

The Democratic Advocate



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Meeting of Directors.

The Board of Directors of The Democratic Advocate Company will meet in the Advocate office on MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1915, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of declaring the semi-annual dividend payable July 30 and to transact such business as may come before them.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Below we give in brief a synopsis of the president's message as follows: "Nation's duty to maintain neutrality and keep processes of peace alive during great world war. Recognition of Pan-America, of its vital community of interest and moral partnership. Disinterestedness of United States in its relations with and interest in welfare of other American States. Attitude toward Mexico intended to rebound to that country's benefit. Necessity of further legislation to cement bonds of friendship with all American States. Urgent need of increased national defenses, both military and naval, to repel aggression against this country or its neighbors. Proposal to establish trained army of citizenry of 400,000 men in three years. Increase in number of midshipmen at Naval Academy. Lack of shipping facilities not only for time of war but for ordinary needs of commerce in peace times. Asks legislation authorizing increase in United States mercantile marine either by purchase or by building. As defense measure, urges keeping promises to insular possessions. Estimates deficit if defense program passes and taxes remain stationary at \$297,000,000. Advocates continuance of stamp tax, additional levy on incomes and maintenance of duty on sugar and tax on gasoline, autos, checks, pig iron and fabricated iron and steel. Calls attention to danger of plot in sympathy with foreign nations and urges passage of laws to crush them out. Advocates advisory board for purpose of mobilizing nation's economic resources in time of necessity. Renews request for passage of rural credits bill. Recommends postponement of further transportation legislation until whole problem can be studied."

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH MARYLAND?

Ohio's champion boy corn-grower raised 153.76 bushels to the acre, which beats Maryland's champion only by about three bushels. But next year some Maryland boy may lead the country. The Ohio champion will make a trip through the East on the Buckeye Corn Boys' Special, and his expenses will be paid by the State. He will be accompanied by about 100 other boys who won corn-growing contests, whose expenses will be paid by the counties or organizations interested in agriculture. Their tour will begin next Monday, and we hope they will give at least a day to Baltimore. But this again suggests—what is the matter with Maryland? Next year our corn boy winners and prize household economic girls should have a trip too, not only to Baltimore, but to other cities. Why not make provision for such a premium before next spring?—From the Baltimore Sun.

FATHER OF 41 WEDS AGAIN

At 94, North Carolinian Takes His Fourth Wife. Plymouth, N. C., Dec. 2.—In Plymouth, N. C., today D. D. Davis, 94 years old, the father of 41 children, 33 of whom are living, was married to Mrs. Kanson, 39 years old. Twenty-six children of the bridegroom witnessed the marriage ceremony. This is Mr. Davis' fourth venture in matrimony. He says a man is never too old to marry and that old men should marry young women. Mr. Davis took his chances in securing a marriage license for his wedding today. He took his counsel, W. M. Bond, Jr., to the office of the Clerk of the Court yesterday to see that the license was secured in due form and properly filled out. He said he could not trust his own eyesight to filling out the paper, and he did not want to make any mistake.

Negro Walter a Diplomat.

Here is a story about a diplomatic negro waiter; also about two well-known Kansas men, who can go by the names of Smith and Jones, just to tell the yarn: Smith and Jones look much alike, and are frequently taken for each other. One day Smith was in a certain big hotel not a thousand miles from Kansas City and went into the dining room for dinner. The negro waiter busily brushed off the crumbs and said: "Why, how is you, Mr. Jones, how is you? I've glad to see you. I hasn't seen you since I waited on your table when you all used to have a little game upstairs." "I'm afraid you are mistaken," said Smith very quickly. "My name isn't Jones. You have the wrong man." "Nuff said; nuff said," smiled the negro, with much bowing and scraping. "Ah, knows all right when to keep mah mouf set; ah knows all right, Mr. Jones."—Unidentified.

The Pribhof islands in the seat of the most important seal colony in the world.

Next in importance is the Commander herd, owned by Russia, while the Kuril herd, owned by Japan, comes third.

THE CULTIVATED HILL LANDS MUST BE TERRACED.

