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THE BOND ISSUE.

There is a good deal of discussion these days among our citizens in reference to the proposed vote on the issuance of bonds for the purpose of installing electric light, water and sewer plants complete through the town. There are some who oppose the movement entirely and others that want the ballots to be so arranged that the taxpayers may express their desire for any one of the three without voting for all. THE DEMOCRAT has urged and pointed out the advantages, necessity and desirability of these things in these columns too often to leave any doubt in any reader's mind as to our opinion, but we would like to say a few words further in regard to the question of one, two or all of these improvements. Every one admits that we need an adequate system of street lighting; that we are paying about \$800 a year for next to nothing and every one seems to agree that on an investment of about \$15,000 lighting plant would pay reasonable dividends, so that proposition would undoubtedly carry almost unanimously. There seems to be some division of opinion about the water and a very considerable object to the expense of a sewer.

We have gone over that phase of the situation before but a review won't hurt anything even if we are guilty of repetition. Sewers are, of course, not an investment but a necessity, but at the same time a sewer will save about every citizen three dollars per year in actual money (which is probably more than what the tax will be) besides all the saving in medicine bills, flies, disinfectants and sensitive feelings, and these are expenses seldom figured but large in results. Also, while a water system will probably pay without a sewer, yet with a sewer three or four times the amount of water would be sold and the revenue from the water works will, within a few months of installation, undoubtedly take care of the sewer bonds as well as its own. None of the big users of water, such as soda fountains, hotels, barber shops, etc., could use it without a sewer connection and private residences could only use a spigot in the kitchen sink instead of using it for bath-tub, lavatory, wash-tubs, etc. If a householder will only stop and figure all the small items of expense such as removal of night-soil, leaky water buckets, broken pumps, increased insurance rates, disinfectants, etc., he will see that the additional tax will be nominal even if the light and water plants are a total expense, and he will be vastly benefitted by increased values, pride of his town, cleanliness, sanitation, prosperity and comfort. Also, in the opinion of THE DEMOCRAT, the entire investment will be absolutely self-supporting within a year of its complete installation.

THE LOBBY AND THE SENATE.

It is easy to see that President Wilson might have worded his denunciation of the lobby at Washington with finer regard for the situation. He failed to mark any distinction between the lobby which works by methods secret and unscrupulous and the lobby which presents its case before the lawmakers as honestly as the common citizen makes his protest or appeal to his councilmen. In exclaiming against newspaper advertising "calculated to mislead the judgement of public men," he attacked the fairest system of lobbying that could well be lit upon, since it is as open as much lobbying is shady and devious.

But essentially the President is right. It is high time that the Senate should pay attention to the sinister sorties against its honor, high time that it pay attention to the suspicious imputations, the common gossip in which motives are indicted and every act is charged with having some underhand and iniquitous connection. The Senate is not held in the high respect that once it was held. And it is by just such things as its negligence to send the scamps of the lobby scurrying that these scoundrels gain ground and all the country, including the President, is made to wonder if Washington is the national capital or the convention place for crooks.

The Senate investigating committee may or may not strike "pay dirt" in its search for improper methods of influencing legislation. But even if it discover that every lobbyist is an angel and minister of grace, some system will have to be adopted which will serve to protect the nation's honor. No better system could be devised than by ruling that the presentation of all appeals for legislation or appeals against it shall be in the open. The weapons against a heavy lot of lobbyists is publicity. Toledo Blade.

WHEN President Wilson took office it was with the promise that he would operate in the light of day. He has kept that promise more than that, he is determined that others shall do the same— even the lobbyists. There is a great deal of truth in the contention that men have the right to present their claims, and no one objects to the exercise of the right, but they must do it in the open. If the president's now famous lobby statement has done nothing else, it has turned the light on the lobby. Those men must work in the open and upon them are the eyes of fifteen million voters. President Wilson has torn aside the curtain. All is open to the public and what the lobbyists, special pleaders and personal factors do is done with the calcium light playing full upon them. That light Mr. Wilson has turned on.—Richmond Virginian.

