SPECIAL NOTICES.

Jackson Democratic Association

Will hold a regular meeting FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23, At Myer's Hotel. Reports of committees will be made. Tickets for receiving election news will be issued. Full attendance requested.

JAMES L. NORRIS, President.
NAT. SARDO, Secretary. oc22-2t

SPIRITUALISM—MISS MAGGIE GAULE OF BALTimore, the wonderful medium, Masonic Hall, on FRIDAY NIGHT, this week, and at 905 H st. n.w. every Friday during day. oc22-2t*

Bricklayers of Union No. 1

Are notified to meet at TYPOGRAPHICAL TEMPLE In regular meeting on

Thursday, October 22, at 8 O'clock p. m.

oc21-2t BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

FRANKLIN (FIRE) INSURANCE COMPANY OF Washington, D.C. Office, 419 10th st. n.w. Books for the transfer of stock of this company will be closed from OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 2, 1896, both days, inclusive.
oc21-3t WILL P. ROTELER, Secretary.

BICYCLE REPAIR SHOP—W. D. HAIGER, 811 14th.—$125 tricycle for $50; ladies' Majestic bicycle, pneumatic tires, $17; new $100 Halladay-Temple wheels for ladies, $50. oc21-1w*

"I never disappoint."

You know yourself how eagerly you read personal letters. What do you think of a process which perfectly imitates typewriting and makes folks believe they are reading a personal letter? It's good advertising. See us about it.
BYRON S. ADAMS, 512 11TH ST. oc21-14d

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COLUMBIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia. Office, 1419 G st. n.w. Books for the transfer of stock of this company will be closed from October 26 to November 2, 1896, both days inclusive.
oc19-6t LEM. TOWERS, Jr., Secretary.

A VISIT TO CLEVELAND PARK WILL WELL repay you; high, healthful and beautiful. Call or send for booklet.
oc17 610 14th st.

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE—WASHINGTON, OCT. 1, 1896.—We have this day formed a partnership to trade under the name of Loving & Tibbets, temporarily located at No. 917 La. ave. Loving and Tibbets are conducting a wholesale produce commission business. Consignments solicited. ROBINSON LOVING, FRANK J. TIBBETS. oc17-6t

ALL PERSONS HAVING PLEDGES WITH H. K. Fulton upon which interest is due one year or more are hereby notified to call and pay interest on the same will be sold at auction October 27th instant. H. K. FULTON, Pawnbroker.
oc16-8t*

SOUND MONEY DEMOCRATS GOING HOME—ALL Sound Money Democrats desiring to go home for registration and to vote can take advantage of the special rate offered by railroads (one fare for round trip) by applying for voters' certificate to C. V. GATES, southeast corner 7th and E sts. n.w., from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Room 40, Ebbitt House, from 7 to 9 p.m. oc12-10t*

ORNAMENTAL WROUGHT IRON RAILINGS, Grilles, Gates, Hinges and Escutcheons, Window Guards, etc. Protect your property. No charge for sketches and estimates. Wrought Iron Gas Fixtures, Andirons, Fenders, etc., etc. J. H. CORNING, Tile Shop, 520-522 13th st. fe15

BICYCLING FOR HEALTH is best done on the "Columbia" the standard of the world for wheels. The greatness of the Columbia is evidenced by the fact that other makers strive to make their wheels "just as good." POPE MFG. CO. J. Hart Brittain, Manager, 435 Pa. ave. fe14-10tf

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—of your house by having large fine Plate Glass put in, and take out the old-fashioned little "panes." Now's the time to do it—before winter sets in. Hodgkin's "cash" prices outdistance all competition. Only "expert" handlers of glass employed.

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Paints, Oils, Glass, Hardware, etc. oc22-16d

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POPULAR-PRICED STATIONERS. oc21-14d

Rochdale Members,

take notice. I am giving 50 cents per ton discount off present coal exchange prices and $1.00 per cord off wood. JOHN KENNEDY, Contractor for Rochdale Society, offices 1335 F st. n.w.; 707 G st. n.w.; main yard, 4th and F sts. n.e.; mill and depot, South Capitol and K sts. oc16-7t*

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—Imitated— —Not Equaled.— —PUREST—HARDEST—BEST.

