

The Democratic Advocate



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CHRISTMAS.

Everything about us is tingling with the excitement of Christmas. Our stores and streets are full of merry shoppers and all indications point to a happy Yuletide.

The most striking feature of Christmas is the giving of gifts. Few escape the contagion of benevolence. The express company is overwhelmed with packages and the postmen groan beneath their unusual burden. This is as it should be, Christmas was begun with a gift which St. Paul declares to be unspeakable.

As we send presents to our friends and receive their gifts in return our thoughts should go back to the first Christmas Day, and all that has come from it to exalt and ennoble life.

To childhood Christmas looms up like an oasis to the traveler in the desert. To middle and old age it is a time of contemplation. Christmas is the season of brightness in a practical, hard working year, and those who pronounce it a failure need regeneration. There is something wrong within, when the holiday spirit can get no grasp upon the heart.

THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Baltimore has reason to believe that it will secure the National Democratic Convention to be held some time during the early part of the coming summer.

As we understand it, the Democratic National Committee will meet on January 8th, next, to fix the time and place of the meeting of the Convention. The meeting of a National Political Convention is an event of such importance that it is urgently sought by the various sections of the country, and many of the larger cities do their best bustling for such a meeting. And this is so in the present case. St. Louis, Chicago and other cities are vying with Baltimore for this convention. We think there is good reason why the committee should select Baltimore. It is upon the dividing line between the North and the South, and its splendid Railroad facilities place it in an accessible position for the West.

It has one of the finest halls in the country, in which to accommodate the hosts who usually attend such gatherings. The Fifth Regiment Armory will hold 20,000 people, and is in every way suited for convention purposes. Baltimore is at this time admirably supplied with good hotels, and the largest number of persons expected can be conveniently and comfortably accommodated.

Then it seems to be peculiarly appropriate that the convention should be held in Baltimore, as this city is the metropolis of the south, and the Democratic party must rely chiefly upon that section at the coming Presidential election, if it is to succeed.

Baltimore has had for sometime a most energetic committee, bringing the advantages of the city to the attention of the committee and has also raised the sum of \$100,000 to cover the expenses incident to the convention.

The coming convention will be one of unusual interest to the Democratic party and to the country. It is the belief of our party, that this convention will name the next President of the United States, and we want to see Baltimore and Maryland honored as the place where this much-to-be-desired action is accomplished.

Let the Democratic Convention be held in Baltimore, and so say we all. And let the next President of the United States be a Democrat, and so we believe the country will say.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE AND GOOD ROADS.

It is gratifying to learn from the Governor's message, made public this week that Maryland is in such a good financial condition.

We find the condition of affairs in the treasury summarized as follows in the Baltimore Sun:

"With a cash balance (September 30) of \$1,471,520, an increase of \$596,409 over the previous year, the treasury is in good condition. The gross debt of the State is \$10,428,926, but there are bonds in the sinking fund amounting to \$5,117,379, and other assets which reduce the net debt to about \$2,235,076.

The State has expended \$4,450,000 in the past three years in improving roads, hospitals for the insane, sanatorium for tuberculosis patients, new bridges and other improvements. The taxable basis has increased \$125,000,000; so that the debt of \$2,235,076 is extremely small in comparison with the obligations of other States."

The State has made remarkable progress with its highway system. Few people realize the fact that in the last three years Maryland has built more roads than any other state in the Union, and a comparison of the cost of our roads with those of other states shows how very economically the work has been performed.

Since the establishment of the public roads law 200 miles of toll roads have been purchased, 178 miles have

and 350 miles of good roads are under construction and control.

In Carroll county the State Roads Commission has purchased the Washington turnpike, about three miles in length, sometimes called the Fenby pike, which connects with the road now under contract from Frizellburg, passing the Springfield State Asylum, to West Friendship, in Howard county, on the National pike, a distance of about 21 miles, which is now under construction, with the road of about 2 1/2 miles from Ridgeville toward Damascus.

Besides giving an account of what has already been done the Governor will recommend to the General Assembly the creation of a loan of \$7,500,000 for the continuation and completion of the work. He also advises that all State appropriations should be made biennially, and that they should be considered at the same time, so that the exact condition of the State's finances can be estimated before the final passage of the appropriation bill.

These are very important recommendations and it is right that Governor Crothers should make public these features of his message before the legislature convenes, so that the people may have time to carefully consider and discuss them.

THE NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Edgar Allan Poe, the newly elected Attorney-General qualified for the office on Wednesday morning before Governor Crothers. Just 20 years ago his father, the late John P. Poe, took the oath for the same office.

Mr. Poe will succeed Attorney-General Straus, who will return to private practice after four years of strenuous work. Never in the history of the State has an Attorney-General been called to do the work that Mr. Straus has done, and his record has been an exceptionally good one.

