BISHOP'S ADDRESS

Impressive Feature of the Opening of the Diocesan Convention.

PAST REVIEWED—FUTURE STUDIED

Thoughtful and Earnest Words of the Churchman.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

When the sixth annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Washington began this morning in St. Thomas' Church, corner of 18th and Madison streets, the spacious edifice was well filled with a representative congregation—ministers and lay delegates representing all the parishes in the dioceses were present, and there was a large number of parishioners in attendance.

Previous to the commencement of convention business, devotional exercises were conducted, followed by a powerful sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. Stuart, rector of Christ Church, Georgetown.

Dr. Stuart dwelt upon the innate consciousness of God which pervades every human being, and which he declared could not be eliminated by any earthly means. Philosophies, he said, changed. The philosophy of the past was not that of the present any more than that of the moment would be the philosophy of the future. The inner communion with God, however, would never change. It was an ever present miracle, and would be ever permanent. Sophistries might assail it; argument based on unholy principles might attack it, but without avail.

Holy Communion Celebration.

At the conclusion of the sermon the bishop of Washington celebrated holy communion. He was assisted by Rev. Dr. Aspinwall, the rector of St. Thomas' Church; Rev. R. P. Williams, archdeacon of Washington; Rev. Thomas T. Packard of Christ Church, Rockville, archdeacon of Montgomery and Prince George's counties, Md.; Rev. Arthur S. John, diocesan secretary; Rev. Alfred Harding of St. Paul's and Rev. Dr. Elliott of the Church of the Ascension. At the conclusion of the ceremony, during which a large number of the congregation partook of the holy sacrament, a procession of the surpliced ministers and deacons preceded the bishop out of the church. After unvesting they returned to the church and the convention was opened by Bishop Satterlee after Mr. Johns had read the roll of clerical and lays delegates, and it had been found that a quorum was present.

The Bishop's Address.

The annual address of Bishop Satterlee was delivered and, in part, was as follows:

"The first five years of the diocese of Washington has now passed into history. This is an appalling thought when we think of ourselves and of the contrast between what we might have done with what we have actually done as co-workers with Christ in the building up of His kingdom.

"If this new diocese of Washington has its disadvantage it also has some remarkable advantages. Not the least of these is the strong bond of union and concord between clergy and laity; between city and country parishes, and between the clergy themselves. The laity have confidence in the clergy; the clergy have a cordial sympathy with one another, and there is a generous, magnanimous disposition on the part of all to believe that as the head of every man is Christ, so every man is striving in his heart to be loyal and true to the head of the church in heaven.

"The diocese of Washington is being built up as a city, which is at unity in itself. It is slowly increasing in strength and stability, as will be seen by comparing the list of communicants, confirmations and Sunday school scholars for this present year 1901 with that of 1896, and, moreover, our diocesan organizations are on a much firmer foundation than ever before.

"First and foremost, of course, comes our missionary work. Though the archdeaconries created by the last diocesan convention are the latest of all our organizations and could not possibly do more in the first year of their existence than break up the fallow land and plough the surface of the ground, they have already accomplished the work of preparation, which has far surpassed my expectations. I am full of hope regarding their future, and I earnestly invoke the co-operation of the clergy and laity in the effort to make their work unceasingly effective.

Woman's Auxiliary Commended.

"And in this connection I wish to say that the Woman's Auxiliary to the board of missions has not only been doing a most helpful work along another line, but has been fostering a greater missionary zeal.

"During the past year I have had several conferences with the clergy regarding the formation of a communicants' fellowship in this diocese. I have for many years felt the need of such an organization. Amid all our parochial efforts today the communicants are the one class who are most neglected. After their baptism and confirmation they are, as a rule, left to themselves, to take their place side by side with the other members of the congregation, and there our deep spiritual needs are overlooked, while we of the clergy pass them by, to devote the greater part of our time and attention to the unbaptized and unconverted.

"Mark, brethren, do not mistake me in supposing that we should neglect 'the many,' or that we should in the slightest degree relax our efforts to convert the unconverted; or that we should fall to sympathize tenderly with those of the outside world, whose highest ideals are far below our highest; or that we should cease to interest them in forms of church work and social progress which will bring them in touch, however remotely, with higher things and more hallowed associations; but I do say, and say most earnestly, that our chief and greatest efforts, especially in these days, ought to be given to the spiritual education and growth of those who confess Christ, and who, therefore, are the only ones capable of comprehending the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven as they are set forth in the New Testament.

