SUBURBAN NEWS.

ALEXANDRIA.

Among the acts of interest in this neighborhood which will be proposed at the reopening of the general assembly at Richmond in January is "an act to provide for the issue of $100,000 of bonds by Alexandria county, for the appointment of a county engineer and for the improvement of county roads. Also an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Alexandria county to provide building and plumbing regulations, to establish a fire service, to light roads and streets and to provide a jail and police court in Rosslyn." If these acts become laws the county seat of Alexandria county will be removed to Rosslyn. It is by no means certain, however, that these measures will be adopted by the general assembly.

The Young Men's Sodality Lyceum gave a pleasant entertainment last night at their hall on Duke street. A number of invited guests gathered and the occasion was an exceeding pleasant one.

Some time ago, as reported in The Star, Officer James McCuen, while sitting asleep at the station house, was suddenly roused, and before he became awake he shot Officer Crump in the knee. Officer Crump has been suffering seriously with the wound since that time, and he is now in a precarious condition.

Mr. John T. Allen has been elected noble grand of Sarepta Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The work of restoring Christ Church to the colonial style has been completed by the addition of a bishop's chair in mahogany. The colonial work has been done from designs by Glenn Brown, architect.

Rev. R. L. Carne of Sacred Heart Church, Richmond, is in this city for a short time and is located at St. Mary's parsonage.

It is expected that in the early spring the Pennsylvania Railroad Comany will complete its branch from the Alexandria and Washington railway to Rosslyn.

ANACOSTIA.

Anacostia Tent, No. 138, Independent Order of Rechabites, at its meeting held December 26, elected officers as follows: Shepherd, Geo. O. Webster; C. R., James H. Dony; D. R., Geo. W. King; R. S., Thomas W. Scott; F. S., J. W. Jackson; treasurer, J. B. Redd; levite, Edgar Williamson; I. S. G., Geo. C. McGill; O. S. G., Ridgely Griffith; representatives, Thos. W. Scott, G. W. Shoemaker, S. R. Mundell, J. W. Jackson; alternates, James H. Goddard, C. E. Bladen, William B. Kelley; master, S. R. Mundell.

On Friday, the 29th instant, the blind evangelist, Brother Maice of the Central Union Mission, Washington, will conduct the service at the Anacostia branch, Haines' Hall, at 7:30 p.m., where a warm welcome will be extended to all.

Road Supervisor C. F. Walson and his gang of workmen have begun the much-needed improvement of replacing the old and dangerous wooden sidewalk on Harrison street from Pierce to Avaion street with a brick pavement.

Dr. J. W. Hollingsworth is out again, after a confinement of several days with a severe attack of the grip.

Mr. Henry Haggenmaker had a pleasant visit a few days since from Mr. Asbury Johnson, an old comrade in arms in the second District volunteers, whom he had not seen since his muster out of the service, December 2, 1864, a period of nearly thirty years.

The Anacostia Baptist, the Methodist Episcopal and the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Churches held the Christmas entertainment for their respective Sunday schools last evening. Large and appreciative audiences were present in each case to listen to the service of song and recitation that formed a feature common to all. Mr. J. W. Bartley, Master Taylor Branson and Miss Linda Pumphrey contributed their services as orchestral accompanists at the festival given by the Methodists, the Baptists being favored by Prof. B. E. Messer and Miss Cora McLean. The pastors of the several churches delivered short addresses, and distribution of the good things provided by Santa Claus on such occasions closed the several entertainments.

TAKOMA PARK.

The Sunday school entertainment held in the Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. J. B. Kinnear, consisted of a brief but interesting program. After an opening prayer by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Little, and singing by the school of the well-known hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," followed by a recitation by Miss Hazel Van Houten, a dialogue by Vantyle and Corabel Bien followed by a performance, in two acts, entitled "The Spirit of Christmas," or "Two Sides of the Picture," a practical illustration of the blessing of giving, participated in by Miss Gussie Thomas, Geniveve Kinnear, Mabel Smith and Eugene Kinnear, Maud Sleeper and Byron Blodgett were presented by Mr. Poler with a Bible and Life of Jas. A. Garfield, respectively, for punctuality and regular attendance for two years, after which the superintendent announced that he had been promised a visit from Santa Claus, a statement followed in quick succession by four messenger boys, each bearing a telegram from points en route, beginning with the "North Pole." The reading of the last, from the terminus of the electric car, was followed by Old Kriss, with his pack on his back, which, after a few appropriate remarks, he hastened to unload, and each child present was happy in possession of a package of candy and a sight of St. Nicholas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Brown entertained on Christmas day, with a dinner of eleven covers, the following in honor of their guest, Mrs. Geo. W. Bucklin of Harlem: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Miss Mary Hopperton of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. C. Thomson and Miss Fanny Thomson of Takoma. The decoration of English primroses, palms and ferns, with which the entire house was decorated, beautified this lovely home beyond description. Songs and recitations by Mesdames Myers and Barnes during the evening completed a memorable day.

