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CAMPAIGN OPENS WITH MANY CANDIDATES

HOTTEST POLITICAL FIGHT EVER

Thos. H. Lion Candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney—Joe E. Maxwell for Clerk—Bryan Gordon for Legislature.

Candidates are swinging into line for the various county offices and the campaign of nineteen hundred and eleven is on. Not in many years have candidates been so numerous as now, indicating an unusual interest in the forthcoming election and foreshadowing one of the hottest political fights in the history of Prince William county.

Thos. H. Lion yesterday stated positively that he will be a candidate for commonwealth's attorney. He will make his official announcement next week. Mr. Lion has represented Prince William county for four terms in the Virginia House of Delegates, has served as mayor of Manassas and as justice of the peace. H. T. Davies is in the field to succeed himself as commonwealth's attorney.

Jas. E. Herrell will be a candidate for county clerk. He has resigned as county treasurer after continuous service since July 1, 1899, and prior to that time had been deputy county clerk and deputy sheriff. J. F. Lewis also is a candidate for county clerk.

J. P. Leachman, G. G. Tyler, John A. Morgan, and J. L. Moser have announced their candidacy for county treasurer. The friends of G. Raymond Ratcliffe are endeavoring to prevail upon him to run for the office.

Among those mentioned for the House of Delegates are Bryan Gordon, C. J. Meetze, C. A. Sinclair, George C. Round and Robert A. Hottelison.

Frank Rorabaugh and C. A. Barbee are candidates for sheriff and Dan Kincheloe, James Gulick and Andrew Pringle are mentioned as candidates for supervisor from Manassas district.

MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Separate hours for use of playgrounds by students in various grades was suggested by High School students who interviewed members of the Manassas School Board last Saturday. The matter was referred to Prof. Button for adjustment. The following bills were allowed:

Work on heating plant at Ruffner Building.....	\$25 00
Use of safe-box in bank for four years.....	4 00
Work on agricultural plots and janitor service.....	59 25
J. K. Eard, printing blanks.....	4 50
32 volumes "Making of Literatures" for library.....	4 00
Repairs to colored school building.....	7 00

VOCAL RECITAL.

The vocal class conducted by Mrs. Frances Thomas Gordon gave an excellent vocal recital at Eastern College last Monday. The following program was rendered:

Elliad.....	A. Von Fielitz
Annals.....	Anna Mather
(a) The Night Was a Thousand Eyes.....	Jerrit Smith
(b) Slumber.....	Marie Clark
Recessary for movement.....	Lady Arthur Hill
Lullaby.....	B. Godard
Oh, how I love you.....	Stewart Hinson
Op. 32, No. 5.....	A. Rubenstein
Annals from Manassas.....	S. de Lange

President and Mrs. Roop, of Eastern College, will be "at home" to the faculty and students next Saturday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. Reservations should be made at the first Saturday evening of each month thereafter.

DEATH SUMMONS HONORED CITIZEN

T. O. TAYLOR PASSES AWAY

Confederate Veteran and Former Mayor of Manassas—Funeral Saturday—Interment in Confederate Cemetery.

In the shadow of the Confederate monument, emblem of the cause for which he fought valiantly, the body of Thomas O. Taylor was laid to rest in the Confederate cemetery last Saturday afternoon. He died Thursday night at eleven o'clock, the end coming peacefully as though in sleep. He had started down town, but overcome with fatigue had returned home after proceeding a short distance. He was stricken shortly after four o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Taylor was 77 years old. During the Civil war he served with the Fifth Texas Infantry, fighting in the battles of The Wilderness and Seven Pines and other engagements, and during the battle of Seven Pines was assigned to a hospital corps in Richmond.

Mr. Taylor engaged in business at Hickory Grove at the close of the war and was appointed postmaster there. He moved to Manassas in 1892 from Charlestown, W. Va. For two years he was associated in the lumber business with W. Hill Brown. Mr. Taylor was mayor of Manassas for several successive terms.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his widow, two sons and four daughters. The children are Mrs. Alice Hutchinson of Loudoun county, Miss Selina Taylor, Mrs. Weir, and Mrs. C. A. Sinclair, of Manassas; T. Ramsay Taylor of Norfolk, and B. Copway Taylor of Baltimore.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rev. Leslie Robinson, former rector of the church, conducting the services. The pallbearers were Geo. C. Round, William M. Wheeler, W. C. Wagener, A. W. Sinclair, G. Raymond Ratcliffe and Dr. C. R. Johnson.

FIRE DESTROYS HOOK RESIDENCE

BURNS DOWN IN HALF HOUR

Blaze at Independent Hill Causes Loss of \$3,000 Partly Covered by Insurance—Defective Fire Cause.

