NEW CODE OF LAWS

The Production Subject of Report to Bar Association.

RESULT OF RECENT REVISION

Represents Labor of the Bar and the Judges.

THE CHANGES MADE

At a special meeting of the Bar Association this afternoon the committee on legislation of the association submitted a report in relation to the proposed code of laws for the District of Columbia. The report was adopted unanimously. It sets forth that:

"In accordance with the resolution adopted by the association at its meeting held the 16th day of February, 1899, the code prepared by Justice Cox, as revised by the committee on legislation in conjunction with the justices of the Supreme Court of the Distr. .. including Justice Cox, was introduced in the Senate on the 18th day of February, 1899, as Senate bill 5530 of the Fifty-fifth Congress, third session. After this bill was printed the committee on legislation made a number of changes in it, and in the last six weeks it has been revised at a joint meeting of the committee and a committee of the justices of the Supreme Court of the District, consisting of Justices Bradley, Cole and Barnard. In this revision every word of the bill was carefully read and considered. There were also examined Abert's compilation, the Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia, and the acts of Congress enacted since December 1, 1873, and a number of the acts which were omitted in the code as originally prepared were supplied.

"During the past year the committee received numerous suggestions as to different parts of the work from members of the bar and others, all of which received careful consideration, and many of them have been incorporated in the code.

The Work Divided.

"In the revision of the code, as prepared by Justice Cox, the subjects embraced in it were divided among the members of the committee, and each member was aided in his work by members of the association not on the committee, who were requested by the committee to act on these subcommittees, and who in this way rendered valuable service.

"Other members of the association rendered aid in the examination of the acts of Congress passed since December 1, 1873, the date of the Revised Statutes, and calling attention to those which relate to the District. It may well be said that the code represents the labor of the entire bar and all the judges of the courts of the District.

"The principal difference between the code as it now stands and Senate bill 5530 is in the striking out of the latter, under the direction of the association, of the chapter establishing a municipal court in the District and substituting therefor the original statutes relating to justices of the peace, with a number of important amendments. These amendments reduce the number of justices of the peace to six, abolish fees and provide instead a salary of $3,000, with $250 additional for office, stationery and other expenses. It is provided that the districts over which each justice is to preside shall be fixed from time to time by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Trial by jury before justices of the peace is abolished. The writ of certiorari is restored in all cases of concurrent jurisdiction, but the Supreme Court of the District may prescribe as a condition precedent an affidavit substantially like the present seventy-third rule.

Early Action Necessary.

"The committee has been advised by members of Congress who have taken great interest in the matter that it is very important, if any action upon the code is to be taken at the present session, that the present revision should be introduced at as early a date as possible. The committee therefore recommends that it be authorized on behalf of the association to have Senate bill 5530, as revised, introduced in Congress as a new bill; that when it shall have been printed in its new form the committee be authorized to suggest such further amendments as it may deem necessary to perfect the code, and that the committee be then authorized to press upon Congress the early passage of the bill. It is proposed that if the code shall be adopted at the present session of Congress it shall go into effect the first day of January, 1901."

The report is signed by A. S. Worthington, William F. Mattingly, R. Ross Perry, Nathaniel Wilson, J. J. Darlington, George E. Hamilton, Leon Tobriner, William G. Johnson and A. A. Birney.

BANK RUNNER ROBBED.

His Pocket Relieved of $142 Cash and $400 in Checks.

Complaint was made to the police about noon today that a case of pocketpicking had occurred in the Traders' National Bank, at Pennsylvania avenue and 10th street. E. F. Roome, who is runner for the American Savings Bank, at No. 1007 G street northwest, was the victim, his book, containing $142 in cash and checks for $400, being taken.

Mr. Roome started from the American Savings Bank about 10 o'clock. He called at several banks, and then went to the city postoffice, where he had several money orders cashed. It was not 11 o'clock when he entered the Traders' Bank holding a check in his hand that he was to get cashed there. While waiting to transact his business he took a piece of tobacco from his overcoat pocket, and while he was cutting a chew, he said, the robbery was committed. As soon as he discovered his loss he reported to the detectives. He found that his overcoat pocket had been torn.

Police authorities of other cities were notified of the theft, and payment of the checks taken was stopped. Mr. Roome could give the police no description of the thief.

CARS TO STOP ON FAR SIDE.

New Arrangement Will Take Effect Sunday, March 18.

The order of the District Commissioners directing that all street cars shall stop on the far side of intersecting streets, instead of the near side, as at present, will go into effect Sunday, March 18, upon the lines controlled by the Washington Traction and Electric Company and the Capital Traction Company, which embrace all the systems in the District. This decision was reached this morning by General Superintendent Hart of the Washington Traction and Electric Company, and Superintendent Carl of the Capital Traction Company.

