the depths of depravity to which the reverend gentlemen has descended. In his denunciatory and abusive letters to the press against the "mortal assassins" he, "in the goodness of his heart," settled among to reform, but a cording to his own showing has not been a success, the writer of this has come in for an overdose, and would not now reply was it not that longer silence might seem to indicate an acknowledgement of guilt. It would seem that common decency and even a pretended respect for himself, if there was none real, would prompt a minister charged with such a grave offense to curb his propensity for blackguarding and bullying, at least while his case was pending in the court, but it seems so natural with the Rev. C. King to bully and abuse that even the court, grand jury and jury who tried his case, attorneys and people, cannot escape his vile imputations.

signed, D. W. WHITING

Alexandria Gazette 29 Aug 1876

REV. CHARLES KING'S CARD TO EDITORS AND THE PUBLIC

On opening the Alexandria Gazette, nearly a week since, I saw a communication in regard to myself that was so unjust that, notwithstanding my determination not to appear in print until the pending difficulties had entered into rest, I wrote hastily, and under a very high degree of excitement an article, which subsequently appeared in your paper, in which there

were some mistakes. Whether they were made in writing or in the printing I will not say positively. I have not the paper before me, and have to write from memory. The most important was with reference to the magistrate who took my recognizance. What he said was in substance that I would have no trouble about the matter. You omit the word "no" or "not," which places the magistrate in a wrong position. I sent you a correction as soon as I first saw this, but I am told it did not appear in your paper. I thought that I had erased the name of D. W. Whiting from the article, but it would seem from the printed article I did not. I must apologize to the public for mentioning his name in a respectable newspaper. I have not seen his communication in reference to my card, but am told he published one. It is immaterial to me what a man like Whiting may write about me or any other person. I simply "leave him in the hands of a merciful God." The less said about him the better. All I wish is for those who know him to know that he is the leading spirit in this prosecution, and that he is the man who has sent it for publication these rumors in reference to myself. He is a fair sample of the parties who are arrayed against me. They all breath the same spirit and are "check by jowl" together in the same slanderous business. My friends will please take due notice and govern themselves accordingly in making up any estimates as their baseless accusations.

signed, C. King

Alexandria Gazette 04 Sep 1876

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM

Manassas, Sept. 3. -- A "mixed" accommodation train has been put on the Midland Railroad to run tri-weekly, leaving Alexandria Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays at 4 p.m. This will be a great accommodation to those living along the main line south of Manassas, giving them a day in the cities, and an opportunity to return at a convenient and seasonable hour.

Hedgeman Carney, a rather noted character of his day, and a sort of "lion" among his class, died at his home in the "Forest," last Sunday after a year or two of suffering with asthma.

The trial of Rev. Charles King, of the M. E. Church of this place, for an assault on Mrs. Nancy A. Story, is set for tomorrow, and a great array of witnesses has been summoned on each side. If the question of character is again entered into the trial will occupy the Court the entire week, it is thought.

There is to be political speaking at Brentsville tomorrow, and arrangements are being made to unfurl to the breeze a Filden and Hendricks banner during the day.

Manassas has been besieged by mosquitoes this summer, for the first time since its foundation.

Our city "fathers" have caused to be posted on the railroad, at the Corporation, trains not to exceed 4 miles an hour." A Negro boy, passing one of these notices the other day, said to a gentleman, "What sorter trains is dem dar corporation trains? Id dey dem keers what dose men what works on de road foats, de tools in? The gentleman tried to explain, but still the darkey wishes to know what sort of trains dose "corporation trains" are.

Mr. Scott, of Powhattan County, and Miss Maggie Foley, of this place, have been appointed teachers of the public school here, which commences on Monday, the 11th inst. They are both quite young persons.

The boys are in high glee with the prospect of a heavy crop of chinquepins, the old-field fruit crop being nearly exhausted.

TRIX.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Sep 1876

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM

Brentsville, Sept. 5. -- To-day has been a gala day at this place. The announcement that a number of distinguished speakers would address the people to-day (court day) drew a large crowd, who, on arriving, were greeted with the site of Tilden and Hendricks banner that had been thrown across the main street early in the morning by the citizens of the village, and that bore pictures of the St. Louis nominees and their names. On the arrival of the stages from Bristoe Station, there stepped from them John W. Daniel, Gen. Wm. H. F. Lee, and A. W. Wallace, who were warmly greeted by the people.

The Court convened at 10 O'clock, Judge Nicol on the bench, and E. E. Meredith, Commonwealth's Attorney. A grand jury had been summoned and presented indictments against Henry and Ashwell Posey, for misdemeanor.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Rev. Charles King, for an assault upon Mrs. Story, was called, when the defendant asked a postponement of his case, on the ground that important witnesses could not be present, and that one of his counsel, Judge Sinclair, was sick. The plea was granted and the case postponed until the October term of the court.

After dinner a political meeting was organized in the Court House, Maj. W. W. Thornton, the County Superintendent of the Conservative Party, in the chair. He introduced Mr. A. Wellington Wallace, of Spotsylvania, as the first speaker.

Mr. Wallace addressed the meeting in a very neat speech of an hour, stating that he was here to represent Maj. Douglas.

Gen. Lee was next introduced. He commenced by saying that he did not feel that he was a stranger in a strange land, but that he felt every branch of the surrounding pines bowed him a welcome, and that since his arrival here he had felt the friendly grasp of many hands that had been blackened with the powder of the late war. Gen Lee's speech was a sound and argumentative one, and did great credit to himself and justice to the conservative party, while his arrangement of the party in power was a withering rebuke to those in his audience who upheld it.

Maj. Thornton next introduced John W. Daniel, who made one of the finest speeches ever listened to by a Prince William audience. His history of the radical party from the commencement of Grant's first term of office to the present time showed a degree of corruption on the part of that party that was startling in the highest degree.

Judge Smith, of Warrenton, was present, and had been advertised to deliver an address, but gave way to the above named gentlemen, who occupied the afternoon.

Prince William County is thoroughly aroused and will give a good account of herself on election day.

TRIX

Alexandria Gazette 06 Sep 1876

CASE OF REV. CHARLES KING

Manassas, Sept. 4 -- In the trial of the case of Story vs. King at the August term of the Prince William County Court, the case was wholly misrepresented. It was represented that eleven were for conviction. This is not true. I don't know how many were for expressing an opinion as to a matter which did not constitute an offense and for fining Mr. King one cent, and if this verdict had been brought into court it would have been an acquittal up on the charge of "assault," as may be seen from the words following: But court returned this verdict, including an acquittal saying "The jury was hung on a mere question of opinion on a matter which false as it was did not constitute an offense. The case goes over to the October term.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Sep 1876

AUCTION SALES

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY -- By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Charles Roy and wife on the 18th day of March, 1874, and duly recorded in the Clerk's office of Prince William County Court, in liber No. 80 folio 9, the undersigned, trustee in said deed of trust, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said trust, will sell at public auction, on FRIDAY, the 6th day of October, 1876, before the front door of the Court House of Prince William County, that VALUABLE WHEAT LAND, lying about two miles from Nokesville station, adjoining the land upon which Joseph Roy now resides, and containing 180 acres. Terms of sale cash.

A. Depue, Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 16 Sep 1876

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Brentsville, Sept. 8, 1876 -- The September term of the County Court, Judge Aylett Nicol presiding, opened on Monday last. Among the distinguished visitors to our county seat, and beautiful village, were Gen. Eppa Hunton, our popular Congressional representative, and Judge James Sangster, of Fairfax, who preserves the judicial ermine untarnished. In accordance with the late statute a special Grand Jury of nine were empaneled, and found an indictment against Wm. D. Lee for the felonious burning of W. L. B. Wheeler's stack yard. On Saturday morning last Mr. Matthew Lee, the father of the young man charged with the felony above mentioned, disappeared from his residence, although under the strict vigilance of his wife. Mr. Lee comes of a generation predisposed to insanity, and it was observed by his family some two or three days before the fatal act of suicide which he afterwards committed, that "reason had lost her sway." About six o'clock on Saturday of last week he disappeared, and no trace of him could be found for some time. His tracks were at last seen, which led the searchers in the direction of Bull Run, that classic stream of historical battles lost and won, in which there is a pool of some seven or eight feet in depth. It was observed that in getting down the declivitous bank, made very slippery by recent freshets, he buried his heels firmly in the mud to prevent a too hasty slide into the water. Arriving safely on the edge of the stream, by the imprint of his toes on the very verge, it appears that he plunged in and clutched the bottom of the stream, and there tenaciously clung, until he was dead. The remarkable part of this most sad and singular affair is that Mr. Lee was an expert swimmer, and the drowning, without weights attached, but at his own volition and iron will, indicates an unparalleled heroism in the annals of history. By breaking off the top of a weed and hanging his hat thereon, it is evident that he desired to be removed from the water, and decently interred in the family burial ground of four generations. He was a kind and excellent gentleman, a good neighbor, industrious, and energetic, and leaves behind him a handsome property, and a numerous family to mourn the irreparable loss -- their sad, heart rending bereavement.

In the case of the Commonwealth against Samuel Smith, a Negro boy some thirteen or fourteen years of age, against whom an indictment was found for placing obstructions on the Midland Railroad, the venire could not agree, and were therefore discharged. eleven were for acquittal and one for conviction.

Lafayette Maddox, who was indicted for obtaining goods under false pretenses from W. R. Selecman, was discharged from custody upon a verdict of not guilty.

Various small matters of business were attended to, which are not important enough to mention.

The term of Court will be held open all the week for the purpose of ascertaining whether there will be economy in repairing the bridge over Cedar Run or building a new one.

The contest for the House of Delegates, among the older candidates is now narrowed to Major J. R. Purcell, of the famous 49th Virginia Regiment, and J. B. Reid, a partisan ranger of the Confederate Service, who fought under the gallant Capt. W. G. Brawner, who lost his life in the brave defence of his country. Both seem sanguine of success, each has his admirers, the contest wages warmly, and the disappearance of the sun on the evening of the 16th of October will reveal the "coming man," whose secret is now locked in the breast of the populace. Mr. Edgar Nicol, one of the brightest graduates for many years of the University of Virginia, has been, by his friends, recently, declared a candidate. Of his success I am not informed. I can only say he is a bright and shining light, and will honor his country if his country will honor him.

Mrs. Jane Williams, the elegant and accomplished wife of J. Taylor Williams, and his beautiful and amiable sister, Miss Maggie Williams, who have been spending the summer here with our worthy and accommodating clerk, Capt. L. A. Davis, distressed their friends on yesterday by leaving for their home in Newport, KY. A dearth of heart, and an "aching void," is left in the breast of the writer, which I hope you may never feel. I expect however, "you know how it is yourself."

JONES

Alexandria Gazette 28 Oct 1876

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Valuable Real Estate for sale in Prince William County, Virginia, by F. A. Kerby, Auctioneer. -- Under authority of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandria City in the suit of Tayloe's executors against John Naglee Jr., and others, defendants, passed at the May term, 1876, the undersigned, as commissioners therein named, will offer, on SATURDAY, November 18th 1876, at 12 o'clock m., by public auction, in front of the Market building, on Royal Street, in the city of Alexandria, Va., the following described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to comply with the terms of said decree:

All that contains PLANTATION TRACT or PIECE OF LAND, situated in Prince William County, in the State of Virginia, containing about ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND TEN ACRES, and being the same conveyed by John Naglee, jr., and Catherine M., his wife, to Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, and William H. Tayloe, by deed of mortgage, dated the 28th day of March, 1861 -- a reference to said mortgage, recorded amongst the land records of Prince William County, in liber No. 26, page 538, is made or an accurate description of the metes and bounds of said land -- together with all and singular, the BUILDINGS, improvements, water courses, rights, fisheries, ways and hereditaments? belonging and appertaining thereto. This land lies on the waters of the Potomac River and Occoquan Bay, and adjoins the land of Zebulon A. Kankey and the lands formerly owned by Isaac Newton and Basil Brawner. The land condemned by the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway Company for its purposes (supposed to be some 19 to 20 acres) will be excepted and reserved from the above quantity.

TERMS of SALE -- For cash as to so much as may be necessary to pay the cost of suit and of sale, and the residue in three equal installments at one, two, and three years, to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, bearing interest at six percent from the day of sale, with good personal security, and the title to be retained until the purchase money is fully paid, and the property liable to be resold at the risk of the purchaser upon his failure to comply with the terms of sale. Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.

Francis L. Smith
S. Ferguson Beach
Commissioners of Sale

Alexandria Gazette 07 Dec 1876

REV. CHARLES KING CASE

Brentsville, Va. Dec. 6 -- The County Court for the county met on Monday last, and is still in session. The trial of the Rev. Charles King, who was indicted some months ago for an indecent assault upon Mrs. Nancy A. Story, on the 11th of July last, and which has caused a good deal of interest throughout this section, was commenced on Monday and ended last night by a verdict of guilty and assessment of a fine against him of \$100. The Commonwealth's Attorney in closing the case stated that he would not ask for a large fine to be assessed against King on account of his poverty, and the jury were only out about fifteen minutes. The people of Prince William may congratulate themselves that this great scandal case is at an end.

Alexandria Gazette 07 Dec 1876

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Of a good farm in Prince William County, near Haymarket, containing 289 1/2 acres. By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by J. T. Carter and wife, dated the 26th day of May 1866, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Prince William County, Va., I will offer by public auction, at the front door of the Court House in the town of Warrenton, Fauquier County, Va., on Monday, December 11th, 1876, that being the first day of the Circuit Court of said county, the valuable tract of land in said deed mentioned, known as "CARTER'S GREEN," containing 289 1/2 acres -- be the same more or less. The land is of good quality, well wooded, watered and enclosed. Upon the farm there is a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE and necessary out buildings. It is in a good neighborhood, adjoins the farms of Mr. Wise and Capt. James Purcell and about six miles from Gainesville, a station upon the Manassas Division of the Virginia Midland R. R.

Terms of Sale -- Five Hundred dollars in cash; the residue in one, two and three years. For deferred payments the purchaser will be required to execute bonds, with approved personal security, to bear interest from the day of sale, and secure the same by deed of trust upon the aforesaid premises.

N. B. - Being empowered to make private sale of said premises, I invite propositions. My address is Warrenton, Fauquier County, Va.

R. Taylor Scott, Trustee, &c., &c.
Robt. Coons, Auctioneer

Alexandria Gazette 08 Dec 1876

THE KING TRIAL -- GUILTY

Brentsville, Va., Dec. 6 -- The trial of the Rev. Charles King, of the M. E. Church, which was commenced in the County Court of this, Prince William County, on Monday last, Judge A. Nicol presiding, was concluded yesterday evening. The jury, after being out about ten minutes, returned a verdict of guilty, and imposing a fine of one hundred dollars. The accused was indicted at the August term of the court for an indecent assault on Mrs. Nancy A. Story -- the wife of a Northern settler who purchased a farm of the Virginia Midland Railroad Company a portion of the Phillips tract, in the upper part of this county, about two years ago. It will be remembered that the case was tried at the August term of the court, but resulted in a disagreement of the jury, eleven being for a verdict of guilty as indicted, and the twelfth disagreeing merely as to the language of the verdict.

The following persons composed the jury: -- John Mohlair, Grandson Warren, J. W. Florence, Edward Austin, J. W. King, R. H. Lee, W. F. Berryman, Robert R. Reeves, F. M. Herndon, Wm. Metzgar, Reuben C. Reid, with Wm. L. Elliott, foreman.

The following is the verdict: We the jury find the defendant is guilty of an assault, and impose a fine of one hundred dollars.

King was defended by Messrs. J. J. Davies and R. Tansill, and prosecuted by Mr. E. E. Meredith, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Mr. C. E. Nicol.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Feb 1877

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Commissioner's Sale of Valuable Real Estate by Green & Wise, Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers. -- Under authority of the decree of the Corporation Court of Alexandria in the suit of Gallagher vs. Hodgkin, administrator, &c., passed at the January term, 1877, the subscriber will sell, in front of the Court House in Brentsville, Prince William County, Virginia, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1877, at 12m., the following described property, to wit: TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO ACRES OF LAND, near DUMFRIES; SIX LOTS in Dumfries, and THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FOUR ACRES OF LAND on Bull Run -- all in the county of Prince William, Virginia.

Terms of Sale -- One third cash, and the residue in two equal installments, payable annually from the day of sale, with interest on the deferred payments from the day of sale until paid; the deferred payments to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser or purchasers, with good security, and the title to be retained until all the payments are made.

S. C. NEALE, Commissioner

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LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM

Brentsville, Va., March 7, 1877 -- Our County Court commenced its March term on Monday last, and is still in session. The only cases of interest tried were two cases of the Commonwealth: one against Richard Anderson for unlawful trespass and the other against Frank Cross for petit larceny, both of which parties were convicted.

Mrs. Swann, who brought the charge of rape against Reeves, has absconded, and the Commonwealth has been unable to procure her attendance before the grand jury as yet. Reeves is still in jail.

Rhoda Fewell was yesterday sent on for indictment by Justices Weedon and Sinclair for an assault upon one Jennie Rennoe

Our people are all very much depressed at the great fraud which has been committed, but there is a determination to stick to our colors and try them once more when the time arrives.

Prince William is unanimous for the gallant Daniel for our next governor.

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DEED OF TRUST

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to the undersigned by Anson Bangs on the 12th day of July, 1869 of record in the Clerk's office of Prince William County Court, I shall, on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of April 1877, that being Court day, proceed to sell, before the front door of the Court House of Prince William county, for cash, the certain TRACT OF LAND, containing six hundred and eighty one acres, three roods and twenty one poles, situated and binding on Little Creek in the county of Prince William and in part of the Ravensport tract. Also another lot 71 acres and 35 poles, binding on Little Creek and Potomac River, being also a part of the Evansport Tract. Selling as trustee, I will convey such title only as is vested in me by the deed of trust aforesaid. Given under my hand this 1st day of March 1877

A. Nicol, Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 10 Mar 1877

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A. Nicol, Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 10 Mar 1877

SALE OF LAND

Trustee's sale of land -- By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me on the 18th day of March, 1874, by Jos. Ray and wife, and recorded in Prince William County Court, I shall offer for sale by public auction, in front of the Cannon House, in the town of Manassas, in the County of Prince William, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of April, 1877, ALL THAT VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND, lying in the said county, and containing 166 acres and adjoining the lands of John Stewart and others.

TERMS: The sum of \$984.34 and the expenses of sale in cash; \$663 payable on the 11th day of April 1878; \$663 payable on the 11th day of April 1879; \$782.34 payable on the 11th day of April 1880; and the residue, if any upon such credit as the said Jos. Ray shall designate; the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by deed of trust upon the premises.

Peter Wise

Alexandria Gazette 19 Mar 1877

PRINCE WILLIAM SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors met at Brentsville on Wednesday. They directed the Commonwealth's Attorney to represent this county in Fairfax, in the matter of the proposed bridge at Occoquan, (our board is in favor of the immediate erection of a bridge.) They made a levy of 10 cents on the hundred dollars worth of real and personal property for the district school purposes, of Coles, Manassas, Occoquan and Dumfries districts, and 5 cents on the Hundred Dollars worth of property in Brentsville and Gainesville districts. The Board adjourned on Thursday evening.

MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 07 Apr 1877

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM

Brentsville, Va., April 7, -- Our County Court which met on Monday last, held over until today, so as to give all dealers in the "ardent" an opportunity of taking out license at this term, and thus escape the bell punch system.

During the term an order was entered on motion of the Potomac and Manassas Railroad Company, through their counsel, E. E. Meredith, esq., to open a poll at the next election in May to take the sense of the qualified voters of the county on the question whether or not the Board of Supervisors shall subscribe \$50,000 to the stock of said Potomac and Manassas Company, the subscription to be made when the road shall have been graded and made ready for the superstructure from the Potomac River at Potomac City to the connection with the Manassas Branch Railroad at or near Manassas. We also learn that the counsel for the road will go to Loudoun court on Monday next for the purpose of having a similar order entered there. If this road is built, and the indications are that it will be, it will open up lower Prince William and greatly enhance the value of all the land lying

between Cedar Run and the Potomac. The people of Loudoun are also deeply interested in this road, as it is to extend from at or near the Plains on the Manassas Branch of the Virginia Midland through Middleburg to the Point of Rocks, connecting with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Yesterday evening Mr. Starbuck, who lives in the old stone house made famous by the battle of Manassas, was committed to jail to await being sent to an asylum, he having been pronounced insane by a board of physicians. He imagined the war is still going on and is expecting a battle all the time.

Manassas Gazette 15 May 1877

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE

By virtue of a decree pronounced by the Circuit Court of Prince William county on the 14th day of October, 1874, in the chancery suit of Halliday vs, Cockrell, the undersigned commissioners will, on the 2nd day of July, 1877, that being court day; offer for sale at public auction before the front door of the court house of the said county, all that valuable tract of land of which Geo. H. Cockrell died seized and possessed; lying on Quantico Creek about half a mile from Potomac and containing 371 ACRES. This land is of one quality and has on it a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, and is well watered and timbered, TERMS OF SALE, \$350 in cash and the residue on a credit of one, two and three years, the purchaser giving bonds, with good security bearing interest from date of sale. The title to be reserved and land subject to resale in case the purchaser shall fail to comply with terms of sale.

Eppa Hunton
A. Nicol

Alexandria Gazette 02 Jun 1877

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM

Brentsville, Va., May 31. -- News in this county is sluggish. The little ripple of excitement caused by the recent county elections has subsided into a perfect calm, and but for the industrious farmers who have for the last few weeks been busily engaged in planting their corn crops, everything would seem to be at a standstill. The wheat crop in this section is the finest that we have had for many years, and should the Danube be closed for any length of time our people may hope to realize considerable money. The continuation of the war between Russia and Turkey will prove a blessing to the farmers interest of this country, and as we have but little interest in the results, we care not if they fight until like the Kilkensy cats there is nothing left but their "narratives."

The Gubernatorial contest will be warming up very shortly, and while our people feel kindly towards all of the aspirants, they prefer and will support the Hon. John W. Daniel.

Manassas Gazette 23 Dec 1877

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Valuable Land will be sold by a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County at its May term 1877 in the chancery suit of Patterson & Bash vs. Lamgyer, the undersigned, the special commissioners therein named will offer for sale at public auction before the front door of the court house of the said county, on MONDAY THE 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 1878, (that being court day) two valuable tracts of land, one containing 68 ACRES, and known as LANGYHER'S UPPER MILL and the other containing 30 ACRES, lying near the first tract and said is a part of the Ann Anderson land.

TERMS OF SALE, cash enough to pay the costs of said suit and the expenses of sale and the balance on a credit of one, two and three years, the purchaser giving bonds and security for the deferred payments; bearing interest from date and title to be retained as

a further security until the whole of the purchase money shall have been paid.

Chas. E. Sinclair
E. E. Meredith
Wm. E. Lipscomb

Warrenton True Index 06 Apr 1878

SALE OF LAND NEAR MANASSAS

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Fauquier, made as its April Term, 1877, in the chancery cause of Paterson vs. Johnson, and Brent vs. Johnson, the undersigned, the Commissioners of sale named in said decree, will offer for sale before the Railroad Hotel, in the town of Manassas. ON MONDAY THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1878, the following real estate, formerly belonging to Richard W. Johnson, and about one mile west of said town, on and near the railroad to wit:

1. One track known as the Third Side Lot, containing by recent survey 110 ACRES, 3 ROODS AND 36 POLES, of which 8 1/2 acres is in wood.
2. That portion of the Buckner tract which lays west of Cannon run, adjoining the Pridmore lot and containing 120 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 29 POLES.
3. The other portion of the Buckner tract, which lays east of Cannon Run, on both sides of the railroad, and of which 26 acres is in wood.

These lands will be sold entire, in the divisions as above stated, or in the small lots, as purchasers may prefer, and at private sale before the day named if desired.

TERMS OF SALE -- Ten per cent in cash on day of sale, the balance in three equal annual payments, with interest from day of sale, the purchaser to give bond, with approved personal security on the first bond and the title to be withheld until the purchase money is all paid.

W. H. PAYNE
B. P. NOLAND
Commissioners

Warrenton True Index 06 Apr 1878

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale of 250 Acres near Greenwich, Prince William County, By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date Sept. 24th 1870, executed to me by W. Tyler Gould and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Prince William County, I will offer for sale, at public auction at the front door of the Court-house in the town of Warrenton, Fauquier County, Va. TUESDAY THE 8th DAY OF SEPT. 1875, that being the 1st day of Fauquier Circuit Court, the tract of land in said deed mentioned containing two hundred and fifty acres, situated near Greenwich, in the county of Prince William.

TERMS OF SALE --- CASH

R. Taylor Scott
Trustee

Warrenton True Index 06 Apr 1878

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Commissioner's sale of 360 acres of land in Prince William County, Virginia. By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fauquier County, pronounced on the 16th of April, 1879, in the cause of Rouse vs. Rust; the undersigned Commissioner's will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in the town of Warrenton on Monday the 28th day of July 1879. A tract of land lying in the county of Prince William, near the village of Brentsville, containing 300 acres, being a part of the estate of the late Fleet G. Rust.

Terms of sale -- Cash enough to pay costs and expenses of sale and the balance in

1, 2, 3, and 4 years from day of sale, with interest from date, secured by the bonds of the purchaser with good personal security. Title to be retained till the last payment is made.

Wm. H. Payne,
A. D. Payne,
Channing M. Smith,
Commissioners

Manassas Gazette 26 April 1878

COMMISSIONERS SALE

By virtue of decree of the circuit court of Prince William County rendered July 1873 and May Term 1874 in the chancery suit of Mason's committee vs. Atkinson therein pending, the undersigned commissioners appointed by the said decrees will offer for sale before the front door of the court house of the said county, on MONDAY the 13th day of May 1878, that being Circuit Court, the following tracts of valuable land abounding in timber and plentifully supplied with water, being parts of Ripon Landing, belonging to the estate of Richard Atkinson, deceased; the first tract containing 600 ACRES and is the same land set apart to Emma R. Atkinson in the division of said estate. Also a tract of 450 ACRES allotted to S. E. Ish in the said division. Also another tract of 300 ACRES allotted to George R. Atkinson being the portion of said estate, embracing the homestead, and other tracts, containing respectively 82, 95 and 92 Acres. Also THE NEABSCO MILLS with SIX ACRES of land together with the tract containing 8 ACRES, known as the Mill tract. Also one undivided one half of a tract of land on Powells Run, containing, 191 ACRES upon the following terms to wit:

One third cash; the balance in three equal annual installments the purchasers executing bonds with approved personal security bearing interest from day of sale and the title to be retained until the whole of the purchase money has been paid.

Wm. H. Payne
E. E. Meredith
Eppa Hunton
Commissioners of Sale

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Spring chickens are selling at Manassas for fifteen cents.

Dr. Ruffner's codification of the school laws will be issued during the coming months.

Kemp B. Grigsby, a well known citizen of Warrenton, died there last week, upwards of three score and ten years of age.

Col. Thomas Dodameade, formerly superintendent of the Richmond & Danville and Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, but now of Greenville and Columbia Railroad, is extremely ill.

The Manassas Gazette says: The residence of Mr. Wm. Beverly, son of Major Robert Beverly, near Thoroughfare Station, was destroyed by fire on Friday night a week ago. The property was insured."

Manassas Gazette 18 May 1878

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE LAND

By virtue of a decree pronounced by the circuit court of Prince William County on the 12th day of May 1874 in the chancery suits of Brawner's admr. vs. McLean, Sangsters admr. vs. same; and Waters sur. vs. same. we will offer for sale at the front door of the court house of the said county on the 4th day of OCTOBER, 1875, (that being court day) a portion of that valuable farm called "YORKSHIRE", lying on Bull Run and within three miles

of the town of Manassas, and containing 500 ACRES, as designated by report of com'r Sinclair filed in the said suits upon the following terms to wit: Cas enough to pay the cost of the said suits and the expenses of sale and the residue on credits of one, two, three and four years in equal instalments, the purchaser to give bond with good personal security bearing interest from day of sale and the title to be retained as a further security for the deferred payments.

Eppa Hunton
Jno Claughton
Commissioners of Sale

Manassas Gazette 18 May 1878

CLERK'S OFFICE

In the Clerk's Office of Prince William Circuit Court, May 9th, 1878. Wm. Adamson and Emma Young Adamson, his wife, plaintiffs, against Albert Brown, defendant in chancery.

The object of this suit is, to set aside and annul certain conveyances of real and personal property, executed on the 2nd day of April 1878, in Washington D.C. by the said Wm. Adamson and Emma Young Adamson, to the said Albert Brown, on account of fraud and fraudulent misrepresentation on part of said Brown. Drunkenness on part of said William Adamson and imbecility of mind on part of said Mrs. Emma Young Adamson, and it appearing by affidavit filed in the clerk's office of the said court that Albert Brown, the defendant named in said suit; ; is a non resident, it is ordered that he appear within one month and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be published in the Manassas Gazette, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the court house of this county on the 1st day of the county court thereof.

Lucien Davis, Clerk

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NOTICE!

WM. S. FEWELL, Successor to L. B. Butler, Manassas, Virginia, Will continue the Mercantile business at the old stand, corner of CENTRE and EAST STREETS and respectfully solicits pleasure of your patronage. TERMS CASH, or to punctual customers on short time. Country produce of all kinds taken in exchange for goods.

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NOTICE

OLIVER E. NEWMAN, House, Sign, Coach and ORNAMENTAL PAINTER,
Manassas, Va.

Satisfaction guaranteed, Promptness and dispatch insured in all engagements.
O. E. Newman, Manassas, Va.

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COMMISSIONERS SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced on the 9th day of October, 1871. In the chancery suit of Haynes vs. Norvill, therein pending, the undersigned commissioners appointed for that purpose will offer for sale before the front door of the court house of the said county on MONDAY, MAY THE 13th 1878 (that being court day) a valuable tract of land lying on Kettle Run on the west side of the Midland Railroad, between Bristoe and Nokesville, Known as "WAVERLY" and containing 246

ACRES, upon the following terms to wit:

Cash enough to pay costs and expenses of sale, including commission and fees, and the residue divided into four equal installments payable in one, two, three and four years, with interest from day of sale. The title to be retained and cash payment forfeited and land subject to resale upon the purchaser failing to meet any installment as it falls due.

C. E. Sinclair
Eppa Hunton
Wm. H. Payne
Commissioners of Sale

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HAYMARKET JOTTINGS

Haymarket, May 13th 1878 - The Good Templars have lost one of their most efficient members. Mr. D. E. Sanders, who has left its for his new field of endeavor at Little Washington, Rappahannock County. We hope him, abundant success in his new undertaking.

Our new machine has arrived, and we hope to see our little village in a prosperous condition soon.

Rev. Jno. Ambler left on last Tuesday for the Episcopal Council, which meets this year in Lynchburg.

