

DISTRICT FINANCE STIRS TRADE BODY

Board Hears Report on the Judson Plan.

WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Such Routine Business Transacted. Report on Closing Places of Amusement on Sunday Provokes Talk.

Topics of large public interest, bearing an important relation to the welfare of the District of Columbia, were discussed at the February meeting of the Board of Trade at the Willard last night.

The meeting was held in the red parlor and was well attended. Some of the discussion was spirited, all of it was interesting, and while the session held until 11 o'clock, the members were enthusiastic in declaring that it was one of the most satisfactory they had ever attended.

Contrary to expectations, owing to the pressure of routine business, the proposed amendment to the by-laws, relating to the eligibility of members of the board of directors was not considered.

Finance Committee Reports. The subject which aroused the greatest interest was the report of the municipal finance committee.

Col. George Truesdell read the report, which recommended the indorsement of the Judson plan of financing the District, as set forth in the bills now pending in Congress.

Col. Truesdell reviewed the legislation of 1873, and quoted at length some opinions expressed in speeches and reports on the subject at that time, showing the intent of Congress to fix the half-and-half principle of the payment of public expenses as long as the act should endure.

He then showed how from small beginnings Congress had evaded its share of the public expense in one way and another until it has forced upon the local government the payment of bills amounting in the aggregate to nearly \$10,000,000.

Approves Judson Plan. Col. Truesdell then explained the chief features of the Judson plan of caring for the District finances so as to meet the payments of the bonded debt and the present floating debt in a period of about thirty years.

He said his committee, after long consideration, had found it a simple, sensible plan of getting the District out of its financial straits. The plan provided for setting aside a definite sum to wipe out the old city debt, and to postpone the floating debt until that is done, when the latter is to be paid.

By a simple division of funds in this manner enough money would be provided for to meet current needs and a considerable sum for the larger improvements so much desired by the people of the District.

Considerable time having been spent in reading the report and its general discussion, on account of the lateness of the hour, a motion prevailed to hold a meeting for the special consideration within one week, when it should be made the sole order of business.

The subject which elicited the most animated discussion was that of the report of the committee on charities and corrections, which was finally adopted without much change.

The report recommended the establishment of a probation and parole system, a curfew law, liberal support of playgrounds, establishment of public baths, censorship of the cheaper grade of theaters, closing of places of amusement on Sunday, and the temporary use of the jail as a house of detention, until a suitable building for the purpose can be erected near the courthouse.

Discussion arose upon the matter of closing places of amusement on Sunday. M. D. Rosenberg started the argument, declaring that when the entertainments, which are accustomed to be held in Washington on Sunday evenings, should be properly censored there could be no objection to them.

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Defends Half-and-half System.

ment to the report relating to playgrounds, that it was the sense of the Board of Trade that no appropriation should be asked for the support of playgrounds, unless one-half of it should come from the revenues of the United States.

The recommendation for the closing of places of amusement on Sunday was qualified to mean those conducted for gain and amusement, and concerts of music, lectures, art galleries, libraries, and entertainment for instruction were exempted.

Walter Clephane offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling for legislation which shall forbid a child under seven years of age from entering a pool-room or dance hall without attendance by the parent, guardian, or some other person to care for him.

He would extend Parks. The report of the committee on parks and reservations was submitted by Judge Charles Bundy, containing ten specific recommendations for the improvement of streets, the purchase of land for the extension of parks and other similar matters relating to the beautification of the city.

Washington was adopted, the two others being postponed to the next meeting. An interesting report upon streets and avenues, presented by William C. Henderson, and adopted, contained, among other things, a recommendation to construct the Lincoln boulevard between Washington and Gettysburg.

The report on river and harbor improvement was presented by M. I. Weiler, containing recommendations about the improvement of the Anacostia flats, the purchase of the riparian rights by the government along its banks, and the approval of bills introduced in Congress concerning these matters.