PARAGRAPHS

STRANGE to say too many eye-openers will close a man's eyes. Had the story been the other way there would be people with sufficient crudity to believe that Jonah swallowed the whale.

THIS is a good old world after all. There are many people in it who are ready to encourage the man who is trying to be decent.

In China the Democratic party is called the Kuo Ming Tung. Sounds something like hitting a galvanized washtub with a hammer.

BECAUSE he lacked a sense of humor a Pennsylvania man had his wife arrested for pulling off his wooden leg and beating him over the head with it.

SOMEBODY comes forth with the argument that it is worse that produces baldness. If that were true there would be more bald-headed wives than husbands.

BEFORE thoughts can be photographed, as a scientist claims, it is our notion that the victim would have to be bound and gagged and then his thoughts would not be fit to publish.

WHEN universal suffrage does come it won't seem just right for some little slip of a woman to control two votes—her own and her husband's—while Dr. Anna Shaw can count one only.

A WAY has been found to eliminate the crow of a rooster, by an operation performed on his vocal chords. But is this the right thing to do? The refrain of an old song comes up to haunt us: "When the old cock crows then everybody knows we'll have eggs for breakfast in the morning." —Ex.

EDWIN TRACY JONES, auditor of revenue of the Southern Railway Company, died at the Garfield Hospital, Washington, yesterday morning from a complication of internal troubles. For fifteen years Mr. Jones had held various positions in the accounting department of the Southern Railway Company, having risen from the position of freight auditor to that which he held at the time of his death.

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TEMPERANCE MEETING AT BRADLEY

O. F. A. DEDICATE HALL

The following temperance program will be rendered at Bradley July 4 commencing at 10 a.m. by the Cannon Branch and Bradley Sunday Schools. Everybody and especially all temperance workers are cordially invited:

Devotional exercises—A. Conner Song—Bradley Sunday School Recitation—"Two Glasses" Recitation—S. C. Ramsey Invocation—Rev. E. A. Roads Address of Welcome—Dr. R. E. Wine Dedication Address—Hon. C. J. Metze Music—

Address—"Abhor Evil" H. L. Quarles Song—"Cannot Stand" Sunday School Song—"Our Flag" Rev. E. A. Roads Recitation—"The Confession" Recitation—S. C. Ramsey Devotional exercises—A. Conner Song—"Say the Boys" Recitation—"Orphan Home" William Conner Recitation—"Finish the Job" Recitation—Raymon Green Concerted exercises—15 boys John Woodward Recitation—"The Saloon keeper cash drawer bell" Naomi Cooper Recitation—Anna Young Recitation—"Our Beneficiary Degree" Rev. E. A. Roads Music—"My God to Thee" Dr. R. E. Wine Recitation—"Our Order" Dr. R. E. Wine "Immigration" C. A. Sinclair Music—"Daughters of America" D. P. Bell Recitation—"The Confidence-Man" Recitation—S. C. Ramsey Devotional exercises—A. Conner Song—"Fraternity" J. A. Doubles Collection—"God Be With You" and "Benediction" lunch—

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A large crowd was present last Saturday, to witness the dedication of the new O. F. A. hall at Independent Hill. Many were also present for the social which followed the afternoon program and a fine time was enjoyed by all. A very delightful program was carried out which was as follows:

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HUMAN SYMPATHIES

Peculiar How They Are Some times Influenced by Mere Money.

BY GRACE EVANSON.

"Yes, Mrs. Tompkins, Uncle John's dead and, too, at last, and it was about time, too, seeing that he was eighty-nine last June—and when a man gets to be that old and has a temper like Uncle John's he isn't good for much more. And deceitful!" Well, I don't want to speak ill of the dead, even if his whole life was like the last year of it, when he was eighty-nine. I'm not going to say anything about his future."

"This is how it all happened. Of course Silas and I had heard of Uncle John all our lives, for we were cousins before we were married, and having no children we naturally kept a warm spot in our hearts for the old man. We knew he was good for nothing and never put by a penny all the years of his life, but still, were not uncharitable.

"Yes, we'd heard all about that ton-

"Nine years ago, and put it out of our minds. We thought it was just a story."