Our Service Includes Every Section of the City and Mount Pleasant. Our Rates are Low. And all we ask is a trial by YOU.

THE HYGIENIC ICE COMPANY.
Works, 15th and E n.e. Office, 1423 F st. n.w.
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BICYCLE SUITS AT A BARGAIN.

For the balance of the season we will sell our remaining stock of Bicycle Suits, both golf and bloomer styles, at a uniform reduction of 25 per cent from list price. All garments are carefully selected and tailored, and as we still have three months left of this best riding, you can save money by purchasing now. Suits at all prices, from $5 to $15, list. Same reduction will apply to all Golf Hose and Caps in stock. Hose, with and without feet, at prices from $1.25 up to $3 per pair.

Remember, we are still selling RAMBLERS at $85, list, until '97 patterns are ready for delivery. Some excellent bargains on hand; also in second-hand and shop-worn RAMBLERS.

GORMULLY & JEFFERY MFG. CO.,
oc10-28d 1325 14TH ST. N.W.

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In a fit of jealous rage, supplemented by copious indulgence in liquor, Wm. Huttinger shot and wounded his divorced wife Tuesday at St. Louis.

DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Needs of Columbia Heights Before the Commissioners.

The Troubles With the Contractors for New School Buildings—The Stevens Controversy.

A delegation of citizens consisting of Messrs. M. A. Ballinger, Geo. V. Simmons, Chas. S. Bundy and L. P. Williams, representing the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, appeared before the Commissioners this morning and presented the following petition:

At a well-attended meeting of the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, held on the 6th instant, and after a most thorough consideration of the needs of that section represented by our association, we were directed to urge upon your honorable body the necessity for the improvements hereinafter mentioned, and to express the wish of the association that you will in your report to Congress recommend appropriations therefor.

First. To grade, gutter, curb, sidewalk and set shade trees on both sides of 13th street from Clifton street to Whitney avenue.

Second. To asphalt 13th street from Clifton to Yale street, and Roanoke and Yale streets between 13th and 14th streets.

Third. That the grading and regulating of Roanoke, Irving, Yale, Bismarck, Princeton and Harvard streets between 7th and 14th streets, now being done, be completed, and that curbing, sidewalks, gutters and shade trees be placed on each side of said streets, and that said streets be graveled.

Fourth. That the improvement of Sherman avenue, now in progress, be continued to completion from Grant avenue to Whitney avenue.

Fifth. That School street be opened through to Kenesaw, and that the same be graded, regulated and graveled, and that there be placed on either side thereof gutters, curbing, sidewalks and shade trees.

Sixth. That Huntington and University places and Binrey and Bacon streets be graded, regulated and graveled, and that there be placed on each side thereof, where they do not now exist, gutters, curbs, sidewalks and shade trees.

Seventh. That Clifton street be graded and regulated from 13th street east, and that gutters, curbs, sidewalks and shade trees be placed thereon.

Eighth. That shade trees be placed on 13th street between Whitney and Lydecker avenues, and on Kenesaw avenue between 13th and 14th streets, and on Columbia road between 13th and 14th streets.

Ninth. That such increase in the police force be made as will enable us to have a sufficient number of policemen to afford to our homes some reasonable protection.

Tenth. That such increase in the number of street lamps be provided as will give to our now poorly lighted streets reasonable and adequate lighting.

In submitting this statement, we beg to add some of the reasons that appear to us as sufficient.

The well-known, continued and substantial growth of Columbia Heights, with its rapidly increasing assessed values and consequent taxes, entitles it to such consideration as will show a just appreciation thereof, and will encourage its continuance of this wonderful growth.

Thirteenth street, fast becoming and destined to be the rival of 14th street as a great thoroughfare, should have the best possible roadbed, and we feel that we are very modest and reasonable in our requests when we only ask the asphalting of the two short squares from Clifton to Yale and Roanoke and Yale from 13th to 14th streets.

The completion of the grading and regulating of all our cross streets, together with gutters, curbs, sidewalks, is of paramount importance to enable owners of property thereon to build and comfortably occupy houses thereon, and we submit that the increased revenue resulting to the District from taxes will more than justify these improvements, even if the interests of the property holder were wholly ignored.

