

AFTER-ELECTION THOUGHTS

From next March 4 the new Democratic President will have the support of a majority in both houses of Congress. Mr. Cleveland had the same organization in the last session of his second administration and these two sessions are the only ones that the Democratic party has controlled since the Civil War.

There are a number of interesting, also curious or significant results of the election just past. Mr. Wilson, while receiving the greatest vote in the electoral college that has ever been cast for any candidate, gets a smaller number of popular votes than did Mr. Bryan when he was defeated in 1908.

A number of the old hide-bound Northern Republican states not only elected a Democratic governor, but Democratic legislatures as well.

In Congress there will be about twenty Progressive members and about ten in the Senate. Some of the most picturesque members of Congress failed of election, among them, ex-Speaker Cannon and Mr. McKinley, of Illinois; Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, and Mr. Hill, of Connecticut.

Another feature will be a baby show. Please enter your babies under two and a half years. Five cents a vote. The baby getting the most votes gets a silver spoon.

WATER, LIGHTS AND SEWERAGE

The proposition for water, lights and sewerage is again being seriously considered by the authorities of Manassas. Several attempts in the past have proven unsuccessful and now that once more it is brought before the public eye why not work together and give our home town these facilities that will be so necessary for her future growth.

Manassas has progressed as far as possible without these improvements and will be at a standstill until water, lights and sewerage have been installed.

THE PROBLEM OF BRYAN

Colonel Bryan's name stands first upon the list of cabinet officers "doped out" by the voluntary friends and counselors of Governor Wilson. Colonel Bryan brought about Mr. Wilson's nomination. He has been his firmest support in the campaign. By all the laws governing the division of the spoils, the colonel is entitled to sit at the right hand of the President.

PARAGRAPHS

SURE things are sometimes uncertain. It takes a smart man to conceal his ignorance. IT'S the easiest thing in the world to go from bad to worse.

EVERYTHING comes to the Democrat who has been waiting 16 years.

Not having any children to bother her, Ella Wheeler Wilcox writes some splendid articles on the subject of motherhood.

THERE seems to be no improvement in the matter of the high cost of living. A Kansas woman just paid \$50 for a husband.

ARTICLES lost in the mail numbering 8,566 and worth about \$13,000 are to be sold at the annual auction sale of the dead letter office on December 16.

COMPLETE returns from every precinct in the State, unofficial, gives Wilson 90,338; Taft, 23,277; Roosevelt, 21,737; Chaflin, 699; Debs, 787; Reimer, 50.

ONLY about 1 per cent of the total wealth of the United States is invested in church property, but, according to Booker Washington, over 8 per cent of the wealth of the negroes of the country is invested in this way. They have 35,000 churches, with 3,700,000 members.

PROBABLY for the first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitants of Washington the President and vice president may worship in the same church. Both Wilson and Marshall are Presbyterians and they will probably attend the same Presbyterian church while in the capital.

Let's clean up this town. Let's make it attractive to visitors. It is a good season to get it clean and to keep it so. The weeds that gave us so much concern during the summer are dead now and should be raked and burned. There are many things to be done and the civic pride that should predominate in the makeup of every citizen should prompt you to immediate action.

THE date for the execution of Floyd Allen and his son, Claude S. Allen, for participation in the Hillville courthouse murders, was postponed Tuesday by Gov. Mans, from November 22 to December 13. The respite was granted so that Claude Allen might take an appeal to the United States Supreme Court on the constitutional ground that his life had twice been placed in jeopardy.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT GROVETON

The patrons of Groveton school No. 3, will give a Thanksgiving dinner at the Groveton pavilion on Thursday Nov. 23, beginning at 12 m. Admission, 25 cents, which entitles you to dinner.

For amusement there will be an old time spelling match, in which both old and young are most cordially invited to take part. Entrance fee, 10c. Prizes, a thoroughbred Plymouth Rock cockerel.

Another feature will be a baby show. Please enter your babies under two and a half years. Five cents a vote. The baby getting the most votes gets a silver spoon.

A quilt made by the school children will be raffled off at 5c chance.

An Old Time Husking Bee will be rendered by the children of the school, besides other attractive features. We need a fence. Come help us build it.

