

WASHINGTON NEWS

GOSSIP

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—When Congress convenes on Monday it will find every member from West Virginia in his place and ready to plunge into the work of what will be the busiest and most historically important Congress ever held. All the members from the state are here now, and five of the eight have been here during practically all of the vacation period, having lots of routine business to keep them employed. This is true of Senators Sutherland and Elkins, and of Representatives Woodyard, Reed and Bowers. The two new representatives-elect, Goodykoontz and Echols, and Representative Neely were at their homes during the recess period, but they are here now, ready and eager.

There is great interest in West Virginia in the date of the arrival at Newport News of the 88th division in which there are three West Virginia artillery regiments. The War department does not know the date, as yet, but will give it out just as soon as they learn it. Revised figures of casualties just issued by that department shows the 88th's losses to have been: Battle deaths, 1,141; wounded, 5,022; total, 6,763; prisoners, 101. The plan is to disembark the 88th at Newport News, and hold a grand review in Richmond, a day or two later.

Postmasterships commissions have been issued to the following West Virginians: Bertha M. Hager, Hewett; Robert K. Fearall, Hedgeville; Bettie E. Noble, London; Marmon H. McClung, Jodie; Raymond L. McNeill, McNeill; Robert J. Taylor, Vallis Creek; Edwin C. Rowan, Willow Bend. Hewett is a new office and is located in Boone county.

Acting for the local road authorities of Putnam county, Congressman Woodyard recently made request of the War department that it build a strip of good road through the government property at Nitro so that the

county authorities could connect up a road improvement that they have under way. To this request, Secretary Baker replied: "The disposition of the manufacturing plants of the War department is now being given careful study. The plant at Nitro may be retained as a reserve ammunition station. Or it may be disposed of to a private concern for manufacturing purposes. If neither of these alternatives is followed, it will be salvaged. If the War department decides to retain the Nitro reservation it is expected that the road in question will be completed, but if we decide to abandon it we would not feel justified in spending more money for its improvement. If a manufacturing company takes over the plant it is probable that they will see fit to complete the road."

Fish for stocking mountain streams will be sent to E. M. Smith, of Pocahontas county, and B. L. Neel, of Gaps Mills, by the U. S. Department of Fisheries, upon request made by Senator Sutherland.

Representative and Mrs. Wells Goodykoontz have arrived here from their home at Williamson and are staying at the Raleigh. The former's predecessor, Hon. Edward Cooper and Mrs. Cooper have come from their home at Bramwell to spend the opening week of the Congress visiting friends. They are also at the Raleigh.

Col. Robert L. Miller, "the manganese magnate of Mercer," is at the New Effitt; Charles H. Lane, of Parkersburg, is a Raleigh arrival; Mrs. Rita Laird Tibbets, of Parkersburg, is here visiting friends before going on to Richmond to visit her brother, Eugene Laird, an official of the Southern railroad.

Hon. O. S. McKinney, of Fairmont, and Hon. W. A. Ohley, of Charleston, after spending several days here on business, left for Charleston.



Put Today's Prosperity Into a Home

America today is a nation of great Prosperity. Money is plentiful and prices are accordingly high as is always the case during such periods

You, who are living in rented houses, are deliberately withholding from yourselves a portion of your rightful share of these general good times. Rents are higher today than ever before in the history of the country. Such being the case, you are helping your landlord become richer when you could as easily be paying these abnormal rents to yourself.

Take advantage of these extraordinary good times and build yourself a home? Materials are plentiful—labor is plentiful—land is plentiful and in comparison with the price of other commodities you will find that the cost of building has really advanced very little. Statistics show that while rents are from twenty-five to fifty percent above normal, building costs have advanced only ten to fifteen percent. You are actually losing money each day you delay building.

In erecting your own home you are building your own best savings bank. And in building a home, you will always have the knowledge that, come what may, you have an asset with which to meet all emergencies. You have also supplied yourself with a reason for saving, a tangible objective which serves as a check to unreasonable spending and makes it easy to save.

Statistics compiled by the Equitable Life Assurance Company show that eighty percent of the

adult population leave no estate whatsoever at death. Stop a minute and think what would happen to your family if accident or death should overtake you and your earnings should cease. Would your family be homeless or safe and secure in a home of their own.

In building your own home you are doing your real duty by your wife and little ones. A home means not only present comfort and happiness and security for your family but also it is a safeguard against future misfortune.

For the present comfort and safety of your family—for their future welfare—for your own financial betterment—plan now to build your home.

In connection with the subject of building let us quote the following opinion as stated by a well-known publisher:

"For those contemplating building it would be decidedly a short-sighted policy to delay. Building materials are a trifle high at present, it is true, but against this are the tremendously high rents that generally prevail. The small amount you would lose by building now would be more than offset by what you would gain in the matter of rents."

