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COUNCIL ADOPTS FRANCHISE FOR WATER AND LIGHTS

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To the Mayor and the Council of the Town of Manassas, Va. Your undersigned special committee appointed to investigate and report upon the proposition of Charles A. Farnum to secure water and electric lights for said Town, beg to report that they have carefully investigated the said proposition and with some changes conform to the law, they report favorably upon said proposition.

Upon motion of Alderman Hynson the written report of special committee Newman, Nash and Wheeler to report upon the proposition of Charles A. Farnum to secure water and light franchises in the Town was adopted: Upon motion of Alderman Speiden the ordinance was introduced and by unanimous consent was considered at this meeting and upon motion of Councilman Conner was unanimously adopted.

The purchase of a tract of land near Burkhill by Mr. Farnum led to development of the proposition that is to give Manassas a modern electric system. Several months ago he came here to look after his interests. In conversation with Thomas H. Lion he conveyed most favorable impressions of Manassas, and belief in a great future for the Town. He expressed surprise at the remarkable development of the Town without public utilities, and recognized an opportunity. To Mr. Lion he suggested the installation of an electric light, heat and power plant. Mr. Lion encouraged the suggestion and referred Mr. Farnum to Councilman O. E. Newman, who devoted great effort in interesting him to the point of investment. Mr. Farnum communicated with G. Raymond Ratcliffe, president of the Business League and received an encouraging response. Then followed consultations with Mayor Chapman, Councilmen and other citizens. The rest of the story is familiar.

PRETTY CAKES CAPTURE PRIZES AT FIREMEN'S BENEFIT

One hundred and twenty-three of the prettiest, most delicious cakes ever baked in Prince William county, were exhibited in Conner's Hall on last Friday night at the benefit entertainment for the Manassas fire department instituted by J. H. Burke & Co. Music was furnished by the Manassas band, the Manassas orchestra and a quartette. W. D. Green officiated as auctioneer. The fire department realized \$48.28. Prizes were awarded as follows:

- LADIES' LOAF CAKE: First, Mrs. O. E. Newman, one barrel Cream Blend flour; Second, Mrs. N. B. Hensley, one-half barrel Cream Blend flour; Third, Mrs. M. L. Sisson, one Globe ham; Fourth, Miss Lucy Logan, one Globe ham; Fifth, Mrs. George Lelich, six bread and butter rolls; Sixth, Mrs. M. E. Taylor, 80 cakes Sunny Monday soap; Seventh, Mrs. R. W. Payne, 20 cakes Sunny Monday soap; Eighth, Mrs. W. C. Wagener, three pounds Chase & Sanborn coffee; Ninth, Susan K. Powell, 30 cakes Polly Prim washing powder; Tenth, Mrs. Mitchell Cook, 10 cakes Polly Prim washing powder; Eleventh, Mrs. Humday, four jars Heinz products; Twelfth, Miss Mollie Lewis, two pounds Martha Washington coffee; Thirteenth, Mrs. H. L. Willis, four pounds Cottolene; Fourteenth, Mrs. Ada Davis, three bottles Leadbeater's extract; Fifteenth, Miss Madie Garnett, three bottles Leadbeater's extract; LADIES' LAYER CAKE: First, Mrs. Spies, one barrel Cream Blend flour; Second, Miss Olive Greens, one-half barrel Cream Blend flour; Third, Mrs. G. G. Allen, one Globe ham; Fourth, Mrs. L. B. Pope, one Globe ham; Fifth, Mrs. Coleman, 20 cakes Sunny Monday soap; Sixth, Mrs. W. C. Elliott, 20 cakes Sunny Monday soap; Seventh, Mrs. R. W. Payne, three pounds Martha Washington coffee; Eighth, Mrs. T. C. Moore, 10 cakes Polly Prim washing powder; MISSES' LOAF CAKE: Ninth, Miss Ruth Huthals, four pounds Cottolene; Tenth, Mrs. W. N. Wenrich, five jars Heinz products; Eleventh, Susan K. Powell, 2 pounds Chase & Sanborn coffee; Twelfth, Mrs. T. E. Garnett, three jars Heinz products; Thirteenth, Mrs. A. E. Davis, three bottles Leadbeater's extract; Fourteenth, Mrs. F. E. Ransdell, subscription to THE DEMOCRAT; Fifteenth, Mrs. Will Lynch, three bottles Leadbeater's extract; MISSES' LAYER CAKE: First, Miss Margaret Lynch, one-half barrel Premium flour; Second, Miss Elizabeth Pope, one-fourth barrel Jersey Lily flour; Third, Miss Jessie Bennett, one-fourth barrel Jersey Lily flour; Fourth, Miss Della Bennett, two and one-half pounds Bell's chocolate; MISSES' LAYER CAKE: First, Miss Margaret Lewis, one-half barrel Premium flour; Second, Miss Frances Spies, one-fourth barrel Premium flour; Third, Miss Mary Garrison and Miss Myrtle Johnson, one-fourth barrel Premium flour; Fourth, Miss Orna Brown, two and one-half pounds Bell's home made candy; Fifth, Miss Edna Davis, six bottles Boyer's oil shoe polish; Sixth, Miss Miriel Arvy, two pound box Hopkins' chocolates; First, Miss Lillian Leachman and Miss M. M. Frances Spies, six bottles Boyer's oil shoe polish; Second, Miss Hopkins-Bennett, two pound box Hopkins' chocolates; Ninth, Miss Virginia Lee, two pound box assorted chocolates; Tenth, Miss Della Martin, two pound box Hopkins' chocolates.

