The Washington Herald Proud of Its Achievements in 1911

It Has Fought Earnestly and Effectively for Advancement of District Interests.

HOW IT HAS HELPED WASHINGTON

It Has Led the Fight for Pensions for School-teachers and Policemen and Firemen, and Has Given Stimulus to Many Movements Which Secured Local Betterment and Progress.

The Washington Herald, during the year 1911, has been foremost in its advocacy of all measures designed for the benefit of the city, and has striven earnestly and effectively to promote local interests. Its steadily increasing circulation and business indicates that its efforts are appreciated in this community.

"BUY AT HOME" CAMPAIGN.

In briefly summing up the work which The Herald has done during the past year, it may be stated that it has led in the endeavor to aid the Washington merchants by insisting that Washington people should shop in Washington. Its editorial appeals found an echo in the action of the Board of Trade, which placed advertisements in the street cars calling attention to the complete stocks and low prices to be found in the Washington stores. Its "Buy at Home" campaign began last July with an editorial entitled "Keep the Money at Home," and in a succession of editorials it protested against itinerant merchants seeking patronage here. In addition to this, The Washington Herald persistently demonstrated that it was a mistake to regard the summer months as of no business value, and through its news columns printed many facts to prove that the population here during the summer time was very little less than in the winter. Its insistence upon summer activity was met by the Chamber of Commerce with a hearty response, and that organization was engaged throughout the summer months upon matters of local concern.

Has Urged Necessary Legislation.

In matters affecting Congress and the District the position of The Washington Herald has always been plainly stated. It criticised the Congress which adjourned on the 4th of last March for its neglect of the District, and it has commended the evident desire of the present Congress to treat the District fairly. It has never failed to urge legislation that would assist in the moral, physical, and material development of the city. Its campaign for better insurance laws, begun by exposing conditions which existed because of the lack of adequate laws, resulted in the enactment of necessary legislation. It has at all times insisted upon the passage of a public utilities law, while its fight for pensions for school-teachers and policemen and firemen has been most vigorous.

Policemen and Firemen's Pensions.

The campaign instituted in behalf of the police and firemen of the District by The Washington Herald has resulted in positive pledges of support to the police and firemen's pension bill by a large majority of the House District Committee. The bill is assured of passage in the Senate. The Herald opened the campaign on March 7, soon after the Sixty-first Congress had refused to act upon the police and firemen's pension bill. Following the disastrous fire in the factory of the American Tobacco Company, when two firemen lost their lives in line of duty, The Washington Herald took up the cudgels anew and aroused civic and commercial organizations of Washington to a concerted demand for adequate pensions.

Following an editorial on October 16, setting forth the need of such legislation, the Retail Merchants' Association appointed a subcommittee to devise ways and means of helping the police and firemen. A few days later the Chamber of Commerce, at its November meeting, entered the fight, closely followed by the Board of Trade, the Federation of Citizens' Associations, and many other organizations.

From all these organizations The Washington Herald received unstinted praise for its public-spirited stand. An exhaustive summary of the police and firemen's pension provisions in other large cities, printed in The Washington Herald November 6, calling forth many letters and resolutions of commendation.

For Public Utilities Commission.

The Washington Herald has long believed that a comprehensive public utilities law would solve many unpleasant conditions, arising from attempts to regulate public service corporations in the District with inadequate authority to enforce such regulations. To this end for the last eight months, The Herald has been hammering persistently at the idea of a public utilities commission for the District. The plan has received the support of practically every civic organization in the District, and the agitation has resulted in the introduction of bills by Senator Gallinger and Representative Olmsted, which give every promise of being enacted into law. Fostered and encouraged by The Herald's firm stand, public opinion demands the commission, and, as Gallinger pointed out in The Herald December 22, the prospects are that the law will be enacted before spring.

The Washington Herald has supported solidly the citizens' demand for universal transfers.

The Russian Passport Victory.

The record of The Washington Herald in the Russian passport controversy, which resulted recently in the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia, is one of which it may well be proud. Its sturdy fight for American citizenship endeared it to thousands.

As far back as February 16, resuming a fight it has been interested in for years, The Herald took up the cudgels for the Jewish citizens of this country who have been and are being denied entry into Russia. On the morning of February 16, The Herald printed under heavy black two-column head lines notice of the demand of Jewish citizens for the abrogation of the violated treaty. At the same time the controversy was reviewed, showing what action had been taken by the State Department in previous administrations. Following the matter closely throughout the summer, The Washington Herald fired the opening gun in the final battle, when, on November 29, it voiced a stirring protest in a prominent double-column editorial, headed "The Dishonored American Passport." From that time forth The Herald was unremitting in its demand for the abrogation of the treaty, and following almost unanimous action by both Houses of Congress, The Herald was soon able to announce to its readers the accomplishment of its purpose.

Aided Suburban Residents.

The Washington Herald also made a gallant fight against the discrimination practiced against residents in the suburban and near-suburban districts by express, railroad, and telegraph companies in the matter of charges for deliveries. Opening with a prominent editorial, headed "Imposition on Suburbs," in May, The Washington Herald continued to lend its efforts to the fight being made by several citizens' associations against the discrimination, with the result that early in the fall the odious schedules were cut down to a fairer basis.

The Washington Herald was one of the first to champion the cause of the mail carriers and to demand that a complete day of rest be given them on Sundays, a reform which is now happily in effect.

Better Street Lighting.

The installation of several thousand dollars' worth of handsome new boulevard lamps in the downtown district and many improvements in the outlying residential section were due largely to a spirited campaign for these improvements led by The Washington Herald. Following a protest by citizens against poor lighting, the Washington Herald commenced a campaign to crystallize public opinion along those lines in February and the desired improvements were promised shortly thereafter.

The charity work of the District always has commanded the support and indorsement of The Washington Herald when carefully and systematically conducted. The Herald, moreover, has made it a point to lend special indorsement to the plan to centralize and unify all organized charity work in the District, as proposed by the Commissioners, and the heads of the various organized charitable associations.

Other Reforms Sought.

One of the important measures which Congress will be asked to pass on this session involves a preferential Presidential primary law for the District, as proposed in the bill introduced by Senator Bristow last summer. At the time of the introduction The Washington Herald in editorials and news articles supported the bill enthusiastically, and this is one of the reforms it is hoped the present session of Congress will see fit to make possible.

The Washington Herald led a spirited campaign against immoral plays in the District.

The Washington Herald on March 9 opened a campaign for reforms in the methods of assessing taxes in the Dis-

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WHAT THE HERALD HAS URGED

The abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia.
Reasonable express, telegraph, and freight rates to the suburbs.
Sundays off for letter carriers.
Improved lighting of streets.
A closer relationship between retail merchants and patrons of Washington.
The advertisement of Washington and its advantages throughout the country.
A more careful consideration of the District's needs by Congress.
Adequate pensions for police and firemen.
The enactment of a public utilities law.
The enactment of a preferential primary law.
Universal transfers.
Improved and centralized system for public charities in the District.
Remedial legislation regarding assessment and taxation, providing for annual assessments.
Provision for a hospital for inebriates.
New buildings and improved status for the Juvenile Court.
Bi-monthly pay for District employes.
Legislation preventing arbitrary changes without notice in the building regulations.
School-teachers' pension and retirement legislation.
Government clerks' pension and retirement legislation.
Better pay for government clerks.
The establishment of a parcel post.
Improved traffic regulations.

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