Cathedral of Washington.

Let me now turn to speak of the Cathedral of Washington, for I want all our clergy and laity to understand fully, and thus be qualified to explain to others the very unusual circumstances under which it originated.

"Years before there was any bishop or diocese of Washington there already existed a 'cathedral foundation of Washington.' How much or how little this attracted the attention of outsiders to Washington I cannot say—no one can say—but certainly a widespread interest was created in the cathedral, the subject was generally discussed throughout the church, land was donated, a plan was adopted, and $175,000 had been subscribed by a generous lady for the egection of a cathedral school for girls. Before the diocese was formed the responsibility was laid upon the future bishop, whoever he should be, of taking the lead in the building up of this great cathedral foundation.

"A cathedral is a center from which a different kind of activity and church influences flow, and with our American gifts for organization and co-operation we believe that new capacities and opportunities for usefulness will be developed out of cathedral foundations, which will greatly strengthen and develop the life of our church in these United States.

"But a cathedral will fail in its purpose unless it is first of all a great mission church and center for missionary activities, a great center for educational facilities of various kinds, a great historic witness for Christ and the continuity of His church. Nor can we expect the blessing of God upon our efforts unless we place such needs as these before mere material necessities.

"And this is our answer to all those who are murmuring impatiently that we do not make more speedy progress in raising funds for the cathedral land, for the equipment of the cathedral school, for the building of the cathedral itself.

The Christian method we are patiently striving to follow is necessarily slow. It is sure to be misunderstood by all save those who remember that no lasting foundations of any Christian work can be laid than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ, and that Christ is the chief corner stone in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.

Other Organizations.

Passing now on to other diocesan organizations, I would repeat here what I have said in former years—that I am grateful, indeed, that we have such a society among us as the Churchman's League. It fills a unique position in advance of that of any other church club that I know, and it has already made a historical record for itself in the very beginnings of our diocesan life.

"The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an organization which has great opportunities for usefulness if its members are filled with the robust spirit of Christian self-sacrifice. And I want to speak this word of encouragement to the leaders of the brotherhood in this city—the difficulties which we experience here are those which are felt in all other dioceses.

"And this leads me to speak of the unceasingly important efforts which have been put forth by our diocesan branch of the Sunday School Institute. The success of this organization proves that it is filling a felt need in bringing the teachers of various schools together for mutual counsel, sympathy and co-operation.

"Among the girls I think this problem is being helpfully and practically met, and perhaps is on the way toward a solution by the two organizations of the Daughters of the King and the Girls' Friendly Society; two associations which are founded on different principles, yet each of which in its own way is most distinctly helpful. In the past year our diocesan organization of the Girls' Friendly Society has established a holiday house near Harper's Ferry, which has proved such a success that even larger contributions have come for the continuance of the house this coming summer."

Church Work.

Referring to other institutions of the diocese the bishop said:

"The oldest of these is the Association for Works of Mercy, which was founded and chartered in 1884. When I came here as bishop of Washington I found that the House of Mercy under the care of this association was doing a much-needed work in the rescue of fallen girls. This now stands on a secure foundation and continues to do an excellent work and has an undoubted future of great usefulness before it."

Referring to the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, he said it has not only evinced its right to live, but it has shown conclusively that it fills a much-needed place. Its management has been admirable in all the departments of its work, and I heartily commend the present effort of the hospital board to erect a larger and better building of its own, as a permanent home for its growing work.

In reference to the Bell Home at Colonial Beach, the bishop said: "We all know how blessed a work among the children has been quietly going on in past years at this institution. Since our last diocesan convention a valuable property of three or four acres has been purchased by a generous lady of New York at Anacostia. Prof. Bell, to whom the institution already owes so much, has enabled the management to open there a home for little children.

"The work among the colored people of this diocese is making slow but substantial advancement. St. Luke's has largely reduced its debt since last Easter. St. Monica's Mission was started a year ago in a part of Southwest Washington where it was greatly needed, and it already has forty communicants and a large Sunday school."

