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"We have a brother-in-law who loves a joke. We live in Greater New York, and consider ourselves quite citified, so when he sent us the Farm Journal as a New Year's gift we nearly died laughing. 'How to raise hogs'—we who only use bacon in glass jars! 'How to keep cows clean'—when we use condensed milk even for rice pudding! 'How to plant onions'—when we never plant anything more fragrant than lilies of the valley. I accepted the gift with thanks, for we are too well-bred to look a gift horse in the mouth. Soon my eye was caught by a beautiful poem. I began to read it, then when I wanted the Farm Journal I found my husband deeply interested in an article. Then my oldest son began to ask, 'Has the Farm Journal come yet?' He is a jeweler, and hasn't much time for literature; but we find so much interest and uplift in this fine paper that we appreciate our New Year's gift more and more," writes Ella B. Burkman.

"I received 'Corn Secrets' and 'Poultry Secrets,' and consider them worth their weight in gold," says W. G. Newall.

"What your Egg Book tells would take a beginner years to learn," says Roy Chaney.

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While the earth-freed horde poured through:
They came with tortured and burning breath;
They had not faltered at Hell nor death,—
A tattered and motley crew.

I stood with Death at the gate of Life,
While the blood-red horde passed through.
They were torn by turmoil, and worn by strife,
Yet they faced right bravely that newer life,
As brave men ever do.

And some turned Heavenward, some toward Hell,
When the spirit horde came through,
But they had fought bravely, yes, and well,
And no after chance could their joy dispel,
So they smiled and took their due.

Signs of Spring.

Robert Doram, fish vender, caught four hard crabs in his fish nets up the river one day last week.

Col. Samuel L. Wright and son, Mr. Walter Wright, went pike fishing Saturday week in a mill pond over in Queen Anne's and they caught two fine pike.

Capt. W. C. A. Thompson and his brother Capt. James Thompson went net fishing in Morgan Creek one day last week and they caught a quantity of fine yellow perch.

Fishermen in town have been drift netting in the river off town during the past week and they have been catching a number of herring, mud shad and carp.

Smith Realizes He Has a Fight on Hand.

Washington's view of the Senatorial situation is summoned up in the following dispatch from that city Friday:

"Announcement that William L. Marbury has entered the field in Maryland as a candidate for the Senate against John Walter Smith, and that he has got into the race at the instance of President-elect Wilson, has stirred up a great commotion here among old guard Democrats.

"Senator Smith himself is surprised at the developments. He has all along insisted to his friends there was nothing to the stories that Wilson was going to aid progressive Democrats. He realizes now that he has a desperate fight ahead.

"Other old guard Democrats see much significance in the Marbury candidacy with reference to their own situations. They fear that it means Wilson will line up with the progressive Democratic elements in their own States to fight them, that he is going to oppose them in matters of legislation, and that he will not consult them in regard to patronage.

"One of the features of the situation concerns the Maryland patronage. The new President is expected to see to it that the Maryland patronage will be disposed of in a way to cripple Smith. And this will lead Smith to try to block confirmations of Maryland appointees who are not his tools."

Pomona Items.

Bond M. E. Church, Pomona. Sunday school 9.45 A. M., Mr. A. C. Loud, supt. Preaching 11 o'clock A. M.

Mowbray M. E. Sunday school, Cliffs. W. R. Startt, superintendent. S. S. 2 P. M. (please note the change of time in Mowbray services.) Everybody welcome. Rev. W. M. McCann, pastor.

Capt. W. C. Townsend, of Pomona, was sick several days last week. The Capt. has been used to work in the open and it seems as if the mercantile business is to confining for him.

A team owned by Mr. Skipper, of Queen Annes, and driven by one of his colored men, became frightened near Pomona, on Monday at a road machine and ran away. A young woman named Yorkers was also an occupant of the carriage, as she was on her way to Mr. Skippers home. The horse just escaped running into John Burris, at Pomona, and then fouled a telephone pole. The occupants were thrown out, but escaped serious injury. The carriage was badly torn up. After getting a carriage at Pomona, they started for Mr. Skipper's, leaving the wreck at Stafford's wheelwright shop.