THE CHILDREN OF G. P. S. Work has already been done on the play to be held here on December 6, under the direction of Frank S. Davidson. The cast has been selected and rehearsals will be held in a week or so. Each one has been given their parts to study. The entire cast of characters is composed of local talent although it differs somewhat from the cast in the previous plays. This is the latest play written by Mr. Davidson and will certainly draw a big crowd, as those in the past have done. This performance will be given for the benefit of the Manassas Dramatic Band.

DELINQUENT LAND SALE

Table listing land parcels with details such as location, acreage, and owner information.

HIDDEN MONEY

Statistics show that the percentage of money lost outside of banks is greater than that lost thru bank failures by over 240 per cent. And yet people will store their money away in stockings, bureau drawers, mattresses, carpets, etc., waiting for the thieves and flames. The stories of serious and pitiable losses of this kind published during the past year would fill a volume. They show that many murders have been caused by hidden money in some cases for ridiculously small amounts.

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Avoid all such contingencies by depositing your money with THE NATIONAL BANK OF MANASSAS. Which will pay you 3 Per Cent on Time Deposits.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL IN AGRICULTURE

FARMERS WHAT NATION NEEDS. "Learned Professions" Crowded With Poorly Paid Doctors, Lawyers and Preachers - Rooms for Good Farmers.

By W. M. BROWN, Field Agent, Southern Railway Company. Glancing back over the pages of history on which we find recorded an account of the educational development of our country, we find that when the agitation began for agricultural education in the early and middle periods of the last century, all education was directed to the "learned professions" - law, medicine and theology.

MANASSAS TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

LARGE NUMBER OF BILLS PAID. Accounts of Sergeant Weir Approved and Letter to Council on Light and Water Proposals.

At a regular meeting of the town council of Manassas held Monday night, November 25, the following members were present: C. E. Nash, Albert Speiden and W. M. Wheeler. A. E. Speiden's application for permit to build a 15x15 foot addition to his kitchen at a cost of \$125, was submitted and approved.

WHEN WOMEN BECOME CAR CONDUCTORS?

DRIVING FUTURE WAS "THE WHITE SHIP" - Other Recitations and Songs Highly Appreciated.

Those who attended the recital at the New Eastern College Auditorium last Friday night had the pleasure of hearing one of the best entertainments that has ever been given at the college. Although only a fairly good crowd was present, those who were fortunate to be there, highly appreciated Mr. Brigham's dramatic recital.

