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ON GREAT FALLS AND OLD DOMINION RAILWAY. New 2-story, 8 rooms and bath; hot water heat; large lot, 1/2 acre. Price, \$14,000.

One 5-room bungalow; 5-cent car fare. ONLY \$1,500.

New 7-room and bath; furnace heat; two-thirds of an acre of land. Price, \$2,500.

New 2-story; 7 rooms; well at door; 1/4 acre. Price, \$2,300.

Twenty-seven acres unimproved ground, 110 per acre.

Eleven acres unimproved land, 1/2 per acre; fronting railroad. Apply

MACKALL & LAUGHLIN, 209 Metropolitan Bank Building.

FOR SALE—WITHOUT CASH PAYMENT. 1/2 acre; 100 ft. frontage; 1/2 acre; 100 ft. frontage; 1/2 acre; 100 ft. frontage.

COME TO THE GARDEN SUBURB. VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS, the nearest and the newest; only 12 minutes ride; this side of Luna Park.

Continuous development on electric lines, with 100 ft. playgrounds. The men and the money are behind it.

Improvements raise values. Buy before, not after.

A rare opportunity for a safe investment in stock or in lots, now at cost of improvements, \$200 up to \$100 down, 50 per cent.

Ballard & Lanham, Sales Office, 131 1/2 St. N.W. CLIP THIS AD: IT LEADS THE WAY.

FOR SALE—AT BERWYN, MD.—New house, with large grounds, suitable for trucking, steam and electric power.

JOHN J. KLEINER & CO., 602 F St. N.W.

MEGHESSPORT, MD. Coming Resort for Washingtonians. New steamboat wharf, dancing pavilion, boating, bathing, fishing.

Meghie & Wellborn, 355 1/2 St. N.W.

CHEVY CHASE HEIGHTS. Here is an exceptional opportunity to invest in a small amount of cash, \$100 per lot.

Investigate This Offer. To the home-builder an especially attractive proposition is made.

EVERY POSSIBLE CONVENIENCE AT CHEVY CHASE HEIGHTS. Inspect this property. Office at Chevy Chase Circle open all day.

THOS. J. FISHER & CO., INC., 725 15th St. N.W.

CLARENDON BUILDING LOTS. SMALL MONTHLY PAYMENTS. "COLLINS," Clarendon, Va.

FOR SALE—TAKOMA PARK PROPERTY. I have everything that is for sale in Takoma Park.

H. L. THORNTON, Takoma Agent, 125 1/2 St. N.W.

SEND FOR NEW BULLETIN OF SUBURBAN HOMES AND FARMS. MARION DUCKETT & SON, 611 F St. N.W.

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS. R. BLANKENSHIP JAS. T. MATTINGLY, contractors and builders; general repair work.

MOVING. MOVING—CITY OR COUNTRY, LARGE (3) trucks padded vans. Estimates by the load.

LIQUOR AND DRUG CURE. THE CLEMENS-DUVAL INSTITUTE FOR the treatment and cure of alcoholism, drug addiction.

HERB SPECIALTIES. HERB SPECIALTIES. Mfg. of Herb Remedies which are guaranteed to cure or relieve any ailment.

VIEW WITH SUSPICION. Local Bankers in Doubt About Postal Savings Institution.

Washington bankers are a little slow to express an opinion about the merits of the postal savings bank bill.

The average banker has confidence in existing institutions to take care of the money of the country and afford all the appliances necessary for the safe and prompt dispatch of business.

In talking with several bank presidents on the subject, the bill has not been severely criticized. The general expression has been that the induction of this foreign method into the United States may not meet with the success expected.

Ware Seal Setted. Twenty-five thousand men employed by the independent steel and tin mills in five States will work for prevailing scale of wages for year beginning July 1.

RAILROADS.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD. LEAD UNION STATION. ROYAL BLUE LINE.

"EVERY HOUR ON THE ODD HOUR." TO PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, 10:30 a. m. Pullman Parlor Car. 11:00 a. m. Pullman Parlor Car.