We believe the South is more and more coming to see that soil conservation is one of our very biggest problems, and this is well, for soil fertility is the basis on which a very large part of our rural wealth and welfare must rest.

And as we are coming to see the true greatness of this problem, we are coming to see as never before that our cultivated hill lands must be terraced if they are to be saved from erosion and ruin. It is idle to say that deep plowing will keep hill lands from washing; it is futile to say that all these lands should be kept in grass. Deep plowing and humus will not alone keep such lands from washing, and the time will never be when large areas of such lands all over the South will not be in clean cultivated crops. Knowing that we, our children and our grandchildren will in all likelihood continue to grow cotton and corn on these rolling fields, what can we do to save them from the devastation that has come to uncared for hill lands the world over?

First of all, we must terrace them, carrying our terrace lines around the hillside in such a way that the excess rainfall will be carried away slowly, without washing the soil. Except along our rivers and in the flat coastal plain sections, we regard terraces, or at least laying off the rows along contour lines around the hillside, absolutely essential. And now, with the coming of the broad, cultivated terrace, which admits of the cultivation of every part of the field and the use of all sorts of improved machinery, there is little valid excuse for any of the prejudice against terraces. On the other hand, there are plenty of sound arguments in their favor.

By all means plow deep and fill your lands with humus; by all means grow a winter cover crop on every possible acre. But when you have done these things, make assurance doubly sure by terracing with broad terraces every field that threatens to wash. It is a most satisfying thing indeed, when the floods come, to get out over your fields and see the plant food that cost you hard dollars and hard work staying where you want it to stay. And, incidentally, this is good farming.—The Progressive Farmer.

The two Downsville, Pa., sports must have been looking for big game when they shot and killed a \$200 horse in a field, while hunting on a farmer's land.

WAS BITTEN BY CHICKEN

And Ever Since Possum Merritt Had It in For 'Em.

Possum Merritt (colored) is a well-known police character of Lockland and Wyoming and resides in Greenwood and has the reputation of being the smoothest chicken thief at large. On last Saturday night, or early Sunday morning, Merritt visited the henery of J. M. Lewis, 120 Burns avenue, Wyoming, and carried away 14 of his fine chickens. When Lewis discovered his loss Sunday morning he reported it to Chief Distler, who at once took up a hunt for Merritt; he was located in Greenwood Sunday night and locked up in the Wyoming Jail. Later a search was made of his room, which was strewn with feathers, chicken heads and bloody sacks.

Merritt in his statement to the police stated that when he was 2 years old he was bitten by a chicken and ever since that time it has been impossible for him to see one without feeling that he ought to be avenged. Among the paraphernalia carried by Merritt in his raids on chicken coops is a small clock. When asked by the police what he carried this for, he stated that the purpose of the clock was to keep him advised of the time, so that daylight would not overtake him on his trips.—From the Millersburg, Ohio, Valley News.

House and Contents Destroyed.

The tenant house on the Reese farm, at Meadow Branch, and occupied by Harry Sullivan and family, was destroyed by fire at 2 a. m., Wednesday with contents. Mr. Sullivan and family were awakened in time, to escape being burned to death, as the only thing saved was their clothes. The house and contents are partly insured.

DRY LAW BARS MINCE PIE

None For Colorado If It Is Kind That Has "Liquor" In It. Denver, Dec. 2.—The prohibition law as interpreted from its various angles by Governor Carlson and Attorney General Farrar at a conference with representatives of the wholesale and retail liquor trades. It was decreed that the dry law forbids the manufacture for sale of mince-meat, plum pudding, brandied peaches, Italian macaroons and other desserts in which intoxicating liquors may be an ingredient.

Shot Squirrel With \$10 Bill.

Ground squirrels were damaging grain left in a field by Winfield Scott, manager of the San Fernando hotel in the town of that name, says the Los Angeles Times. A guest had left a loaded shotgun at the house a few days before. Manager Scott decided to put an end to the squirrels and started on a still hunt, finally drawing a bead on one of the marauders. He shot it, and, having scared the others away, returned home. The guest arrived and asked for the gun. When he discovered it had been discharged he wilted. "I stuck a \$10 bill in the barrel for safe keeping," he said.