The well-known condition of School street and its inaccessibility, and with a school house thereon, with no suitable means of reaching the same by our children, is ample reason for the improvements asked on this street, and it is also in exact conformity with the street extension plans approved by your honorable body.

As to shade trees, we can but repeat what we stated to your honorable body a year ago, to wit, that nothing adds so much to the beauty of any locality as a good, uniform shade tree, all of one general size and age, and it is now within the power of your honorable body to aid us in having this energetic, snappy section of the District, that has refused to be downed or discouraged by the calamities of a terrible panic that has paralyzed almost every other section of our District, so decorated, and at small cost, that it will forever stand as a delight to all eyes, a monument to the wise judgment of your honorable body, and a source of everlasting gratitude to the pedestrian as he shall in the future tread our shaded walks; and the same improvement should, as rapidly as possible, go on to every stree and avenue in our District.

An increase of police protection we look upon as of utmost importance.

It is now in vain that we seek to see the colors worn by the "knights of the billy." Good men they are, and their duties are faithfully performed, but the territory assigned to them is so great, compared with their number, that theirs are like angels' visits, "few and far between."

Next in protection, and of first importance in convenience, is the thorough lighting of our streets.

No street within our territory is well lighted, and many have inadequate or no lights, and to a general and thorough lighting we especially invite your attention.

Relying upon your hearty approval of all we have asked and fully trusting in your co-operation in obtaining for us these much needed improvements, we are most respectfully, etc.

We further beg to submit to your consideration this fact, that very few of our streets have their names upon the lamp posts at the street crossings, and persons going to visit anywhere within our territory are unaided by the names that ought to be upon every street corner.

Stevens School Building.

Ever since The Star first called attention to the fact that Building Inspector Brady, worn out by the constant delays of Contractor Cabell, had suspended him from work on the Stevens School and had ordered the bondsmen to complete the work according to the contract work has been stagnate upon the school. From recent developments the completion of the building is far in the future. It looks as if the District would finally have to step in and complete the job, especially if the bondsmen carry out their intention of fighting the matter in the courts.

This morning the District Commissioners gave two public hearings upon this matter. First of all they heard Attorney Samuel Maddox, who appeared in the interest of Mr. A. G. Uhler, one of the bondsmen, and later listened to the grievances of the material men, who had not been paid for the materials furnished.

Attorney Maddox called attention to the matter at the early session of the board, and read a letter which Mr. Uhler had received from the building inspector notifying him of the suspension of Contractor Cabell and directing him to proceed with the completion of the building. This, he said, his client was willing to do, provided some satisfactory arrangements were made concerning the money now held up and that which may hereafter be due. It was his belief that the bondsmen should have this money with which to complete the building. The bondsmen were not liable, he thought, for the debts of the contractor and should not be made to satisfy them.

Commissioner Truesdell, in reply to this statement, said that from such a construction of the contract, all a defaulting contractor need do when he found himself involved and unable to pay his debts and complete the building was to quit and allow the bondsmen to finish it, and thereby cheat the laborers and material men. The Commissioners did not see it that way. The contract provided differently. He read a section of the contract which was in effect that the bondsmen should see to it that the building was completed in a satisfactory manner, and then read another section which gave the Commissioners authority to withhold any moneys due until all outstanding bills had been satisfied.

After some desultory talk over the relations of bondsman to contractor, the Commissioners indicated that they would hold the bondsmen strictly to the contract.

Then came the material men, who presented claims aggregating nearly $5,000. They were represented by Attorney Wilson, who claimed that all of them had been diligent, had supplied the material which was now in the building. They certainly should have precedence over the bondsmen. The Commissioners heard the case and then said they would settle it this afternoon.

There is no doubt as to their action. They will direct the auditor to satisfy the claims, and then direct the bondsmen to proceed at once with the completion of the building.

After the hearing had been completed Auditor Petty stated that several other school buildings were in financial trouble. He referred to the Douglass, the Tenleytown and Congress Heights. In the first named claims amounting to between $3,000 and $4,000 were due over and above the contract price, while there was a shortage of something over $2,000 in the other two.

LONG LIST OF ROBBERIES.

