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C. A. SINCLAIR RESIGNS FROM MAYORALTY

CLOSES SERVICE OF SIX YEARS
Successor To Be Appointed at Next Meeting of Town Council—Makes Excellent Recommendations.

C. A. Sinclair today tendered his resignation as mayor of Manassas in a communication to the council presented to Town Clerk G. Raymond Ratcliffe. The resignation closes a period of six years of continuous service and is to take effect immediately upon the appointment of his successor by the council. Action will be taken upon the resignation at the next meeting of the council. Mr. Sinclair resigned that he may devote his attention to his candidacy for the House of Delegates. His resignation, embodying recommendations for the welfare of the town, is as follows:

Manassas, Va., Feb. 8, 1911.
To the Council of the town of Manassas, Va.

Gentlemen:—Having decided to become a candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates, and realizing that my canvass for this honor will necessitate my being absent from Manassas a great deal of the time between now and the coming primaries, I have concluded that the best interests of the town make it necessary for me to hand you my resignation as Mayor of Manassas; and you may treat this as my resignation, to take effect on the 15th of the present month, unless the council should be of the opinion that an earlier acceptance will best promote the town's interests.

I wish to thank the council collectively and individually for the hearty support that has always been accorded me, and to bespeak for my successor, whomsoever he may be, the same generous consideration that has been shown me.

Kindly permit me to make one or two suggestions:

First. I believe that the citizens of the town owe it to their mayor and councilmen to provide them a suitable place in which to conduct the affairs of the municipality; and I respectfully recommend either that the present town lot be sold and a suitable building erected elsewhere or that the present lot be improved by the erection of a brick building which will be suitable for both an engine house and a council chamber.

Second. I have occasion frequently to visit the other towns along the Southern railway in this part of the State and I find they are forging ahead of Manassas.

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LOVE AND LAUGHTER TRAGEDY AND TEARS

ESMERALDA TOUCHES EMOTIONS
Presentation by Eastern College Dramatic Club in Conner's Hall Friday Evening, February 17.

There is deep human appeal in the story of "Esmeralda" to be told in the presentation by the Eastern College Dramatic Club in Conner's Hall, Friday evening, February 17. It is the story old, yet ever new, of virtue triumphant and villainy foiled, and reveals destiny of justice in the lives of rural folk.

A pretty love story runs through the drama, lighting with romance the shades of sorrow, while flashes of comedy bring smiles through tears. General admission will be thirty-five cents, while reserved seats will sell at fifty cents.

Following is the cast and synopsis:

CAST OF CHARACTERS
Elbert Rogers.....Raymond E. Baker
Mrs. Lydia Ann Rogers.....Louise Mather
Miss Esmeralda Rogers.....
Enla M. Shryock
Dave Pardy.....Cornelius Harrall
Mr. Estabrook.....P. N. Rector
Jack Desmond.....Claudio Kirby
Miss Nora Desmond.....Claudia Waters
Miss Kate Desmond.....Mary C. Farrar
Marquis de Montessin.....M. Bouffard
George Drew.....G. L. Rudy

SCENARIO
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 2.

BANK MAKES FINE SHOWING

Net earnings of eight and one-third per cent is the splendid showing of the Bank of Nokesville for the first year, made at the annual meeting of stockholders last Friday afternoon.

With the exception of W. T. Allen, who is succeeded by J. P. Manuel in the presidency, the incumbent officers and directors were re-elected. They are:

first vice president, M. C. Hazen; second vice president, R. J. Wilson; cashier, W. L. Houchins; directors, W. T. Allen, J. P. Manuel, J. A. Hooker, S. H. Hinegardner, W. R. Free, Jr., Floyd E. Davis, R. J. Wilson, W. F. Hale, H. W. Herring, A. H. Green and M. C. Hazen. A. K. Graybill, of Washington, is assisting in the bank.

The indictment against H. G. Leary charging him with unlawful assault upon motion of the court was quashed upon the grounds that there was not a sufficient number voting for it.

DAVIES REQUESTS GRAND JURY NOT TO INDICT GARRISON AND SLINGERLAND

Declares He is Vindicated By Action of Grand Jury Last Monday—Presentation Filed by Grand Jury Monday Charged Editors and Managers of The Democrat With False and Malicious Statements.

We have just been advised that Commonwealth's Attorney H. T. Davies this morning read a second petition or statement to the court stating in effect that the action of the grand jury last Monday had vindicated him and that he had no ill feeling toward any one of the publishers of THE DEMOCRAT. He requested that the grand jury not bring in an indictment against Frank E. Garrison and Louis E. Slingerland. As it is now the hour of going to press, we have not time to read the document, but it will be published next week in full in THE DEMOCRAT.