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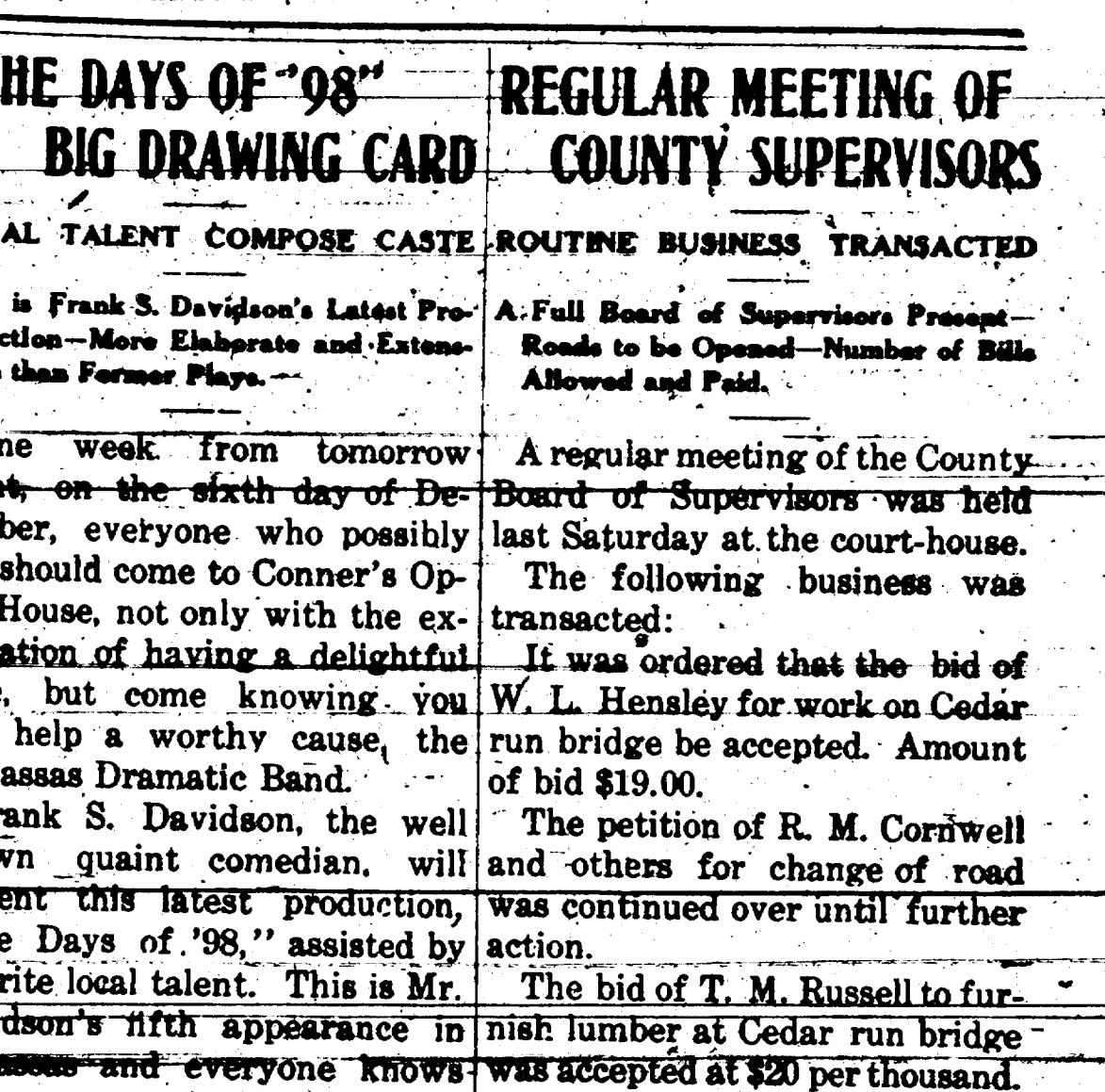
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that the clerk of this board issue a warrant to the said Mrs. E. M. Mason for said amount.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet again December 21, 1912.

The following bills were paid:

Table listing various bills and amounts paid, including names like J. B. Evans, W. L. Brown, and amounts ranging from \$1.00 to \$200.00.

FARM VALUES DOUBLE

Intensive rather than extensive farming is recommended in Commissioner Koerner's annual report of his department.

The report asserts that farm lands have doubled in value during the past ten years, and predicts a similar increase in the next decade.

The report shows that farm property values in Virginia is \$630,000,000. There are 184,000 farms in Virginia, an increase of 16,000 in the past ten years.

The average size of the farm has decreased from 245 acres to 106 acres, showing a decided intensification in agricultural work.

In Virginia there were this year 1,800,000 acres in corn, 700,000 acres in wheat, 775,000 acres in hay and other forage crops.

Of every 100 farms in the State, eighty-nine grow corn, fifty-eight grow potatoes, forty-three raise hay and forage, thirty-five have wheat, twenty-four grow tobacco and twenty produce oats.

The commissioner concludes his report with a discussion of how to improve the soil, which he regards as the most important question for consideration by the farmer.

He says the limit has not yet been found to the possibilities of production of an acre of land.

National Commercial Gas Association, Atlanta, Ga., December 2nd-6th, 1912.

Account above meeting, Southern Railway will sell greatly reduced round trip fare tickets to Atlanta on November 30th, December 1st and 2nd, from all principal points in Virginia.

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will greatly benefit the people.

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We have just installed a new Purifier in our mill at a cost of \$200.00, and given the mill a general overhauling, and have with us an expert miller, and our flour is giving entire satisfaction.

We guarantee it to be as good as any of the Patent Flour shipped in the State. Five bushels wheat gets you 1 barrel of flour, and 5 1/2 bushels of wheat gets you 1 barrel flour and 66 pounds of offal.