The wheat and oat crops are looking remarkably well, and judging from the genial --
conuitemances(?) of our farmers, they must be looking forward to a large harvest

AZYGOS

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KEYS' NEW HOTEL

Manassas, Va. - I take this opportunity to inform my patrons and the public, that having just completed a new and COMMODIOUS HOTEL, I shall be prepared on the FIRST day of MAY to furnish MEALS and LODGING at Reasonable Rates. BOARD obtained on satisfactory terms. The bar room will be fitted up with choice Liquors, Wines, Ales, and Cigars.

ISAIAH KEYS

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The subscribers have on hand a very large and well selected stock of HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c. of every kind and quality which they are selling at extremely low prices, which is worthy of attention. The stock embraces HARDWARE for Builders, Mechanics, Farmers, and for family Purposes, also suited to the purchases of the Country Dealer. In every case department the Stock is complete. We ask the special attention of Builders and Farmers, as we have some extra inducements in that some purchased below the original value. We keep on hand a large stock of BAR IRON, HORSE SHOES, NAILS, FILES, RASPS, PLOW PLATES, HUBS, RIMS, SPOKES, CANVASS, &c.

At the same time UNDERTAKER GOODS in good variety, all of which will be sold at a small advance.

Having an experience of over thirty years, and facilities for purchasing in large lots direct from the Manufacturers we obtain the lowest prices and are thereby enabled to sell our goods as low as can be obtained in the Northern Markets. Call at the corner of King and Royal Streets or send your orders, which will receive prompt attention.

J. T. Creighton & Son

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J. B. LYNN WHEELWRIGHT and BLACKSMITH

I have opened a Wheelwright and Blacksmith shop near my father's residence at the old Norman place, about two miles from Independent Hill, where I can always be found. I guarantee all work to be at lowest prices. Blacksmithing done by a competent workman.

J. B. Lynn
Near Independent Hill

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NEW CONFECTIONERY

On MAIN STREET near Hynson's Store. Having just opened I am prepared to sell at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, all kinds of FRENCH AND OTHER CANDIES, CAKES of every variety, FRESH ORANGES, LEMONS, and LOAF BREAD, CANNED OYSTERS AND PICKLES.

ICE CREAM will be regularly supplied on SATURDAYS. Give me a call and examine for yourselves.

MRS. AGNES WEY
MANASSAS, VA

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PROFESSIONAL CARD

C. C. BARBOUR, M. D. offers his professional services to people of Manassas and surrounding country.

When not professionally engaged, he can be found at his office opposite the Misses Hazen's Millinery store, Centre Street, Manassas.

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A. L. DAVIS

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA, Manufacturer and Dealer in TIN, SHEET IRON, and COPPERWARE, Roofing, Guttering, Spouting, work done on short notice in this section and the surrounding county at moderate rates. Cooking and Heating Stoves of every variety below any prices.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Wm. E. Goodwin on the 11 day of August 1869, to me and also recorded in the Clerk's Office of Prince William County Court in Liber No. 27, bilo 371. I shall for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said trust, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on MONDAY, THE 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, that being court day, before the front door of the court house of Prince William County the tract of land in said deed of trust mentioned, containing 193 ACRES, the said tract of land lying upon the Dumfries Road, about 1 mile below Brentsville.

Selling as trustee, I shall convey only such title as in me vested, which is believed to be good.

C. E. Sindair
Trustee

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NEW GOODS at the OLD STORE!

The undersigned would call the attention of the public to the fact that he has opened at his OLD STAND a new and select stock of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, which he is selling at the Lowest Cash prices; A large and varied assortment of HATS AND CAPS of the latest style a speciality. I have just received a large and well selected stock of Roasted Coffees, Teas, Cigars, Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos, of the best brands, and can afford to sell them fifty per cent cheaper than ever sold in Manassas since the War.

I invite the patronage of my old customers to inspect my stock.

C. L. HYNSON

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DRUG STORE

Mrs. W. B. Kincheloe has determined to continue the Drug Business at her store on CENTRE STREET and has acquired the services of Mr. George W. Histed, who can always be found at the store. She will have constantly on hand all kinds of DRUGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, OILS and PAINTS, FANCY and TOILET ARTICLES, SPONGES, BRUSHES, PERFUMERY, &c., Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded and orders answered with care, and dispatch.

CENTRE STREET, MANASSAS, Va.

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SHEEP

A flock master, who remembers that the sheep-killing dog has "human intelligence enough to be a great coward when in pursuit of mischief, wanting to do his deed of darkness without noise or alarm," gives the following simple plan for frightening him out of the field every time, without fail: "Buy a side of bridle leather for collars, and put a bell on every sheep if your flock is small. The price of one sheep will buy a gross of bells and leather enough and buckles to make them.

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WOOL WANTED

We are paying 23 to 24 cents cash for GOOD WOOL

Wm. E. Lipscomb & Co.

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TO THE PEOPLE OF MANASSAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

We deem it our duty to state to you that just as we were about to employ school teachers for the coming year we have been informed that our supervisor has made no levy of District Funds. The result will be that if we have no District Funds we can receive no State and County Funds and our schools must close during the coming year. We have done our duty as required by law and have submitted to the Supervisors our estimate of the amount necessary to run our schools properly. At the close of our present school year our District will be in debt about \$200. On account of which our best school house, worth \$2000, is liable to be sold for debt at any time. If the people are not satisfied with this prospect we ask them to lay the responsibility where it belongs and not upon the undersigned.

WM. E. LIPSCOMB, Chairman
GEO. C. ROUND, Clerk

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NEW GOODS

NEW GOODS AT MISS HAZEN, Having just returned from Baltimore with a good assortment of Milinery and Fancy Goods, such as Ladies and Childrens Hats, Newest Style; handsome Flowers, Ribbons, Ornaments and a fine stock of PARASOLS AND SUN UMBRELLAS, Neckties in neck ware, Trimmings, dress buttons, Handkerchiefs, Fans, Gloves, Hamburg edging very cheap, Combs, Brushes, &c. &c.

We invite the special attention of our friends to call, Orders promptly filled.
Centre Street, Manassas, Va.

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NOTICE!

I would respectfully call the attention of those who are indebted to me, that in order to carry on my business, money is absolutely necessary. The times being hard I have indulged my customers as long as I was able but I cannot extend the time any farther as I have to pay CASH for my undertakings. I trust that those indebted to me will appreciate my condition and help me to continue my business by paying up as promptly as possible.

George W. Hixson
Manassas, Va.

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THE TEACHERS INSTITUTE

Manassas, Aug. 19, 1878, -- The Teachers Institute met at 2 o'clock to-day, and was called to order by Superintendent Little, of Fauquier. A large number of teachers and school officers were in attendance. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Mr. Todd, and an anthem by a select choir.

The chairman then introduced Mr. J. J. Davis, who delivered an address of welcome from the Town Council, which was followed by Superintendent Thornton on the part of the county school authorities.

Superintendent Little then introduced Prof. M. A. Newell, of Maryland, who delivered an address on the objects of the Institute. At the beginning of his remarks he laid down a very attractive programme for the entire week.

After an interlude, filled up by music, Prof. McGilvray, of Richmond, gave some "hints to teachers as to institutes," and after more music the meeting adjourned.

After the adjournment the Front Royal band discoursed some beautiful airs from the music stand in front of the church.

Gen. W. H. F. Lee and Rev. Dr. Sears will address the Institute to night, and Gen. John Eaton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, tomorrow night.

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THE TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

Manassas, Aug 24, 1878 -- Professor Joseph M. Wilson delivered a learned and statistical lecture on Industrial Education last evening.

This morning Professors McGilvray and Newell gave half hour lectures on Geography and Primary Reading, which were enjoyed by all.

There are 153 teachers here, besides a large number of school officers and visitors. All seem deeply interested, and the Institute is pronounced a success.

This evening a "Teacher's Institute of Northern Virginia was organized, and the following officers elected:

Maj. W. W. Thornton, president; G. E. Roy, of Warren; J. C. Little, of Fauquier ; Richard L. Carne, of Alexandria City; J. A. Holtzman, of Culpeper; J. A. Wildman, of Loudoun; Capt. R. L. Cooper, of Stafford; D. M. McChichester of Fairfax; F. A. Byerly, of Alexandria County; and Dr. J. S. Sewell of Prince William, vice presidents; R. H. Stuart, recording secretary; George C. Round, corresponding secretary, and A. T. Holtzman, treasurer.

A constitution and by laws were adopted, which will be signed by a majority of the teachers.

Several essays were read, viz: An essay on "Three Agents in Education," by J. G. Wooltz, of Fauquier; Advantages of Reading, by Miss Kate Towson, of Fauquier, and a poem by Miss C. B. Trout, of Warren.

The Professors then answered a number of questions propounded to them, which were productive of much amusement.

The committee on resolutions was then directed to draft a resolution expressive of the gratitude of the Institute to the people of Manassas for their Kindness.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Several citizens of Manassas propose taking a trip to Kansas in February with the view of locating in that State.

One of the United States Government engineers was engaged last week in extending the survey of the battlefield made some time since by the government to Manassas. The object is to have a map made out with Manassas as a tangible starting point.

The Manassas Gazette says: "Miss Shipley, of Maryland, whilst on a visit to her cousin, Mrs. E. E. Meredith, at Brentsville, was suddenly stricken down a few days ago with neuralgia of the heart. At latest accounts the young lady's condition was extremely critical.

Mr. John T. Goodwin, of Prince William County, on Saturday week met with another painful accident. He had since his late accident been for some time going about on crutches. and on the day mentioned was assisting to put some cattle on a car at the pen near the depot, when a steer ran over him breaking the same leg several inches below the old fracture. He was taken home at once and surgical aid called in, and while his sufferings have been intense, he will remain the full use of the fractured limb.

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THE VIRGINIA MIDLAND ROAD - OLD DUMFRIES - POLITICS IN PRINCE WILLIAM - THE SURROUNDINGS HERE, &c.

The Virginia Midland Road - Cannon House, Manassas, Aug. 18 -- Leaving Millboro last Saturday night we started on the C. & O. Railway for the low country, intending to stop a few days in Prince William, which county is the cradle of the writer's race on this continent. We thought we would just "stamp our foot on our native health and cry our name is McGregor." And we might have carried out some such pleasant little programme were it not for the fact that arriving tired we thought we would seek first the embraces of Murphy (as some one calls him in Alexandria) before entering upon the role of McGregor. Seeing our well appointed room in the Cannon House for this purpose we threw our self upon the bed, not reflecting upon the great change in the weather and that our window and transom were both open. The result has been the very worst cold we have had in our life and an utter inability to "stamp our foot upon our native health, &c." The enforced confinement to our quarters, resulting from this severe indisposition, has given us an opportunity to reflect upon the very many expressions of regret we have heard coming from all quarters, the last few weeks, at the very idea of removing from Alexandria the head, the staff, the workmen, the works, &c. of the Virginia Midland Road. The very great ability of President Barbour as a railroad manager is readily urged by all competent in form an opinion. How could it be otherwise? Given fine natural abilities, a good judgment of men, a competent private estate so as to make the head of the road -- if he were not otherwise so -- beyond the reach of the sourest suspicion on the point of personal probity -- given all these first rate qualities, devoted to one business for thirty years, and success is as certain as the most logical conclusion drawn from proper premises. Therefore it cannot be the fault of Mr. President Barbour with regard to the present complications of the road. Therefore it is that we hear so many expressions of regret at the slightest prospect of his being removed from his present sphere of usefulness. If he must go there, then to a higher trust, is the universal verdict of competent judges. Men are not such fools as not to acknowledge that a man's experience in his business increases his usefulness in a tremendous ratio up to the time of his powers failing him. We make the usual exception in favor of geniuses, so that nobody shall feel badly. And the greatest regret, too, is expressed at any prospect which should threaten to remove from the town the very competent staff of Mr. Barbour, whose salaries, with the wages of the workmen make such an important feature in the business of Alexandria. Poor old city! If she loses the Midland road we will be found invoking her in the language of Byron as the "Niobe of cities," "One by one" she has lost, you know. Haven't we, with our own eyes, seen 'the car climbing' not her capital, but "her cemeteries." Ah me! what a party got up that thing, particularly the cemeteries part. Not as gay a party as Hars Breittman's. "But where ish dat party now." The one of them who set up the inscription "To the cemeteries" whether he was sent to the lunatic asylum or no has immortalized himself. As if one wanted to ride every day to his grave yard, for pleasure! The wags of the future have him already in their relentless clutches.

OLD DUMFRIES

The first day we got down to dinner we were waited upon by an old servant, who said he was born and bred in Old Dumfries. We could well imagine so; he had an air of such perfect faded gentillits -- but still every inch a gentleman. His name is Jesse. We had a little preliminary talk as to whether Jesse was the son or father of David. Felling a little hazy on the point we thought the best way was candidly to refer the matter to him, particularly as he had informed us that "he had a leaning towards the hard shells"-- Baptist we presume. To our astonishment he frankly confessed that he didn't know whether Jesse was the father or the son of David. shocked at such a state of things existing with regard to two gentlemen coming out of Dumfries, as it were, we consulted the proper source of information and gave Jesse the correct state of the case, in an authoritative way, for which he

made the profoundest acknowledgements. Proceeding to the discussion of Dumfries, he did us the honor to observe that he knew all about our people there. Occasionally there was a faint embarrassment on our part, when Jesse would turn to us and remark, "Now there was Mr. & Mrs. so and so, of Dumfries; of course you know them sir," Now Jesse looks as if he might be anywhere between 75 and 100, but is so perfectly polite that we would consider it as an unpardonable rudeness to remind him that we are not entirely contemporaries. So we wave the matter off by observing that while the names are wholly familiar to us we do not exactly recall the faces. Jesse perfectly understands that wave of the hand and drops this branch of the subject instantly. The other day a gentleman remarked to us at the table, "the Henderson House is still standing at Dumfries, Sir." We throw into our bow and smile as much of courteous acknowledgement as we could for what was unquestionably meant as an act of kindness. But was it kindness? In this new country, at least, we know of no bitterer mockery of man's efforts and his ambitions than the brick and mortar put up by his own hands. He accumulates riches and builds great mansions for his use and his children's and his children's children. He generally is borne a corpse through his own portals. It is almost invariably sold in the third generation occupy the house of the ancestor. It is almost invariably sold in the third generation. "The Henderson House is still standing at Dumfries!" Yes, But where are the Hendersons?

POLITICS IN PRINCE WILLIAM

In this region there is the usual amount of political talk going on. From what we hear we take it for granted that there will be no opposition to the election of Captain Francis L. Smith to the State Senate. Since he announced his candidacy there has not been the slightest idea of returning any one but the Captain of the Alexandria Light Infantry, a very fine command for one so young. So the several parties who imagined that they stood a chance of being elected were but laying flattering unction to their souls, and their imaginary support and calculations thereupon were as groundless as the baseless fabric of a vision."However half of the lives of many are spent in dreaming.

We deeply regret to discover that there seems to be a determination on the part of some of the friends of General H. Payne, of Fauquier Co. to run him at the approaching session of the legislature, against Col. Withers. We regret it because there is no man in this Commonwealth more anxious than the writer to see the gallant General Payne in the Senate of the United States, at the proper time. But the few considerations we will urge against his candidacy, at this time, will, we trust, have the approval of the judgment of the accomplished gentleman himself. In the first place the election comes off too soon after the Legislature meets to permit General Payne's high claims upon the public approval to be properly presented to a body coming from all portions of the Commonwealth. General Payne having for some years retired from public life it would be only justice to himself to go to the Legislature for a period in order to make himself known to members coming from all parts of the State. In the second place there will be men sent to the Legislature both for Daniel and for Mahone. Now the Daniel men will almost certainly go for Withers, rather than a new man, should they find, as they will, that Daniel cannot win. The Mahone men, and we presume their number will not be large, may possibly vote for General Payne as their second choice. Even in this contingency he would not have enough votes to elect him. And we make so bold as to doubt whether an election brought about by a combination with the Mahone men would be acceptable to the gallant and chivalric soldier whose name we are using. The writer has a great admiration and appreciation for the South Carolina people, whose men, as a general thing are gentlemen, and whose gentlemen are men. In spite of his appreciation of those people, perhaps because of it, he is impatient when he sees South Carolina over topping Virginia in either branch of the Federal Congress, as she unquestionably does now in the Upper House. This inequality will disappear altogether when Gen. Payne takes his seat on the floor of the Senate of the United States, which he will do if he allows himself to be a candidate at the very next election following the one of

this winter, where the guardian, we respectfully submit, belongs of right, to Col. Withers.

There would be a very pleasant way generally of arranging matters if our advice only be taken: which is that the venerable Judge Johnson do, at the approaching meeting of the Legislature, hand in his resignation to his Excellency, Governor Holliday, taking the high ground that he is firmly convicted by the inevitable advance of age and infirmities that he is no longer able to do the justice that a younger man would to the interests of Virginia in the most august assemblage of the Republic. This would be grand; it would be self-sacrifice in a politician and Col. Withers' career shows how deeply that rarest quality sinks into the public heart; in a word, in its effects, it would be only second "to the shot which rang round the world." That this step is necessary we ourselves think that we are able positively to aver. For we do declare that Judge Johnson does not know a Virginian when he sees him. Moreover he does not know a Virginian whose father received a sword from Virginia, the thanks of Congress, a medal from Congress, several brevets for gallant and meritorious conduct, and whose every son has seen service against the enemy in battle, either under the flag of the Confederacy or that of the United States. This is a rather serious case of -- color blindness, we will mildly call it. We fear that it will grow through, and that the next thing we shall hear is that the venerable judge has passed, on the public highways, the Virginia bill of rights and the resolutions of 98 without speaking to them, and that the rule in Shelly's case has, of late, been taking liberties with him which years ago he would have promptly resented, recognizing Shelly instantly and the rule too.

THE SURROUNDINGS HERE

We were quite surprised to see the size of the place, grown up here since the war. The air is pure, and the height 450 feet above tide water at Alexandria. There are two hotels, Cannon's where we are staying, and a pretty little house adjoining, kept by Mr. & Mrs. Keys. We can only speak of Cannon's and it is really a remarkable house. How he can keep it and make any money is where the surprise comes in. He keeps a very good table, inferior only in a few degrees to the Springs Hotel, the lowest of which charges twice as much as he does -- The Warm three times as much, and the White Sulphur even more. His charges are \$2 a day, \$12 for two weeks, and \$20 a month. The rooms, furniture and bedding are good, and the attention fair. Why people particularly men, should shut themselves up in lonely country houses for the summer, instead of here, where they can get all the daily papers right from the cars, is what "no feller can find out." Gentlemen should come in parties large enough to play a game of whist, where we miss here. If they feel like plunging into Ancient history let them visit the hallowed shades of Mount Vernon and hold silent communion with the august spirit of the Father of his Country. If into modern, let them visit the neighboring battlefield of Manassas, where the noble Yankee fought, bled, and -- run. The philosophic student of history will find very much in the study of that single battle to account for the final downfall of the Confederate and the success of the Federal Forces. This is a nice sort of a place for old country couples who have got too old to stay in the country during the long cold winter months to come and live and be near church. There is a Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, and Catholic Church here, the latter to be dedicated Sunday week by Bishop Keene. There is also an old school Baptist Church about a mile from this village. Also one church for colored people and another being erected.

We are much indebted to Mr. J. J. Davies, editor of the Manassas Gazette, for frank and cordial civilities, including the run of his office, use of papers &c. We have read articles from his pen evincing decided ability.

There are several doctors in Manassas, our preference being for our friend Dr. Hornbaker, who brought us out a heavy cold most skillfully.

We were very glad to meet our old friend Col. Robert Tansill, and to find him installed into the office of Mayor of Manassas. It was all his fellow citizens could do to show their appreciation of him. In Col. Tansill's career there is much to admire. Rising from the ranks by his unaided efforts, he received the commission of an officer from the President of

the United States. This commission he successfully held against all efforts to wrest it from him, although every other man in his corps commissioned from the ranks were cashiered. This speaks for itself. And all his hard won honors he laid at the feet of Virginia, his native state. Since the war she has done nothing for him. When the old Colonel is laid beneath the sod of Prince William, on which sod he first sported a jocund boy, it may be well inscribed over his tombstone. "Here lies the mortal part of a man who suffered much for Virginia."

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OLD FAMILIES OF DUMFRIES

"The Henderson house is still standing at Dumfries! Yes! But where are the Hendersons? Yes! and where are the Muschutts? and the Brundiges? the Tebbs?, and the Blakes? the Bronaughs, the Forbes' and the Harrisons? the Dalrymples, the Kemps, and the Grahams? and many others when this writer, now in the seventy third year of his age, has heard of, may in childhood have seen, but cannot at this moment remember; men and women of high culture and brilliant accomplishments, at a period when those qualities were of difficult attainment, who in the richness of their attire, and the courtliness of their manners gave tone, and character, and fame to the forum and the ball room of Dumfries scarcely less than those of the vice regal court at Williamsburg. This writer has seen brocade silk dresses, relics of a lady of the old town: wrought in vines and flowers, and birds, so stiff that they would almost stand alone, and the high heeled shoe of corresponding colors, and embroidery with their points turned over in a rounded chord to the instep like the old fashioned "high Dutch" skates, both of them illustrative of the beauty and richness of the dressing of that period. It may not be irrelevant in this connection to mention that a sister of that lady, Catherine Brent, of "Woodstock," near Guia, married a brother of the Duke of Douglass, of that day, with whom she returned to Scotland, where they occupied the beautiful residence of "Rose Hall," which after her own death, that of her son Archy, an officer in the British army, who either died or was killed in the East Indies (and whose heavy silver spurs were sent to this writer), and of her two daughters, one of whom was the wife of Gen. Pye, of the British Army, lapsed to the Ducal estate, that branch of the Douglass family becoming thus extinct.

But "where are" all those people? You may stand in the wreck of "the Henderson house," or on the discoverable sites of any of the old mansions for so long a period the homes of a boundless hospitality and biarity, and foaming silver tankards, and repeat the question, and a hollow, but not meaningless, echo of it may be all the response you may receive; but go to the graveyards of the vicinage, and you will find such record of them as the barbaric devilry of the Goths and vandals that have but of late swept over them, may have left (and this writer has seen despoilments in the shape of copper shields with epitaphs engraved thereon, dug, with their fastenings, out of tombs of Brents at Guis, returned by conscience stricken men in New Jersey, that true State in the days of the revolution, to their descendant the late John Carroll Brent, of Washington) But look abroad over the country and you will see them in their descendants in every honorable and respectable avocation in life. Helping, pressing on the business of the world with inherent Scotch tenacity and vim, for almost all of the men who settled Dumfries and built it up until square rigged vessels came to its wharves (now scarcely credible) with the fabrics and the luxuries of all the outer world, and bore away its abundant tobacco crops, were Scotchmen, and that crop was so abundant that one merchant there, the agent for the firm of Morris (the great financier of the revolution) Nicholson in Philadelphia built three large warehouses to contain his purchases.

But "where are the Hendersons?" Let such inquirer look over the broad Siamese twin counties of Fauquier and Loudoun, will he find none of them, with many another

descendant of Dumfries amidst their busy moving throng? This writer has a pleasant recollection of an associate in the University of Virginia, a grandson of Dumfries, whose father he understood to be at that time an influential citizen, and prominent lawyer of Leesburg. But let him look in the records of the Army and the Navy, and the Marine Corps. In the first he will find Dr. Thomas Henderson a surgeon; Traxton and James, whilst two of his daughters are wives of Gen. Smith, of the Virginia Military Institute, and of Col. Seth Eastman, U. S. A., and in the Marine Corps he will find Gen. Archy Henderson, who raised that corps from its slough of despond, and his son Charles Alexander Henderson.

"Where are the Muschett's? This writer would like to know, for as in after years the certain of memory gradually rolled up, displaying to him things long concealed behind it, there came to him a vivid recollection that when a very small boy in 1812 or 1813, at "Woodbridge," on the Occoquan, then the residence of his maternal aunt, Mrs. Thomas Mason, widow of one of the sons of Col. Mason, of Gunston Hall, there came on foot to cross the ferry there, which was on the great, and at that time I believe only, high road of travel between the North and South, two young men of that family from Dumfries, on their way to Baltimore to hunt for fortune. There came back to memory their fine personal appearance, their well dressed condition, and particularly their shining black walking canes with black silk chords and tassels through silver eyelets. Did they find the "slidery Ba" of which they were in such resolute pursuit! or were they swept away in the epidemic of 1819. I think which desolated that then young city!

Of the Blakes, don't John B. Blake, a grandson of Dumfries, still survive to gladden the hearts of his friends with his bonhomie and geniality whenever they visit him in his office as secretary of the National Washington Monument Society, to which he worthily succeeded after the lamented death of his life long friend the late, the good, John Carroll Brent. His brother, Thomas Holdsworth Blake, settled in Indiana, became a representative in the Congress of the United States, and Commissioner of the General Land Office. A younger brother, Joseph, was in the U. S. Navy. Their sister married that most excellent gentleman, friend and extemporary in the U. S. Military Academy of this writer, the late Wm. A. Gordon of the Quartermaster General's Office, and is mother of the young Gordons of Georgetown.

Of the Macraes-- More members of that family have probably remained in Virginia than of any other of the old families of Dumfries. This writer knows of but one absent one, Col. Nathaniel Chapman Macrae, a most kind and much loved friend and contemporary of this writer in the U. S. Military Academy, and now on the retired list of the U. S. A., and residing in Cincinnati, where he acquired property when commanding the post at New Port, Kentucky, many years ago.

Of the Grahams --- Besides Mr. Richard Graham, who was a merchant in the town, and became a very large landed proprietor in Virginia, in Kentucky, and in Ohio, there were three brothers, Dr. Wm., Mr. Robert and Mr. Catsby Graham. The wife of Dr. Gustavus Brown, of Porto Bacco, in Maryland, was their sister. Mr. Catsby died unmarried at a very advanced age. He went to Louisiana, of which State he made and published a large map. Mr. Robert's daughter, I think, married Dr. Bronaugh, who was connected with the Mason and McCarthy duel. Dr. Wm. was the father of four sons, all men of renown in the U. S. Army, and a fifth resigned and died soon after graduating at the U. S. Military Academy. It was in reference to the lead laden gallantry of two of these officers, Wm Monroe and Cambell Graham, that General Worth made the complimentary reply to the ordnance officer who notified him, during his fight with Tutenuggee's band in Florida, that the lead was giving out, "Well! I don't know what you'll do unless you melt the Grahams up." Wm. M. (known in the army as "Hotspur,") was killed, leading his regiment in that terrible fight at Molino del Rey in Mexico, James Duncan, one of the most scientific and distinguished engineers in the army, and Campbell, after making equally marked records as their elder brother, died natural deaths at advanced ages, the former leaving a son in the army and the navy, the latter

childless. The fifth one Gen. Lawrence Pike Graham, on the retired list, still survives, having lost two sons in the service. A niece of theirs is Sister Baptista in the convent in Georgetown, and their only surviving sister resides in Richmond.

Richard Graham was a merchant, a large proprietor in the town, and very extensive land holder, both in Virginia and "the western country." principally in Lewis County, Kentucky, where much of his time in his later years was spent, with the two elder of the three sons in surveying and locating Virginia military land warrants, and establishing farms on the banks of the Ohio river, which had to be protected by "Block Houses" as they were called, and guarded with guns moved from stump to stump as they hoed their corn; gradually removing his slaves there from Virginia But in a great measure ruined by the failure of Morris & Nicholson, he died during one of his expeditions, always made on horseback, to Philadelphia, in the fruitless effort to get a settlement with that House. His two elder sons were well educated men, in Columbia College, N. Y. Both, I think, read law, and the elder, George, entered into the practice of it in Dumfries, represented the county in the Legislature, and was a member of (both, I think) the Electoral Colleges which cast the vote of Virginia for Mr. Madison. Marrying the widow of Mr. George Mason of "Lexington," eldest son of Col. Mason, of Gunston (who had married G. G.'s maternal aunt, Sarah Brent, for his second wife,) he removed to Fairfax and became a farmer on his wife's dower estate, raised and commanded the Fairfax Light Horse (in which Wm. H. Fitzhugh, of "Ravensworth" was a private, as were most of the young gentlemen of that day in the county) in the war of 1812 - 1814. His wife dying in May, 1814 during the whole summer of which year he was in the entire command of his troop, he was, on the retirement of Gen. Armstrong from the War Department after the burning of the city, called by Col. Monroe, Secretary of State, and charged with the war office to take charge of the latter department as its chief clerk, continuing in it as acting secretary during the last two years of Mr. Madison's administration, and until relieved by Mr. Calhoun as full Secretary, late in the first year of Col. Monroe's administration, which in the summer of 1818, induced him to undertake an expedition into Texas to ascertain what Gen. Lallemente, Napoleon's great General of Artillery, who mysteriously disappearing from his residence in New Jersey, had as mysteriously reappeared in command of 600 "armed Colonists," exiled officers and soldiers of Napoleon's army, at the Orcoguis Bluffs on the Trinity river, was after. The treaty with Spain, by which Florida was acquired by the U. S., was then under discussion in Washington by J. Q. Adams, Secretary of State, and Don Onis, the minister from Spain, and this movement of General Lellemando's created some apprehension on the part of our Government that it was instigated by the Government of France, or Spain, or both, to in some way effect the negotiation of that treaty. It was at that time, an expedition of great personal danger, requiring courage, endurance, and address for its successful accomplishment. The turbulent element of the recent closed war had not yet subsided; the Mississippi Valley contained many lawless and desperate men preying on the flat boat commerce of that river, and its tributaries; the western flat boatmen were returning in large bands, on foot, by land, from New Orleans, and were not usually a pleasant crowd to encounter; the greater portion of West Tennessee and all North Mississippi was inhabited by Indians; the Valley of Red river, then pretty much a cane brake country, but sparsely settled and containing many Indians, was to be creased, and all Eastern Texas, if ever reached, was the home of robbers, cut throats, horse thieves and smugglers. It was a distasteful, laborious and dangerous journey; it could then only be made on horseback, and would take all summer, but in a patriotic desire to serve the country and Col. Monroe's administration, of which he was an earnest and efficient supporter, Mr. Graham consented to undertake it, and left Washington, by the western route, the first week in June 1818, attended by a Negro servant, on horseback. On reaching Natchez he met with a person removing to the Bayou Rapides in Louisiana. Availing himself of this pilotage, he reached that person's new settlement, 12 miles above the village of Alexandria on the Red River,

and leaving with him his servant and horses, took an Indian pony and a guide, and started on a bridle path through the canebrake to hunt for The Orcoguis Bluff on Trinity River, and Gen. Lallemande, who he learned, on reaching the Sabine River, had broken up his camp on the Orcoguis Bluffs, and moved down to Galvezton Island. Turning his course southward, he struck the little Carcasue river, where, encountering a smuggling vessel, he caused it to take him around to Galvezton Island, where he not only found LaMemande, but LaFitte, permanently established; remained there from 24th to 28th of August, during which time he induced them, each, to recognize and submit to the authority of the U. S., to that territory, and to consent to break up their establishments there, and leave it. He then retraced his weary route, reaching Washington in safety, with the same horses, uninjured, with which he had left it on the 6th of June.

