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SATURDAY MORNING FEB. 17, 1917

An unkissed maiden, bride and wife died Sunday night in Baltimore. She predicted the hour of her death within 15 minutes. Most folks will agree that a woman who could sail the seas of matrimony without a salute ought to know the hour of her end.

CABBAGE CLIMBS THE LADDER.

Once upon a time, the lowly cabbage was branded a plebian dish. Its strong odor when boiling was considered fit only for the homes of the poor and lowly. A fondness for cabbage was rated to be proof positive of humble birth.

But now all this is changed. Cabbage has climbed the ladder and is now admitted to social circles. It is of the aristocracy aristocratic, for no longer can the plebian afford to pay Lucullian prices for this patrician delicacy.

And it is no longer plain cabbage. It is now Brassica oleracea, but mere brass is cheap when compared to it. If this name doesn't suit you, call it "cab-bage" with the broad "a" accent. And, for goodness' sake, forget that you ever heard of such a dish as corn-beef and cabbage. Its got some highfalutin French name now, at least, it has on the New York cartes-du-jour.

Once upon a time, cabbage, excuse us, Brassica oleracea, sold for a nickel a head in Centreville. Often, it went begging at three pennies a head.

In its leap to patrician circles, however, the vegetable is now sold by the pound. It fetches eight cents per lb. Some grocers have asked a dime per lb. This makes it worth, at the lowest price, just $179.20 a ton. Once it almost went begging at $7 and $8 a ton, wholesale.

Lo, how the humble has risen!

FARMERS, THINK THIS OVER.

Every cargo ship sunk by German submarines lessens the existing world supply of foodstuffs.

So far, nearly 100 cargo-carriers have been sent to Davy Jones' lockers by the Kaiser's sea-dogs. Each carried freight of great quantity and high value.

Everyone knows that the world possesses just so much food and no more. It is not an expansive supply, but is accurately accounted for.

Every wastage of this supply increases the value of that which remains. When a steamship laden with grain, canned goods, meats, etc., goes to the bottom, just so much is gone forever from the supply on hand. It cannot be recovered.

There will be no peace in Europe this year. The Entente Allies have Germany and her supporters by the throat and their grip slowly, but surely, is tightening.

There is no hope, however, that they will be able to break through the Teutonic-Turko-Bulgarian iron ring before next winter. The Kaiser and his allies can hold out longer than that. They mean to fight to the last, for all they possess and hold dear is at stake.

Neither side is giving any serious consideration to peace. The facts make this evident.

It does not appear that Germany and the United States will remain much longer at peace. Many well-informed persons believe that it has been the Teutons' desire, for some time, to bring America into the martial maelstrom.

Now, Europe needs food and most of it must come from America.

If America goes to war, it will need vast quantities of foodstuffs to feed its own soldiers and sailors.

Presto, up will go the prices of all foodstuffs. The speculators who can control the food supply of 1917 will be millionaires in 1918.

Part of the scheme to get this control is involved in buying at low prices and selling at high.

If you keep an open mind and size up the national and international demand for foodstuffs at its true value, you readily can see that, for this year, there is no chance of a superabundancy of foodstuffs.

Indeed, unless the crop and meat production of the United States is increased in 1917, there will be a scarcity rather than a sufficiency of foodstuffs of any kind.

Think this over. Where lies your hope?

ONE DETESTABLE AMERICANISM.

No more is expected of any governmental head on Earth than is demanded from the President of the United States. Yet no ruler is called upon to face greater odds in carrying out his sworn duties.

Why this should be in a nation that parades its love of fair play is one of the puzzles of democracy.

Barring accident or an act of Providence, Woodrow Wilson will be President of the United States for the next four years. He has been entrusted by the sovereign people with the reins of power. His is the hand that is guiding the Ship of State through a veritable maelstrom.

It is not to be expected that citizens of other countries who may be resident in America will rush forward to uphold the President. It is not their loyal duty to do so. But it is the loyal duty of every native and naturalized American to support our chosen leader in every national crisis.

And here is where comes the rub.

Every American, even those who have no power to vote, seems to consider him or her self a self-constituted critic and adviser of the President and Congress in every affair of state. Without pausing to realize that the governmental heads are acting on information and knowledge that, necessarily, cannot be confided to the public, they rush helter-skelter into print or soap-box argument, thereby mixing and messing up things in general without helping to solve diplomatic problems or doing aught but hindering, in many instances, the operation of governmental machinery.

