

BOARD REJECTS BREAD LAW REPORT

Trade Body Will Not Meddle in Legal Proceedings.

SPIRITED DEBATE ON REPORT

Six Standing Committees Submit Papers Which Are Adopted—Penal Reform, Tax Laws, and "No Change in District Government" Meet with Approval—Revenue Sufficient.

ACTION BY BOARD.

The following reports were read, discussed, and adopted: Committee on membership. Committee on finance. Committee on manufacturing. Committee on universities. Committee on assessment and taxation. Committee on health and sanitation. Committee on charge of district government. Committee on charities and correction.

At a largely attended and spirited meeting of the Washington Board of Trade last night at the New Willard, current reports of six standing committees and those of three special committees were adopted, and a special report by the committee on manufacturers relating to the bread law of the District was rejected by a vote of 61 to 26.

The report of the committee on manufacturers attracted the most attention and prompted considerable discussion. This report was submitted by William T. Gallinger, chairman of the committee. In his report attention was called to the case of the District versus George Hauff, which has for its object a test of the validity of the present law, passed in 1888, regulating the weight of baker's bread. In this case Judge Kimball, of the Police Court, some days ago declared the law unconstitutional and void.

Law Declared Burdensome. The report then cited that the law was old, ambiguous, antiquated, and imposes restrictions which are a hardship upon the bakers and ought to be repealed. It was set forth that the effect of the law is the restraint of trade and prevention of competition, and that it has other objectionable features.

The report recommended that the Commissioners be asked to abandon the appeal of the case from the decision of Justice Kimball to the higher court, and to recommend to Congress the enactment of "such modern legislation as will properly protect the public as well as the baker."

In support of the report Mr. Gallinger, Arthur C. Moses, and others, explained that the law was a relic of the past, that it resulted in hardship upon the baker's trade and that it ought to be replaced by a better statute. It was claimed that the pure food law contains nearly all the good features of the old law, relating especially to quality of material, and that the other requirements of the old ordinance were winked at by the authorities and had been for many years.

Speakers Object to Report. Several speakers, among them Dr. William C. Woodward and William H. Singleton, took the ground that the report of the committee was too indefinite. That it proposed the destruction of the present statute without putting anything in its place. The old law might be objectionable, but it served a most useful purpose in placing the limit of the weight of the loaf upon the baker and was better than no law. It was further objected that there could be no change in the present constitutionality of the law in the higher courts. That it was declared, was the proper course to pursue, and when the decision of the court of last resort had the status of the old law would be settled and if found wanting another could be enacted to take its place.

Revenues Declared Sufficient. A report submitted by John Weaver, chairman of the committee on assessment and taxation, called forth a spirited debate. The purport of the report was that under present conditions the District does not need new sources of revenue, that present taxation is high, that licenses and special taxes are sufficient to meet current expenses and to provide surplus for extraordinary contingencies, and the committee recommended that Congress be urged to allow the present tax laws to remain undisturbed.

Mr. Weaver explained his report, strongly advocating its adoption. Mr. L. Walker went into the subject of assessment at some length, and showed that District property, being taxed at two-thirds of its appraised value, really pays a larger percentage of tax than is exacted in other municipalities where the tax rate is higher and the basis of assessment much lower. Mr. Weller pointed out that the revenue of the District is sufficiently high for all necessities, and warned the Board of Trade of his fears that Congress was seeking a reason to abolish itself from paying one-half the expenses of the District by trying to raise the revenues to a point where the surplus would give a pretext for making the District pay all.

Views Warmly Seconded. The views of Mr. Weller were warmly approved by Aldie B. Browne and F. L. Siddons, while some objection to the proposition was made by Dr. W. C. Woodward on the ground that the revenues do not permit of many improvements much needed, and that the calls of the Commissioners every year are much scaled down by the legislators on the hill before being enacted into law.

Aldie B. Browne took the ground that if Congress would do its duty as it ought to by allowing an issue of bonds to pay for the large and extraordinary expenditures, the solution of the problem would be found at once, and future generations which will benefit by the improvement would be saddled with part payment of them.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Approve Jail Reform. The report of the committee on charities and correction was presented by Thomas C. Noyes, and was in the nature of a supplement to the current report adopted at the last meeting. It was in approval of the report of the special commission upon the penal institutions of the District submitted to the President, and was unanimously adopted.

Other reports were passed without much discussion.

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TO THE OPTIMISTS!