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Guard Your Children Against Bowel Trouble. Many children at an early age become constipated, and frequently serious consequences result.

Now is the time to prepare for comfort in the "Good Old Winter Time." Seasonable Goods Cheap, at

W. C. Wagener's, Manassas, Virginia.

Get the habit of buying your Bread and Cakes at BELL BROS. BAKERY

instead of doing your own baking. You will find it just as good - just as cheap, and so much less trouble. Bernard L. Bryant TINNER and PLUMBER ROOFING A SPECIALTY

THE HIGH SCHOOL IN AGRICULTURE

The eyes of more than 100,000 Seventh-day Adventists are watching eagerly the war now being waged in Turkey.

But there has been another mighty factor in helping along this fight for better agriculture - namely, the high school with an agricultural course.

The writer looks forward to the day when our high schools will be provided with more land, more tools, and a team of mules or horses, a few beef animals, a number of dairy cows, hogs and sheep, all thoroughbred.

It is our aim to make better farmers out of our boys, better citizens, better husbands, and by doing this a great service is done to the commonwealth.

Every county in the South should provide for at least one or more high schools with courses for training the hand as well as the brain of the boy and girl.

While the official vote is not yet completed as far as we have been able to learn, a pretty accurate estimate is attainable, and from the estimate the following is gleaned.

Woodrow Wilson was first in forty-two States, and second in seven. In one State only, Vermont, was Wilson beaten by both Taft and Roosevelt.

Roosevelt was first in five States and second in 28. Taft was first in three States and second in 16.

Wilson's vote falls short of the combined votes of Roosevelt and Taft by something over 1,000,000.

PROFECT COINING TRUE

Some matters the woman who would be well dressed must keep in mind.

Nevertheless the problem is a difficult one for the woman who must dress in limited means, and who wants to achieve the same results as her more fortunate sister.

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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL HOSPITAL

In addition to the many dormitories, residences and other buildings that are connected with the Manassas Industrial School is a hospital.

The building although small, is amply large for what it is used, and is up to date in every way.

The inside is entirely finished in white and everything is in first class order.

Two wards for patients are fitted up with the necessary equipment and are the equal of any to be found in a city hospital.

Steam heat, hot and cold water can be found over the entire building, and from every standpoint the hospital is a modern one and the equal of any of a larger size.

Woman Suffrage in Virginia. With four new States in the suffrage fold, the movement for the franchisement of women has since the election taken on a new seriousness.

Use a tested kidney remedy. Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills. They're "Kidney Troubles" in 30 days.