We predict that Mr. Poe will have an equally successful career as he is thoroughly well qualified to assume the duties of the office.

Truly this is an age of advancement. Even professional ethics is being thrown to the winds. A Kansas doctor advertises that he will pay one-half of the funeral expenses "where my patients die," and several Washington clergymen are alleged to have employed regular agents to hunt up couples matrimonially inclined. It only remains for some progressive judge to advertise "divorces granted while you wait—consideration reasonable."—Emmittsburg Chronicle.

In one of his recent speeches President Taft said that "our foreign relations are more amiable than our domestic." He was doubtless thinking of the many discordant elements in his own party, and spoke the more feelingly on the subject.

So far Colonel Roosevelt has thoughtfully refrained from calling those who have asserted he is a candidate a bunch of colossal and infamous liars.—Houston Post.

"KEEPING UP WITH LIZZIE."

The heading of this article is the title of a book, recently published from the pen of the well known and popular writer, Irving Bacheller. It presents some most practical lessons on the subject of economies that are worthy of serious consideration.

"Keeping up with Lizzie" is assigned by the author as a chief cause of the increased cost of living concerning which we hear so much these days. Lizzie is a bright, attractive young woman whose father, whether he can afford to do so or not, endeavors to gratify the extravagant desires of his daughter. He buys her an expensive silk gown, and, at once, the other girls who belong to Lizzie's set, must have new gowns just as beautiful. Lizzie wants an automobile and this desire is gratified. The other girls must have automobiles and their fathers get them even if homes have to be mortgaged. And so it continues in the mad race to keep up with Lizzie through the entire list of luxuries that only the rich can afford. The grocer, the shop keeper, the merchant, the manufacturer the producer, all get in the race, and in order to pay the bills they increase the selling price of all the necessities of life; hence the increase in the cost of living.

This book is classified as fiction, but it contains fiction that is truer than truth itself. Extravagance is one of our great sins and is a source of much unhappiness and even misery. Many a head of a household, in order to provide the shekels for his own extravagant demands, and those of his home, has been most hard-driven in his business and often wrecked physically and financially.

The great lesson to be learned is how to live within one's means. The children and youth ought to be trained to save and not to waste. He who is only a "spender" never increases his capital, but the "saver" always has something put aside for a "rainy day." It is possible to acquire the saving habit and still be unselfish.

Many schools in foreign countries, as well as in our own land, have undertaken to train habits of saving by establishing in connection with the schools a system of saving for the purpose of educating the children along this line.

The American Consul at Liege, Belgium, reports that a Savings Bank system has been run in connection with the schools of that city since 1869, over forty years; and to this effort is due, to a large extent, the thrift and prosperity of the people of that section.

Persons of moderate means will probably learn, sometime, that it is poor business "Keeping up with Lizzie."

THE RACE QUESTION.

One of the most important and interesting functions of the coming year will be the assemblage in London, in July, 1912, of the First International Eugenic Congress at the instance and under the promotion of able and advanced scientists who have made the origin, the relation and the movement of the various races of men the subject of searching study. It is announced that Major Leonard Darwin, a son of Charles Darwin, has consented to preside over the deliberations.

Eugenics has been defined as the study of agencies under social control that may improve or impair the racial qualities of future generations, either physically or mentally. Roughly speaking, it is the science of inter-breeding. Perhaps no other subject has been more widely discussed by half-baked and uninformed disputants. No subject presents a more baffling field of investigation.

The object of the congress will be to bring together, as far as possible, a body of competent observers who will discuss known facts and seeming probabilities and possibilities with a view to the spread of more accurate knowledge upon which to base legislative action and international agreement. No special fad is to be advanced, no particular reform insisted upon; but a campaign of popular instruction will be organized. The co-operation of all interested persons, and especially of the medical fraternity, is desired.

There is no country in the world where the race question is more at the front than in the United States. There is no more serious problem than the white and black problem which presses upon us for fair and just solution. There is no issue which more deeply involves the future progress of the Republic. It may be that the wise heads in the proposed international congress may find for us a way out of the wilderness. Let us hope.—Philadelphia Record.

GETTING TOGETHER.

Don't let any one persuade you that you are better off staying at home all the time. It does people a great deal of good in more ways than one to get away from home now and then. Women who never go out, or eat at another's table, get into a rut, and narrow down to a peck-measure existence that gives them no room to expand or to grow new ideas. Especially should the mother of young people get away often, in order to learn all she can of other homes, picking out the best of each for her own. From such visits, wives go home with a greater appreciation of their own husbands, children and houses. They find that other women have deficiencies; other children faults and failings, other homes lack fully as burdensome as their own. Then, too, they find the better parts, and find many things worthy of introduction into their own lives. As to gossip, not all gossip is harmful.