In less than thirty minutes after he discovered fire breaking through the ceiling of the dining room in his home at Independent Hill shortly after one o'clock Sunday afternoon, J. W. Hook saw the building and contents a mass of smoldering ruins. Four valuable hound puppies sleeping by the kitchen stove perished in the flames. The loss is estimated at \$3,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire originated in a defective fuse. Mr. Hook plans to rebuild as soon as the weather will permit.

Only by desperate efforts the property was saved from destruction last year, when 350 acres of surrounding timber caught afire, laying waste 100 acres owned by Mr. Hook.

The fire Sunday destroyed seed of the yellow corn with which Mr. Hook took first prize for the Eighth Congressional District at the Corn Show in Manassas last fall.

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MODERN ATHLETIC FIELD FOR EASTERN

PLAN VALUABLE IMPROVEMENT

Ask Co-operation of Citizens in Project—Additional Attractive Feature for Residential Town.

By J. R. HAYES
Manager Eastern College Base Ball Team

The proposed athletic field for Eastern College will be a valuable improvement for Manassas. Hayden Field will be made a great athletic park, if the college authorities can secure a lease on the property. It is planned to have the athletic square occupy the central portion of a residential subdivision, greatly increasing land values.

A park of this description will be a strong advertisement for Eastern College and Manassas. The base ball schedule includes games with Fordham University, Dartmouth College, Cornell University, Amherst College and others of equal note. You can readily see that with the appearance here of teams representing the leading educational institutions playing base ball, Manassas will gain wide publicity through publication of the games in metropolitan newspapers.

Then, too, the proposed athletic field would be an additional inducement for prospective residents, who are base ball or foot ball enthusiasts. Manassas possesses many residential advantages, not the least being College activities.

Members of the Business League and other citizens should unite with athletic authorities of Eastern College in securing permanent possession of the field. It will prove a paying investment.

Geo. G. Tyler is in Richmond attending the council of the Episcopal Church which will elect an assistant bishop to succeed Dr. Lloyd, who resigned some time ago. Dr. Clarkson was elected delegate and Mr. Tyler alternate from Haymarket church, but Dr. Clarkson was too ill to make the trip.

MISS ORMA BROWN WINS GUILD PRIZE

ART AWARD TO MANASSAS PUPIL

High Recognition in National Competition—Secures Badge and Membership in School Arts Guild.

Miss Orma Brown, a pupil in the seventh grade of the Manassas public schools, won the fourth prize, "The Badge of the Guild," and membership in the Guild, offered by the School Arts Guild, of Boston, Mass., in the December contest in drawing. This contest is open to all pupils in drawing in any school in the United States. Drawings were submitted from all parts of the country. Miss Brown's drawing will appear in a future number of the School Arts Book.

The drawings of Roswell Round, of the eighth grade, and of Hilda Hottle, of the sixth grade, were highly complimented. Miss Sara Stanford Lewis is the instructor in drawing. Parents are invited to visit the schools and inspect the work done by the pupils.

Many applications are being received for enrollment in the model vocal classes being organized by Frances Thomas Gordon at Eastern. The classes will begin work next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. One class is composed of children from ten to thirteen years old, and the other from fourteen to eighteen years.

ARRINGTON SUCCEEDS TREASURER HERRELL

FILLS THE UNEXPIRED TERM

Capt. Herrell in Communication Makes Statement of Resignation—Selection Meets General Approval.

D. J. Arrington yesterday was appointed county treasurer by Judge J. B. T. Thornton to fill the unexpired term of Jas. E. Herrell, who has resigned. Mr. Arrington has thirty days in which to qualify, but probably will take charge of the office within ten days. His bond is fixed at \$40,000 and the order of his appointment now is being entered. Mr. Arrington will fill the term of Mr. Herrell which expires December 31, 1912.

Of the many citizens mentioned as successor to Mr. Herrell, a better selection than Mr. Arrington could not be made.

Mr. Herrell resigns the office of county treasurer after having served continuously since July 1, 1899. He states his position in the following communication:

Manassas, Va., Feb. 1, 1911.

To the Editors of THE DEMOCRAT:

Allow me through the medium of your paper to explain to my friends the cause of my resignation, and to do so briefly will give as near as I remember extracts from letter I wrote to Judge Thornton yesterday.

"The failure of my sureties, The Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, making it necessary for me to put up another bond, and making other bonding companies unwilling to bond hold-over treasurers without putting them to great delay, trouble and expense, I have by tendering resignation with the request that you appoint my successor as early as practicable."

Judge Thornton has been very kind and considerate, giving me all the time that I asked for to secure another bond, refusing to appoint any one not satisfactory to me and who would not agree to give me every opportunity to settle my affairs without hurry or loss, and has appointed Mr. D. J. Arrington.

