ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Vast Throngs Attending New York Auto Show.

THE AISLES ARE PACKED

Majority of Visitors Do Not Confine Interest to the Displays of Complete Cars, but Inspect Every Department—Morning Crowds Much Larger Than at Former Shows.

New York, Jan. 12.—All records for attendance at Madison Square Garden are practically certain to be broken during this week, at the annual show of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, if the visitors keep on coming for the last half of the week in such great numbers as have turned out during the first three days. This afternoon, aisles and spaces were so crowded with visitors, that it was slow work walking around.

A feature of the show that has attracted the attention, is that the majority of the visitors do not confine their interest to the displays of complete cars only, as had been the case at former shows, but that most of those who enter the building, inspect every department—main floor, elevated platform, exhibition hall, basement, concert hall, and both balconies—before they leave the Garden.

R. D. Chapin, president of the Hudson concern, who has been present at every automobile show ever held in Madison Square Garden, declared to-night that he believed the attendance at the show now in progress would be far greater than for any previous motor car exhibition held in this city. He remarked that the morning crowds this week have seemed as large as the afternoon crowds of former shows, the afternoon crowds have appeared as large as the evening attendance at previous shows, and the evening attendance has surpassed the former shows.

As the exhibit in which he is interested this winter is located on the elevated platform, Mr. Chapin said he had had a better chance to size up the attendance this week than at former shows when he was located at seven spaces on the main floor. Mr. Chapin was certain that the attendance records would be broken.

MRS. FERRELL'S TRIAL BEGINS.

Wealthy Woman Charged with Attempting to Burn Husband.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Williamson, W. Va., Jan. 12.—With a jury in its place, the trial of Mrs. Mary Ferrell, charged with attempting to murder her wealthy husband, F. A. J. Ferrell, by burning him in his home, began to-day.

Important witnesses are Assistant State Fire Marshal S. B. Montgomery, who worked up the case against Mrs. Ferrell, and ex-Mayor Hawk Bishop, of Matewan, the scene of the crime, who is the defendant's son-in-law. He says Mrs. Ferrell asked him to burn the house, and that when he refused to do so, told him he had better move out.

The State is endeavoring to prove Mrs. Ferrell made an effort to do away with her husband in order to come into possession of his wealth, estimated at $100,000.

LOAN SHARKS DENOUNCED.

West Bill Indorsed and the Curfew Law Favored by Citizens.

Loan sharks were roughly handled last night by members of the Southeast Citizens' Association, who unanimously indorsed the West bill to regulate the loaning of money. A motion to that effect was introduced by E. R. Brooks.

Lemuel Fugitt said he was once called upon by a client, to protect her from a loan company that proposed taking her furniture away, and upon calling on the company he found she had paid the firm more interest than the amount of the principal.

"The company tried to explain to me," he said, "that she still owed the amount borrowed, and that it was just like renting a house—you keep on paying, but you never own the property. It did not take me very long to show them there was a great deal of difference between renting a house, and paying exorbitant rates on borrowed money."

Allen Davis moved the association enter protest against the District shouldering the entire appropriation for playgrounds. The motion was carried. The subject of a curfew law brought forth discussion, and a motion favoring the law was carried.

The association went on record as favoring a law to regulate the bakery business, and the matter of a driveway along the Eastern Branch, west of the navy yard, to be constructed by the government, was also favored.

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AUTOMOBILE NEWS

NOTES AND GOSSIP

By DIRECT DRIVE.

Washington dealers have their ears on the ground in expectation of loud rumblings from Cincinnati, where a legal battle, in which many millions are involved, was begun Monday.

The fight is between the Studebaker Automobile Company, of South Bend, Ind., and the Everett-Metzger-Flanders Company, of Detroit, Mich., popularly known in the automobile world as the "E. M. F." company.

According to the bill filed by the Studebaker concern, it entered into a contract with the defendant company whereby the Studebaker company was to market the entire product of the E. M. F. factory. The latter was to sell no cars whatsoever. The Studebakers say they spent $1,000,000 in advertising the E. M. F. cars, and that they established agencies in all parts of the country for these sales. Since the contract provided for a period of three years, they are, therefore, suing for the money which would have come to them in that time. They claim that a disagreement arose, and that the contract was repudiated by the E. M. F. company.

The Miller Brothers' Supply Company, local agents for the Ford car, has been advised that the Ford people are sending out a neat pamphlet, giving a life history of Henry Ford, who, next to the formator of the Selden patent, is recognized as the father of the automobile industry in America.