Mrs. Dr. H. M. Bennett, assisted by her daughter, Miss Stella Bennett, entertained yesterday, with a luncheon, a number of Takoma friends. The Christmas decorations of holly and greens with potted palms and plants in bloom were artistically arranged: Those present were: Mrs. Thos. C. Thomson, Mrs. Amanda Thomas, Mrs. M. Cady Becker, Mrs. Henry Cady, Mrs. Robert S. Brown with Mrs. Geo. W. Bucklin of Harlem, and Mrs. O. D. Summy.

The Misses Gertie and Pearl Houston, recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kinnear, have returned to their home.

Mrs. H. Elliott has returned to her home from a recent visit to Takoma friends.

Mrs. Ellis Bliss, with her daughter Pauline, were recent guests of Mrs. W. H. Smith of Oak avenue.

The usual weekly Methodist prayer meeting was omitted this week, but will be held New Year night at the residence of Mr. J. Vance Lewis.

A half-hour service, commencing at 11:30 p.m., has been announced for Sunday next in the new Episcopal chapel. The rector, Rev. Allen Griffith, will conduct the service.

Miss Kathleen Bitzer of Alexandria left yesterday for home. This young lady was a guest of the Misses Bitzer of Oak avenue.

HYATTSVILLE.

The Sunday school of the Pinckney Memorial Church held its Christmas celebration at Wells' Hall last night. A large number of people were present, there being scarcely standing room. Three large Christmas trees, handsomely decorated, stood upon the stage. The program was as follows: Hymn, "Hark, What Mean Those Heavenly Voices?" recitation, Miss Helen Kanode; recitation, Miss Josie Baker; hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear;" recitation, Miss Louise Campbell; song, "Highland Laddies;" hymn, "As With Gladness;" recitation, Mrs. Lewis F. Holden; recitation, Mrs. Foxwell; recitation, Miss Fanny Whiting; address by the rector, Rev. Edward Wall; address by Mr. John O. Johnson; carol, "Gather Round the Christmas Tree;" lighting of tree and distribution of presents; carol, "Farewell, Our Christmas Tree."

Messrs. Duckett & Dent, attorneys, of Bladensburg, and John P. Poe of Baltimore succeeded in getting a verdict in damages in the United States court in Baltimore last Saturday against the Riverdale Park Company in favor of Chas. T. Westcott, the owner of the Avalon mill property of Bladensburg. The case was a long and tedious one, occupying about ten days, and was quite a victory for the plaintiffs, Messrs. Bernard Carter & Sons and Frank T. Browning representing the Riverdale Park Company.

In 1890 the Riverdale Park Company tore down the mill dam appurtenant to the mill property and threatened to pull it down whenever erected. An injunction was granted out by Marion Duckett, restraining their interference. After a hard fight the injunction granted Mr. Duckett was made perpetual by the Maryland court of appeals. The suit for damages arose out of this interference. Mr. Westcott obtained $3,000 damages.

Mr. H. E. Davis of the commissary general's office of Washington has purchased lots 55 and 56 on Littlefield avenue and lot 17 in Hyatt's subdivision, and will shortly commence the erection of a dwelling upon this property.

Mr. Lewis Richardson of the Gettysburg Academy is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Richardson.

Lakeland Lodge, No. 124, Knights of Pythias, will elect officers for the ensuing year this evening.

Dr. S. Clifford Cox of Hyattsville has been appointed physician to the alms house, vice Dr. L. A. Griffith, resigned.

The property of Mr. B. F. Guy of Washington, situated on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad near Ardwick, has been sold to Mr. Isaiah Rifenbark of South Dakota for $7,500.

BROOKLAND.

Miss Mary Marean has received the presidential appointment as postmistress at Brookland and the post office will be permanently removed to the Town Hall. Miss Marean purposes having a telegraph office in connection with the post office, which will supply a long felt want.