The affairs of the treasurer's office will go on as usual; all warrants paid on whatever fund drawn, and, of course, unpaid bills should be promptly settled. I am very grateful to my friends for the warm support heretofore shown me and will let them hear from me in your next issue more fully.

HEART APPEAL PLAY BY DRAMATIC CLUB

ESMERALDA ON FEBRUARY 17

Eastern College Talent Exhibiting for Strong Production—Dramatization from Burnett Book.

Rehearsals are in progress for "Esmeralda," a comedy in four acts, to be presented by Eastern College Dramatic Club in Conner's Hall, Friday evening, February 17. A highly meritorious production is promised. "Esmeralda" was dramatized from Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's book. The original cast included Annie Russell and ran 350 nights in New York.

CAST OF CHARACTERS	
Elbert Rogers.....	Raymond E. Baker
Mrs. Lydia Ann Rogers.....	Louise Mather
Miss Emmeline Rogers.....	Miss Emmeline Rogers
Eula M. Shryock.....	Eula M. Shryock
Cornelius Herrell.....	Cornelius Herrell
P. N. Beeson.....	P. N. Beeson
Jack Desmond.....	Claude Kirby
Wes Nora Desmond.....	Claudia Waters
Miss Kate Desmond.....	Mary C. Farrar
George de Montebank.....	Bouffard
George Drew.....	C. L. Rody

Act 1. Home of Esmeralda in North Carolina.
Act 2. Paris. Studio of American artist for whom Esmeralda is posing.
Act 3. Paris. During a ball at the home of Esmeralda.
Act 4. Same as Act 1.

Directors of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company met Tuesday. Drilling delayed by coal shortage has been resumed. The eight-inch casing was pulled last week and water packing installed.

PASS ANNUITY ORDER THEN RESCIND ACTION

LAID OVER TO NEXT MEETING

Baldwin Annuity Ordinance Gets Vote of Five to Three—Unanimous Consent of Council Necessary.

Payment of the Baldwin annuity, by levying a tax of ten cents on each \$100 valuation of real and personal property in Manassas, was ordered by the council Monday night by a vote of five to three, but the action was rescinded, and the ordinance left in committee until the next regular meeting. The failure of the ordinance to secure unanimous consent and the fact that it was considered out of order, necessitated that it be carried over. The annuity of \$600 is payable to Isaac E. Baldwin and his wife for property conveyed to Eastern College for educational purposes.

Councilmen Conner, Hynson, Wheeler, Speiden and Prescott voted for the ordinance, and Councilmen Evans, Nash and Newmān voted against it.

W. M. Wheeler was elected councilman to succeed Walter Shannon, J. B. C. Johnson declining to qualify.

J. B. Lyna and J. M. Jeffries were granted permission to use the property at the northwest corner of South and Main streets for a blacksmith shop and make necessary alterations.

A building permit was issued to Mrs. F. S. Brand for a residence to cost \$2,000, with an addition of Grant avenue extension.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ALLOWED AND ORDERED PAID:

A. Conner, ten cedar posts.....	\$ 2 50
Bennett & Blum, wood.....	1 00
William Betts, salary for January.....	50 00
J. W. Wilcox, salary for January.....	30 00
W. L. Bector, repairing lamps.....	20 00
G. Raymond Ratcliffe, salary for January.....	5 00
Brown & Hoof, supplies.....	3 94
Supplies Fire Department.....	36 90
Standard Oil Co., oil.....	11 55

OPEN MEETING OF LITERARY SOCIETY

JEFFERSONIANS WILL ENTERTAIN

Excellent Program Including Debate and Musical Features Tomorrow Night in College Chapel—Public is Invited.

Instruction and entertainment are happily combined in the program to be given by the Jeffersonian Literary Society in Eastern College Chapel tomorrow, Friday evening. The public is cordially invited. Following is the program:

Address of Welcome.....	W. T. Davidson
Declaration.....	E. E. Baker
Duet.....	R. E. Baker, Z. D. Robertson
Reading.....	J. A. Mather
Oration.....	M. W. Maris
Chronicle.....	I. C. Kiser
Selection.	
Debate: "Resolved, That Corporal Punishment should be abolished in the public schools." Affirmative, C. L. Rody, R. A. Kelly. Negative, J. E. Hayes, M. E. Ritter.	
Music.....	H. B. Ritter
Oration.....	Z. D. Robertson

The Rev. Clark S. Thomas, pastor of the First Universalist Church, Eight, III., is going to start a motion picture show in lieu of sermons. "I have tried everything to gain attention," he said, "and I have found that the old stereopticon lectures are as much out of date as the old style of preaching. Now I am going to try a moving picture show." Dr. Thomas said he believed the church had become as much of an educational as a religious institution.