Mr. Weiler also submitted a recommendation that the United States government should construct a ship canal between this city and Chesapeake Bay, either to the Severn River, near Annapolis, or to the Patuxent River, above Baltimore. To this end a recommendation was contained in the report urging Congress to provide \$10,000 for the preliminary surveys. The report, after brief discussion, was adopted.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1910—8 p. m. The northwestern cold wave spread eastward during the twenty-four hours over the Lake region and the Ohio Valley, and southward to Tennessee, Arkansas, and Northern Texas.

There were local snows within the last twenty-four hours in the northern portion of New England, the Lake region, and the Middle Atlantic and northern Rocky Mountain regions, Oklahoma and Kansas. High water was reported at several points on the Pacific coast and at ports along the Gulf and South Atlantic coasts. In other districts a warmer weather is in progress over the Northwest.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 61; 2 p. m., 51; 8 p. m., 44. North Pacific, Neb., 2 p. m., 81. Hours of sunshine, 5; per cent of possible sunshine, 81. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 47; minimum, 25.

Temperatures in Other Cities. Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of precipitation, for the hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

Table with columns for City, Max, Min, 8 p. m. Fall. Includes cities like Albany, Adirondack, Atlanta, etc.

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FUGITIVE CLERK HELD

John Ward Sturgis Arrested at New Orleans.

WANTED BY CAPITAL POLICE

Young Bank Official, Who is Alleged to Have Stolen More Than \$85,000 from the National Savings and Trust Company, Caught After a Chase of Six Months.

His footsteps dogged by detectives as he fled from city to city in this country and Canada, first tasting the spice of high life, and then the dregs of poverty, John Ward Sturgis, twenty-one years old, alleged defaulter bank clerk, well known in Washington as a sportsman, for whom the police have been searching for six months, was arrested in New Orleans last night.

Driven to desperation, Sturgis, when arrested, confessed to his captors, the police say, betraying an eagerness to return to the home city, stand trial for his alleged defalcations, and face his accusers.

Will Bring Him Back. The wish of the bank clerk is the will of the Washington police, and it is probable Sturgis will return to Washington in a few days, accompanied by a detective.

News of the arrest of Sturgis reached Washington last night when a telegram was received at police headquarters from W. J. O'Connor, inspector of police of New Orleans. It said a man giving the name of John Ward Sturgis had been arrested by Assistant Chief of Detectives Daniel F. Mounsey.

A reply was soon flashed over the wires, requesting the New Orleans police to detain Sturgis until the arrival of a Washington police official, and adding that the prisoner was "wanted badly" in the National Capital. The police of this city hold a bench warrant and copy of an indictment, charging Sturgis with forgery and grand larceny.

He is accused of stealing more than \$85,000 from the National Savings and Trust Company, New York avenue and Fifteenth street northwest.

The Washington authorities may not succeed in obtaining custody of the erstwhile bank clerk, for Sturgis is also wanted in Chicago, the police say, on a similar charge.

Chicago Sent Out Call. A few days ago the Washington police were asked by the Banker's Association, of Illinois, to arrest a young man known as Frank M. Stevens, who forged checks on customers accounts and attempted to negotiate cashiers checks while working in a bank in Chicago.

The young man obtained a position in the bank by responding to an advertisement, being installed as clerk on February 4 last. In a few days he gained the name of a "good worker," and officials of the bank believed they had employed a trustworthy clerk.

Frank Stevens, as he was known, disappeared eleven days after he was employed, when, it is alleged, bank officials learned of his irregular transaction. The report to the Washington police, which Stevens bore a facsimile of a check alleged to have been forged by the defaulting clerk.

The check was for \$50, drawn on the People's Stock Yards Bank, dated February 15, 1910, and signed H. C. Laycock. The handwriting was almost identical with that on checks forged by Sturgis in Washington, the police allege.

A description of Frank Stevens was also sent to the Washington police. When compared with a description of Sturgis, it was seen that Sturgis and Stevens were one, or enough alike in appearance, the police say, to be twin brothers.