Burglars and Sneak Thieves Are Active in This City.

Bicycle thieves are reaping a harvest just now, for ten wheels have been reported stolen this week, and these thefts show that wheels are not safe anywhere, not even in back yards. In addition to the numerous thefts of wheels reported, three attempts at burglary were made last night or this morning. At the meat house of Nelson, Morris & Company, on B street near the Center Market, burglars effected an entrance by smashing a window. This was some time before midnight. The cash drawer was tampered with, but the burglars were not rewarded for their trouble, for there was no money in the drawer. At Everett's jewelry store, No. 1225 F street northwest, the burglar alarm sounded after 7 o'clock this morning, and the burglars departed without taking anything. Detectives Helan and Rhodes, who investigated the case, are of the opinion that the attempt was made by inexperienced persons, who were concealed in the cellar when the store was closed last evening, for there was no indication of any breaking having been done, the burglars having gone out the rear basement door by drawing the staple from the inside. The burglars had a good opportunity for a big haul of stock, but they were evidently only after money, for they had made a feeble effort to get the safe open. A similar effort was made at the Godfrey steam laundry, where an entrance through a rear window was effected. There was nothing taken from the laundry, but a bottle of whisky was taken from the plumber's shop in the basement.

In addition to the stolen wheels mentioned in The Star yesterday, Harry W. Higham and H. H. Bliss each reported the theft of a bicycle.

At Higham's bicycle establishment a young man hired a wheel and gave a fictitious name and address. He never came back.

An "Avery" wheel, No. 11,056, was stolen from Mr. Bliss. He left the wheel in front of an office building at No. 705 G street, and while he was transacting business in the office some thief rode off on his wheel.

W. H. Cole, a Western Union telegraph operator, is the loser of a "Liberty," No. 24,624, which was taken from in front of the post office.

Two bicycles were taken from in front of Odd Fellows' Hall on 7th street last night. One was an "Eclipse," No. 23,369, the property of C. P. Shackelford of 1135 5th street, while the other was a black-frame wheel, No. 22, owned by C. W. Kitchen.

J. E. McGrath, superintendent of the Purity Ice Company, complains of the theft of a "Relay" bike, No. 6,242. This wheel was stolen from the yard at his home on Capitol Hill.

Gus Bothner, manager of the "Bunch of Keys" company, reports that last night, while at the Bijou Theater, his wife lost on the stage, or had stolen from her, a solitaire diamond earring.

Last night some one entered the Bulletin office, on 12th street, and stole some change from a desk.

Hotel Arrivals.

Raleigh—J. E. Dean, G. M. Fitch, G. W. Read and T. H. Skinner, New York; G. Miles, Boston, Mass.; F. W. Guild, Saginaw, Mich.; J. F. Meloy and wife, Chicago, Ill.; W. L. Pierce, Pittsburg, Pa.

Riggs—A. F. Litchfield, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Valentine, jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; C. E. McDermott and wife, Brooklyn, N. Y.; D. M. Donegan and J. A. Donegan, New York.

Willard's—J. H. Sager and wife, Rochester, N. Y.; F. Hardy, Birmingham, Ala.; J. C. Hogg, Meadville, Pa.; C. R. McMullen, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. Young, Pittsburg, Pa.

Page's—A. Adams and J. J. Storrow, Boston, Mass.

Shoreham—J. H. Barr, Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leech, Philadelphia, Pa.; C. M. Schwab, Pittsburg, Pa.; A. R. Lawton, jr., Savannah, Ga.; J. O. Wood, New York; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Graves, Buffalo, N. Y.

Arlington—C. E. Burke, Cleveland, Ohio; G. H. Caristy and wife and W. K. Porter, Pittsburg, Pa.; W. J. Coombs and wife, New York; M. F. Holmes, Jersey City, N. J.; F. S. Masland, Philadelphia, Pa.

Normandie—H. H. Winton, Hackensack, N. J.; K. E. Heller, Allentown, Pa.

Hamilton—H. C. Weakley, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cochran—S. J. Newman and wife, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. F. Pomeroy, Louisville, Ky.; P. H. Sullivan and wife, Chicago, Ill.; N. P. Towne, Philadelphia, Pa.