It was believed by the gentlemen named that the date agreed on would be sufficiently removed to permit the public to become familiar with the intended change and prepare for it.

Less Deserving Than Others.

Senator Scott of West Virginia was recently requested by John E. Clator and others of Wheeling, W. Va., to secure an appropriation for paving 4th street extended northeast from U to W. He invited the attention of the District Commissioners to the matter, and they informed the senator that the estimated cost of the work is $9,000, or about $4,500 per block. They state that this street is much less deserving of improvement than many others in the District, and that its claims were carefully considered when the estimates were made, but owing to the demands for improvements elsewhere, which, in the opinion of the Commissioners, were more urgently needed, they did not see their way clear, with the amount of revenue available, to include the street in question in the list.

Mr. Sol Smith Russell's Talk.

Mr. Sol Smith Russell delighted the young ladies of Fairmont Seminary last evening by spending some time with them and talking in his own charming way of "On and Off the Stage." Mr. John Porter Lawrence rendered a classical musical program, including many of the best works of Chopin, Liszt and Beethoven.

AN AVENUE RAILWAY STATION

Trying to Induce the Pennsylvania Company to Buy a Square.

Tracks Would Cross B Street on an Arch—Secretary Harries of Board of Trade Suggests a Convention Hall.

Senator McMillan, chairman of the Senate committee on the District of Columbia, is endeavoring to persuade the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to purchase the square of ground bounded by Pennsylvania avenue, 6th, 7th and B streets, in order that in the reconstruction of their new depot it may be extended to Pennsylvania avenue and face on that magnificent thoroughfare.

Senator McMillan hopes that the railroad company may see fit to act upon this suggestion and believes that it will not only be a benefit to the city, but to the railroad company, as well as bringing their station from off a back street to face on the most prominent avenue of the city. The advantages that will be secured by such a reconstruction of the depot are very great and such a change will give this city an ideal railroad station.

As the tracks will come into the depot elevated above the surface of the street, coming in on the second floor, it will permit B street to remain open, so that not only the present street car tracks that run through that thoroughfare will remain there, but all passengers going to the depot in cabs can be put off under cover. In stormy weather, especially, this convenience will be very great, and the facilities that can be secured will be second to none in the country.

Estimated Value of the Square.

According to the estimate lately made by the board of assessors of the District, and published in The Star yesterday, in relation to the value of the squares along the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, the square that it would be necessary for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to purchase contains 76,587 square feet of ground, the value of which is estimated to be $672,484, the improvements being estimated as worth $294,055, or a total valuation of $996,539. The property on this entire square has at present a rental value of $64,624.

Senator McMillan has already taken this matter up with the Pennsylvania officials and they now have it under consideration.

A Large Hall Proposed.

In relation to the construction of a new depot by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in this city, Mr. Geo. H. Harries, secretary of the board of trade, today said:

"The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will have a magnificent opportunity while it is building its depot here to construct on the floor above its waiting rooms a convention hall of very large proportions, which I am quite sure would result not only to the benefit of the city at large, but would prove to be remunerative to the railroad company itself. Such a hall would give the city what it has long needed and would be patronized by practically all the large conventions of various kinds that meet in this city. Washington is already known as the 'convention city,' and in the very nature of things it is sure to be the meeting place of national conventions. The railroad company will probably very readily see that having such a convention hall within its own depot would be a very great attraction to travelers to take that line in coming to conventions. Such a hall could be arranged so that it could be divided into smaller halls, so that it would accommodate practically any kind of crowd that might assemble. It is to be hoped that one of our railroad companies will see the force of this suggestion and provide Washington with such a convention hall as it has long been in need of."

Woman's Attempted Suicide.

Lena Brown, colored, twenty years old, an inmate of No. 310 13½ street northwest, attempted suicide about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by drinking carbolic acid. The Emergency Hospital ambulance went to the house in response to a "hurry-up" call, and the woman was conveyed to the hospital, where Dr. Williams applied the stomach pump and relieved the patient of the poison, and later she returned home.

To Include Fire Limits.

The attorney for the District has advised the Commissioners that the amendment to section 5 of article 9 of the police regulations, relative to the discharge of firearms and fireworks, submitted a few days ago by the chief of police, be further amended so as to include the fire limits. The attorney also advises that the operation of the regulation should be suspended only by a general order of the chief of police.

Child Injured.

Beatrice Hunter, colored, eight years old, was struck by a City and Suburban car at Rhode Island avenue and 11th street northwest about 9 o'clock this morning, but was only slightly injured. Friends took her to the home of her parents, No. 1510 11th street.

Proposals Received.