WHAT DID GIRLS TELL TOODLES?

REVEAL MYSTERY IN MIMIC COURT

Star Spooners Tell Experiences—Imaginary Clash of Rivals Interests Inquisitive Crowd in Court.

The girls told Toodies. This is the sentimental secret that leaked out in mimic court at Eastern College last Saturday afternoon when W. W. Garrison faced the charge of assault upon I. O. Kibler with intent to kill. Some girls giggled, several young fellows flushed angrily, a professor or two made rapid memoranda, but none appeared surprised. Toodies is grand worthy president of heartbreakers in this section.

CHAIR WARMERS
Champion parlor-chair warmers, expert hand-holders and strong pressure hot-air artists testified of "go-in's-on" that make romances of Bertha M. Clay and Laura Jean Libbey look like a worn duce in a new deck. They told how they would put on their minstrel clothes and deal out the confidence lingo while parlor lamps burn low and the old folks are snoring upstairs.

ACE HIGH

But the band never begins to play, they say, until Toodies and Kibler give the signal by appearing on the scene. And then it never stops until stern commands are given from the head of the stairs. All the girls, 'twas told in court, ignore the other boys, like a pay-car would pass up a trap, when Toodies and Kibler are around. They are the opening kids, and have left their thumb-marks in every photograph-album they ever made a stall of looking through.

CANDY KID

However, their gay companionship was rudely interrupted when both fell in love with the same girl. They came to blows, fistic not vocal, over some candy. Kibler's hold on the affections of the girl stuck stronger than ever when he told her that he owned a candy factory. He stretched his imagination to a point where he had both the girl and Toodies working for him, but in different parts of the building. But what did the girls tell Toodies?

They told him he was the candy kid. Then the trouble began. Judge Spencer, for personal reasons declined to sit in the case, but acted as attorney for the defense. H. C. Hobart presided.

Eastern's star battery of last season, Russell and Burbank, have signed with the New York team of the American League, according to the following press dispatch:

A catcher from Hampton, Va., has signed a contract to play with the Yankees. He will be an understudy to Ed Sweeney and Blair, and no doubt will be seen in action from time to time if he comes up to the expectations of Arthur Irwin, who took a great fancy to him in the South last season. Irwin's high opinion of Russell was partly responsible for the release of Mitchell, who caught some games for the Yankees last year. Burbank, who signed with the Yankees some days ago, was the pitching man of a battery with Irwin on an independent team last year, and he, too, is being praised. Irwin was as a pitcher and through the season he was batting and has a batting average sure to make him a great attraction.

VIRGINIA NEWS

D. W. Gallaher, charged with forgery, who left Roanoke two months ago, forfeiting \$1,000 bail furnished by J. W. Cole, was captured Saturday in Louisville.

State Senator Charles U. Gravitt, of Caroline county, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for re-election to the State Senate from the district composed of Caroline, Hanover and King William counties. As far as known he has no opposition.

The long-lost original, seat of the city of Richmond, has been found by Councilman C. P. Davis upon an official document dated 1860, and has been turned over to Mayor Richardson. The recovered seal was turned over to an engraver and a duplicate stamp made. It will be substituted for the one now in use.

Without assigning any reason for the act, Mrs. F. D. Morris, a widow with several children, Friday night attempted to commit suicide by drinking laudanum, in Richmond. When Dr. Turner, of the city ambulance corps, saved her life, she severely upbraided her children for notifying the doctor of her condition.

What has become of Kaminator Kerns, member of a well known family of Frederick county, is causing much alarm and worry among members of his family. He went to Berkeley county last fall, and upon completing his work announced his intention of returning home. That was the last seen of him, and although strict search has been made all over this section of the country, he cannot be found. Relatives fear some calamity has overtaken him.

After attempting to shoot up Richmond in Wild West fashion Friday night, T. L. Bourne, a tobacco grower from Hanover county, and Isaac Terrell, his colored assistant, tried to bribe Police Justice ("The One John") Crutchfield with the offer of a roll of fine chewing tobacco Saturday. The offer was tendered after a careful study of the protruding left cheek of the Justice, who admitted that he knew a good chew when he saw it, but who felt that under the circumstances the offer would have to be declined. He imposed a fine of \$10.

A strange disease resembling diphtheria in a severe form, but differing in some respects, has attacked a large number of horses in the northern section of Frederick county. The disease is one in which a number of small pustules have been found among people. On the farm of Alfred Wright, twenty head of horses are sick with the disease, and William Adams has eighteen horses similarly affected. Other farmers report their horses sick, and a number have died. Veterinary surgeons who have been called in have not been able to determine the exact cause of the strange disease.