Sturgis disappeared from Washington on August 27 last. It is charged he has been forging checks and drawing on "dead" accounts in the bank where he was employed for six months previous to the date of his disappearance.

Notified by Police. Shortly after Sturgis severed his connections with the banking company, his alleged illegal transactions were discovered and the police were notified. Detective Patrick O'Brien began tracing the fugitive. It was learned that the day following his disappearance and for several days thereafter Sturgis was in New York City, where he stopped at a fashionable hotel, registering under an assumed name.

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He stayed for several weeks at the Mastigouche Gunning and Fishing Club, of St. Gabriel de Brandon, near Quebec. Detective O'Brien traced him to the club but after he left it the fugitive disappeared and trace of him was lost.

The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore and the National Security Company of New York City jointly offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest of Sturgis.

Sturgis was a member of a church in Washington and was generally regarded as a model young man. He was an athlete of repute. John R. Sturgis, professor in the Government Printing Office, advised that he had known the fugitive when he lived at 124 Florida avenue northeast, was overcoo with grief when he learned his son was being sought by the police.

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ADIEU TO ALLEN D. ALBERT

Members of the Times' Staff Give Farewell Banquet.

Former Associates Bid Goodspeed to Publisher of the Columbus News, at St. James.

To bid their former coworker goodspeed, about forty members of the staff of the Washington Times gave a dinner last night to Allen D. Albert, Jr., at the St. James Hotel. Though Mr. Albert has been administering his new property, the News, of Columbus, Ohio, for a fortnight, last evening was the first opportunity afforded his former associates on the Times to manifest their esteem and express regret at his departure.

In his seven years association with the Times, Mr. Albert had been connected entirely with the news and editorial department of the paper. But as proof of the broad influence of his personality, all branches of newspaper making on the Times were represented.

The postprandial exercises were brief. Simply, and in a few words, L. A. Fleming, financial editor, who is the oldest member of the news staff in point of years, but among the youngest in spirit, gave expression to the common feeling of respect and high regard for Mr. Albert.

In his remarks, which embraced the only speaking of the occasion, Mr. Albert responded as a newspaper man among his fellows. Characteristically, his words were those of encouragement and earnest vigor, pointing out those things most truly worth while in the newspaper world.

He spoke not only as one who had served as city editor, critic, managing editor, and editorial writer for the Times, but from the broader viewpoint of one with the entire management of a daily newspaper in his hands.

After a final toast, wishing Mr. Albert all success and good fortune in his efforts as a newspaper publisher, those present bade him a personal farewell, voicing confidence that he will win for himself as large a place in the hearts of his new associates and as high a position in the affairs of his new environment as he has held among Washington newspaper men and the public life of the District.

ANCESTORS NAMED WASHEN. Joseph I. Keefe Lectures on George Washington to Veterans.

The surname of George Washington's ancestors was not Washington, but Washen," declared Joseph I. Keefe, in his address to William Cushing Camp, Sons of Veterans, last night.

According to the speaker, John Washen, Washington's great-grandfather, adopted the name in 1690, on his departure from North England for the colonies, where he settled on the Potomac, at a place called Pops, near Colonial Beach.

Mr. Keefe gave a vivid account of Washington's ancestry, dating back fifty-two generations to the first settlement of the Washen family at Cave Castle, England. The lecture was illustrated with historic pictures.

Residence for Vice President. Some of Vice President Sherman's friends have been agitating the question of having the government build a residence for him in Washington. It is urged, among other things, that the Vice President has to entertain almost as much as the President, that the demands upon him are, in fact, so great that it is almost impossible for a poor man to be Vice President. As yet, however, the proposition is only talk, and there seems to be little likelihood that it will go beyond that.