By THE OPTIMIST. It was so cheering to many readers to find the many and valuable recipes for happiness contributed to last Sunday's paper by members of The Washington Herald's Optimist Club and other optimists that we want to pass around some more messages of hope.

For God, who loveth all His works, Has left His hope with all— Song Whitier. Philosophers, poets, preachers, all have been dealing with this theme of hope for many years. Much of literature is permeated with it, showing how the human heart yearns toward it; desires it.

But people who are neither poets, philosophers, nor preachers—men and women who are just optimists, living in the world, doing their daily work and trying hard to do their duty, they, too, must have something to say on the subject of hope; some message that will help their neighbors and the world at large.

What I want is some such short essay like this of Horace: A well provided breast hopes in adversity, and fears in prosperity. If it is had with us now, it shall not be so hereafter. In narrow circumstances appear in high spirits and undaunted. In the same manner you will prudently contract your sails, which are apt to be too much swollen in a prosperous gale.

Or something like this of Tennyson's: Let the past be past; care not while we hear. A trumpet in the distance pealing news, Of better, and Hope, a poising eagle, burns Above the unrisen to-morrow.

I trust that all of the optimists will contribute. And to stimulate interest in these essays on Hope I propose to award eight prizes for the best essays, as follows: For the best essay, \$3.00. For the second, \$2.00. For the third, \$1.00. For the next five, \$1.00 each.

Other contributions received that have a hopeful message will be printed and awarded honorable mention. Contributors will aid The Optimist greatly if they will write only on one side of the paper and put their name and address on the bottom of the contribution. It is not necessary that the contributions should be typewritten, but they would be better so.

SPECIAL.—Contributions in this contest on Hope will run until WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, and the contributions will be published on Sunday, January 31.

But there will be an optimist's page next Sunday just the same, for I have a number of fine contributions from members of the Optimist Club which, without a prize award, I shall publish on that day. Come on, Optimists; let's all send in a message on Hope and see how much it will help!

the completion of ten years of service as president of the local association. After adjournment refreshments were served.

CHAMBER ADOPTS REPORT. Directors Authorize Committee to Ask Commissioners to Act.

At a special meeting yesterday the directors of the Chamber of Commerce adopted a report of its committee on manufacturers relating to the bread law, and authorized the appointment of a committee to appear before the District Commissioners to urge them to withdraw the appeal in the case of the District of Columbia versus George Hauff, involving the constitutionality of the ordinance of 1888 relating to the manufacture and vending of bread in Washington.

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CAMERA CLUB ENTERTAINS. First Gathering on Winter Programme—Many Beautiful Slides.

A number of the members of the Capital Camera Club last night attended the first entertainment on the winter's programme, and the gathering enjoyed the exhibition of unusually fine lantern slides shown, the vocal and instrumental music and the impromptu stories told. The rooms of the club, at 1019 F street, were newly decorated, and many of the finest pictures of the individual members hung on the walls.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATED. Chinese in Capital Observe Beginning of 4909 in Their Calendar.

All day yesterday the Chinese residents of the city made merry, and if one were to happen into one of the numerous shops of the city, you would be greeted with "Gong xi fat toy," which means happy New Year, and given candy and fruits known only to the Orient. Yesterday was the first day of 4909 of the Ming dynasty. All debts were paid and all books and records closed. Each business is closed on the day before New Year's and is wiped off the slate. The New Year was not officially observed at the embassy because the Chinese court is in mourning.

Janitors Discuss Waste. Owing to complaints of the water department of the District that too much water is being used in the public schools, and that the fault is with employees, the janitors of the schools met last night in the Franklin School and discussed means of avoiding a waste of water. Plumbers recommended a new plumbing system. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the water department, which will endeavor to check the waste.

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GAVE BENEFIT COMEDY. Interesting Programme in Behalf of Eye and Ear Hospital. A Japanese comedy in two acts was the feature of a benefit performance last night in old Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the hospital committees of Trinity and St. Mark's Episcopal churches, for the Episcopal Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital.

DIED. CAMPBELL—On Wednesday, January 21, 1909, at 3:15 a. m., at her residence, 322 Levis street northeast, Mrs. KATIE CAMPBELL, the beloved wife of John Campbell.

NURSE SOCIETY MEETS. Commissioner Macfarland Pays Tribute to Work of Organization. The annual meeting of the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society was held at the residence of Mrs. A. P. Gardner, 1817 H street, yesterday morning, more than fifty members being present.

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