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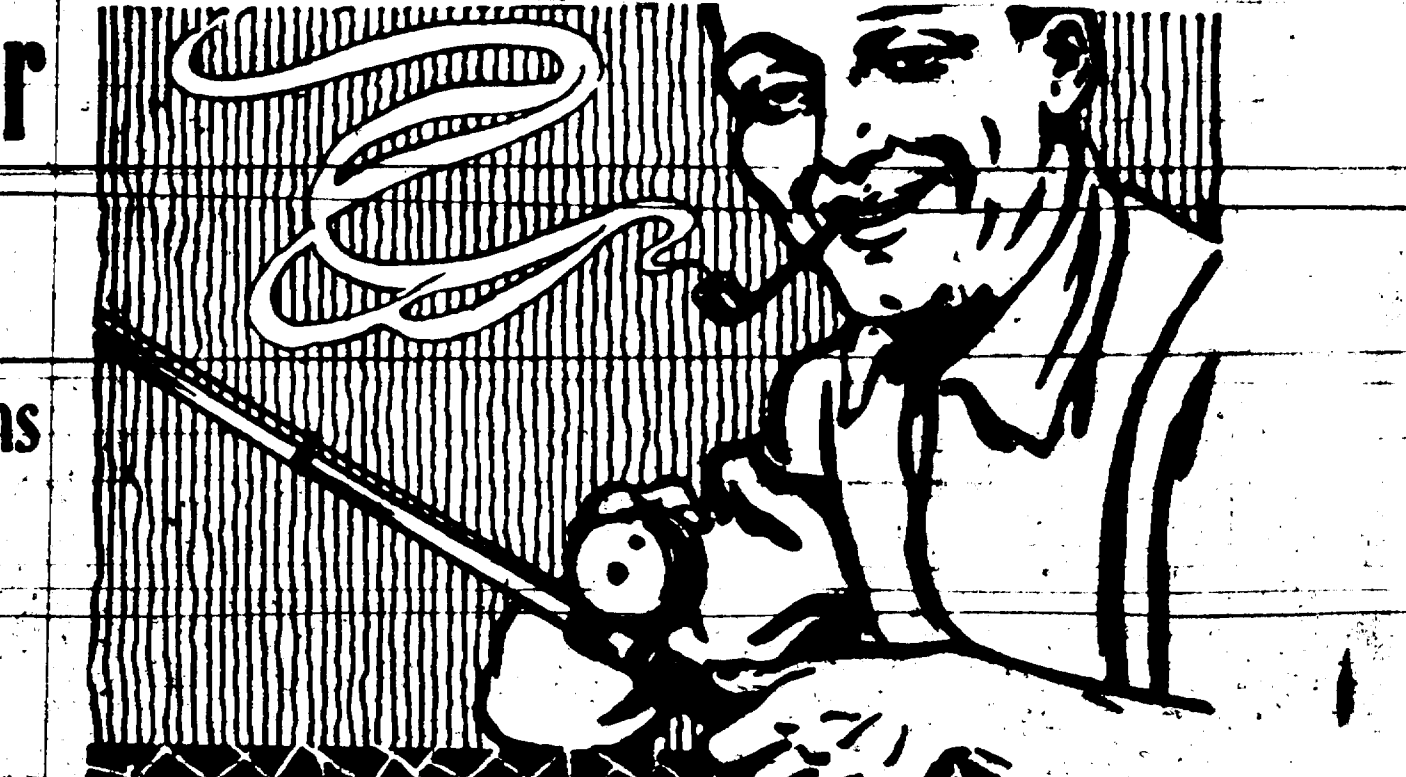
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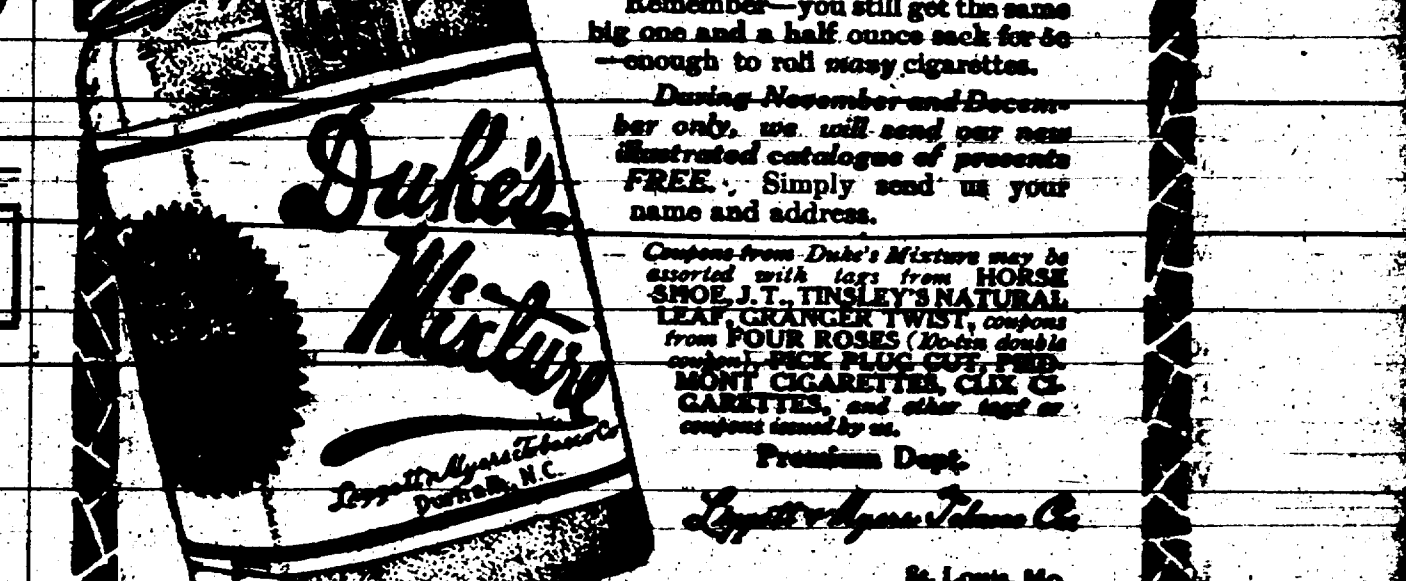
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There's a BULL DOG Gasoline Engine For Every Farm - 1 1/2 to 12 H. P.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