He then became President of the Branch in Washington, of the U. S. Bank, which office he held until his appointment by President Monroe as Commissioner of the General Land Office in 1823, in which office he died in August, 1830, having during his presidency of the bank been also employed by the Government to wind up the old Indian factorage affairs, in which he saved to the Government two hundred and fifty odd thousand dollars.

Of his first marriage a daughter survives, widely known as Mary Bernard, of the Convent in Georgetown, and a son, who went to Rapides Parish, Louisiana, in 1828, where he accumulated a good estate, the whole of which was swept from under him by the war and its consequences, and where he now lives on a little piece of "bread cast upon the waters" many years ago, which, in curious fulfillment of one of the promises of the Bible, was "returned to him just in time to save him from utter poverty and dependence.

Of his second marriage with a lady, whose grandfather, Josiah Watson, there may still linger old citizens who knew him in Alexandria, as a merchant, and I think, postmaster, there survives him a daughter, widow of the late Capt. H. K. Davenport, U. S. N., of whose three sons, the eldest is in the navy, and the second in the army, and a son who is a retired officer of the marine corps. The eldest son, in Louisiana, has two sons and two daughters and four grandchildren, the elder being a cotton planter there, and the younger county judge at Del Norte, Colorado.

John Graham, the second son of Richard, of Dumfries, represented Lewis County in the Kentucky Legislature; was sent by Mr. Jefferson, as Secretary of the Territory of Orleans, for the purpose of watching the movements of Aaron Burr, and as Secretary of Ligation to Spain, but the chronological order of these events is not known to this writer. He was Chief Clerk of the State Department during the whole of the administration of that office by Mr. Madison, whose last act in retiring from it was to place on record in it a very beautiful tribute to Mr. Graham's merits as a man and the value and worth of his services as an officer, in a paper recommending him to his successor in the Department for employment in a higher sphere of usefulness. He was one of the commissioners to the South American Republic, and under Col. Monroe's administration was sent as Minister, in the U. S. frigate Congress, to the Portuguese Court, then residing in Rio de Janeiro. But his health broke down under the climate of Brazil, and he reached Washington barely in time to die. Having married a maternal relative, Miss Hill, of Prince George's County, Md., who survived him many years, he left several children, of whom the eldest became a large tobacco planter, and married a daughter of Judge Gaston, of North Carolina but died childless. His second son entered the navy, and died from the effects of a ball, which lodged in his spine, in a duel with another midshipman. His third son, a graduate of West Point, died at Monterey, from a wound received in that battle, and both of his daughters dying in girlhood, his branch of the family became extinct.

Richard, third son of Richard, of Dumfries, was but 12 years old at his father's death. After receiving such education as was practicable to be then had for him in the reduced circumstances of the family, principally at Georgetown College, he went into the counting house of Cumberland Wilson, in Alexandria, from which he was transferred by his elder

brother to the superintendence of the property on the Ohio River. There he married, and had two sons, the elder of whom entered the navy and married the eldest daughter of Major Cary Seldon, with whom he was living on a farm, near St. Louis, when the war with Mexico arising, he set out for Washington to ask for active service, and died suddenly on the way. His only daughter is the wife of Judge John Wickman, of St. Louis, with a numerous family. The younger son died in early manhood. In the war of 1812 - 14 Mr. Richard Graham entered the army as a captain in the 19th Infantry, was soon promoted to major of the 17th infantry, and was selected by Major Gen. Harrison as one of his aids. On the reduction of the army, after the close of the war, he was appointed an Indian agent, and located in St. Louis where he subsequently married a daughter of John Mullanphy, a wealthy Irishman, of which marriage he had two sons and two daughters, all of whom died in early maturity, except one who became the wife of Capt. C. M. Frost, U.S.A., who subsequently became a Brigadier General U. S. A. Mrs. Frost left a numerous family. Her eldest son, R. G. Frost, represents one of the St. Louis Congressional districts in the Congress of the U. S. Her eldest daughter is married in St. Louis, and the second is married to the son of English baronet, and resides in England. Thus the family name of that branch is also extinct.

Accidentally interrupted at that point in his narrative of the family of Richard Graham of Dumfries, the writer omitted to mention that he had one daughter, Catherine, who married Andrew Ramsay, who subsequently removed to Washington and became a clerk in one of the departments. She was the mother of Captain William Ramsey, U. S. Navy, and Gen. George Douglass Ramsey, U. S. Army, now, at an advanced age, on the retired list. Both of these were born in Dumfries, and were well grown lads when they left there. Capt. Wm. Ramsey had four sons, all of whom died childless, one in the army was killed at Bull Run, and one in the Marine Corps. His daughter, widow of Brockholst Cutting, who resides in New York, has two sons. General G. D. Ramsey was a son in the navy and one in the army, both married with children, a widowed daughter with a little girl, and two unmarried daughters.

Mrs. Ramsey had two daughters. The eldest still lives, the widow of Col. Wm. Turnbull, U. S. A., of whom on hearing of his sudden death at Wilmington, N. C., General Scott exclaimed in the bitterness of his grief, I killed him! I worked him to death in Mexico! She has four sons, one of them in the army, the others in business in civil life, two daughters, one in Baltimore, wife of a merchant, with numerous family. Mrs. Ramsey's second daughter married and lived in Philadelphia, where five sons all in business in civil life survive her.

The Lintons were another of the old families of Dumfries. The eldest son, John, was contemporary with Richard Graham, in the counting house of Cumberland Wilson, from which he went as a clerk in the Quartermaster's department of Wilkinson's army to Natchez, where remaining he married Miss Bingman, and there and in New Orleans achieved a large estate as a cotton factor, died, leaving sons and daughters, some of whom survive. Thomas Linton was in the army during the war of 1812-14 and subsequently in the Marine Corps.

Wm. A. Linton married a sister of the late John Webb Tyler, I think; settled at "Stone Castle," Prince William County, and became a farmer; removed to Louisiana, subsequently returned to Washington City, resided and died there, leaving children, some of whom, it is believed, still survive.

Thus has a grandson of the old town, in the depths of whose loving heart its memories and traditions were stirred up by the enquiry, endeavored to answer it; but where are the Hendersons? It will be seen that when the men who made the town having well performed their part, shook off this mortal coil, and laid down in the narrow house of death, their descendants, yielding to the inexorable logic of events and circumstances, and casting the past behind them, manfully went forth, as their fathers had done before them, to

breast the storms of life and battle with the world in making new homes and new employments for themselves and their children. And could those sires arise and look upon them now, their verdict would be, "well done! thou bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh."

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ITEMS

Seven hundred and sixty head of fat and stock cattle, mostly the former, are owned and fed by the farmers from Brentsville to Bristoe contiguous to the road and are worth \$20,000.

A protracted meeting and revival is going on at the school house at Bristoe. The services are being conducted by Revs. S. A. Ball and J. Halpeney. Several persons have been at the mourners' bench, and one has professed conversion.

On Saturday last Mr. J. Carl Lynn met with a very serious accident whilst riding near Catharpin. His horse, which was trotting at a lively pace, suddenly fell, throwing Mr. Lynn on the hard road, and badly cutting his lip, breaking his nose and knocking out three of his teeth.

Last week a robbery was perpetrated upon an old lady living about midway between Manassas and Occoquan. It seems that Mrs. Milstead had been to Alexandria to draw some money from the bank. The family had retired at night, the male portion being absent, when a man blacked up entered her room and demanded her money. The old lady had only \$50 in her possession, which she surrendered. The thieves were three in number; one was outside of the house as guard, another stood guard at the door, whilst the third ransacked the house. They were evidently white men, as the one inside raised his cap and showed his white skin underneath. At last accounts the thieves had not been found out.

MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 15 Oct 1879

PRINCE WILLIAM

Brentsville, Va., Oct. 14, 1879 - On account of the sickness of Judge Keith, who has gone to New York to consult physicians, the fall term of the Circuit Court has been postponed. The Judge will hold a special term as soon as he is well enough.

A political discussion took place yesterday in which Messrs. Round and Green, the champions of the non-dept paying element in this country, were completely used up by Generals Lee and Hunton and old Alexandria's gallant son. Capt. F. L. Smith, the Conservative nominee for the Senate from this district. The readjusters or repudiators of this country have been completely demolished in every discussion which has taken place here, notwithstanding the tissue of lies contained in a communication to the Richmond Whig purporting to be from this place, and published in that paper in its issue of the 11th.

This communication did such gross injustice to General Payne that one of his friends, Mr. E. E. Meredith, came before the audience yesterday, and after explaining Gen. P's position and what said on the occasion referred to, pronounced the author a liar.

Mr. Round announced his intention of opposing Captain Smith for the Senate, if there was no one else who would run against him. But this will amount to nothing. Capt. Smith made a good impression here yesterday. His speech was a manly and sensible one, which went home to the good people of this county, and old Prince William will do her whole duty on the 4th of November next.

Alexandria Gazette 2 Mar 1880

AUCTION SALES

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY NEAR OCCOQUAN VILLAGE. - By virtue of a deed of trust from George Selecman and wife, dated the 15th day of February, 1873, recorded among the land records of Fairfax County, liber P. No.4, page 261, and for the purpose therein mentioned, the undersigned will offer for sale by

public auction at Fairfax Court House, on MONDAY, the 15th day of March, 1880, the TRACT OF LAND conveyed in said deed of trust, except that portion conveyed by George Selecman and wife to Redman Selecman, containing 842 acres and 26 poles, recorded in liber G. No. 4, page 45 of the records of Fairfax County. Said land has TWO DWELLINGS and all necessary outbuildings, contains 522 acres, and would make two farms.

Terms of sale: So much cash as will pay expenses of sale; also the sum of one thousand dollars, with interest thereon from the 15th day of February, 1878, until the day of sale. Selling, as trustee, I shall convey such title as is vested in me, which I believe to be good.

William T. Halley, Trustee
Fairfax County

Alexandria Gazette 2 Mar 1880

THE PRINCE WILLIAM JUDGESHIP

Brentsville, March 1, - The County Court met this morning, when Judge C. G. Howison took the bench. When he directed the attorney for the Commonwealth to proceed with the criminal cases, Mr. E. E. Meredith, the attorney for the Commonwealth stated that he did not recognize the authority of Judge Howison, and the court thereupon entered an order committing him for 60 days for contempt. Judge Weedon then took the bench, and, after the court had been opened and all the cases continued, the deputy sheriff, Mr. W. S. Howison, was directed to adjourn the court, and upon his refusal so to do, Judge Weedon ordered him to be committed for 60 days for contempt of court. This was done to make a test case, and will go to the Court of Appeals at once.

Judge Weedon was elected to fill an unexpired term, and the constitutional term being for six years. Judge Weedon claims that his term has not yet expired. The recent decision of the Court of Appeals did not effect this case.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Jan 1881

TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by T. M. Manchester to the undersigned, trustee, dated March 4th, 1858, and recorded in liber 24, folio 294, of the record of deeds of Prince William County, Virginia. I will offer for sale, at public auction before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, March 7th, 1881, (that being court day) A VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND in said county, containing 100 ACRES, more or less, and lying about 7 miles from the town of Occoquan, adjoining the lands of Finch, Maddox, Read, and others. TERMS CASH

E.G. Ford, Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 17 Jan 1881

DEED OF TRUST

By virtue of a deed of trust made the 6th day of June, 1877 by Edward M. Willis and wife to me in trust to secure to Stephen Dowling and David Dowling the payment of six thousand dollars, with interest from the date of said deed, evidenced by certain negotiable notes described therein, which deed is of record in the office of the Clerk of Prince William county, default in payment having occurred, in pursuance of directions having been given by said Stephen Dowling and David Dowling, as said deed of trust prescribes, I will, as trustee, on THURSDAY, the 17th day of February, 1881, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Market Building, on Royal Street, in the city of Alexandria, proceed to sell, at public auction, a TRACT OF LAND, in Prince William county, Virginia, bordering in part upon the

Neabsco Run and in part upon Powell's Run, and near Freestone Station, on the Fredericksburg and Potomac R. R. it being a part of the tract known as HILLO, and the same land conveyed by T. B. Robertson, commissioner to said E. M. Willis, consisting of six hundred and seventy-eight and one half acres, more or less, and more particularly described in said deed of trust.

Terms: \$7,500 and sufficient to pay costs and expenses of sale cash; the residue in three equal installments of one, two and three years, with interest upon the deferred payments from date of sale, secured by negotiable notes of the purchaser, with satisfactory endorsement, and deed of trust upon the premises. Conveyancing at cost of purchaser. The terms as to the deferred payments subject to such modification as may be desired by said E. M. Willis at the sale.

Peter Wise, Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 14 May 1881

THE MANASSAS SCANDAL

The village of Manassas is still excited over the Todd - Trimmer scandal. Mr. Wm. C. Gaines supports his charges against Mr. Todd with a sworn statement, in which he says that on the night of the 19th of April he went to the spring from Mr. Trimmer's house to get a pitcher of water, and on his return saw Mr. Todd walking alone near Mr. Trimmer's gate; saw Mr. Todd go around the fence into a vacant lot; he then heard other parties approaching, and as they entered Mr. Trimmer's gate he recognized them as Miss Kate Trimmer; and another lady, accompanied by Mr. Kemp; after Kemp and his companion left the gate he heard Miss Trimmer clear her throat, and saw Mr. Todd come round the corner of the fence from the said lot, run on tiptoe up the walk to within a few steps of the gate; I heard a hissing sound and then heard him say, "Come, come, be quick, before Kemp comes back." She replied: "I cannot, it won't do to night, some other time; he insisted, she refused again; he then said: "Come here, I want to speak to you." She advanced towards him a step or two; they conversed for the space of a minute in tones so low as to be inaudible; his manner was coaxing and persuasive; hers at first positive and determined. As she started to leave him he spoke in an authoritative way; she halted a moment and then said: "Go back to the gate and I will meet you there." He went down the sidewalk towards the corner, and as she was going towards the back porch of the house I got over the fence and coughed. From her manner, I presume she recognized me. She then went into the house. I then pursued Todd and found him a short distance from the back gate, sitting down by a saw log. When within ten steps of him, he got up and started to meet me. I then said hurriedly: "Is that you Fred?" (meaning a friend of mine) When I spoke, he hung his head and sneaked off towards the street, I called two or three times: "Who is that?" He kept on and answered nothing.

Rev. Mr. Todd before the session of his Church admitted the truth of Mr. Gaines statements but while conversing with Miss Trimmer on the night named he discovered that some one was watching them from across the street. He then told Miss T. to go into the house and he would find out who was watching him. He then went several steps down the sidewalk, turned around the corner of Trimmer's fence into a vacant lot between the house and saw mill and sat down on a log at least sixty yards from the figure he saw across the street. He then saw the object (which was Gaines) approach him as he sat on the log, he at first thought it was the young lady who he presumed was trying, as he was trying, to do, to find out who was watching them.

At the investigation of the charges, the Manassas Gazette says: "Three other witnesses stated that at different times and separately they had seen Todd and a young lady driving out in his buggy. On one occasion he was seen by one witness with his arm encircling the waist of a young lady; in the other two cases the same kind of testimony was given, and these witnesses were never impeached. And on the strength of this testimony

the Session found nothing in the rumors against the Christian character of Mr. Todd."

The Manassas Gazette further says: "Whilst the church was investigating the character of its pastor, the fact was developed that although he was and had been for several years a Good Templar, he had been in the habit of using intoxicating drinks. Then he denied having drank anything in Alexandria, but acknowledged that he had drank lager beer in Washington and wine near Nokesville, in this county, for "nervous prostration," and elder at home as a pleasant drink. Mr. George W. Hixson, of this place, whose veracity no man doubts and whose standing in this community is above reproach, was called in and stated that he saw Mr. T. drinking lager beer in O'Neal's bar room near the Midland depot. Charges were then preferred against Todd in the Lodge and were referred to committee.

Manassas Gazette 21 May 1881

THE MANASSAS SCANDAL

The card of Mr. W. C. Gaines published in the late number of the Manassas Gazette, contains these words. 'I also desire to correct a misapprehension of Col. Robert Tancill as appears from his letter published in the Washington Post of this morning. This mistake occurs in the following sentence: Mr. Gaines has stated that he has the most implicit confidence in the virtue of Miss Trimmer. The word *has* should be changed to *had*; in other words, I said during the church investigation that I had up to the night of the 19th ult. implicit confidence, &c."

I was present when Mr. Gaines made his statement before the session of the church; listened to it attentively, and I understood him to distinctly and positively assert, without any qualification whatever, that he had the most implicit confidence in the virtue of Miss Trimmer; that she would not do wrong, and that he considered her as pure as an angel, and he should feel compelled to resent any imputation against her character.

And, although I carefully listened to his statement, I did not hear him use the words, "I had up to the night of the 19th ult. implicit confidence," nor do I believe he did use them. My recollection as to what Mr. Gaines said on the occasion in question, is confirmed by the remembrances and judgment of all with whom I have conversed on the subject and heard his statement to the session of the church. Besides, the day after Mr. Gaines addressed the session, I told him that I was much pleased with his frank and manly remarks to the session, and that they had increased my respect for his character, which I certainly would not have done had he made any charge against the character of Miss Trimmer. What also tends to strengthen my belief that I did not "misapprehend" Mr. Gaines' language is that I also informed him that he had cut the throat of his indictment against Mr. Todd, as the expression of his great faith in Miss Trimmer's innocence and incapacity to sin in the manner indicated, precluded the possibility of Mr. Todd's carrying out the evil intention imputed to him, and he did not object to the correctness of my views of the case.

We may honestly differ in opinion as to the meaning or what weight should be given to certain facts, but we cannot form any opinion at all as to the import of words which were never used. As "virtue and vice are not in feeling, but in action," so crime consists in deeds and not in the imagination, and should be properly proved before punishment can be justly inflicted. The usual commission of crime implies intention to commit it, which forms a part of the offense. But an evil intention not carried into execution is not punishable by our laws, though it may be legally restrained, and should be censured according to its nature and decree.

Robert Tancill
Manassas, Va.
May 21, 1881

Alexandria Gazette 25 May 1881

MR. TODD'S VINDICATION

The session of the Manassas Presbyterian church submit the following statement in response to the slanderous charges circulated concerning their pastor. Every reasonable man must admit that no one can possibly be more interested in bringing out the whole truth than those whose families and friends are continually in intimate association with their minister, and whose children are reared under his influences, and we repel with indignation the insinuation of the Manassas Gazette that there are any other persons more jealous of the honor of our church, and more anxious to protect the virtue of its members, than we ourselves. It is our duty to render our pastor the financial and moral support which is his due, and we feel ourselves abundantly capable of assuming the responsibility of deciding whether our relation shall continue or cease. We regarded it necessary for our church and community, that our investigation should be prompt, thorough and searching. It was conducted with doors open to the public, many of whom availed themselves of the opportunity to attend.

Alexandria Gazette 27 May 1881

ELECTION

The election in Prince William passed off quietly yesterday, there being no opposition to the regular democratic ticket. Captain L. A. Davis, the popular and efficient Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, was reelected. After the polls were closed a large and enthusiastic meeting of citizens was held in Brentsville, and E. E. Meredith, the Commonwealth's Attorney for the county, was selected to make the congratulatory speech, which he did in his usual felicitous style, after which Captain Davis was called out, and thanked his fellow citizens in appropriate terms for the renewal of their confidence.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jun 1881

TRUSTEE SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a deed of trust from Edward L. Carter to me, bearing date of December 10th, 186_ and recorded in the Clerk's office of Loudoun County, I shall for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said trust, offer for sale at public auction, on the premises, on THURSDAY, June 30th, 1881, a valuable TRACT OF LAND, situated in lower Loudoun, on Bull Run and near SUDLEY SPRINGS, known as "WOODLAND," containing THREE HUNDRED AND TEN ACRES. The farm is well watered, has an ample supply of timber, is of excellent quality and in a fine state of cultivation; has on it a commodious DWELLING HOUSE, a good TENANT HOUSE, a large and substantial STONE STABLE and other necessary out houses, and is well worthy of the attention of any one desirous of a good investment.

Mr. H. J. Ayres, who resides on the farm will take pleasure in showing the property to any one who desires to examine it.

TERMS OF SALE: One third cash; the residue in three equal annual payments bearing interest from day of sale; the purchaser to give bond with approved personal security, and title to be retained until final payment is made. Sale at 12 o'clock

Crawford Cushing, Trustee
Catharpin, P.O., Prince William Co. Va.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Jun 1884

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Of Valuable Real Estate at Atcotink, in Fairfax County: By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, rendered at the May term, 1884, in the chancery suit of Robertson, commissioner, vs. Troth and others, the undersigned Special Commissioners, therein named, will at 12 o'clock m. on Saturday, The 28th Day of June,

1884, before the Royal Street front door of the Market House in the city of Alexandria, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following described VALUABLE REAL ESTATE of which the late P. William Troth, died seized, situated in Fairfax county, to-wit:

1st. A TRACT OF 55 1/4 ACRES, lying at or near the village of Accotink.

2nd A TRACT OF 105 ACRES, near the said village.

3rd. A TRACT OF 44 ACRES, 1 r. and 29p., near the same.

4th. A TRACT OF 129 1/2 ACRES, being a part of the Mount Vernon Tract, and adjoining that portion of said estate held by the Ladies Association.

5th. THE ACCOTINK MILL PROPERTY, containing 25 acres, less about 1 1/2 acres of marsh land. This is one of the most valuable mill properties in Virginia.

6th TWO LOTS in the Village of Accotink

7th A LOT OF SEVEN ACRES, and known as WASHINGTON'S MILL

TERMS OF SALE: Ten per cent cash, the residue in three equal installments with interest, the purchaser to give bonds with approved security for the deferred payments and the title withheld until the whole of the purchase money is paid.

S. F. Beach, R. E. Moore, E. E. Meredith,
Commissioners of Sale

Prince William County: I E. Nelson, Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court of said county, certify that the bond with approved security as required by law has been duly executed by E. E. Meredith, one of the Commissioners in the above cause.

E. Nelson, D. C.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Aug 1884

VIRGINIA NEWS

Miss Lizzie Smith, living near Independent Hill, Prince William County, while out walking a day or two ago got a severe fall. In attempting to save herself she fell upon her hand, crushing two of her fingers. The doctor says the break is a bad one, and fears it will be necessary to amputate one if not both of the injured fingers.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Aug 1884

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS

A mass meeting of the democratic party of the county of Prince William was held at Brentsville on Monday, August 4th, 1884.

Maj. William W. Thornton, county chairman, was called to the chair, and Mr. W. N. Thornton Jr., appointed secretary.

On motion a committee of two each district was appointed to select delegates from the several districts and report to the meeting for ratification.

The following report was made by the committee: Dumfries, A. Lee McIntier, delegate, and G. M. Ratcliffe, alternate; Occoquan, Dr. John S. Powell, delegate, and G. W. Tansill, alternate; Brentsville, E. E. Meredith, C. E. Nicol, delegates, Joseph B. Read, W. W. Thornton, alternates; Coles, Jas M. Barbee, S. B. Howell, delegates, and M. N. Lynn, Robert A. Abel, alternates; Manassas, J. J. Davies, J. T. Leachman, delegates, and J. C. Weems, C. C. Barbour, alternates; Gainesville, Col. E. Berkeley, H. F. Lynn, delegates, and Maj. J. R. Purcell, George Galleher, alternates; floater from Manassas and Gainesville, Judge William E. Lipscomb. On motion of Mr. O. A. Weedon the report of the committee was confirmed.

Mr. J. J. Davies offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved by the democratic party of Prince William county in mass meeting assembled, That the nomination of Grover Cleveland for President and Thomas A. Hendricks for Vice President, are hereby ratified and endorsed and a cordial support

guaranteed to them at the approaching election.

Resolved, That the thanks of the democracy of this country are hereby expressed and tendered to the Hon. Jno. S. Barbour, for his indefatigable labors as chairman of the State democratic committee, and for his fidelity to his trust as a representative in Congress.

Resolved, That the gratitude of the democrats of Prince William county is due and is cordially tendered to the Hons. E. E. Meredith and Jno. S. Powell, our Senator and Delegate for their faithful and efficient services in behalf of the people of their county and State at large.

A motion was then adopted to publish the proceedings of the meeting in the Alexandria Gazette and the Manassas Gazette, after which the meeting adjourned.

Wm. W. Thornton, Chairman
W. W. Thornton Jr., Secretary.

Alexandria Gazette 09 Aug 1884

VIRGINIA NEWS

Dr. John S. Powell has been appointed school trustee for Occoquan district, Prince William County, in the place of George R. Atkinson, resigned. Dr. Powell was one of the first trustees appointed in the county, and held the position until he was elected Supervisor.

Alexandria Gazette 16 Aug 1884

VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. Wm. W. Davis, of Manassas, on Tuesday evening, while in the act of gaping dislocated his jaw-bone. Dr. C. C. Barbour reset it, but while preparing to bandage the jaw Mr. Davis yawned again throwing the bone out of joint the second time. The Doctor again reset it and succeeded, as he supposed, in adjusting the bandage in such a manner as to make it safe, but about nine o'clock that night he was sent for again to reset the bone, which he did. The Manassas Gazette says that "several years ago, while having some teeth extracted. Mr Davis' jaw bone was badly injured and has been in an unsound condition ever since."

Alexandria Gazette 23 Aug 1884

VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. William E. Lipscomb was yesterday elected county judge of Prince William by the Legislature.

Alexandria Gazette 29 Aug 1884

KINSLEY BEACH

Prince William County, Va., August 27, 1884 - This is a most beautiful place, situated near the banks of the beautiful Broad Run, which as it passes murmurs softly and sweetly, "Men may go and men may come, but I'll go on forever."

We are distant eight miles from Warrenton, three and a half from Gainesville, a station on the Manassas branch of the V. M. R. W., and four miles from the historic Thoroughfare Gap. The view of the Bull Run Mountains is beautifully grand.

The bathing is enjoyed very much. Every afternoon there can be seen twenty or thirty ladies and gentlemen enjoying the limpid waters of Broad Run. The dressing room is near by the shore, and is pretty in architecture and commodious. The proprietors, the Misses Delaplane, spare no care to make their quests comfortable, and from all I see and hear they succeed beautifully.

I was so fortunate as to get an invitation to a german given at the beach on the

evening of the 26th, which was a delightful affair. Though I had not danced for forty years, on that occasion I could not resist. "May joys that we've tasted something return."

Among the quests may be found representatives of New York, Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk and Georgetown, all delightfully fascinating. I find it very pleasant, after the duties of the "long, long, weary day," to drop in for awhile and listen to voices that are cheerful and happy. 'Tis soothing to the worn and weary heart, and brings a ray of sunshine that lingers for awhile notwithstanding how dark and foreboding the clouds of misfortune hang.

Dr. T. G. Brown, the resident physician, is always on hand ready to administer to those who may need him.

READER

Alexandria Gazette 02 Sep 1884

VIRGINIA NEWS

Major B. Taylor Scott, of Warrenton, addressed the people of Prince William County at Brentsville yesterday, making, as he always does, an able and telling speech.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Sep 1884

LETTER FROM MANASSAS

Manassas, Va., Sept. 11 - a year ago we spent a month most pleasantly on this historic soil, historic and sacred, too, because some of the best blood of the country was shed on the Manassas plains. One short year has passed, and yet as we viewed the surroundings on our arrival here a few days ago, we were astonished at its progress and wondered at the many changes that had taken place in that brief period.

The political market is quiet but firm. In everything that has been done so far the republicans have imitated the democrats. The Cleveland pole is one of the prettiest you ever saw, with the flag of the Union floating at the top. Below it comes a streamer with the names of the presidential nominees, and then you see another with the name of John S. Barbour, in large letters inscribed thereon. This section is solid, and the republican vote, so I am told by one who knows, will be less than at any previous election.

About a quarter of a mile from the depot can be seen the elegant residence of Robert Portner, of Alexandria, Va. The grounds are tastefully laid out, and the Ornamentation of the place is simply superb. He has constructed several fish ponds, from which he has already obtained several delicious carp. The only fortification left standing around Manassas is on Mr. Portner's place, and he is determined to keep it intact, and for the principal reason that it was built by Alexandria boys.

East of the corporation line and near the railroad can be seen another handsome residence, now almost completed, which will soon be occupied by its owner, Frank L. Cannon, former proprietor and owner of the Cannon House. It is delightfully situated, and will be one of the finest private residences in the place. Two large stores are now in course of election, besides several private residences. We count twelve homes inside the corporation that are now occupied which were not in existence at this time last year.

The Cannon House, now kept by W. S. Pickett, formerly of Leesburg, Va., and so well known to the gallant boys of the 17th Virginia regiment in days gone by, is abundantly patronized. The proprietor is one of the best in his line that we have met with and his attention to his guest and his _____ solicitude for their comfort has truly increased the trade and reputation of the house. Indeed, mine host Pickett is the Prince of hotel keepers, and truly deserves the support he receives.

Mr. Barbour and the Presidential nominee's will carry Prince William by not less than eight hundred majority.

The Manassas Gazette, as you know, has changed hands, and as a local paper has greatly improved under the management of my old friend, Major Thornton and his son, W.

W. Thornton, jr. The junior member of the firm is the active member, and promised to be a valuable addition to the profession.

The Confederate Cemetery wall is still unfinished but what has been done, about two-thirds of the wall, has been done well. The association has been compelled to stop for want of funds. Most of the money has been raised in this county, and over \$1000 has already been spent, and every cent strictly accounted for. Can't the good people of Alexandria help our friends here? They are doing all they can to make the cemetery a fitting receptacle for our glorious dead, and the work already done is a sufficient guarantee of the patriotism and sincerity of the managers.

We notice that trains on the Midland road, pass and repass here crowded with ----- and is doing a very heavy business, particularly in freight, and under the able management of Col. W. M. S. Dunn, Superintendent, and Col. J. B. S. Thompson, General Freight Agent, it is now one of the best railroads in the country.

Col. Jonas Fisher, the veteran railroader, was in town a few weeks ago, and looks as well and active as he did years ago.

Alexandria Gazette 13 Sep 1884

KINSLEY BEACH

Kinsley Beach, Prince William County, Va., September 9, 1884 - As I wandered by the streamlet this warm afternoon I heard what seemed to be voices bright and joyous, but when I paused on the mossy bank, and listened, 'twas but the gurgling of the water o'er its rugged bed. How typical of life; how we are tossed; how the heart is filled with joy, then dark clouds of sorrow hang closely. How rugged the pathway; the streamlet by and by will cease from troubling when it reaches the mighty ocean, and we, if we cling to the hope set before us, are faithful to the end, will soon be at rest.

Twenty of our pleasant company left on Saturday. 'Tis useless to say we miss them; seldom have we met with such delightful persons. "Their bright smiles haunt us still" - I was very near saying black eyes. In a few days their places will be occupied by some ladies who have been sojourning at some of the mountain resorts, and cannot resist Kinsley Beach on their way home. All who have left here have declared their intention to return next season.

On the evening of the 5th the Misses Green entertained a large number of their friends at their beautiful country place, "The Lawn", near Greenwich, Prince William County. I understand, and can readily imagine, it was a most delightful event.

