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Special Correspondence.

Washington, April 20, 1905.—The "abandoned farms" of northern Virginia are becoming attractive to northern men, and each year sees additions to the lists of congressmen and others from the north, who have invested in lands which a few years ago were considered practically valueless. Twenty years ago thousands of acres bordering the shores of the Potomac were in the market at from two to four dollars an acre. And many of these "farms" comprising from 300 to 1,000 acres each were improved with old colonial buildings which cost five or ten times the price asked for the entire place.

Eight or ten years ago Senator Stewart, of Nevada, purchased about 600 acres in Loudoun county, some 25 miles up the Potomac. Shortly thereafter, Interstate Commerce Commissioner J. D. Yeomans, Congressman Hall, of Iowa and Wadsworth of New York, with one or two others, formed a company and purchased about 6,000 acres below Washington's former home at Mount Vernon. They stocked the place with several hundred finely bred Jerseys, Guernseys, Holsteins, and grade cows, and established a modern dairy plant on a scientific basis. They supply milk and cream not only to hotels and residences in Washington, but to the winter hotels in Florida as well.

Senator Stewart decided, a year ago, to abandon the dairy business. He sold his "Ashburn Farm" of 600 acres, to a richly equipped dairy farm in the state and Mr. Yeomans, since his retirement from the interstate commerce commission, is devoting all his attention to his agricultural interests. He purchased, in addition to the Ashburn farm, about 1,800 acres in another block, from the senator, and it is likely that he will dispose of the latter to other northern men who are looking to Virginia as promising great possibilities in agriculture.

Frank G. Carpenter, the traveler and writer, is another northern man who has invested in the lands of the Old Dominion, and half a dozen others might be named. With proper methods, it has been demonstrated, the soil of the state can again be made productive and its cultivation profitable. With cheap lands, an excellent climate, and capital enough to make a test any man may expect excellent returns for his investment in cattle raising and fruit growing in the state south of the Potomac, which is known as "The Mother of Presidents."

### CANAL COM. PURCHASING AGT.

There is a strong probability that as soon as he returns to Washington President Roosevelt will offer the position of purchasing agent of the Panama canal commission to Col. Joseph Minette, now occupying a like position with the Southern railroad. Col. Minette was attached to the staff of Gen. William Mahone during the Civil war and when that fiery little fighter abandoned the Democratic party and joined the Republicans "Joe" Minette took all the chances of social and political ostracism which such a course meant and followed his military leader in his politics. Twenty years ago an ex-Confederate Republican was looked upon as a pariah in Virginia. But Minette persisted in his political course and today there is no more popular official of the Great Southern railway system than the colonel. It is not only on account of his popularity that he is likely to be invited to connect himself with the Panama commission. It is, in fact, far more on account of his recognized ability as an administrator of supplies required by a great corporation.

"We all like Col. Minette," remarked the agent of a railway supply house in speaking of the possible change today, "and we hope that he will be appointed and will accept. The reason is not altogether disinterested. Col. Minette can talk the most sourest of all corporations into a 5 per cent discount on rock bottom prices, and if he gets out of the Southern we shall have a better chance to make a few dollars profit on our sales to that railroad." The president is determined to obtain absolutely the best available man for the position, which is regarded as one of the highest importance. Such men as Minette are scarce and if his services can be secured it will not only be a great card for the government but serve as an absolute insurance policy against "grafts" in any form.

### A SURE SIGN OF SPRING.

Spring is not looked upon as having arrived in Washington until the "daughters" of the American Revolution have come and gone. The "daughters" were here this week and already the signs of

spring are in the air. The resident set of the national capital do nothing in the way of new clothes until after the "daughters" have set the pace. Their gowns and their hats are looked upon as the proper "mode." They come from all points of the compass. The country's best milliners and dress makers are employed to "daughters" hats and dresses for the descendant of revolutionary sires and the edifices they construct are wonderful to behold. The resident and fashionable set of the national capital retire to their caves until the "daughters" get away and then they blossom forth in imitation of their more fortunate sisters.

### MR. HYDE TELLS AGENTS WHY HE DIDN'T RESIGN.

New York, April 22.—The letter sent to agents of the Equitable Life Assurance society yesterday by Vice President Hyde was the subject of a meeting held at the Equitable building by those of the agents who have remained in the city. Mr. Hyde's letter explained why he had not heeded their request for his resignation. The subject of the meeting was to decide whether they ought to make a reply.