The community was sadly shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. William Hackett, daughter of Mrs. Rachel A. Means of Queenstown, after an illness of only nine days. Mrs. Hackett was a young, brilliant, lovable lady whom to know was to admire, and her loss is keenly felt by all. The funeral took place at 2 p.m. today and a large assembly of sorrowing friends attested the high esteem in which Mrs. Hackett was held.

Willie Hare of University Heights while hoisting stone at the Catholic University caught his hand in the block and tackle and crushed his fingers very badly. Dr. J. H. Brooks dressed the painful wounds and at present they are doing as well as possible.

The Baptist Sunday school rooms contained a great many more persons than could be comfortably accommodated in the limited space of the assembly room last night, but all were anxious to hear the cantata "All Nations Shall Serve Him," and to see the annual distribution of presents to pupils from a prettily decorated tree. Recitations were well rendered by Frank West, Helen Marean, Amelie Etz, Benny Hare, Milton Daniels, Margaret Sisson, Rosebud Sherwood, Dora Dryer, Hattie Paxton and Aura Middlekauff. A tableau, "The Stable at Bethlehem," by the infant class, who sang "Luther's Cradle Hymn," was very effective, as was also the tableau "Shepherds and Kings," rendered realistic with a calcium light. A patriotic motion exercise by the girls of Mrs. Schwier's class, representing all nations with their flags, was excellently executed, and a carol by the primary school was well sung, but the chorus singing by the entire school was below its usual standard. A large number of pupils are enrolled under the care of Mr. J. L. Sherwood, superintendent, and all fared very nicely from the contents of the tree. Mr. Isaac Quackenbush impersonated Santa Claus and created some consternation and much amusement among the little folks.

KENSINGTON.

The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school was held in the church last evening and the program consisted of addresses, recitations and music. The pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Thompson, was presented with a fine crayon of himself, the work of Mr. E. C. Fowler. Miss Laura Wheatley was the recipient of a volume of Longfellow's poems from the children's class.

The Warner Memorial Christmas entertainment, which took place on Tuesday evening, was a decided success. The "Crowning of Christmas" was beautifully rendered by the little folks, after which each scholar was presented with a book and box of candy.

A meeting of the citizens of this place will be held in the library tomorrow evening, to again consider the subject of incorporation. The special committee appointed to look into the subject will report at this meeting.

Masters Southard and Parker Warner are visiting Gov. and Mrs. Alphonso Harb.

Dr. J. L. Lewis has gone to his home in Virginia for a short visit.

Mr. George Duvall is confined to his home by illness.

FREDERICK.

Dr. Frank T. Burch, who died at his home in Washington on Christmas night, was born near Frederick forty-two years ago, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burch of West 4th street, this city. He was a man of high character, fine mind, and a popular favorite with all who knew him. A widow and one son survive him. Dr. Burch's body will be brought here Thursday for burial, and the funeral services will be held Friday morning in St. John's Catholic Church.

The remains of William, son of Sylvester Rivers, who died in Washington on Friday last, were brought to Frederick Monday night, and the funeral took place Tuesday morning, interment being made in St. John's Catholic cemetery, the Rev. Father Coleman officiating.

The stockholders of the Berlin and Lovettsville Bridge Company, owners of the new bridge recently built across the Potomac river at Brunswick, this county, met at the Citizens' National Bank Wednesday morning and elected the following gentlemen as a board of directors: Joseph D. Baker, Geo. Wm. Smith, Douglas H. Hargett, Judge John A. Lynch, John C. Motter, John L. Jordan, D. E. Kefauver.

The first german held in Frederick for a number of years will be given in Junior Hall on the evening of January 19, under the direction of Prof. F. W. Carlisle of Washington, who will lead the german. The patronesses, who are among the leaders of local social circles, are: Mr. Wm. P. Maulsby, Mrs. Wm. Crawford Johnson, Mrs. Steiner Schley, Mrs. E. C. McSherry, Mrs. Chas. W. Ross, Mrs. Arthur Potts, Mrs. Franklin B. Smith, Mrs. L. V. Baughman.

At Haight, over in Carroll county, an incident has just occurred showing how long a pig can live without food. During a heavy wind storm on the 28th of last October a tree blew down over and pinned down a pig belonging to Mr. Parsley, tenant on the John Worthington farm. The pig was missed and given up for lost, but on Tuesday of last week some men who were chopping wood on the farm discovered the pig lying beneath the tree. It had eaten the roots about it and everything else within reach, but when released had lost all use of its legs. It was taken to the house and given some milk, and afterward ate all the leaves it could find. Gradually it recovered the use of its legs and is getting fat.