Oxford—M. J. Beatty and A. N. Jordan and wife, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. W. Russell, Boston, Mass.; H. A. Wilson, Pittsburg, Pa.

Ebbitt—J. G. Ramsay, U.S.A.; N. W. Marcus, New York; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dulin, and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Cambridge, Mass.; T. Nolan and wife, Chicago, Ill.; A. C. O'Connor, Pittsburg, Pa.

Metropolitan—W. G. Harvey, M. H. Brewster, F. E. Foster, New York; O. V. Ball, Philadelphia; M. H. Houston, Ashland, Ky.; C. F. DeLong and wife, McKeesport, Pa.

St. James—L. T. Brooks, Boston, Mass.; W. C. Andrews, St. Louis, Mo.; E. B. Reeve, New York; Frank R. Javers, John H. Pike, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. O. Haskins and wife, Suffield, Conn.; F. C. Maurer, Harrisburg, Pa.; L. H. Blanton, Richmond, Va.

Johnson—C. H. Vanderhoff, New York; Dr. Chas. Whelan, Birmingham, Ala.; Louis Dun, Milwaukee; W. H. George, Coatesville, Pa.; G. H. Cragg, New York; J. Henry Carson, New York; Miss Johns, London, England; Harry Lamont, New York.

DEATH OF LLOYD MOXLEY.

A Well-Known Citizen—His Successful Business Career.

Mr. Lloyd Moxley, for many years one of the best-known men in Washington, died at an early hour this morning at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker, 517 13th street, aged fifty-six years.

Mr. Moxley had been a resident of this city for the better part of his life, and for many years was connected in various ways with the theatrical profession. During the war he was the manager of Carusi's Theater, now Kernan's, and then the leading play house at the capital. Afterward he was connected with the old Canterbury Theater, on Louisiana avenue. Mr. Moxley began in a small way as an advertising manager for theaters and business houses, and during the latter years of his life he practically controlled the out-door advertising of Washington, and was known as the city bill poster. He was also a costumer, and several years ago he purchased a well-known proprietary medicine, and this proved quite a successful venture.

During his long and varied career Mr. Moxley accumulated quite a tidy fortune. His business was formerly located on 10th street just above F, but some years ago he sold out, at a large figure, to Woodward & Lothrop. At the time of his death he owned his place of business on 13th street, a handsome home on K street and a farm in Montgomery county. His wife died last spring, and her death was a severe blow to him. He had been in bad health for some time past, suffering from a complication of diseases. He leaves one child, a young son. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 1215 K street, next Saturday, at 2:30 p.m., the interment being at Rock Creek cemetery.

Mr. Moxley stood well in the business world, and enjoyed a high reputation for probity and square dealing. Manager Hugh Kernan said of him today: "There are all sorts of people in the bill-posting business, but Lloyd Moxley was a man whose word could be relied on every time. When he said that a certain amount of paper was out and up you could take his word for it. I have had dealings with him for many years, and I never knew him to do a small or tricky thing of any sort."

Naval Orders.

Lieut. W. S. Sims has been ordered to duty on the receiving ship Richmond. The appointments of Pay Clerks E. S. Updike and G. A. White will be revoked after settlement of accounts.

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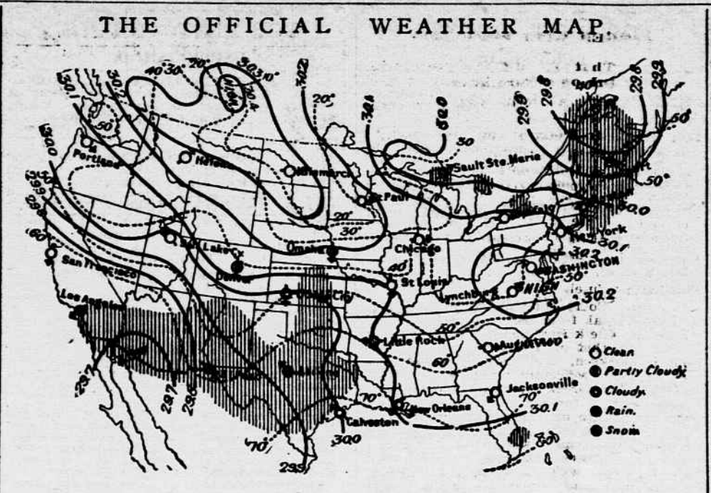
THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are isobars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

PROBABLY FAIR.