The following proposals were received today by the District Commissioners for repairing and changing the plumbing in the Banneker public school building on 3d street between K and L: Ed. J. Hannan, $3,961.96, $3,685, and S. S. Shedd & Bro., $3,597.40.

BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION.

A reference to the statement below will show that the circulation sworn to is a bona-fide one.

It is easily possible for a newspaper with an elastic conscience to swell its legitimate circulation enormously, in order to deceive advertisers, by sending out thousands of papers to newsstands which are returnable, and which are, in fact, returned, but nevertheless are included in what purports to be an honest statement of circulation.

Intelligent advertisers, however, judge by results, and bogus circulations don't give them.

The family circulation of The Star is many thousands in excess of any other Washington paper.

Circulation of The "Evening Star."

SATURDAY, March 3, 1900	40,060
MONDAY, March 5, 1900	32,891
TUESDAY, March 6, 1900	32,874
WEDNESDAY, March 7, 1900	33,110
THURSDAY, March 8, 1900	33,330
FRIDAY, March 9, 1900	32,717
Total	204,982
Daily average	34,163

I solemnly swear that the above statement represents only the number of copies of THE EVENING STAR circulated during the six secular days ending Friday, March 9, 1900—that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished or mailed, for valuable consideration, to bona-fide purchasers or subscribers, and that the copies so counted are not returnable to or remain in the office unsold.

J. WHIT. HERRON,
Cashier, Evening Star Newspaper Co.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this tenth day of March, A. D. 1900.

JAMES E. WEST,
Notary Public, D. C.

AGAINST FAKE SALES.

Draft of a Provision to Be Added to License Law.

The attorney for the District has transmitted to the Commissioners the draft of a provision proposed to be carried into the license law to prevent fake sales of alleged bankrupt and fire stocks. The attorney states that it meets the approval of Mr. Isadore Saks, chairman of the board of trade's committee on mercantile interests, and of Mr. R. Ross Perry, the general counsel of the board. It is similar to the ordinance in force in Richmond, Va., and is as follows:

"All persons offering to sell goods as bankrupt stock, assignee stock, trustee stock, fire stock or of like nature, which shall not have been in the District of Columbia at least sixty days before said offer, and upon which no personal tax shall have been paid to the District of Columbia for at least that length of time, shall pay a license tax of $50 per day. Any person liable to such tax who shall prosecute his business without having paid the same shall be liable to a fine of not less than $100 and not more than $250, and each day's default shall be a separate offense."

Regulations Further Amended.

The attorney for the District having so advised, the Commissioners have further amended article 1 of the police regulations so as to exempt dealers in second-hand books from that provision requiring dealers in personal property to keep a record of all transactions and to report the same to the chief of police.

Alleged Impostor.

Complaint was made to the police this afternoon by Mr. George H. Judd that a woman, dressed in black, has been collecting money under alleged false pretenses. It is said the woman called at his house, No. 511 3d street northeast, and represented to Mrs. Judd that the latter's husband had sent her there. Her story was that she had to bury a dead relative, and, she said, she was willing to work for what might be given her. Mrs. Judd gave her $5. Later the woman called on Mrs. W. E. Evans, sister of Mrs. Judd, and also on Mrs. Detweiler. At these places she said she had been sent to them by Mrs. Judd. Fortunately, they had learned of Mrs. Judd's experience and did not give the caller any money.

Articles of Incorporation.

Articles of incorparation of Independent Council, No. 2, Junior Order United American Mechanics, were placed on record this afternoon. The incorporators are Marion K. Eppley, Charles Rhodes, Phillip R. Pulliam, A. Lincoln Goodall, Dwight M. Weeks, George W. Sanford, Charles D Church, John A. Hopkins and George Keithley.

A Piano Recital.

Mr. Luther Conradi of Baltimore gave a piano recital last evening at the Washington College of this city. His renditions showed careful training in the higher spheres of musical art, and a brilliant technique is combined with artistic conception of the masters' works.

May Remit Fees.

It appearing that in administration and guardianship cases, involving very small amounts, the court costs become a burden upon the assets, Justice Cole this afternoon, on motion of Register of Wills Dent, ordered that in such cases the register is authorized in his discretion to remit all or any part of the fees which he is empowered by the orders of the Probate Court to collect.

Death of Mrs. S. M. Harvey.

The death of Mrs. Selina Moore Harvey occurred early this morning at her residence, No. 1739 Q street northwest. She was the widow of the late James E. Harvey, formerly United States minister to Portugal, and was a daughter of the late Col. Maurice Moore of North Carolina, descended on both sides from old colonial families of that state. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and other patriotic societies and was also active in church work while her health permitted.

The funeral services will be held at Epiphany Church next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Divorced on Grounds of Desertion.