Harry Walters of this city was employed by a variety showman on South Market street to pose as "the human volcano" and blow blazing alcohol out of his mouth. While in full eruption on Christmas day he forgot himself and allowed some of the alcohol to touch his lips and get down his throat. He narrowly escaped death from the effects of his injuries.

While George Abey, a colored man of Emmitsburg, was handling a fractious horse, the animal suddenly kicked him in the face, mashing his chin in.

Dr. Chas. W. Hoffman, former librarian of Congress, and well known in Washington social and official circles, spent Christmas with Hon. Chas. S. Wills, late United States minister to Nicaragua, at Araby, Charles county, Md.

JOURNALISTS' CLUB BANQUET.

Vice President Stevenson and Other Prominent Men to Attend.

The Journalists' Club's annual banquet at Baltimore will take place tonight. Vice President Stevenson and men well known throughout the nation will be present, besides representatives of all professions and business enterprises in Baltimore. Toasts will be responded to by Vice President Stevenson, Senator John Sherman, Representatives William L. Wilson, Thomas B. Reed, Amos J. Cummings, Gov. Frank Brown, Mayor Latrobe and Gen. Felix Agnus, Col. A. B. Cunningham, Alexander Bechhofer, J. J. Williams, John M. Carter, jr., F. Julian Bailey and John E. Hussey of the Baltimore press. An original poem, entitled "Bohemia," will be read by Mr. Eugene Geary, a member of the club.

A committee of members of the club will escort the Washington visitors to the city in a private car, and provide for their entertainment while in Baltimore.

More Cock Fighting at Canton.

Another cocking main took place at Canton, Md., last night, which was attended by quite a number. The mains were between birds from Washington and Baltimore, and the matches resulted in complete victories for the Baltimore birds.

AN ANTI-SPOILS LEAGUE.

Civil Service Reform to Be Made a Popular Movement.

The National Civil Service Reform League is about to initiate a popular movement toward the abolition of the spoils system. A great enrollment of the reform sentiment of the country will be undertaken, the work beginning yesterday and to be carried on from the office of the league at 54 William street, New York city.

The immediate purpose of this enrollment is to form a single popular organization, working into every state, and to have for its members every person enrolled. The organization will then be used as effectively as possible as a force toward administrative reform in national, state and local affairs. It will be known as the Anti-spoils League, with Carl Schurz as president, Wm. Potts secretary and Col. Silas W. Burt treasurer.

The Civil Service Reform League, which proposes to inaugurate this movement, has an active membership at present of about five thousand, divided among twenty-three associations and smaller leagues. Its principal centers are at New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Indianapolis, Chicago and St. Louis.

Each of those five thousand members will be enlisted in the missionary work of the new movement at once. It will be carried on through a number of active agencies and with all possible expedition. The colleges and other large educational institutions, the local improvement organizations of every city and the voting organizations of all parties having good government among their purposes will be the first fields undertaken, and the extension of the work will follow as rapidly and thoroughly as possible.

The circular sent out by the league contains the following significant declaration of its purposes:

"By the reform of the civil service it is meant that every competent citizen of the United States shall have an equal chance to enter the service, and that it shall no longer be kept for the support of the party politicians; that in order to enter the service a man must show that he is competent; that when he has entered the service he shall be kept there as long as he faithfully and efficiently performs the duties of his office, and not be compelled to give up his position because it is wanted for a party hack or the henchman of a boss; that a citizen shall be able to go freely to the primary meeting and to the polls, and not have his political action controlled by a body of officeholders; that officeholders shall not be assessed by party politicians for political purposes; that if salaries are so large as to admit of such assessment they should be reduced."

The following card accompanies each circular, the recipient being required to sign it, giving his full name and address, and return it to the secretary of the league:

"We hereby declare ourselves in favor of the complete abolition of the spoils system from the public service, believing that system to be unjust, undemocratic, injurious to political parties, fruitful of corruption, a burden to legislative and executive officers and in every way opposed to the principles of good government.

"We call upon all in authority to extend to the utmost the operation of the present reform laws, and by additional legislation to carry the benefits of the merit system to the farthest possible limits under our national, state and municipal governments."

