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MANASSAS, VA., THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1912.

THE PARCELS POST

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It has been pointed out that if the Federal Government undertakes to go into this business of a general parcels post—and it can certainly do so at a profit—it will practically wipe out any deficit in the Postoffice department. The parcels post, therefore, will prove of advantage to the consumer and to the National government and will be a severe blow financially to the country merchant.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

With the close of this week the Chicago convention will have passed into history and the lessons taught in the school of politics will remain fresh in the minds of students for years to come.

The mathematics of the Republican situation has innovationized the rule of three by introducing the rule of one with no dependent clauses.

With Taft as the nominee the will of the great majority, as evidenced by the recent State preferential primaries, will have been set at naught and the cut and dried conclusions of the National Republican Committee obtain until the vox populi can be heard in the November election.

The chapter of this great convention, conspicuous for its discord, having closed, all eyes are now turned to the next chapter in the political situation which will begin with the Baltimore convention, next Tuesday.

From present indications it looks as though neither Champ Clark nor Woodrow Wilson will get the nomination on first ballot, and there is a strong belief that in the struggle for supremacy by these two foremost aspirants for the presidency, that a breach may be opened through which William Jennings Bryan may wedge himself through. As we have before stated any good Democrat who can go into the fight with reasonable chances of success and who will favor a downward revision of the tariff to a point for revenue only will suit us.

DISTILLER'S RESPONSIBILITY

WHEN the residents of Ironville entered the room in the Garlick home, where Richard Dearing murdered his wife and then killed himself, they found a bottle nearly filled with liquor and saturated with blood. Some drops of blood were inside the bottle, mingling with the liquor and imparting to it a deeper color. The theory is that Dearing, after sending a bullet into his temple, drank whiskey from his pocket and tried to swallow it. Whether this be true or not no one can truthfully say. It is absolutely certain, however, that marks of blood were on the glass.

The brand of the liquor and the name of the old man who sold it to Dearing have not appeared. A manufacturer made it and a saloon proprietor handled it. When they prepared it for consumption they knew from past experience that its every influence would be for evil; that it was not impossible that use of it would result in crime. Despite this knowledge they sold it. From Dearing they took the first course under law, and for this malady they let him drink, which, as scientists all agree, has a thousand deadly dangers for every one advantage. They gambled with life and death, with the absolute and unshakable realization that whatever whiskey went down was almost sure to follow.

Blood on Dearing's bottle was there when it left the distiller's warehouse, it was there when it left the saloon. And every bottle in every saloon in this wide world to-day is bathed with the blood of some one, and the tears of millions of widows and orphans are there also.

VALUE OF ALIENISTS' TESTIMONY

This introduction of alienists as a last resort to save the life of a criminal in certain cases, amounts almost to a farce for the opinions of these expert witnesses differ as widely as do their extrava-

gant fees.

It has developed that Dr. William A. White, head of the Government Asylum for the insane at Washington, testified at White Plains, New York, on Monday, that Thaw was not only sane now, in his opinion, never was insane. Whereupon prosecuting attorney Jerome produced the sworn statement of the chemist in the original Thaw trial to the effect that the prisoner was absolutely insane when he killed Stanford White.

PARAGRAPHS

It is pretty generally conceded that this week has been the hottest, by far, in Chicago, since the great fire.

ROOSEVELT is still swinging to the bell-cord of the steam roller and will either stop the wild engine or ditch her.

IT is to be hoped there will be no "shootin'-up" of the Chicago Court, until the last chapter in the Hillsdale tragedy is closed.

ROOSEVELT's campaign managers insist that the "allende Joe" proceedings in the Tilden-Hayes contest in 1876, shall not be re-deated in 1912.

It has been suggested that if the town of Manassas has no place to stand its steam roller, save in front of private residences, that it be leased to the Taft management.

The man who undertakes to do business without advertising is like the man who winks at a pretty girl in the dark—he knows what he is doing but no one else does.

CHARLES BLAKE CLARKE

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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.