When the bishop concluded it was nearly 1:30 o'clock, and recess was immediately taken for luncheon, which was served in the Sunday school room by the ladies of the church. The sessions this afternoon and tonight will be devoted to hearing reports from the various committees and officers. The convention will extend over tomorrow.

SCHOOL SITE RECOMMENDED.

Any Part of Territory Mentioned Regarded as Suitable.

The District Commissioners have received a further communication from the Brookland Citizens' Association, through C. A. Harbaugh, the secretary, regarding the site of a colored school building in that section of the District. Mr. Harbaugh says that in order to bring the action of the association into complete harmony with recommendations of the school authorities a motion was passed at the meeting the 3d instant directing him to inform the Commissioners that the association recommends as a suitable site for a colored school (should an adverse decision be reached concerning the present location on Bunker Hill road) any part of the territory bounded by Omaha street on the north, Bunker Hill road on the south and east and the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on the west. The association calls attention to the advantages of this location for a school site, and requests the Commissioners to advertise for bids for a site within the mentioned territory. Continuing, the communication states:

"By referring to your map you will see that the territory above referred to is very near the center of the colored population. It is not far distant from the Brookland town hall; 9th street northeast extended passes through the center of it, and a trunk sewer has its terminus at 9th street and Bunker Hill road, requiring a lateral sewer to be run only a short distance to serve a building within the limits named. The school, located here, would be practically the same distance from the railroad as the white school. Ninth street has not yet been opened, but it will have to be opened soon, and the placing of the school as suggested would hasten it. The land within the bounds stated has all been divided into lots in anticipation of the extension of 9th and Omaha streets, and can probably be bought at a reasonable figure, can be readily brought to grade, and presents a desirable site for a school building."

ADVERSE REPORT.

Assessor Darneille's Objections to Cancellation of Assessments.

Mr. H. H. Darneille, the District assessor, has reported adversely to the District Commissioners upon the petition of William A. Easterday to have the assessment for improvements on lots 63, 64, 65, 71, 72, 5 and 6 and part of 7, in square 214, corner L and 15th street northwest, canceled and credit given from January 1 to June 30, 1901. Mr. Easterday stated in his petition that all the buildings on the property have been torn down nad removed. Mr. Darneille in reporting adversely on the matter says:

"The board of assistant assessors reports the demolition of the buildings in March, 1901, but being but a fraction of the tax year, under the levy of July 1, 1900, the authority for such auction appears to be inconsistent with the law governing the assessment and collection of taxes. The matter is submitted with adverse recommendation."

POST OFFICE SUPPLIES.

Announcement of Award of Contracts by the Committee.

The committee on awards of contracts for furnishing sundry supplies to the Post Office Department and the postal service presented its report to the acting postmaster general, William M. Johnson, today. The report was approved.

The contract for printing 300,000,000 facing slips was awarded to the Feist Printing Company of Whitehaven, Pa., at 2½ cents per thousand. The contract for printing card slide labels was also awarded to the Feist Printing Company. Contracts for furnishing packing boxes of various sizes were let to Thomas W. Smith of Washington, 42 cents; the J. H. Duker Box Company of Baltimore, 57 cents, and the Hawley Box Company of New York at 25, 18, 14 and 4 cents.

The contract for furnishing the department with sawdust was let to J. H. Theirmeyer of Baltimore, who agrees to deliver it to the proper authorities for five cents a bushel, or three cents a bushel, if the department supplies the sacks in which it is shipped. The contract for furnishing wrapping paper was let to the West Virginia Paper and Pulp Company of New York.

The committee on award comprised J. M. Masten, chief clerk to the first assistant postmaster general; Thomas P. Graham, chief of the division of mail equipment, and L. S. Elmer of the office of the Postmaster General.

Presides in Probate Court.

Justice Anderson of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, recently appointed, presided this afternoon in the Probate Court. It is understood that he will continue to sit in that court, in addition to his regular duties in Criminal Court No. 2.

BIG FIRE AT AUGUSTA, GA.

At 2:10 P. M. It Was Reported Beyond Control.

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 8.—Fire which broke out here at 1:30 p.m., has done considerable damage and is spreading. The great cotton warehouse of the Union Compress Company has been destroyed and the warehouses of Phinizy & Co. and S. M. Whitney are burning furiously.