Justice Hagner in Equity Court No. 1 this afternoon signed a decree granting Mary H. Killian a divorce from George P. Killian on the ground of desertion. The petitioner is awarded the custody of the minor child of the parties to the suit.

Alleged Unlawful Interest.

Suit at law was begun this afternoon by Gilbert Noyes, through Attorneys Birney and Woodard, against Horace S. Cummings. It is sought to recover $2,100, claimed to have been unlawfully exacted from the plaintiff as interest.

Hotel Arrivals.

Wellington—H. T. Harding, Wisconsin; C. J. Green, Virginia; H. W. Dearburn, New York; H. A. Blau, Davenport, Iowa.

Shoreham—R. E. Strahorn, Spokane, Wash.; R. M. Snyder, New York; J. T. Hurd, Buffalo, N. Y.; E. J. Tansey, St. Louis; J. Gay, Richmond, Va.; C. H. Basler, Dayton, O.

Arlington—E. H. Wilkinson, Springfield, Mass.; G. F. Hartl, Montreal; Wm. Palmer, Boston; J. P. Young, San Francisco, Cal.; G. S. Evans, Ashburn, Ga.; C. E. Bates, Omaha, Nebr.; H. Thompson, Pittsburg.

Raleigh—G. S. Fowler, Fort Wayne; J. S. Tyler, Buffalo, N. Y.; B. S. Loeb, Chicago; F. T. Davis, Philadelphia; C. H. Conway, New Haven, Conn.; J. L. Locke, Boston.

Willard's—J. Morris, Philadelphia; F. M. Cummings, Troy, N. Y.; F. W. Walsh, Boston; W. E. Drake, Jersey City; D. H. Miller, Newark, N. J.

Riggs—H. C. Lyon, Boston; W. H. Larkin, New York; W. O. Cox, Kansas City; E. P. Moxey, Philadelphia; G. R. Thomas, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. G. Foster, Geneva, N. Y.; W. Andrews, Newport, R. I.

Dewey—C. E. Cook, Bath, N. Y.; C. S. Wilson, Ohio; N. C. Tuttle, Sitka, Alaska; C. J. Noble, Chicago.

Ebbitt—L. C. Hopkins, New York; Rev. F. F. Carroll, Providence, R. I.; David A. Percival, Boston, Mass.; R. A. Hamilton, Chicago; R. T. Hogan, Trenton, N. J.

Gordon—R. T. Brashaw, Baltimore; A. H. Bull, New Jersey; J. R. Soley, New York; J. W. Jenks, New York.

Richmond—Major Chamberlaine, United States army; A. E. Torey, New York; Lorillard Spencer, Newport; Hiram L. Jones, Topeka, Kan.

National—T. W. Ecker, Kansas; R. W. Moore, North Carolina; T. J. O'Cammell, New York; W. J. Davis, Atlanta, Ga.

Metropolitan—H. Critter, New York; Dan Baker, Indiana; Thos. Benard, Greensboro', S. C.; E. D. Sampson, Virginia.

Death Sentence Commuted.

The President has commuted to imprisonment for life the sentence of death imposed by court-martial in the case of Private George Murphy, Company C, 24th Infantry, convicted of the murder of another soldier of the same company in the Philippines.

Miner Martin Cross-Examined.

The cross-examination of Fred. O. Martin, a miner, was continued at the Couer d'Alene investigation before the House committee on military affairs today. He was closely questioned by Representatives Mondell and Dick as to his presence on the train which carried the riotous party to Wardner. He maintained that he was there by chance, and had no knowledge of or part in the attack on the mill.

E. E. Grimmell Under Arrest.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—Edward E. Grimmell, formerly a civilian clerk in the disbursing officer of the medical department of the United States army at San Francisco, is under arrest here on the charge of stealing government property.

Toledo Commercial Changes Hands.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 10.—It is announced that the Toledo Commercial has been purchased by H. P. Crouse of Findlay. The paper has been operated under a lease by John R. McLean.

GUESTS OF LOTUS EATERS

Gridiron Club Goes Over to New York to Be Dined.

Members Surprised at the Start by Unique Preparations of the Train Which Carried Them.

The Gridiron Club will be entertained at a dinner tonight by the Lotus Club in New York, and the event promises to be a memorable one in a social and intellectual sense. The members of the famous Washington organization left for Manhattan today on the Royal Blue train of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, leaving at 12:05 o'clock p.m. There was a surprise awaiting the Grids at the depot that even nonplussed the keen newspaper men who are prone to springing such things themselves. Mr. J. H. Maddy, the representative of the Baltimore and Ohio, whose guests the clubmen were, was responsible for it. The handsome private car of John K. Cowen was attached to the car of the Royal Blue for the use of the gentlemen.