The public schools closed yesterday to remain closed until Monday. Everybody is preparing to attend Frank L. Davidson's new play next week.

Several Eastern College students spent one day last week in Washington. Mr. Lippett of Porto Rico is a guest of the Johnnies a few days this week.

Archie Thomas has secured a position as clerk for the Southern Railway. It is not a bit too soon to begin your Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Harrison Simpson spent several days visiting in Washington. Miss Laura Lingie, accompanied by her mother, visited friends in Manassas for a few days this week.

BOYS: Every boy is a miniature business man. If he manages his little business affairs with credit to himself, he will be a good manager of big affairs later in life.

THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK OF MANASSAS. It is an equal pleasure to either give or receive. Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen.

Conner's Market. Fresh Meats, Watch These Prices: Choice Loin Steak 16c, Choice Round Steak 15c, Choice Roasts 12 1/2c, Stewing Meat 8 to 10c, Country Sausage 15c, Pork Chops 15c.

AN EVERLASTING STEEL TELEPHONE. THE ALL STEEL ERICSSON. Strong ring steel talk over long distances—no danger from lightning.

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A. M. Crigler, of Baltimore, is spending Thanksgiving at his former home in Culpeper. G. R. Ratcliffe had a surgical operation performed on his nose this week—and was successfully treated.

MANASSAS TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

Continued from first page. extent of the work and would probably be able to give you better prices than could at this time. Instead of charging a certain percentage of the total cost of improvements I would submit definite figures.

DUMFRIES

Robert King has been quite ill for several days. Claudio Brown spent Friday and Saturday in Washington. The Woodmen of America organized a lodge here Saturday night.

CLIFTON

Ruth Richards came home Saturday. Splendid sermon Sunday—Rev. Edwards. Ed. Capon spent Sunday in our midst.

Gave Up Hope. I suffered five years, with awful pains, due to womanly troubles, writes Mrs. M. D. McPherson, from Chadbourn, N. C. "They grew worse, till I would faint faint. I could not walk at all, and I had an awful hurting in my side; also a headache and a backache.

Rayo The Reliable Household Lantern. There is always need for a good lantern around the home—in the yard, in the cellar, in the attic—wherever a lamp is inconvenient or unsafe.

NEW TYPE AT CONKLIN. On or about the first of May I will open a General Merchandise Store at Conklin, which will be stocked with a complete line of Seasonable Goods.

Young Bros. Do You Know? That 12 nice photographs make just 12 nice Christmas Gifts and the cost is nothing compared to the pleasure you'll be giving your friends.

Harman's Studio. MANASSAS, VA. OFFICE AT BOSSELL'S LEVARY. Will treat horses, cattle, sheep, dogs and cats. Also test cows for tuberculosis.

W. S. ATHEY. CITY TRAFFIC. Wanted Fifty Select Young Men to Study Famous Gregg Shortland.

For any indications of the skin, for skin rashes, eruptions, etc., try Doan's Ointment, 50c at all drug stores.

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MANASSAS, VA., THURSDAY, NOV. 28, 1912.

TOOT! TOOT!

Although predicted to live only six months, THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT has now been here three years, part of which time has seemed long and part short, but as a whole, we are still here and still living, having grown since our last birthday.

Perhaps some are surprised that we have existed this long and have outlived that awful prophecy, but we are glad to still be able to give the people of Prince William county a first-class country newspaper, and once a week at that.