Jack Sperry, the hustling representative of Chalmers-Detroit agency in this city, says he will make this standard car one of the best sellers in the city during the present year, if he has to write a book about the car's achievement in order to accomplish this result.

The bogey of tire trouble largely fades away before the simple demountable rim of which the Goodyear-Doolittle device is a superior example. The metal rim which holds the tire is cut at one point and fitted with double clamping or expanding screws, by which the rim can be made slightly larger or considerably smaller. To remove it from or to apply it to the wheel, it is slightly expanded by turning these screws, using a double rachet wrench for this purpose.

A very slight expansion makes it loose enough to easily put on or take off the wheel. When on the wheel, the screws are turned to contract, and the rim grips the felloe perfectly and firmly.

To remove the tire from the demountable rim, the screws are first used to slightly expand the rim, so that it may be removed from the wheel, after which they are used to contract the rim sufficiently to loosen the tire and permit its easy removal, it being deflated, of course.

Locking arms are provided as an insurance against displacement of the rim while in use, but these arms may be quickly turned out of the way after the rim is loosened from the felloe, although they cannot be loosened so long as the rim is tight.

The key to the quick manipulation of this device is the ingenious double ratchet wrench, turning both screws at once with a few short strokes of the operator's hand.

PITCHER STALEY DEAD.

St. Louis Ball Player Expires After Operation.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12.—Mrs. A. S. Radcliffe, of this city, received a telegram to-day announcing the death at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Staley, in Battle Creek, Mich., this morning of her nephew, Harry Staley, the great baseball pitcher. He was forty-four years old.

Death followed an operation performed Sunday. Staley played with the St. Louis, Boston, and Pittsburg clubs. He was born in Jacksonville, Ill.

BERI-BERI DESOLATES SHIP.

Accursed Vessel Reachs Port Short Seventeen Sailors.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 12.—The British steamship Goodwin, Capt. W. A. Peters, has reached here after a long and trying voyage. The captain was short of seventeen men. Of those missing, some had died of beri-beri, one had been washed overboard, and others had been left at Montevideo.

On November 18, the Goodwin sailed from Caleta, Chile, loaded with niter, and set her course for Savannah. The crew of sixty-three was composed largely of Lascars.

The Goodwin had scarcely left port when beri-beri broke out.

KAISER HONORS WOODFORD.

Addresses American in His Best English After Reception.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Gen. Steward L. Woodford was accorded a royal welcome by the Kaiser to-day as a special envoy in the interest of closer international relations, and head of the Hudson-Fulton committee. He was introduced by Ambassador Hill. He addressed the Kaiser in friendship language, and was addressed in a similar way in the Kaiser's best English.

Appeals for Subscriptions.

It is the object of the Travelers' Aid Society of the Young Woman's Christian Association to raise money to support a deaconess to do night work at the Union Station in connection with the day work supported by the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Three hundred dollars a year is necessary. Subscriptions of $1 or more each year are asked, to be sent to Miss S. F. Schroeder, president, 1816 N street; Miss M. T. Johnson, secretary, 1211 Connecticut avenue, and Miss M. Raymond, treasurer, 1816 N street.

CANADA FOR LARGE NAVY

Proposition of Constructing Eleven War Ships Discussed.

Would Form Protective Alliance with Great Britain in View of German Appearances.

Ottawa, Ontario, Jan. 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, announced in Parliament this afternoon that it was the intention of the government to adopt a larger naval programme, involving the construction of eleven ships. The premier added that the estimated cost of the eleven vessels would be £2,338,000, and if they were constructed in Canada, there would be an extra cost of 22 per cent.

It is the plan of the government to begin construction at once, and build in Canada, if possible. He said here would be four cruisers of the Bristol type, one of the Boadicea type, and six destroyers.

The act also provides for a naval college along lines similar to the Dominion Military College at Kingston. There will be no compulsory service of any kind, and the navy will be under the marine department.

R. Le Borden, leader of the opposition, followed the premier, speaking at considerable length, contending that it was time Canada, which had never paid a dollar toward the imperial navy, should do a fair share; but seeming to incline to the view that it might have been wiser to have contributed so much each year. He maintained that in any event Canada's navy must be part of the British one, and was sure that if any Canadian vessel was attacked the resources of the entire imperial army would be at Canada's disposal.