In this is shown the widespread American delight to play to the galleries, a coxcombic joy that brought forth a famous remark from one P. T. Barnum, well supplemented, however, by the qualifications of A. Lincoln, who realized that Americans sometimes quit soaring in the clouds and came down to solid Earth—or most of them do, anyhow.

All of this raises the question if it would not be a sounder policy for Americans in general if they would be more tolerant toward their servants in office.

Usually such men, or women, are put in positions of power because they are considered fit to occupy them. Of course, there are occasions when a wholly worthless, back-pedalling official gets into office, but his day usually ends when his artifices are discovered.

If the public in general would seek to cooperate with men in public opinions—or just be charitable enough to hold back their oral floods of criticism or badinage—such servants would undoubtedly make better officials. They would not be pulled hither and pushed yon by the powers of selfish interests. They would be freer to do their duty as they saw it.

Under present conditions, however, a man, or woman, is scarcely inducted into a public office e'er the bombardment begins with galling effect. Nothing they do will please anyone, it would appear, and they are subjected to one of the most detestable of American traits ere they have half an opportunity to show their mettle.

Let the President, Congress and other officials alone, especially at critical times. If they are incapable, crooked or untrustworthy, kick them out at the next election.

But if they are dong their level best, don't pile your Pelion on their Ossa and thereby hamper them, to the public detriment, at critical moments of national life.

If you expect charity of judgment, be sure to extend it.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Compiled by County Demonstrator Everett F. White.

All progressive farmers always are interested in farmers' institutes. The institutes of the Maryland State College of Agriculture under direction of Dr. Richard S. Hill, the director of Farmers' Institutes, and the county demonstration agent will be held in Queen Annes county during the coming week. The schedule, given elsewhere in this paper, includes Sudlersville on the 21st, Church Hill on the 22nd, Price on the 22nd, Centreville on the 23d and 24th.

The unusual high prices of all farm produce this season especially should interest all farmers in ways and means of increasing their income. Some of the things which you will hear at these institutes you will know already, but it is well that your attention be redirected to some of these to freshen your memory. All of us forget.

Then, besides, there will come up things which you do not know. Some of the leading farmers and agriculturists of Maryland will be speakers. All farmers present at these meetings will be urged to exchange views among themselves, so that you can also have the benefit of your neighbor's experience.

On Dairy Organization.

Mr. John E. George, president of the Queen Annes Cow Testing Association, and County Agent E. F. White, secretary of the same association, were in conference on Tuesday of this week relative to plans for bringing the dairymen of the county together into a countywide organization for mutual benefit.

The purposes of the formation of such an association will be to follow up work with the efforts expended last fall in promoting an advance in the price of milk to our local dairymen. Organization is absolutely essential to obtaining full justice in any business and this is just as true in dairying as it is in any other. All dairymen are urged to remember the dates and to be present at the following institutes:

Sudlersville, Wednesday, February 21.

Church Hill, Thursday, February 22.

Price, Thursday, February 22.

Centreville, Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24.

Sessions 10 A. M., 2 P. M. and 8 P. M. All farmers are urged to attend these meetings and participate in them. Dairymen are especially urged to be present. Tomato growers are reminded that the Queen Annes Tomato Growers' Association Inc., also will hold its next meeting in conjunction with the institute at Centreville on Saturday, February 24, at the afternoon meeting.

Rich Neck Farmers To Meet.

Rich Neck farmers are invited to meet at Union schoolhouse, Rich Neck, at 8 o'clock Monday night, Feb. 19, for the purpose of considering the tomato situation in the neck, with special reference to whether the Rich Neck farmers will organize and join the Queen Annes Tomato Growers' Association.

Institute At Wye This Week.

The annual farmers' institute was held at Wye Mills on Wednesday. Dr. Hill, director of institutes, presided at the meetings. The first speaker at the morning session was County Agent E. F. White, of Queen Annes. He took as his subject "Farm Accounts." Mr. White pointed out that a simple and efficient system of farm bookkeeping was just as essential as reading, writing and spelling to the farmer.

It enables him to locate his "leaks." It tells him which crops pay and which crops are loosers. In the parlance of the street, it lets him know "where he is at." All business is conducted with an accurate set of books. Mr. White did not urge a complicated double entry system of farm bookkeeping, but he brought home the fact that a simple, easily kept system was absolutely essential to the proper earning power of the farm. He recommended the following:

1. That an inventory, or a list of all farm property be made at the first of each year.

2. That a cash account be kept. This to be divided into "Receipts" and "Expenditures." When each item is listed under this account, state the industry for which it was expended or from which it was received.