With this issue we are three years old to the day, and are glad of it, although we are doing business on "borrowed time," according to some of our dearest friends (?), who predicted our early downfall.

The time we have spent here has been for the best good of the people and to benefit them in any way possible. We have fought our battles and each time have come out victorious, although the outcome has seemed doubtful to many, and still many have bemoaned our fate since that six months has expired.

The friends of THE DEMOCRAT, both in Manassas and Prince William county, have stood by us loyally, and they have our appreciation, and we hope for a continuance of their support in all affairs.

Although young in age, we are growing, and have grown from a baby to a good sized kid, kicking and lively. From now on we expect to stay here and grow as in our short life of three years and to publish a paper worthy of patronage that will be for the good and benefit of the public. We will encourage all things for the improvement and benefit of our town and surrounding country, and will stand for the right whatever the odds may be.

We have outlived our predicted span some time and still expect to thrive and be able to issue "THE LEADING NEWSPAPER OF MANASSAS AND PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY" to our patrons.

SCHOOL LAWS

The great and constant growth at our public school brings to mind the fact that a good many clauses in our school laws are obsolete and perfectly inefficient to make the schools the great factor for advancement that they are in other states. A committee of broad-minded, educated, experienced men should be authorized to go over the school laws and reorganize them from start to finish. While our schools have made rapid strides ahead in the past few years they are beginning to bump up against some of the things that will have to be changed before they can go much further.

For instance: The State University should be co-educational. Undoubtedly in Jefferson's time it was well enough to arrange for higher education for boys only but times have very materially changed in 100 years and our daughters are clamoring for more and better facilities along educational lines and they are certainly entitled to them as much as the boys. In many cases they make better use of them. The University should be an integral part of our school system and like it co-educational. Another thing: As it is now, one member of the county board of supervisors really controls the entire policy of the local school. Any individual, corporation or public service is at the mercy of its income; that decides what its policy, line of work and advancement shall be and that is what the supervisor dictates. Regardless of what the requirements may be, or what ability to judge of them he may possess, it is within his power to dictate. This is altogether wrong. The school board should have the power to make estimates of what their work for the year will cost and have the taxes adjusted to meet these expenses. The members of the school board, not the supervisors, are in a position to judge and have the ability, or should have, to fix a tax that would be proportionate to the needs of the schools and the resources of the school patrons. Again: Some requirements should be fixed as to the school training that school officers should have. Fitness for office should be of more importance than good-fellowship or political preferment.

DECREASE THE COUNCIL

The invasion of one of our play houses by a troupe of students from our neighboring town of Culpeper suggests a comparison of the business management of their little city with Manassas. To a casual visitor Manassas presents a much better appearance. It has better streets, better sidewalks and more uniform business buildings, but to the close observer it is easily apparent that Culpeper has begun and is pursuing the task of municipal building in a much more business-like and substantial manner. It has begun at the foundation instead of building its superstructure first. It has a complete sewer system, an adequate water plant and a good electric light plant for commercial, residence and street circuits. Now it is building macadamized streets and cement sidewalks that will not have to be torn to pieces and badly damaged to permit the installation of water and sewer pipes.

A great many cities and towns in the county are adopting the commission form of government, which really means concentrating the management of their affairs in the hands of one or two men. All the larger ones are reducing the size of their councils, some to about one-third their former number. All of which would lead us to think that nine councilmen are too many for a town the size of Manassas. That probably our business affairs would progress more satisfactorily if our council was smaller.

PHILANTHROPY?

Andrew Carnegie again looms up as a great benefactor in a way, although he donates this time to people well able to continue in their proper path after serving the public.

He has provided annual pensions of \$25,000 for future ex-presidents of the United States so that when they leave the White House they will not be troubled with such a small thing as living expenses, and also for their widows so that they may be freed from want. This is provided for with the idea of enabling former executives of the nation to devote their knowledge gained in public affairs to the public good and so that they may not be troubled with pecuniary cares. A like amount is to be paid the widows of ex-presidents as long as they remain unmarried.