He did not want to pose as an alarmist, but claimed that the naval supremacy of Britain was challenged by Germany as it had never been challenged before. He was not suggesting that war was in the minds of the German people. Germany was supreme on land, and Britain was on the seas, and Canada and every part of the empire had to do its duty.

LIVE MODELS WANTED.

They Will Be Feature of the Tailors' Convention Here.

Every woman in Washington will be interested in the national convention and style show of the United Ladies' Tailors of America, at the Arlington, from February 7 to 10, because the momentous questions of the colors to be worn this spring and new styles will be decided. Two thousand men, whose business it is to turn out creations, will attend.

A meeting of the Washington ladies' tailors was held last night in the Bond Building to arrange details. One of the things that is bothering the tailors is the question of live models. About two weeks ago they advertised for young women willing to wear some of their creations during the convention. Since then the manager has been swamped by mail from women and girls, asking to be allowed to act as models.

"What's to be done about it, I do not know," said the manager last night. "We can't use them all, and they all think they are pretty enough to be hired. We have enough applications to fill the Arlington ball room so full that no visitors could get in."

It has been decided to have live men models, too.

The convention will be the biggest fashion carnival ever held in the Capital. Mrs. Taft, the ladies of the diplomatic corps, and Washington's social leaders have promised to be patronesses. Three hundred Fifth avenue dressmakers and creation builders will attend.

HELD AS FREIGHT SWINDLER.

Man Arrested at Pittsburg Identified by Alleged Victim.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 12.—Harry Lavine, alias Friedman, Fine, and Smith, charged with selling way bills of bogus shipments in cities along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was arrested to-day by the Pittsburg police and C. A. Ogline, railroad detective.

Lavine's method of swindling was to ship three or four barrels or large boxes, said to contain scrap rubber and brass, and then sell the bill of lading to junk dealers and firms dealing in such material. Upon presenting the way bill, instead of containing rubber and brass, the boxes were found loaded with stones and sand.

Lavine is said to have operated at Hagerstown, Washington, Belair, Ohio, and Parkersburg, W. Va. His arrest was caused by one of his victims from Parkersburg, who recognized him on the street.

Henry E. Waggaman's Will.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 12.—The will of Henry Elliott Waggaman was admitted to probate in the Anne Arundel Orphans' Court. He leaves the property on the South River to his widow, Viola Rocap Waggaman; his father, John F. Waggaman. The rest of his estate he bequeaths to his widow. The will was executed in New Mexico under the date of July 7, 1909, and George Weems Williams, of Baltimore, and John W. Brawner, of Washington, are named as executors without bond.

SPECIAL

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NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Henry Smith Declares His First Confession False.

SAYS HE IS INNOCENT OF CRIME

Convicted Murderer Does Not Want Johnson, Pines, and Dorsey to Suffer, He Asserts—Alexandria Council National Union Elects Officers—Two Negroes Arrested on Theft Charge.

F. Clinton Knight, 625 King street, Alexandria, Va., is authorized agent and carrier for The Washington Herald. The Herald will be delivered daily and Sunday to any address in Alexandria for 50 cents a month.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU,
625 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 12.—Declaring his first confession, which convicted Calvin Johnson, Richard Pines, and Eugene Dorsey, negroes, of murder of Walter F. Schultz, was false, and that he was prompted by Chief Goods and Policeman John F. Sampson, a second confession, made by Henry Smith, was given out to-day, by Attorney R. D. Brumback, who, with Attorney Frederick P. Russell, defended the condemned negro.

Smith's latest confession is one of the most remarkable ever given to the authorities, and shows plainly that he is juggling with his own life and the lives of the three condemned men.

Smith's confession follows in part:

I desire to state that the confession made by me in three trials of Calvin Johnson, Richard Pines, and Eugene Dorsey was false and untrue; that if they had anything to do with the commission of the murder of Schultz, I know absolutely nothing about it. The reason I want to make this statement is I do not want innocent men to suffer by reason of any story told by me.

I also want to say this story was made by Chief Goods, Sampson, and I. Chief Goods wanted the names of Pines and Dorsey, and I suggested Johnson's name. God knows I am innocent of this crime. I know absolutely nothing about the murder. Had I murdered him, I certainly would have gotten all his money and gone away.

To show I know nothing about the commission of this crime, I told Chief Goods at the first trial I could not locate the spot nor the position of Schultz.

Mr. Sampson came to the little room upstairs where I was concealed while in police station, and said there was very little blood found on the ground where Schultz's body was found. Then I made up the story about the rags having been tied tightly around Schultz's neck when he was murdered, and Mr. Sampson got the rags and put them out there so they could be found.