It is believed 10,000 bales of cotton have been burned.

There are 28,000 bales within one hundred yards of the fire.

The fire department and many citizens are fighting the flames, but at 2:10 p.m. they were beyond control.

The extensive terminals of the Charleston and Western Carolina, with its new freight depot, are now threatened.

GEN. ROBERT MARRIED.

His Bride is Miss Hoagland of Binghamton, N. Y.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., May 8.—At noon today Brigadier General Henry M. Robert, chief of the engineer corps of the army, was married in the First Congregational Church at Owego to Miss Isabel Livingston Hoagland, daughter of Mrs. Christina Hoagland of that village.

Following the ceremony at the church there was a reception and wedding luncheon at the home of the bride. Gen. and Mrs. Robert leave on a trip to Cuba, which will be followed by a trip to Alaska. After August they will be at home to their friends in Haworth, N. J., where they will reside.

NEW FIRE HYDRANTS.

Recommendation as to Location by Chief Dutton.

Chief Engineer Dutton of the District fire department has recommended to the District Commissioners the erection of the following fire hydrants for the better protection of property: Corner B street and Arthur place northwest, corner Pickford place and G street northeast, and corner 10th and F streets northeast. The recommendation has been approved by Commissioner Macfarland.

Chief Engineer Dutton has also forwarded to the Commissioners a letter from F. G. Purner of Brightwood and Whitney avenues commending Foreman A. L. Grimm and members of engine company No. 11 for efficient service at a fire at his place of business the 2d instant. The communication has been noted with pleasure by Commissioner Macfarland, and Chief Dutton has ordered a copy of the letter sent to Foreman Grimm.

ADMISSION TO HOSPITALS.

Recommendation Made by Health Officer Regarding Permits.

The health officer of the District, Dr. Wm. C. Woodward, has recommended to the District Commissioners an amendment to the order of April 15 last by which the issuing of permits for admission to the alms house, hospitals and other charitable institutions, in so far as the matter is under the control of the Commissioners, was made the duty of the board of charities. The order further prescribed that the ambulances used to convey persons to the hospitals should be assigned to work under immediate supervision of the board of charities.

Dr. Woodward's recommendation, which has the approval of Commissioner Macfarland, is that the order be amended so as to specifically except from its operation the smallpox hospital and the isolation wards at Providence and Garfield Memorial hospitals and the ambulances used for the transportation of persons suffering from contagious diseases. Dr. Woodward further recommends that the smallpox hospital and the isolation wards of the other two hospitals mentioned be definitely placed under the supervision of the health officer.

Transferred, Not Suspended.

Mr. C. G. Trilby, a policeman, who was referred to in a complimentary way in the report of a communication sent to the District Commissioners, and printed in The Star, says he has not been suspended from the force, as was stated. It is true, he says, that he was transferred from the eighth precinct to the fourth precinct, but the petition which was referred to the major of police was only for the purpose of having him sent back to the eighth precinct, and not by any means asking for his reinstatement. The petition mentioned was from the members of the official board of Grace M. E. Church, 9th and S streets.

Choir Boys' Feast.

The Pro-Cathedral choristers, forty strong, attended "a fraternal meeting of the boys," as the invitations read, in the parish hall last evening. The young ladies of St. Katharine's choir were the hostesses, and most gracefully did they perform their duty.

The young people assembled at 7:30 and were given full sway until 10 o'clock, during which time they played games and ate ice cream to their hearts' content. St. Mark's boys have an excellent reputation as a choral organization, and for their capacity for successfully rendering difficult music. They proved last evening that their capacity for ice cream and cake is equally as pronounced.

The party was in charge of the rector, choirmaster and Mr. H. P. Blair.

Soldiers' Home Temperauce Union.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Soldiers' Home Temperance Union last evening the program consisted of a series of fancy dances by Miss Cora Shreeves' pupils, added to which were several selections by the home band. The dancers were Misses Mamie Schuyler, Helen Wetzel, Katherina Howard, Helen Berens, Rita Addison, Madolin Smithson, Marie Warren, Ollie Meyers, Amy Ackman, Leonora Ackman, Roberta Neurath, Lillian Benton, Ethel Pearson, Henrietta Berens, Hester Lorher and Master Robert Howard were much enjoyed.