On Sunday Mrs. C. kindly offered me a seat in her carriage with herself and friend, Mrs. H., to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which I gladly accepted. We heard a good sermon from the rector, Rev. A. F. Gray. The building now occupied is the old district court house. Yesterday the work of remodeling it commenced. About \$2,000 will be extended on the building.

The village of Buckland is half a mile distance, situated directly on Broad Run. It once was the most active business place in the country, but now does not present that appearance owing to the inactivity of the Buckland Woolen Mills.

We are sorry to learn that the Rev. A. B. Carrington, because of sickness, has had to leave his home in Buckland for the Fauquier White Sulphur Springs. We wish him a pleasant sojourn and speedy recovery from his indisposition. He is the pastor of the Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

For the last week the weather has been intensely warm. The fodder is drying up, and the streams are very low.

READER

Alexandria Gazette 26 Sep 1884

A DOUBLE WEDDING

Manassas, Va., Sept. 24, 1864 - Was it ever your good fortune to witness a double wedding? If not you should visit the country at the first available opportunity. The feature of a rural wedding is the complete absence of all the different codes of conventional stiffness. It is a delightful as well as interesting scene to witness the maidens, as well as matrons of all ages and degrees, as they press forward to seek the best places; to take observations, and lay by for immediate use the salient points of the ceremony, as well as the behavior and pose of the contracting parties. It is equally worth your time and attention to catch the infection as it rapidly spreads among the male portion of the assembled witnesses, and inspires that section with lofty sentiments, and in many instances begets the desire to go and do likewise. We ask pardon, however, of the citizens of this renowned town for writing of rural weddings. It was a slip of the pencil, for the people here are aufait; indeed, if you want to know all about the latest modes, and are anxious to see an aristocratic wedding, get the editor of the Manassas Gazette to post you about the next on the carpet.

To be brief, then, Trinity Episcopal Church, of this place, was crowded yesterday afternoon by nearly all the denizens of this town to witness the nuptials of the two happy couples. Miss Annie Merchant, a beautiful and most popular young lady of this place, and the sister of Councilman Robert W. Merchant, was happily united with Ronald Adamson, also a resident of the town, but engaged in business in Washington. The other couple were Miss Catherine Adamson and Charles L. Limstrong, son of Capt. Limstrong, a worthy and excellent gentleman, who has lived in this county many years. We are not an adept in the art, nor will your space permit me, to dwell upon the elegance of the bridal costumes and arrangements, but an old stager cannot withstand the temptation to declare, in solemn seriousness, upon the personal attractions and amiable demeanor of the two young brides. At our age we cannot recall, except on one former occasion a more apparent perfect union of fond hearts. We refrain from expressing our individual (and we conceive the universal) well wishes of the entire community for a happy and prosperous married life for both couples.

Rev. Arthur P. Gray, the highly esteemed rector of the church, performed the beautiful service of the Episcopal Church in his characteristically impressive manner, not forgetting to congratulate the happy couples at the termination of the church service.

A reception was given to the brides and grooms at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Adamson, at which a large number of the friends of all the contracting parties were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Adamson left here on the 8 o'clock train for Washington, where they will make their future home.

Col. W. S. Pickett, the gentlemanly and old bachelor of the Cannon House as the train was late, threw open his house for the benefit of the married couple and friends, and his kindness on that occasion was appreciated by the merry crowd that assembled in his parlors.

We had almost forgotten to express our admiration for the effective manner in which the organist, Mr. Bowman, rendered the wedding march and other selections.

Among the prominent and distinguished citizens present at the church were Cols. W. S. Pickett, John Tyler, Robert Tansill; Messrs. J. J. Davies, Charles E. Brawner, John W. Prescott, J. W. Wilcoxon, Harry Wright, W. W. Thornton, jr. (editor of the Manassas Gazette), W. N. Lipscomb, P. P. Chapman, Wm. N. Merchant, Phillip B. Peyton and J. W. Menefee (of the Midland Road), Henry Wagner, Benjamin Merchant, and many others.

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BUCKLAND

Buckland, Prince William County, Va., December 4, 1884 - The political excitement has at last subsided, and business goes on as usual. 'Twas a glorious victory. Virginia, the old mother State, now stands forth in her former majesty; her banner no longer trails in dishonor; she now proclaims to her daughter States and to the world "sic semper tyrannis." A Good many supported Blaine and Logan say a change of administration will be well.

For three weeks or more a glorious meeting has been in progress at Greenwich, three miles from this place, under the management of Revs. A. B. Carrington and C. M. Howard. Mr. Howard is an evangelist of wonderful persuasive power, and whether he has held meetings great and good results have crowned his efforts. His sermons are plain and practical; he preaches to the point and touches the heart. Quite a number have professed conversion, and a large number of penitents present themselves nightly for prayer. May the work go on in the name of the Lord.

This place is improving. We expect to have an additional blacksmith shop, a foundry and last, but not least, another store. So you see old Buckland is the road of progress. I love the old place; tis the place of my birth; tis here I first enjoyed life. All things were bright and joyous to me then; no clouds of sorrow crossed my pathway. Looking in one direction I see the old church, and in its yard the tombs that mark the resting place of departed friends, some of them of my boyhood. I say I love old Buckland. "Who shall chide me for loving it.

READER

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THE TODD CASE

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian church and congregation, of Manassas, was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. About fifty persons were present. Mayor Trimmer acted as moderator, and Mr. C. A. Snowball as stated clerk. The charge was reported to be in a flourishing condition, numerically, spiritually and financially. C. A. Snowball and Chas. H. Whittington were unanimously elected elders, and A. H. Roseberry trustee.

A committee consisting of Maitland C. Bennett, W. Clark, Harry Shoemaker, T. O. Chamberlain and Richard Milligan was then appointed to express the sense of the meeting concerning the action of the so called indignation meeting of July 22, and they reported as follows:

"Your committee report that on July 22 a meeting was held at Manassas, which took action extremely unjust to this church and subversive of our rights as citizens. There was no invitation to the public, and the call for the meeting has never been published, but on a careful examination of the list of names published as signers to the call, we are unable to find the name of a single member of any branch of the Presbyterian Church. We also believe that over three-fourths of the signers are members of no religious body whatever. Although a large section of our county was energetically canvassed, and although our county has a population of nearly 10,000 the names published are only 276, and the actual attendance was about 100. So far from its being "a member of the citizens of Manassas," as published at least five-sixths of the signers to the call reside outside the corporation of Manassas, and we believe that a majority of said meeting, as well as of those most active in it, reside nearer our court house than our own village. We therefore recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1. That we who for ten years have been associated with Rev. Francis M. Todd as our pastor are better able to judge his Christian character than those who have never heard him preach and who only know of him by sight and name.

2. That the church renews her expression of confidence in the character and ability of Mr. Todd and congratulates him on his acquittal by the Presbytery from the charges made

against him, and in his long-continued persecution extends to him and his family her warmest sympathies.

3. That we decline to be influenced now or hereafter either by private whisperings or by ex parte affidavits until some one has sufficient confidence in them to prefer charges and face the responsibilities of a trial, and we shall believe Mr. Todd innocent until he is pronounced guilty after fair trial by the proper tribunal.

4. That the fact that no husband, father or brother has ever complaint against the treatment of any lady friend by our pastor should be strong evidence to the public mind that our judgment of his Christian character is correct.

5. That as law-abiding citizens, who pay our taxes, obey the laws, and render support to civil authority, we claim and demand its protection for ourselves and our pastor in our right to manage our church affairs in our own way without dictation or interference from those who do not attend our church and never contribute to its support.

6. That we feel called upon to sternly rebuke the spirit that would retry our pastor after his acquittal, and drive a law abiding tax-payer from our community, "weather innocent or guilty," by a decree pronounced upon our street corners, and we emphatically condemn the spirit which makes it unpleasant for the ladies of our congregation to walk our streets, and which puts the peace and reputation of every person that chooses to form an opinion of his own, at the mercy of self constituted and irresponsible tribunal.

7. That, in view of the personal violence offered six years since Mr. Todd and to some of his friends and the assault then made on our church building with stones during our Sunday night service, as well as the more recent threats of the most brutal kind, we call with confidence on the many lovers of justice and fair dealing in our county, whether friendly or hostile to Mr. Todd, and without regard to creed, sex, race, or political faith, to give to us the same rights of opinion that they claim for themselves. We claim the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences, and to employ a pastor in whom we have confidence, and we should be unworthy the name of Americans or Christians should we not claim for ourselves all the rights which we concede to every nomination. Catholic or Protestant, and to those who are believers in no religion whatever. We respectfully submit that the spirit that denies us these rights would drive immigration and capital from our country and would destroy every feather of the material and moral prosperity of our village.

The report of the committee was approved by a rising vote, and was unanimously adopted.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

A painful accident befell Mr. Charles Keys, the proprietor of Sinclair's Mill, near Brentsville, on Wednesday. It is supposed that while engaged in arranging some part of the machinery a crowbar, which he was using, caught in a revolving wheel and struck Mr. Keys a severe blow on the head. His injuries are reported serious and possibly fatal.

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BALL AT MANASSAS

Manassas, August 29. - One of the most enjoyable and delightful entertainments ever given in this historic town was the ball given in Hixson's Hall last Friday night. It was truly an enjoyable affair and everyone who attended was perfectly happy and contented. Messrs. T. F. Hollowell, Norvell Larkin, W. M. Longwell and Harry Wright were the managers, and well and truly did they execute their important duties. They are the right young men in their right places. With good music, pretty girls and a good time generally, it was one of the happiest occasions ever had here. May it be repeated. W.

LETTER FROM MANASSAS

Manassas, Va. Sept. 1 - Another year has rolled round, and we find ourselves once more located at the Cannon House for a month. This historic town has made many improvements within the last year, and it is really surprising that when we look back only a few years ago there was not a twig where Manassas now stands, and now it is a flourishing town, with mayor, common council, etc. The Cannon House has changed hands since we were here. Its present proprietor, Mr. Charles E. Brawner, who is well known in this section of the country and Alexandria, brought the hotel from Mr. William S. Pickett, on the 1st of June last, and has made a great many changes. He has quite a large number of summer boarders, and the old hotel opposite, so well known to all railroad travelers, kept by Harvey Varnes for so many years, has been transformed into a magnificent and beautiful summer residence. It is called the "Annex" to the Cannon House, and with its fine yard for children and its beautiful surroundings, of is almost a perfect little paradise. Among those who are here are Dr. Latimer, wife and child; Rev. F. A. Hall and wife; Mr. Didden, wife and daughter; E. K. Chapman, wife and son; Mrs. F. A. Thuee and daughter; Mrs. Knight; Miss Rosie McConishe; Mrs. Waters; Miss Blanche Stuart; Miss Edith Brown; Willie Brown; H. T. Tompkins, wife and daughter; Mr. Gusher of Washington, D.C.; A. C. Wroe and wife; and the Misses Hogendorp, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Dagg of Kentucky; Mr. Congdon and wife, of South Carolina, and many others.

Mr. Pickett, the old proprietor of the hotel, is keeping next door, and if you are thirsty you will receive from that gentleman a prescription which will be grateful to the palate and refreshing to the human system.

Mr. Robert Portner, so well known in Alexandria, is here with his family, and has made many improvements in his farm near here. It is a beautiful place and he is improving it rapidly every year.

You may know the morality of the town is good when there are seven churches here. We were very much gratified to learn that the new school Baptist Church (colored) is in such a flourishing condition. Rev. M. D. Williams, its pastor, preaches a very fine and instructive sermon to a large congregation last Sunday.

Mr. Henry Wagner has a splendid vineyard about a mile from this place and we understand has been very successful. He knows his business thoroughly, and as we have tested his grapes (through his kindness) we can speak knowingly.

Mr. C. E. Brawner received yesterday morning (Wednesday) 30 carrier pigeons from Mr. H. Dienelt, of Philadelphia, with a request that he would liberate them, which was done at 10:50. The distance from here to Philadelphia is 174 miles, and it is thought it will take the birds about four hours to reach their destination.

Mr. M. B. Latimer, of Washington, who is well known in that city and this county, is summering at the country residence of Mr. John W. Miller, near here.

The Virginia Midland Railroad, under the able superintendence of Col. Andrews, is improving wonderfully. We doubt if there is a road in the country that is safer, better managed, and more successful than this one and with fewer accidents. The officers of this road know their business thoroughly and are the right men in the right places.

We were present, with a few friends, to an old fashioned tea party given by Mr. Pickett last evening. It was truly an enjoyable and social occasion. Among the many dishes was the celebrated Brunswick stew, a dish that will always be remembered. It is a Virginia compound, and never has been made successfully outside the State. Life is too short to tell what that stew consists of. We merely say that it first saw the light many years ago in Chesterfield, Va.

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LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM

Brentsville, Va., Sept. 6, 1887 - Yesterday being court day and public speaking there was an unusually large crowd. It is however, proverbial in a Virginian to attend court whether he has any business there or not. Through the courtesy of my friend, Mr. Oliver P. Merritt, one of the oldest inhabitants of Manassas, we were treated to a magnificent ride to this place from Manassas by the way of Bristoe and Nokesville. Both of these little villages are improving, and it is a fine country to go through, the farms looking well, the farmers contented and but for one thing would be still happier, and that is rain. The dust is almost unbearable, stifling you almost as you pass through it. They have not had any rain in this neighborhood of any

The trial of the little Negro boy, about 12 years of age, who killed the peddler some months ago in the upper part of the county, occupied the attention of the court and jury in the morning, Judge Wm. Lipscomb, presiding. One of the best arguments we have listened to for a long while was that made by ex-Senator Meredith, Commonwealth's attorney. It was to the point and convincing. The jury was so much impressed with the argument that they returned a verdict of eight years in the penitentiary. We must be pardoned in speaking of a practice that has existed for many years at the County Court. A stranger visiting the court house yesterday could not tell the judge presiding from some of the spectators who crowded in and around him. It ought to be remedied, and the place occupied by the judge should not be crowded by spectators, whose place is on the floor. Brentsville is the only place we have ever noticed this crowding the judge out of his proper place.

After a bountiful and elegant dinner at Hon. Jos. Reid's (the late delegate from this county, and who would consent to a renomination, and who well knows how to keep a hotel) the public speaking at the court house commenced at about two o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the democratic county committee, J. B. T. Thornton, who in a few brief and pertinent remarks introduced the new Senator from the counties of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Prince William. Senator Moore has been well described in the GAZETTE, and he made a good impression on the immense audience that crowded the old building. It was his first speech before a Prince William audience, and we predict a brilliant career for the young and gallant Senator. He spoke for nearly an hour and was listened to with rapt attention. The mention of the names of Hons. John Goode (who was to follow him) and Jno. S. Barbour always brought down the house. He comes from a good old democratic county, although we are sorry to say it has gone republican once or twice; but let bygones be bygones, she will redeem herself this fall, and will be counted here after as one of the reliables. Senator Moore's speech showed the good old democrats of Prince William that they had selected the right man in the place of their favorite son, ex Senator Meredith, who filled the position so worthily.

After the tremendous applause that followed Senator Moore's speech, Mr. Thornton introduced Hon. John Goode, a good old Virginian, and so well known in almost every county in the State. He spoke nearly two hours, and he has not lost any of that eloquence of which he is proverbial. We regret that we could not hear his whole speech, but we heard enough to convince us that he is a whole-soled democrat and a Virginian of the first water. His appeal to the democrats of Prince William was really grand. It was his first speech in this county, and the good old farmers who looked at his noble countenance as he was speaking and his always pleasant smile could not help being convinced that the gentleman who was addressing them was a simon-pure democrat, and one who of they follow in his teachings, will save them from Mahone and his cohorts. We only wish his speech could have been reported in full, as this is the first gun of the campaign. It was an able and exhaustive one, and reflected credit on the distinguished gentleman who delivered it.

We had the pleasure of meeting Captain Charles Tyler, who is the nominee of the

democratic party in this county for the House of Delegates. We want to see the old county roll up about one thousand majority for Tyler. They can do it if they will turn out, and it behooves every good democrat to go to the polls and vote. Let our local issues go. Do you want to see Mahone in control again? If you do not, do your duty as you have always done it. Recollect the next legislature elects a Senator to succeed Riddleberger. Then let your ticket be - Moore and Tyler. We could write forty pages on this subject, but space forbids it.

My old friends Treasurer Kincheloe and C. E. Nicol have placed me under many obligations. They are both good and sterling democrats. OBSERVER

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VIRGINIA NEWS

The Manassas Gazette says that Mr. Jas. V. Nash, who was tendered by the republican convention last Tuesday the candidacy for the House of Delegates from that country, has written a letter to Mr. Isaac P. Baldwin stating that he is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the nomination and wants a month in which to consider the matter.

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THE BATTLE OF BULL RUN

Middleburg, Va., Sept. 22, 1887 - Seeing in your columns of 20th inst., an account of "the three guns that turned the tide of battle at Bull Run," allow me, as a participant, to make a statement. Col. S. D. Lee's battalion was ordered on Friday, Aug. 29th from Salem, (now Marshall) to join Longstreet's corps on the field of battle. Marching from Salem to the Plains, thence to Haymarket, we camped on the battlefield that night and went into position on an open plain the following morning, when we fired upon the enemy during the day. About 3:30 Major Del. Kemper was ordered with a portion of the battalion to move further to the left whilst the remainder of the battalion engaged a large massed body of the enemy from their original position. The guns under Major Kemper's command, as also those that remained in their original position, to them, I have no doubt, belong the honor of breaking the charge on Jackson at that place. Major Kemper received a painful wound in that engagement. Singular that Kemper's battery fired the shot at the battle of July 21st, 1861, at cub run, which upset the wagon and caused the stampede of the reserves at that place and that he should command the pieces that also played such an important part fourteen months later. I therefore think the painting correct of the Bull Run battle. D.

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LETTER FROM MANASSAS

Manassas, Va., Sept. 26. - The Ladies Memorial Association, of Manassas was organized on May 25, 1867, for the purpose of establishing a cemetery for the Confederate dead who fell at the first and second battles of Manassas. The association was chartered in the year 1874. A large number of bodies were removed soon after the war by their relatives; but there are now probably about 700 lying in the cemetery (if you can call it one) and few names have been preserved. The majority, however have on the headboards that sad word, "Unknown." The ladies have done their whole duty, the people of Manassas have also done their duty, and it is to-day a burning disgrace to the Southern States that that poor old cemetery has not been properly finished years ago. Recollect, very few Virginians, if any are interred there. There is not a single Southern State that has not its representative there. Those who lie there were the representatives of the army of Northern Virginia. The Memorial Association has appealed for help time and time again,

but we regret to say their appeals have been in vain. The Southern people certainly have not forgotten the courage and sense of duty which impelled those poor fellows to sacrifice everything even life itself, for their country. Their graves, like their memory should be kept green. The deeds in which they bore so brave a part will live forever, but their names are not recorded on the scroll of history; no glory falls to their lot; they fill but humble and forgotten graves. And yet they were heroes, for did they not do nobly? We have, in our own humble way, in the last fifteen years, tried through the columns of the GAZETTE to make that cemetery what it ought to be, a beautiful resting place for the brave, departed boys. Is there a cemetery in the Southern States where lies the bodies of those who fell in the "lost cause" like this one at Manassas? I hope not one.

This glorious old Commonwealth, through the influence of Senator E. E. Meredith and Hon. Jos. Reid, its representative (Prince William), succeeded in having a resolution passed giving the association \$1,000. It was no more than could have been expected of those distinguished gentlemen. They worked hard and their efforts proved successful. But we are compelled to say, in looking over the books of the association, we were surprised to find that such exorbitant prices has been charged for the little work already done in the cemetery. The ladies have worked hard, and the little they have received has gone to pay those exorbitant charges. The outside world cannot and will not understand why that cemetery has not been finished before, and we humbly beg those gentlemen who will have the contract for finishing it, "Be moderate in your demands" We all know a man can't work for nothing, but recollect the cause, it is a glorious one. The amount on hand is about \$1,400, and it will cost but a few hundred dollars more to complete it. If we had space we could fill the columns of the GAZETTE. That glorious and good man, Gen. Robert E. Lee, was elected an honorary member of the association June 11, 1867, and if he had lived, in our judgment, that neglected spot would now have been the pride of every Southern man. At the last meeting of the association, held a few weeks ago, resolutions were adopted to prepare plans and specifications for a monument, with the probable cost of same, and also the cost of an iron fence, with the styles of the same, to unclose said monument.

In company with Senator E. E. Meredith we visited the large and extensive vineyard of Henry Wagner, about one mile from this place. Mr Wagner knows his business thoroughly, and his wine is pronounced by judges to be a superior kind. The wine he has now in his vaults will be ready for use next December. He is, besides, one of the most practical farmers in this section of the country.

Rev. J. J. Bowler, pastor of the Catholic Church here, who succeeded Father Donohue (who was stationed here for many years and who was transferred to Richmond to the regret, of not only his church, but of the community generally), is fast gaining friends, for he is a young priest of brilliant intellect, and is much beloved here.

Among the old reliable engineers on the Virginia Midland we noticed an old friend, Mike Lynch, who has been connected with the road ever since its organization. In speaking about the old reliables, we can't forget our old friend, Col. Jonas Fisher, who has been connected with the Midland road for over fifty years and Capts. Jas L. Peyton, one of the passenger conductors who has been connected with the road for over 30 years, and one of the most obliging and attentive conductors that ever traveled over any road.

During a recent visit to Mr. Robert Portner's farm we find he has made many improvements. The old fortifications there are still undisturbed (because they were built by Alexandrians) and he has bestowed considerable care and attention to it, beautifying it in various ways. In this connection we are glad to see that one of Alexandria's industries. Portner's beer is becoming one of the institutions of this enlightened age. Mr. Wm. Warfield, who has been connected with Mr. Portner for many years as one of his trusted agents, passed here every Tuesday to Danville, and returns on Saturday. It is almost impossible for him to fill his orders. He is a faithful agent and attends to his business strictly,

and of course, is highly respected by those having business with him.

Politically speaking, everything is quiet in this section. Of course Moore, of Fairfax, for Senator, will be elected, as will Capt. Tyler, who is running for the House of Delegates from this county, but it behooves every democrat to vote in November next. Judge Sangster, of Fairfax, said that his county "would be very close at the next election, and that the man who had the most money would carry it," but we beg leave to differ with our old friend. Old Fairfax will roll up a good majority for Moore and Simpson, and there is no more doubt of the latter's election than there is of the former's.

If there ever was a good Virginian and a true democrat it is John S. Barbour. He has never wavered, and the democracy of the good ole State ought to be mindful of the important fact that Virginia, as of yore, returns a large democratic majority in both branches of the Legislature. Thicken do it if they will, and we know they will do it.

John Cannon (the son of one of Manassas' best citizens, Frank Cannon, who is as well known in Alexandria as he is in this section) has a large planing mill and grist mill here, and he is overcrowded with work. He has the contract for building the Baptist Church here, and when that is completed there will be about seven churches, and the population of Manassas, we believe, is about 600. That shows the morality of the good people here.

One of the few good acts of President Cleveland was the appointment of the postmaster here, Robert Weir, esq., a thorough democrat, a good citizen, and withal acceptable to even republicans. He is the right man in the right place. We only wish we could record others as good.

The Manassas Gazette under the able editorship of W. E. Thornton, is rapidly increasing its circulation. It is a good paper and every citizen of the county ought to subscribe to it. Take your county paper.

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MR. TODD'S CASE

At yesterday's session in Dover, Del., of the Baltimore Syned of the Presbyterian Church, in the case of the appeal of Rev. Francis M. Todd from the decision of the Washington City Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. Vallandingham, from the judicial committee, reported, recommending that the appeal be sustained and that the case be remanded to the presbytery for a new trial. This case was one of immorality, which occurred at Manassas last spring. The Presbytery of Washington acquitted Mr. Todd of the charge, but the acquittal was not strong enough, and Mr. Todd appealed to the Baltimore Synod for trial when the community yesterday made the report. The appeal of Mr. Todd was sustained by a vote of 39 to 11. A resolution offered by Rev. Mr. Squire was adopted, that the Synod in sustaining the appeal direct the Presbytery at Washington to record upon their minutes and that the minutes show a correct verdict is the case of Mr. Todd, so as to read "not guilty," Mr. Todd was ably defended before the Synod by Rev. Dr. Sunderland, of Washington. The case was not concluded until 4:30 in the evening. Rev. Mr. Todd was present during the trial.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

The Nelson Mill property, in the lower part of Prince William county, was burned on Sunday night last. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The property was recently purchased by Mr. George W. Tansill, and the loss is estimated at \$1600 on which it is said there was no insurance.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Oscar Johnson (col'd) who killed Daniel Williamson, in Prince William county, last year, and was sent to the penitentiary for 18 years, has had five years added for his prison term of imprisonment, he having previously served a term in the penitentiary from Fairfax for unlawful shooting a Negro named William Napier.

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MR. TODD WINS

The Washington City Presbytery, with which the First Presbyterian Church of this city is connected, held a session yesterday in Georgetown, Rev. John Riddle, of Falls Church, acting as moderator. The autumn meeting of the Presbytery was ordered to be held at Falls Church, and the next meeting in Washington at the New York Avenue Church.

At the afternoon session the committee on home missions recommended that no appropriations be made for the Manassas mission, where Rev. Francis M. Todd was stationed. This action of the committee was a new move by the opponents of Mr. Todd to have him removed from that mission by starving him out.

When the general synod of that church at their meeting in October last exonerated Rev. Todd from the charges that he had sustained improper relations with an unknown woman, it was generally believed that the matter was settled. But Elder Hornbaker was still determined to drive the reverend gentleman from Manassas. The salary paid to Rev. Todd by the board of home missions in New York is \$300 per annum, and the appropriations are made on the recommendations of the local committees of each presbytery. The committee of this presbytery is composed of Revs. Childs Nourse, Bittinger and Chester, and Elders Ballentyne and Carrington.

The opponents of Mr. Todd, headed by Elder Hornbaker, brought pressure to bear on that committee to have the appropriation for Manassas mission not recommended. They were successful and four members of that committee joined in such a report. They were Revs. Nourse, Bittinger, and Chester, and Elder Ballentyne. Rev. Mr. Childs took no action either way, and Elder Carrington was not present. The Presbytery then went into executive session on the adoption of the report, the opponents of Mr. Todd being represented by Mr. Graham, of Clifton, Va., while Mr. Todd was defended by a committee from his church, consisting of Mayor Wimmer, Councilman Milligan, and Messrs. Bennett and Baldwin. At the conclusion of the remarks the ballot was taken, and by a vote of 29 to 16 the report of the committee was rejected. This is considered victory for Mr. Todd, and his friends are very jubilant.

In October last the Manassas Church suspended Elder Hornbaker for non-attendance without a trial. He appealed to the presbytery, and on investigation it was found that the church had been hasty. They are allowed to suspend a member for that cause without a trial, but they must admonish him at least one year previous to the action. In this case they had not done so, and the Presbytery sustained his appeal. It was stated that the church would now have a church trial and suspend him that way.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

"THE RED STONE QUARRY" near Brentsville, Prince William County, opened on Wednesday with a working force of about one dozen hands.

Bishop Whittle of the Episcopal Church, will consecrate Ewell Chapel, near Hickory Grove, Prince William county, on Thursday, April 26, at 11 a.m.

The dwelling house of Westwood Hutchison, residing near Hickory Grove, Prince William county, with all of its contents was destroyed by fire Monday morning.

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PRINCE WILLIAM ITEMS

The District Grange of Northern Virginia held its quarterly session at Manassas, on the 13th inst. Four counties were represented - Loudoun, Fairfax, Caroline, and Prince William. The attendance was good and the meeting a very pleasant one. There was but little business transacted. Resolutions were adopted urging the passage by Congress of the Lee pure food bill and of the Blair educational bill.

Mr. W. S. Heuser, of Haymarket, left this week for Tennessee where ten thousand acres of land have been purchased by a New York syndicate whose intention it is to settle the land with German immigrants. Mr. Heuser has been employed to make a general survey of the land.

Two colts in the pasture of Mrs. Charles Bennett, near Manassas, were killed by lightning on Sunday evening.

The Buckland Woolen Mill's are running at full blast, turning out from 3,000 to 5,000 yards of cloth per month. Preparations are being made for some new machinery and a new larger wheel.

The corner stone of the monument to be erected in the Confederate cemetery at Manassas will be laid with Masonic rites under the management of Manasseh Lodge, No. 182 A. F. and A. M., on Wednesday next. Hon Jas V. Brooke, of Warrenton, and Senator E. E. Meredith are expected to make addresses.

A new water tank has been recently built at Bristoe Station, on the Virginia Midland Road.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Bishop Randolph will consecrate Ewell Chapel in Prince William county, Saturday, July 14th, at 11 a.m. The Church of Our Savior, Fauquier County, Sunday the 15th, 11 a.m.. He will confirm at St. Paul's Haymarket, Sunday 15th at 4:30 p.m., and consecrate Trinity Church, Manassas, Monday the 16th at 11 a.m.

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THE VOTE OF PRINCE WILLIAM

The official majority for the democratic in Prince William is 725 - exactly the same that it was in 1882, when Mr. George C. Round and his friends fought against Mahone's candidates. Wise and Mayo. The majority for Cleveland was 571. Mr. Meredith ran it up to above 600 when he was a candidate for the Senate. The colored vote at Manassas was nearly solid for Mahone but out of over 50 white men at that precinct who voted for Harrison and Agnew less than one-half voted for Mahone. Out of ten ex-Union soldiers registered at Manassas, among white voters, but one voted for Mahone.

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PRINCE WILLIAM ITEMS

Sheriff G. W. Tansill's condition is improved enough to enable him to ride out in his buggy a short distance.

Mrs. John T. Meredith, one of the most estimable Christian ladies of this county and mother of the Hon. E. E. Meredith, is seriously ill.

About three weeks ago Mr. W. T. Allen, who was a prosperous farmer, residing between Brentsville and Nokesville, lost a valuable heifer. The most diligent search failed to develop her whereabouts and after persistent inquiry Mr. Allen gave her up as lost. A few days ago on going to a stack of decaying straw on the farm, the missing heifer was found in a cavity in the center of the stack in a very emaciated condition. Appearances

indicated that she had climbed to the top of the rick and that the decayed straw gave way under her, completely engulfing her in a pit where she remained for seventeen days without food or water except what she was able to cull from the rotting straw.

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CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The Confederate Veterans of the Prince William county have organized a camp to be known as Stonewall Camp, with the following officers: Capt. J. E. Herrell, commander; R. H. Hooe, J. A. Brawner, Lieutenant commanders; G. W. Nutt, adjutant; W. W. Kincheloe, quartermaster; E. Nelson, treasurer; Westwood Hutchison, chaplain; B. S. Pridmore, vidette; Dr. J. S. Powell, surgeon; G. G. Galleher, Mark Thomas and Dr. P. Bowen were appointed an executive committee.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. Levi C. Lynn, a well known citizen of Prince William County, died at Brentsville, on the 13th aged 84 years.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Miss Mary Jane Dogan, an estimable resident of Prince William county, died at her home at Groveton, on Tuesday. While the family of Mr. Wm. Monroe, who lives near Wellington, were attending the funeral on Wednesday, their house caught fire and burned to the ground. There was no one on the premises and the entire contents of the house were burned.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. M. B. Washington is pushing the development of the coal mines near Greenwich, Prince William County. He is confident that after a month or two he will be mining an excellent article of coal.

