

## SUBURBAN ASSOCIATIONS.

List of Officers Together With Time and Place of Meeting.

ON THE ALTER OF THESE ASSOCIATIONS THE FIRES ARE BURNING FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE SUBURBS.

### Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association.

Meetings are held the First Friday Evening in Each Month in the Town Hall, Tenleytown, D. C.

#### OFFICERS:

President, Charles C. Lancaster; 1st Vice-President, Col. Robt. I. Fleming; 2nd Vice-President, Hon. John B. Henderson; 3rd Vice-President, John Sherman; 4th Vice-President, Rev. Joseph C. Mallon; 5th Vice-President, Rev. J. McBride Sterrett; Secretary, Dr. J. W. Chappell; Treasurer, Charles R. Morgan; Chairman Executive Committee, Louis P. Shoemaker.

Total Membership about 150.

### Brightwood Avenue Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the Second Friday Evening in Each Month in Brightwood Hall.

#### OFFICERS:

President, Louis P. Shoemaker; 1st Vice-President, Wilton J. Lambert; 2nd Vice-President, Edward T. Bates; 3rd Vice-President, Claude F. King; 4th Vice-President, A. G. Osborn; Secretary, John G. Keene; Assistant Secretary, Cuvier Green; Treasurer, N. E. Robinson.

Total Membership about 125.

### North Capital and Eckington Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the Fourth Monday Evening in Each Month in the Church of the United Brethren, Corner North Capitol and R Streets.

#### OFFICERS:

President, Irwin B. Linton; Vice President, Washington Topham; Treasurer, W. W. Porter; Secretary, A. O. Tingley; Executive Committee The officers and Messrs. Jay F. Baneroff, Theo. T. Moore and W. J. Fowler.

Total Membership about 280.

### Takoma Park Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the Last Friday Evening in Each Month in the Town Hall, Takoma Park, D. C.

#### OFFICERS:

President, J. B. Kinnear; Vice President, J. Vance; Secretary, Benj. G. Davis; Treasurer, G. F. Williams.

Total Membership about 100.

#### Local Mention.

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#### A Bounty for Snakes Suggested.

It is occasionally suggested that a premium per head, or rattle, be paid by the Government for the extermination of the dangerous snakes, but it has been shown that there are but few localities in the United States in which the really dangerous species are numerous enough to render even an experiment with bounty desirable. It has been tried and is still in vogue in India, where large sums are paid annually to snake destroyers, but without sensibly diminishing the fearful mortality resulting from snake bites in that country. Even in the little island of Martinique it appears to have had little effect in decreasing the number of the deadly "fer-de-lance," probably the most dangerous of all serpents, while it undoubtedly led to an increase in the death roll of the population. The inhabitants of Martinique have tried various means of ridding themselves of the presence of the deadly reptile. They tried the bog, so redoubtable in the case of the rattlesnake, with the result of great mortality among the hogs. Their last experiment was the importation of a number of that little ferret-like animal from the East Indies, called the mongoose, which successfully combats the deadly cobra, but, as a traveller observes, "the attack of the cobra is one thing, and that of the fer-de-lance—which waste no time fooling about on end, but lets out at once—quite another," and so the mongoose has taken no active steps toward the extermination of the fer-de-lance. —Washington Times.

## N. E. WASHINGTON LOCALS

Reported Specially for the CITIZEN.

The work I turn out acts like a magnet in attracting people back to me. Let that light weight suit and those pants come right along. Philip Lederer, expert dyer, 1208 H Street. Telephone 1510-4.

Mrs. Flora A. Jones, undertaker, of 818 H Street, prepared a coffin for herself Tuesday night and then attempted to cross the river Styx by the laudanum trail, but she was tripped up by a stomach pump, thrown across her pathway by Dr. Cole, through whose kindly offices we are still able to see her at the old stand.

Mr. Bernard P. Dougherty and Miss Bertie Talbot were married Wednesday evening.

### Wood's Commercial College.

One of the leading and most prominent educational institutions in the District of Columbia is Wood's Commercial College, which is situated at 311 East Capitol street. Parents having children to educate will find it to their advantage to send them to the above college, where they will receive a thorough business education. Address Court F. Wood, LL. M., Principal.

### MISSING PEOPLE OF A YEAR.

Detectives Say They Amount to Eighteen or Twenty Thousand.

The police inspector said: "About ten years ago I was watching some workmen pulling down a row of old river-side houses that had a desperately bad reputation time out of mind, and I can recollect what a start it gave me when they showed me that nearly every house had a great trap door through which anything could be dropped into the race of the tide below. Many a poor chap has gone to his death that way, I'll go bail. But I can tell you a curious thing that happened the other day. A man had been drugged and robbed, but he told us that before he became insensible he had managed to lock and bolt his door, and locked and bolted it was when he came around again. How they had got in and robbed him he could not imagine. Well, we searched about, and finally discovered that the door was really two doors, one within the other. He had locked and bolted the inner door into the frame safe enough, but then the frame itself was only another door with separate hinges of its own. I suppose the list of those reported missing is quite a short one in these days, is it not?" "Some eighteen to twenty thousand a year! But don't look startled. More than three-quarters of them turn up again in some way or other. You see, the list includes strayed children and runaway boys to begin with. Then there are the men who get locked up at night for something or other, and either are too careless or too ashamed to send to their wives, with the result that the poor women rush off to the nearest station in the morning to make inquiries. Quite a number of men go and hide after quarreling with their wives. Why, I came across a case the other day where a man had lived for four years within a half mile of the wife he'd deserted without her finding him. A big town is the only safe place for a fellow that's 'wanted' to hide comfortably."—Cassell's Magazine.