A Unique Coach.

Next to it was a most unique coach, which inaugurated an innovation in modern travel. The coach had been sent to the Mount Clare shops in anticipation of the trip, and all its seats and racks removed and the entire interior, except the lavatory and buffet, transformed into a parlor on wheels. Rich carpet covered the floor, and tables and comfortable chairs comprised the furnishings. Upon the back of each chair and upon each table was imprinted a silver gridiron, the emblem of the club, and each window pane bore a similar decoration.

The tickets provided each passenger were souvenirs and were gridiron shaped, and upon either side were engraved silver gridiron lines. Upon one side was printed "Royal Blue Line, Washington—New York, Baltimore and Ohio R. R., Philadelphia and Reading Ry., Saturday and Sunday, the Tenth and Eleventh of March, 1900." On the other was printed, "Leave Washington 12:05 p.m. Saturday. To prevent walking present this at the Gate. Leave New York 11:30 a.m. Sunday."

Even the baggage tags bore the famous emblem and directed the property of each guest to be delivered at the Manhattan Hotel, Madison avenue and 42d street, where the Grids will be quartered.

Rules and Regulations.

Prominently posted in the car were the following rules and regulations, which, Mr. Maddy declared, must be observed, under pain of a violator being put off at Hoboken:

1. The house gets the usual rake-off.
2. Not responsible for hats, coats, reputations or umbrellas.
3. Return checks issued only in case of arrest.
4. Gold-bricks purchased while in New York can be placed in care of the conductor.
5. Patrons will confer a favor by remembering that dinner will be served tonight.
6. Dress suits for hire by the big waiter, including attendance.
7. Remember, you can lose your head, even if you do not put it out of the window.
8. The car in the rear is reserved for funny stories and other things of like nature.
9. Guests, before making free with representatives of the company, should remember that there are de-rails at frequent intervals.
10. Guests desiring to thrash the conductor can secure life insurance checks from the cook. Leave your address with the head push.
11. No money loaned, except to United States senators.
12. Checks will be cashed when accompanied by the moneys as security.
13. A guest desiring to have the train held for more than four hours can have it done by filing his application for two days before leaving Washington.
14. Guests having valuables should give them to the company's representative upon boarding train.
15. The company's representative will be responsible for nothing and to nobody.
16. No money refunded.
17. We strive to please.

The conductor of the train, who asserted his intention to punch all tickets and heads if necessary, was Ernest Leonhart, who rejoices in being four feet tall in his shoes. Upon leaving Washington a delightful luncheon was served in the gridiron car, and on the return trip a similar repast will be enjoyed.

The members of the Gridiron Club who went over to help their New York cronies chew lotus leaves and indulge in other soulful and satisfying things were President Henry L. West, Vice President Arthur W. Dunn, Secretary Richard Lee Fearn, Treasurer George H. Walker, Walter E. Adams, John Adams Corwin, P. V. De Graw, Frank A. De Puy, Perry S. Heath, Frank Presbrey, Frank V. Bennett, J. Harry Cunningham, E. B. Hay, Herndon Morsell, Henry Xander, David S. Barry, L. White Busbey, L. A. Coolidge, William A. Curtis, E. G. Dunnell, E. J. Gibson, F. A. G. Handy, Frank H. Hosford, S. E. Johnson, Rudolph Kauffmann, Henry G. Kemp, R. M. Larner, Francis E. Leupp, David R. McKee, Albert Miller, Robert L. O'Brien, Raymond Patterson, Frank A. Richardson, George W. Rouzer, W. B. Stevens, A. J. Stofer, jr., and Robert J. Wynne.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS.

Pure Food Advocates Organize for Ensuing Year.

The executive committee of the national pure food and drug congress met at parlor 12, in the National Hotel at 9:30 o'clock this morning and proceeded to transact some routine business, after which the members proceeded to organize for the new year. At this point the committee took up the question of selecting a chairman. Dr. Frear was nominated for the position, but declined to serve, believing it to be for the best interests of the work of the congress. He nominated Mr. W. S. Thompson of the District of Columbia, who was unanimously elected, but declined to serve unless Dr. Frear was made vice chairman. Dr. Frear was then nominated for the position named and unanimously elected.

Mr. Franklin Dye was re-elected secretary, after which the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

The Consular Service.

In addition to its regular courses, the School of Comparative Jurisprudence and Diplomacy of the Columbian University has arranged a few special lectures on timely subjects for the benefit of its students and others who may be interested.

One of these lectures will be given on Thursday evening, March 15, at 8 o'clock, in law lecture hall, 1420 H street, by Mr. John Barrett, late United States minister to Siam, on the subject of the consular and diplomatic services of the United States, the requirements, duties and experiences of representatives abroad.