After some discussion it was decided that the convention had adjourned without day Thursday, at the Hotel Savoy, the meeting could not be reopened unless all of the agents were present. No reply was framed.

One of the committee which presented the conference's request to Mr. Hyde, said today:

"It is not true that Mr. Hyde was the instigator of the present controversy. The year ago Mr. Hyde himself sought to have the board of directors elect the president and authorize the latter to appoint the policyholders of the society. My assertion about this is substantiated by the official records of the meeting of the board of directors when Mr. Hyde sought to put his project through."

J. W. Estes, of Chicago, one of the secretaries of the conference of the general agents and managers, said Mr. Hyde's letter, instead of satisfying the policyholders, would make them more determined than ever that the first vice president should resign.

Mr. Estes declared that Mr. Hyde was not at all definite in his answer to the general agents and the managers, reflecting the views of the policyholders.

"Mr. Hyde's presumed answer to the other side," said Mr. Estes, "is not an answer to the policyholders and does not tell them what they want to hear."

Mr. Estes added: "If the \$400,000,000 assets and \$50,000,000 surplus of the Equitable belong, not to the policyholders, but to the stockholders, then the Equitable business has been built upon false pretenses and amends and legal redress will have to be made to the policyholders."

"But as to what we can do now in the way of a reply to Mr. Hyde's absurd brief, I don't know. The convention has adjourned. The Hyde reply, in my estimation, must simply be inserted in the minutes of the meeting, which are soon to be printed, and sent to all the members of the association."

"In that respect Mr. Hyde was a fox. He got in the last word and there is no way for the convention to get back at him for a year."

Joseph Bowes of Baltimore, member of the executive committee of the National Association of Equitable Agents, said today:

"I am going to find some way to get up an adequate reply, without waiting for the next annual meeting of the association. Such arrogant assumption of one-man power in a company that has obtained all its business by representing itself to be a mutual concern I never beheld before."

"Doesn't the man realize that the general agents have thousands of dollars' worth of assets tied up in future revenues of contracts which would be worthless if Hyde continued his hurtful notoriety? We will get up a reply all right. We won't let that Hyde letter be the last word on this subject."

### PORTLAND MINING SUIT.

The Jury Brought in a Verdict For Burns.

Council Bluffs, Ia., April 23.—The jury in the Portland mining suit, in which James Doyle brought suit to recover an amount aggregating \$1,000,000, which he alleged was due him for his interest in the Portland Wave, Hobbs and Doyle's Own claims, now a part of the property of the Portland Mining company, at midnight brought in a verdict for Burns.

The verdict was short, reading as follows: "We, the jury, find for the defendant, James F. Burns."

The jury had been out 57 hours and took 74 ballots. Following the reading of the verdict 12 interrogatories were delivered to the jury by Judge Green, five of which were answered, all in favor of Burns.

James Doyle, the defendant, was present when the verdict was read, but Burns had retired. Doyle declared that he would again bring suit against Burns in Colorado for a settlement for services performed by Doyle on the claims.

### A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

Sent by President Roosevelt to Senator Platt's Family.

Washington, Conn., April 23.—A message of condolence and expressive of his grief over the death of United States Senator O. H. Platt came to Mrs. Platt from President Roosevelt this afternoon. It was sent from Glenwood Springs, Colo. The message also contained an expression of regret at the inability of the president to attend the funeral. In accordance with the request of Mrs. Platt, the text of the message will be given out. There were many other messages of condolence received.

On the night that Senator Platt died Mrs. Platt said the body would not lie in state or be publicly viewed on the day of the funeral. Mrs. Platt still adheres to her decision, and on Tuesday the casket will be taken from the house only a few minutes before the time for the church services to begin, and at the conclusion of the service it will be borne to the grave. The only vehicle which will be used in the funeral procession will be the house to the church will be the wagon in which the casket will be placed. The family and mourners will follow on foot, the distance being less than half a mile.

### A Murder in Honolulu.

Honolulu, April 23.—A murder today followed a quarrel last night over a woman at a dance. E. Gonsalves and Frank Toro, Porto Ricans, were the parties to the quarrel. The men met today in a cannery of the Honolulu plantation and Toro attacked Gonsalves with a whip.