Mr. Hume Added to List.

The name of Mr. Frank Hume has been added to the list of those who will address the mass meeting which is to be held at Masonic Temple tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Business Men's Association.

Regulations in Foreign Cities.

The District Commissioners have received from the Department of State, through Mr. Thomas W. Cridler, the third assistant secretary, copies of communications from John K. Gowdy, United States consul general at Paris, and Hugh Pitcairn, consul at Hamburg, Germany, transmitting copies of municipal regulations in force in those cities. The communications received are in response to a request made by the Commissioners for regulations in certain cities of Europe through the State Department.

Will Receive Annual Reports.

The District Woman Suffrage Association has arranged to hold its annual meeting tomorrow, at 7:30 p.m., at Scottish Rite Hall, 1007 G street northwest. The annual reports and the election of officers will be followed by an address by Mrs. J. Ellen Foster on the "Heresies of the Opposition." The venerable John Hutchinson will sing, and there will be other interesting features.

No Intention of Widening Lot.

In response to the inquiries of Robert L. Longstreet as to what action has been taken in regard to his proposal to sell a part of lot at the corner of Adams Mill road and Lanier avenue for the purpose of widening the road, the District Commissioners will inform the writer that there is no intention of widening on his lot, unless he desires to establish a building line thereon.

Funeral of Frank T. Auldridge.

The funeral of the late Policeman Frank T. Auldridge of the second precinct, who died at Asheville, N. C., Monday morning, took place today from St. Aloysius Church. Policemen Fugett, Gibson, Haller, Hendricks, Evans and Skinner acted as pallbears. An escort of policemen accompanied the body to Mt. Olivet cemetery, where the interment took place.

VISITED BY ROBBER

Mrs. Olivia Starring Loses Some Valuable Jewels.

ARREST OF MAN SUSPECTED OF CRIME

Detectives Claim He is Described in Book of Criminals.

THE CHARGE DENIED

Mrs. Olivia Starring of 1455 Massachusetts avenue northwest, who has lost considerable property in recent years through burglaries committed at her house, was again robbed yesterday afternoon of $8,000 worth of jewelry and $400 cash. The police were told of the affair and Detectives Helan and McNamee arrested Lewis Mortimer Monroe on suspicion of having committed the theft. He gave his age as forty-three years and told the police he was an inventor. The detectives took him into custody late yesterday afternoon after he returned from the Zoo, where he went with Mrs. Starring for a bicycle ride.

When placed under arrest Mr. Monroe expressed surprise at the action of the detectives and objected to being locked up. He was taken to police headquarters, where he said he was a resident of New York and had spent many years of his life in Paris. The detectives removed all his clothing and gave them a thorough searching, but failed to find any of Mrs. Starring's property. In a small bag pinned to his undershirt they found $180, and he had about $12 in change in his pockets. The prisoner was conveyed to the fourth precinct station in South Washington and locked up for the night.

It is said Mr. Monroe met Mrs. Starring about six months ago, and it is understood she became interested in an invention of his. He called on her from time to time, and yesterday afternoon they went together, as stated, for a bicycle ride to the Zoo. When they returned to the house Mrs. Starring was informed by one of her servants that a secret compartment in a cabinet in the studio had been found open shortly after her departure on her bicycle. It required but a glance for Mrs. Starring to see that her jewelry and money had been taken.

Mr. Monroe sympathized with her, and remained in the house until the arrival of the detectives. They questioned everybody in the house, and then asked Monroe to accompany them to police headquarters. Upon arriving there he realized he was under arrest, and then it was that he became indignant.

Mrs. Starring lives alone in the Massachusetts avenue house, and during her absence trusted servants care for her property. During recent days she has been preparing to take a trip to Europe, and her diamonds were placed in the cabinet with her ready cash for safe keeping. Among the stolen jewelry were two pieces valued at $1,000 each, a pair of diamond earrings worth $5,000, a gold watch and various other articles.

Detectives Claim to Identify Him.

Inspector Boardman and Detectives Weedon and Parham express the belief that the man under arrest is none other than Chas. Rohan, alias Del De Auford and Mills, whose picture is in Inspector Thomas Byrnes' book of noted criminals. The prisoner, the detectives state, has two smallpox marks on his forehead and a scar on his hand such as are said to be on Rohan in Byrnes' book. Monroe denies emphatically that he is the man whose picture is in the book.