But There Are Likely to Be Showers Tomorrow Evening or Night.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Friday:

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, generally fair tonight and Friday, probably showers Friday evening or night: variable winds; slightly warmer Friday.

Weather conditions and general forecast—The barometer has risen, except in the southwest, and on the New England coast; it is highest north of Montana and lowest in Arizona. The area of high pressure extends from Montana southeastward to the middle Atlantic states.

It is cooler this morning on the Atlantic coast and in the extreme northwest, but it is warmer generally throughout the central valleys.

The weather is fair, except from Kansas southward to Texas, where showers are reported.

The indications are that fair weather will continue tonight and Friday from Virginia northward over New England. Cloudiness will increase in the gulf states and Ohio valley, with local showers Friday.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide, 2:16 a.m. and 2:19 p.m. High tide, 7:55 a.m. and 8:19 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 2:54 a.m. and 2:53 p.m. High tide, 8:33 a.m. and 8:58 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Sun rises, 6:17; sets, 5:12.

The City Lights.

All gas lamps are lighted tonight by 6:04 p.m.; extinguishing is begun at 5:41 a.m.

Public arc lamps are lighted at 6:19 p.m. and extinguished at 5:26 a.m.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 53; condition, 36; receiving reservoir, temperature, 56; condition at north connection, 36; condition at south connection, 36; distributing reservoir, temperature, 54; condition at influent gate house, 36; effluent gate house, 36.

Range of the Thermometer.

The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau today: 8 a.m., 42; 2 p.m., 60; maximum, 62; minimum, 33.

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HEALTH OF THE NAVY

Facts From the Report of Surgeon General Tryon.

Ambulances or Hospital Ships Advocated—Injuries From Foot Ball—Local Institutions.

Surgeon General Tryon, chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery, submitted his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy today. In addition to an extensive review of the questions affecting the health of the navy, it contains several matters of special interest to residents of this city.

No increase in annual appropriations has been asked for.

Estimates have been submitted for two ambulances for use at the naval hospitals at Portsmouth, N. H., and Mare Island, Cal., where they are urgently needed.

"The cemeteries of the several naval hospitals have had very little done for them since the war, and are in no way creditable to government establishments," says the surgeon general.

"Special appropriations will be required for each one to place them in a condition that they can be cared for in the future by the hospital force.

"Attention is again called to the necessity of providing improved accommodations for the sick and wounded on board vessels of war, and to the assignment, when practicable, of sufficient space on the gun deck for hospital purposes."

The surgeon general says that the passage of the bill organizing the army hospital corps has already proved of great benefit to the militia of the different states, and the passage of a similar bill for the navy would also be advantageous to the naval militia, now being rapidly organized.

Ambulance or Hospital Ships.

A strong argument is made for ambulance or hospital ships specially fitted up. Considerable attention is now being paid to the construction of such vessels abroad, and it is universally conceded that they should be designed and built for this particular duty, and considered an essential part of the fleet of war.

The health of the navy is reported as good. The care and comfort of the sick and wounded of the navy have been much improved by the adoption of iron swinging cots for sick bays of all vessels, and the establishment of an ambulance service at the naval hospitals at Chelsea, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk.

Foot Ball at Annapolis.

In a short chapter about the Naval Academy, the surgeon general says:

"The good health of the station has been maintained throughout the past year. There were nineteen admissions, involving sixty-one sick days, for injuries received at the game of foot ball, and ninety excuses from drills from the same cause. The injuries consisted of one luxation, two fractures of bones, one inguinal hernia, two cases of concussion of the brain, and a number of minor sprains and contusions.

"Attention is called to the unsuitable character of the academy buildings, many of them being badly ventilated, unsatisfactorily lighted and heated, and some of them in a condition almost beyond repair.

"The sewerage system of the academy is defective and unsatisfactory, and proper means should be adopted for carrying the sewerage into deep water at some distance from the academy grounds.

Identification of Recruits.