R. C. L. Moncure, the Virginia attorney who was assaulted in front of the court house in Rockville, Md., Wednesday evening when he was on his way to his hotel, upon the conclusion of a case in which he had been engaged, has instituted suit in Fairfax county for \$10,000 damages against Joshua Offutt, who is charged with being implicated in the assault. Offutt, it is said, owns a farm in Virginia, and is the Virginia solicitor. A non-resident of the state can be proceeded against by attachment of his property. It is said that attachment proceedings have been instituted against Offutt's property. He had attacked him with a Virginia piker.

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AFTER THE TEMPEST.

The Gentle Calm That Settled Over the Beauty Schoolman's...

A pretty schoolman once taught school in a Long Island village. All the young fellows for miles around were mad about her, but the schoolman was proud and none of the boys seemed to stand the ghost of a chance.

Young Jim Brown, the father's son, was the best looking chap in the town, and Jim probably loved the schoolman more than any of her other swains, but he never had the chance to declare himself. He felt too small and mean before the beauty and learning of the schoolman. One day, the schoolman being away on a visit in New York state, Jim asked advice of the editor. The editor said: "Take the bull by the horns and insert an announcement of your forthcoming marriage in your weekly paper. It will cost you only 50 cents."

So Jim inserted an announcement to the effect that the schoolman and she would be married the next month and would spend their honeymoon at Atlantic City. Well, a short time after this announcement appeared in the schoolman's case back home. Jim heard on all sides how furious she was. For several days she kept away from her home, and one afternoon she was coming home, but she was carried into her in the lane.

She let him know at once what she thought of him and the outrageous schoolman was weeping and wailing, her pretty eyes flashed fire. Jim stood first on one foot and then on the other, and finally he blurted out: "Well, if you don't like it I can have the announcement contradicted." "Oh, both?" said the schoolman. "It's too late now."—Washington Star.

THEY LIKE PRISON LIFE.

A Case of Persecution in Japan Was Tried in the Japanese Court. In Japan there are people who make their confessions in order to obtain a period of the comparative warmth and comfort of a Japanese prison. The Japan Mail says: "The police slang of the capital has words to describe and distinguish these persons. 'Mushu' is the name of the criminal, who steps some small article from a shop. In such a way as to be seen doing it. He then makes a bolt of it, pursued by the master of the shop, or some faithful house, he presently allows himself to be caught and handed to the police. He has to do time for his presence. That is his sin. His sentence for a period, and when that period has elapsed he will allow himself to be caught again.

The 'murder' of a criminal who makes a sign confession in order to sneak a free railway ride. The Assiniboian tells of a case where a man, known as the 'decapitated corpse case,' which took place last year. A man gave himself up to the police in Seattle at the perpetrator of the crime. He was brought to Tokyo and his story investigated. It was found to be a pure fabrication.

A French contemporary tells a pleasant story of the composer of 'Satanstoe.' He was dining one night with a party of musical friends when the conversation turned on the compositions of the master. Some of the guests had expressed their opinions freely, and he was saying: 'You should never run down the compositions of a great man. You are a composer, and you are a composer, and you are a composer.' 'There is no talking to you, then.'

Some Letters. An ingenious person has discovered that the three most fertile letters in our alphabet are B, E and G (energy), that the two which contain nothing are M and T (empty), that four express great confidence, O, B, G, T (obstinate); that two are in a dactyl, D, K (decay); that four indicate exalted station, X, L, F, G (excessively); and three express great respect, M, T, G (magnificent). These are necessary to a good understanding of the B, E, G, M, T, X, L, F, G, M, T, G system.

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Why not keep your money in the County? Why do you buy flour from other mills that never deal a penny's worth with you? Why not buy from your home mill and your own customer, who spends all he has to spend in the county? Our flour has made good, and if you will only try it, you will find out for yourself. If our flour was not up to date, why would we be grinding and selling it all the time and to the same trade. I have regular customers for White Loaf who had been using all kinds of spring wheat and fancy patent flour. We must spend our money with those who spend their's with us.

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FINE PERCHERONS AT BIRMINGHAM FARM



The accompanying illustration shows a carload of Percherons, after arriving at Birmingham Stock Farm, Manassas. They are the finest collection of Percherons brought to Prince William County in many years, and weigh at two years old from 1,600 to 1,800 pounds each. They were shipped to Manassas from Mr. Bullock's main stables at Wrenn, Ill. W. B. Bullock established Birmingham Stock Farm in Manassas on August 15, and has made it one of the most noted stock farms in Northern Virginia. Visitors are welcome and will receive attention of courteous employees.