WILL DEMAND DAMAGES.

A Sea Captain Who Was Imprisoned at Rio Janeiro.

The schooner Grace Andrews, Capt. John Andrews, of Thomaston, Me., arrived at Philadelphia yesterday from Natal, Brazil. Capt. Andrews has a grievance against Peixoto's government, for which he proposes to try and collect damages through the State Department. For six months past Capt. Andrews has been cruising along the Brazilian coast, trying to pick up a cargo. In November he anchored his schooner a short distance below Rio Janeiro, and started in a small boat, with three of his men, for the Brazilian capital, where he proposed to pay a visit to his brother, who is a merchant there.

As Capt. Andrews sailed into the bay of Rio one of Peixoto's patrol boats came alongside, and, without any parley, the officer in command informed Capt. Andrews that he and his men were prisoners. There was a small American flag floating in the bow of the boat, and this the Brazilians tore down, and ordered Capt. Andrews' men to direct their boat toward shore. As resistance would have been useless, the Americans did as they were ordered, and when they got ashore they were marched to the castle of Santa Cruz and imprisoned in dungeons. Capt. Andrews says the cells they were put into were horrible places, damp and cold, and overrun with rats, lizards and snakes. They were kept in the castle for twenty-five hours and then marched into the city.

As they were being led through the streets Capt. Andrews met his brother and explained the matter to him. His brother at once secured his release from the authorities. When set at liberty the Brazilians offered no explanation.

Capt. Andrews is very bitter in his complaints against Consul General Town, and accuses him of neglecting the interests of United States citizens in Brazil, and with being insolent to those who go to him for advice or protection. Capt. Andrews says that he took no heed of his complaint against Peixoto's men, and when he referred to the incident of pulling down the flag in the boat Mr. Town said in sneering tones: "Oh, that's all right. The government will fix you fellows by giving you a champagne supper and sticking an American flag in the neck of the bottles."

Capt. Andrews is coming to Washington, and when he puts in his claim for damages he says he is going to lodge charges against Consul Town. Capt. Andrews says that the reports of disorder and robberies in the streets of Rio are untrue, as strict discipline is maintained.

PRESIDENT MAYER RE-ELECTED.

Meeting of the B. and O. Railway Directors.

Mr. Charles F. Mayer was unanimously re-elected president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at the meeting of the board of directors held at Baltimore yesterday, and Maj. Alexander Shaw was elected a director, vice Mr. George DeB. Keim, who died recently in Philadelphia. This will be the sixth consecutive term for Mr. Mayer. Maj. Shaw is a member of the firm of Shaw Bros., coal operators, who own large interests in western Maryland and West Virginia, along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio and the West Virginia Central railroads. In both of these corporations Maj. Shaw is a large stockholder.

The meeting yesterday was an adjourned one. The regular meeting of the new board of directors, elected by the stockholders in November, took place on December 20. Owing to the recent death of Mr. Keim the board adjourned over to yesterday. The monthly statement for November was submitted to the first meeting, and it gave much gratification to all interested in the road.

At the meeting yesterday all the directors of the road were present. Mr. Mayer called it to order, and then resigned the chair to Mr. William F. Burns. Mr. William H. Blackford, on behalf of the board, cast the ballot electing Mr. Mayer to his sixth consecutive term in the office of the presidency.

Mr. Mayer then reviewed fully the very extended works in all departments of the service which had been accomplished since his first election to the presidency, in December, 1888, and the immense improvement and development in the physical condition of the property and the various departments of the service. He spoke of his recent annual inspection trip, and said the entire system was in superior condition.

The board confirmed the action of the finance committee in declaring the customary semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent on the preferred stock. The dividend is payable on January 2. The election of a director for the company to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. George DeB. Keim was the next business taken up. The name of Maj. Shaw was the only one proposed, and he was unanimously elected.

Dr. Charles M. Cresson Dead.

Dr. Charles M. Cresson, the distinguished chemist, whose name is identified with the establishment of the Philadelphia gas works, and whose investigations in the domain of hygiene were universally recognized for their value, died at his home in Philadelphia yesterday. He was sixty-five years of age. He published a number of pamphlets upon the manufacture of gas, explosion of steam boilers, the effects of electricity upon the tensile strength of iron, wood preservation, paper manufacture, water supplies of cities, &c.

KNIGHTS' NEW SCHEME.

Proposed Removal a Part of the Great Consolidation Plan.