Gonsalves used a knife and cut Toro's throat. Gonsalves then horribly mutilated Toro's body, eight cuts being inflicted, any one of which would have been fatal.

When Gonsalves was arrested he admitted the guilt and assisted the officers in their search for the knife.

## A NEW TRACK AROUND EDSON CUT

One Being Constructed Where  
Landslide Occurred on the  
Union Pacific

### TO BE COMPLETED WEDNESDAY

Passengers Are Being Transferred by  
Wagon—Some Narrow Escapes  
At Time of Accident.

Omaha, April 23.—Reports received at the Union Pacific headquarters state that a new track is being constructed around Edson cut, where a serious landslide occurred yesterday. Passengers are being transferred by wagon. The new track will be completed by noon Wednesday.

### FOUR LIVES LOST.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 22.—Westbound freight No. 57 on the Union Pacific was buried by a rock slide a few feet west of Edson tunnel, 100 miles west of Cheyenne, tonight. The 1,000-foot Edson bore is filled with wrecked cars, and four lives are known to have been lost.

All trains will be delayed from 24 to 36 hours. Passengers, express, mail and baggage will be transferred around the wreckage. Shortly after passing through the tunnel the train struck a slide. The engine was thrown from the track and Engineer Nelson, Fireman Hook and Head Brakeman Irving, all of Laramie, were buried under the wreckage, which was later completely buried by another slide.

### Panama Health Conditions.

Washington, April 23.—The March health report of Col. W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of the isthmian canal zone, received here today, shows a steady improvement in conditions there.

There were about 9,000 employees of the commission at the end of the month. The sick in hospitals numbered 173, and the total deaths for the month were only 11. This is equal to a rate of 14 per 1,000, a rate which Col. Gorgas says would be considered favorable anywhere.

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The wrecking of the train filled the tunnel with derailed and broken cars, and a portion of the mountain caved in, completely choking the bore.

A wrecking outfit with saws and other assistance aboard was sent to the scene from Laramie and Rawlins, and large gangs of men were put at work clearing the track at each end of the tunnel. It will be impossible to build a track around the tunnel, and it may be several days before the overland trains can resume their journey.

The body of an unknown tramp has been recovered.

### SOME NARROW ESCAPES.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 23.—Reports from the scene of the Edson tunnel accident, 25 miles east of Rawlins, state that Engineer Nelson of the Union Pacific freight train engine, which was partially buried by a landslide, was removed from his engine without a scratch.

The head brakeman also escaped injury, and Fireman Hook was not dangerously hurt.

The name of the dead tramp has not been learned.

The accident was caused by the train jarring rock and earth loose just west of the portal of the tunnel. Seven cars were caught under the slide and plunging over caused a portion of the portal of the tunnel to fall.

It will be 24 hours before trains can pass Edson.

Mail is being transferred in wagons a distance of three miles. All eastbound passenger trains are being held at Rawlins and westbound trains at Laramie.

A severe rain and snowstorm is in progress, and this is interfering with the work of clearing away the debris of the wreck.

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which one was in Panama. In the previous 30 days there had been 12 cases. Every house in Panama City has been fumigated; a great many of them several times.

### Saloons Closed Tight.

St. Louis, April 23.—Saloons and barbers here were closed today. At East St. Louis, Ill., the saloons were permitted to be open, but Mayor Cook issued a statement to the effect that all saloons which became disorderly would close instantly. Several lights started from efforts of authorities to enforce the closing law on the Missouri side.

### Earthquake in England.

London, April 23.—An earthquake lasting several seconds and occasioning much alarm, was felt about 2 o'clock this morning throughout Derbyshire and Yorkshire and the adjacent districts. There was trifling damage to walls and roofs in some places, but nothing serious is yet reported.

### Tornado in Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 23.—A tornado passed over west Texas today and did much damage, but no lives were lost so far as has been reported. At Snyder the Methodist church was blown off its foundation. Several residences were unroofed and windmills badly damaged.

At Guthrie, in King county, several hundred miles northwest of here, the courthouse and two residences were wrecked.

