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NEW LIFE IN BUSINESS LEAGUE OF MANASSAS

FACTS AND FIGURES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

EFFECTIVE IN TOWN-BUILDING

NECESSITY OF \$75,000 BOND ISSUE

"Work Together," Keynote of New Organization—Actualize Possibilities of Progressive Town.

Enlarging the scope to meet the requirements of a new constitution representative of a progressive municipality, the Business League of Manassas was reorganized with thirty-nine charter members at a smoker in the Manassas Cafe last Friday evening.

Determination heightened to enthusiasm characterized this assembly of representative citizens, promising realization of the limitless possibilities of the town.

"A Greater Manassas" was the keynote of sentiment prevailing for highest development of our commercial resources through initiative of the organization, an agency for exploitation, most effective by concerted effort.

ELECTS OFFICERS

The new Business League of Manassas, instituted on motion of C. M. Hopkins, elected the following officers:

President—G. Raymond Ratcliffe.

First Vice President—Albert Spieden.

Second Vice President—W. M. Wheeler.

Third Vice President—C. E. Nash.

Secretary—C. M. Hopkins.

Financial Secretary—Bryan Gordon.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee comprises the officers and H. T. Davies, R. S. Hynson, George C. Round, Dr. C. R. C. Johnson, F. E. Ransdell, Westwood Hutchinson, C. A. Sinclair, John A. Nicol, and Dr. J. Walter Bernhard.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

The executive committee has appointed the following chairmen of committees:

Legislation and Insurance—J. E. Nelson.

Transportation and Express—W. N. Lipscomb.

Conventions and Celebrations—E. R. Conner.

Streets, Roads and Parks—D. H. Preacott.

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PRINCIPLES OF LEE TO PERPETUATE

HIGHEST HONOR TO HIS MEMORY

Manassas Commemorates One Hundred and Fifth Anniversary of Birth of Leader of Southern Confederacy.

Aged veterans and little school children were distinctive types honoring the memory of General

Robert E. Lee; leader of the

Southern Confederacy. Com-

moration of the one hundred and fifth anniversary of his birth was

under direction of Manassas

chapter, United Daughters of

the Confederacy, in the Ruffner

Building last Friday afternoon.

The Rev. P. A. Arthur, rector

Trinity Episcopal Church, pre-

pared as master of ceremonies.

Selections were rendered

Miss Mary Lee Chapman, Dr.

U. Roop, C. C. Collins, W. R.

ers and the school children.

L. Frank Pattie and Miss

Others also gave solo.

Honor was bestowed

on Dr. H. L. Quarles. The

location was offered by the

P. A. Arthur. The Rev.

L. DeLong, pastor of Grace

Church, pronounced the

selections. The room was dec-

orated with flags and pictures of

federal heroes.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

The memorial address was de-

livered by Dr. H. L. Quarles,

said:

PERPETUATE PRINCIPLES

The time has long ago passed

in these memorial occasions

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NEW LIFE IN BUSINESS LEAGUE OF MANASSAS

HAMMER PHILOSOPHY—"MAKE, NOT BREAK"

The hammer is a first-rate builder, but a mighty poor knocker."

This epigram illustrates the quality of civic spirit prevailing at the annexation and re-organization meeting of the Business League of Manassas in the Manassas Cafe last Friday night.

Although the affair was defined a "smoker," plans inspired by fragrant Havanas after the delicious dinner are real and substantial, very capable of actualization, with none of the visionary evanescence of pipe dreams.

The feast of civic eloquence was inspirational, whetting the appetite for municipal progress by suggesting taste of the good things coming to Manassas.

"WORK TOGETHER" SAYS RICHARDS

CHAIRMAN OF LEAGUE COMMITTEES

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"Work together." That was the recommendation of M. V. Richards, Industrial Agent of the Southern Railroad, in an address to members of the new Business League of Manassas.

All possibilities may be actualized by united action emphasized Mr. Richards.

"In the county where I was raised," said Mr. Richards, "land used to average \$2 an acre, and now through improvements the same land has been brought up

an average of \$30 an acre. The land in Prince William county now averages \$20 an acre, but I expect to live to see it worth \$150 an acre when we get good roads through the country."

Mr. Richards stated that the railroad started the good roads movement ten years ago in Virginia, and that last year more than \$4,000,000 were spent on improvement of highways in the State.

We should be proud of our schools, he said, and never let any message go out without emphasizing their efficiency.