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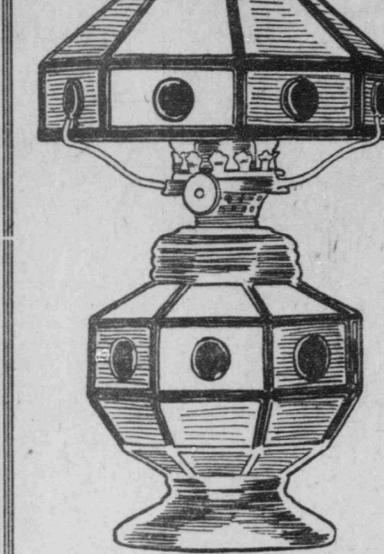
CORPORATION TAX PAID. Total of Internal Revenues Collected Amounts to \$20,000,000.

Some of the corporations of the country have voluntarily paid the corporation tax for the current year. A statement given out at the Treasury Department yesterday giving the internal revenue receipts for the month of January showed that about \$6,800,000 of tax had been paid by the corporations under the new law.

Ballinger Not to Resign. Secretary of the Interior Ballinger said yesterday that a report that he will resign after the present investigation by the Congressional joint committee has been completed is "positively without foundation."

He added that he has no intention of resigning.

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WAR BEGUN ON HOUSE FLY

Civic Association Declares "Most Dangerous Animal" Must Go.

Campaign Opened with Exhibition of Moving Pictures Shown in the District Building.

There was inaugurated in this city yesterday a national campaign against the house fly, which a distinguished investigator in the medical world has called the "most dangerous animal on earth."

The campaign was auspiciously opened by the exhibition of moving pictures showing the life history of the fly, and displaying graphically its fondness for foul surroundings, and its habit of spreading contagion wherever it goes.

When the audiences which filled the board room of the District Building yesterday saw the monsters in the guise of flies stroll across the screen; when they saw them depositing themselves in filth and swarming over putrid fish, and when they saw those same flies entering a sick room or a kitchen and settling on articles of food, then they realized why the American Civic Association has thought it worth while to enter on a national campaign against this disseminator of disease, and they understood why Edward Hatch, Jr., of New York, sent a man to London to procure the films which were exhibited yesterday.

The campaign of the association, which has established offices in this city, with Secretary Richard B. Watrous in charge, is in charge of the fly-fighting committee, of which Edward Hatch, Jr., in chairman. Other members of the committee are Dr. Woods Hutchinson, of New York; Dr. D. D. Jackson, of New York; Harlan P. Kelsey, of Salem, Mass; and Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

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ANDERSON—On Tuesday, February 22, 1910, at her home in Rockville, Mrs. LOTTE LE GRO ANDERSON, mother of Dr. C. L. Anderson, of this city.

CARROLL—On Wednesday, February 23, 1910, at her home in Rockville, Mrs. WESLEY CARROLL, formerly widow of William Sewell, of Washington, D. C. Funeral from her late home, at Rockville, Md., at 2 p. m. Friday.

CONNER—Departed this life on Tuesday, February 22, 1910, at 10:10 o'clock, at her residence, 21 Oakdale street, Mrs. ADDIE BENNETT CONNER, wife of Andrew Conner and sister of James Bennett. Funeral Friday at 2 o'clock from Vermont Avenue Baptist Church.

HALTORTH—On Monday, February 21, 1910, at United States Soldiers' Home, OTTO HALTORTH, husband of the late Pauline Haltorth (nee Gerhardt). KING—On Wednesday, February 23, 1910, at 1:30 a. m., at Providence Hospital, after a long and painful illness, JAMES A. KING, beloved husband of the late Ruth King, aged fifty-one years. Funeral from 322 Ninth street northwest Friday, February 25.

SLOAN—Suddenly on Tuesday, February 22, 1910, at his home, 173 Lamont street, CHARLES G. SLOAN. Funeral Friday, February 25, 1910, at 11 o'clock in a.m., from Epiphany Church, Interment at St. John's Cemetery, Beltsville, Md. Laurel car leaves Thursday 9:15. Friends and relatives invited.

TALBERT—Departed this life on Tuesday, February 22, 1910, at 5:30 a. m., at her residence, 716 Rock Creek Church road, SUSAN A. widow of Ovelton Talbert. Interment at Rock Creek Cemetery.

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