Mr. Barrett, from a varied and successful experience, speaks whereof he knows.

Arbitrators Reach Decision.

BERNE, Switzerland, March 10.—The Bund announces that the arbitrators' tribunal has pronounced judgment in the Delagoa bay arbitration, but on the principal points only. The question of the indemnity to be paid by Portugal remains, and that will shortly be decided. The judgment will then be communicated to the parties concerned.

Had Many Friends in England.

LONDON, March 10.—The afternoon papers comment in most sympathetic terms on the death of E. J. Phelps, the former United States minister here. They agree in saying that he won so many friends in England that his death will be received with almost as deep regret in London as in New York.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Liverpool—Belgenland, from Philadelphia.

At Glasgow—Asyrian, from Philadelphia.

At Southampton—Friesland, from New York for Antwerp.

Anson Takes to Politics.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Adrian C. Anson, the former base ball player, has been nominated as the democratic candidate for alderman from the third ward of Chicago.

LEGISLATION NOT REQUIRED.

Appropriations for District Construction Available Without It.

It is stated that a misapprehension has arisen as to the time when the additional amounts included in the pending District appropriation bill for the construction of school houses and houses for fire department companies already provided for will become available. It was first thought that unless a clause making these additional amounts available upon the approval of the bill was inserted therein, the amounts could not be used until the 1st of next July, when the bill becomes operative.

But Mr. J. T. Petty, the auditor of the District, explained today that the pending District appropriation act, as reported to the House of Representatives, distinctly states that these several sums are in addition to those heretofore provided for the construction of the buildings in question. This language, stated Mr. Petty, was expressly used by the House committee on appropriations in order to make the additional amounts available immediately upon the President's approval of the pending bill.

Therefore, he pointed out, it will not be necessary, as appears to be the impression of many people interested in the erection of these buildings, for the insertion of a clause making the amounts immediately available.

The buildings in question and the additional sums recommended by the committee on appropriations are as follows: Eight-room school in northeast section, $12,000; rebuilding Lovejoy School, $8,000; eight-room school in southeast section, $8,000; eight-room school in Hillsdale, $8,000; house for truck company in Columbia Heights, $7,000, and house for chemical engine company in Tenleytown, $7,000. As it is expected that the pending District appropriation act will become a law in three or four weeks' time it is believed that the work of constructing these six buildings will be commenced some time in April and completed early next fall.

LEAVES METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Edwards to Enter Episcopal Ministry—General News.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., March 9, 1900.

Rev. Evan A. Edwards, for the past four years assistant pastor of the Rockville circuit of the M. E. Church South, has declared his intention of withdrawing from the Methodist denomination. It is understood to be Mr. Edwards' intention to enter the Episcopal ministry.

Messrs. Albert and Tarlton B. Stabler of the neighborhood of Sandy Spring, have purchased the Abert farm near Norbeck, for $8,000.

Rev. Paul Reynolds, pastor of the Catholic churches at Clopper's and Barnesville, this county, has received his commission as chaplain in the United States army. It is stated that he will be succeeded in his charges in this county by Rev. Gilbert McDonald.

Mr. Artemus Griffith, who had one of his hands badly lacerated several weeks ago by the explosion of a shotgun, has returned to his home at Unity from the Maryland General Hospital, where he was under treatment. He has entirely recovered.

Representatives of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company were before the county commissioners Tuesday for the purpose of securing permission to change the road crossing at Buck Lodge, this county, from a grade crossing to a bridge. The commissioners agreed to grant the request, provided there is no objection on the part of the residents of that locality.

A bill is before the Maryland legislature to incorporate the "Chesapeake and Northern Railway Company." It empowers the company to construct, equip and operate a railroad impelled by electricity, steam, or other power, from some point in Maryland on the Chesapeake bay and to run through or near the towns of Rockville and Gaithersburg, in this country, and rFederick, thersburg, in thes county, and Frederick, county, to some point at or near the boundary line between Maryland and Pennsylvania. The company is also empowered to supply the public within Frederick county power in the form of electricity or steam pressure, or in both of said forms, for any and all purposes which the power can be made applicable. The capital stock shall not be more than five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each. The bill provides that the construction of the road must be begun within five years and finished within ten years after the passage of the bill.

Mr. Frank Horner left here this morning to accept a position in Cramp's ship yards at Philadelphia.

Mr. Andrew J. Dorsey of Colesville, this county, died Monday, aged sixty-six years. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Lay Hill. Deceased is survived by three daughters and three sons.

Ex-Representative John McDonald has published a letter stating that he is not a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention, as has been published. He states that he is in favor of the election of some loyal republican, who will vote for the renomination of President McKinley.