"So when Uncle John turned up at the farm on his eighty-ninth birthday, as robust like the day before yesterday, as most of us didn't know what food meant, we were naturally annoyed.

"We've always held up our heads among our neighbors, and we didn't

want it said we couldn't do right by our uncle."

"'Maria,' he said—those were his very words, as he sat in the parlour, with his pipe in his mouth and his hands clasped behind his head, as most of us didn't know what food meant, we were naturally annoyed.

"We come to lay my bones among you,

when you give me a home now that I'm good for nothing any longer?"

"I looked at Silas and he looked at me. Then he took me aside. 'I guess we'll have to, Maria,' he said softly.

"We can't put him in the almshouse,"

"He's not strong enough to work, may

be he can earn his keep doing chores

about the farm."

"So we took him in and let him

sleep in the attic. There's an old

straw mattress there, and we gave him

the bank for him, nor he wouldn't

buy a shawl or a fan or a hat.

"I'll stay, but it's cold in the attic and my old bones are chilly."

"Then why don't you say so? I an-

swered. 'We'd have put you in the

best room, only Silas was waiting to

have it painted.'

"He checked in the most malicious

way, which all we had done for

him, was as least cruel. But those old

men don't have the same human

sympathies as us younger folks."

"Well, after Uncle John stayed on

with us, and of course we couldn't

let an old man like that do any work.

He just moaned about the farm smok-

ing his pipe and sitting on a chair

all day. Took a dislike to Mary, too. I'd

thought of getting rid of her, but

Uncle John wouldn't hear of that.

"Keen her, the good-for-nothing wench,

he said. 'I'll make her work.' And

he used to give her a tongue lashing

every morning and talk to her about

the housework. She'd cry and almost

brought tears of joy to Silas'

eyes and mine. But Mary didn't seem

to care."

"Once, when she'd gone over to

Long Falls to do some marketing for me

and wasn't back in time, Uncle

John got so mad with her we would

be satisfied till she came back the

house."

"They had a short-sight in the evening,

and if you'd heard the language he

was using to her when they got out of

the car it would have warned your

heart. And the husky was laughing!

" Didn't care a bit—just laughed!

"However, Silas got him to make

his will a month before he died,

and when he died he left his will in

black and white and took it in

to his lawyer. We thought we had

done our duty then, and so we just

folded our hands and waited.

"Well, Mrs. Tompkins, the end came

so sudden—*Asperges*, they

said. And would you believe it? The

old man had made a second will the

day before he died, and it was

written in pencil.

"The second will was written in

black ink and he had written it in

such a hurry that he had to

use a penknife to cut the paper.

"Well, Mrs. Tompkins, we wanted a

man of eighty-eight to eat like that,

"That wench Mary Callahan?" I

was just coming to her. Mrs. Tomp-

kins—Well, she was a poor girl Silas

and we had taken pity on out of the

goodness of our hearts. Daughter of

an old friend of my husband's. Mrs.

Tompkins' son, who was a real

dead-beat if he wouldn't take care of

his girl and tear up the note. Of

course Silas consented, seeing he was

an old friend.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

P. G. Stevens, of Washington, is a guest at the Portner home this week.

Maurice Briggs, of Baltimore, was a Manassas visitor one day this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Stevens, of Centerville, were Manassas visitors Tuesday.

Bennett H. Puryear, of Culpeper, was a Manassas visitor one day this week.

Frank Cockrell, of Greenwich, was a Manassas visitor one day the first of the week.

E. C. Gardner, of Front Royal, spent a few days in Manassas with friends this week.

Conway Taylor, of the Baltimore Sun, was in town visiting for several days last week.

Mrs. H. D. Wren, spent several days this week with friends in Washington and vicinity.

Torrence Woolford, of Washington, was the week-end guest of Ernest Ransdell last week.

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Mrs. M. S. Moffett and daughter, M. Ledge of Herndon, left last Monday morning for Char lottesville after spending a week in Manassas with friends. Miss Moffett recently graduated from Columbia University in New York with high honors. In September she will go to Radford, where she will be the head of the Household Arts department in the new Normal School which will open there in the fall.

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