Much of the neighborhood news is really interesting and helpful, and in hearing of others, our own views are broadened. We learn many things that will help us, and make us happier. It is well to determine before you start that no harmful gossip shall be indulged in. Save up scraps from your papers or magazines, especially the funny things, for a sense of humor should be cultivated; tell every pleasant thing you can think of, but keep the unpleasant hidden; in fact, don't take it with you. Learn to forget the faults and failings of others, if you have heard any. If somebody has said a pleasant thing of any one present, remember to repeat it, for people starve sometimes for a little appreciation. If you know any helpful thing, any new methods of doing, take that with you. Make your visit a bright spot for the other woman, as well as for yourself. Try to leave her happier than you found her, with a better and broader view of life and her surroundings.—The Commoner.

LOOK AFTER THE BOYS.

Why is it that so many boys and young men are seen loafing on our streets until a late hour at night? We often wonder where all our tramps and vagrants come from, and lose sight of the fact that many of the youths of our own town are left entirely to their own devices which often prompt them to roam aimlessly around town with apparently no effort being made to find them.

This is certainly due in large measure to negligence on the part of parents. The average man would be very much disturbed if his favorite dog, horse or cow wandered away after dark, and would lose no time in instituting a search, but he doesn't look after his boy as carefully.

And young boys do require looking after until they learn to form good habits and both parents and children may be saved much future anxiety and unhappiness if the boys are required to be in the house during the hours of the night instead of wasting their time on the streets. This is an evil that is not only confined to our own community but is very noticeable in many others. And the bad results to which it leads seem to increase as the years go by.

It is to be hoped that the next Legislature will devise and enact a law which will provide absolutely a safeguard to the ballot box in the future, and thereby prevent a repetition of the regrettable experience of the last

IMPORTANCE OF THE FARMER.

The farmer feeds the world. This is a proposition that lawyers, doctors, preachers, and college professors entirely overlooked, until James J. Hill laid down the dictum.

President Taft says that at the present rate of increase in population and the present rate of producing food stuffs, in ten years America will not be able to feed her population. That is to say, the population in cities is increasing out of all ratio to the increase in the population among the farmers. What the farmers must do is to increase their production through more efficient agriculture.

Agricultural schools were never so popular as now. Farming is being taught to girls as well as to boys in a great number of public schools. Several states are making agriculture a study in all public schools.

At East Aurora, last summer, women were hired to work in the fields, harvesting crops. And these strong, fine, intelligent, American girls did the work well, had a lot of fun, and made two dollars a day and board.

The automobile is taking us, in an hour, as far out into the country as we could formerly walk all day, and thus is distance being annihilated. Also, dollar wheat is here to stay; and hogs at eight cents a pound mean respectability for the tiller of the soil.

We are amazed when we stop to think that the farmer, who is in partnership with Nature, and whose success depends upon being on intimate terms with weather, climate, sunshine and storm, and upon knowing all the wondrous things that old Job in the oldest book in the world enumerated—we are amazed, I repeat, to think that the farmer has been a sort of pleasanter, a byword and a term of contempt in the colleges and among the so-called educated and superior class. This is not exactly so now. Even the Earl of Yarmouth has got a job on a farm, which is just as good as "accepting a situation."—The World To-day.

"IN YE OLDEN TIME."

It is not generally known that Christmas at one time was regarded as a superstitious festival, and put down in England by the strong hand of the law. The holly and mistletoe bough were ordered to be destroyed, root and branch, as "plants of the Evil One." It was Oliver Cromwell who ordered that throughout the principal towns in the country Christmas should be observed, "it being a hurtful custom." In order to make people forget Christmas, he enacted that all markets should be held on the 26th of December. It was hardly to be expected that the people would quietly submit to so extraordinary a rule, nor did they. During the illness of Henry VIII in the first year of his reign it was decided that the Christmas should be a silent one. There were no bells, carols or merry-making.

Edgar Allan Poe, it seems, still knows how to run around the end and avoid fatal tackle. His football training at Princeton stood him in good stead at the late election. In fact while the Republicans were engaged in "bucking the centre" both Poe and Harrington skirted the ends for touchdowns.—Cecil Democrat.

AMERICAN EXPORTS.

One of the most gratifying signs of national health is the increased sale of American goods in all the parts of the world. While there has been a slight decrease on a few items, there has been a great gain on the whole. Take the sale abroad of American boots and shoes for example. Concerning this a recent government bulletin gives the following facts:

The American shoe manufacturer is extending his sales in all parts of the world. In the fiscal year 1880 we exported less than 400,000 pairs of boots and shoes; in 1890, 600,000 pairs; in 1900, over 3,000,000 pairs; in 1905, over 5,000,000 pairs; in 1910, over 7,000,000 pairs and in the calendar year which ends December 31, the number will exceed 8,000,000 pairs, to say nothing of the million pairs going to Porto Rico and Hawaii. These figures relate to boots and shoes of leather, while if to this we add those of India rubber we get an additional 3,000,000, bringing the total number of American made boots and shoes passing out of continental United States in 1911 up to an average of a million pairs per month against about half a million per annum twenty years ago.