Miss Gay Andrews and Mr. Robert L. Seay, both of Richmond, Va., were married here Wednesday by Rev. S. R. White of the Baptist Church.

DAMAGES CLAIMED.

Suit Against a Railroad—Proceedings for Alleged Defamation.

John R. Beck today, through Attorney Edward G. Niles, sued the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for $15,000 for personal injuries alleged to have been received at Rockville, Md., the 24th of June, 1899. The plaintiff claims he was on the footway of the highway near the railroad tracks, intending to make arrangements for passage to Washington; that he was struck by a mail bag which was thrown from the defendant's train, and was knocked insensible, and had his leg broken so that his toes pointed where his heel ought to have been, from which he suffered great pain both mentally and physically. As a result of the accident his left leg, it is claimed, is now three inches shorter than his right.

Suit-at-law to recover damages in the sum of 3,000 was instituted this afternoon by Wallace B. Bailey against Helen Fowler. It is alleged that the defandant uttered defamatory remarks concerning the plaintiff, a conductor in the employ of the Capital Traction Company. Attorney G. Thos. Dunlop appears for the plaintiff.

False Statements Alleged.

Henry J. Kintz was today held, by Judge Kimball of the Police Court, in $500 bond for the action of the grand jury to answer the charge of obtaining $275 by means of false pretenses from Alonzo H. Colner. The arrest grew out of some allegations made by Kintz relative to the ownership of some land in Westmoreland county, Va., upon which Colner loaned the former the amount of money stated, and which statements are now alleged by Colner to be untrue.

Date of Murder Trial.

It was decided this afternoon to call the case of George Ashton, indicted for murder, Thursday of next week, instead of Wednesday.

Arguments Concluded.

Argument was concluded today in Criminal Court No. 1 in connection with the plea in jeopardy in the case of Charles Bowen, indicted for assault with intent to kill. Justice Clabaugh took the matter under advisement.

To Suppress the Revolt.

CARNARVON, Cape Colony, March 10.—General Kitchener has arrived at Victoria West to organize various columns for the purpose of suppressing the rebellion, which is spreading.

Cession of Public Lands.

As some uneasiness had been caused in the west by various propositions to revise the public land laws, the House committee on public lands today adopted the following resolution, offered by Mr. Mondell of Wyoming: "Resolved, That, in order to dispose of legislative suggestions which, at the present time the committee or the Congress is not prepared to act upon, and to facilitate the consideration of other important matters before the committee, all bills having for their object the general cession of the public domain to the states and territories, or the general leasing of the public grazing lands, be disposed of by laying same upon the table."

OTIS SELECTS A BOARD

It Will Deliberate on Town Government for Filipinos.

Carrying Forward the Movement for Home Rule Instituted Last August.

Without awaiting the arrival of the new Philippine commission, General Otis is pressing forward steadily with the installation of civil governments in the various districts of the Philippines. Last August he ordered that municipal governments should be established in the towns within the limits of the United States occupation. These governments were to be established by the senior army officer present, and they were established originally in the towns along the Manila-Dagupan railroad, and the villages immediately adjacent to Manila. There was in each town a president, and a municipal council, both elected by the people, the president being subject to confirmation by the commanding military officer. These councils had a considerable range of authority. They could collect taxes, establish police force, regulate the liquor traffic, establish schools, light the town and enforce sanitary measures. The president had the power to take preliminary steps in criminal cases.

A Board Appointed.

All these measures were tentative, and now General Otis has taken steps to provide a more systematic and orthodox system of governments. He has appointed a board headed by the brightest and most acute lawyer in the Philippines, Cayetano Arellano, and including some experienced army officers, to carry out his project. This is set out in the following order, just received here from Manila:

"MANILA, P. I., January 29, 1900.

"It being necessary and expedient at the present time to develop the abridged form of municipal government announced in General Orders, No. 43, of August 8 last, from the headquarters of the department of the Pacific and 8th Army Corps, and prescribed to meet the temporary requirements of towns of the Philippines which should be rescued from the control of armed insurgents—a labor which, under present circumstances, requires careful consideration and mature deliberation, and in which the chief justice of the supreme court and the attorney general of the islands have, upon request, consented to render assistance—a board is hereby called to take the subject under advisement and deliberation and to formulate and report as soon as practicable a plan of municipal government which shall contain all necessary features to meet requirements and which shall be as liberal in character as existing conditions permit.

Detail for the Board.

"His honor, Cayentano Arellano, president of the audencia.

"The honorable Don Florentino Torres, attorney general of the islands.

"Lieut. Col. E. H. Crowder, 39th Infantry, associate justice of the civil branch of the audencia.

"R. W. Young, associate justice of the criminal branch of the audencia.

