

FOR IMPROVED POTATOES.

We should develop better varieties, says the Department of Agriculture. American progress in the development of improved varieties of potatoes has not been satisfactory as compared with the progress of leading European countries in the attainment of the highest quality of potato industry of the Department of Agriculture.

The best European varieties possess a better flavor, color and texture, particularly for boiling and frying, but these do not succeed when introduced into the United States. If private growers would engage in this work as they have in Great Britain, Germany and Austria, they would find it a fascinating industry and would undoubtedly make notable achievements.

In America, we have much to accomplish in breeding a potato with a greater starch content. Our potatoes are now lower than the German varieties by from 4 to 8 per cent.

Our climatic conditions in America are so diverse that we need varieties of potatoes adapted to special localities. Particularly do we need a heat resistant strain that can more successfully withstand the high summer temperatures. Disease resistance is another quality that has been bred into certain foreign strains, but is so lacking in ours that we have to quarantine absolutely certain foreign types that might bring disease with them.

The breeding of potatoes for different kinds of cooking might even be found profitable. A variety especially suited for boiling is needed, another for frying; a close textured tuber is in some demand for salads. The housewife today finds it necessary to waste much good material in preparing her potatoes for the table, particularly the irregular, deep eyed sorts.

The use of commercial fertilizers universal in Germany is unknown in our western potato districts. Certain of our districts in Maine, New York and the Atlantic trucking belt have already found it to their profit to use

Scene From "Within The Law"



MISS L. ROWE ENTERTAINED TUES. NIGHT

In Honor of Miss Malissa Walker of Small at Home of F. F. Cozzan on West Second Street.

Last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. F. F. Cozzan, 20 West Second Street, Miss Lucy Rowe charmingly entertained from 8:30 to 11:30 in honor of Miss Malissa Walker of Small, N. C.

The home was beautifully decorated and illuminated for the occasion and it proved to be one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season. The feature of the evening was a progressive letter contest and Miss Annie Mae Harmon won the prize which was presented to the guest of honor. Prior to the contest delicious lemonade was served followed by cream and cake. The young ladies serving were Misses Thelma Mayo, Margaret Cozzan, Adell O'Brien and Ella Mae Leonard. Those present and enjoying the evening were: Misses Malissa Walker, Emal; Bertha Van Hook, Collette Wilkinson, Lillian Feele, Ivey Harmon, Annie Mae Harmon, Mary Winfield, Minnie Powell, Julia Powell, Veta Leonard, Flora Fitzgerald, Bolhaven; Messrs. C. A. Turnage, G. L. Midcap, Charles Stanell, J. F. Calloway, J. E. VanHook, Woodson VanHook, Benjamin Roebuck, Gordon Dillard, Harry Phillips.

RAILWAY BILL
Washington, Jan. 29.—Representative Small, of North Carolina, announced the Alaska Railway Bill during debate in the House yesterday. He declared it was an entering wedge for government ownership of railroads; that what was really needed was action by Congress and the Interior Department, by which individuals could open that so-called bottled up territory. Mr. Small said he could see no reason why the government should spend \$35,000,000 for a railroad to exploit Alaska.

SANITARY WORK—WRIGHT'S.
The Victoria Cross.
England's prized Victoria Cross is only won under circumstances of the deadliest peril to its owner. The cross itself is of bronze, cast from cannon taken at Sebastopol inscribed with the words "For Valour." It is the proudest decoration a British subject can wear. The Duke of Newcastle, secretary of state for war in 1845, is credited with having originated the idea of the cross after the Alma, being anxious to institute an English order which all ranks might wear and be proud to wear, like the French Legion of Honor. The cross confers on all below commissioned rank a gratuity of \$50.

MIDDY BLOUSES AND WASH
Dresses, the most practical garments for school wear. See the big sale we make at 50c, 60c and 75c. J. K. Hoyt.