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COUNTY FAIR FOR PRINCE WILLIAM DEVELOPMENT OF CORN SHOW Plans Will Be Formulated November 17 by Farmers Institute—Dr. Stedman Will Address Farmers.

ROBBERS BANQUET IN NIGHT WOODS LOOT FROM WILLIAM-FOOTE STORE Fishermen Find Stolen Property Under Southern Railroad Culvert Near Stone Quarry East of Town.

WITNESSES TO THE CARVING Miss Fannie Bragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bragg, of Haymarket, died of tuberculosis Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, where she had been visiting for several months. The funeral and interment was in Strasburg Tuesday afternoon. There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings. Those who attended from Manassas were Mrs. L. E. Pope, Mrs. D. C. O'Neil, Mrs. H. Lee Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordan and Charles Wenrich. Three of the pallbearers were Prince William county from Charles Wenrich, Herman Shirley and E. H. Hunt. Miss Bragg was 65 years old. For about ten years Miss Bragg was operator at the Haymarket telephone exchange, and her unflinching courtesy under most trying circumstances won her the admiration and appreciation of the public. She was a lovely woman, and her excellent qualities endeared her to all who knew her. Her death is widely mourned.

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ROLL OF HONOR FOR RECORD PUPILS

TEACHERS' PERFECT NEW PLAN

Attendance, Diligence and Department Are Requirements—Make Reports Week Before End of Term.

By J. L. KIBLER
Committee Secretary

Division Superintendent Geo. G. Tyler appointed, at the meeting of the Prince William Teachers' Association in Manassas last Saturday, a committee of four teachers to perfect a resolution adopted at the Normal Institute in September. The resolution is "That Roll of Honor certificates be awarded to pupils in all the schools of this county who make the best record for attendance, diligence and department with especial stress on attendance."

The committee comprises Mrs. M. S. Moffett, Miss Emma Weber, E. S. Hoon and J. F. Kibler. A meeting of the committee was held at the home of Mrs. Moffett last Saturday and the following details of the Roll of Honor plan agreed upon:

REQUIREMENTS ON ATTENDANCE.
Eighty-five per cent for the term. Records to be kept on the basis of 20 days or four weeks for a month. One per cent to be deducted for each case of tardiness. As reports must be made out one week before the end of the session the percentage required for the last month is 85 per cent of .75 per cent the total for 15 days or 63.75 per cent.

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS.
The record of a pupil must be "very good."