C. WENRICH WEDS MISS WEBER

G. R. RATCLIFFE MEMBER COUNCIL

FUNDS FOR EXPERIMENTAL WORK

IN MANASSAS SATURDAY NIGHT

Dress Work by Washington Camp—Street Parade on Arrival of Train No. 15, Preceded by Junior Order Band.

REGULAR SESSION BOARD SUPERVISORS

WILL ORGANIZE CAMP WOODMEN OF AMERICA

MUNICIPAL CONTROL OR FRANCHISE?

WHICH OF THE TWO IS BETTER?

CONFER MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS

LARGE AND APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE GREETING EXERCISES IN CECILIAN AUDITORIUM Thursday Evening.

QUESTION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL BEFORE ANY ACTION ON PUBLIC UTILITIES IS TAKEN.

Dr. C. R. C. Johnson is one of the few business men of Manassas who believe in Municipal ownership of public utilities. His belief is founded upon the theory that if a franchise holder under-takes to install utilities he does so with the expectation of a handsome reward. He also goes upon the perfectly tenable theory that if there is profit to the franchise holder, there is also a profit for the town—which its citizens and tax-payers should mutually enjoy.

There will be a camp of modern Woodmen of America organized in Manassas on Saturday night in the Masonic Temple. A team from Washington will be present to put on the degree work, and the organization will be under the direction of Jas. A. Doubles, Deputy Head Consul of Richmond, assisted by E. W. Garrett, of Manassas.

The installation ceremonies will be followed at about midnight by a banquet, the place at which it will be held to be decided at a meeting of the committee of arrangements tomorrow night.

The camp will be organized with twenty-five charter members, and a uniform rank will be established, as soon as the camp is instituted, under the direction of Assistant Consul Garrett.

A parade, consisting of the Washington contingent in full uniform, and the charter members of the Manassas camp, who are to be paid out from time to time as directed by the board as now provided by law.

C. C. Dulaney was appointed to organize experimental farming club.

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The bride was becomingly dressed in white crepe, meteor, satin, and trimmed in pearls.

Her veil was caught with a delicate blossoms which came from her uncle in Los Angeles, California, and she carried a handsome bouquet of roses.

The groom was attired in a suit of evening dress and was elected without opposition. Walker Scott of Manassas was elected Secretary.

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Palmer Smith of Gainesville was appointed to act with E. W. Allen, of Fauquier, as co-operators with the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County, to have repairs made to the bridge over the Little River.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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Mrs. J. A. Harrell is quite ill in her home near town.

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Joe Wheaton brought to this office, yesterday, the first June apples of the season.

Miss Alberta Davis, of Bristow, was the guest of Miss Mary Leachman, Monday and Tuesday.

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The W. C. T. U. will hold a Mothers' Meeting in the Elford Building at 3 p. m., Friday. All are cordially invited.

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Walter C. Evans, of Yonkers, New York, is on his annual visit to friends in Prince William county, having arrived here about a month ago.

Miss Carrie Sanders of Haymarket, will begin a six-week summer course in the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, about July 1.

The large plate glass window in Hibbs & Giddings' store which was smashed some time since by burglars, was replaced with a new one, Tuesday.

Miss Maggie Whittington, who is matron at the Randolph Academy, before returning to Manassas to remain until the opening of the Academy's fall term in September.

Mr. Rexrode, of Bridgewater, has purchased a box lot of the Marsteller place, near Nokesville, from the owner, J. R. Birkle, and will shortly take up his residence thereon.

Willis Foley, of Waterfall, sent to this office, Friday, a bunch of wheat heads, which though somewhat green, have been better filled and represented a fine specimen of the cereal.

Miss Edith Harley, of Trappe, Montgomery County, Pa., visited relatives in the vicinity of Manassas. Upon her return home she will stop off at Washington, her first visit to the National Capital, for the purpose of sight-seeing.

The Leap Year dance, given by Nathan Dyer, of Coles District, who recently had an operation performed, removing a growth from his right temple, was in town, Sunday, for the purpose of having the wound dressed. He stated that the wound was healing nicely and that he was experiencing no discomfort therefrom.