These pensions will be promptly offered to the ex-presidents or their widows and therefore no application will be required, and these payments will continue as long as the recipients remain unprovided for by the government.

Now, after a man has served for four years as a servant of the people and as President of the United States, he leaves his office to walk into a small fortune every year for the rest of his life. It's too bad all of us can't be presidents.

Next will be a large sum pensioned to Morgan, Rockefeller, Vanderbilt and the trusts. How far would this amount go towards aiding charity, doing some good of this kind, instead of giving it to one man who is perfectly capable of making his fortune after his expiration of office as president of the country.

TOPICS TIMELY

One of the features of THE DEMOCRAT and one that has attracted much interest are the treatises on agricultural topics by Prof. W. M. Brown, Field Agent for the Southern Railway. Prof. Brown is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and a native Tennessean, who has studied the farming conditions and needs of the entire South, however, and the weekly papers which he contributes are of interest and timely. He is regarded one of the most thorough agriculturists in the country and what he writes is always read studiously by the many subscribers of THE DEMOCRAT.

PARAGRAPHS

No need to put 'em on yet; wait for snow.
The road to perdition is never closed for repairs.
TRUTH wins in the long run. Lies are only sprinters.
Two things that always surprise a married man are twins.
EVEN an expert burglar can't pick a lock from a bald man.
A MAN lies a little to keep out of trouble and then a lot to get out.
WITH the football season nearly at an end, it will soon be time to count the casualties.
SOME women seem to forget there are other pleasures in life besides nagging one's husband.
THERE is apt to be one or more of your friends who would be only too glad to write your obituary.
LOIS of people never taste their bread upon the waters until it gets so stale that the dogs won't eat it.
MAYBE if all of us would stop and think of the many troubles other people have we would be ashamed to talk of our own.
AMONG others suggested for Mr. Wilson's cabinet is Aunt Hetty Green. But it would not be a joke if she were appointed.
THE newspapers are advising that it is time to begin thinking about our Christmas shopping. Thinking about it is the easy part.
WITH the change of administrations there will very likely be some appointments, a few reappointments, and many disappointments.
PRESIDENT TAFT has announced that he intends to fill all vacancies in federal positions before Woodrow Wilson takes up the duties of President.

WITHOUT doubt it will be an interesting session when Nicholas Longworth and his esteemed father-in-law meet to discuss their respective defeats.

If ever woman suffrage should become universal in this country there will have to be created another Cabinet position, that of Secretary of Fashions.

It will be hard for the new President to improve on Grover Cleveland's "pernicious selfishness" when it comes to firing the Republican postmasters.

A news dispatch from Oregon reports a large crop of the new vegetable, the "beetato," a combination of the beet and potato. This latest addition to human foods is said to be very prolific and of delicious flavor.

A "BLIND BANKER" in Paris, France, admits having stolen \$2,000,000. If he was able to capture that sum minus eyesight, what a swath he would have cut in high finance had he possessed perfect optics! Andy Carnegie and Pierpont Morgan would have been mere amateurs alongside of him.

ALTHOUGH Gov. Wilson will not be present, assurance has been received that 31 of the 48 governors in the United States will be in attendance on the Governors' Conference beginning in Richmond December 3. There is every promise that the conference in Richmond will establish a record for attendance. In addition to the 31 there is possibility that several more will write later accepting the invitation. Only a half-dozen will positively be prevented from attending by official business or ill health.

FOR the first time in the history of the United States marching women will form a large section in the inaugural parade next March. Woodrow Wilson, in his way to take the oath of office, will be accompanied by a bodyguard of suffragettes. The suffrage association of the District of Columbia has voted to request the inaugural committee to give it a place in the parade, and the women have received private assurance that their request will be granted. Ten thousand women, they estimate, will answer the appeal.

HIDDEN MONEY

Statistics show that the percentage of money lost outside of banks is greater than that lost thru bank failures by over 240 per cent. And yet people will store their money away in stockings, bureau drawers, mattresses, carpets, etc., waiting for the thieves and flames. The stories of serious and pitiable losses of this kind published during the past year would fill a volume. They show that many murders have been caused by hidden money—in some cases for ridiculously small amounts.

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