In regard to the identification of recruits, the surgeon general says:

"In consideration of the effect upon the discipline and general tone of the enlisted force of the navy, the importance of preventing deserters and dishonorably discharged men from re-entering the service has caused the question of the identification of such undesirable persons to be carefully investigated.

"The anthropometric system of M. Bertillon presents the advantages over other methods of conformity to scientific requirements and capability of indefinite expansion.

"The system employed by the United States army is a modification of the above, in which personal marks or characteristics take the place of anatomical measurements, and since its adoption in 1889 has been attended with excellent results, as shown by the detection of a large number of deserters and the progressive diminution in the number of undesirable candidates presenting themselves for enlistment.

The bureau is at present considering some plan of combining, modifying and selecting from these two systems a method especially adapted to the requirements of the naval service.

Vacancies in the Medical Corps.

The continued impossibility of filling vacancies in the medical corps is reverted to by Surgeon General Tryon in the following words:

The record during the last fiscal year is nearly a repetition of the figures presented in the last annual report. There were 341 applications made to the department for appointment as assistant surgeons in the navy. Out of the number only 36 applied for permission to appear before the naval medical examining boards.

Of the 36, 22 availed themselves of the opportunity to appear before the boards, and of this number there were 4 rejected physically and 12 rejected professionally, leaving only 6 out of the 341 original applicants, representing every section of the country, who were found qualified for appointment as assistant surgeon.

This state of affairs has existed for years, and will undoubtedly continue until there is some favorable legislation for junior medical officers of the navy.

At this date there are 10 vacancies in the grade of assistant surgeon, and the bureau is embarrassed by not having a sufficient number of medical officers to fill important stations ashore and afloat.

Many ships and hospitals are kept without their legitimate quota of officers, and, unless this is in some way speedily remedied, by reason of increase of men in the navy and number of new ships placed in commission annually, serious consequences must follow. On account of the great number of vacancies existing and the probability of the number increasing instead of diminishing, it is strongly urged that the recommendation contained in the bureau's letter addressed to the department on the subject, dated February 8, 1896, be approved, that "a special law be enacted authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, during the present exigency, to appoint acting assistant surgeons for temporary duty in the navy until the number of vacancies in the regular medical corps of the navy are filled." When this is accomplished, their services can be dispensed with and no further appointments made, except in time of war or until additional vacancies occur in the assistant surgeons' grade.

In regard to local institutions, Surgeon General Tryon says:

Washington Navy Yard.

The sanitary condition of the yard during the past year has not been satisfactory. During the summer and autumn months malarial fever of a severe type prevailed extensively, a large proportion of the cases being of a remittent character. During the year there were 250 admissions and 48 readmissions to the sick list. Of this number, 216 returned to duty and 79 were transferred to hospital.

There was a loss of 1,021 days from sickness, due principally to the large number of cases of malarial fever.

Reports have been received that apprentices transferred from this yard to other stations all suffered from attacks of malarial fever, undoubtedly due to climatic exposure while undergoing instruction at the yard.

Marine Headquarters.

The health of the post has been satisfactory during the past year, except that in the months of September, October and November an unusually large number of cases of malarial fever prevailed, which undoubtedly was caused by the unsanitary condition existing at the navy yard, which was made the subject of a report by a sanitary board to the department in May, 1895.

Beyond some minor improvements in the introduction of modern water closets and bath tubs, there has been no change in the general sanitary condition of the post.

Naval Hospital.

No material changes have been made during the past year in the hospital grounds. The paving of 10th street east, which has been commenced, will add much to the comfort of the hospital patients. The hospital is now being furnished with a modern operating room, properly equipped for the performance of operations, and it is hoped that it will be completed at an early date.

The necessity for increased accommodations for the sick at this establishment is apparent.

The records of the hospital for the five years 1891 to 1895, inclusive, show 36 admissions of officers, with a total of 1,265 sick days; other admissions, sailors and marines, number 528. Patients are supplied to this hospital chiefly by the navy yard and marine headquarters, but from time to time they are transferred here from other hospitals, from coast survey vessels and from other vessels, foreign or belonging to our own navy, which may be in port; also old sailors and marines on the retired list who have no suitable home and when taken ill find a refuge here.