The Bellevue Homing Club of Philadelphia has decided upon race dates and stations for the coming season as follows: May 17, Manassas, 125 miles; May 24, Orange Courthouse, 200 miles; May 31, Danville, 325 miles. The journey with young birds will be: September 18, Manassas; September 20, Orange. The races will all be for public record and in competition for prizes.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

A pension was granted on Saturday to A. Wolhiser of Occoquan.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Rev. T. A. Hall of Manassas has been called to the pastorate of Central Avenue Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. and will accept.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

There is in the possession of a family in Prince William county, an old clock, seven feet tall, which has the certificates of London clock makers showing that it has crossed the ocean three times for repairs. The Warrenton Virginian says it is over three hundred years old and has not been running for some time. It is strange, but true, that whenever anything extraordinary in the family happens the clock strikes. It recently, after a silence of year struck on the day of and the day following the death of the lady of the house. The members of the family, who are not superstitious, account for it by the unusual crowd in the house jarring it and thus causing it to strike.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Dumfries, Prince William County held a local election on the 10th and voted "DRY" by a majority of 23.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Prof. Holmes is engaging in working the Sulphur Mine near Dumfries. Ten men are constantly employed in getting out ore which is being hauled to Brown City, and from there shipped to Baltimore via the A. & F. Railroad.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. Jas. Edward Larkin died at his home near Wellington, Prince William County on last Sunday in the Sixty-Fourth year of his age.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

The surviving members of Prince William Cavalry will hold a basket picnic and reunion at the residence of Mr. George W. Tansill, near Occoquan, on the fourth Saturday (22) in August.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. G. A. Hulfish, of Haymarket, who was recently elected business manager of Bull Run Coal and Iron Development Company, and Mr. John R. Tillett have gone to Chicago, where they will purchase the necessary machinery for prospecting for coal and iron near the Bull Run Mountains in the vicinity of Thoroughfare Gap on the Manassas Branch Railroad.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Sep 1891

VIRGINIA NEWS

Andrew Hart, administrator of the estate of George Shelton, deceased, has through his attorney, C. E. Nicol of Prince William County, brought suit in the circuit court against the Chesapeake and Ohio railway company for \$10,000 damages for the alleged killing of Shelton at Waynesboro by one of its trains about three months ago. Shelton who was a colored barber, living at Basic City, it is said, was drunk at the time he was killed.

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DIED

In Washington, D. C., at his sister's Mrs. Chas. LeHayne, in the 32d year of his age, on the 4th instant, WILLIAM D. son of John Clarke, esq., of Prince William county, va., with softening of the brain. The death of no young man has caused so great a shock to the community to which he belonged as that of Mr. Clarke. Young, sanguine, beloved by all, his death leaves a vacancy that will long remain unfilled. His popularity knew no party, as was shown by his election in May last to the responsible office of Commissioner of the Revenue, when the only charge against him was that his political enemies voted for him. In business he was the staunch friend of rich and poor alike. In the social circle his popularity was unbounded; while in the family circle his memory will ever be cherished as that of a good son, a kind brother, and a devoted and indulgent husband and father. The sympathies of the whole community go out to the aged father, the brothers and sisters, but more especially to the bereaved wife and four young children left to mourn their irreparable loss.

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MR. TODD RESIGNS

Rev. F. M. Todd has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, in this place, which he has filled for about fifteen years, and on next Sunday will preach his farewell sermon. Had the reverend gentleman taken this action sooner the unfortunate occurrence, which transformed our community from one of unity and peace into one of division and dissension among the people, would long since have been forgotten. In our opinion, had this action been taken sooner, all parties concerned would have fared better. We make mention of the fact that we were handed for publication, a set of resolutions, passed by the remnant of a once large and well organized religious body, which contains expressions of regret at Mr. Todd's action in resigning the pastorate of the church. Now, that this affair is not likely to be referred to again, and we do so now with flings of compunction let us eradicate, as quickly as possible, from our midst the ill-felling engendered by it., which all along has been detrimental to the interests of the town. Every one regardless of their convictions, will have a long breath of relief over the departure of Rev. Francis M. Todd.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

A large brick dwelling at "Berea," Prince William County, near Dumfries, was totally destroyed by fire on last Tuesday morning. It was owned by a gentleman in Baltimore, and occupied by Mr. Bush Able and his sister, who lost nearly all their furniture and \$700 in money. The dwelling house at Nokesville, occupied by Mr. Ed Wagener and family, and which was owned by Mr. L. A. Marsteller, was also burned on Tuesday. All of Mr. W's household belonging and considerable sum of money were consumed.

Alexandria Gazette 16 Dec 1891

DIED

At her home, in this city, at 7:50 a.m., ROBERTA CLINE, daughter of the late William Cline, Funeral Friday at 2 p.m. from her home 502 Prince Street. Friends and relatives invited. - Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Haymarket papers please copy.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to James J. Riley, of Prince William County, and Julia M. Anderson, of Fairfax County, and to Neal Reading and Amelia Herndon, of Prince William County.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

A letter from Prince William to the Fredericksburg Lance says: The Bull Run Enterprise Company have at last decided to let down a shaft. The outlook for all who rook shares in it begins to look rather shady. The diamond drill has been moved on another farm looking for ore of some sort.

The jail escape was seen in Haymarket some time ago. A reward of \$50 is offered for his arrest. Mr. Smith was on his track, so we understand, but Mr. Porter, the escaped prisoner, walked up to Smith's door a few days ago and knocked. Smith, in going to the door, was told by Porter that if he ever got that close to him again he would kill him. He then turned and walked off, and has not been seen since.

The much talked of chicken fight came off on Wednesday. It was to have been between Fauquier and Prince William counties. The former failed to come to time, but Loudoun showed up instead. The later was well represented by the Baptist preacher's son of Leesburg. He had the second best chicken on the ground. Out of ten fine roosters only three came away alive. The Waterfall birds came off with the laurels. There is a talk of a big fight of the same kind to take place some time this month near Haymarket. The whole affair was well conducted and largely attended.

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FAUQUIER NOTES

Judge Lipscomb, of the County Court of Prince William, and Mr. J. J. Davies, commonwealth's attorney, were in Warrenton Monday last. Mr Davies says the case of the lynching of Dye and Heflin will be presented to the grand jury on the first Monday in April. The guards will be summoned as witnesses. As they know none of the parties it is probable the grand jury will fail to find a true bill. Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding a place to bury Dye. The people of Catletts did not want him buried there, and the owner of the place in Stafford, where the rest of his family were buried, refused for some time, but finally consented.

Warrenton Virginian

Alexandria Gazette 14 May 1892

PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

The residence of Mr. T. B. Putnam, near Sudley Mills, this county, was destroyed by fire on Monday.

Mr. Edward Bryant and Miss Addie Eskridge, both of this county, were married at Manassas on the 7th.

Dogs got among a flock of sheep owned by Mr. F. M. Herndon, near Horton's store, Sunday night last and killed thirty-odd besides maiming a number of others. They killed a number of lambs also.

The quarries on either side of the Occoquan river, have recently been purchased by a party of Washington gentlemen, who contemplate putting them in working order soon.

The dredge, which has been dredging the Occoquan river will be done work in about a month. The river now admits larger vessels that ever before and commercial facilities have been very much improved.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

A fire company has been organized at Manassas.

Charles G. Bennett who for a number of years resides near Buckhall, died on the 27th ult., in the 72d year of his age. Mr. Bennett was a native of the State of New York.

Mr. Samuel Milnes has purchased of Mr. John R. Tillett, the lot adjoining the M. E. Church, South, in this place. We understand that Mr. M. will at once begin the erection of a large brownstone double dwelling on the premises.

It has been conceded that Prince William leads in the profitable sheep raising. She now claims to excel in raising fine wheat. Hon. Jos. B. Reid has prepared for exhibition at the World's Fair a sample of wheat grown on his farm on Kettle Run, and which is over six feet tall.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Messrs. Dove & Underwood have several vessels at Occoquan undergoing repairs.

Congressman E. E. Meredith says that it is his intention to shortly make Manassas his place of residence.

Mr. John Marshall, of Alexandria, is having three barges loaded with railroad ties here for shipment to Philadelphia.

Messrs. Clark & Ledman, of Occoquan, are busily engaged in furnishing piles for use by the Pennsylvania railroad at the Long Bridge.

Capt. Thomas Selecman had the misfortune to have four of his sand scows sink in Occoquan Bay. The crews narrowly escaped drowning.

Gilmore Dove, at the shipyard in Occoquan, is building for Norton and Smoot, of Alexandria, a fine steam yacht, which, it is said by those who profess to know will surpass all vessels of its class now on the Potomac.

The brick yard on the property of Messrs. Weir & Bro., of Manassas, is in operation. Mr. J. B. Nelson, of Alexandria has charge of the yard and within a few weeks will have 200,000 bricks ready for use. 150,000 of these will be used on Mr. Robert Portner's new residence.

Since the beginning of the year 1892, 14 new houses have either been completed or are now in course of erection in and near Manassas. Among them is a hotel and a brownstone structure which will cost \$50,000 to 75,000. The demand for dwelling houses continues and the erection of half a dozen more buildings will shortly be commenced.

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MANASSAS NOTES

Mr. John L. Sprogle, who has been interested in the brown stone quarries here and at Brentsville for the past seven or eight years, died suddenly in New York on Monday of apoplexy.

Willie Meredith, son of Congressman E. E. Meredith, accidentally shot himself in the leg last Saturday morning, with a cat rifle, while playing soldier with some other boys in this place. The ball entered just above the knee and inflicted a painful flesh wound.

Foundations for five new buildings which will shortly be completed and will add greatly to the appearance of our town have been laid within the past few weeks. Two or three of the buildings, when completed, will be of imposing dimensions, while all of them

will do credit to the place.

For the purpose of obtaining a larger supply of water a dynamite cartridge was exploded in one of Mr. Robert Portner's artesian wells at "Annaburg," on Thursday of last week. The experiment, which was witnessed by a number of persons, was attended with satisfactory results in opening up the fissures in the bottom of the well. When the dynamite was first exploded water spurted into the air to the height of forty feet and an abundant supply of the sparkling fluid continues to flow from the well. The dynamitist, who was from Washington, received \$250 for his services.

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A CARD

Gainesville, Va., July 22nd 1892 -- In view of certain rumors being circulated in the community derogatory to the character of the Rev. John Miller, pastor of Sudley Circuit, M. E. C. S., a meeting of the citizens of the neighborhood was held here to-day to investigate the matter. The meeting was presided over by Rev. F. H. Shipley, a former pastor of said circuit. The following action was taken: On motion a committee was appointed by the chairman to prepare a preamble and resolutions expressive of the sense of the meetings, viz:

Whereas certain charges have been made derogatory to the moral and Christian character of Rev. John Miller, the present pastor of Sudley circuit; we the committee appointed by the chairman of this meeting, do find after a through investigation of the case, by examination of witnesses of this neighborhood, and of Brightwood, D. C. (a former pastoral charge of Mr. Miller), that he is entirely innocent of all the charges preferred against him. Therefore:

RESOLVED 1st. That we do hereby express our entire confidence in Mr. Miller as a Christian gentlemen.

2nd. That we also express our deepest sympathy for Mrs. Miller in her mental affliction.

3rd. That this action be published in the Alexandria Gazette; also the papers of this and adjoining counties.

Dr. T. G. Brown,
Dr. C. E. Brower,
Macon Cave,
Committee

The resolutions having been read by the secretary they were unanimously adopted.
Rev. T. H. Shipley, President,
Eugene Compton, Secretary

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ESCAPED FROM THE SHERIFF

A dispatch from Brentsville says: "About two weeks since Allen Dean, formerly a resident of this county, but who has recently resided in Alexandria County, was arrested in the lower portion of the Prince William county and lodged in jail here to await the arrival of the proper officer to take him to Alexandria to answer complaint lodged against him for stealing a set of harness. Sheriff Veitch, of Alexandria County, came here Saturday, went to the jail, handcuffed Dean and took him to Manassas, but after arriving there Dean made his escape. It is reported that after their arrival at Manassas, Dean invited the sheriff to drink with him several times, which he did, and afterwards stole from his pocket the key to the handcuffs and made his escape. Dean is about 18 years old and is certainly at large."

Sheriff Veitch, who was in the city to-day, gives an entirely different version of the affair. He says he and Dean were in the hotel at Manassas making arrangements for supper, when the latter, observed that he was not being watched at the moment, jumped from a back window and made his escape, though every effort was made to recapture him.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

The second quarterly meeting of Manassas circuit will be held at Aden Post Office by Dr. Hough, September 24th and 25th.

Mrs. Alexander, of Alexandria, will address the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church (south) of this place next Saturday Sept. 16th.

C. W. Whorter, of Haymarket, publishes a card denying that he originated the report in circulation assailing the character of Dr. W. R. Tullos.

Miss Alice E. Robertson, of Prince William county, was married to Mr. S. P. Campbell, of Fairfax County, at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. U. S. A. Hevener, of this place, on Sept. 13th.

Rev. Francis M. Todd, formerly of Manassas, now of Monroeton, Pa., will by invitation preach a sermon to the Grand Army of the Republic at the Presbyterian Church in Manassas on Sunday 18th.

Dr. H. M. Clarkson, of Haymarket, Dr. John S. Powell, of Occoquan, and Rev. A. B. Carrington, of Greenwich, are candidates for appointment of the position, that of County Superintendent of Schools, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. J. B. T. Thornton, upon his appointment to the position of Commonwealth's Attorney. --- Manassas Gazette

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VISITORS TO MANASSAS

Manassas, Va., Sept. 21, 1892 - After the parade at the G. A. R. yesterday in Washington it was expected that many would be here this morning en route to the battlefields. Few, however, came, but we are expecting another exodus from Washington on the 12:30 train. Mr. Harry Hileary, in the livery business here, has been energetic in striving to accommodate all. The vehicles in Loudoun and Fauquier, as well as in Prince William, are engaged for the purpose of accommodation. Preparations for lunches are extensive, and booths are erected for the service of visitors, who will be amply served if they come.

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MANASSAS NOTES

Mr. R. Portner's country residence is progressing quite rapidly and will when finished to be a decided credit to this section, if indeed not the whole State.

Mr. George R. Smith, of Alexandria, and Miss Rosie E. Fletcher, of this county, were married September 28th, at Brightwood, D. C., by the Rev. F. H. Shipley.

The new building recently erected on the Baldwin property for the use of the Manassas Institute has been finished. It contains three study rooms and a calisthenic hall.

The building committee of the M. E. Church South has contracted with Mr. John Lloyd to add a thirty-five foot steeple to the tower of their church.

Mr. Benjamin Manley, who while residing in this place held the position of section master on the R. & D. R. R. died at Mitchell's station a short time since. We understand that two of his children died at about the same time.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. John A. Marshall, of Alexandria, has recently purchased the farm known as the Ellen Whalen tract, near Occoquan.

The dredging machines of Somers & Company, Washington, are engaged in dredging sand at Occoquan for shipment to Alexandria.

Capt. B. C. Davis of Orange, left for Washington Saturday, where he will accept a position as manager of the Old Dominion Inland Seaboard Coasting Co.

The new iron bridge, which the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. has been building for several months, spanning the Occoquan River at Woodbridge, has been completed.

The yacht Ella Hill of Alexandria, was launched several days ago at the shipyard at Occoquan, and the yacht Oriental is now awaiting repairs. Mr. Gilman Dove, of Accotink, is building the vessels.

Mr. D. McConville of Washington, who very recently purchase the stone quarry at Occoquan, has a very large force of men at work getting out rock to rip rap the Occoquan River and Belmont Bay.

Mr. Wm. E. Calvert, who was on the 15th of August last married to Miss Eva Perry at Augusta ME., died at his father's residence, near Occoquan, in this county, on the 2d inst., 23d year of his age.

The judgment rendered against Dr. Geo. Lilly by the county court, for practicing medicine without complying with the medical laws of the State, was set aside by the circuit court at Brentsville this week.

Mrs. Anne F. Goodwin, relict of the late Wm. E. Goodwin, who for a number of years prior to his death, was sheriff of this county, died at her residence in this place on the sixth inst., in the 71st year of her age.

Messrs. W. R. Selectman and G. W. Tansill, who were awarded the contract for furnishing the government with over 6,000 pine piles to be driven for the foundation of the new post office at Washington, are extensively engaged in filling orders for the same.

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MR. ROUND'S CARD

Mr. Geo. C. Round, of Manassas has published a card in which he says: "The question now is whether our republican form of government shall be virtually abolished and the reign of irresponsible bosses substituted therefore. It is whether Mahone, the Czar of Petersburg, shall be continued as the autocrat of Virginia. I regard Mahone and his unprincipled rule through patronage and money as the most serious menace to our free institutions.

I concede that President Harrison is intellectually and morally one of the ablest men who ever occupied the executive mansion. As an adopted Virginian I have a certain State of pride in seeing a scion of so illustrious a Virginia family in the place of honor. I think that feeling is shared by many who never voted the republican ticket. If he is re-elected I sincerely hope he may see the serious mistakes he has made in Virginia, but I have little hope of it. The trouble seems to be that he knows too much. In other words he is so opinionated that he will listen to nobody and the only thing he will heed is the hard knocks of defeat. He refused a hearing to the Ebbit House Conference of Virginia republican leaders. 250strong, in 1889, and treated them in a personally insulting manner. He overthrew the decision of the republican national convention of 1888, and set up Mahone at the head of the party in Virginia. after the supreme authority of the party by a more than two-thirds vote had thrown him down. He drove the rightful republicans from the field in 1888, and under the pretense of a compromise has backed up Mahone in his tyrannical party rules by which he has kept himself and his corrupt adherents in control against the wish of the majority.

I had hoped that the kicks Mahone gave him at Minneapolis would have opened the President's eyes, and I was in hopes that he would throw off this gigantic disgrace to his administration but I am now satisfied that, on the contrary, he has renewed the old bargain

with Mahone. He has, without doubt, dominated the national committee in their recent performances in the Norfolk and Petersburg districts and the recent appointment of C. C. Clark as U. S. Marshall of Virginia is, to my mind, proof positive that he has surrendered to Mahone. propose to express my opinion by voting in such a way as will best contribute to the overthrow of his policy in Virginia. While I approve of many things in the platform of the people's party and the prohibitions party, I can see now no way that they can contribute in his canvass to defeat Mahonism, and I therefore shall vote for Grover Cleveland, who in my opinion represents the best elements of the democratic party of the United States. I have no hesitation in advising the 25,000 original republicans who voted for McKinney in 1889 to act with the democratic party in this election and to continue so to act until Mahone and Mahonism are utterly annihilated.

George C. Round

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MANASSAS NOTES

Mr. John Jones is having a planning mill erected on his lumber yard in this place.

Dr. H. M. Clarkson, of Haymarket, has recently been appointed county superintendent of schools for this county in place of Mr. J. B. T. Thornton, resigned.

Miss E. J. Brown died at the residence of her brother in law, Mr. C. E. Fisher, in this place, Monday, in the fifteenth year of her age. Miss Brown formerly resided at Somerset, Orange County.

Mr. R. D. Johnson, the R & D. depot agent at this place, left here suddenly Thursday morning for parts unknown, under rather sensational circumstances. His position as agent here is now being filled by Mr. L. B. Thomas.

Mr. O. E. Newman, who has won for himself a reputation as a first class painter in this place has recently secured a position as head painter of the V. M. Division of the R. & D. R. R. He will have charge of a car and a force of nine men.

A series of meetings is now being held in the Baptist Church, this place. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. H. Butler, pastor of the Alexandria Baptist Church, an earnest and impressive speaker, who will preach every night during the coming week, at 7 o'clock.

An avenue is being opened on the Windemere Farm, the place recently purchased by Mr. Robert Portner. The avenue will, when completed, virtually be an extension of one of the principal streets in this place. We understand that Mr. Portner will erect a number of fine residences along the route of the avenue next spring.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Capt. Samuel Sisson and Miss Mattie Leanore Milstead were married at Occoquan on November 23.

Mr. W. N. Lipscomb sold one day this week a fine setter dog to Mr. Daw, of Washington, for the sum of \$100.

Plans for the new Courthouse to be erected at Manassas have already been received from Washington, Baltimore, New York, Detroit, Knoxville, Roanoke, Lexington, Richmond and many smaller places.

More money has been expended in building in the town of Manassas and vicinity during this year than was spent in any five pricing years. At least 25 men have been constantly employed since spring in erecting the yet unfinished residence of Mr. Robert Portner, near town, alone. Quite a number, between 15 and 20, of other buildings have been erected. All of them reflect credit upon the town.

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MUSSEY MEMORIAL BUILDING

The directors of the industrial school at Manassas have decided to erect a building to cost not less than \$5,000, to be known as the Mussey Memorial Building of the Manassas Industrial School. Speaking of the matter the secretary says:

"The industrial education of the colored people was very near to General Musey's heart. He was a friend who wisely and tenderly loved them, and the fitness of such a memorial as the one suggested must occur to every one. The Manassas Industrial School was an undertaking which received Gen. Mussey's hearty approval. He was the first president of the board of directors, and had his life spared he would have given his best efforts and energy in its behalf. It will be remembered also that he was the first officer of the regular army to volunteer to raise colored troops. He mustered in 10,000 men and commissioned the officers of nine regiments. He was himself the colonel of the 100th regiment, United States Colored Troops. The directors propose to make the first building on the grounds a memorial, and an opportunity is now offered to Gen. Mussey's friends to contribute for this purpose."

The idea is to raise the amount needed by popular subscription.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. J. Robert Manuel died at the residence of his brother Mr. J. P. Manuel, near Bristoe, on the 18th inst., in the 60th year of his age.

Mr. Rich L. Shepherd, a well known citizen of Cedar Grove, Fairfax County, was married to Miss Eliza Gulick, at her home in this county this week.

Mrs. Alice O. Edmonds died at her home, near Greenwich, this county, on Wednesday. She was the widow of Mr. T. W. Edmonds, who died about eight years ago.

In commemoration of her ninetieth birthday a family reunion was held at the home of Mr. L. A. Larkin's mother, near Wellington on the 15th inst. In addition to the large family circle, which was unbroken save by the absence of one or two who were unable to attend a large number of this venerable lady's friends and acquaintances were present. Notwithstanding her advanced age Mrs. Larkin is physically active, and she remains unimpaired her mental facilities. She bids fair to celebrate many another birthday.

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A GROUND HOG CAUGHT

Negleys, Prince William County, Mar 19, 1893 - Mr. Robt. B. Taylor, brother-in-law and tenant of Mr. E. L. Cockrell, in Prince William County, near Woodbridge, took a walk yesterday to look for a missing cow, his favorite hound "Grey" accompanying him. After rambling around awhile "Grey" was heard to "tree." Mr. Taylor made an examination of the cause, and found "Grey" had a ground hog up the tree. His highness was soon shaken down, when "Grey" administered justice to him, for the big lie he told us on the 2nd of February last.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

Mrs. Lucien M. Fewell, died at the home of her son, Mr. C. E. Brawner in Manassas on Monday of cancer, in the 63rd year of her age.

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A FATAL ACCIDENT

Mr. Theodore Mitchell, brother of Mr. Edward Mitchell, who resides near Manassas, and the late Frank Mitchell, met with an accident in his mill at Dumfries on Saturday last which resulted in his instantaneous death. The accident was due to Mr. Mitchell having his boot leg caught by a bolt on a revolving shaft. While bending over the hopper his leg came in contact with the shaft which jammed him with great violence between uprights, breaking his neck and shattering his leg. Only one other person was in the mill at the time, and he, having his back turned, did not witness the terrible accident. The first intimation he had of it was upon hearing the commotion created by the jar of the machinery. Mr Mitchell was a well-to-do citizen of the lower end of Prince William county and leaves a family consisting of a wife and several small children. The family of which he was a member has been peculiarly unfortunate within the past few months. Within that time, his brother Frank, who resided near Manassas, was stricken with typhoid fever and died. another brother, Edward, was also attacked by fever from the effects of which he has not yet entirely recovered. Frank's wife also had fever, but recovered. At about this time a little daughter of Edward died of the same disease. All three of brothers were just in the prime of life, and by industry and close application to business, had accumulated considerable property

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DIED

At the residence of his father Mr. A. Patterson, near Four Mile Run, Alexandria County, on Monday April 17, 1893, Mitchell A. Patterson, Funeral tomorrow (Wednesday). Interment to be in the Family burring ground near Occoquan, Va.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

As Doctor B. F. Iden, of Manassas, was returning from a visit to a patient in Fairfax Friday, he attempted to cross Bull Run which had been swollen by the recent heavy rain. The current was very strong and washed the doctor out of the buggy but he saved himself from drowning by clinging to the reins. The horse and buggy came safely out of the flood.

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY NOTES

Mr. Joseph H. Guthridge, of Potomac Mills, while hunting for hawks' nests in a body of woods near there, came across the skeleton of a man in an old hollow chestnut tree. There were bones, clothes, cap brim, and a wooden leg. Mr. Guthridge carried the wooden leg home with him. The whole affair is a mystery.

Scarlet fever is very prevalent in this section, but there have been no deaths.

Fredericksburg Lance

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O'NEAL & LUNT, AUCTIONEERS

TRUSTEE'S' SALE OF "OPOSSUM NOSE," ON THE POTOMAC RIVER. - By virtue of a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned, trustees of the Potomac Mining and Reduction Company, dated the 27th day of May, 1890, and recorded in liber 39, page 454, of the record books of Prince William county, Va., at the request of the

parties secured thereby, default having been made in the payment of the debt therein described, the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of May, 1893, at eleven o'clock a.m., in front of the Market House, in the city of Alexandria, Va., will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder that TRACT OF LAND once owned by the late Phillip Otterback, called "Opossum Nose." containing 1,034 acres, more or less, located in Prince William county, fronting on the Potomac River about 1 1/2 miles and on Quantico creek about 1 mile, and improved by a good dwelling house and outbuildings and otherwise. The soil is excellent; upwards of 400 acres of the tract are cleared and the residue is well timbered in pine and hard wood.

Terms of Sale: One fourth of the purchase money cash and the balance in three equal installments, payable at six, twelve and eighteen months from day of sale respectively, secured by interest-bearing notes and deed of trust on the land, with such provisions as to insurance of buildings and protection of timber while purchase money is unpaid as many seem proper to the undersigned.

For further information applications can be made to the undersigned or to O. E. Hine, Vienna, Fairfax County, Va., JAS S. EDWARDS, 500 5th St. NW, CHAS. P. JANNEY, LEESBURG, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 27 May 1893

ARRESTED BY HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Annie M. Peyton, wife of Rev. Oscar C. Peyton, a Baptist minister, of Manassas, had a hearing before Justice Benner in Baltimore yesterday afternoon, charged with unfaithfulness to her marriage vows. Rev. Mr. Peyton stated that Mrs. Peyton left Manassas about six weeks ago, telling him that she intended to visit some friends in Baltimore. He received several letters from her, and also sent her some money. Her long stay in Baltimore caused him some uneasiness, and he sent his brother there to investigate. The brother learned that Mrs. Peyton had not been at the house of the friend mentioned in her letters. Then Rev. Mr. Peyton left for Baltimore, arriving there on Thursday. He succeeded in tracing his wife to the corner of Eutaw and Saratoga Streets, where, he charges that she was living with a man. The couple were known as Mr. & Mrs. Carr, and had been stopping there since April 24th. Mr. Peyton swore out a warrant for his wife's arrest, and proceeded to make that arrest himself, walking her unceremoniously to the police station. At the hearing Mrs. Peyton denied everything. Justice Benner fined her \$10 and costs, which was paid by the man with whom she had been living. Mr. and Mrs. Peyton have been married about 6 years. They have no children. Mrs. Peyton is about twenty-five years old. Mrs. Peyton said last night that her maiden name was Annie M. Taylor, and her home in Richmond. She was married to Peyton at the parsonage of St. John's Independent Methodist Church, on Liberty Street, by Rev. Dr. John J. Murray, in December 1886. Mrs. Peyton said: "I never loved the man, and, moreover, he treated me cruelly. Both of these things drove me from him. I have applied for a divorce, and am going to get married again.

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A CARD FROM MR. PEYTON

Rev. O. C. Peyton, of Manassas, who recently caused the arrest of his wife in Baltimore on the charge of adultery, has written the following card to the Warrenton Virginian. "For personal reasons alone, I would not feel it necessary to deny the statement as to my having been cruel to my wife. One who has spent a month at the throne of grace, can well afford to be silent and unmoved when justification for the darkest sins is sought in pulling down the reputation of the innocent. But my prominent position as a minister of the

gospel demands a denial. Those who know me will, however, need not to be told that the charge of cruelty on my part is without the slightest foundation in fact. To those who do not know me reference is made to the people of Hagerstown Md., Winchester, Va., and Manassas, Va., who without exception, will testify that our home was as peaceful and loving as any that can be found. Up to the time when I yielded to life long conviction and began preaching the gospel there was no lack of harmony between us. She opposed my preaching and was never in sympathy with it, but as the burden of deep abiding and increasing conviction was upon me that no matter who should help or who should hinder, who should blame or who should praise I must preach, I have looked always to a higher source for help and blessing. the universal expression of sympathy by the entire people of Manassas is, I take it, with all sensible people a sufficient proof that my wife was never ill treated. The simple facts in the case are established. They are sad, sad indeed. My heart is touched with pity for the poor, erring, misguided wife who has chosen without the slightest justification the downward way to ruin. My life in the past, my life in the present and my life, by God's grace, in the future will prove an all sufficient denial to the worst that may come out of "the babble of tongues" which such a sad occurrence always originates. The verdict of the people of Manassas, I am perfectly willing, shall decide my sentence."

Alexandria Gazette 09 Jun 1893

VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. Robert Beverly, who is now in Richmond, says under no circumstances will he be the populist candidate for Governor, but he thinks the party is much stronger in Virginia than it was last year. The general impression is that Major Mann Page will be the nominee of the convention, but there are several others named in this connection, among them being J. Brad Beverly, of Fauquier, and Robert H. Tyler, of Prince William.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

The post office at Voy, Prince William County has been ordered removed from present location to a site a half mile Southwest.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Jun 1893

CORNER STONE LAID

The corner stone of the new Prince William county courthouse was laid at Manassas at noon yesterday with Masonic ceremonies under the auspices of Manasseh Lodge, No. 182. Music was furnished by the Manassas brass band. Addresses were made by Representative Meredith and Messrs. Chamberlin and Singleton, of Washington. The new building will be of brownstone and brick, and will include courthouse, fireproof clerk's office, and jail. It is located on the western outskirts of the town, at the intersection of Grant and Lee avenues.