That the evil of gambling is growing in every walk of life, is the contention of the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Wharton, of Baltimore. "We are taught," he says, "to have hope in good women, but some of our women have gone to gambling. Some lady in New York, where she arrived the other day from a trip across the sea, boasted that she had won \$7,500. When the women of the land descend to such a vice, God help us. Gambling is hurtful all along the line; it diseases the minds of those who indulge in it; it makes them neglectful of the home and the dear ones there; it makes them prefer the little room in the rear of some saloon to anything in life."

How the resonant jingle of a fire alarm put Charles A. Moran, formerly of St. Louis, in touch with a prospective fiancee, is revealed in the announcement of his engagement to Miss Lillie Kirschner, known in Seattle society, February 15, at St. George's Church, Seattle, Wash. Moran, who went to Seattle several months ago, is employed as an assistant secretary at central headquarters. About a fortnight ago the telephone rang and Miss Kirschner reported a fire in the King street passenger station. Moran, enamored of her voice, accompanied Chief Boyle to the scene. After the blaze was extinguished he sought an introduction to Miss Kirschner.

Hundreds of Washington girls under sixteen years of age are every night drinking highballs, cocktails, absinthe, benedictine and other intoxicating liquors that boys of the same age imbibed, and many of them are frequenting questionable resorts. This is the state of affairs that confronts the fathers and mothers of Washington, according to members of the Washington Curfew Club, who are making a careful investigation of the matter. When their parents believe them to be at the homes of their friends, or engaged in harmless diversions, school girls and department store girls of good families nightly, it is asserted, succeed in obtaining intoxicating liquors if they have such desire. These revelations are deemed to have been made through exhaustive investigation by the Curfew Club, which is inaugurating a movement against such conditions. The remedy which the Club suggests is the passage of a curfew law which will prevent children remaining on the streets after an early hour at night.

Steph catches in two minutes; toothache or pain of ears or acid in five minutes; hoarseness, one hour; muscular, two hours; sore throat, twelve hours.—The Thomas Electric Co., twelve arch over pain.

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MANY CANDIDATES

SKIRMISHES preliminary to the campaign marshals into view a formidable array of candidates for county office, recruits swelling the ranks with amazing rapidity, as confident aspirants give impetus to their political ambitions by falling into line. There is no lack of material, excellent material, and it is encouraging to the cause of political righteousness to observe the trend of public sentiment toward candidates without gang affiliations. Invariably and unmistakably the appearance of numerous candidates is an evidence of protest against the slate, which is calculated to remove opportunity for public service from all save those whom the gang may nominate.

Politics is a business proposition, and officeholders are public servants. It is an insult to the intelligence of citizens for a clique or oligarchy to attempt to dictate who shall and who shall not serve in an official capacity. The right to such decision is vested solely in the people, and is to be influenced not by fetish of class, and surely not by nepotism, both inimical to democracy in any form. The people are the rulers and any attempt to abrogate such power, such fundamental right, is a blow to good government, and makes for the creation of a dynasty that to perpetuate itself would overthrow even justice. You may be sure that political gangs are not organized for the good of the people. Small wonder, then, that members of the gang manifest alarm over the presence of numerous candidates from out of the masses, not the classes.

Representative citizens, men who have at heart the best interests of Prince William County, are seeking office for service, not emolument—actuated by a desire to inaugurate a reform in politics, rather than for any compensation. Opposed to them in principles as in numbers, members of the gang are plotting and scheming to save the combine from threatened destruction. Driven desperate by shadows of impending doom, the gangsters are employing ruses innumerable to deceive the people with regard to political methods that obtain in maintenance of the organization. The Democrat has exposed several underhand deals made by the gang. The revelations were amazing, almost beyond belief, but, even so, they are completely overshadowed by a plot that for trickery, knavery, and mercenary cunning has placed an indelible stain upon the Prince William County gang. WE HAVE THE FACTS AND WILL TELL THEM WHEN THE PROPER TIME COMES. WE WILL PUBLISH THE NAMES OF ALL THE PRINCIPALS IN THAT WRETCHED DEAL, SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY MAY KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND HOW THEY OPERATE WHEN THEY BELIEVE DETECTION IMPOSSIBLE. This is not a warning, it is simply a statement of a disclosure we intend to make. We warrant the gang will not attempt to anticipate this disclosure. WE ONLY HOPE THEY WILL.

We must have men in public office in this county who at least are above oppression and deception of the helpless taking the form of extortion. They must have communal ideals. A public official owes his first duty to the people whom he represents. Private gain should be a last consideration with him.

