

# The Democratic Advocate

SUPPLEMENT

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## TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

### Johns Hopkins University Offers Free Scholarships.

Although the Act of the Legislature providing for the creation of a School of Advanced Technology in connection with the Johns Hopkins University did not contemplate the opening of the School prior to October 1913, the University is anxious to show its appreciation of the trust committed to it by beginning the preliminary work of technical education at the earliest possible moment.

While it is clearly impossible to organize and open the School of Technology in October 1912, the University authorities have decided to take the first step at once. There are now in the University courses of instruction which are essential to technology. Properly qualified students planning to enter the School of Technology, when it is organized, will be admitted in October 1912. They are advised to take the regular entrance examinations of the University. Those unable to meet the entrance requirements in full, but who pass satisfactory examinations in English, in Mathematics or Latin, and in French or German, will be admitted to such courses as they are prepared to enter. (See catalogue of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1912, page 60). In order to enable worthy and deserving students to enter the courses preliminary to technical education this year, the University has also determined to offer to a limited number of young men in Maryland temporary or special scholarships providing free tuition. The temporary scholarships will be purely voluntary on the part of the University and will not be the scholarships provided by the law establishing the Technical School. The holders of these special scholarships, however, may be eligible to compete later on for the regular scholarships as provided in the law. The special scholarships will be good for one year. It will be obviously difficult to apportion them on any systematic basis. It is suggested, therefore, that any young man in the State whose preliminary education is such as to qualify him to take the special courses referred to, and who desires to enter the University in the fall of 1912, shall communicate with the Registrar of the University and receive from him the necessary blank form of application. In case the candidate wishes to apply for a scholarship, he should give his reasons and state all the facts bearing upon the matter. In September the application will be considered on its merits.

### Famous Bugs and How to Fight Them.

In the gardening department of Farm and Fireside a contributor writes:

"The various insects that the gardener now has to fight everlastingly may be classified in several groups, according to their feeding habits. Some bite. They have mandibles, which take the place of teeth. These insects eat the substance of leaf, stalk or fleshy root, just as a cow eats clover in a fresh pasture, only in most instances much faster, according to their comparative sizes. Among the leaf-eaters, we have green currant-worm, green cabbage-worm, cabbage-looper, yellow-striped cucumber or squash beetle, potato beetle and slug, rose-chaffer, tomato-worm, asparagus beetle and slug, and others of more or less importance. Members of this group are readily disposed of by the free and intelligent use of poisons. Most of them we can get with arsenate of lead, from two to three pounds to fifty gallons of water, or other spray liquid. For the green currant-worm, which is most destructive on gooseberry bushes, however, we prefer to use white hellebore, one tablespoonful to the bucket of water.

"Another group of insects lives on the juices of plants. They suck their food in much the same fashion as the customer at the soda fountain sucks his soda through a straw. Among these we have first of all the various scale-insects, the large black squash-bug, and others. These can only be killed by contact remedies, such as tobacco tea, kerosene emulsion, lime-sulphur solution, etc., or, as the black squash-bug, by hand-picking.

"One group consists of insects that gnaw their way into the stalk or fleshy root of plants, despoiling and befoiling the tissues that we calculated to feed on ourselves, or injuring and killing the plants altogether. Among them we have the root-maggots of the radish, the onion, the cabbage and allied plants, as also the bean and pea weevils. It is easy enough to get rid of the weevils by treating the freshly gathered seed (beans or peas) with carbon bisulphide, but more difficult to protect our crops from maggot attacks. The free use of tobacco-dust around the plants, or frequent and thorough spraying with strong tobacco tea, will help some. After a while, I think we will yet learn how to catch the fly which lays the eggs from which the maggots hatch, and thus stop the trouble in the beginning."

## TO SPREAD OIL ON STATE ROADS

### Cost to be Over \$60,000.

By August 15 Maryland will be a dustless state. That is, every state improved road, altogether over 300 miles, will be dustless.