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DELEGATES ELECTED

Prince William on Monday elected delegates to the State convention as follows: C. E. Nicol, J.B.T. Thornton, J. E. Herrell, C. E. Brawner, Thomas H. Lion, L. A. Larkin, G. R. Adkinson, George W. Tansill, Joseph M. Barbee, L. E. Jones, W. B. Downs, G. G. Galleher, and Col. E. Berkeley. E. E. Meredith was elected delegate at large. They go instructed, but are said to stand nine or ten in favor of O'Farrall.

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DEATH OF A VIRGINIAN IN ST. LOUIS

Mr. George Taylor, a prominent business man of St. Louis, died in that city last week. Mr. Taylor was born in Prince William County, Va. March 12, 1848. He moved to Arkansas and entered the confederate service as first lieutenant in the Gratriot regiment in 1861. After the battle of Oak Hill he was promoted to a captaincy and was stationed at Washington and Fulton Ark., until the close of the war. He engaged in merchandising in Washington until 1873, after which he removed to Fulton, remaining there until his removal to St. Louis in 1880. Here he entered into the cotton commission business with A. P. Bush, which firm was succeeded by George Taylor & Co. and in 1889 was succeeded by the George Taylor Commission Company. He was vice-president of the Cotton Exchange and was the principal owner of the George Taylor Commission Company and the Pepper Cotton Compress Company.

St. Louis Republic

Alexandria Gazette 15 Jul 1893

PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Corn is looking well and the oat crop in this county is said to be the finest in many years.

A primary election to decide who shall have the position of postmaster at Haymarket will be held at that place tomorrow. None but known and recognized democrats will be allowed to vote.

Mr. Detrick, of Baltimore, has purchased the tract of land near Dumfries, known as "Opossum Nose" farm, for the purpose, we are told of opening a reduction manufacture. The mine owned by the above named gentleman, and under the superintendence of Mr. H. R. Haines, is being worked day and night, giving employment to a large number of hands. Large shipments of minerals are being made to Baltimore by water. The little railroad running from the mine to Quantico Creek, with the sound of the whistle and the jingling of the bell, make our people think that sometime in the near future the "ancient town" will again be the leading town of old Prince William.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Notwithstanding the scarcity of money, the \$5,000 worth of Prince William county bonds, authorized by an act of the general assembly for courthouse purposes, were all taken by county men at par. Mr. Henry F. Lynn wanted them all but did not speak soon enough.

Alexandria Gazette 16 Jul 1893

VIRGINIA NEWS

The total number of fourth-class postmasters appointed to-day was 94, of whom 64 will fill the places of removed republicans. The changes in Virginia were as follows: Bell's Cross Roads, Louisa County, L. W. Massie appointed postmaster, vice J. O. Massie, resigned; Cove Creek, Tazwell County, R. G. Shufflebarger, vice W. R. Neel, resigned; Gap Store, Tazewell County, T. J. Brown, vice J. W. Yost, resigned; Hebron, Dinwiddie County, W. T. Stone, vice T. Johnson, resigned; Oakland, Louisa County, R. A. Perkins, vice J. W. Lancaster, removed; Thoroughfare, Prince William County, W. B. Perkins, vice G. C. Robinson, removed.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jul 1893

RECENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Manassas, July 17. - The Sunday School convention of the Baltimore conference, M. E. Church South, which closed its 27th annual session at Manassas on Friday last, was considered by those in a position to know one of the most successful conventions held in recent years. The clerical delegations were usually large and lay delegates were present from all parts of the conference.

Many noted speakers were present and addressed the convention on subjects of interest to all Sunday School workers. Among them Rev. T. E. Carson, of Alexandria; Dr. W. W. Smith, of Randolph Macon College; Drs. Hyde and Robertson, of the Valley Female College and Wesleyan Female Institute, respectively; J. J. Lafferty, of Richmond Virginia; W. J. Ballenger, of Ronceverte, W. Va. on. H. L. Walton, of Woodstock, Va., chairman of the Sunday School Society, presided at the meetings.

On Thursday a large number of the delegates visited the famous battlefield and on Friday afternoon a mass meeting of all the Sunday Schools of Manassas and vicinity was held in a grove near town.

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WHY NOT STOP THE PURCHASE OF SILVER BULLION?

Hickory Grove, July 22. - All admit that there has been a heavy loss, and that the loss is still going on by the purchase of silver bullion.

If Congress has enacted a foolish law causing heavy loss and the Secretary of the Treasury can construe it to stop the cojuage and payment in silver for the bullion, why not stride a little farther and stop the purchase. The last stride would not strain him any more than the first stride.

If the bullion cannot be coined and used as currency why continue to buy and pile it up? The framers of the law either intended it should be coined and used or piled up and not used.

It it was intended to be piled up and not used, I think the public would sustain the Secretary of the Treasury in deeming it lunacy, and he should stop the purchase.

Respectfully,
George B. Tyler

Alexandria Gazette 15 Aug 1893

PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

In a short time the large Granite Quarry opposite Occoquan on the banks of the Occoquan Bay in Fairfax County will be in full blast. Its owners intend crushing the stone for us in cities for street and rip rapping.

Rev. O. C. Peyton, who, for the past two and a half years has been pastor of the Baptist Church at Manassas, will, on October 1st, enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., to take the special pastor's course.

The Potomac Baptist Association will meet with the Baptist church, at Manassas on Wednesday next, August 16, The body is deliberative only. Its sessions are for conference as to best methods of doing Christian work. Fifty churches are members of the Association and these will be represented by about one hundred delegates.

It was stated some time ago that a monastery would shortly be established on a large tract of land in the vicinity of Wellington. There is now no doubt that it will be established, for Bishop Haid, O. S. B. , Belmont, N. C., Father Julius Pohl, of Richmond, Mother Edith and Sister Elizabeth, of Richmond, were there last week with a view of perfecting arrangements for the erection of suitable buildings for this purpose. It is said that upwards of fifty young ladies are ready to enter the school there when it opens.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. Charles E. Nicol has announced himself as a candidate for the General Assembly from Prince William County. Col. Edmund Berkeley has declined to be a candidate for reelection.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Friday Dec 15, 1893 - The Prince William County Court was held at Brentsville on Monday, for the last time. The January term of the court will be held at Manassas.

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FIRST COURT AT MANASSAS

Court was held in the new county courthouse at Manassas yesterday for the first time. Judge Lipscomb presided. In 1892 the county voted to move the court buildings from Brentsville to Manassas. The contract for the building was let to J. O. Jones & Co., of Basic City, and now Prince William has one of the finest courthouses in Virginia. On the first floor are the offices of the county treasurer and superintendent of schools and also those of the clerks of the County and Circuit Courts, the latter fire proof and containing fire proof shelving and files. On the second floor are the jury, witnesses' and judges' room and a commodious courtroom. The whole is of brick and brown stone and surmounted by a clock tower. The jail is furnished with steel cells. Among the county records which have just been brought from the old jail are land grants and other writings dating back as far as 1714. At an early hour the town began to fill with the county people and Manassas enjoyed the novelty of her first court day.

The first criminal case to be tried was that of the county against Inman Thornley for stealing turkeys. After indictment by the grand jury he was tried and sentenced to six months in jail.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Jan 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Rev. Norman Luck of Prince William County was ordained to the Baptist Ministry yesterday at Belle Air, Baptist Church, Stafford County. The ministers taking part in the ceremonies were Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway and Rev. Decatur Edwards, Rev. O. J. Cummings, Rev. C. W. Brooks and Rev. A. T. Lynn. Mr. Luck has accepted the pastorate of Upper Essex church, in Essex county, and will at once enter upon his duties there.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Jan 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. J. P. Leachman has been appointed sheriff of Prince William county in place of Geo. W. Tansill, deceased. Mr. Leachman will make an efficient and fearless officer.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Jan 1894

ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Three brothers, colored men, Thornley by name, escaped from the county jail at Manassas between 12 midnight and 6 o'clock yesterday morning. One was serving six months' sentence for misdemeanor and the other two were under indictment and awaiting trial for burglary. Other indictments were awaiting them for a series of hen roost and other robberies. The escape was thorough the agency of friends on the outside, who, it is supposed, furnished them with tools with which they broke a cage lock reaching the outside by forcing the window at the rear of the corridor and farthest from the jailor's quarters. The authorities have no clew as to the direction they took.

Alexandria Gazette 29 Jan 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Those who contributed to the fund for the proposed Manassas Industrial School for colored youth of both sexes, at Manassas, will be glad to know it will open the first Monday in October next, with Prof. John R. Clifford, of Martinsburg, W.Va. as principal.

The first time a woman was ever voted for for public office in Virginia, and probably in the South, was on Saturday when Miss Leake, along with the other candidates, submitted her claims to the postmastership of Ashland, in the democratic primary. It was a most exciting contest. Miss Leake received only 101 votes to 308 for Mr. Nixon, who was nominated.

Alexandria Gazette 02 Feb 1894

AUCTION SALES

Commissioner's Sale - By virtue of a decree entered in the chancery cause of Edith Janney against Hanna's heir, depending in the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, Virginia, the undersigned, the commissioner named therein, will offer for sale at public auction on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1894, at about 12 o'clock noon, in the village of Occoquan, on the premises in Prince William county, Virginia, the following real estate:

A LOT OF GROUND and MILL SEAT or seat for water works on the river Occoquan, in the county of Prince William, Virginia, described as follows: Beginning at a mark on a rock near the side of the Occoquan River 35 1/2 feet above the abutment of the bridge; thence in a straight line north 76° west 16 feet to another marked rock; thence south 23 1/2 ° west 93 feet to the race wall; thence along the race wall in a seceding direction to a mark made thereon; thence north 23 1/2 ° east 104 feet to the point of beginning; together with the water rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, and subject to the conditions and provisions which are fully set forth in a deed dated the 30th day of June, in the year 1828, from Joseph Janney, jr., and John H. Janney to Samuel H. and Samuel M. Janney, of record in the Clerk's office of the said Prince William county.

Terms of Sale: One-third of the purchase money in cash, and the residue thereof in two equal payments at six and twelve months from the day of sale with interest; the deferred payments to be evidenced by the notes of the purchaser, and the title to the said property to be retained until the said notes are paid.

John M. Johnson,
Commissioner of Sale.

Alexandria Gazette 07 Mar 1894

OFF TO MANASSAS

The Alexandria Light Infantry, with all the officers and full ranks (84 men out of 85 on the roll, one man being detained by illness) left here this morning about 9 o'clock for Manassas to act as guards for Ben White and Jim Robinson, the two colored ravishers, who were taken back there for trial, they having been confined in jail here for some time past for safe keeping. Since the last trip to Manassas for similar duty the ranks of the company have been considerably increased and to supply the new men with arms, uniforms, accoutrements, &c. a requisition was made on the government and yesterday evening the articles were received here from Washington. Last night the company met at their armory when all preparations were made for the trip to Manassas. This morning the company assembled at the jail and with Sheriff Leachman, of Prince William, who took charge of the two prisoners, marched to the depot and took the train for Manassas. A large number of persons gathered at the depot to see the company off. The train was about half an hour late in leaving the depot on account of a delay at Washington.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Mar 1894

THE MANASSAS TRIAL

Manassas Va., March 8. - After the Gazette's report of the White trial closed yesterday evening the prisoner was arraigned, and refused to plead on the ground that this court had no jurisdiction. The court entertained a plea of "not guilty."

The jury was then chosen, the venire being exhausted in getting the requisite number.

At 4:30 an hour's recess was taken, and upon reassembling court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning and the prisoners were put under guard in the Cannon House. In addition to the guard in the court-room a heavy patrol was kept around the jail.

The case was taken up again this morning at 11 o'clock under usual military guard. Mr. Thornton made the opening statement, being interrupted several times by the counsel for the defense who objected to any reference being made to the former case. Mrs. Elliott was the first witness and her testimony was the same as the last trial, and many of the audience were visibly affected as she told the story of brutal outrage that had been perpetrated upon herself and sister-in-law at the dead of night and during the absence of her husband. A rigorous cross examination failed to shake either her evidence or that of Mrs. Heflin who followed her. Mr. Mayhugh, the neighbor to whom they first gave the alarm, was the next witness and was followed by Mr. Lion and Mr. Payne. Many of the questions were objected to and the prosecution had all questions that were expected to ruled out. At one o'clock the prosecution rested the case and court took a recess for an hour, the prisoners being put under guard in the jail. The militiamen are behaving well and are in good health except Private Harvey Smith who was taken ill last night but is better this morning although still in bed.

Court reassembled at 2:40 and the defense greatly surprised the large crowd by refusing to put a single witness on the stand, and by an agreement of counsel each took 10 minutes for statements. Mr. Campbell did not ask for acquittal but for 20 years imprisonment and pleaded the youth, ignorance and previous good character of the prisoner. Mr. Jeffries followed him and sustained his reputation for eloquence. At 3:06 the case was given to the jury and at 3:19 the jury brought in a verdict of guilty as indicated and punishment fixed at death. White re received the sentence apparently unmoved.

The Light Infantry and the prisoners will return to Alexandria to-night on a special train, arriving there shortly after seven o'clock.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Mar 1894

COMMITMENTS RECEIVED

City Sergeant Smith to-day received from the Sheriff of Prince William County the commitments, signed by Judge Lipscomb, for the safekeeping in jail here of White and Robinson, the Negro ravishers. The sheriff explains that the men were hurried off from Manassas on such short notice Thursday night that he had not time to have the necessary papers signed that evening. As hereto fore stated, Robinson was sentenced to be hanged on March 30 and White on April 20. The cases of both men, it is said, will be taken to the Court of Appeals.

Alexandria Gazette 3 Sep 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

The stockholders of the proposed Seminary building for the accommodation of the Manassas Institute met at the Baldwin place on Friday, August 24th. The required amount of stock having been raised to justify the election of trustees, the following gentlemen were elected; Messrs. T. O. Taylor, Geo. C. Round and C. A. S. Hopkins. A meeting will be able by the trustees this week to select a suitable plan, etc.

Alexandria Gazette 07 Sep 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

W. C. Wagner's saloon, in Manassas, was broken into Wednesday night, was broken into Wednesday night. The thieves effected an entrance through a back window, and helped themselves to liquors, wines and cigars, but got no money. George Davis' barber shop in the same building, was also broken into and some razors stolen.

A serious cutting affray occurred on Wednesday at Haymarket between Will Fletcher and Ernest Utterback. Fletcher cut Utterback in several places, but Dr. Clarkson, the attending physician, says none of the wounds will prove fatal. The difficulty grew out of a warrant trial which occurred a month or so since.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Sep 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

The dead body of a man was found on Monday by a hunting party near Sour Neck, Prince William County. Investigation showed that he had committed suicide, the ball from a thirty two caliber revolver having penetrated his temple. Papers in his pocket proved the man to be H. McMayo, of Tennallytown, Md. Notes were found on his person giving directions for burial and requesting that his wife be notified.

Alexandria Gazette 20 Sep 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Jos. Williams, of Fairfax county, and Bettie Patterson, of Prince William county, and to Harry Payne and Lucy James, both of Fauquier County.

Bishop Newton made a hurried stop at Haymarket, Prince William County, September 4th, and confirmed fourteen persons, making forty seven confirmed within two months from St. Paul's congregation. These have been about sixty additions to the communicant list of this church within a little over a year.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Sep 1894

PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. A. J. Silling, who recently purchased County Clerk E. Nelson's residence, has moved with his family to Manassas. Mr. Silling formerly resided at Bealton, but for the past five years conducted a general feed business in Alexandria.

The Cannon House has been purchased by Mr. H. F. Davis. The Cannon House will be conducted by him and not as was expected by Mr. Burgess, of Culpeper. We understand that Mr. Geo. W. Smith, of Haymarket, has leased the Curry House.

Mr. G. W. Payne, who was up to a short time ago road master on one of the southern divisions of the Southern Railway, has been transferred to a similar position on the Midland division of that road. Mr. Payne is a native of this county, and a brother of Mr. J. L. Payne, who lives near Buck Hall. He has another brother who is a supervisor on one of the southern divisions of the Southern Railway. Mr. Payne began his career as a railroader, as a section boss and gradually worked himself up to the responsible position he now holds.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. W. M. Jordan, of Haymarket, has gone to West Point to prepare for the examination to enter the Military Academy.

Mr. Thomas Gallahan died Monday at her home in Prince William County. She leaves a husband, eight sons, and two daughters.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Oct 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Major Aylett A. Swindler, died in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, last week, aged sixty-one. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861, in the volunteer company of Capt. T. B. Mason, Seventh Virginia Infantry, and rose rapidly to the rank of major. He was a fine officer and was distinguished for gallantry on every field. In the second battle of Manassas he lost a leg, which disabled him from further service in the field. He leaves a wife and three children. He leaves a wife and three children. He was commissioner of revenue of Rappahannock County at the time of his death. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Clarence J. Miller.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Oct 1894

THE PRESIDENT AND FRED DOUGLASS

Haymarket, October 4th, 1894, During the triangular debate at Manassas, October Court, on Monday last, allusion was made by one of the speakers to an invitation given to Fred Douglass, By President Cleveland, to attend his receptions. This statement was pronounced inaccurate, not publicly, but in the hearing of the writer, by a distinguished gentleman, now prominently before the people. The following extract is taken from a letter written by Fred Douglass himself to Hon. Frank W. Bird and published at the time in many of the papers: "I held the office of Recorder nearly a whole year, under the administration, an office by law he'd not for any term, but solely at the pleasure of the President. He cou'd have removed me at any time. After his inauguration, he simply asked me to set a time when it would be agreeable to tender my resignation. He was brave enough to invite Mrs. Douglass and my - to attend all his receptions, thus rebuking the timidity. I will not say cowardice or prejudice of his oredecessor," THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE remarked that a date of the letter showed that Douglass and his white wife were invited to Mrs.

Cleveland's wedding reception after he was out of office. It is worthy of note that Cleveland approved and signed, as Governor of New York, the bill creating MIXED SCHOOLS. He did not veto it as he did the democratic seigniorage coinage bill, nor suffer it to become a law without his signature as in the "perfidy and dishonor" tariff bill, but gave it his imprimaturs.

ROBERT H. TYLER

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Judge- Elect C. E. Nicol has resigned his position as member of the Legislature from Prince William County. His resignation took effect on the 4th instant. It is probable that his successor will be chosen on the day of general election, November 6th. His object in resigning at this time is to afford the people of the country time to choose his successor.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Oct 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

A two horse team belonging to Mr. O. C. Hutchison of Haymarket, became frightened recently and broke from a fence to which the horses were tied, running into a buggy, standing in front of G. A. Hulfish's store belonging to Mr. R. Belches in which his daughter was sitting, completely wrecking the buggy, even the seat on which Miss Belches was sitting but she did not receive the slightest injury. Miss Belches is to be complimented for the manner in which she managed her horse and for not making an attempt to spring from the buggy as many would have done.

Warrenton Virginian

Alexandria Gazette 26 Oct 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Miss Lula Muddiman and Mr. Abraham Koontz, both of Manassas, were married at the Methodist Episcopal Church South there on Thursday.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Nov 1894

FAIRFAX NOTES

Mr. B. W. Selecman and Miss Lou Selecman were married at the home of the bride's grandfather, Mr. J. W. Grubb, in Occoquan, on Wednesday.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Nov 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

When the case of Charles A. Morganfield, charged with robbing the Adams Express Company near Quantico, was called in the police court in Cincinnati on Saturday on the charge of being a fugitive from justice, a request was made that the case be set for hearing six weeks hence. The wounds received from jumping from a train at Cincinnati are not healing rapidly and the hospital physicians are apprehensive of blood poisoning setting in. The case was set for December 22.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Dec 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Miss Minnie Johnson and Mr. J. E. Herrell were married at the home of the bride on Wednesday, by Rev. C. W. Trainham, of Manassas. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. George Johnson, who resides near Manassas. Mr. Herrell is a resident of Fauquier County.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Dec 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tyler on the 26th will celebrate their silver wedding at their home, "Waverly," Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 11 Dec 1894

VIRGINIA NEWS

Thirty persons were admitted to membership in St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Haymarket, Prince William County, last Sunday. Bishop Newton conducted the confirmation services. The Bishop confirmed a class of fifteen in the same church in October and one of thirty-five in July.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. Frank Gheen died at his home near Manassas during the early part of the week. He was a son of Mr. John T. Gheen and was, at the time of his death, about twenty seven years of age.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Jan 1895

VIRGINIA NEWS

Mrs. Daisy Jordan of Haymarket, Va. is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Newman Cross, on South Washington Street, Alexandria.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Dr. John C. Powell has purchased The Neabsco Farm, consisting of about 200 acres near Occoquan.

Manassas Gazette 01 Mar 1895

CARD

MEREDITH & THORNTON, ATTORNETS - AT - LAW, Manassas, Va., Will practice in the courts of Prince William and adjoining counties, and the United States Courts. Invariable rule of remitting on day of collection.

E. E. Meredith, M.C. - J. B. T. Thornton, Com's Attorney

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CARD

SINCLAIR & LION, ATTORNEYS at LAW, Manassas, Virginia, Will practice in the Courts of Prince William and adjoining counties. Special attention given to collection or claims.
A. W. Sinclair, T. H. Lion

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CARD

JOHN H. NELSON, ATTORNEY at LAW, Leesburg, Virginia, Practices in Loudoun County and in the Circuit Court of Prince William

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CARD

R. E. THORNTON, ATTORNEY at LAW, Fairfax Court House, Virginia, Will practice in the Courts of Prince William and adjoining counties.

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CARD

L. A. LARKIN Jr., ATTORNEY at LAW, Manassas, Virginia. Will practice in the Courts of Prince William and adjoining counties.

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CARD

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JEWELER

H. D. WENRICH, JEWELER, Centre Street, Manassas, Va., WATCHES, CLOCKS, and EYE-GLASSES. Having Again Located in Manassas I would respectfully call attention to the fact that I have recently purchased a new line of JEWELRY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, OPTICAL GOODS, and MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, and that I am prepared to do all manner of Watch and Clock REPAIRING and CLEANING, satisfaction guaranteed.

H. D. Wenrich, Manassas, Va.

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A MAD DOG

There appeared in the Leesburg Washingtonian of last week the following: A pointer dog, the property of Mr. Purcell of Prince William County, which had the hydrophobia, wandered from his home and came to Loudoun and created considerable excitement in the neighborhood of Evergreen Mills. Mr. James Elgin found the dog lying on some straw at his stable, and thought he belonged to one of his neighbors and kicked him up, when he made an effort to snap his horse but failed. The dog went off towards the Evergreen Mills, biting a number of other dogs, among them three favorite hounds,

belonging to Mr. Wm. Mitchell, who formerly carried the mail from Evergreen Mills to Leesburg. The dogs bitten were all killed and the mad dog was followed and killed.

The Washingtonian advances the idea that the cat that bit Mrs. Gardner of the Hickory Grove neighborhood, may have contracted hydrophobia from this dog.

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A GIRL'S COMPOSITION ABOUT BOYS

Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by and by. God likes women better than men, that's why there's more women than men. Boys are a trouble. They wear out everything but soap. If I had my way half the boys in the world would be girls and the rest would be dolls. My papa is so nice that I think he must have been a little girl when he was a little boy.

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CORRESPONDENCE

ITEMS FROM BRISTOE, Bristoe Va., Feb 25th, 1895 - Editor Gazette,

As I have seen nothing from Bristoe in the Gazette for some time, I will send you a few items from this place and vicinity, although we have been unusually quite for the last few weeks, which is probably due to rough roads and unfavorable weather.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Robertson at their home in this place last Friday night.

Mr. J. G. Bodine received last week a fine piano from the factory of Cornish and Co. of Washington, N. J. Mr. Bodine has finished the porches to his store and residence and otherwise improved his property.

A bridal party passed through here from Nokesville to Washington on the 20th. The contracting parties were Mr. Lon Manuel and Mr. Henry Robinson. They were accompanied by Miss Bertie and Emma Robinson, sisters of the groom.

A robbery was attempted in the Mill of Mr. J. R. Hornbaker at Milford not long since, but nothing was stolen. The thieves entered through the basement of the mill and tried to break the lock on the desk in the office but were unsuccessful. It is supposed that they became frightened before they secured their bounty and fled.

Saturday night the 16th, the ----- Branch Literary Society held its regular meeting in the school house.

Next Saturday, March 2nd, a caperance? entertainment will be held at the Cannon Branch School House; The programme is arranged for two sessions, one in the afternoon and the other at night. We think it will be an interesting entertainment; it is free to all and we hope it will be well attended.

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S. S. SIMPSON, Druggist, Centre Street, Manassas, Va., PATENT MEDICINES, Paints and Oils, Stationery and Toilet Articles. We sell Hawkes Crystallized Lenses, Prescriptions Carefully Filled.

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GREAT SLAUGHTER OF PRICES

GOODS AT COST at J. LEVY & CO'S., Battle Street, Manassas Va., We were about to take an inventory but found that we had more GOODS on hand than we could handle. It absolutely necessary that we reduce our stock. With a view to attaining this end we have reduced prices on all of our Goods to and below the cost mark. Our Stock Consists of CLOTHING, DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES, LADIES' AND GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c., Remember There is no humbug about this sale, We have arrived at he conclusion, after due deliberation, that is much better to get rid of our Goods at a reduced price than it is to go to the trouble of taking an inventory and then to run the risk of getting a better price later on. The prices which will be found below will The Great Sale Will Commence on Monday, January 21st, 1895. Early in the Morning.

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ADVERTISEMENT

F. J. DAVIS - DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE, FARM IMPLEMENTS, HARDWARE, TINWARE, &c. &c. ---- BRENTSVILLE, VIRGINIA -- Having opened a Tin Shop I Am prepared to do all kinds of TIN WORK, such as Roofing, Guttering, Spouting and Mending, and to furnish --- Pumps guaranteed to work, and to do all kinds of Pump Repairing. pumps of every description and repairs for same furnished and put up. A full line of hardware and tinware kept in stock. I am selling the celebrated Owens----, Wagons and Carts. When in need of anything in the above mentioned --- you will find it of advantage to communicate with me. I also keep on hand a line of General Merchandise, which I am selling at extremely low prices. F. J. DAVIS, Brentsville, Va.

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DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Arrangements for Holding a Democratic Primary Made - Pursuant to the call of the County Chairman the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Prince William met at the Court House on Saturday, February 23, 1895.

J. B. T. Thornton called the meeting to order and stated that he expected to be a candidate at the next election and desired to be excused from the duties of chairman and of participating in the meeting therefore, J. E. Herrell was called to the chair and E. Nelson was chosen secretary.

The several districts were represented as follows: Brentsville - J. A. Brawner, and J. C. Colvin; Occoquan - Dr. Jno. S. Powell, and T. F. Gossom; Manassas - D. J. Arrington, W. N. Lipscomb, and Jno. L. Payne; Coles - S. R. Lowe, Jno. G. Taylor, and L. E. Jones; Gainesville - E. Berkley, G. W. Smith, and H. M. Owens; Dumfries - D. C. Alexander, J. F. Wheat, and J. T. Syncox.

Resolved, That a Primary election be held throughout the County on Saturday, March 30, 1895, to nominate candidates for the following offices to wit; County Treasurer, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue for District No. 1, and Commissioner of Revenue for District No. 2.

Resolved, That in the nomination of Assessor of the Revenue, the election shall be confined to the voters of each District, that is to say District No. 1 vote only for assessor for that District, and District No. 2 vote for only assessor for that District.

Resolved, That none but known and recognized Democrats who are or will be qualified to vote on the day of the general election.

The following gentlemen are appointed Judges of election and are requested to

open the polls and conduct the said election at their respective precincts.

Dumfries - A. L. McInteer and R. Ratcliffe; Potomac - J. Y. Nash and Wallace Abel; Minnieville - D. C. Alexander and C. E. Clark; Neabsco - G. R. Atkinson and W. A. Smyth; Forrest burg - W. C. Williams and J. H. Reid; Occoquan - W. S. Lynn and P. L. Powell; Hoadley - William Davis and M. Crouch; Independent Hill - S. R. Lowe Jr., and John G. Taylor; Token - J. Smith and Nimrod Cornwell; Stark's Store - J. S. Stark and E. B. Wright; Hortons - W. H. Rhine and W. L. Suthard; Brentsville - W. W. Kincheloe and H. W. Reid; Bristow - Mark Thomas and C. W. Brigg; Nokesville - W. R. Free Sr. and Samuel D. Allen; Greenwich - Nat. House, and M. B. Washington; Manassas - T. H. Lion and P. P. Chapman; Buckhall - C. H. Evans and J. L. Payne; Wellington - A. H. Compton and C. C. Leachman; Haymarket - W. T. Wharton and E. E. Tyler; Buckland - J. R. Payne and J. W. Hunton; Catharpin - H. M. Sanders, Illegible; Hickory Grove - J. S. Ewell and Daniel Ayers; Waterfall - R. A. Foley and J. P. Smith.

The Judges of Election shall count the votes, certify the results and forward the poll books and ballots under seal to the acting chairman not later than Wednesday subsequent to the primary election.

Should any of the Judges herein before appointed fail to be present he shall designate some one to act for him. Should both Judges fail to appoint substitutes, and themselves be absent, then any member of the Executive Committee may appoint two persons to act as judges.

E. Nelson, J. G. Taylor, W. W. Kincheloe, J. L. Reid, and W. S. Lynn, or any three of them with the acting county Chairman, shall canvass the votes cast at the said election, and the persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the nominee for the office for which he has been voted and thereupon the said chairman shall make official announcement thereof in The Manassas Gazette.

The poll books for the several precincts shall be prepared by the Secretary and forwarded to the Judges of election, the cost of same to be paid by the successful candidates together with fifty cents to each acting judge of election.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

One Supervisor, one Constable, three Justices of the Peace and one Overseer of the Poor, shall be voted for in Gainesville, Manassas, Brentsville and Dumfries Districts, at the same time and subject to the same regulations as candidates for County Offices in Occoquan and Coles Districts the manner of nominating candidates for these offices is left to the committee of their respective Districts. The polls to be opened at one o'clock p.m. and closed at sunset on said day of election.

J. E. Herrell, Acting Chairman
E. Nelson, Secretary pro tem

Alexandria Gazette 13 Apr 1895

PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Rev. J. M. Nourse, who recently moved with his family from Washington to Manassas, will be formally installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church there on Wednesday next at 7:30 p.m. The services that are to be held on that occasion are to be conducted by several prominent ministers from Washington.

Mr. John Woodyard died at the home of William Craig near Bristow on Saturday last. His death was due to injuries he sustained about a week previously from being thrown into a barbed wire fence while driving from Bristow to his home near that place. Mr. Woodyard had been married only about three months.

Occoquan Creek was dredged last year and preparations for the construction of a dyke in it are now being made. When the dyke is completed vessels of a large size will be

able to get to Occoquan without difficulty. I. W. Wilkins, government contractor, has from thirty to forty hands at work in the quarry above the village getting out rock for a stone dyke, to be placed just below the village.

Miss Gretta, the little daughter of Mr. C. A. S. Hopkins, of Manassas, is suffering from an injury which was inflicted by the accidental discharge of an air gun Thursday. The young Miss was playing with the gun when the accident occurred. The ball passed into her mouth and knocked out several of her teeth, and becoming lodged inflicted a painful though not serious injury.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. John Woodyard died at the home of William Craig, in Prince William County, Saturday. His death was due to injuries he sustained about a week previously from being thrown upon a barbed-wire fence while driving from Bristow to his home, near that place.