### INSECTS OF AUSTRALIA.

Nearly 10,000 Species of Insect Life Discovered on the Island.

Australia is a veritable naturalist's paradise, presenting as it does an ever-fresh and inexhaustible field for the study of the various branches of natural history. The insect fauna is extremely large. The characteristics of the numerous beetles, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths and other kinds of insects are so marked that European and American experts at once recognize a specimen from Australia. The Australian insect fauna is estimated at 10,000 species, but it is believed that the actual number is considerably greater. Of these the greatest variety is to be found in New South Wales, the scientific collections formed in Sidney and elsewhere being of singular attractiveness and interest. In the vicinity of streams may be found large and beautiful dragon flies, often of considerable size. Native honey bees are plentiful in many places and are easily recognizable by their small size, being little larger than the common house fly. Mosquitoes are practically unknown in the dry interior, but their place is taken by the sand fly, an equally mischievous insect. There are spiders of all sizes, a few being poisonous, but their webs are generally of a most fanciful character. The splendid appearance of some of the butterflies rivals that of the most gorgeous insects found in South American forests.

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## POPULAR SCIENCE.

Saturn is the sixth planet, reckoning outward from the sun, the next beyond Jupiter. Its average distance from us is nearly 800,000,000 miles.

A French naturalist asserts that if the world should become birdless, man would not inhabit it after nine years' time, in spite of all the sprays and poisons that could be manufactured for the destruction of insects. The bugs and stugs would simply eat up all the orchards and crops in that time.

The number of ova which some of our native fishes produce is so very astonishing that it would be regarded with doubt except upon the most unimpeachable testimony. So many as 280,000 have been taken from a perch of only half a pound weight. Mr. W. Thompson found 101,955 ova in a lump of fifteen inches in length, and the codfish is said to produce several millions.

Professor Spring reports on his experiments of many years to explain the color of the water. He has come to the conclusion that a pure blue is the natural color of water, for when we look through a long tube filled with distilled water against a brilliant white surface, a pure blue is seen, such as shown by the Lake of Geneva in quiet weather, a color which is not influenced by superficial or interior reflection.

During a recent visit to Christmas Island, 200 miles south of Java, C. W. Andrews, of the British Museum, was able to verify by photographs the story that the palm crab climbs trees, which is done not only to secure the fruit but also to feed on juices from cuts in the tree tops. Some of the smaller land crabs do great service in renewing the soil by continual burrowing, doing work performed elsewhere by earthworms.

A German chemist has just shown that the human blood contains on an average of about 0.05 per cent. of iron. Now, according to Weber and Lehmann's experiments upon two criminals who were weighed and decapitated and all their blood washed from their veins, it was found that one pound of blood was present for every eight pounds of body. It will be seen therefore that a person weighing 160 pounds contains nearly one ounce of iron.

More people over one hundred years old are found in mild climates than in the higher latitudes. According to the last census of the German Empire, of a population of 55,000,000 only seventy-eight have passed the hundredth year. France, with a population of 40,000,000, has 213 centenarians. In England there are 176; in Ireland, 578, and in Scotland, forty-six. Sweden has ten, and Norway twenty-three; Belgium, five; Denmark, two; Switzerland, none. Spain, with a population of 18,000,000, has 401 persons over one hundred years of age. Of the 2,250,000 inhabitants of Serbia, 575 have passed the century mark.

### Lighting Up the Sea.

The value of a means of lighting up the sea at night is amply demonstrated by the importance now attached to the searchlight. There are, however, many conditions, particularly in merchant marine, life-saving corps and navy operations, under which an independent and more flexible method of illumination is desirable. Such a method is said to have been provided in a new shell, in the shape of an ordinary projectile, which may be thrown from a gun in the direction of the enemy, or dropped over the side of a ship by hand, as the occasion may require. It is buoyant, and on striking the water it becomes an illuminating plant of itself, shedding a powerful light over a considerable radius.

It consists of a hollow cylinder, made from drawn-steel tubing, in sizes from three to six inches or more in diameter, and from three to five feet in length, according to the purpose for which it is to be used. The shell is charged with calcium carbide, which generates acetylene gas as it comes in contact with water. At the top of the shell, which shows a quarter of its length out of the water, are the burners, to which the gas rises as it is disengaged, and is lighted by an electric spark generated by a battery within a shell. The shell can be made ready for firing from a gun or throwing overboard in less than thirty seconds. The water is admitted to the calcium carbide tube. If the shell is submerged it instantly rises like a can buoy, rights itself, and shines out with the strength and brightness of a beacon light, even in a gale of wind.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### The Cheapening Telegraph.

The increase in the use of the telegraph for business purposes has been accompanied by a steady reduction in the cost of messages. When the first Atlantic cable was laid the price of a twenty-word message between London and New York was \$100, or \$5 per word. Now the commercial rate between the two cities is twenty-five cents per word. To telegraph ten words from Chicago to New York in 1866 cost \$2.05. Now it costs forty cents.

Telegraphing to distant parts of the world is still an expensive business. The rate per word for a message from San Francisco to Auckland, New Zealand, for example, is \$2.87. From New York to Manila the rate is \$2.45. The charge is not always in ratio to the distance. The rate from New York to some South American or West Indian ports is nearly two dollars per word, but in reaching these points the messages travel twice across the Atlantic.—Ainslee's Magazine.



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