### Perdicaris in New York.

New York, April 23.—Ion Perdicaris, who was captured by Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit, and held for a ransom, has Tangier, several months ago, is now in New York resting from the fatigue of his voyage from Europe before going to his home in Trenton, N. J. He will not be interviewed at present.

### Doctors' Meeting Broken Up.

Ufa, Eastern Russia, April 23.—As a meeting of local doctors, called ostensibly to discuss the cholera, was about to pass illegal resolutions the doors were burst open and the chief of police, under orders from the governor of the province, cleared the hall.

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# Special Price for MONDAY

Plump Dongola, Patent Tip, Light and Heavy Sole Shoes for  
Misses', 12 to 2 . . . \$1.15  
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### Dress Goods and Domestics.

An unusually strong attraction in spring weight henriettes, light and dark colors, 25 pieces to select from. Ladies' houses charge 35c and 40c a yard for them. **20¢**

NOVELTY SUITINGS—consisting of flannel, wool, and rayon, in all the latest shades and patterns. Not one piece in the lot worth less than 40¢. **40¢**

COTTON BETTIMINES in pretty delicate shades with printed contrasting polka dots, sold here and elsewhere at 25c the yard. **12½¢**

ART DENIMS—10 pieces of fine figured art denims in light and dark effects, the best 35c value in the city. **15¢**

FIGURED LAWNS—Seventy-five pieces of fast colored printed lawns. You've always paid 10c a yard for them. **5¢**

STANDARD PRINTS—The same light and dark colors, a staple domestic never before. **5¢**

FERTALES—On ordered and fifty pieces of fine wash percale, a splendid buy at 10c the yard. **7½¢**

CAMBRIC—A soft finished fine 8½¢ quality. **8½¢**

MIXTURE—Our regular 60c unbleached muslin for this sale. **5¢**

### Ribbons.

We have just received our spring shipment of ribbons. Nearly 500 bolts of silk and velvet ribbons that include a handsome showing of pretty novelties.

WASH TAFFETA—An all silk wash taffeta ribbon, 3 and 4 inches wide, all shades and colors. Sold regularly at 50¢ yard. **14¢**

WASH AND SATIN TAFFETA—We put on sale 100 bolts of wash and satin taffetas in all the plain colors and twenty-five pieces of polka dot novelties, widths 4 to 6 inches, values 35c to 60¢ yard. **23¢**

VELVET RIBBONS—An all silk satin black velvet ribbon in black and colors, 2 and 2½ inches wide, **17¢**

VELVET RIBBONS—All silk satin, black, white and colored, 40c, 50c, and 60c values, ½ and 2 inches wide. **20¢**

BLACK VELVET RIBBONS—An all silk satin black velvet ribbon, 2½ and 3 inches wide, never offered for less than 75c the yard. **39¢**

### Fancy Sofa Pillows.

We purchased recently a sample line of Novelty Sofa Pillows. It comprises an entire variety of novelty covers on all feather pillows, large size, deep ruffles, no two alike. Would sell regularly at \$1.00 and \$1.50 each. Commencing Monday until closed out. **60¢**

### Soap.

A SPECIAL SALE OF SOAPS.

Pure Castile Soap, worth 35¢ to the bar. **35¢**

"Snowberry" Soap, the large 10c cake. **4¢**

Oatmeal and Pilegrim Soap, this week only. **4¢**

Pure Transparent Glycerine Soap, as a special. **4¢**

"Elderflower," "Glycerine," "Oatmeal" and "Honey." Kirk's best 10c cake soap, this sale 5c cakes for. **21¢**

Hotel Soap, a pure oatmeal soap, put up in hotel size, regular 5c cake, dozen. **25¢**

### Corsets.

The celebrated W. B. Tape Girdle Corset in pink or white figured batiste, prettily trimmed with lace and ribbon, always sell at \$1.00. **70¢**

The straight front W. B. White Batiste Corset, lace and ribbon trimmed, with the new dip hip, always. **70¢**

American Lady, the new model, long skirt girdle, straight front, lace and ribbon trimmed, white. **80¢**

Only \$1.35 regular "Girdle Corset" made of American Lady "Girdle Corset" made of fine white batiste, supporters in front, lace and ribbon trimmed. **95¢**

### Shoes.

We continue our great Shoe Sale this week. Any pair of Ladies', Misses' and Children's shoes at the actual first cost. Nothing in the city so stylish and up-to-date as the new models made by T. & D. Dunn; Shoes and Oxfords for this spring's wear. All the new shades in Tans.