CANNING FACTORY

New fields of development were disclosed by Mr. Richards in comment on our facilities for a canning factory. Last year he said 4,000,000 cans of corn were put up in Virginia, totaling 2,000,000 cans of tomatoes and 4,600,000 cans of peas. The productivity of our tributary territory and our excellent transportation facilities, he declared, offered a splendid field for later on in a canning enterprise.

POPCORN

Your hands will produce abundant yields of popcorn," said he. "One man in Virginia planted 192 acres in popcorn, which brought him \$2,745, with a profit of \$7,500. On ten acres of sweet corn another farmer realized a return of \$400 an acre."

POULTRY

The possibilities of poultry as a source of revenue were shown by narrating an incident of two men who engaged in the enterprise in Tennessee. During October, November and December last year they shipped 270,000 pounds of eggs, \$20,000 pounds of poultry. The eggs brought \$26,000.

A man in a small town in North Carolina shipped \$15,000 worth of eggs and poultry.

COLD STORAGE PLANT

Mr. Richards stated that a cold storage plant in Manassas would be a paying investment.

"Get the country developed and then the town will develop," he said.

LABOR PROBLEM

"Secretary Nagle says that in time the laboring class will be

Thankfulness.
Thankfulness is an excited and dim grace. It is an essential part of any worthy character. Of the minor acts, little may be done with them so one is held more responsible than ingratitude. —Sister.

Cinematograph in China.
Our recent special cinematograph shows many great strides in public favor in China until now almost every post office at least one and many of five or six.

Foundation of Permanent Fame.
No true and permanent fame can be founded, except in labor that promotes the happiness of mankind.

Charles Sumner.

Natural Personality.
Why is it that the people who don't speak much from wrong seem to always be in the right?

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Sleep-Raising Countries.

Australia and the Argentine between pasture one-third of all the sheep in the world.

Not a Real Patriot.
A man is not necessarily a patriot because he abhors his area to his nation's faults.

Knows Value of Good Roads.
England spends nine million dollars a year to maintain her public roads.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Remedy. She took two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well quickly, well. Sold by all dealers.

J. W. Prescott.
Agriculture and Immigration Prof. H. F. Button.

Battlefield, Parks and Roads

Thor. H. Lion

Exempt from immigration restrictions," he continued. "A farm hand paid \$200 a year in Pennsylvania, receives only \$180 an acre when we get good roads through the country." Mr. Richards, stated that the Southern railroad started the good roads movement ten years ago in Virginia, and that last year more than \$4,000,000 were spent on improvement of highways in the State.

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GROCERIES

SOUTHERN FOR SOUTH

Provisions, Fruit, Etc.

FRESH AND SALT MEATS

Game and Oysters
in Season

BENNETT & BLUME

WOOD AND COAL.

Coal for the House
Coal for the Factory
Coal for You.

Old Company White Ash
Open Special Furnace Coal
order a Trial Ton

Always Clear
Always Reliable

Order Give Prompt Attention

Current Prices of the Year in Effect Now.

Orme and Ward on Center St.

Manassas, Va.

NEEDS MORE INVESTIGATION

"Manassas needs more industries," observed Mr. Richards, "and I am willing to help get them."

SILK MILL

"A silk mill is needed here," suggested One started five years ago in North Carolina, shipping the product to Pennsylvania to be manufactured into cloth. The investors now own a complete plant, which is employed to 200 operatives.

MANASSAS LABEL

"I want to see canned goods sent out bearing the Manassas label."

GOOD ROADS AND GOLF

"You need good roads, so that people will come here from the cities."

"Introduce golf—the healthiest pastime."

Mr. Richards spoke 5 minutes.

SINGING

The meeting closed with the singing of old-time songs.

PUFFS FROM BUSINESS LEAGUE SMOKER

"We must work together," Dr. C. E. C. Johnson.

"I am in a receptive attitude for dues," Bryan Gordon, Financial Secretary.

"Let honey and make the Business League of Manassas the most effective civic organization in the country," Raymond Ratcliffe.

"Let us memorize the way to extend the Lincoln way from Gettysburg northward through Manassas to Richmond, the capital of the Southern Confederacy," George C. Round.

"Why not give all of them working by awarding a diamond ring to the person securing the most money for the Manassas pledge to the Quebec International road fund," C. M. Hopkins.

"The International should offer a splendid opportunity to advance the interests of Manassas in the financial campaign and advance the cause of Manassas," R. S. Hyson.

"I came to Manassas fourteen years ago and was so highly pleased with the town and people, after being away at Bridgewater and other towns practically gave my property away at Bridgewater and came to Manassas to stay."

It was an excellent opportunity for a friendly quip.

Mr. Round begged the people's pardon for having shown Mr. Myers about

MILL THOROUGHLY OVERHAULED

Milford Mills

BRISTOW, VA.