The story was circulated in Knights of Labor circles yesterday, says the Philadelphia Times, that the contemplated move of the headquarters of the order to Washington was but a step in the carrying out of a scheme originated by Powderly for the advancement of his personal ambitions to make the Knights the nucleus of a great political propaganda which was to absorb the American Federation of Labor, the Farmers' Alliance, the silver party of the west and two years hence, in the guise of a labor party, march to victory at the polls. The rank and file of the order, who discussed the alleged scheme freely, quoted from General Master Workman Sovereign's recent address to the labor people, in which he advises them to work for their welfare at the polls and urges on them the necessity of independent political action.

Those responsible for the story also pointed to the fact that the Knights of Labor, after Powderly's downfall, did not abandon his amalgamation scheme, but, on the contrary, appointed a committee consisting of General Master Workman Sovereign, Secretary-Treasurer Hayes and General Worthy Foreman Bishop to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the Federation of Labor at its convention in Chicago.

Last evening General Worthy Foreman Bishop said, in answer to questions: "Yes, it is true that such a committee was appointed, and was made up of the three members named. The Federation of Labor followed our lead and appointed a similar committee, composed of President Gompers, P. J. McGuire and Frank K. Foster of Massachusetts."

"Is it true that the executive board contemplates moving the headquarters to Washington?"

"It is true that we contemplate a move, but not necessarily to Washington, although we look upon that city with a favorable eye. We are daily in receipt of propositions from cities in all parts of the country. You see our postal bill in a year runs up $3,000, and this would secure for many minor cities free postal delivery, and they are naturally anxious to secure us. When the Order of Railway Trainmen located at Elgin it secured that city free postal delivery, and the Order of Railway Telegraphers did the same for Ottumwa, Iowa."

The Knights in Politics.

When asked if it was true that the Knights proposed to take an active hand in politics Mr. Bishop said:

"Certainly the Knights should take active and independent political action. In the past thirty days we have issued fifty-seven charters. It will not be many days before we will be issuing eight or ten a day. The west and south are rallying to us. With the old regime ousted, the Knights will now recover their old-time pre-eminence. In two years there is no reason, unless in themselves, why they should not have great political power. They have no reason to interfere in presidential elections, but legislatures and Congress they will aim to force into putting the railroads and telegraphs under government control."

"Is it true as reported that the Federation of Labor takes the stand that the Knights as a preliminary step to any closer union should throw up all their trade charters and where the charters are not thrown up have the locals disband and join the Federation, leaving the Knights only its mixed assemblies? If it is true will your committee entertain the proposition?"

"To both questions, no. We invited the Federation to appoint a committee to confer with us as to plans looking to a closer union of all labor organizations, not to submit an ultimatum as to the terms upon which it would confer with us. Their committee was not instructed to present any such ultimatum, and if they did so we should certainly not consider it."

Powderly's Reception.

Referring to Powderly's recent address to the citizens of Scranton, containing statements as to the alleged methods by which he was defeated, Mr. Bishop said:

"You may say for me that those statements are a deliberate misrepresentation of the facts. Is it not singular that while Powderly, on his return to Scranton, was received with an outburst of enthusiasm, the number of Knights in Scranton is so comparatively insignificant? The list of names of those who attended may explain it. They were all republicans."

Thomas B. McGuire of the executive board said:

"The congratulations to Sovereign from the Farmers' Alliance and silver people of the west have not ceased to arrive even yet. Many of them contain offers to aid him in every way possible, and in case the order has disputes with firms sending goods their way to refuse to purchase them. Sovereign and Kenny left last night for Houtzdale and Du Bois, where 4,000 men out of the 10,000 who are connected with the Checkweigh fund organizations in that region, as well as members of National Trade District Assembly 135, K. of L., wish to withdraw from that assembly and re-establish old District Assembly 40, to which they once belonged."

ALMOST WITHOUT RIVALS.

Prospects of President Carnot Being Re-Elected.

A United Press copyright cable from Paris says:

In political circles the election of a president of the republic to succeed President Carnot has become the leading question of the hour. The election is still at least ten months away, as the latest time at which the national assembly can meet to decide the question is November, 1894. President Carnot's term expires on January 1, 1895, he having taken the office on January 1, 1888. In France the president is not elected as in the United States, but by an absolute majority of the national assembly, which is composed of the senate and the chamber of deputies, meeting as one body.