This increase, it should be remembered, has come in the face of a large manufacture in foreign countries of boots and shoes called "American" manufactured by foreign workmen and of foreign material but upon American patterns and following American methods of manufacture. It is thus probable that the number of boots and shoes of American type and thus American in the sense of form and method of manufacture sold in foreign countries is very much greater than that indicated by the mere figures of exportation.

It is apparent that in more ways than by the spread of our democracy and invention we are adding to the world's understanding.—Frederick "News."

A TON OR TWO OF GOOD SPARKLING ANTHRACITE COAL—WOULD BE SAFE TO SEND TO ANYBODY FOR CHRISTMAS. It wouldn't make you feel badly if any body should send some to you, would it? No; any, it would make anybody happy. Order from Smith & Relsnyder and they will do it.

DIED.

Vivian Olivia Manahan, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Manahan, on November 28.

Babylon & Lippy Co.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year to Our Friends and Customers.

WITH the closing of another year we desire to express our appreciation for your liberal patronage, and assure you in the future as in the past we will use every effort to give you the very best article possible for your money.

Watch Our JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE Next Week.

Again thanking you for your patronage, and wishing you the compliments of the season,

BABYLON & LIPPY COMPANY, WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND.

NO. 3769 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting in Equity.

Charles Billingslea and James H. Billingslea, Trustees etc. vs. Albert Billingslea et al.

Ordered, this 16th day of December, A. D., 1911, by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, that the sale of the Real Estate made by Charles Billingslea and James H. Billingslea, Trustees of Albert Billingslea, under the Last Will and Testament of Dr. James L. Billingslea, deceased, to Ivan L. Hoff, on the 22nd day of June, 1901, and reported in the above entitled cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 29th day of January next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once a week in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of January next.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$2700.00.

OSCAR D. GILBERT, Clerk. True Copy.—Test: dec 22-23 Oscar D. GILBERT, Clerk.

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12c Seeded Raisins..... 1b Box 10c
15c Seedless..... 6c
Best Granulated sugar..... 6c
12c cleaned currents..... 1b Box 10c
1c Mixed Nuts..... 15c 1b Box
17c Almonds..... 15c
17c Walnuts..... 15c
Broken Candy Bon Bons, French..... 10c 1b
Special 20c Candy..... 15c 1b
Lemons 5c Oranges..... 25 & 30c doz
Rayo Nickel Lamps..... \$1.39

Full line of Shorts, Bran, Corn, Oats, Wheat, Screenings, Baled Hay, and Straw.

All the leading stock foods and Chicken powders.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

Union Mills Savings Bank, Union Mills, Md., Dec. 20, 1911. The Stockholders of the Union Mills Savings Bank are hereby notified that an Election for Twelve Directors, to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on the second Monday of January, 1912, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m. C. E. BANKERT, Treasurer.

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STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Meeting of stockholders of the Silver Run Telephone Company, in the Hall, at Silver Run, Md., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1912, at 2 p. m., to elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact any other business that may come before the company.

H. S. MORELOCK, Secretary.

MOST OF THE TROUBLE IN THIS WORLD COMES FROM MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE GO IN. Be it understood, therefore, that we do not claim that our Coal is slatest and every piece pure carbon. No, that is impossible. We do say, however, that it's the best Coal, ton after ton, that we know of, and we have tried them all. Order of Smith & Relsnyder.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The undersigned, having settled in the Orphans' Court an account of the personal estate of Charles E. Hering, late of Carroll county, Maryland, deceased, and ascertained the balance in his hands for distribution according to law, among the creditors of said deceased, hereby gives notice to said creditors to file their claims against said deceased, legally authenticated with the Registers of Wills for Carroll County, on or before the 15th day of January, 1912, preparatory to a distribution of the assets of said personal estate, to be made among said creditors under the directions of the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, Md., on the 22nd day of January, 1912. After the final ratification of said distribution by the Orphans' Court aforesaid, the undersigned will be prepared to pay to each of said creditors their respective dividends according to said distribution.

FRANK Z. MILLER, Administrator W. A. dec22-2t



For a Christmas Present Santa Claus can bring nothing better than a vehicle for driving your friends on jaunts in the open. The various vehicles we have at our store differ only in style, size and cost—in excellence they are akin. Give Krisis our address.

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