C. J. MEETZE, Prop.

MANUFACTURER OF

White Rose and White Loaf Flour

Blue Ribbon Table Meal and Choice Va. Buckwheat Flour

Cotton Seed Meal, Beet Pulp, Bran, Middlings and all kinds of mill and mixed feeds to your order

Maddox & Byrd

Dealers in Staple and Fancy

Groceries

Goods Promptly Delivered for Reasonable Charges

Dealer in Staple and Fancy

Groceries

Confectionery, Cigars, Tobacco, Etc.

Hay and Grain

AYRES' OLD STAND

S. C. CARTER

GROCER

Special Notice

I will start my New Hydraulic Cider Press, located

one mile southeast of Manassas, Va., on SATURDAY,

JULY 15, 1911, and run every Saturday until further notice. Grapes of all kinds also ground on same day.

I respectfully ask a share of your patronage.

J. E. BRADFIELD.

Get the habit of buying your

Bread and Cakes at

BELL BROS. BAKERY

Makes Old Things New

For Woodwork, Furniture, Pictures, Carriages, Bugles, Automobiles, Etc.

PIER BOTTLE, 25 CTS.

FOR SALE AT BOWELL'S PHARMACY

For trial bottles send 10c in stamps to

Capital Polish Co., Manassas, Va.

All Work will Receive Careful Attention

P. O. Box 10, Manassas, Va.

THE HOUSE THAT GIVES YOU BEST RESULTS

Quick Sales; Prompt Returns

Prompt Returns of Empties

CROVO & PRICE, WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANTS

5211 Louisiana Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C.

SPECIALE—Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Candy, Larder, Pickle, Wine, Fresh, Beer.

Reference: International Banking Corp., and Bradstreet Merc. Agency.

FINANCIAL AID FOR GIRLS' TOMATO CLUBS

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the boys of the South themselves, in arriving there further to try and equal them, the government saw the open field for girls, and means were provided to give the same chance to profit by all the good things that result in work of that kind.

Men of means are coming to the front to get Tomato Clubs started for girls the same as they did to assist the boys, and it is the hope of those most interested that others will see the big open field for usefulness and invest some of their funds in such work.

BENEFITS GIRLS

Our girls have like needs with the boys and when one stops to think of it and the limited fields of labor for country girls to earn their own pin money at home, he is impressed vividly with the fact that Tomato and Canning Club and Poultry and all that Dr. Knapp meant to follow, can be made of vastly more value to the girls themselves than the Corn Clubs have been and are still and are going to be to the boys themselves.

Our girls love to have a little cash they can call their own, and what girl who has earned such with her own hands and brain in her own home has not felt the joy of it all in such a vastly different way than if her parents handed her spending money!

Girls—the United Daughters of the Confederacy will work in conjunction with the Sons, and those who attend the Re Union will find a real Georgia Hospital Welcome awaiting them upon their arrival in "The Magnetic Center" of Dixie. Information of any kind desired by the Daughters will be cheerfully given by addressing the General Secretary, E. H. Hyman.

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money on patent medicine that has won worldwide separation from its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is recommended everywhere.

Cough Remedy and a medicine of great merit. For sale by all dealers.

ACT QUICKLY

Delay Has Been Dangerous in Manassas.

Do the right thing at the right time.

Act quickly in time of danger. Backache is kidney danger.

Doan's Kidney Pills act quickly. Plenty of evidence to prove.

Mrs. Benjamin Martyn, Waterloo St., Warrenton, Va., says: "I can recommend no remedy that has ever been so beneficial to me as Doan's Kidney Pills. They have relieved me greatly and have lived up to every claim made for them. I was afflicted with a severe case of kidney trouble, and for a time it seemed as if it would never leave me. My backaches were almost unbearable, and finally the doctor who attended me, advised a trial of Doan's Kidney Pills. He said that he knew of a similar case which had been treated with Doan's Kidney Pills, and that the patient had been relieved of his trouble. I followed his advice and took Doan's Kidney Pills, and they relieved me of my trouble."

The trouble is that all do not put their time value on it as yet. The country doctor, however, advised a trial of Doan's Kidney Pills, saying that he knew of a similar case which had been treated with Doan's Kidney Pills, and that the patient had been relieved of his trouble.

Doan's Kidney Pills are the best remedy for kidney trouble.

Remember the name Doan's and take no other.

Shall we fall in line? It remains with you, girls. And I give to God my hearty approval.

God speed in every way.