C. J. MEETZE,
Candidate for the Legislature to succeed Hon. T. H. Lion.

POLITICAL TALKFEST ON STREET CORNERS STARTS HOT CAMPAIGN

Balmy, sunshiny weather Saturday made street corners the scenes of the liveliest political talkfest heard in this section in many years. Citizens from all sections of the county came to town to talk politics among themselves and with the numerous candidates, to reconnoiter the situation before the opening of a political campaign that promises to be the hottest that Prince William county has ever witnessed, at least within recent years.

The sunny side of the street on the postoffice corner along in the afternoon was the central point from which radiated heat waves of political gossip, given speed and intensity by rapidly moving tongues. Everybody seemed to enjoy the general thaw, which lasted until sundown. Battle street was the first skirmish field in the approaching political struggle.

Candidates were never so plentiful, memories of the oldest inhabitant failing to recall the like. They appeared on every hand greeting old friends, forming new acquaintances, while endeavoring to elicit the ante-campaign pledge. Of course they are all confident of being elected, and all are building hopes, some to be realized, others to be shattered, consequences of the natural course of events.

While candidates multiply for most of the other offices, the real test of strength will be between Thos. H. Lion and H. T. Davies for commonwealth's attorney. None save these two are mentioned for the nomination. Mr. Davies is the present commonwealth's attorney. After earnest and repeated solicitation of people throughout the county, Mr. Lion consented to become a candidate.

MEETS DEATH ON RAILROAD TRACKS

FATALITY NEAR BURKES STATION
Mangled Body of Forrest Wolfe, of Prosperity, Found Saturday Morning—Struck by Train, Death Theory.

With the head crushed almost to pulp the body of Forrest Wolfe, 25 years old, of Hoadly, was found on the Southern railroad tracks near Burkes Station, early Saturday morning. It is believed that he was killed by a train. The body was brought to Manassas and taken to Hoadly for the funeral which took place Monday afternoon. Elder H. M. Smet officiating. Interment was in Hoadly churchyard.

Mr. Wolfe was in Manassas last Thursday and left here for Alexandria to purchase machinery. A gold watch and a sum of money in his possession while here were missing when the body was found.

MEETING AROUSES INTEREST

Churchmen from all sections of Prince William and surrounding counties are planning in the Laymen's Conference to be held in Manassas, Thursday, February 16, one of the greatest religious meetings witnessed in Northern Virginia in recent years. More than one hundred representative workers in the cause of Christianity will awaken deeper interest in the missionary movement, a fundamental activity of the church.

The afternoon sessions, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, will be held in Grace M. E. church, and the evening meeting in Conner's Hall, preceded by supper at 6:30 o'clock.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

Why a Laymen's Missionary Movement and its Effect on the Church? (Speaker to be provided.)
The Aim and Scope of the Laymen's Missionary Movement—W. W. Miller, Washington.
Personal Work for Men by Men—Charles F. Nesbit, Washington.
How Can the Laymen's Missionary Movement Help the Town Church, the Country Church?—Rev. A. G. Grimm, Haymarket, and W. L. Houchins, Nokesville.
Open Parliament.
Fishing, Judge H. B. Moulton, of Washington, D. C. How to Interest the Laymen in Missions. (Speaker to be provided.)
The Men of Today for the Men of Galilee. Dr. Harris U. Root, of Manassas.

Organization.
Supper will be served by the W. C. T. U. and the proceeds are to be devoted to the temperance cause. Tickets are 35 cents each and those who expect to be present are urged to secure them before noon at A. H. Harrell's store.

COACH MABRY TO RETURN THIS WEEK

STAR TRAINS EASTERN TEAM
Strong Schedule With Fast Aggregates—Open Season Here—Widely Respected—Macon Academy.

George L. Mabry, one of the best all-round athletes in the South, a former Eastern student, will return this week to coach the Eastern baseball team. Mabry was the premier catcher last season in the Southern league and has vast experience in all departments of the game.

He was with Winchester during the season of 1908-09, when that combination defeated Richmond, champion of the State league.

Mabry is the best possible coach Eastern can secure, his natural qualifications developed by professional experience, making his services invaluable. He will arrive in a day or two and receive a warm welcome from his friends in college and town.

Eastern will open the season with Randolph-Macon Academy on the local grounds. Following is the tentative schedule for the season:

- AT HOME**
March 25—Randolph Macon Academy.
April 3—Swarthmore College.
April 6—Cornell University.
April 8—(open at home)—probably Bethel Academy.
April 12—Gallaudet College.
April 14—St. John's College.
April 15—Fordham University.
April 17—Manhattan College.
April 18—Randolph Macon College.
April 21—Delaware College.
April 22—Hamilton College.
April 23—Hamilton College.
May 2—Massachusetts Academy.
May 18—open at home.
May 17—open at home.