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Evening Chat

A Wild Flower Garden of Your Own.

Ever try transplanting wild flowers? Of course it isn't always successful, in every instance—with trailing arbutus—it never is; but the majority of our most beautiful wild flowers will grow just as vigorously and bloom just as profusely in the home flower garden as in the tangled woodland. With a little care the wild pink honeysuckle, rhododendron, and laurel will beautify the lawn at much less expense than their more tender cultivated brethren from the florists. A shady spot with soil which retains moisture is fine for the laurel and rhododendron, while the honeysuckle likes a little more sun, and a rocky well drained location. Trilliums transplanted in masses make a beautiful early showing, and blue bells and columbine grow readily and willingly with scant attention, coming up every year in increasing beauty.

Sweet williams, wild geranium, larkspur, all will bloom with apparent delight in the lawn border. All the violets, white blue and yellow will grow wherever planted if the soil is not hard and dry. Dogs tooth violets are not so easily dealt with. There is a place about six miles from town where there are white tooth violets. The only ones the writer ever saw anywhere. Four of the deeply rooted bulbs brought home two years ago bore nine blooms this year, perfect and fine, a delightful reward for the journey to secure them.

Every variety of wild flower to be found in this vicinity grows in the little hollow and upon the great sweep of hill side which arised from it. Not only that, but the flowers grow in great profusion. There are great patches of the white scented bleeding heart and dutchman's breeches, so similar to the casual glance, but so different when you come to examine them. There are violets by the thousands of all three colors, and ferns beyond words beautiful and vigorous. Bees can be heard humming everywhere when you enter the scant wood, which shades the hollow and little stream.

The spot is secluded, and not to be approached by automobile which has been its salvation, of course. It is one of two places, of which I know, that retains all its primal beauty. Try the wild flower garden idea. It is so much finer to have them blooming at home, than to bring in the withered bouquets which are only to be thrown away next day.

Music Math Charms.

We have a new player piano on our street, and we have an ambitious cornetist from the Moose band, who is assiduously getting ready for memorial day, and we have also last but by no means least, an accordion belonging to one son of Italy who lingers down the block about half way. No one can, with truth, accuse us of being other than musical. Each instrument renders something entirely different at the same time, and each in its own modest way cannot be beaten by any fair means. The piano is loudest, and succeeds in drowning the other two when at its best, but every little while it has to stop and put on another record, and then the cornet can be heard to finest advantage; I am sure, when the cornetist gets to that degree of perfection where he can hop up on the high notes without falling off, we will be able at times to hear him even though the piano is in operation. That will be a proud day for the artist! The accordion takes the medal for persistancy. When night-fall puts the piano to sleep and the cornet is laid up full of fresh resolutions for the morrow, the accordion keeps right on, and on, and on. Three chords in succession with an upward inflection, and three chords following with a downward inflection, wonderful endurance! remarkable staying powers!

Of course we have a victrola, or three, or five—and other pianos, and two new babies with fine lungs. We never had but one nervous woman on the street, and they moved in one day and out the next. It is a fine street in which to live, but no place for a

nervous woman, with no ear attuned to harmony.

He Lives on Our Street.
Jones is such a pleasant chap!
He lives on our street—
He never snaps your head off
When you speak about the heat.

He never curses you amain,
When in the early morn,
Your mower clatters o'er the grass
While yet his blinds are drawn.

He will not chase your chickens down,
Nor kill your dog and cat,
Because they gambol on his lawn,
What do you think of that?

For—Jones will talk you blind and dumb
When started on the heat,
He, early mows with rusty mower,
Whose clatter can't be beat.

His chickens, and his dog and cat,
Are hourly on the roam,
And when he gets your garden hose
You never get it home!

Yes, Jones is such a pleasant chap!
He will can be that same,
No matter what you do to him
He always heads your game.

THIS WEEK, NERVOUS MOTHER

Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health

Philadelphia, Pa.—"I was very weak, always tired, my back ached, and I felt slightly most of the time. I went to a doctor and he said I had nervous indigestion, which added to my weak condition kept me worrying most of the time—and he said if I could not stop that, I could not get well. I heard something about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound my husband wanted me to try it. I took it for three months, and I feel fine and can eat anything now without distress or nervousness."—Mrs. J. WORTLINE, 2342 North Taylor St., Philadelphia Pa.

The majority of mothers nowadays overdo, there are so many demands upon their time and strength the result is invariably a weakened, run-down, nervous condition with headache, back-ache, irritability and depression—and soon more serious ailments develop. It is at such periods in life that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will restore a normal healthy condition, as it did to Mrs. Wortline.

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