Miss Agnew left the necessary sum with the Secretaries of the Farmers' Institute and the Woman's Auxiliary. While at the Government and the many more calls than can keep pace with, and we would have to be six months on the waiting list, can we fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters, wait for a good country?

What some counties already do, raise our eyebrows?

One might

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

N. E. Hottle has returned from Lima, Ohio.

The interior of the postoffice has been repainted.

G. P. Bucher was in Alexandria on business last Monday.

D. C. Cline of Dumfries was a Manassas visitor one day last week.

Ernest Randall returned last week from Quantico where he holds a position.

Miss Edna Ritenour, of Woodstock, was a guest of Mrs. W. A. Clement this week.

Mrs. Bebbie Merchant and Mrs. Ada Reid spent Sunday visiting friends in Harrisonburg.

Mrs. Maggie Jeffries and family of Washington visited at the home of C. D. Welch this week.

Miss Mattie Randall has returned from a visit to Miss Marie Louis Nicl at Alexandria.

O. A. Thomas, of Remington, has been elected a director of the State Farmers' Association.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a "mother" meeting tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 8 o'clock in the same building.

W. B. Bullock last Thursday shipped to Hunter, N. Y., a fine Percheron stallion and a fine Hackney stallion.

The Daisy Club of Aubrey M. Glaser held a dinner social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith last Tuesday evening.

The Hon. C. J. Meetze, delegate from Prince William county to the State Legislature, spent Sunday with his family at Milford Mills.

Frank Ruffner, who is employed in the government service at Congress Heights, D. C., spent Sunday with his family at Braddock.

For the benefit of the new church fund, the ladies of Grace M. E. Church, South, will serve dinner and supper in Nickel Hall on February 6.

Miss Martha Howard and brother, who have been students at Eastern College this term, left last Wednesday for their home in Washington to remain permanently.

Mrs. W. S. Allensworth has taken her son, Carl, to the Institute for the Deaf and Blind at Staunton. Before returning home Mrs. Allensworth will visit relatives at Hagerstown, Md.

Work is to be resumed this week on the ware-house being erected by F. A. Cockrell & Co., on East Center street. Construction of the business block on the frontage will be started early in the spring.

A "remedy" for headaches almost cost the life of W. Gilmore Iden, formerly of Manassas, in his home at Washington last week. For several hours he was unconscious. Mr. Iden is a noted newspaper and magazine writer.

While she lay ill in University Hospital, Charlottesville, recovering from an operation, Mrs. Bonham Libman also lost her father, Luther N. Payne, by death in Orleans, Pennsylvania last Friday. Mr. Payne was 55 years old, a prominent citizen and active in the Baptist Church.

The game season in Virginia has ended and it is now unlawful to kill or have in possession partridges, pheasants, wild turkeys, woodcock or rabbit. The Legislature has passed the Willerby emergency measure, closing the season at once on account of the recent bad weather, which resulted in great harm to birds and animals.

A stay of proceedings in the suit of Briggs against Leary from the circuit court of Prince William county has been granted by the supreme court of appeals. It was alleged that E. M. Briggs sustained permanent injuries in an altercation with H. G. Leary in a hotel at Occoquan in January 1911. Briggs was awarded damages amounting to \$1,000.

Miss Maud Willis was home from Daleplane last week on a visit.

Miss Edith Ritenour was the guest of Miss Alpha Fraunfelder over Sunday.

Gilbert Welden, the cowboy humorist and lecturer, visited friends here this week.

Miss Nellie Bettis of Culpeper here last week visiting her aunt, Mrs. William Bettis.

H. S. Orebaugh and little son, Joseph, of Timberville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith in Washington.

James Davis, a former resident of Prince William county, died Friday night in Alexandria. He was 58 years old.

Mrs. E. Carrico of Wellington, in town Tuesday. She leaves Saturday for a visit to relatives in Washington and Alexandria.

Mrs. Frank Smart of Washington, was here this week visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant.

W. J. Adamson left last night for Sacramento, Calif., where he expects to engage in farming.

His family will join him in March.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet next Sunday afternoon at Grace M. E. Church

South. Westwood Hutchinson will deliver the address.

The Rev. W. H. Dexter will preach in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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Newton T. Fox, 72 years old, was stricken with paralysis Sunday morning, January 7, at his home in Conklin, and died the following Wednesday. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Homer Welch, and the body was laid to rest by the wife who died in 1906. Mr. Fox served four

years in the Great War, was

wounded in action, and lingered between life and death in a hospital.