I am innocent of the crime, and I was forced to say what I have and perjured myself so that Chief Goods might make a record in discovering the criminals.

The foregoing statement was written by Attorney R. D. Brumback at Smith's dictation and signed by Smith, following its reading. It is dated and signed by Smith and witnessed by Harry Crack, jailer at Alexandria County, and Mr. Brumback.

Alexandria Council, National Union, at its annual meeting to-night elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: M. R. Norris, president; J. E. Sampson, vice president; J. H. Byrne, speaker; A. H. Smythe, secretary; Charles H. Davis, financial secretary; H. Friedlander, treasurer; J. H. Bartlett, chaplain; T. U. Fairfax, usher; F. L. Plitt, sergeant, and E. F. Thompson, doorkeeper. Following the election the members repared to Brill's cafe, where a banquet was served.

John and Custis Wilson, negroes, were arrested this afternoon by Policemen Garvey and Roland on suspicion of having stolen a number of articles which the police found in their house, in Fayette street.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the First National Bank to-day the following officers were elected for the year: G. L. Boothe, president; M. B. Harlow, vice president; George E. Warfield, cashier; J. J. Green, assistant cashier.

These officers have been chosen by the Alexandria National Bank: C. E. Nicol, president; W. E. Smoot, vice president; J. A. Marshall, vice president; T. C. Smith, vice president and cashier.

Charles Astryke, 1712 Duke street, reports that thieves last night entered his hennery and got way with seventeen chickens.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. James H. Posey, who died yesterday morning, will take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from her residence, 1304 King street. Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will conduct the services.

A business meeting of Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus, was held at 8 o'clock to-night at St. Mary's Hall. Considerable business of a routine nature was transacted.

In the Corporation Court to-day a verdict for the plaintiff was given in the case of Frank and Adler against John A. Marshall and others.

THOMAS STEEP DEAD.

Former Washington Contractor Stricken After Long Illness.

Thomas M. Steep, a former well-known contractor, died yesterday at his home, 2425 M street northwest, after a lingering illness, which began last June.

For years he had been connected with the Treasury Department, but resigned on account of failing health. He was sixty-eight years old, and a veteran of the civil war, having served with the Pennsylvania reserves. He was a member of the Masons and Knights Templars. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made. He is survived by his wife, Mary A. Steep.

Mrs. Buford's Body Sent Away.

Accompanied by members of the family, the body of Mrs. J. T. Buford, mother-in-law of Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, left this city yesterday morning for Rock Island, Ill., where burial will be made Friday afternoon.

Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff of the army, has returned to Johns Hopkins University Hospital to undergo treatment for his digestion. Gen. Bell made a trip to Baltimore for that purpose on Monday, but owing to the death of his mother-in-law returned to the city almost immediately, instead of staying for several days, as he originally intended.

BRIEFS.

William Harman, Thomas J. Harman, and John A. Harman, indicted for a conspiracy to defraud the United States out of internal revenue in manufacturing olemargarine, without paying the license fee, when arraigned in Criminal Court, No. 1, before Justice Gould, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The Washington Auxiliary of the National Indian Association holds its next open meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Alexander, 1711 Q street northwest, to-morrow, from 3 to 5 o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by Merrill E. Gates, Ll. D.

Competitive examinations will be held by the Civil Service Commission on January 25 in every State and Territory for male stenographers and typewriters. Most of the positions pay $900 a year, although a few receive $1,000.

STORE CLOSED 5 P.M. TO-DAY

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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The heathen, in his blindness, bows down to wood and stone, and we, with lavish kindness, have sent him many a bone. From many an ancient river, from many a palmy plain, he calls us to deliver him from his deadly chain; we see the gifted preacher pass 'round the hat or cup, to help this blinded creature, and so we loosen up. And having eased the famine of heathen o'er the brine, we seek some private Mammon, and worship at its shrine. Like lover to the bridal, right swiftly do we wend, to some distorted idol that we believe a friend. Here's worshiping the scholar, some theory of his own; the loud and blatant dollar has hosts before its throne; some dames are worship lending to poodles or to cats; and other ones are bending before imported hats. One man adores an auto, and one has knelt, forlorn, before the sacred grotto where dwells great Barleycorn. In many a modern office, on many a modern coast, true piety a scoff is, when Trade is uppermost.

WALT MASON.