The State Roads Commission has arranged to have oil spread on every mile of the public roads which the state has improved. The work will be completed by the middle of August. The total cost will be in excess of \$60,000. The commission is giving roads the oil coating not only to add to the comfort and convenience of travelers, but also to preserve the roadbeds. The fact has been demonstrated that oil prevents disintegration of the surface of roads and adds to their prominence by preventing the scattering of dust by the winds.

The State Roads Commission confronts a difficult proposition in carrying out the provisions of the act which appropriates \$40,000 for the building of a road between Perryville and Elkton. The act provided for the construction of a road 18 feet wide and the elimination of all grades. The distance is ten miles. The appropriation is considered by the commission to be wholly inadequate for the work as outlined by the legislature. In fact, the insufficiency of the appropriation has been demonstrated by the survey. Chairman Weller, of the State Roads Commission, will shortly visit Elkton and will lay before the citizens of Cecil county a proposition by which he believes the difficulties of the situation may be met.

The projected road is designed to be part of an important link of a system of smooth roads to connect Baltimore and Philadelphia.—Baltimore American.

### John A. Humburg's Will Probated.

The will of John A. Humburg, who died July 7, was probated in York, Pa., last Friday. After the sale of real and personal property, together with other money that he possessed and payment of the expenses in the settlement of his estate, he designates \$100 for masses; \$100 to be paid to the Hanover Saving Fund Society in trust, the interest to be applied annually for keeping in repair his burial lot in St. Joseph's cemetery; \$100 to the Taneytown Savings Bank, in trust, the interest to be applied annually to keep in repair the graves of his parents, Peter and Mary Humburg, and his sisters, Catherine, and Mary Humburg, and brother, Jacob Humburg, in the Catholic cemetery at Taneytown.

He bequeaths unto his nephew, Henry Humburg, \$100; to Sarah Humburg, widow of his brother, Francis, Humburg, \$100; to his brother, Jonas Humburg, \$100. If said Jonas Humburg, should die before the distribution of the estate, the same to be paid to Vincent's Catholic church of Hanover, for the erection of a school building; to St. Joseph's Catholic church, Hanover, \$800; to St. Joseph's Union, of New York, of which deceased was a member, \$700. The residue of the estate he bequeaths to St. Vincent's Catholic church of Hanover, to be applied to the erection of a school building.

Julius W. Fischer was named as executor of the will, which was executed on the 14th of June, 1900.

### Crothers Estate in Court.

A petition has been filed in the Orphans' Court of Cecil county by Dr. A. C. Crothers, of Havre de Grace, brother of ex-Governor Austin L. Crothers, against Emerson R. and Omar D. Crothers, executors of the estate of Austin L. Crothers, asking for a full itemized statement of the assets belonging to the estate of the late Charles C. Crothers, of which estate the petitioner and Austin L. Crothers were joint executors.

Dr. Crothers states in his petition that his co-executor, Austin L. Crothers, possessed himself of the entire estate of his deceased brother, Charles C. Crothers. He further alleges that the administration of the estate was entirely confided to Austin L. Crothers, who was at that time a lawyer, practicing his profession in Cecil county, and residing in the town of Elkton. He further alleges that Austin L. Crothers in his lifetime gave to the petitioner little or no information concerning the estate of their deceased brother, Charles C. Crothers; that no inventory of the estate was ever returned to the Orphans' Court, and there has never been any account filed or distribution made of the estate, so far as the records of the court disclose.

Under the terms of the will of Chas. C. Crothers, above referred to, Austin L. Crothers was to receive the Cruikshank property, in Elkton, and two building lots in Wilmington, Del.; Alpheus R. Crothers, a small farm in the Eighth district and \$600 in money; Dr. Augustus C. Crothers, \$3,500; Dr. Roman R. Crothers, \$500. After making several other small bequests, all the rest of the estate, real and personal, was devised to Austin L. Crothers and Dr. Augustus C. Crothers, share and share alike.