Absolute Prohibition Not Here Yet But Day is Now Coming

(By Miss Sadie Wiswall.)

It is an old saying that still waters run deep. The same truth holds good with the greatest of nature's forces, those that work quietly are the most powerful. Four years ago, a little band of women organized in our town, with a great end in view: that of a time when Prohibition shall prevail, not only in Washington but in our whole country. That day is not here yet but that it is coming no one doubts. Those of our citizens who can look back for a period of years, tell us how remarkable is the change of sentiment in this respect, and it is largely due to these bands of faithful women, which are found in nearly every little town of our great country. This W. C. T. U. was organized by Miss Lillian Pease, with 29 active members and 3 honorary members who were true. By death and removal 11 have been lost, but from time to time new members have come in so that the working force is still efficient. The present officers are: Mrs. M. E. Giles, President; Mrs. W. D. Woolard, vice President; Mrs. E. T. Stewart, Mrs. Bugb. Secretaries; Mrs. O. B. Carmalt, treasurer. Meetings have been held weekly and much educational literature distributed. Within the last year 3 sermons on temperance have been preached, by request and the ladies have used their influence in getting petitions for two important bills: the search and seizure law and the Webb Keeney bill, but the work which is to save your boy, body and soul is not all that is done by the W. C. T. U.

There are other departments, those who are sick and in trouble or need are visited, comforted and cared for, material help is given where ever necessary.

For the year 1913 the receipts have been \$56.55, with disbursement of \$60.76, leaving a balance on hand of \$5.99.

Neglected little children are found and taken to the church and to the school. There is an evangelistic agency which seeks the lost, who are so many more than we like to acknowledge. Many of our citizens know of the good work done in our country home. Every Sunday a service is held, first by one minister and then another. The young people of our church choir co-operate most nobly, some going to every service, and occasionally giving a service of song and praise. The last Thanksgiving and Christmas a beautiful custom was inaugurated—that of sending cards, personally, to those whose only home is the County Home. No good wishes for a happy Christmas can be given more oral pleasure than those sent with the very spirit of Christ. Prayers were also given, and we are glad to know that some of our good citizens, not of the W. C. T. U. have made a habit of bringing Christmas to God's poor, for whom we provide this home. We have no space to tell it all, but can we not close with Paul's message: "I entreat thee also, help those women which labored with me in the gospel—whose names are in the Book of Life." It is a message brought to YOU.

COLLEGE IS POPULAR FOR THE VISITORS

The Collegiate Institute a Mecca for Citizens and Visitors Sunday afternoon. All cordially welcomed.

The Washington Collegiate Institute is becoming more and more popular as a visiting place for law-abiding students on Sunday afternoon. The faculty of the Institute has noticed this growing popularity and at its weekly meeting last Tuesday took official recognition of the same by adopting a resolution assigning to one of its members the duty of receiving visitors every Sunday afternoon between the hours of 1:30 and 5:00. A reception committee of students will also be on hand to aid in conducting small parties around the building, and a visitor's book will be provided in which all visitors are requested to record their signatures.

THE SMARTEST STYLES IN WOMEN'S
Dresses, the most practical garments for school wear. See the big sale we make at 50c, 60c and 75c. J. K. Hoyt.

ATTENDANCE INCREASES AT MEETING

Rev. Mr. Shields Preached a Strong Sermon at Payne Memorial Church Last Night. Music enjoyed.

Attendance increases and interest deepens in the meeting at Payne Memorial church. Extra chairs have been provided and placed in the aisles. Mr. Shields' text last night was James 4:4, "What is Your Life?" He is a fluent speaker, faithful and fearless in declaring the word of God. He is clear, logical and convincing in thought, while his vocabulary is choice and copious.

His preaching carries conviction to the conscience and commands the rapt attention of his audience.

The song service led by Mr. Burr continues to improve; his solos are always worth coming a distance to hear. He puts his whole heart into his singing; his selections are always appropriate, and carry the gospel home to the hearts of his hearers.