If good government is to be secured for Prince William County it is imperative that every voter exercise suffrage. Voters should not neglect to qualify, as the approaching election is crucial, in that it will mean release from or continuance of the burden of ring rule. It will affect the personal interests of every voter in Prince William County. They should see that others are registered, and make a special effort to enlist the support of young men who are voting for the first time.

PARAGRAPHS

THERE is nothing wrong with this kind of weather.
POLITICS warming up may have some effect upon the temperature.
A SOCIAL purity campaign is planned for St. Louis. Why stop there?
ROOSEVELT again asserts that he is a progressive. He has been rather quiet about it lately.
THE Canada reciprocity appears to be doomed, breaking an advantageous trade arrangement.
THE tariff board bill has passed the Senate. The greatest difficulty is to pass the House with such affairs.
AMERICANS in Japan have formed a peace society. Most of the war talk about Japan has been started by alarmists, anyhow.
AN Ohio judge has ruled that a wife cannot be prosecuted for taking money from her husband's pocket. What if she does not find any?
DISPATCHES from Washington are to the effect that Senator Davis Elkins of West Virginia, who was appointed to the seat in the Senate made vacant by the death of his father, the late Stephen B. Elkins, will be a candidate to succeed Clarence W. Watson two years hence.

HENRY THE THIEF.

The Black Heart of the Greedy Arctic Expedition.

STORY OF HIS EXECUTION.

The Order issued by the Emaciated Commander and the Way it Was Carried Out—The Rifle Shot That Put an End to the Traitor.

One of the many tragedies of the Greedy Arctic Expedition was the execution of Private Henry, who had been caught time after time stealing food from the scant stores of the starving party. Henry alone was strong and active, thanks to the stolen food and to the fact that he did no labor he could possibly shirk.

Lieutenant Greedy had warned and warned Henry and had punished him, but to no avail, and finally, after a particularly despicable act of theft, the commander, in fear that Henry's course would cause a general raid on the store of food and thus bring about the destruction of the whole party, condemned Henry to death.

The story of the execution, which makes a new page in history, is told in the American Magazine by Frank B. Copley, who got his data direct from the survivors of the expedition.

He writes: "All his lethargy gone, Greedy dismissed the man, seized pencil and paper and, with trembling, emaciated fingers, wrote:

"Near Cape Sabine, June 6, 1894.
Sergeants Brainard, Long and Frederick: "Notwithstanding promises given by Private C. B. Henry yesterday, he has since, as acknowledged to me, tampered with and eaten the other food at the sled camp. This perturbation and audacity in the destruction of the party if not at once ended, Private Henry will be shot today, all care being taken to prevent his injuring any one, as his physical strength is greater than that of any two men. Decide the manner of his death by two ball and one blank cartridge. This order is imperative and absolutely necessary for any chance of life. A. W. GREEDY."

"In the official report of the Lady Franklin bay expedition it is simply announced that shots were heard about 2 o'clock, and later the order was read to the general party. The manner in which the order was executed here appears for the first time.

"Sergeants Brainard, Long and Frederick could not, as ordered, decide the manner of death by two ball and one blank cartridge. Greedy had failed to take into consideration that at this time the party had left only one serviceable rifle.

"The three sergeants draw lots to see who would do the shooting. When they had done so they bowed themselves with an oath that the identity of the man thus chosen never should be revealed.

"Henry was at the tent on Cemetery ridge with all the other men when the time for putting him to death came. What was to take place, of course, was known only to the three sergeants and the commander. Two of the sergeants remained in the vicinity of the sled hut, while the third went to the tent to bring Henry down.

"The man who went for Henry, told him that he was wanted at the sled camp to help carry up some stores of the supplies that had been left there. Suspecting nothing, Henry readily accompanied the sergeant to the place chosen for putting him to death.

"Now, Greedy had repeatedly cautioned the three sergeants to take no chances on Henry's getting away, for, although none at Cape Sabine knew the man's past history, enough of the man's black soul had been revealed to make his comrades feel that no crime could be put past him.

"So Brainard, Long and Frederick, cautioned by their commander and warned by their own knowledge of the man with whom they had to deal, had decided that Henry should be made to stoop to pick up something and that then he should be shot from behind. At least one of the sergeants had no more compunction about killing him than he would have had about killing a mad dog.

"But one of the other two men weakened at the last moment. To shoot a man in cold blood from behind, to send him into eternity with no opportunity to compose his soul, was too terrible a thing for him to stand. It was a mistake that nearly proved disastrous.

"Henry was told face to face that he was to be put to death in accordance with the order of the commander, and he was advised to kneel and make his peace with his God. At the same time the executioner appeared with his rifle at a convenient distance before the doomed man's eyes.