The Rappel is endeavoring to estimate what chance President Carnot has for re-election. The paper calculates that out of 300 senators, now composing the senate, two-thirds can be relied upon to support the candidacy of President Carnot. The estimate is, however, wanting in accuracy in that it is beyond the realm of possibility that the entire elective senate, as at present constituted, will be returned at the coming senatorial elections.

The electoral colleges, which are to select senators for re-election, will be obliged under the constitution to return 189 men, of whom 157 will certainly be doubtful in their attitude toward Carnot. His best opportunity for re-election will be found in the disgrace or obscurity to which his opponents have been brought in rapid succession. Ribot, Floquet, Constans and Freycinet are no longer in his way. Those whom he has not outworked he has outlived. He has elevated himself through the demoralization of ministries whose dissolutions have almost invariably resulted in shattering the highest hopes of their members. Yet, in none of these political crises has the president compromised himself.

Many persons begin to think him too clever and secretive to be trusted again with his high office, but few of those opposing his re-election to be president of the republic have an answer to the question: "Who else among the survivors of the Panama scandal is available for his place?"

M. Casimir-Perier, premier, is almost the only other active statesman who was neither discredited nor embarrassed, although M. Dupuy is mentioned occasionally as a possible rival. Casimir-Perier's brief career in the premiership and Dupuy's short term in the presidency of the chamber may give either of them a slight chance for the presidency. Excepting them, the president is without competitors.

Shortage in Chicago's Treasury.

The Chicago Evening Post says: All the information obtainable regarding the city's financial condition tends to show that the deficit in the municipal treasury amounts to nearly $3,000,000. An expert report to this effect will be submitted to the city by Mayor Swift tonight, but it is incomplete.

The investigation of the controller's office by an accountant shows that the office has been woefully mismanaged, and that it is next to impossible to ascertain the facts. As far as the expert has been able to examine the books, an actual shortage of $2,600,000, about $1,500,000 more than the first estimate of the deficit, has been found, and it is more than probable that after debts will be found when a more thorough examination of the accounts has been made.

A stimulant is often needed to nourish and strengthen the roots and to keep the hair a natural color. Hall's Hair Renewer is the best tonic for the hair.

AUCTION SALES.

THIS AFTERNOON.

DUNCANSON BROS., Auctioneers.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF SEVEN (7) NEW BRICK HOUSES, SITUATE ON THE CORNER OF ELEVENTH AND F STREETS NORTHEAST.

By virtue of a certain deed of trust recorded in Liber 1683, folio 354 et seq., one of the land records for the District of Columbia, and at the request of the party secured thereby, we will offer for sale, in front of the premises, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH, A. D. 1893, AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., the following described property, situate, lying and being in the city of Washington, D. C., to wit: All of lots numbered 39, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48, in Doris Grupe's subdivision of lots in square numbered nine hundred and sixty (960), as per plat in Liber 19, folio 26, of the surveyor's office of the District of Columbia, together with improvements, &c. Sold subject to a deed of trust on each lot to secure the sum of $2,750 (except lot 42, on which the trust is $3,000) and interest. Exact amount will be stated at time of sale.

Terms of sale: Cash. A deposit of $500 will be required at time of sale of houses, if sold as a whole, or $100 per house if sold separately. Trustees will determine at time of sale as shall be deemed by them to be the most advantageous, whether the property shall be offered as a whole or by parcels. All conveyancing and recording to be at purchaser's or purchasers' cost, and terms of sale to be complied with in ten days from day of sale, or deposits forfeited.

GEO. E. EMMONS,
JOHN O. JOHNSON,
Trustees.
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THIS EVENING.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF TWO-STORY BRICK RESIDENCE AND RESTAURANT, No. 729 EIGHTH STREET SOUTHEAST.

By virtue of a deed of trust, duly recorded in Liber No. 1540, at folio 333 et seq., one of the land records for the District of Columbia, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale, by public auction, in front of the premises, on TUESDAY, the NINTH DAY of JANUARY, A. D. 1894, at FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., the following described real estate, situate in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and designated as and being the north twenty (20) feet front by the full depth of lot number twenty-six (26) in square numbered nine hundred and four (904), together with all the improvements, rights, etc.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, the balance in one and two years, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, secured by deed of trust on the premises sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of $200 required upon acceptance of bid. If the terms of sale are not complied with in fifteen days from the day of sale the trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after five days' advertisement of such resale in some newspaper published in Washington, D.C. All conveyancing and recording at purchaser's cost.