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GIFT OF MUSTY STATE BONDS

Rhode Island Puzzled How to Collect on North Carolina.

Papers of Reconstruction Days Are Valued at $500,000—May Be Subject of Long Legal Fight.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 12.—Gov. Pothier to-day sent to the senate a notice that the State of Rhode Island has received a gift in the shape of bonds of the State of North Carolina of the face value of $185,000, with coupons attached, which bring the total face value up to $511,000. The bonds are of the issues of 1868 and 1869, which the State of North Carolina repudiated after three coupons had been paid. They form part of the enormous paper issues floated by North Carolina in reconstruction days.

The gift is absolute, but if the money is to be collected this State must undertake a lawsuit with North Carolina. Citizens cannot sue a defaulting State in the United States court, but a State may do so. South Dakota brought such a suit, and the courts decided that North Carolina must pay the face value of the bonds.

Edward L. Andrews, counsel for the North Carolina bondholders' committee, said last night that Gov. Pothier already had notified the governor of North Carolina of Rhode Island's intention to sue.

AD. MEN'S LEAGUE PLANNED.

Luncheon Will Be Given in Honor of S. E. Dobbs.

Initial steps will be taken to-morrow at a luncheon at 1 o'clock at the Raleigh Hotel, toward the organization of an advertising men's league, and to extend a cordial greeting to S. C. Dobbs, of Atlanta, who will pay this city an official visit as president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America.

H. B. Hoffman and John E. Shoemaker are the local men who have arranged the luncheon in honor of Mr. Dobbs, and to which a number of invitations have been extended to prominent Washingtonians and advertising men of the District. Mr. Byron W. Orr, of this city, who holds the office of director of the S. E. Division of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America, and who was formerly national secretary of this association, has been selected to introduce President Dobbs.

German Numbers Given.

Recitations of masterpieces by German poets and authors, and musical numbers constituted the programme of an evening's entertainment by the Deutscher Sprachverein, or German Language League, at Carroll Institute Hall, last night. There was a large audience, among which were members of the diplomatic corps, school teachers, and others interested in education and culture. Prof. A. Werner-Spanhoofd, president of the society, made a short opening address, and announced the following programme: Piano solos, Lassalle Spier, including compositions by Beethoven and Liszt, and recitations by Ernest Gichner, the well-known German elocutionist.

Funeral services for Miss Blanche Wilgus, principal of Smallwood School, who died Monday, will be held this afternoon at the residence, 1843 Third street northwest, at 3 o'clock. Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., pastor of the Church of Our Father, will officiate.

ELECTION HELD BY RIFLEMEN

Annual Association Held at the Willard.

Retiring President Calls Attention to National Character of the Body.

In annual meeting at the New Willard last night, the National Rifles' Association of America elected new officers, with the exception of the secretary and the first vice president.

The retiring president, Gen. James A. Drain, made a short speech, in which he said the association has become national in character as well as in name. He referred to the bill in Congress, which has for its object, "To promote a patriotic spirit among the citizens and youth of the United States and for the encouragement of rifle practice." He said the bill has the indorsement of the Secretary of War, Chief of Staff, Chief of Ordnance, and the national board for promotion of rifle practice.

The secretary's report showed a large increase in membership during the last year, and gave the results of the schoolboy tournaments throughout the country.

A second international small bore match between this country, England, and Australia will be shot this year in April, and new conditions will allow the American to use the telescope. The team will consist of fifty men, each man firing fifty shots at seventy-five feet, using .22 caliber rifles. Announcement was made that an invitation had been received through the State Department from the Argentine Republic to the National Rifles Association, to send a team of riflemen to Buenos Ayres to compete in an international rifle shooting tournament to be held in connection with the centennial in May. The Argentine Republic offers to pay all expenses of the team, and has offered $3,000 as the first prize in the individual match.

Announcement was made by Gen. Drain of the receipt of a check of $1,200 from Robert Bacon, former Secretary of State, now Ambassador to France, to make good the deficit in the revenues of the association for 1909. Last year the deficit was made good by George von L. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy. Gen. Drain's announcement was greeted with applause, and on his motion Mr. Bacon was elected a benefactor and Mr. Meyer a patron, and both were elected honorary directors for life, together with Secretary of War Dickinson and Lieut. Gen. John C. Bates, U. S. A., retired.