"Lieut. Col. T. R. Hamer, 37th Infantry, associate justice of the criminal branch of the audencia.

"By command of Maj. Gen. Otis.

"THOMAS BARRY,
"Assistant Adjutant General."

SOLID FOR MANNINGTON.

Delegates to Ohio Republican Convention Instructed for Him.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 10.—The Franklin county republican convention today selected thirty-six delegates to the state convention solid for Howard Mannington for the nomination for secretary of state. It was a complete victory for the Mannington people over the friends of L. C. Laylin, candidate for that nomination, supposed to have the favor of Senator Hanna.

John R. Malloy and Charles L. Kurtz joined hands in fighting Mannington. The delegation selected is headed by Gov. Nash. The resolutions adopted indorse the administrations of President McKinley and Gov. Nash and indorse for re-election L. H. Goddard, L. D. Bonebrake and John A. Shauck, state officers whose terms will end this year.

Progress on the Alaska Bill.

The Senate, represented by half a dozen members, continued the work of reading the Alaska bill last night. Senator Bate was present early, and that was sufficient to insure that every word of the bill be read. The result was that it took two hours and fifty minutes to read 165 pages of the bill, which made 321 of 604 pages that have been read. Two more night sessions will be required to complete the reading of the bill.

Lost Letter-Writers.

From the Chicago Tribune.

That old-fashioned confidant who was wont to pour himself and his ink into a several-sheeted letter to "Friend Jones" seems to have degenerated, and he now confines himself to a bald and often typewritten record of the state of his health and his daily duties. Even the letters from across the sea no longer reveal an endeavor to make the recipient see "just what I have seen" or betray a commendable resolve on the part of the writer to share his privileges with the stay-at-home. He is a fortunate individual who owns one friend to whom in fond absence he can write a letter that will serve as a safety valve for his own emotions and a stimulus to those of the receiver.

It is a pity that the practice is falling into neglect, for it is the best kind of literary training. Although the boy who writes to a far-away chum may often be stilted and strained at first and may appeal to a much-tried parent as to what to say next, still if he continues the practice he will gain a freedom and a flexibility not to be attained in the school essay. Perhaps it will not be too much to expect that there will some day be a revival of the art of letters when people will relinquish flesh pots for ink pots.

The Way to Prevent is to Abolish.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The recommendations of coroners' juries as to the best way to prevent grade crossing accidents in Philadelphia or elsewhere are unavailing for the reason that such recommendations are never acted upon voluntarily, and obedience to them cannot be compelled. The surest way to prevent grade crossing accidents is to abolish grade crossings.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 10.—Flour inactive, unchanged—receipts, 10,344 barrels exports, 7,453 barrels. Wheat dull—spot and March, 72⅝a72½; May, 73a73⅛; steamer No. 2 red, 68⅛a68¼—receipts, 4,450 bushels; exports, none—southern wheat by sample, 67a73⅞; do. on grade, 69a73. Corn strong—spot and March, 39½a39⅝; April, 39⅝a40; May, 40a40¼; steamer mixed, 38⅛a38⅝—receipts, 153,338 bushels; exports, 214,285 bushels—southern white corn, 39⅝; do. yellow, 39½. Oats easier—No 2 white, 30½a31; No. 2 mixed, 28a28½. Rye firm—No. 2 nearby, 54a55; No. 2 western, 58a59. Hay steady—No. 1 timothy, $16a$16.50. Grain freights very dull—steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 4½d., April; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 3s. 6d.a3s. 7½d., April. Sugar firm, unchanged. Cheese active and firm. Eggs, 14c. Butter—fancy creamery, 26a27; do. imitation, 21a23; do. ladle, 19a21; good ladle, 18a19; store packed, 17a18; rolls, 17a20.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets.

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CHICAGO, March 10.—Grain:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	66	66¼	65⅞	65⅞-66
July	66⅞	67	66⅝	66⅝B
Corn—May	35⅞-6	36¼	35⅝	36-⅛
July	36-⅛	36⅝	35⅞	36¼
Oats—May	23⅝	23⅝	23½	23⅝-¾B
July	22½	22⅝	22½	22½-⅝

CHICAGO, March 10.—Provisions:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Pork—May	10.80	10.87	10.80	10.87
July	10.85	10.90	10.85	10.90
Lard—May	5.95	6.00	5.95	5.97
July	6.02	6.07	6.02	6.05
Ribs—May	5.92	5.95	5.90	5.92
July	5.92	5.97	5.92	5.95

NEW YORK, March 10.—Cotton:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	9.42	9.47	9.33	9.47
July	9.39	9.41	9.29	9.41
August	9.22	9.27	9.15	9.27
October	7.99