There is nothing sippant, frothy or sensational about this evangelist and his singer. Their object is not to entertain but to edify; not to amuse, but to instruct and save.

The meeting is proving a great blessing to the community. You are cordially invited to attend. Services at 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

WITHIN THE LAW COMING HERE FEB. 4

One of the gripping scenes in "Within the Law" Bayard Veiller's successful new play of metropolitan life, which the American Play Company is to offer here at the New Theater Wednesday, on February 4th, provides the spectacle of a professional criminal confessing the guilt for a murder voluntarily and going to his execution because of his devotion to a woman who befriended him in an hour of peril. This play has for its central character a pretty young woman convicted of a crime of which she is innocent, who, upon her release from prison is forced into warfare with the authorities, matching her wits and courage against police brutality and adroitly avoiding the clutches of the law, although she preys upon society at will. The excellent cast engaged for "Within the Law" is in keeping with the standard of excellence of the production of the American Play Company, the producers.

Seats on sale Monday 10:30 a. m., Worthy & Etheridge Drug Store.

HOME WEDDING LAST EVENING AT RESIDENCE OF MR. ROBT. WHITLEY

Last evening at the residence of Mr. Robert Whitley on East Third Street there occurred a beautiful home wedding when Miss Julia Whitley became the bride of Mr. George W. Ball. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The bride is one of the city's popular young ladies and the groom is an energetic and industrious young man, being in the employ of the Cherry Furniture Company.

A SALE OF MIDDY BLOUSES AND WASH
Dresses in a big variety of styles at very low prices. See window display. J. K. Hoyt.

Miss Ida Bills of Nashville, N. C. is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Tucker at Hotel Louise.

OUR NEW SALE OF MUSLIN UNDERWEAR
offers a very large assortment of neatly trimmed and well made garments at remarkably low prices. J. K. Hoyt.

NIGHT COURSE AT INSTITUTE WILL BEGIN

Scheduled to start on Monday February 2. Stenography and Typewriting Among Studies.

Beginning next Monday, February 2nd, evening courses will be given at the Washington Collegiate Institute in the subjects of Stenography, Typewriting, Penmanship, Business Arithmetic and Elementary Book-keeping. The classes will be in charge of Mr. Robert S. Wright, head of the Commercial Department of the Institute. The fees are \$5.00 per month, five lessons a week. Students may enter at any time, and classes can be arranged for at any hour after 6:30 p. m.

This is a splendid chance for any ambitious young men or women of Washington, who have to work during the day time, to secure a business education that will enable them to rise much more rapidly in their chosen line of business, and in time command much larger salaries than would ever be the case otherwise.

TO DEVELOP LARGE TRACT OF LAND IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Mr. W. H. Gaylord, formerly of Gaylords, N. C., was here today on route to Phoenix, N. C., his future home. Mr. Gaylord with his brother Mr. G. O. Gaylord, of Wilmington, N. C., have purchased a large tract of land in Brunswick county which they propose to develop and divide it up into small tracts for sale. Mr. Gaylord has the best wishes of his friends throughout the county in his new undertaking.

NEW THEATER

Three Libertas New Act Today. "The three Libertas," a feature act and considered to be one of the best acrobatic acts of the season will be the attraction at the New Theater today for a three day engagement.

The Libertas require no comment from their act, they played here during last season and created a riot on the bill for the excellent clever stunts.

The Libertas are very young and their marvelous work is a mystery to the stage in which they handle their act. The motion picture program today offers three very high class subjects, and ones that can be depended upon for full value of amusing entertainment. The admission prices are 10c.

RAILROAD SURVEY.

New express rates go into effect throughout the country tomorrow. The Lehigh Valley expects to put into operation its Seneca Falls branch between Auburn and Geneva N. Y., within a few days.