Alexandria Gazette 31 May 1895

MANASSAS

During a recent trip to Manassas we had a pleasant drive over Robert Portner's splendid estate with Hon. E. E. Meredith, behind the latter's spirited young mare. Mr. Portner has one of the finest estates in Virginia, which has been beautified and adorned beyond comparison with anything in this part of the State. Among other adornments he has made a number of lakes including a bathing pool upon the edge of which is a bath house. A number of swan gracefully move around on another, and there is a much larger lake upon which Mr. P. will shortly place a beautiful little steam yacht. Our drive also included a short call upon Mr. Wagener, an old friend of Mr. Meredith, where we were kindly greeted and treated. Mr. Wagener has a large wine cellar, and brother Meredith, who is a connoisseur in such matters, pronounced the quality very fine, which opinion was subsequently ascertained to be entirely correct. Mr. W. has a large vineyard, and makes about 2,000 gallons of wine a year. He went to California in 1849, but for many years has been a resident of Prince William. Manassas has a beautiful location, and with her splendid railroad facilities, should soon become a large and important town.

Fairfax Herald

Alexandria Gazette 03 Jun 1895

VIRGINIA NEWS

Col. Edmund Berkeley, of Prince William is a candidate for the legislature. In a card he says: "While I had not expected to again enter the political arena, yet if any portion of my few remaining years can be profitably employed in the service of my countrymen and it should be their pleasure to nominate me as their delegate, I will endeavor to again serve them to the best of my ability."

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MANASSAS NOTES

Mrs. Farnsworth died at the home of her father, Mr. W. A. Ketcham, near Manassas, on Thursday.

Mr. John J. Florence died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Cyrus Warring,

near Manassas, on Sunday of last week. Mr. Florence had been a sufferer from rheumatism for the past ten years. He was in the 52nd year of his age.

Judge C. E. Nicol gave a banquet at his home near Manassas on Wednesday evening in honor of Judge Harrison, of Winchester. Judge Harrison held Circuit Court at Manassas last week. The banquet was attended by representatives of the bar of Manassas.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. R. Belches, one of Prince William Counties enterprising farmers, was wise enough to have held his last years wheat crop until last week, by which he made over \$300.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mr. J. B. Reid, of Prince William County, was in the city to day. He had with him an Indian stone Axe made at least 400 years ago, which he plowed up some time since on his farm on the Potomac. He has traded the relic with Dr. Redding, of Brentsville, for a blooded Jersey calf.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

A meeting of the citizens from Prince William and Loudoun counties was held in the courthouse, at Manassas, on Saturday evening to agitate the matter of establishing a national bank there. The national bank of Leesburg subscribed one half the required capital, and the balance was made up by gentlemen of Prince William. Mr. Robert Portner, Mr. Henry H. Lynn, and Judge C. E. Nicol subscribed largely.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. Napoleon Watson's house at Dumfries was destroyed by fire one night recently. Nothing was saved.

The Baptist Church at Manassas will be dedicated on the second Sunday in August. Dr. I. B. Lake, of Upperville, will deliver the dedicatory sermon.

Antioch, Haymarket and Little River Baptist Churches will unite in holding a series of meetings, beginning on the 3rd Sunday in August. The meetings will be held in a large tent erected in the woods surrounding Wise's Chapel. Services will be conducted daily, morning and afternoon, by Rev. Dr. Wm. Hatcher, of Richmond, assisted by Dr. I. B. Lake and others.

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY NOTES

The many friends of Mrs. L. A. Larkin, sr., of Wellington, will regret to learn that she has sustained a stroke of paralysis. The attack came on unexpectedly Wednesday evening. The entire left side is affected, and while her condition is such as to excite apprehension, hopes for her recovery are entertained.

Fred and George Posey were brought to this place on Wednesday evening and lodged in jail. They are charged with having assaulted and seriously injured, during the progress of a difficulty which occurred at Neabsco on Tuesday, Andrew Loveless. It seemed that the assault was precipitated by a quarrel over some wood. Loveless was struck on the head with a club and rendered unconscious, and it was thought at one time that his injuries would prove fatal, but he is now, it is said, in a fair way to recover. The Poseys will be held to await the result of his injuries. Manassas Gazette

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

A barn and its contents belonging to Mr. E. B. Reid, near Greenwich, this county, was burned last Friday night.

The Baptist Church of this place will be dedicated on Sunday next at 11 o'clock, Dr. L. B. Lake, of Upperville, will preach at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Mr. Joseph B. Reid has recently erected a saw mill and established a large lumber yard on his property near Potomac City, at which place he owns a large farm.

Chas. P. Janney, acting trustee, on Monday last sold the "Cockpit Point" property on the Potomac River, in this county, containing 446 acres, for \$4.80 per acre. J. T. Harnsberger, auctioneer. Joseph B. Reid purchaser. Manassas Gazette

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FARMERS INSTITUTE

When the District Farmers' Institute was called to order in Manassas yesterday morning President Corbin, of the State board of agriculture, announced that the institute officially closed with Prof. Keefer's address Wednesday night, but for the purpose of affording farmers an opportunity for further discussion of the topics presented on Wednesday and other subjects of interest to them, including a fair and free criticism of the official acts of the State board, this second meeting was held.

The subject of the best paying crop was freely discussed, the arguments being rather in favor of corn.

Mr. Belches, of Haymarket, delivered an address, in which he made valuable suggestions, and in referring to the depressed state of the price of farm products said that when a farmer puts one dollar in the ground it would return again to him only in the value of a fifty-cent piece.

Maj. O. E. Hine, of Fairfax, took a more cheerful view of the situation, and said that he could not see where farmers had suffered more than other classes. There were periods of depression in all other business pursuits. Supply and demand was the great regulator of prices.

Col. Daniels, of Gunston, occupied the most of his time on the monetary question, going back to the year 1825 in his review of the financial system employed by this government from that date up, and pointing out objectionable features thereof. He thought a dollar should be worth a dollar, no matter of what it is made.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. John W. Miller, with his wife, moved from Manassas to Alexandria.

A democratic mass meeting will be held in this place n Monday, September 2, 1895. The meeting is to be held for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the Senatorial convention, which holds in Alexandria on September 19th.

At the meeting of the county democratic executive committee held in this place on Saturday last, it was decided that a primary election be held in the county on Saturday, the 7th day of September, 1895, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the House of Delegates.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. French J. Davis, of Brentsville, died yesterday of typhoid fever.

Rev. Mr. Trainham baptized thirty-two people last Friday in the rain near Antioch.

Mrs. Renoe, wife of Mr. William Renoe, of Brentsville, died last Friday while walking across the floor.

Bishop Newton will preach and administer confirmation at Trinity Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the National Bank of Manassas, last Monday the architects plans were submitted and that of Mr. J. P. Baldwin was selected. The new structure is to be 25 by 46 feet, one story, cost not to exceed \$4000

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Congressman Meredith, who has been sick, is able to be out again.

Mr. P. P. Chapman, and family, moved to Alexandria on Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Hutchison died of typhoid fever at her home in Dumfries on Sunday last.

Mr. William Colbert, one of the oldest residents of the county, died at his home in Dumfries on the 23rd instant in the 85th year of his age.

Mr. Thomas R. O'Meara died on Thursday, Sept 19, near Sudley Springs, in his fifty-ninth year. Mr. O'Meara served in Mosby's command and was at the Marshall reunion this summer.

The marriage of Miss Mattie E. Hornbaker, daughter of Mr. John R. Hornbaker, of Millford, to Mr. C. J. Meetze, of this county, took place last Wednesday in the Presbyterian Church at Manassas.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. Peter Polen, of this county, has threshed 1,300 bushels of wheat from 90 acres of \$5 land.

Mr. Robert Portner and Mr. Henry Wagener have each agreed to sink an artesian well for the benefit of the town of Manassas.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. James E. Beale, of Haymarket, to Miss Maud Herrell, daughter of Capt. J. E. Herrell, of Manassas, Wednesday, October 16.

Congressman Meredith has received an invitation from the State democratic executive committee of Maryland to speak with Senator Gorman in Baltimore on the 21st inst.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Manassas last Saturday, the contract for the erection of the building was awarded to Mr. John A. Cannon, the lowest bidder, at \$3,728. The work has been commenced and will be pushed to completion by the first of January, at which time the new bank expects to pen its doors for business.
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VIRGINIA NEWS

The United States Fish Commission has shipped 1,000 rainbow trout to Dr. A. A. Marsteller's pond at Thoroughfare, Prince William County, where the trout will have an abundance of pure mountain water.

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BULL RUN AND APPOMATTOX

The public sale of the McLean estate, advertised for December 2, by Messrs Thornton and Round, brings to our mind the most singular coincidence we recall in our reading of history. The first meeting of the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia took place at Blackburn's Ford, July 18, 1861, and brought on the first pitched battle of the war. At 10 a. m. of that day Beauregard took up his headquarters at the McLean house and there McDowell attacked him with a heavy force of infantry and artillery. On the 9th of April, 1865, after 1,361 days of almost constant fighting, the commanders of these two armies, Grant and Lee, met at the McLean house at Appomattox and drew up the terms of surrender. When Beauregard evacuated Manassas, Major McLean removed his family to Fauquier. As the tide of the war rolled again around them they removed the second time to Lusenburg, and there in 1863 the Major returned one day and told them he would move them this time where the sound of battle "would never reach them more." They rented the brick house at Appomattox, which has become historic and toward which all the strategy of the war converged, and around which it so suddenly culminated. And so it happened, as Major McLean frequently said, that the war began on him and ended on him. Another point is worthy of mention in this connection. The McLean estate embraced in 1861 over 1,400 acres, including some of the best land of the county. Over one-half of this has been sold out to eight different persons, at from six to fifteen dollars per acre. The largest part is now embraced in the magnificent farm of Robert Portner. The remainder of the tract is now subdivided and will be sold in December Court. The change from large plantations to small farms is thus illustrated, showing an inevitable tendency of our civilization.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Morgan Minor, charged with grand larceny in stealing a boat, was tried and convicted in the Prince William county court this week and sentenced to six months in jail. Minor is the Negro who escaped from jail some weeks past. Upon investigation it turned out that the bat was not worth fifty dollars and it was really a case of petit larceny. Officer J. T. Leavell, of Fredericksburg, was paid one day this week the reward of \$25 offered by the Prince William authorities for arrest of Minor.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. Wm. Alexander is lying dangerously ill at his home in the lower end of this county.

Mrs. John Griffith, after a lingering illness of typhoid fever, died last week near Haymarket.

Mr. J. H. Davis, of Occoquan, and Mrs. Tansill, widow of the late George Tansill were married last Sunday.

The board of directors of the National Bank of Manassas, has tendered the position of teller to Mr. Thos. H. Lion.

Mr. D. R. McCarthy and Miss Rose Wright were married at Nokesville, on Wednesday.

Miss Belle Florence, daughter of the late Benjamin Florence, died last Thursday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Goodwin, in the 22d year of her age.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

The marriage of Mr. C. A. Heineken, jr., of Haymarket, to Miss Nina, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Edward Carter, of The Plains, will occur on January 1st, 1896

Mrs. John Reed died at her home near Greenwich, of cancer of the stomach one day last week. This makes the third or fourth victim of that dread disease in that section of our county within the past two or three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Heineken celebrated their silver wedding at "Mill Park" last Saturday, November 30; also the 9th anniversary of their daughter's Mrs. F. Peters. It being strictly a family gathering only a few guest were present.

Mr. D. Rosel, of Rectortown, Fauquier county, and his brother, Mr. Geo. A. Roszel, of Loudoun county, have purchased the tract of land, known as the Noah Hixson farm, situated about 3 miles south of Nokesville, in this county.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Bishop John B. Newton confirmed seven persons in the presence of a large congregation at the Episcopal Church, Haymarket, Tuesday night.

Mr. Geo. W. Downs and Miss Mary Spring were married by Rev. C. W. Trainham at the home of Mr. John T. Simonds, the bride's half brother in Manassas, at noon on Wednesday last.

Mr. John R. Sweeney, of Buckland, met with a serious accident on Tuesday morning last at 7 o'clock. While feeding his horses one of them kicked him in the mouth, knocking him down, and continued to kick him until found later by Mr. Robert Hall. Mr. Sweeney is in critical condition, and is not able to eat anything.

At 2 o'clock on the afternoon of December 3, the house of Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, on Carter's Run was entirely destroyed by fire. The fire is supposed to have originated through a defect in one of the flues. The only thing saved was a trunk belonging to Miss Helen Smith, who was preparing for her marriage the next day. The loss to the building and contents amount to \$1000, Insurance, \$800.

Mr. W. H. Smoot, now 82 years of age, probably the oldest citizen of Occoquan, is in declining health. Mr. Smoot lived in Orange county in his early days, where, in 1832, he

established the Orange Press, and which he conducted successfully for several years. Later he moved to Occoquan and opened a tannery business. Mr. Smoot has been a useful citizen and is highly esteemed in the community.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. R. V. Hooe, living near Nokesville, had the misfortune to break a bone in his right foot, while at work slaughtering hogs. On Friday night following Mr. James Wiewit, is moving an ice cream freezer, broke or badly bruised his right leg, rendering locomotion extremely painful. On Saturday last Mr. F. M. Lewis, while driving near town, was thrown from his cart by a frightened horse, sustaining several very painful bruises.

On Sunday evening last Mr. Frank Elliott was returning from a visit to a friend's he was assaulted at Cedar Run Bridge by some unknown party. It was raining at the time and Mr. Elliott was carrying an umbrella, when he was approached from behind and knocked down with a stick. When he recovered from the effects of the blow, he says he found his hands tied behind him, his feet tied together, and his handkerchief across his mouth. Robbery could not have been the purpose of the assault as his watch and money had not been taken and he knows of no one who, from malicious, could have assaulted him.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Congressman Meredith and family will move to Washington after the holidays.

Mr. H. G. Payne has tendered his resignation as jailer, and Mr. J. B. Allison of lower Prince William has been appointed to the position.

Mr. Morgan Mory, proprietor of the sawmill near the Manassas depot, met with a very painful accident last Monday. He was rolling logs when one of them slipped back on him, breaking a small bone at the ankle.

The Board of Supervisors at their last meeting made the following order: That at the next meeting, Saturday, January 18, 1896, "the question whether or not certain or all boundary lines in that portion of Wellington precinct, lying between the Manassas and Gainesville county road and the Alexandria and Warrenton turnpike, shall be declared a lawful fence as to all animals be considered."

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THE MANASSAS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Testimony of the Mayor of Manassas to its Merits. To the Editor of The Evening Star. In the name of the board of directors of the Manassas Industrial School I desire to thank those whose names appear in last evening's Star as contributors to the fund for the rebuilding of Howard Hall, the main building of the school recently destroyed by fire.

It may be of interest to them and other friends of this Institution to read the following letter from the mayor of the town of Manassas, showing the school rests upon the surest foundation for success, the good will of the people of the community in which it exists.

Jane E. Thornton

Manassas, Virginia, February 17, 1895

Manassas, Va., February 17, 1895, Rev. R. R. Shippen, president of the board of directors, Manassas Industrial School.

Dear Sir: "In the burning of the Industrial School" at this place Friday, February 8, the colored people have sustained a severe loss.

Under the supervision of Prof. H. P. Montgomery of Washington D. C., and the management of Dr. E. P. Clemens, who is the principal of the school, much of the prejudice that existed against its establishment has disappeared.

Its management has been attended with success. The large number of its pupils conducting themselves with commendable behavior, being polite, orderly, law abiding, and a bright example toward their colored brethren, and meriting the best wishes, for their success of the entire community.

Respectfully
T. O. Taylor, Mayor.

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A LEAP YEAR HOP

New Year's eve will long be remembered by the young ladies and gentlemen of this place as being one of the most enjoyable events socially during the past four years. The young men were the recipients at the hands of the young ladies of a leap year hop. A most delightful collation was served about twelve thirty and it satisfied the most fastidious. The music from Washington was greatly enjoyed and added much to the pleasure of the evening. Being a leap year hop we think that a description of the gentlemen's costumes would be in order, and we will try and describe them as impartially as their collective brilliancy will admit. First we will mention Dr. Wm. C. Hill, a handsome brunette of Washington, in a handsome costume of garnet satin, with diamond ornaments. He was much admired, and his soft, tender brown eyes caused more than one heart to flutter beneath his expressive and ardent glances. Dr. Richard A. Hales, of the same city, was exceedingly charming in white satin and tulle, with sable ornaments. His genial smile and fascinating manner won for him the admiration which few receive. Mr. J. J. Cowling, a handsome blonde, wore a lovely Nile green crepe, with his hair a la pompadour, the waves of which were the envy of the fair sex. He had no ornaments save his beautiful Irish eyes, which are as blue as the summer sky. Mr. George Chamberlain, of Washington, was decidedly attractive in pale blue, with flowers and pearls. Mr. T. Ramsey Taylor, one of the belles, in a suit of elephant's breath, with white vest front, and we may say that with his unique manners (alias monkey shines) and charming face he would create a sensation anywhere. Mr. Richard Roseberry, an attractive brunette, whose observations were taken through eye glasses, attracted much attention by his air of a man of the world and by his lovely dancing. Mr. H. F. Reid, of Brentsville, a retiring and modest blonde, was just too sweet to resist in a combination of black and green satin. Mr. Ocie Marsteller of Bristow, a gay little flirt in a dove colored brilliantine, peeped over the top of a tall collar in order to find fresh victims. The gabled ends of the collar elevated his chin to such an extent we fear he missed some chances. Mr. Frank Hornbaker looked strikingly handsome in a costume of black satin, and his swan like movements as he glided over the floor were the envy of all present, as his dancing is truly the poetry of motion. Mr. Will Larkin, a brunette in black and red, received his share of attention during the evening. Mr. Phil Lipscomb, though among the few who do not dance, was much admired in white organdies and natural flowers. What shall we say of Mr. Ben Merchant? Words fail to describe his beauty. A dangerously fascinating brunette he was indeed the "pride of the ball." Mr. Contee Meredith, a tall, stately and attractive brunette, looked too utterly utter in a magnificent costume of red and black brocade satin with diamonds and LaFrance roses. Mr. Joe Hornbaker, a lovely little blonde, who says he is just "sweet sixteen, and has never been fooled by a girl," looked ethereal in white organdies over green silk. 'Tis he who will so soon be such a wrecker of hearts. Mr. Jno. Edmonds, a very petite blonde, was charming in black and white with flowers. Mr. Jeynkings Davies, a charming debutante, was lovely in black and yellow. His lithe and graceful form, his bird-like voice and delightful dancing added so much to his usual charms, that many ladies were disappointed in procuring a dance with him. Mr. S. A. Wolfe, in green and gold, was in demand as a dancer and when the music had ceased; a few hairs

breath his nose generally served as a sling for his hand and he left a lasting impression on (the feet of) many. Mr. Rosier Larkin, an attractive brunette, in scarlet moire silk, was much sought as a partner in the long dreamy waltzes and the lively two-step. Mr. Cameron Silling, with his charming manner and laughing eyes, and attired in handsome green silk, was "the observed of all observers," and he rejoices to know at least one has succumbed to his lovely brown eyes. Mr. W. Bell, attired in white, attracted much attention by his quiet, gentle and unassuming manners. Last on our list, but by no means least, comes Mr. Murry Metz, a tall and strikingly handsome, fair haired young giant, who was attired in black and white; by his genial laugh and jovial manner he always wins for himself the many friends he deserves. We were unable to obtain names of others present and time and space prevent us from going deeper into details and lengthening the already long account of the "Leap Year Hop."

Nixie,
Manassas, Va. Jan 1, 1896

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Work has been begun on the Manassas Institute building. It is to be a handsome two story structure on a lot near the depot.

The contest over the post office at Bristow has been warm for several weeks. Congressman Meredith requested that the democratic patrons of the office hold a primary election for the place January 4. the candidates being Messrs. John A. Brawner and Basil Robertson. (Mr. Brawner received a majority of 12 votes)

The Board of Supervisors at their last meeting made the following order: That at their meeting, Saturday, January 18, "the question whether or not certain or all boundary lines in that portion of Wellington precinct, lying between the Manassas and Gainesville country road and the Alexandria and Warrenton turnpike shall be declared a lawful fence as to all animals, be considered.

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DEATH OF W. H. SMOOT

Mr. Wm. H. Smoot, of Occoquan, died at his home in that village recently. Mr. Smoot had long been one of the most prominent men in that section of the county, having been engaged in business in Occoquan for about 55 years. He was a man of sterling honesty, of temperate habits, and held in high esteem in the community where he lived. An evidence of this was manifest at the close of the war, when Mr. Smoot was appointed by Governor Pierpoint to reorganize the county under civil law, by appointing officers to hold the first election after the war, superintending said election and the installation of the candidates elected into their respective offices, which duty was performed to the satisfaction of all parties.

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EXCITEMENT AT MANASSAS

A telegram from Manassas says: "This placid town was thrown into a sensation Tuesday by the appearance on the streets of a young colored girl in man's disguise, accompanied by what looked to be a young white man. When questioned they made conflicting statements as to where they came from. The girl answers the description and practically admits being Frances Thornton, of 926 V Street, Washington. The girl looks to

be about fifteen; very unassuming, quiet good looking, and rather intelligent. She is plump, and looks as though her hair was recently cut. She has a scar on the right side of her neck. The man is a very light mulatto. After hesitating, he admitted that his wife, as he called her, was disguised, but would not say why, The Washington police have been notified, and the couple will be held pending a reply."

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Mrs. Louisa M. Weedon, relict of the late P. T. Weedon of Prince William County, died in Washington, yesterday. Her remains will be taken to Manassas to-morrow for internment.

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OCCOQUAN-WOODBRIDGE- TELEPHONE CO.

The Occoquan-Woodbridge Telephone Company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Edward Abner, president; James S. Wyckoff, vice president; John S. Powell, secretary; W. S. Lynn, treasurer. The directors are Edward Abner, Tyson Janney, Edward Hammill, J. S. Wyckoff, W. S. Lynn, John S. Powell and Frank S. Reynolds.

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At Nokesville you will find EVERYTHING FOR THE FAMILY. We carry the largest stock of Boots and Shoes ever offered in this section at Lowest Prices. Dry Goods, Notions, Woolens, Blankets, &c. READY MADE CLOTHING, Lower than City Prices, Queens ware, Glassware, Lamps, &c., LADIES CLOAKS and CAPES. We carry in stock and places, orders to the best advantage, almost everything for the farm, WAGONS, BUGGIES, HARNESS, PLOWS, FEED CUTTERS, CORN SHELLERS, &c. -- Cash paid for Pork, Grain and Hay. All kinds of Country produce taken in exchange at highest market prices. THE ORIGINAL AND GENUINE SNAGPROFF RUBBER DUCK BOOT. No need to go to the city. All our store rooms are crowded and prices marked down. W. R. FREE, JR. & CO.

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NEW STORE - NEW GOODS - NEW PRICES, at John A. Francis at (HUNTON'S OLD STAND) BUCKLAND, VA. - I have opened a splendid line of Family Groceries; bought for Cash, which I offer at very low figures; also, Dry Goods, Notions, Queens ware, Tinware, Hardware, Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, Confectioners, &c. All bought for rock bottom prices and sold for a trifling amount.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Nannie F. Lynn and W. B. Lynn on 1st day of November 1889, to secure to J. H. Nelson the payment of two notes, each for the sum of \$109.00 with interest from date. I will by authority of said trust offer for sale for cash to the

highest bidder at front door Court house at Manassas on MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1895 a tract of land containing about fifty eight (58) acres, in Coles District and is the same land conveyed to J. H. Nelson by E. E. Meredith as commissioner in chancery suit of Weedon vs. Davis, and known as the A. J. Davis land.

Jas. E. Nelson
Trustee

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NOTICE TO SCHOOLS

Office County Superintendent of Schools, Haymarket, Va.m, Mar. 2, 1896. To the Teachers of Public Schools, Prince William County:

In compliance with the request contained in the following circular of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, I respectfully suggest that you explain to your pupils the contents of the same, and solicit contributions from them, if only "a nickel or a penny" apiece, for the purpose mentioned.

As nearly all of the counties of the state have responded promptly and liberally. I trust that Prince William may not be lagging in the movement, and in order that due notice may be given to all. I hereby appoint Monday, the 16th day of March next, as contribution day at your respective school houses.

Please send all collections to Hon. John B. Massey, Superintend of Public Instruction, Richmond, Va.

Very respectfully
H. M. Clarkson
County Sup't of Schools

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SCHOOL NOTICE

The Manassas School Board will hold a special meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 1896, at the Courthouse for the purpose of considering applications from those desiring to teach in the schools of the District for the term beginning Sept. 14, 1896.

Patrons of the schools are invited to appear before the board at that time by petition or in person, if they have any suggestions to offer regarding the engagement of the schools in which they are interested.

At the same time bids for furnishing fuel to the schools for the school year 1896-97 will be received. Said bids must be for wood by the cord cut into stove length, one half oak and one half pine.

George C. Round, Clerk
Manassas, Va., March 11, 1896

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GEORGE D. BAKER, UNDERTAKER, MANASSAS, VA., (Opposite Depot)
Will attend all funerals on short notice, NO EXTRA CHARGE for attending funerals in any reasonable distance. PRICES LOW.

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THE LARGEST ARMY IN THE WORLD is composed of over 1,500,000 "Oliver" Plows. Many have been the attacks of other armies to rout the "Oliver," but in vain and it stands today CHAMPION of the world, ready to meet all comers, and it never took but one round to knock out a competitor. DO YOU WANT TO ENLIST? The accompanying cut represents one of the many kinds, made to suit all kinds and conditions of soil; from the larger gang plow of the prairie drawn by an engine to the one horse garden plow. Times are hard, prices of produce low and every cent should count, and to meet these conditions the price of the "OLIVER" has been reduced accordingly. Remember I'm the only authorized agent for this section, carrying a full line of plows and repairs. Write for catalog and prices.

G. A. Hulfish
Haymarket, Va.

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ROLL OF HONOR

Waterfall, Va. March 9, 1896. -- EDITOR JOURNAL: - The following is the Roll of Honor of Mill Park School for the month ending March 4, 1896.

Cleveland Downs, 95; Beverly Boley, 93; Jesse Forsyth, 93; Senie Forsyth, 92, Hill Rector, 92; Maggie Utterback, 92; David Utterback, 88; Nannie Cockrill, 88; Hugh Yeatman, 87; Willie Robinson, 83; Also Ruth Forsyth, Louis Heuser, Thomas McIntosh, Willie McIntosh, Clarence Fletcher, and Evie Nalls, Number on Roll 40, Average daily attendance 26.1

B. Wilkins: Teacher

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Judge Nicol, on Wednesday heard the case of Claggett & Teats of Bealton, Fauquier County, whose application for liquor license had been refused by the county court of that county. The case was postponed to the 2d day of the April term of circuit court of Fauquier County. Robert Campbell represented the applicants and Messrs Jeffries and Sinclair the petitioners against granting the license.

About two years ago Mr. J. M. Johnson of this city sold a fine colt which he raised on his Prince William farm for \$165. Mr. George Stone of Warrenton, was the purchaser. Mr. Stone subsequently sold the colt for \$250; and it was then taken to New York and sold for \$750. A short time ago the horse was sold in that city for \$1200 and is now said to be the finest jumper in the country.

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NEW PATENT

Mr. John J. Cowhig Jr. of this place has been granted a patent, through his attorney, Maj. J. S. Duffle, for "Annunciator," an electric apparatus for the signaling of the arrival and departure of trains at passenger depots. The patent was granted without amendment, every claim being allowed.

The invention seems to us to be one of special utility to the traveling public, and its general use would mean a fortune for our worthy young townsman. May it be so.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY ADVERTISEMENT

Manassas is a growing town situated on the main line of the Southern Railway, 33 miles from Washington, only one hour's ride. Four passenger trains pass daily going East and North and four going South, all stopping at Manassas. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad passes through on its Line West, stopping for passengers. Few towns in Virginia have as good railroad facilities.

A few miles North of town is the HISTORIC BATTLE-FIELD known as "BULL RUN." Only one hour's drive across the country in sight of the BULL RUN Mountains. The battle-field remains almost unchanged. The Henry House and the Stone House on the Centreville pike are still standing as landmarks. These are visited every year by old soldiers of both Armies.

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"THE WHISKEY OF OUR DADDIES." - The kind by which they Lived, Loved, and Died Happy, can be bought at THE NOKESVILLE DISTILLERY, \$1.80 Per Gallon, Nokesville, Virginia.

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R-I-P-A-N-S The modern standard Family Medicine: CURES the common every-day ills of humanity. Ripan Tablets, ONE GIVES RELIEF

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WANTED VIRGINIA FARMS, Not too far from Railroad, to sell or Exchange for good Washington City improved property. Please send full description terms &c. to WM. M. YAGER & CO., 1220 G. STREET. N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

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SPECIAL NOTICE - We are in the market, paying the LARGEST PRICES for WHEAT, HAY, and CORN: and having the cash at our command WILL ADVANCE FARMERS to the amount of three-fourths or seven-eighths the value of their grain at the time of its delivery to us. And we will hold and give farmers THE BENEFIT OF ANY ADVANCE on same. Write us or call and see us. J. W. LEEDY & SONS, MANASSAS, VA.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF MANASSAS, Manassas, Va., Capital Stock \$50,000,00, H. F. Lynn, President; Westwood Hutchison, Cashier; R. H. Lynn, Vice President (cashier of Loudoun National Bank); COME AND SEE US, YOUR ACCOUNT IS SOLICITED, WE WILL SERVE YOU WITH PLEASURE, Ample facilities and resources for handling all kinds of transactions in our line. Make collections of all parts of the U. S. free of charge to customers. We loan our depositors as liberally at all times as is

consistent with conservative banking. MONEY TO LOAN, Board of Directors - H. F. Lynn, R. H. Lynn, W. W. Chamblin, J. O. Daniel, Thos. H. Lion, J. E. Willard, J. J. Prescott, C. L. Hynson, T. B. Putnam, I. P. Baldwin, Robert Portner.

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JORDAN is selling the most popular fertilizer on the market. We sold 250 Tons of RASINS ACID PHOSPHATE last fall without any canvassing whatever. The price is lower this season than ever: and REMEMBER we sell it on crop time and charge no interest.

The following named gentlemen - some of the most practical and prosperous farmers of Prince William and Fauquier counties - are using it and give it the HIGHEST PRAISE.