OSCEOLA C. GREEN,
SAMUEL CROSS,
Trustees.
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C. G. SLOAN & CO., AUCTIONEERS,
1407 G ST.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE UNIMPROVED BUSINESS PROPERTY, BOUNDED BY THIRTEENTH, THIRTEEN AND A HALF, E AND WATER STREETS SOUTHWEST.

By virtue of a certain deed of trust to us bearing date October 1, 1892, and duly recorded October 4, 1892, in Liber 1728, at folio 479 et seq., one of the land records of the District of Columbia, and at the written request of the parties secured thereby, we, the undersigned trustees, will sell at public auction, in front of the premises, on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 1893, at HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., all that certain piece or parcel of land and premises situated in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and known and designated as and being lot numbered five (5), in J. H. Brewer and others' subdivision of square numbered ninety-eight (98), as said subdivision is recorded in Book 14, page 101, in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, except part in the northeast corner of said lot, described as follows: Beginning for the same on the west line of New Hampshire avenue, fifty-two and five-hundredths feet southwest of the northeast corner of said square; thence running west eighteen and forty-six hundredths feet; thence southeasterly to a point on the line of said avenue sixty-two and five-hundredths feet southwest of the northeast corner of said square; thence northeasterly ten feet on the line of said avenue to the beginning.

Terms of sale: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash and the balance in two equal installments, payable in one and two years, with interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, from day of sale, the deferred payments to be represented by the notes of the purchaser and secured by deed of trust upon the property sold, or all cash, at purchaser's option. A deposit of $200 will be required of the purchaser at time of sale. All conveyancing, recording and notarial fees at cost of purchaser. Terms of sale to be complied with within ten days from day of sale, otherwise the trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of defaulting purchaser.

WM. G. JOHNSON, Trustee,
Office, 344 D st. n.w.
OSCAR LUCKETT, Trustee,
Office, 344 D st. n.w.
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THOMAS DOWLING & CO., AUCTIONEERS,
612 E st. n.w.

REGULAR SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PICTURES, Etc., AT OUR AUCTION ROOMS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER THIRTIETH, 1893, EMBRACING A GENERAL COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, CARPETS, Etc. ALSO, AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, HORSES AND CARRIAGES, HARNESS, Etc.
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DUNCANSON BROS., AUCTIONEERS.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF BRICK DWELLING NO. 325 K STREET NORTHEAST.

By virtue of a deed of trust, duly recorded in Liber 1694, folio 70 et seq., one of the land records of the District of Columbia, we will sell, in front of the premises, on THURSDAY, THE FOURTH DAY of JANUARY, A.D. 1894, at HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., that part of original lot ten (10), in square seven hundred and seventy-five (775), of the city of Washington, D. C., conveyed by deed of Wm. G. Schaffhirt, together with the improvements, &c., thereon or appertaining thereto.

Terms: One-third cash, balance in one and two years, notes to be given, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to be secured by deed of trust on premises, or all cash, at option of purchaser. A deposit of $200 at sale. Conveyancing, &c., at purchaser's cost. Terms to be complied with in 15 days, otherwise trustees reserve the right to resell at risk and cost of defaulting purchaser, after five days' advertisement of such resale.

ISAAC L. JOHNSON,
CHAS. F. BENJAMIN,
Trustees.
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C. G. SLOAN & CO., AUCTIONEERS,
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE BUILDING LOT ON NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE BETWEEN M AND N STREETS NORTHWEST.

By virtue of a certain deed of trust to us, bearing date June 12, 1890, and duly recorded June 18, 1890, in Liber 1507, at folio 66 et seq., of the land records of the District of Columbia, and at the written request of the party secured thereby, we, the undersigned trustees, will sell at public auction, in front of the premises, on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 1893, at HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., all that certain piece or parcel of land and premises situated in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and known and designated as and being lot numbered five (5), in J. H. Brewer and others' subdivision of square numbered ninety-eight (98), as said subdivision is recorded in Book 14, page 101, in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, except part in the northeast corner of said lot, described as follows: Beginning for the same on the west line of New Hampshire avenue, fifty-two and five-hundredths feet southwest of the northeast corner of said square; thence running west eighteen and forty-six hundredths feet; thence southeasterly to a point on the line of said avenue sixty-two and five-hundredths feet southwest of the northeast corner of said square; thence northeasterly ten feet on the line of said avenue to the beginning.

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