The Pennsylvania railroad has pensioned 7,741 employes during the past four years, and of this number 3,720 have died.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa, is the father of a bill which will inflict stringent restrictions upon the expansion of railroad systems, if it becomes a law.

The measure forbids the expenditure of money or the incurrence of obligations for any purpose other than the extension of the railroad itself, or the improvement of its traffic facilities. It prohibits the leasing, purchasing or acquiring control of any competing line, either rail or water, or the issuance of securities or indebtedness for this purpose or the guaranteeing of the securities of another line.

The Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh will adopt a policy of retrenchment and rather than lay off a vast army of workmen and reduce the freight and passenger agents and clerks the management has decided to demote five vice presidents of the lines, all of them getting big salaries.

Capt. W. B. Henry left this afternoon for Raleigh, N. C., after spending yesterday and today in the city greeting the friends of other years. J. C. Simmons of Fairfield, N. C. is in the city.

FOR SALE—GOOD LEMONS, FULL
boxes. Very reasonable prices. H. B. Mays. 1-29-3tc.

A POPULAR COUPLE ARE MADE ONE

Mr. J. C. Davis and Miss Pamela Simpson United in Marriage this morning At 7:30 o'clock.

This morning at the home of the bride on West Second Street, Miss Pamela Simpson was happily married to Mr. Josephus C. Davis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church. Quite a number of friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the nuptials. Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for a tour of northern cities via the Atlantic Coast Line. The bride wore a handsome going away gown of blue with hat and gloves to match. The following were the attendants: Miss Eloise Mitchell with Mr. Robert Simpson; Miss Essie Phillips with Mr. Weed Davis; Miss Nellie Winfield with Mr. Louis Simpson.

The bride was formerly a resident of Hatteras, N. C., but for the past year has been residing here with her father. She is a woman of culture and possesses a strong personality. Her friends are legion.

The groom is in the employ of Messrs. Suskin and Berry and one of the city's highly esteemed young men. The Daily News joins with their many friends in extending congratulations.

PERSONALS.

W. F. Gaylord of Bath, N. C., is here today on business.

Mrs. John C. Rodman returned from Wilson, N. C., last evening via the Norfolk Southern.

W. G. Lamb, Jr., of Williamston, N. C., is registered at Hotel Louise. The many friends of Dr. S. W. Staley of Rocky Mount, formerly of Aurora, N. C., were glad to see him on our streets today.

T. B. Bailey of Farmville, N. C., arrived in the city last evening on the Norfolk Southern.

Capt. John W. Keys of Raleigh, N. C., was here this morning.

John Paterson of New Bern, is among the guests at Hotel Louise.

W. H. Gaylord, formerly of Gaylord N. C., is here today en route to Phoenix, N. C., where he is now residing.

CARTER TO COMMAND CENTRAL DEPARTMENT

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Major-General William H. Carter, who has been commanding the second army division at Texas City, where he could keep an eye on the Mexicans, will assume charge of the Central Department here within the next few days. The command will be temporary, however, as General Carter will sail for Honolulu early in March to take command of the Hawaiian Department relieving Brig. Gen. Frederick Furston. Major-General J. Franklin Bell, now commanding the Philippine Department will leave the islands in April to take command at Texas City.

EATS GERMS ALIVE. WRIGHT'S
Vacuum Cleaner.

FOR SALE—YOUNG WESTERN
Horse, 6-years-old, weight around 1500 lbs. Broke to wagon, cart and buggy; in fine condition. My only reason for selling is, "too much horse for my work. See C. H. Sterling. 1-29-cod1w

Lyric Theatre

Patronize the Show that Made a Ten Cent Vaudeville Possible. THURSDAY'S OFFERING.

Miss Genevieve Gross, Soprano Prima Donna.

Miss Gross offers very pleasing selections in classical singing. This should appeal to every music lover in Washington. An opportunity which is seldom afforded and we assure you a rich treat awaits you.

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Parts, Ambrosia.

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School Children 5c.
Adults 10c.