Mrs. Ralph E. Holt, who spent a few days last week, as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dr. W. Powell Merchant, in this place, left here Friday morning for New York where she will be joined by her husband and remain there for a week's visit with friends before returning to her home in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Reid of this place, left here, Saturday, for Baltimore, where they will visit friends and remain until after the Democratic convention. Inasmuch as he has always had a great curiosity to witness both the straight and the crooked proceedings of a National convention and as Baltimore is a few miles nearer than Chicago or Denver he concluded that now is his chance.

The Central Telephone exchange office in this place will be allowed Sunday hours for July 4.

Frank Milstead, of Headley, was the guest of his mother and his sister, Mrs. Samuel Sisson, Monday.

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Information received, yesterday, from the nurses in attendance upon John W. Rector, who has been extremely ill of dreams to poisoning, in his home in Richmond, is to the effect that he is now out of danger.

Chas. F. Trimmer, will arrive here the last of this week to spend a few days in visiting relatives and friends in Manassas and a month ago.

Littleton, son of Ruth Hutchison, eldest daughter of R. A. Hutchison, gave a birthday party to her little friends, at her home, near Manassas, Monday. That the little ones fully enjoyed the event goes without saying.

The entries from a racing standpoint are filled well for the coming meeting to be given by the Culpeper Horse Show and Racing Association, July 3 and 4.

If you want to see good racing, you want to see "good racing," at Clifton, which she has accepted.

A special communion service will be held, Sunday, June 30, at 3 p. m., in the Greenwood Presbyterian Church, near Manassas, to Manassas to remain until the opening of the Academy's fall term in September.

Several car loads of "Houn' Dawg" delegates passed through here on C. & O. trains, Monday afternoon, with portraits and banners, exploiting their favorite candidate, much in evidence.

The crowds were full of enthusiasm and made the western ring for heart failure, in his home in Parkersburg, W. Va., Monday.

Entertainment was made in the family burying ground in Grafton, W. Va., yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Crawford is survived by an only daughter, Mrs. Harry Compton, of Grafton.

There will be a speaking contest for a silver medal, at Belle Haven Church, July 4, in connection with the picnic and festival.

The Library Committee met, on Saturday last, with the people of Manassas and vicinity, to make arrangements for establishing a Circulation Library. Fifty dollars has been subscribed and a number of books given.

Mrs. Maggie Whittington has received from little twelve-year-old Nickie Lulu, a Cuban student at Manassas High School girls, in Trinity Athletic Hall, Thursday night of last week, was quite an enjoyable event. Invitations were extended by the girls to the young gallants and engagements for the dance were made with

feminine initiative. The music was furnished by the Manassas orchestra and the "trapping of the light fantastic" was indulged in.

Regular Library days will be Wednesday from 10 to 11 a. m., and Saturdays from 4 to 5 p. m.

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Fresh and Salt Meats, Staple and Fancy Groceries, &c.

Fresh Herring and Shad Daily

Cash Paid for Country Produce

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Bring in Your Wool!

AN EVERLASTING STEEL TELEPHONE

Ericsson Manufacturing Co. Dept. No. 8, Buffalo, N. Y.

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TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

If you are weak, tired, worn-out, or suffer from any of the pains, peculiar to weak women, such as headache, backache, dragging-down feelings, pains in arm, side, hip or limb, and other symptoms of womanly trouble, you should try Cardui, the woman's tonic. Prepared from perfectly harmless, vegetable ingredients, Cardui is the best remedy for you to use, as it can do nothing but good. It contains no dangerous drugs. It has no bad after-effects.

Ask your druggist. "He sells, and I hope recommends Cardui."

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chatterton Medicine Co., Chatterton, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," cost free, 15¢.

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If it doesn't satisfy you, your money back quick! Price \$1.00 per gal. Qts. 35c. Get a can NOW.

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A Great Rush is being made to the House Furnishing stores at this season of the year.

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for the Bed Room, Parlor, Dining Room, Kitchen and Porch. The celebrated Alaska Ice Cream Freezer, that freezes cream on a red hot stove in three minutes; Hammocks in which you can rock yourself to sleep; Croquet Sets, and

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