The officers are as follows: President, Lieut. John C. Bates, U. S. A., retired; vice presidents, Brig. Gen. Lawrason Riggs, of Maryland; Secretary of War J. M. Dickinson, and Brig. Gen. George H. Harries, of the District of Columbia; treasurer, Brig. Gen. Carl A. Wagner, of Michigan; secretary, Lieut. Albert S. Jones, of New Jersey; executive committee, Brig. Gen. William T. McGurrin, Brig. Gen. James A. Drain, and Lieut. Col. Thomas Talbot.

Officers Are Installed.

At the sixth annual meeting of the Washington Lodge, No. 7, T. M. A., the following officers were insalled: President, J. H. Becker; vice president, Louis Bord; past president, W. H. Bowman, treasurer, J. C. Divine, recording secretary, Leonard Rubel; marshal, Ernest Hauser; sergeant-at-arms, George O'Malley; trustees, Theodore Miles, John Watson, and Charles Porter; physicianfi Dr. M. B. Strickler.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Institution Has 15,000 Volumes. Adult Attendance, 160,000.

Larger and Better Paid Force Most Urgent Need—Resources from Picture Collections.

Some interesting facts are made known in the report of the board of trustees of the Public Library.

The library has grown to nearly 115,000 volumes, the home circulation of books alone nearly 692,000, and the adult attendance in the reading rooms to nearly 160,000. The percentage of fiction circulation has decreased in the last five years from 84 per cent to 63 per cent, indicating a marked improvement in the quality of the reading.

In the field occupied exclusively by the Public Library, without competition by the great national reference collection of the Library of Congress, especially notable advances have been made, as, for example, in the popular circulation of books, and in the open-shelf, school, and children's work.

The superintendent of public buildings and grounds has improved Mount Vernon Square by inclosing the grounds in copings. It is expected the work will be continued by putting in walks on all sides of the building, and it is hoped that through an appropriation in the near future the development of the library's park environment, as planned at the time of the erection of the library building, will be perfected.

The report continues:

"Among the varied needs of the library that of a larger and better paid force is most urgent, and is indeed vital. The notable increases from year to year in the number of books in the library, in the number of readers at home and within the walls of the library, and in all branches of the library's useful activity, make steadily enlarging demands upon the library service, which have been met either by no increases in the library force or by additions which are comparatively insignificant."

The resources of the picture collection have been largely increased during the year. It is estimated that it now contains fully 50,000 pictures, mostly clipped from discarded books and periodicals and from railway advertising pamphlets, but also including inexpensive photographs.

VERMONTERS GET TOGETHER.

State Association Holds Annual Meeting Last Evening.

At the annual meeting of the Vermont State Association of the District of Columbia, held last evening at the Washington Club, 1710 I street northwest, the following officers were elected: Honorary presidents, Senator William P. Dillingham, Senator Carroll S. Page, Representative D. J. Foster, Representative Frank Plumley, Mr. Justice Wendell P. Stafford, Mr. Justice Charles H. Robb, Charles A. Prouty, and Rev. S. H. Greene; president, Maj. D. S. Fletcher; first vice president, John O'Connell; second vice president, Col. M. C. Hooker; third vice president, F. O. Knight; recording secretary, Ernest L. Crandall; financial secretary, Nicholas J. McCuen; treasurer, Henry T. Offterdinger; corresponding secretary, Miss Grace Ross; board of directors, Frederick C. O'Connell, E. L. Howes, and George Ide, to serve with the other officers.

After the election of officers the following musical programme was carried out: Vocal solo, Edwin Callow, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Callow; vocal solo, Miss Stella I. Raymond with violin obligato by Miss Olive Budd, and piano accompaniment by Miss Ruth Holt; piano solo, Miss Clorine McCarty.

Announcement was made of the deaths of three members since the last meeting: Col. Runion M. Patrick, a native of Bennington; Gen. W. W. Dudley, a native of Weathersfield Bow, and Mrs. Sarah Kellogg Hunt, a native of Benson.

The meeting was brought to a close with a general social hour, during which refreshments were served.

Elected by Plumbers.

At the annual meeting of the Master Plumbers' Association the following officers were elected: President, Samuel Artz; first vice president, H. T. Suit; second vice president, F. W. Quinter; secretary, Frederick C. Stelzer; treasurer, E. J. Hannan; sergeant-at-arms, William Conradis; entertainment committee, W. D. Nolan, William Conradis, E. J. Hannan, William Koch, D. J. Murphy, M. McCarthy, Samuel Artz, H. T. Shit, F. C. Stelzer, and F. W. Quinter.