RECITATION REQUIREMENTS.
The record of the pupil must be "very good." No pupil who fails to make 85 per cent on attendance will be entitled to a certificate. No pupil who fails to receive a mark of "very good" for both department and recitations will be entitled to a certificate. In short, a Roll of Honor pupil must make the required record on all three standards. The report to be made to the committee shall include the following items:

Total number of different pupils enrolled during the term.
The number on roll each month.
The average attendance for the term.
The number of months in the term.
The total attendance of each pupil for the term, recorded month by month.

Sample report record-forms will be mailed by Mrs. Moffett to each teacher in the county for properly recording and reporting the foregoing data. These reports properly dated must be mailed to Mrs. Moffett on Friday evening, one week before the end of the term.

PATRONS' DAY AT WATERFALL

We wish to express our appreciation to the teacher and pupils of Waterfall school for a very pleasant afternoon spent there, in the interest of Patrons' Day on Friday, October 27. The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. T. D. D. Clarke and continued with songs and recitations by the pupils of the school.

An appropriate address to the school was made by the Rev. Clarke, and we were also indebted to him for a sweet solo entitled "Mother's Prayer." The school room was prettily decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Refreshments were served; the proceeds of which are to defray expenses in the interest of the Improvement League. To Miss Matthew, the teacher, and to the pupils of the school, we extend our thanks for an afternoon which was both profitable and interesting.

A VISITOR

The boy's appetite is often the source of amazement. If you would have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only create a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

LITTLE INTEREST IN GENERAL ELECTION

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all Democratic with the exception of John L. Keys, Independent, running against T. M. Russell, Democratic nominee for supervisor from Coles district, are as follows:

MANASSAS DISTRICT
For Commissioner of the Revenue, District No. 1—W. S. Runaldue.
For Supervisor—J. F. Gulick.

BRENTSVILLE DISTRICT
For Commissioner of the Revenue, District No. 1—W. S. Runaldue.
For Supervisor—J. P. Manuel.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT
For Commissioner of the Revenue, District No. 1—W. S. Runaldue.
For Supervisor—O. C. Hutchison.

COLES DISTRICT
For Commissioner of the Revenue, District No. 2—S. T. Cornwell.
For Supervisor—T. M. Russell, John L. Keys.

DUMFRIES DISTRICT
For Commissioner of the Revenue, District No. 2—S. T. Cornwell.
For Supervisor—J. T. Syncox.

OCCOQUAN DISTRICT
For Commissioner of the Revenue, District No. 2—S. T. Cornwell.
It is probable that names of candidates for overseer of the poor and justice of the peace are to be written by voters on the ballot. The electoral board met Tuesday and in the presence of J. P. Manuel, chairman of the board, supervisors, officially counted and sealed the ballots. The electoral board has appointed the following judges and clerks of election:

MANASSAS DISTRICT.
Manassas Precinct—Judges, W. Evans, Prof. B. T. H. Hodge, S. W. Burdge. Clerks, R. M. Waters, G. W. Leach.
Wellington Precinct—Judges, A. H. Compton, W. Larkin, A. S. Robertson. Clerks, W. L. Monroe, R. B. Cushing.
GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.
Haymarket Precinct—Judges, Frank Pickett, E. E. Racter, Eugene Keyser. Clerks, Frank Mayhugh, E. F. Triplett.
Hickory Grove Precinct—Judges, Edward Wilson, J. E. Downs, W. C. Leatham. Clerks, Tyler Bronaugh, T. R. Galleher.

BRENTSVILLE DISTRICT.
Brentsville Precinct—Judges, R. A. Cooper, J. M. Keys, Richard Donovan. Clerks, S. B. Spitzer, J. S. Shaver.
Nokesville Precinct—W. R. Free, jr., S. A. Marsteller, A. J. McMichael.

COLES DISTRICT.
Independent Hill Precinct—W. J. Ashby, T. L. Sullivan, Reuben Robinson. Clerks, J. S. Storke, G. C. Wright.
Hortons Precinct—Judges, Oscar Duffy, W. F. George, Clifton Sutherland. Clerks, Harry Ralls, Mary Hazden.

TOLSON DISTRICT.
Tolson Precinct—R. B. Payne, D. R. Costello, Coleman Milstead. Clerks, Robert Cornwell, W. S. Smith.