ABROAD

- April 1—John Hopkins University, Baltimore.
April 22—(Pending) Lynchburg State League, Lynchburg.
April 24—Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.
April 25—Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.
April 26—(Pending) Roanoke College, Roanoke.
May 2—Georgetown University, Washington.
May 3—Gallaudet College, Washington.
May 20—St. Joseph's College, Baltimore.
May 22—Delaware College, Newark.
May 23—Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.
May 24—Fordham University, New York City.
May 25—Manhattan University, New York City.
May 26—Temple University, Philadelphia, or Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J. (Pending.)
May 27—Rock Hill College, Baltimore.

Plans are being considered for the erection of a two-room school building at Woodbridge at a cost of about \$4,500.

WARNING CRY OF BABE SOUNDS ALARM IN BURNING HOME

"Papa, I hear fire crackling in the kitchen."

Will Payne, who was dressing his babe in their home near Woodley early yesterday morning, calmed the fears of the child, telling her that her fright was imaginary. But a moment later, he turned to find the room enveloped in flames. The house and contents burned to the ground.

Mr. Payne had kindled a fire in the kitchen stove and gone into an adjoining room to awake members of the family. An overheated stovepipe, it is believed, started the blaze. When the room was filled with flame, which communicated so rapidly that efforts to save the structure were futile, the family barely escaping with their lives.

During the excitement, one of the children became missing and it was feared that he had perished in the flames. Search revealed that the child had escaped from a room upstairs. The property loss is estimated at \$1,500, partly covered by insurance.

DEATH TURNS WEDDING SONG TO REQUIEM FOR BRIDAL PARTY ON LONELY ROAD

Hearts filled with joy as happy lips sung wedding songs homeward bound along lonely lanes, were bowed with grief when death descended on the wings of the gladome music and struck down Thaddeus Abel, the merriest of the bridal party, shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon on the road to Dumfries.

With the last words of a song on his lips, Mr. Abel breathed his last. With him in the carriage on the way home to Dumfries, were his brother-in-law and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Randall, who but an hour or two before the death visitation were married in Manassas by the Rev. J. K. Efrid, pastor of the Lutheran church. Before marriage the girl was Miss Eva B. Abel. Clem Johnson was driving the wedding party home. They were within a quarter of a mile of Independent Hill when Mr. Abel was stricken. He uttered no warning cry as he collapsed into the arms of the driver. For a moment none recognized the presence of death, quickly did it fall, but the horror-stricken little party drove with all possible haste into Independent Hill. Tenderly they carried the limp form into Fred T. Sullivan's establishment and applied restoratives, but the last spark of life had fled. The body was taken to Dumfries to Coroner Meredith left this morning to decide whether an inquest is necessary. Mr. Abel was sixty years old and is survived by his widow and eleven children.

GOOD ROADS MEETING AT HAYMARKET

A good roads meeting will be held in Haymarket on Wednesday, February 15 at 2 p. m., to discuss the bonding of Gainesville District for such improvements as may be proposed and agreed upon.

In an announcement in this issue of THE DEMOCRAT George C. Remond states that he is not yet a candidate for the House of Delegates, but that he would consider the matter if a strong call were made for his services in that capacity. C. A. Sinclair, Bryan Gordon, C. J. Meetze, and Robert A. Hatchison are candidates who have made formal announcements.

During the week no new aspirants for the office of sheriff have appeared, Frank Rorabaugh and C. A. Barbee being the candidates in the field. Likewise there are no new candidates for superior. James Gulick and Danier Kinchloe are in the field while Andrew Pringle is being mentioned. W. S. Runaldue is a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue for District No. 1, and Robert Lewis is also in the field.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mrs. G. B. Hixson has been quite ill. D. A. Pickett, of Haymarket, was in town yesterday. Mrs. Ada Reid has returned from a visit to Richmond. Bertha, little daughter of Mrs. E. Scott, has been very ill.

Aaron Vetter was a guest of C. R. Polen at Haymarket, last week. Miss Meda Muddiman is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe. W. C. Williams, of Forestburg, near Dumfries, was in town Monday.

Will Robinson is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. W. O'Neill and daughter are visiting at Barboursville. Earl Morrison, of Fort Myer, was a guest of L. E. Morrison last Sunday.

Thieves entered the stables of E. H. Goodwin last week and carried away two saddles and two saddles valued at about \$60. Eastern College Athletic Association has elected the following officers: President, Clyde L. Ruddy; vice president, M. Bauffard; secretary, Mrs. Emily Martineau; treasurer, Dr. H. H. Boyd.

