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INSTALL THE UTILITIES

WITH commendable promptitude, the Town Council, in accordance with emphatically expressed desire of citizens, has adopted a petition to the Circuit Court for a special election on the proposition to issue municipal bonds in the amount of \$75,000 for water, electric lights and sewers. In the preliminary canvass conducted by the business league the people left no doubt as to their attitude toward the utility plan, so greatly were they in the affirmative. Indeed, it is a splendid commentary on the citizenship of Manassas, exemplifying high quality of civic enterprise, civic spirit and civic pride. It is a demonstration of the constructive spirit that is compelling citizens to lay aside and to forget prejudices and differences to work together in the upbuilding of Manassas.

There is little doubt as to the outcome of this election. There should be none. That the bonds will be voted by a large majority is the popular belief. That is right. How any citizen can oppose the proposed improvements is incomprehensible. For that is wrong.

A town is a community of reciprocal interests. That which makes for the advancement of the community necessarily benefits the individual. Against the improvements there can be no argument.

Neither can there be forthcoming any accusation, which, in justice,

can prevail against their installation. The duty of citizenship is clearly defined. Every citizen who is loyal to the interests of Manassas will vote for the bonds. It is a test of faith in the future of the town. It is a test of the quality of citizenship.

If ever a town needs public utilities—water, electric lights and sewers—that town is Manassas. The town has progressed as far as it can without the facilities, and failure to effect the present proposition will retard the progress of the town for the next ten years, an interval that would be required to revive the plan with any assurance of success.

But to vote the bond at this election will give a chance the dinner might have accomplished the same results with less trouble.

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DARNEY DEFENSES WILSON

THAT that the Harvey incident shows no wrong and that Wilson acted absolutely as a gentleman and man of honor ought to act, is the declaration of Professor Richard Heath Dabney, of the University of Virginia, a close friend of Governor Woodrow Wilson. In a statement to the Charlottesville Progress, Professor Dabney says: "The mere fact that Henry Watterson is a scintillating writer does not prove him to be an infallible reader of the human heart." Those who know Woodrow Wilson are convinced of the absurdity of the notion that he could treat any friend with cold-hearted, overbearing ingratitude. The truth is that the colonel's own statement is self-contradictory. For he says that the entire conversation was "courteous" and "kindly," and that nevertheless at the same time, Wilson's manner was "austere" and even "tyrannous" toward Harvey. Courteous tyranny, or tyrannical courtesy, is a thing hard to believe in. Colonel Watterson admits that he had himself said that Harvey was injuring Wilson by his ardent advocacy. Surely, then, the colonel cannot accuse Wilson of bad judgment in agreeing with him. Nor can any one who believes in truth-telling censure Wilson for giving a truthful reply to a demand on Harvey's part for a perfectly frank answer to a direct question. Those who know Wilson know that he never lies or practices deceit of any sort. It was doubtless very disagreeable to him to have to answer Harvey's question, and it is highly probable that he looked embarrassed when he did so. But Watterson's interpretation of this embarrassment as "tyranny and ingratitude" is simply Watterson's interpretation—noting more."

FARMERS' INSTITUTE TRAIN

The Farmers' Institute Train conducted by the Southern railroad proved a most effective educational enterprise, as developments will further show when the theories are put into practice. That progressive ideas are welcomed by the farmers of Prince William County is evidenced by the hundreds who crowded the train at Manassas, Nokesville and Haymarket. The farmers appreciate the activity of the Southern in improving agricultural education.

LETTERS TO MANASSAS

FARMERS throughout the surrounding country are interested in the progress of Manassas. Here is evidence: "Clifton, Va., January 21, 1912.

"Editors THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT.

"Sir: You are on the right track now. To bend the town for water, light and sewers. Every public service business ought to be built, owned and operated by the public. Arrange mass meetings and get up enthusiasm. Advise date and will be on hand. W. B. DOAK.

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PARAGRAPHS

WORK together for A Greater Manassas. WATER, electric lights and sewers for Manassas. A SOCIETY matchmaker is an expert in speaking.