OCCOQUAN DISTRICT.
Occoquan Precinct—Judges, E. S. Brackett, George N. Davis, Edward Hamppel. Clerks, Harry Carter, S. F. Leslie.

HEADLY DISTRICT.
Headly Precinct—Judges, H. Reid, R. E. Simpson, H. B. Fairfax. Clerks, M. C. Crouch, R. L. Crouch.

DUMFRIES DISTRICT.
Dumfries Precinct—Judges, L. E. Merchant, M. J. Keys, C. F. Bailey. Clerks, W. H. Brawner, Claude Brawner.

POTOMAC DISTRICT.
Potomac Precinct—Judges, W. W. Abel, R. A. Saunders, J. A. Fick. Clerks, Frank McInteer, George Simpson.

The polls will be open from sunrise until sunset.

Greatest Value.
In the loss of an object we do not properly our eyes to the real value it bears, but to the value our hands set upon it.—Addison.

Don't waste your money buying strengthening plasters. Chamberlain's Liniment is cheaper and better. Dampen a piece of flannel with it and bind it over the affected parts and it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by all dealers.

Economy in Cooking.
Much gas may be saved with a little care. I bought a number of pans of various sizes, but all with tightly fitting covers. Whenever I bake bread or a roast or for any other reason have a hot oven, I plan to cook other things also, as many as the oven will hold. Stewed fruits and all vegetables will cook as well in an oven as on top of the stove if started boiling in plenty of water and then put in the oven in the covered vessels. Potatoes, however, are spoiled by this process.—Exchange.

Interesting Relic of Old Days.
The remains of the old Roman boat found embedded in Thames mud during the sinking of the foundations of the London county hall, at Westminster bridge, were transferred to the London museum. A coin which was found in the boat points to its date being probably about 293-296 A. D. Researchers have led to the opinion that the old boat is probably a relic of the first fleet formed to protect the shores of Britain.

You Bad That She's Gone.
Somebody who has taken the trouble to investigate has found that Elizabeth Barrett Browning tried to make "eagle" rhyme with "vigil," "helress" with "terrace," "nature" with "astire," and "woman" with "gloaming." It is a pity that Mrs. Browning is dead. She might, if she could return, make a wonderful success as a writer of lyrics for musical comedies. Undoubtedly she possessed the chief qualification.

The One Great Institution.
"Would you say the presidency or the judiciary is the noblest institution in the land?" asked the Interrogative Person. "Without intending to cast a slur on either the presidency or the judiciary," said the Opinionated Person, "I should say that pay day holds that enviable eminence."—Baltimore Express.

One Disadvantage.
Speaking of the announcement by scientists that people may become energetic by eating raisins, the Chicago Record-Herald puts in the comment that the trouble is that most of the energy produced by eating raisins has to be expended in removing the seeds.

Had Approval of Clerk.
An Atchison business man, who has a small store, recently hired a clerk who was very shifless. He didn't half attend to his duties. "I think I'll have to hire another clerk," said the business man. "You ought to," was the reply, "there's too much work here for just one clerk."

Harm in Extremes.
Too much noise deafens us; too much light blinds us; too great a distance or too much of proximity equally prevents us from being able to see; too long and too short a discourse obscures our knowledge of a subject; too much of truth stuns us.—Pascal.

Peculiar Appeal.
There is a peculiar loveliness in the cheerfulness of sick people. It is unexpected—like the bit of green in the desert. It gains by contrast. It is the flower of the spirit produced in a wilderness.—J. Edward Hargis.

That Held 'Em.
Tourist—So you've stopped motor car spending?—How did you do it? Heavy fines? Native—None. Every fellow who was pinched had to take the judge's old maid daughter out for a 5-hour ride.—Puck.

A Destructive Success.
"What has become of that man who said Mars is habitable?" He made the mistake of convincing too many people. There wasn't enough skepticism to keep up a fairly interesting controversy."

A S. Washington Hat.
"It is said that a woman's hat which turns up in front forces her to admit every year of her age." "Then a woman is liable to be turned down on account of a turning hat."

Treat Fear as an Enemy.
Stamp out fear in the child. Teach it nothing to make it fear. So will you make the sane, normal man and woman.