"Henry stood aghast. He muttered something about something not being right. Near where the third sergeant stood an ax lay on the ground. Henry's gaze, searching the ground, encountered the ax. He sprang for it. A warning cry was raised. The sergeant who stood near the ax jumped and ran to the tent to get a rifle.

"But despite all he had been through the aim of the executioner was true. The rifle cracked, and the bullet sped, passing through the breast of the man to whom it was intended when it was aimed. Henry whirled, crying: 'You have tricked me! You have tricked me! You have tricked me!'

"The second bullet went through Henry's head, and he fell dead."

A word from a friend is doubly enjoyable on dark days.

One Advantage of a Red Head

By F. A. MITCHELL
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I WAS BORN with a head of fiery red hair. As a kid I remember people looking at it as they would at a burning barn, making all kinds of allusions to my hair and countless jokes, many of them very poor and in bad taste and all obnoxious to me.

When I grew old enough to have a sweetheart I was obliged to go without one, all on account of the growth on my head. I kept it cut very short but without effect. Just as soon as I came in contact with man, woman or child I saw at once that my hair was against me. One thing I would not do—I refused all barbers who suggested my permitting them to dye it. On entering their shops I would say, "Hair cut; no dyes." Whenever, after this notice, a barber offered to give my hair a different color I glared at him and told him that if he repeated the offer he must fight. I thrashed so many people for reference to my blemish that I became an expert boxer.

Hoping that the people of the west were more considerate than those of the east, I went to Denver. The first salute I received there was: "Hello, carrot top! Y' goin' to get the timber on the mountings afore I had got tired of thrashing people and turned away without a word. I sought employment in a large manufacturing concern. On entering the office my eyes lighted on a gentleman sitting at a desk who had red hair, for all the world as red as mine. He looked up, and in an instant his gaze was fixed on my top.

He arose from his chair and, advancing to the office rail, grasped my hand in a viselike grip.

"My dear sir," he said warmly and with a respectful mien I had never before been favored with, "what can I do for you?"

"I'm seeking employment."

"You shall have it right here. What can you do?"

"Nothing. I must learn. But I'm willing to work without pay till I do."

"You'll not work without pay here. Judging from your appearance, you are well bred and educated. A man of your condition can't get on with less than a hundred dollars a month. I'll give you that and put you in our best department. Mr. Stamper!" he called.

An employee advanced, and I noticed he, too, had a red head. He was instructed to put me to work and on the payroll at the same time. As I passed through the works I noticed every man had a red head, but none so red as mine and the manager's. One was the same hue exactly.

"You'll be shoved up ahead of us all," said the man who had taken me to charge.

"Why so?" I asked.

"You're the only man here who has as red hair as the president."

The words proved true. I was jumped from one grade to another so fast that I barely had time to learn the duties in each. And every time I jumped my salary jumped too.

This was not all. Mr. Flynn, the president and principal owner, asked me one day to come to his house to dinner. I went, of course, and was introduced to his family. Every one of my children had red hair of various shades. His oldest daughter, Emily, had veritable Titian locks. For the first time in my life I felt easy in social company. For the first time not a person about me looked at my head, much less referred to it. Miss Emily Flynn was very gracious to me and was the first young woman who had ever thus treated me so. I was happy as a clam at high tide. After dinner she led me into a separate parlor, and I spent the hours there chatting with her. They were thus for the happiest hours of my life. I left her with a wildly beating heart.

To make a long story short, Miss Flynn encouraged me and I encouraged Miss Flynn. One day she told me I might go to her father and ask for her. I did so and was accepted for a son-in-law with great gusto. "Go back to Em," he said, "and tell her you have my hearty consent, and remain to dinner."

I spent the afternoon with Emily and dined with the family. After dinner Mr. Flynn said to me:

"You have shown wonderful restraint in not asking why I have welcomed you into my business and into my family. The time has come for me to enlighten you.

"Years ago I came to this country from Ireland without a cent and worked at any job I could get in a great city. One day I was arrested, accused of stealing from a Jew. He had told the police that a red headed rascal had robbed him. I was stood in line with several other men, and this Jew picked me out as the man who had robbed him. I was tried, and the evidence was strong against me. I was about to be convicted when a red headed man strided in among the spectators. My attorney, following a suggestion given by the man's red hair, called for him and placed him beside me. Then he sent for the Jew and when he came into court asked him which of the two had robbed him. The Jew couldn't tell. He had simply identified me because the man who had robbed him had a red head. The Jew acquiesced me at once.

"God bless red headed men!" he claimed. "From this day they are all my bosom friends."

"And it has always been my wish to have a red headed son-in-law and to be the progenitor of generations of red headed descendants."

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