The country has taken on a very busy appearance now, as the farm hands are at work, and there is great activity on every side. Mr. Thos. Starr, the trucker, has been ploughing for several days.

Hines Edwards has returned to Baltimore after a two weeks trip here, during which time his father died.

Mrs. Robert Goodman, of the Cliffs, is suffering with a very sore hand, and it is feared blood poison has set in. Mrs. Goodman is a very active church worker, and Sunday school teacher and she is missed very much.

Quite a nice oyster supper was held on Feb. 28th at Mowbray Hall. The oysters were just right, and everybody had a good time.

James Weller has been sick for several days but is better at this time. James is a regular attendent at church, and don't seem like Sunday when his pew is vacant.

A $11,000,000 Judgment Against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

There is now pending in the Court of Appeals a case involving perhaps the largest judgment ever entered in Maryland. It is an appeal from the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. against J. Livingston Minis. Mr. William L. Marbury, the Progressive candidate for the Senate, secured a judgment against the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., amounting to some $11,000,000 in this case, one of the most important and most fiercely fought ever tried in Maryland. The Pennsylvania R. R. took an appeal from the judgment and it is expected an opinion will be handed down shortly.

In view of the many statements made that Mr. Marbury is a CORPORATION LAWYER this certainly indicates he knows how to fight corporations and most effectively. The Pennsylvania R. R., it will be remembered, has Senator John Walter Smith as one of its directors. What more striking proof of the falsity of the charge made against Mr. Marbury that he is a great corporation lawyer and how flat this and other charges fall when the facts are known to the people.

Stage Driver Arrested.

The young man employed by Benjamin Price to drive one trip each day on the stage route from Earleville, Cecil county, to Middletown, Del., attempted to get away with $500 belonging to Mrs. Anna Price, widow of ex-Sheriff Ambrose Price. Mrs. Price had received a check for this amount from Fred T. Haines, of Elkton. She indorsed the check, and, putting it in her bankbook, asked the stage driver to take it to the People's National Bank of Middletown, and deposit it. Upon returning the young man reported that he found the bank closed, but had handed the book and check in the back door to an official, and Mrs. Price rested easily in the belief that the deposit had been made. Meantime, the young man held the check, and Thursday of last week presented it to the Citizens' National Bank of Middletown and had it cashed. He was arrested in Newark, Del., while endeavoring to escape to Baltimore. He had only $18 in his possession when arrested. The remainder of the money is believed to have been sent to Easton by the man in a dress suit case.

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STATEMENT OF THE

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Income	$ 39,324 45
Disbursements	32,688.34
ASSETS.	
Book value on real estate	$ 30,000.00
Mortgage loans on real estate	13,000.00
Demand loans on collateral	31,550.90
Book value of bonds and stock	44,289.25
Cash in office, trust companies & banks	27,750.87
Agents' balances subsequent to Oct. 1st, 1912	5,128.97
Agents' balances prior to Oct. 1st, 1912	703.08
Total ledger assets	$152,422.17
Interest and rents due and accrued	2,016.97
Gross assets	$154,439.14
ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.	
Agents' balances prior to Oct. 1st, 1912	$703.08
Book value of ledger assets over market value 449.25	
Total assets not admitted	$ 1,152.33
Total admitted assets	$153,286.81
LIABILITIES.	
Gross losses adjusted and unpaid	$ 129.52
Losses in process of adjustment	1,421.85
Unearned premiums (re-insurance reserve)	22,779.13
Commissions & brokerage due to agents and brokers	874.80
Re-insurance premiums due other companies	373.21
Capital	$100,000.00
Surplus	27,708.30
Surplus as regards policy holders	127,708.30
Total liabilities	$153,286.81

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

December 31st, 1908	$114,020.55
December 31st, 1909	127,386.96
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