No Joyrider.
"Their chauffeur seems a sober, careful fellow." "Well, for the wages they pay they can't well afford anything else."—Puck.

Entirely Inadequate.
"I offered to let him have a hundred." "That would only be a drop in the bucket-shop."—Life.

Oh, Tell Us!
When schools of aviation are founded will they award scholarships?—Lippincott's.

Triumph of the Young.
Modern life is arranged entirely to suit the tastes and needs of the young generation.—The Graphic.

Everybody With a Hair.
A London doctor declares that every house being has a hair.

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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.

<h3>Blue Ribbon Meal</h3> <p>Millford Mills Blue Ribbon Meal is ground by water power from carefully selected corn.</p>	<h3>Buckwheat Flour</h3> <p>Meetze's Buckwheat Flour is not adulterated. Have no other.</p>
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COUNTY FAIR

EXCELLENT is the suggestion of Prof. H. F. Button, Director of the Manassas Agricultural High School, that the Corn Show inaugurated by the Farmers Institute be developed next year into a County Fair. The Corn Show in Manassas on November 17 will establish the basis. Sentiment throughout the County favors the founding of a Fair as a permanent institution, according to expressions of leading farmers. The Fair would exploit all our resources, and particularly our principal activity—agriculture. The element of competition would lead to greater achievement.

PATRONS' DAY

PATRONS' DAY last Friday demonstrated its usefulness in the public schools of Prince William County. The observance brought patrons, teachers and pupils together in the school rooms and on the school grounds to formulate and to execute plans for advancement of a common cause. In recognition that their interests in an educational sense are identical they developed a greater reciprocity that will result in raising school standards. The discussion of educational topics, the organization of Leagues for improvement of school property, and the social features all make for progress.

THE ELECTION

It is not surprising that little interest is manifested in the regular general election to be held next Tuesday, in that it constitutes but a ratification of the primary election of last June. It is a duty, a sacred party obligation, of all Democratic voters to support the nominees of that primary election. In Coles District an Independent candidate is competitor of T. M. Russell, the Democratic nominee. Democratic voters will stand by Mr. Russell. Voters in Occoquan district will remember that the name of J. L. Dawson, Democratic nominee for supervisor is to be written on the ballot. His name is not printed on the ballot as he failed to file his certificate of nomination in time. Democratic voters defeated ring rule in Prince William County last June. They will ratify their decision for clean government by voting for the Democratic nominees at the election next Tuesday.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS

AFTER twenty years since his first visit, O. W. Garrison, father of the senior editor of THE DEMOCRAT, spent several days in Manassas last week with relatives. The changes that he witnessed in this Town as the achievements of two decades, were, as he stated, remarkable, though not surprising, as he always believed that Manassas had higher destiny than that of an ordinary country Town. His impressions of this "Greater Manassas" were noteworthy, and his expressions of the loyal civic spirit that has made it real, were indeed complimentary. He recalled to memory the straggling, struggling village of twenty years ago, with rickety buildings, mud streets and no visible sign of public enterprise. The comparison is obvious. Mr. Garrison declares that the installation of public utilities will give impetus to development, great and substantial. Mr. Garrison is a veteran newspaper man and lawyer, and for the last forty years has been actively engaged in newspaper work. He is one of the most brilliant and effective writers in the West. Recently he retired from journalism upon disposing of his interests in The Globe, published at Golden, Colorado, a newspaper to which the senior and junior editors of THE DEMOCRAT have devoted periods of their careers. Mr. Garrison is seventy-five years old, but looks twenty years younger. He is active as any man of fifty. His visit was one of the most cheering and the most pleasant experiences of our career in Manassas. That he may again return to us is our fervent hope.

FESTIVAL

THERE is a lure about a festival that one never is able wholly to overcome. The very definition of the word—"a period of feasting and celebration"—appeals to the social proclivities, arouses an ever existing, ever eager longing to partake of the fat of the land, and transforms into visible desire our predilection for merrymaking. Your favorite book in a snug corner by a glowing hearth, like a conversation with your prospective mother-in-law while your best girl has gone to a show with another fellow, are as nothing compared with the joys of a festival. All the girls smile upon you at a festival, and under the spell of such witchery the man who would refuse to buy had better stay home and read the city directory or the Congressional Record to lighten his heart and brighten his way. Small wonder that announcement of a festival is glad tidings.