3. A farm work account to which should be charged all labor of man and beast and differentiated according to the crop for which it is expended.

Mr. Porter Speaks.

The next speaker in the morning was County Agent Porter, of Dorchester, who spoke on tomato growing. Mr. Porter described in minute detail the approved methods of handling tomatoes from seed to maturity. His talk was interesting and to the point. All present thoroughly enjoyed hearing Mr. Porter.

At the afternoon session Dr. S. S. Buckley, livestock extension specialist, discussed livestock diseases with especial reference to the symptoms and control of hog cholera. Dr. Buckley is one of the best informed men on veterinary subjects in the state and his discussions, opinions and remedies in cases cited were most interesting.

County Agent E. F. Walls, of Talbot, was the last speaker at the afternoon session. He took as his subject "Organization." He pointed out what had been done in organization and what organization would do for the farmers of Queen Annes and Talbot if it were utilized. He gave some of the fundamental principles underlying all organizations.

LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Thursday, February 22nd, 1917
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

being a legal holiday, this bank will be closed. Notes maturing on this day must be arranged for.

JOHN F. STOKES
Cashier.

INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals, addressed to County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county, and endorsed "Proposals for building a section of State highway in Queen Anne's County upon or along the Queenstown Road between Queenstown and Centreville for a distance of about 5.4 miles," also sealed proposals endorsed "Proposals for building a section of State Aid highway through the town of Queenstown in Queen Anne's County" for a distance of 0.37 mile, will be received by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, at their office, Centreville, Md., until 12 o'clock noon, of the 27th day of February, 1917, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

All bids must be made upon blank forms to be obtained of the State Roads Commission at its office, 601 Garrett Building, Baltimore, Md., must give the prices proposed both in writing and in figures, and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00), payable to the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county, said check to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract should it be awarded to him.

Plans can be seen and forms of specification and contract may be obtained on cash payment of One ($1.00) Dollar, at the office of the State Roads Commission, Baltimore, Md.

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ORDER NISI

Harvey L. Cooper, Assignee
vs.
Charles E. Gibbs and Sarah Gibbs
In the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County in Equity

ORDERED this 16th day of February, A. D., 1917, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Harvey L. Cooper, assignee herein, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 26th day of April, next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Queen Anne's County once in each of four successive weeks before the 26th day of March, next.

The report states the amount of sales to be [illegible]

Filed February 16th, 1917.

WM. F. WATSON, Clerk.

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SARAH W. BAXTER,

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned

On or before the 17th day of September, 1917, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 13th day of February, in the year 1917.

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Test: WM. T. BISHOP, Reg. of Wills.

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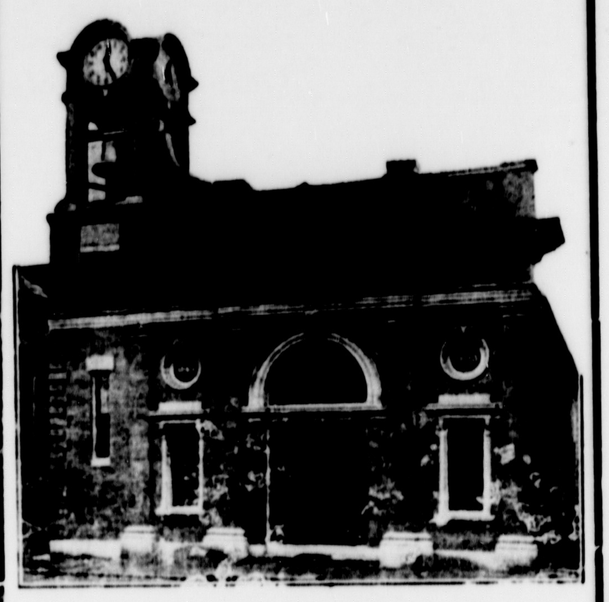

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"The five doctors that attended me failed to relieve my misery and I was very much discouraged when a specialist told me he had done everything in his power. I was still suffering and thought I would never be able to leave my bed. I tried everything suggested, liniments, oils and all external applications. I must have taken a barrel of medicine, and still I suffered.

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