MEN'S SHOES—We are especially strong on Men's Fine Dress Shoes. All the most popular leathers in the new shapes. Any \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 shoes in the store for. **\$2.50**

### Towels.

As a special for this sale we offer one hundred pairs of rich Damask and Fine Huck Towels, hemstitched and pleated edges, towel size, each pair for less than \$1.00 the pair. As a leader for this sale, each. **25¢**

### Laces.

We have taken all our finer appliances and assortments of white and black widths 3 to 8 inches, values \$1.50 to \$1.75 the yard, for this sale choice. **50¢**

Silk, Linen, Wood Fiber Appliques, elegant and rich laces, worth from \$2.00 and \$3.00 the yard, choice. **95¢**

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FOR THE COMPLEXION.

CURE SICK HEADACHE.

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SILK SHIRT WAIST SUITS—Come in rich changeable silk, in shades of brown and tan, with fine pin stripes; another line, in plain colors, of blues, browns and greens. A rich suit of fine shirred silk, worth \$25.00 always. **\$15.00**

SILK SHIRT WAIST SUITS—Of splendid material, all shades of tan, brown, light and dark blues and greens; we have always sold them at \$15.00; on sale Monday. **\$14.25**

SHIRT WAIST SUITS—No house in this city will show this season a prettier line of wash shirt waist suits than those we have just received. Prices are from one-third to one-half less than you will pay elsewhere. **25¢**

BABY DRESSES—Good wash percale dresses for the baby; cheaper than you can make 'em, 30¢ we've been selling them for. **25¢**

Gloves.

"Trafalgar," "Amazon," "Nicholas." "Euse." These are the big four in ladies' dress gloves. No other house can sell them to you at less than \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2 the pair. Our price during the sale. **\$1.25**

SILK GLOVES—The Amsterdam is the perfection of silk gloves. Come in black, white, brown, slate, ponceau and champagne. The \$1 value. **75¢**

The 75c values at 50c.

LINEN GLOVES—Ladies' Gordon Hile gloves in black, white and slate. These are the standard 50c gloves. **20¢**

Underwear.

Just received a new line of summer knit underwear, purchased a sample line that includes all garments for ladies and misses. They will be sold at the usual big discount allowed on samples.

VESTS—Ladies' extra fine gauge vests with long sleeves and high neck, the sale. **25¢**

LINEN VESTS—A splendid cotton and linen mixed vest for ladies in long sleeves and high neck, a good 75c garment. **40¢**

DRAWERS—A fine gauge, lace trimmed umbrella drawers that we always sell for 60c. **35¢**

UNION SUITS—Ladies' summer knit Union Suits, knee length and umbrella lace trimmed drawers. **59¢**

BOYS' UNION SUITS—made of good balbriggan, ankle length, 75c suits. **59¢**

Hosiery.

We have a big assortment of ladies' out sizes in hose, have taken all makes in cotton, silk and lace hose that sell for 65c and 75c the pair, and offer them at. **35¢**

WAISTS—We purchased five hundred drummer's samples of new spring and summer waists, in all the popular wash fabrics and silks. They are the most advanced styles on the market, values from \$1.25 to \$10.00 each. We will sell them at the REGULAR WHOLESALE COST PRICES.

UNDERSKIRTS—Good black sateen underskirts, with wide accordion pleated flounce, two ruffles at bottom. The \$1.00 skirts. **98¢**

WRAPPERS—Fine wash percale wrappers, cape shoulders and deep flounce at bottom. You've always paid \$1.35 for this quality. **98¢**

WRAPPERS—We have a big stock of flannelette wrappers, in sizes 32 to 34 only; they are \$1.35 values; on account of limited sizes, each. **40¢**

A good black cotton hose, Hermsdorf dye, a splendid value at 25c the pair. This sale. **10¢**

BOYS AND MISSES—Another table will table bargain for Monday of boys and misses' stockings that are worth 25c the pair. **17¢**

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LADIES' HOSE—A fine Hile lace stocking, very pretty designs and unusually good 40c values. **25¢**

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