The Civic League is planning a festival for the immediate future. The time place and attractions will be announced in THE DEMOCRAT next Thursday. Will there be anything to eat? Plenty and then some. The best "eats" you ever tasted will be passed around and you will be invited to pitch right in. Think of it! Knowing you as they do, recklessly they are going to waive business judgment and insist that you eat all you want. Some of the sweetest music you ever heard will be played. None of the new-fangled "selections" where the performer carries the ivories tearing off a lot of sounds we do not understand—but just the simple, sweet old tunes. There will be some booths where you can buy candy, ice cream and other things to eat, and then there will be a tableau, drills and vaudeville. You know what the Civic League is accomplishing for Manassas. If you are willing to contribute, attend the festival.

ENOUGH?

Manassas, Virginia, October 30, 1911.

Editors THE DEMOCRAT,
Manassas, Virginia.

Dear Sirs: As one deeply interested in the success of the public schools of Manassas, I feel constrained to say that the newspaper discussion between Trustees Round and Wheeler has reached that point where either the public discussion should end or both the trustees should be requested to resign for the "good of the service." CITIZEN.

GOOD ROADS WEEK

THE Prince William County Good Roads Association can accomplish much in arousing interest in the improvement of highways in this County, by directing local observance of "good roads week" set apart by Governor Mann as a State-wide introduction of the meeting of the American Society for Highway Improvement in Richmond, November 20 to 23. In a proclamation Governor Mann advises the observance. He says: "I urge upon all civic organizations, public schools, churches, the press and all other agencies within the Commonwealth that serve to promote human welfare, to set apart the week beginning November 13, 1911, which immediately precedes the congress, as "good roads week," and during that period to devote their united efforts to a furtherance of the movement for better roads and particularly to the accomplishment of some practical result within the zone of their influence."

PARAGRAPHS

It was a sane Hallowe'en.

It is time to change 'em if you can.

WATCH this Town grow when public utilities are installed.

A few more victories by the revolutionists will make China a republic.

THE undertone of Taft's speeches indicates that he does not like to attack the trusts.

THERE is nothing gladsome in the approach of the holidays for a man with a depleted purse.

ONE cannot fully appreciate the spirit of Thanksgiving until the winter supply of coal is laid in.

TELEPHONE pioneers of America are to meet in Boston next week. To talk over the invention, no doubt.

TAFT as exemplar of the Republican party, cannot be expected to make an effective argument against the trusts.

THE hunting season has lost none of its briskness this year, according to the fatalities reported from throughout the country.

A MAN in Chicago recommends raisins and peppermint as a substitute for tobacco. We have used them, but not for that purpose.

THE Red Cross is rescuing children from tuberculosis. You can help in the rescue work by purchasing Red Cross Christmas seals.

THERE is no danger of disease infection from Virginia oysters, according to health authorities. Persons fond of the bivalves had never given the matter a thought.

Russia is heading toward severe jolt by violating its treaty in refusing to honor the passports of American citizens irrespective of nativity, race or religion. Many Jews, with passports are not permitted to enter the borders of Russia.

SETTLEMENT of the debt case against West Virginia has been delayed two years, no adjustment being probable before the meeting of the West Virginia Legislature in 1913. West Virginia has not shown that it is not proceeding with all "deliberate speed," according to the Supreme Court. But what is "deliberate speed?"

"REST is only rightly used when it is intended as a preparation for further service. Sunday is only truly queen of the week when it is used to acquire within its golden hours mastery over the world and daily care, and as a preparation to meet all those engagements, duties and difficulties which shall press upon us on the coming morning."—Scottish Review.

"DURING these days we hear a great deal of women's rights which are really women's wrongs. I know not whether women will ever get what they term equality with man. Man and woman are equal in the sight of God, but here below woman occupies a different station. She was created to be man's helpmate and to supplement what he lacked. She was to be kind and gentle under long suffering."—Bishop J. J. Nilan.

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