## POINTERS FOR THE MOTORIST.

### Care is Necessary in Carrying Spares.

Oftimes motorists seem to think that no care is necessary in carrying spare tires, say a Michelin Expert. Uncovered envelopes are tossed on roofs of limousines where sun and rain beat upon them. Unprotected inner tubes are thrown carelessly into tool boxes where they come in contact with sharp tools.

Needless to say, such practices are destructive. Strong light is very injurious to rubber. So likewise is heat. For these reasons, if no other, spares should be kept in cases.

Moisture and oil are also injurious to tires. Waterproof wrappers which keep out light, moisture and oil and at the same time protect spares from injury by contact with sharp substances, can be had of any accessory dealer. Every motorist should use them.

Cardboard boxes are never satisfactory for carrying tubes in a car. Every vibration of the car causes chaffing between the box and tube and since cardboard is harder than rubber, the tubes will inevitably be injured. Covers for inner tubes should take the form of bags which will fit snugly around the tube.

### Bank Swindlers About This City Says A "Spotter."

That no less than three of a gang of bank swindlers who have been operating extensively in the south and southwest during the last three weeks are in this vicinity is the allegation of a "spotter" in the employ of the William J. Burns Detective agency. He states that he has followed the men here in the interests of the National Bank protective Association.

Their plan is an intricate one. One of the gang, an advance man, goes to a town two or three weeks in advance of his two associates and makes a deposit in some bank and ingratiates himself with the bank officials and clerks. Usually, during the first of the month, the other two members of the gang make an appearance. Through information obtained from the advance man, the second member of the gang stations himself on the street corner in the vicinity of merchants who are in the habit of paying their bills by check on the third, fifth or tenth of the month. The swindler watches the collectors and seeing one of them come out of some merchant's place of business, begs his pardon, and asks him if he didn't get a check from so and so.

He depicts himself as a collector and has more ready money than he wants. He offers the cash for the check and oftentimes the collector makes the exchange. In this way the swindler gets possession of a check with bona fide signatures. These are turned over to the third member of the gang who is an adept with pen and acids and the raised checks are turned over to the advance man who has no trouble in cashing them. The beauty of the scheme lies in the fact that the checks are all cashed on or about the tenth of the month and the merchants who drew them never see them until about the first of the next month.

The gang has operated successfully, the "spotter" alleges in Atlanta, Nashville, Norfolk and Baltimore. Checks have been raised from \$12 to \$200.

A check drawn by a merchant in Frederick was raised from \$25 to \$75 and cashed in Baltimore. One check in the hands of the spotter was washed clean by acids of all except the signature and was raised to \$800.

### Price Debate on September 27th.

Superintendent Anderson of the Anti-Saloon League has hired and paid in advance for the Salisbury Opera House for a joint discussion with Senator Jesse D. Price, President of the Senate, of the latter's responsibility for the defeat of the local option bill, pursuant to the challenge issued early in April.

After the publication of the letter notifying Senator Price of the arrangements, Mr. Isaac Ulman, the manager of the Opera House, tried to return the check and call off the deal, but the League had taken the precaution to secure a receipt which leading Salisbury lawyers say is sufficient to establish a binding contract, and the League proposes to enforce its full legal rights in the premises.

Mr. Ulman's objection was that he had put in some new scenery and did not want to run the risk of having it spoiled by eggs.

Superintendent Anderson says that the League supporters will not throw eggs and that this is a serious reflection by Ulman upon the friends of Senator Price. He further says that he will hold the discussion, or else give the Senator's record in his absence, if it is necessary to rent a piece of farm land adjoining the city limits and hire a tent for the purpose.

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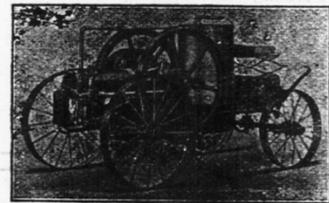
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