The Master Bank

STRENGTH—Financial Strength

All bankers know that the depositors should know that the soundness of a Bank does not depend upon the size of its Capital or Surplus, but upon the character and amount of its Loans in proportion to its Capital, Surplus and Deposits.

The Peoples National Bank OF MANASSAS, VA.

WHY

When for 25 cents you can get a bottle of Cough Syrup that will give you great relief. We have a cough medicine made especially for babies without any harmful opiates. Come to us for help.

PRINCE WILLIAM PHARMACY MANASSAS, VA.

Farms of All Sizes and Prices SEE THE Mutual Real Estate Company, over the Peoples National Bank in Manassas, Va., or write them for the latest catalogs in Stock, Timber Lands, Poultry Farms, Town Properties, Flour Mills, etc.

WHEN YOU NEED FLOORCOVERINGS

High-Grade Carpets and Rugs at Lowest Prices This new stock of Floorcoverings is composed of the latest and best weaves in Carpets and Rugs from America's famous mills.

NOKEVILLE NEWS

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The oil well is quiet just now on account of being out of coal. If the groundhog saw his shadow in the afternoon of Feb. 2, judging from the weather today, Feb. 7, he is making good at delivering the goods.

GREENWICH NOTES

Miss Alma Brady spent Sunday with Miss Evelyn Mayhugh. Robert Hall, of Buckland, visited his sister, Mrs. John Reid, Sunday.

ROLL OF HONOR

Following is the roll of honor for Cannon Branch School No. 9, for December, 1919, and January, 1920:

MEMORIAL

In sad remembrance of our darling, little Myra Pearson, born May 15, 1906, and died October 18, 1919, at Delaplace, Va.

CANDIDATES' CARDS

TO EVERY CITIZEN OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

After careful consideration and upon the earnest solicitation of many of my friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Prince William County.

FOR TREASURER

To the People of Prince William County: Having been urged by the friends of the office of Treasurer of Prince William County, I hereby announce myself a candidate for that office.

FOR CLERK

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court having served more than seven years as deputy under my friend, Capt. Nelson, and I feel that I am qualified to discharge the duties of the office satisfactorily.

FOR DELEGATE

To the Voters of Prince William County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Delegate to the State Board of Delegates in Virginia.

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nassas. It is my judgment that this is due largely if not wholly to the fact that we have no public improvements. If the citizens of the town do not want and will not vote a bond issue for these improvements I think the town should sell light and water franchises.

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FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

To the Democratic Voters of Prince William County: Having been urged by so many friends and good citizens of our county to become a candidate for the nomination of Commonwealth's Attorney, and feeling that I have the right to say who shall be their public servant, and that this right rests exclusively with the people.

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100 Million Dollars Worth of Shoes

These are stupendous figures, yet this is the yearly amount that the South spends for shoes. As a curiosity these figures may attract you for a minute, but the most curious thing about them is that three quarters of this money is regularly sent away from the South and the South is that much poorer for it.

CRADDOCK TERRY CO. Lynchburg, Va.

The Birmingham Stock Farm

Perchers Belgians Shires Coach and Hackney Stallions I will sell at my barn cheaper than any other farm in America. The reason I can sell cheaper is because my father lived in England and can buy them for me and save all middlemen's profits.

W. B. BULLOCK, Prop., MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

GREAT MAIL COURSES

Study at Home The School of Commerce of Eastern College offers expert instruction by mail in the following courses: Bookkeeping, Banking, Commercial Arithmetic, Commercial Law, Penmanship, Shortland (Pitman's System), Typewriting (Hobart's Touch System), Business Spelling, English, German, French, Spanish, National Agency Advertising, Latin, etc.

NOTICE

I am prepared to grind Table Meal, Graham Flour and Feed of all descriptions at the Old Cider Mill Stand, one mile southeast of Manassas on Saturday. Will also make Cider on same day. I respectfully ask a share of your patronage.

NOTICE

Regular meals and short orders, soda water and all the delicacies of the Thomas Restaurant. I have moved to the new building at 102 and 104 N. Main Street, Manassas, Va.

NOTICE

Wanted—Boarders at Manassas Cafe. \$4 per week. FOR SALE OR RENT—Good dwelling, about 200 acres of best water and fruit, 1 1/2 miles of Manassas, Va. FOR SALE—Light spring wagon, good as new, price \$100.00. Apply to Manassas Ice Company.

NOTICE

Lost—Black pocketbook containing \$4.15 in four one-dollar bills, one quarter cent piece, one cent piece, one nickel, one dime, one penny, one cent, one penny, one cent. Reward for return to the office of the Sheriff, Manassas, Va. \$5.00.

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