Bailey Tyler, Geo. B. Stone, J. P. Smith, W. L. Heuser, R. C. Latham, J. N. Utterback, Matthew Davis, Eugene Rosis, Jno. N. Anderson, Col Edmund Berkeley, Levi Gough, Jos. A. Francis, W. C. Rector, Wm. Griffith, James D. Rollins, J. R. Sutphen, James E. George, R. C. Haydon, George Mayhugh, E. B. Reid, W. W. Jordan, Ben Matthew, Thos. J. Chew, Burr Powell, J. C. Pickett, J. H. Catts, J. W. King, R. H. Stokes, Jno. D. Blight, J. N. Spencer, J. T. Armstrong, R. L. Dulaney, Isaiah Jacobs, B. F. Hurst, Geo. W. Grayson, Wm. T. Gossom, R. G. Baker, Jos. G. Hunton, J. B. Rookwood, A. B. Fletcher. Ed F. Wilkins, J. L. Reid, Wm. Hunton, John Sweeney, George Carter, W. H. Polen, Frank M. Lee, G. C. Dulaney, W. A. Buckley, Geo. A. Simpson, W. V. Mason, S. R. Blight, S. W. Hunt, Thomas Primas, Wm. H. Brown, H. Howdershell, H. M. Clarkson jr., Dr. W. R. Tulloss, E. L. Eustaphieve, Geo. S. Pickett, J. F. Gelsinger, Jno. A. Clark, Peter Grigsby, W. G. Crowe, Ellis Bros., J. C. Wise, Robert Burke, L. W. Prenias, j. W. Riley, John Gill, Richard Thomas, F. E. Saffer, J. T. McDonald, L. W. Lywood, P. S. Buckley, Wade H. Halley, J. B. Ellis, R. B. L. Macrae, and J. T. Utterback.

We are Buying SUMAC and GRAIN of All Kinds at HIGHEST MARKET PRICE, Groceries as Usual at low prices, Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, &c. Way Below Cost.

C. E. Jordan & Co.
Haymarket, Va.

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MANASSAS NOTES

Mr. Thomas Burns, who has been engaged in business in this place for a number of years, has arranged to go into business in Alexandria.

Mr. George C. Round has sold to Mr. M. R. Taylor 100 acres of the "Cancer" tract and leased him 100 acres more for a term of three years. The price of land without buildings was \$10 per acre.

On Wednesday April 15th Elsinore, the beautiful home of Mrs. B. J. Holden, was the scene of a most delightful gathering of friends who assembled to witness the marriage of Miss Nancie Holden, one of the lowliest and most popular of the belles of this vicinity, to Mrs. Asbury Harrison, of Chantilly, Fairfax County. Manassas Gazette

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MANASSAS NOTES

Mr. Thomas Burns and family have moved to Alexandria. Mr. John R. Slaughter died suddenly last Monday morning. Rev. T. D. Lewis has accepted a call to Texas; and of course his resignation will take effect here. The May term of Circuit Court, with Judge Nicol

presiding, will convene here Monday, May 11. News was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Cooper, at Linden, Va., the mother of Norman H. Cooper, a fireman on the Manassas branch road.
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PRINCE WILLIAM DEMOCRATS

A large meeting of the democrats of Prince William County was held at Manassas yesterday to elect delegates to the congressional convention to be held in Alexandria in August, and the Staunton convention. The district delegates to the latter are G. G. Galleher, H. F. Lynn, Colonel E. Berkley, L. A. Larkin, W. E. Lipscomb, J. B. T. Thornton, L. A. Marsteller, R. B. Edmonds, George Goodwin, William Posey, W. C. Williams, Tyson Janney. At large - E. E. Meredith and Dr. J. S. Powell.

The convention passed resolutions endorsing the course of Hon. E. E. Meredith in his congressional career, and instructing the delegates to use all honorable efforts to have him nominated again for Congress. A large majority of the meeting favored silver, but no action was taken in regards to instructing delegates.

Mr. Rixey, of Culpeper, and in response to a call, made a brief speech in which he declared for free silver. Mr Meredith also made a speech, and among other things said that he did not propose at this time to discuss the money question.

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DIED

On Monday afternoon, June 1st, WILLOUGHBY TEBBS son of Donald and Lucy T. McLean, in the 5th year of his age. Friends are invited to attend the funeral services at the residence of his parents, 213 South Fairfax Street, on Wednesday, at 6 p. m. Interment private.

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Miss Hattie T. Wheaton and Mr. John W. Petty, both of this County, were quietly married at Manassas on the 17th.

Mr. John R. Tillett has discovered what promises to be a valuable deposit of copper in the Stonewall quarries near town.

Bishop Newton will preach and administer the rite of confirmation at Dumfries on Sunday, June 28, at eight o'clock p. m.

Mr. J. J. Cockrell, one of Prince William's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, passed quietly away at his home near Manassas last Thursday morning in his 80th year.

Edward Tyler, the young man arrested in Alexandria during the early part of the week, has been sent to jail for thirty days for endeavoring to make way with goods upon which an attachment had been placed. He and his partner are watchmakers and jewelers. They are also charged with pawning watches in Washington which had been brought to them for repair.
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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mrs. Sorg, wife of Dr. Charles F. Sorg, died at her home near Buckhall, on Sunday, June 21, after an illness of three weeks, from brain fever.

On Friday last the little 8 year old son of Mr. Wesley Hensley of Brentsville, while

kindling a fire in a cook stove, met with a very serious accident. He was using coal oil to start the fire, and the oil caught fire and burst the can, burning the little fellow very badly.

The Manassas Electric Light and Power Company has completed negotiations for one of the finest electric plants ever established in a small town, The company will have its own engines and be prepared to furnish power to other enterprises, besides any number of lights that may be wanted.

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ITEMS

Mrs. Bailey Tyler, near Hickory Grove is making extensive improvement on the old Tyler homestead.

The Loudoun Live Stock Association will have an exhibition at Leesburg on August 25th, 26th and 27th.

Rev. R. J. Adamson of this place is assisting in a series of meeting in the M. E. Church South at Morrisville, Va.

The firm of Messrs Hutchison & Galleher of Hickory Grove has been dissolved. Mr. T. R. Galleher continues the business.

The M. E. Church South, Sunday School of this place gave a picnic on Tuesday last on the old courthouse lawn at Brentsville.

We learn that quite a disastrous hail storm visited the Centreville neighborhood on Monday last doing much damage to crops in that section.

Ground has been broken for the building of two parsonages in this place, one door the M. E. Church South, the other for the Presbyterian Church.

The ladies of All Saints Catholic Church will give a Lawn Party on August 19, on the lawn adjoining Mrs. Adams. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. J. J. Cowhig, who has been employed here for sometime past as a telegraph operator for the Southern Railroad Company has been assigned to Alexandria.

Rev. D. L. Blakemore pastor of the M. E. Church South, in this place has been spending the past week at Bealton, Fauquier County, assisting Rev. Mr. Grant of that place in a series of Meetings.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor will give a Conundrum Supper, Friday night, August 21, on the Presbyterian Church lawn for the benefit of the Armenians. All are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. G. W. Nelson of Warrenton will exchange pulpits with Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton on Sunday morning Aug. 16, and preach and administer the Holy Communion, in Trinity Episcopal Church; service also at 8 p.m.

Messrs. Westwood Hutchison, D. A. Larkin, Jr., A. W. Sinclair and family, Judge C. E. Nicol, and Rev. Mr. Trainham of this place are attending the Potomac Baptist Association, which is now in session at Upperville.

Mr. Oceola Carter, son of Mr. J. Shirley Carter and Miss Josephine Wolfe of Hoadley, both of this county, were married on Thursday last at the home of the brides parents by Elder Smoot. The Journal extends its hearty congratulations to the happy pair.

The Purcellville bush-meeting ended Sunday night. The last three days were under charge of Rev. H. M. Wharton and Rev. Sam Small. The heat was terrible, the thermometer registering from 95 to 98 degrees, and in consequence, the crowds were small.

Mr. A. Grossman has moved from the building which adjoins the store of Messrs Sanders & Silling in this place, into the one recently occupied by the Adams Express Company, adjoining the Cannon House, and will hereafter conduct his barber business in the latter place.

Mrs. R. J. Adamson of this place has just returned from a visit to Morrisville in Fauquier County. She expresses herself more than pleased with the cordial hospitality shown her while there and to be able to show her hearty appreciation of the same in a reciprocal manner to the good people of that community with whom she met, in the near future.

"Stoney Lonesome" known as the Old Ewell Place was destroyed by fire on Friday night. Mr. J. M. Hooe who was occupying the house at the time lost all of his furniture with fifty bushels of wheat and about twenty bushels of rye. We understand that there was no insurance.

It is stated that an extensive reduction in the force of employees of the Southern Railway will take place this month, and that it will affect all departments of the road. The trainmen and telegraph operators are now being examined, and it is said that those who are not up to date will be dropped.

A special term of the Circuit Court for Prince William County will be held here commencing next Monday, 17th inst. The special term will be presided over by Judge Harrison of Winchester and will be held to dispose of the cases in which Judge Nicol had been counsel, prior to being elected judge.

See announcement in another column of a grand two day exhibition of the Prince William Horseman's Association to take place on their grounds at Manassas, Va., on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 15 and 16th. The association is making extensive preparations and it promises to be one of the grandest exhibitions of the season. Every lover of good horseflesh should attend.

The Shakespeare Lodge, I. O. G. T., elected the following delegates and alternates to the District Lodge which meets at Lorton, Fairfax County, Va., commencing Aug. 26, 1896.

Delegates - H. B. Dodge, Rev. T. C. Jordan, B. B. Thornton, H. N. Merchant and Miss Norma V. Round. Alternates - C. A. Sinclair, G. A. Dodge, J. F. Bushong, G. W. Merchant, and Miss Katie Dodge.

Aunt Patty Pinn, wife of Howson Pinn, sr. who resides near Wellington was stricken with paralysis on Friday, and died on Sunday last, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Aunt Pinn was well and favorably known in this section of the county and her death is greatly lamented by those who knew her kindness of heart and noble characteristics, notwithstanding the fact she had been living for more than a score of years on borrowed time.

An entertainment will be held at Greenwich for the benefit of the church on Wednesday, the 19th of August at 3 o'clock. A game of ball between Manassas and other Prince William players. Refreshments, ice cream, cake, lemonade, coffee, and sandwiches, a "clipping party," croquet, a "guess" doll, and "guess" cakes, and at 8 p. m. Mr. Gilbert Walden will render some of his famous recitations in Greenwich church. The proceeds will be used for repairing the Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

Death of Mr. Broadus, eldest son (by his first marriage) of the late James Madison Broadus, of this city, died early this morning at his home in Gordonville; aged sixty three years. A few years ago Mr. Broadus resided for a time in Alexandria. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and lost his right arm in the cause. As a result of this and other injuries received, his closing years were saddened by many infirmities, including total blindness.

The Republican County Convention met in Manassas August 10, 1896, to elect delegates to the District Convention which meets in Culpeper August 20. The following named persons were elected delegates: E. K. Mitchell, Wellington Vaughn, Eugene Keyser, Frank Gaskins, Alternates: John Melton, M. Gilliam. By unanimous vote H. P. Dodge was elected County Chairman and also a member of the Congressional District Committee. By request of the Convention p. H. McCall addressed the meeting and announced himself a candidate for Congress.

Another Raid - Jackson City was the scene of another raid Wednesday morning when Sheriff Palmer and Deputy Sheriff Graham invaded Adolphus Burgess's policy plus while it was in full operation. There were thirty or more men in the room, which is back of the barroom run by Charles Mudd. All the men succeeded in escaping but Burgess himself, Dan Waylan, Dan Wallace, and Joe Chemp. The officers wrecked the entire outfit, smashing blackboards, drawers, railings, and counters. All the prisoners were turned loose but Burgess who was taken before Justice Lane and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100.

In the Circuit Court of Alexandria last week, Judge C. E. Nicol removed Richard A. Windsor from the executor ship of the estate of the late D. H. Windsor and appointed Mr. Worth Hulfish to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Hulfish, who was called into court asked to be allowed to give the required bond of \$35,000, with one of the trust companies as his security, but this was not necessary, as Messrs John M. Johnson, A. W. Armstrong, and Morgan H. Beach the attorneys in the case, volunteered to go upon his bond and were accepted by the court.

This is just tribute to a former Prince William man, now one of Alexandria's most substantial business men, and a gentleman of high character and standing.

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"LAWN FETE"

The Lawn Fete at "Sillington" proved quite a success both financially and socially.

The day had been very warm and the evening shadows were hailed with delight to the tired but willing workers, who had all day been laboring for the Parsonage cause.

On entering the gate, long purple shadows lay under the trees, the low notes of the songster were heard in the shrubberies; on the green lawn tent draperies were fluttering, and cozy, comfortable seats were scattered here and there to rest the weary. Innumerable lights of various hues threw a soft and mellow glow over the lawn. The busy hum of voices and merry peals of laughter were heard denoting that it was indeed a good time. The autographs quilt was on exhibition, netting the ladies who had worked so faithfully \$108.86.

A musical programme was furnished which added much to the enjoyment of the evening; to all music lovers present. Duettes, by Misses Silling and Poole, followed by a recitation, "Aux Italians," by Miss Poole, which was beautifully rendered. Flute and Piano, by Dr. and Mrs. Wolfe; the sweet old duet, "Better Abide With Me," by the Misses Herrell, was highly appreciated. "How My Grand Mother Danced the Minnet," by Miss Rena Merchant, showed excellent training; and one looking on, in memory; saw the stately dames whose forms have gone from us, but our hearts keep tenderly their memories.

Ices and creams were served and the letter box covered many messages to all who were so favored.

Alas! for a poor sad heart who left bewailing his fate, that "never a wife would have he," so the gypsy maid said.

It was announced that Major Atom, three feet high, and forty years old, was next on exhibition in the closed tent where so much mystery was surrounded; his quaint figure and witty sayings entertained for a short time many of the guests. The proceeds of the evening netted \$29.32.

Now let all who were present return thanks to Mr. and Mrs Silling for the delightful evening spent on their beautiful and hospitable lawn.

An Observer

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A COLORED MAN KILLED

Early on Saturday morning last Sam Howard, colored, who resided near Bristow, was found dead upon the railroad track near Cannon's Branch Bridge, about two miles South of this place, in such a mutilated condition as to render his identity at the time impossible. His arms, legs, and head were entirely severed from his body and only small portions of the head could be found which were scattered along the track for a distance of fifty yards or more from where the body lay. a Jury of inquest, after viewing the body and hearing the testimony of those who discovered it, were unable to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion and adjourned over until Monday morning for further investigation. In the meantime the wife of the dead man, by means of portions of his clothing and a pipe, identified the remains as those of her husband.

Howard was a quiet, sober, and inoffensive man, and this fact led to the opinion among some that he was not killed while walking upon the track and to suspicion of foul play. The majority of opinion is based upon two theories. One is that the unfortunate man miscalculated the distance on Friday night of an approaching train just before he reached Broad Run bridge and was caught upon that structure killed and dragged to the place where found, a distance of about two miles. The other is that he was beating his way home on one of the night freights and by some means fell from the train and was killed. The jury rendered their verdict on Monday to the effect that the deceased came to his death by being struck by one of the Southern Railroad Company's trains, but attached no blame to the Company therefore. The remains were taken in charge by the family of the deceased and buried on Sunday.

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THE TEACHERS MEETING

A number of teachers and several others interested in the school work of the county, met at the courthouse Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a Teachers Association.

Notwithstanding the fact that many were prevented from attending on account of a conflicting through refreshing rain, the meeting was successfully organized.

Col. J. T. Leachman was elected to the chair in the absence of Dr. Clarkson and R. Triplet was made Secretary. Mr. G. C. Round then made an address of welcome, in which he explained the purpose of the meeting. He was followed by Messrs. J. E. Blough and J. H. N. Beahm, who spoke on the --ility of a teachers association.

Those who were enrolled as members were Misses Eugenia Osbourn, C. E. Davis, Mary Dunbar, Clara Lamb, Roberta Lamb, Ida Lowe, May Smith, Lucy Lowe, Elenia Herrell, Susie Pattie, Messrs. George C. Round, J. T. Leachman, J. D. Blough, H. Daniel, L. P. Maphis, A. Henry, J. D. Wheeler, and Roderick Triplett.

After the appointment of a committee, consisting of Eugenia Osbourn, Roberta Lamb and G. C. Round, to ----- a paid ----- organization and to arrange for a future meeting, the meeting was adjourned until night.

When the hour of 8 p.m. arrived many teachers and citizens were in the courthouse ready to participate in the proceedings.

Mr. Moran of The Journal, who was to have lectured on "Education," we are sorry to state was absent on account of the severe illness of his little son.

The meeting was called to order by J. D. Blough, who acted as chairman. Miss Cullingworth, of Baltimore, was then introduced, and gave those present a literary treat in the shape of an essay on English. The essay showed deep thought and skillful preparation; it was liberally applauded Miss Poole, of Maryland, followed with a solo, which was excellently rendered and brought with it a burst of applause. "The charts were then t

taken up, and carefully explained by Miss E. Osbourn and G. C. Round.

The charts disposed of the chairman spied Mr. J. B. Thornton, who responded in a spirited address on educational work. His experience as teacher, County Superintendent and member of the bar well qualified him for his stand, which was of course with the teacher.

After the applause which greeted Mr. Thornton's remarks had subsided, Rev. J. K. Effird, of the Lutheran Church; made an address in which he drew a comparison between our schools and those of the far West. His remarks were thoroughly instructive and met with applause.

Mr. Blough made a short address and then came a great burst of enthusiasm which was caused by the announcement that Miss Pole would sing another solo. she sang "The Sweetest Story Every Told," and it was so gratefully rendered and abounded so much in sentiment that even some of the sterner teachers ventured a look of enjoyment.

Prof. Boorman, who furnished the instrumental music, is well deserving of our thanks.

The meeting was adjourned subject to announcement to be made at the examination the following day.

The night of the 11th found the teachers again, assembled for the purpose of gaining and giving knowledge. Mr. Blough presided, and introduced Miss Roberta Lamb, who read a carefully prepared essay on "Physiology." That was followed by a well delivered recitation by Miss N. Round. A number of questions, on teaching, were then taken up and discussed. Among those who spoke were Miss Osbourn, Messrs. Thornton, Wheeler, Round, Blough, and Davis. Mr. Davis, to the delight of the audience, strayed from the path of question answering and delivered a fine oration on the schools of Virginia.

Mr. Iden was called upon to answer a question, but he assured the chairman that he was taking his vacation. Misses Round and Roseberry, jointly and gracefully, declaimed a poem, after, which the meeting was adjourned to meet again at the discretion of the committee.

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OUR REPORTER IN SOCIETY

Miss Mamie Tompkins of Washington is here visiting Miss Rena Merchant
Miss Florence Kincheloe of Brentsville, this county was in town on Monday.

Mr. Roderick Triplet of Gainesville, this county, attended the Teachers meeting here this week.

Mrs. W. H. Sanders and her little daughter, Ruth, and Miss Katie Hornbaker of this place are visiting Mrs. Sanders' parents at Rectortown, Va.

Miss Mollie C. Peake of Fauquier County was the guest of her aunt Mrs. P. P. Chapman here during the week.

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PUBLIC SALE

Public Sale of Courthouse, Jail, and Lot at Brentsville, Va. The undersigned committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Prince William County, will offer for sale at Public Auction in Brentsville on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1896, the public lot situated in said town of Brentsville, containing three acres of land.

This lot has on it the old court house; 46x36 and 20 feet high, and the jail 36 x 30 and 18 feet high with 8 rooms; both buildings of brick, and recently covered with tin, and in

good condition.

Terms: - One half cash; the balance in one and two years, with interest from day of sale; the title to be retained until the terms of sale are complied with.

W. W. Kincheloe
Edwin Nelson
April 6, 1896

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PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTICE

The committee appointed by the County Superintendent of Schools to settle the accounts of the District School Boards with the Treasurer will meet at the courthouse on Monday, 10th inst. Clerks of School Boards will please have their books in hands of the clerk of the court by that date.

J. T. Leachman
Mark Thomas
Committee

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SCHOOL NOTICE

Office Superintendent of Schools, Prince William County, Haymarket, Va., August 4, 1896. The annual meeting of the County School Board will be held at the courthouse on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Messrs. Mark Thornton and J. T. Leachman are hereby appointed a committee to compare accounts of District clerks with those of the County Treasurer to report at this meeting.

H. M. Clarkson
Superintendent

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BIDS

Bids will be received until Sept. 5th for the privilege of selling refreshments at the Horse Shows to be held on Sept. 14th and 15th. The successful bidder must put up a certified cheque to cover amount of bid. Address - L. A. Larkin, Manassas, Va.

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SCHOOL NOTICE

The School Board of Coles District, Prince William County, will meet at Independent Hill, Va., August 29, 1896 for the purpose of appointing teachers for the coming year. All teachers applying for school must be examined by the County Superintendent. Wood for the school will be contracted for the same time.

S. R. LOWE,
Clerk of School Board

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FOR SALE

A double pitch corrugated iron roof 34 x 35 feet and 36 feet of Corrugated ridge roll for same. This roof is new and is yet in the original bundles, never having been unpacked. WILL SELL CHEAP.

Julian F. Baldwin
Manassas, Va.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS EXAMINATION

The annual examination for public school teachers' certificates in Prince William County, was held during the past week on Tuesday and Wednesday, for White, and on Thursday and Friday for colored applicants, in the Ruffner School House, Manassas.

Of the former there were six male, and twenty-nine female; of the later, six male, and four female, making a total of forty-five persons examined.

This means on a little reflection a total of 560 papers or a grand total of 3,600 questions propounded, the answer to each of which must be examined critically by the County Superintendent of Schools in order that justice may be done, which fact should induce each applicant to wait patiently the announcement of results.

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PUBLIC SALE

Public Sale of House and Lot in Manassas, Va. - By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, Virginia entered on the 12th day of May, 1896, in the chancery cases of Merchant vs. Merchant et. al., the undersigned trustees, in deed of trust from W. W. Longwell and Mary L. Day, dated March 25, 1894, will offer to the highest bidder at Public Auction in front of the Cannon House Hotel, in the town of Manassas, SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 1896, that certain house and lot lying and being situated at the north-east corner of Centre and Battle Streets in the said town of Manassas, and known as

the Hardware Building, where Whittington & Co. now have their store.

TERMS OF SALE - One third cash and the balance on a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest on the deferred payments from day of sale.

J. B. T. Thornton, Trustee

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Steel is higher now that it has been for years, yet my Figures are a little over one half of those usually charged and a comparison of the Metals will quickly demonstrate that I sell a Superior article.

R. H. DAVIS, BRISTOW, Va.

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I. N. H. Beahm, Principal

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EXCELSIOR MARBLE WORKS, F. E. Brill, Proprietor, Mt. Jackson, Va., W. M. Rice, Agent, Manassas, Va.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES

Presbyterian Church - Rev. J. M. Nourse, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Episcopal Church - Haymarket, Rev. G. S. _____, Rector services in St. Paul's every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Christ Church - Rev. C. W. Trainham, pastor, Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every other Sunday, and at 6 p.m. on every 4th Sunday.

M. E. Church - Rev. T. C. Jordan, pastor, Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2nd and 4th at 7:30 p.m.

M. E. Church South - Gainesville, Rev. C. L. Sutton, pastor, Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a.m. and at Sudley every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.

Episcopal Church - Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton will preach at Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 8 p.m. and every 2nd and 4th at 11 a. m.

Catholic - All Saints Church, Father Walsh, services at 10:30 a. m. every second Sunday.

Lutheran Church - Rev. J. K. Eford pastor, services in Lutheran Church every first and 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m.

Old School - Elder W. S. Athey, every third Sunday at 11 a.m. and Saturday proceeding at 3 p.m.

Haymarket Baptist Church, Preaching Saturdays before fourth Sunday at 3 p.m., Fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m. First Sunday at 7 o'clock p.m. by the pastor R. W. Trainham

There will be baptizing at Greenwood Primitive Baptist Church Sunday, Nov. 7, by Elder W. S. Athey.

M. E. Church South - Rev. D. L. Blakemore, pastor, preaching as follows: 1st Sunday, Asbury 11 a. m., Brentsville 6:00 p.m., Manassas 8 p.m.

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ITEMS

Mr. Jas. Dorrell of Hamilton was in town this week in view of locating here in the livery business.

Mr. Robert Portner and family have gone from Manassas to Washington to spend the fall and winter.

There were seven confirmations at Trinity Church here last Friday. Bishop Whittle preached an able sermon.

A school house in Stafford county near Bellfair Mills, where Miss Beulah Lynn has been teaching, was burned last week.

The reunion of Mosby's men at Baltimore last week was largely attended, and the banquet was a splendid affair. An invitation to meet at Manassas next year was accepted.

The ladies of the Methodist Church at Gainesville will have an oyster supper at Gainesville on Nov. 1897. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. All are invited to attend.

Mr. William Fisher of this place shot a heron on Bull Run last Saturday whose spread of wings measured 5 feet 9 inches, and from the tip of its toes to the end of its bill 5 feet 4 inches.

We understand that Manassas is to have a Chinese laundry. The little local last week was doubtless brought to the attention of one. At any rate a Chinaman was here this week looking around.

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THE GRAVE ROBBERS

Governor Tyler may take some official action regarding the desecration of the graves

of Confederate soldiers, and the destruction of property by members of the 6th Pennsylvania Volunteers, the State Fencibles of that State and the Seventh Illinois regiment in the neighborhood of Thoroughfare Gap. A letter has recently been received by the governor from a gentleman residing in Philadelphia, calling attention to these outrages. The latter encloses a dispatch from Thoroughfare Gap, which is published under the heading, "Rebel's bones as relics cherished by the boys of the Sixth Pennsylvania." The publication goes on to tell of how the bones of Confederate were carried away as relics by the Pennsylvania and Illinois soldiers.

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MANASSAS HORSE SHOW

The very sporty and interesting show given by the Manassas Horse Show Association was a great success both financially and from a horse standpoint. The knowing ones from all over the country say that it was the best show ever given south of Philadelphia. The first day was rather cloudy and very dusty, but notwithstanding, the crowd was large and the exhibit very creditable. In the hunter class the competition was very hot as the jumps were so arranged that the sun shown directly in the horses' eyes several of them, including some of the best, got rather bad falls. Cortland Smith's Miss Maggie was the first to go down. Both rider and horse were, however, not hurt, E. H. Goodwin also got a bad tumble, slightly bruising his head. Mr. West, of Baltimore, whose horse probably made the best performance had the bad luck to go down at the last jump, which of course put him out of the game. For the sporting tandem the first prize was awarded to Elsie and Fluellen, ridden and driven by their owner, Courtland Smith. Mr Smith's hunters up to date, Champion Elsie and Tornado also took prize money.

Mr. Smith has sold and shipped Elsie to a gentleman of Port Chester, N. Y.; also a harness horse to a lady in Baltimore

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PRINCE WILLIAM NOTES

Mr. L. Ledman, of Occoquan, has about completed a handsome residence on his farm near that village.

Mr. E. H. Goodwin has sold "Harkaway" to Mr. Lincoln A. Smith, for \$300. Two weeks ago he sold a span, "Gossip" and "Guinnette," to Mr. McGlone, of Baltimore, for \$550.

Mr. F. E. Ransdell has negotiated the sale of the Gould farm and personal property to Rev. Mr. Doerman, of Chicago. The price paid is \$7,000. The property is situated near Manassas and is very desirable.

Miss Anna Kearney, of Alexandria, is in charge of the primary department of Occoquan local school, which opened Monday last, and Mrs. Jennie Selecman is now principal of the school.

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WEDDINGS

At Bethesda Baptist Church, in Caroline County, yesterday, Mr. Eustace R. Conway, of Danville, and Miss Willie Sale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sale, of King George County, were married.

Mr. Charles B. Wilson and Miss Jane Hulfish, daughter of Mr. George A. Hulfish, were married in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Haymarket, yesterday, Rev. Mr. Somerville officiating.

Miss Belle Rorabaugh, daughter of Mr. F. C. Rorabaugh, and Mr. Ira E. Cannon, a young architect of Manassas, were quietly married at the residence of the bride's parents yesterday evening.

Miss Beulah Lynn, who for several years, has been one of the most popular and efficient school teachers in Stafford County, and Rev. Norman Luck, the popular young pastor of several Baptist Churches in Essex County, were married on Tuesday at Belle Haven Baptist Church, near the Stafford and Prince William line, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. T. Lynn, a relative of the bride.

In Emmanuel Episcopal Church, in Staunton, last night, Mr. James Quarles of Louisville, Ky., a son of Rev. Dr. J. A. Huarles, of Lexington, Va., and Miss Fannie Kent Harrison, daughter of Judge George M. Harrison, of the Virginia Court of Appeals, were married.

Lieut. Joseph A. Gibson and Miss Cecilla James, daughter of the late Craven James, were married at the brides's home, near Round Hill, yesterday, Rev. Dr. I. B. Lake, officiating.

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WEDDINGS

The Episcopal Church Manassas was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday, when Dr. J. Ward Wisner, of Hagerstown, Md., and Miss Gertrude Roseberry were married by Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, rector of the church. The bride's gown was of white satin. The bridesmaids were Miss Carrie Rosenberry, sister of the bride; Miss Bessie Houchins and Miss Minnie Chamberlain, of Washington, D. C. The ushers were Messrs. R. A. Rosenberry, brother of the bride; W. P. Meredith, Charles Chamberlain and G. C. Round jr.

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HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Prince William County Horseman's Association held at Manassas on Monday the following officers were elected: president, C. A. Heineken; First Vice President, Robert Portner; 2nd Vice President, W. A. Buckley; Third Vice President, J. W. Prescott; Secretary, J. Jenkyn Davies; Treasurer, A. G. Chapman; Directors, Capt. J. E. Herrell, R. C. Haydon, D. J. Arrington, Thomas H. Lion, G. A. Hulfish, D. P. Edmonds, and J. P. Leachman.

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Haymarket, has called Rev. Henry F. Kloman, assistant rector of Christ Church, Baltimore, Maryland, to their parish. Rev. Kloman is a native of that section having been passed near Warrenton prior to his acceptance of his present work in Baltimore, he had charge of Pohick Parish in Fairfax County. The field which Mr. Kloman has been ask to fill is that of Rev. George S. Somerville, who lately assigned to accept a vacancy in Falls Church. It is not generally believed that Mr. Kloman will accept.

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SKETCHES OF WASHINGTON'S PALLBEARERS

(A large article with sketches of all George Washington's pallbearers. The only one copied is that of Phillip Marsteller)

Col. Phillip Marsteller, the fifth of Washington's pallbearers, was the only one of them who was not a Mason, and a member of Alexandria - Washington lodge. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and commanded a regiment from that State, during the revolutionary war. At the close of the revolution he settled in Alexandria, and was engaged in the auction and commission business. He had three sons. One of them, Phillip G. Marsteller, attended the funeral lodge and was also present at the funeral of General Washington, being then a young man of about 27 years. He afterwards engaged in the same business as his father and died near Haymarket, Va., in 1842. Lewis, another son, died in the service of the United States from wounds received in the "Whiskey Insurrection," in Pennsylvania, in 1794, in which Col. Charles Little, another of Washington's pallbearers, also took part as commander of some of the Virginia Troops. Ferdinand, another son, was born in Alexandria and died there at the age of 38. Col Phillip Marsteller, Washington's pallbearer, also died in Alexandria in 1803

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