"BLACK DIAMONDS" MAKE SUCH AN APPROPRIATE GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS.

Every housekeeper appreciates coal as a present, be she rich or poor. It is especially welcome to those who have not had the usual income this last year. Put some of it on your Christmas list. Give Smith & Relfsneider the order and they will do the rest.

To Live Merchants.

With the Christmas holidays approaching, our citizens will undoubtedly arise to the occasion and boost the prosperity of this town by doing their Christmas shopping at home.

Already the home spirit is beginning to take a deeper root with our loyal citizens, who are beginning to realize more clearly than ever before that if we are to be a prosperous community we must consider not only the interest of self, but the interests of the community as a whole. That can only be done by keeping as much as possible of our money at home and in circulation among our home people.

But as a matter of common fairness it should be remembered that the people have rights that must be respected as well as the merchant.

Very few people have the time to chase all over town and paw all over the goods in every store in order to decide what they want. Life is too short and the household and business cares are entirely too pressing to admit of the waste of so much time.

It is but natural, therefore, that if you have Christmas goods for sale the people will expect you to tell them about these goods in order that they may start out on their shopping tours with at least a reasonable knowledge of what they want, where they can find it and what it is going to cost them.

There is but one way in which you can put this information before the buying public in an acceptable and inexpensive manner, and that is through the medium of a well written and displayed advertisement in this paper.

This paper invites you to meet the people half way in an effort to make this a prosperous and merry Christmas for all. Use the advertising columns of the paper liberally, and let the people understand that you can view the subject from their standpoint as well as from that of your own.

Our people will not be backward in this respect—unless you set them the example. They will be looking for your advertisement, telling them what you have that they want.

President Wilson Did Not Slight the Auto Owner.

The additional revenues required to carry out the program of military and naval preparation in the fiscal year 1917, as at present estimated, would be \$93,800,000.

Some of the revenues will be raised by placing a tax on automobile, gasoline, &c., as follows: A tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline and naphtha would yield, at the present estimated production, \$10,000,000.

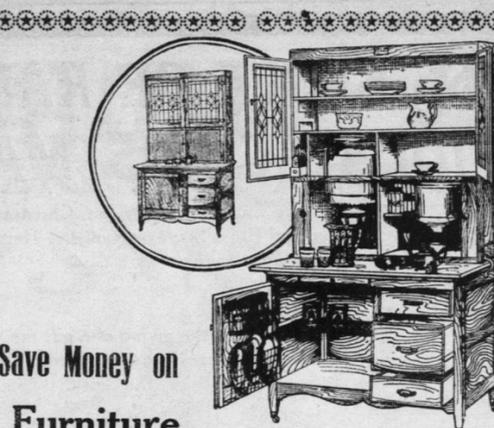
A tax of 50 cents per horsepower on automobiles, \$15,000,000; a stamp tax on bank checks, probably \$18,000,000; a tax of 25 cents a ton on pig iron, \$10,000,000; a tax of 25 cents a ton on fabricated iron and steel, probably \$1,000,000.

Manchester Students on Roll of Honor

The following pupils of Room No. 2, Manchester High School are on the Roll of Honor for the third month: Helen A. Jaugh, Treva Berwager, Marguerite Burgoon, Gladie Denner, Gladys Denner, Corinne Miller, Gertrude Alken, Mae Oursler, Frances Wagaman, Helen Burgoon, John Riley, Isaac P. Lihart, David Hoffacker, William Musselman. The following pupils missed half a day: Hazel Barnhart, Ruth Warehime, Irene Lau, Earnest Brillhart, Howard Wink. The following pupils missed one day: Lillian Trump, Nellie Trump, Edna Armacost, Ralph Wildasin, Maurice Arment, Harry Gettier.

Every Member Canvass.

The Every Member Canvass in Grace Lutheran church will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 19th, at which time 46 men in pairs will visit every family in the congregation. It is respectfully requested that as far as possible all members of the congregation remain at home at that time so as to facilitate the canvass. Let us aim to make this the best canvass we have yet made both spiritually and financially. William H. Hetrick, pastor.



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