"WISDOM, like flowers, require culture,"—Ballou:

MANASSAS is the best town of its size in the country.

FORGET prejudices and unite efforts for the good of the town.

Do you want Manassas to progress? Then vote for the public utilities.

The Hearst boom in California has bursted. Too much hot air, it appeared.

In building his political fences, Taft will need to use a great many props.

As the investigation goes deeper, the cost of living appears to soar higher.

"A FROWN has never been very effective as a bait for Fortune's smile."—Selected.

"A VOTE against the public utilities would be a vote against the best interests of Manassas.

IT is easier to recognize laziness in the other fellow after you have cleared your own walk.

Taft opened his campaign for re-election with a speech in Cleveland, Ohio. Home audiences are always patient:

"THE present convict labor system should be abolished. The convicts should not be placed in competition with free labor.

"IN the deepest night of trouble and sorrow, we have so much to be thankful for that we need never cease our singing."—Coleridge.

"WHEN one is sad or out of sorts for any cause whatever, there is no remedy so infallible as trying to make somebody else happy."—J. W. Garay.

AFTER eating dinner a North Carolina man committed suicide.

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How to Save Money

Begin right

Limit your expenses

Watch the leaks

Don't "be a good fellow"

Be a man

Have a saving account

Avoid all quick schemes to get rich

We will START YOU RIGHT
\$1.00 will open an account with

The National Bank of Manassas
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I have the agency for Good Chees Coffee, two cups in every package. Ask for it.

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Do You See Nothing to Do With Work in Agriculture and Don't Know What to Do?

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

VOTE your first, second and third choice for President, and your first and second choice for Vice-President on the ballot below; cut out and mail or bring to the office of THE DEMOCRAT. Indicate choice by writing figures 1, 2 and 3 opposite the names of your favorite candidates.

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GUESTS FACE DEATH PERIL

VICTORY FOR LIMITATION BILL

CONFIRMATION ORGANIZED IN DEFENSE

Fire—Total Property and Equipment

Loss, \$8,500; Insurance, \$4,500.

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Our Children Do

By Culbur D. Flexbit

"Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall not enter therein." — St. Luke, viii. 15.

And all the world about is dim,
And he must go to Sleepytown.
You lie down at the side of him
And whisper soothings little things
In childish words, such as you frame
To tell the sound of birds wings
And how the firefly gets its flame.

And soon the world grows darker yet
And to the little fellow's eyes
Strange, hidden dangers now best
The shadow places in the skies
But you speak low and comforting
And tell him none of them are there.
Then hear him is not anything
But what is good and kind and fair.

Then trembling comes his little hands
Gut through the dark and cold your face
As though by touch he understands
That he is in the safest place.

And so with fingers on your chest
He sighs contentedly to sleep
And you, you may not even sleep
So very, very still you keep.

Sometime you, a little child,
Shall live into an unknown night
And shall yearn for the stars that smile
With all their soothing, drowsy lights

And, a little children do,
May grope out through the darks of space
And sigh in peace to sleep, when you
At last have touched your babies' faces.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 11.

THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2: 41-52.

LESSON POINT—That Jesus was

about His Father's business.

This lesson is the one solitary in-

stance recorded in the strangely seal-

ed thirty years of the Master's life.

Here is an illustration of what is

meant by the inspiration of education

—only those things that were right

and useful in the life

of Jesus are recorded.

Many other signs truly did Jesus

which are not written in this book.

But these are written, that ye might

believe that Jesus is the Christ, the

son of God; and that believing ye

might have life through His name.

For this reason, we should value every

lesson and record it.

The lesson furnishes a model in

character building for the youth.

Jesus is the example, and the model

boy Jesus was a real boy.

He was a real boy.

His character, like all other char-

acter building, was a gradual pro-

cess, and the character of Jesus

is instantaneous.

It is the

work of growth and of years, indeed,

or of lifetimes.

A little is formed drop by drop.

Character is formed drop by drop.