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5:00 p. m. daily—For Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

NORFOLK & WESTERN RY. SCHEDULE IN EFFECT MAY 19, 1910.

8:00 a. m.—Daily—All points on Norfolk and West.

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REPORT ON PRICES IS DISAPPOINTING

High Cost of Living Only Partially Stated.

INVESTIGATION FALLS SHORT

Committee Paints a Picture Which Lacks Important Detail—Raises Questions It Falls to Answer—May Prove a Boomerang in Congressional Campaign.

By J. CLINTON RANSOM. Probably no report issued from the Government Printing Office this year will be read with greater interest than that of the special committee appointed by the Senate to investigate the increased cost of living.

The evoking thing about the report is that except in a few particulars it adds nothing to public knowledge upon the subject. The report is well written, well arranged with tabular statements, and is probably as fair a presentation of the situation in regard to the advance in prices of food products, with a hinting at the causes, as has yet appeared.

Report May Be Criticized. It will probably be said in the coming Congressional campaign that the majority report, instead of getting down to brass tacks in enumerating the causes of high prices, contented itself with presenting the picture of a situation which everybody is familiar with, giving the facts impartially, but hiding behind the high sounding platitudes about the law of supply and demand and the great economic forces in operation in the country, with which it would be dangerous for political parties to quarrel.

The disappointing fact is the majority report does not land anywhere, does not take the responsibility of high prices anywhere, and does not even hint at a remedy. Every intelligent citizen of the country has had it ground into him that prices are high, and he knows well enough that the cost of production and distribution have increased out of all proportion to the rise of wages and his ability to get the money with which to pay his bills.

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WHAT MEN KNOW OF ELECTRICITY

Expert Describes Some of Its Manifestations.

WHAT CAUSES LIGHTNING

Two Kinds of This Force Recognized by Science—That Which Has to Do with Power and That Which Is at Rest—Some Curious Experiments. Knowledge of Electricity Recent.

Science recognizes two kinds of electricity; that which has to do with artificial light and power, and static electricity, which is at rest and seems to be the blood of all substances.

All substances are not charged alike, for some may be negatively charged while others may be of the positive state. When these two conditions come together, actual work is performed, as in the case of lightning. Both substances then become saturated alike; that is, with the same sign of electricity. And, since a perfect equilibrium is brought about between the two substances, it may be said that they are both at rest or satisfied, analogically speaking, like two buckets of water of unequal quantity connected at their bottoms by a hose having a valve midway to prevent the water from seeking a dead level in the two buckets.

Space Between Is Dielectric. The hose is the dielectric or space between the two bodies. The valve represents the breaking down of the air, that, when the valve is opened, the water from the bucket having the highest level rushes through the hose into the bucket containing the lesser amount, and continues so until after oscillating backward and forward for some time, the water finds a perfect level in both buckets. This oscillating backward and forward of the water represents the friction which causes the lightning, or any spark that you might cause to be made between two oppositely charged bodies.

This unbalanced state exists everywhere, even the friends with whom you shake hands will give or take in electrical quantities from you, for, at the moment of contact, the surplus must come about between the two bodies as in the case of the water in the two buckets finding its level. The human body must carry a charge of static electricity; but it is capable of holding a very high potential, and in relieving itself of the charge very often produces a spark of considerable violence.

How to Produce Spark. A very excellent and convenient way of producing such a state is to rub your shoes against the carpet or rug on a cold dry day, or touching some metallic substance, especially the radiator or gas fixture, you will be surprised to note what a sharp, bright little spark will jump from your finger.

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Ignites Marsh Gas. Marsh gas proved to be extremely sensitive and exploded at a low potential; the spark, I am sure, was scarcely visible. The most interesting experiment, however, and one that might be improved upon, was the discovery that this little spark possessed all the virtue of the Hertzian wave. Without any other source of transmission except the air, a bell was caused to ring some two squares away from the source of the spark.

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Occurs in Nature. Cane brakes, prairies, and great forests are often set afire during dry spells by this same little spark; the dry twigs and branches rub against each other until the electrification becomes so intense by the friction as to raise