In 1868 he married Miss Margaret Cunningham and settled near Conklin where he engaged in farming. He is survived by eight children, T. U. Fox, of Arcola; R. L. Fox, of Catharpin; G. W. Fox, W. F. Fox and Mrs. Saville Spencer, of Conklin; and

Miss Martha Fox, of Washington.

He was a man of strong character and death is deeply mourned.

The following schools by their own efforts assisted by state and local appropriations have secured valuable libraries this session:

Hickory Grove, Mill Park, Gainesville, Woodbridge; Cherry Hill, Quantico. The following have raised their part of the money and are ready to order libraries:

The Hon. G. W. Koenig, State Commissioner of Agriculture, will accompany the Farmers' Institute train, operated by the Southern railroad, which will stop in Clifton, Monday, January 28, at 2 p.m., Manassas on Tuesday, January 29, at 9:30 a.m.

In Nokesville the same day at 1 p.m., in Haymarket on Wednesday, January 31, at 9:30 a.m., and in Marshall the same day at 1 p.m. The district board then has to

discussions on improving the roads, increasing the yield per acre of corn, alfalfa growing, fruit

growing and poultry husbandry.

Dr. Thomas Electric Oil is the best remedy for those fatal diseases of the eye. Thin blood makes you weak, pale, sickly. Burdock Blood Bitters makes the blood rich, red, pure restores perfect health.

Mrs. Fannie Osborne Metz AN APPRECIATION

Corporation taxes for 1911 are being collected by Sergeant R. M. Weir. The penalty for non-payment will be effective beginning March 1.

A union meeting for men will be held in Nicol Hall next Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock under direction of the Ministerial Association. The address will be delivered by W. W. Warwick, of the President's commission. He

is prominently connected with the men and religion movement in Washington.

The Republican voters of Prince William county will hold a mass meeting in the M. I. C. building, Manassas, Wednesday, January 28, at 1 o'clock, and gates and six alterations to the Congressional district convention in Alexandria on February 12, and three delegates and three alternates to the State convention in Roanoke, on March 12.

Miss Beulah Elm McNamee will give a monologue reading at Haymarket, Monday evening, January 29, at 7:30 o'clock. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Haymarket school.

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Farmers' Business

We give particular attention to the business of farmers.

A checking account with a bank is a convenience no farmer should be without.

Our savings department is another excellent feature, affording, as it does, the privilege of withdrawals, together with the advantage of interest on your funds.

Our commodious offices always at the disposal of our customers.

We cordially invite the farmers to make their Banking Home.

The Peoples' National Bank of Manassas

A Sensible Woman

is she who keeps in touch with our stores and knows all we have to offer. Among

the many useful household articles we have

mead Dyes are well worth knowing.

Cameo in day and let me tell you about these and many other interesting articles in our stock.

Meade Dyes sell at 10c apiece.

Prescriptions?

That's Our Business

MEMBER RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

Real Estate

Farms and Town Property for Sale

Fire Insurance

Georgia Home Insurance Company

Nursery Stock

Stark's Standard Varieties Guaranteed

Loan Investments

Five Per Cent Money for Home Building, Monthly Payments

J. L. KIBLER

Democrat Office

Manassas, Va.

BATMARK NEWS

Miss Ada Galleher is visiting

Mrs. O. C. Hutchison.

Miss Rosie Shirley is spending

a few days with her aunt, Mrs. James Hutchison.

Mrs. Mitchell of Strasburg,

was a week end guest of her father, Mr. H. R. Bragg.

The Pool of Flame

By LOUISE JOSEPH VANCE

Illustration by Elizabeth Young

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indefinable odor of the East that is forgotten of none. He could not even know it in his face, and he sniffed and drew great lungfuls and was glad.

"The people were silent. And a bit later, while on the shore, the pop-out brassy arcs were beginning to glow. I'm thinking 'Til slip below."

The customs boat had yet been lighted before O'Rourke knew the way to his room. He entered and shut the door. The afterglow of the sunset, passing through the port-hole, had disposed to question. Debonair, O'Rourke lay silent, his little coop light enough for his purpose. Dropping to his knees, he bended his back, and the hawser of his kit-box from beneath the bulkhead.

"Id came up freely as he did. And he knew it fell well; for once he had attached it. For a full minute he did not breathe. Then in ominous silence, he bent and examined the knot.

SYNOPSIS. — The story opens at Monte Carlo with Col. Tewson, a Britisher, in the company of a gambler, who is dressing for appearance in the Egyptian style. One is the Hon. Bertrand Glynn, the other, O'Rourke. They are making their way to the port of Alexandria, where they hope to find the famous "vicious" tell-blame and represent the Britisher directed to O'Rourke as the man who would undertake a secret mission.

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