The officers attached to the navy yard and marine headquarters number about 50, while the number of sailors and marines is about 240. Besides the above, there are in and about Washington 250 or more officers, active and retired, liable to need hospital accommodations and treatment.

The situation of the hospital is excellent, occupying an entire square of land on four streets, having thus abundant sunlight and fresh air. The elevation above the navy yard is inconsiderable, but sufficient to make a very great change perceptible in the condition of malarial patients transferred. The mere change from the one place to the other has sometimes sufficed to put a stop to an attack of malarial fever.

There is but one separate room in which a sick officer can be isolated. Additional accommodations should be provided, so that the whole of the two principal floors could be allotted to patients, the lower or main floor and the second floor to the enlisted men. The medical officers on duty should be lodged in an annex, which could be easily built within the present grounds and in connection with the hospital proper, and an appropriation with this object in view should be submitted at an early date.

THREE NAMES SELECTED

Dr. Conaty Will Probably Be Rector of the Catholic University.

The board of directors of the Catholic University decided, at their final session, yesterday evening, to make public the result of their deliberations at their annual meeting held in the forenoon. This action was taken, it is understood, in order to dispel the general impression that the election of Archbishop Riordan as a director, in place of Bishop Marty of St. Cloud, was in the nature of a victory of the American party, so-called, which represents the broad and liberal spirit which inspires a large element of the church in this country. It was announced that the names chosen to be sent to Rome, from which the pope will select the rector of the university, were those of Rev. Father T. J. Conaty, rector of the Sacred Heart parish of Worcester, Mass.; Rev. Father Daniel Riordan, pastor of St. Elizabeth's parish, Chicago, and Rev. Father Joseph F. Mooney, vicar general of the diocese of New York. The names were chosen in the order in which they were given, and it is regarded as certain that Dr. Conaty, who is the head of the Summer School of Philosophy at Plattsburg, N. Y., will be designated by Pope Leo as Bishop Keane's successor. He has the announced support of Cardinal Satolli, who expressed himself with much emphasis on this point shortly before his departure for Europe, and has a warm friend in Archbishop Corrigan. Dr. Conaty's selection will not be displeasing to the liberals, it is thought, as he is a warm friend of Bishop Keane and a great admirer of that prelate's course in the conduct of the university. Dr. Conaty has several times lectured at the university, while Bishop Keane has done the same thing at the Summer School at Plattsburg. Dr. Conaty is about forty years old, and was born in Ireland, but came to this country when a child. He was educated at the Jesuit College of the Holy Cross at Worcester, and took his theological course at the Sulpician Seminary in Montreal. He is a man of varied and significant attainments, and is regarded as one of the powerful theologians in the American church. As the editor of the Catholic School Gazette he has been brought into close relationship with the educational interests of the Catholic Church, and is a strong champion of parochial schools. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on him by Georgetown College at the time of its centennial celebration. He is a powerful advocate of total abstinence, and has been twice president of the Father Mathews Total Abstinence Society.

Dr. Mooney, who is vicar general of New York, is about the same age as Dr. Conaty, and is pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Mary. He was educated at the Jesuit Fordham College and at the Diocesan Seminary at Troy. He succeeded Mgr. Farley when the latter was made auxiliary bishop, some two years ago.

Dr. Riordan is rector of the Church of St. Elizabeth in Chicago, and has been identified for a number of years with the mission work of the church. He was educated at Louvain, Belgium, where the greatest of Catholic universities is located. He is a brother of Archbishop Riordan, the newly elected member of the board of directors, and was at one time chancellor of the diocese of Chicago.

The board of directors decided that the term of rector should be limited to six years, and that rectors should be selected from the ranks of the priesthood. Dr. Garrigan declined to allow his name to be used before the meeting began. The resignation of Prof. Perries was accepted, but no attempt was make to ask for the resignation of Mgr. Schroeder.

The financial condition of the university was found to be on an excellent footing, and the reports were satisfactory to the directors. Many donations have already been made, and another very large one will be announced within a few days. It is expected that until these donations are in hand a temporary deficit will be made up by contributions from the Catholic churches of America. Within five years the university will be completed and on a firm financial footing. The directors express themselves as highly pleased with the present condition and future outlook.

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