The description in Byrnes' book is as follows:

"Thirty-two years old in 1895. Born in Cleveland, Ohio. Electrician. Single. Slim build. Height, 5 feet 10½ inches. Weight, 133 pounds. Brown hair, blue eyes, sallow complexion. Marks, &c.: Scar on left hand between thumb and forefinger. Two smallpox marks in center of forehead."

According to the publication, "Rohan is a notorious house thief. He is an electrician and an inventive genius, having invented several things, among them a street sweeping machine. He is well known in Ohio and New York states.

"Under the name of Charles Ward he pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree, and was sentenced to Sing Sing prison for two years and six months by Judge Gildersleeve of the court of general sessions of New York city on January 15, 1883.

"At 3 o'clock on the morning of April 15, 1885, Rohan entered the house of Joseph Cohen, in East 79th street, New York city. Miss Charlotte Cohen awoke to find Rohan in her room. She screamed. He shot at her three times, and then made his escape. A week later Rohan was arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, for complicity in a burglary with one Frank Dunn. The latter received a sentence of seven years. Rohan was about to be released, when officers from New York appeared on the scene with requisition papers. That worthy, rather than go back to New York, pleaded guilty to the charge made against him in Cleveland, and also received a sentence of seven years.

Under Another Charge.

"When his time expired in November, 1890, he was brought to New York city and charged with entering the home of the Cohens. He denied it, and said he was never in New York in his life until brought there in this case. He was tried in December, 1890, and the jury disagreed on the question of identity. He was later on identified by the prison officials of Sing Sing prison and the boarding house lady whom he robbed in 1882. This settled beyond a doubt the question as to whether he had ever been in New York before, and Rohan, realizing that his only hope was gone, pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary and was sentenced to three years and eight months in state prison on December 29, 1891, by Recorder Smyth, court of general sessions, New York city."

It is stated that when Mrs. Starring and her escort reached the Zoo yesterday the latter left her for fully thirty minutes. Today Mrs. Starring returned to the Zoo with the detectives, as the latter were anxious to search for the diamonds and money.

Building Permits.

Building permits were issued today as follows:

E. G. Jefferys, five three-story brick dwellings, 1113 to 1121 Roanoke street, Columbia Heights; cost, $27,500.

Henry Orth, jr., three three-story brick dwellings, 1003 to 1007 L street northwest; cost, $20,000.

George W. Flather, two-story brick dwelling, 906 D street northeast; cost, $4,800.

Standard Butterine Company, two one-story brick buildings, Clark Mills estate, Bladensburg road; cost, $2,000.

Jacob Jacobsen, build one story on back building at 802 26th street northwest; cost, $100.

R. W. McPherson, general repairs to 414 21st street northwest; cost, $80.

Mrs. Flanry, fuel shed rear of 1612 Madison street northwest; cost, $75.

J. Edward Libbey, locate gas engine at northeast corner Jefferson and Water streets northwest; cost, $300.

District Pensions Granted.

Pensions were granted today to the following residents of the District of Columbia:

Original, William Kelly of the Soldiers' Home, John Rhoades, John Frazier of the Soldiers' Home, Alfred Bolton, Albert A. Prevost of Anacostia; increase, William F. Sliney, George W. Black, James C. Selby of Anacostia; war with Spain, Louise K. Norton, mother; Robert Koehler of the Soldiers' Home, James McVoy of the Soldiers' Home; original, widows, Letitia Reed, Annie E. Eaton and Mary S. Morgan.

Must Announce Dangerous Imports.

According to Consul General Guenther at Frankfort, any person who imports into West Australia goods of a dangerous character, such as explosives, matches, petroleum, naphtha, benzine, etc., without declaring them specifically, is liable to a fine of £100 and the confiscation of the goods.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

Case Involving Responsibility of Transportation Companies.

An interesting case involving the responsibility of local transportation companies was heard before Justice of the Peace Church yesterday. It was the suit of Mr. Alex B. Legare against the Washington Electric Vehicle and Transportation Company to recover damages for the value of a horse and for personal injuries resulting from the alleged carelessness of an employe of the company in the operation of one of its vehicles on the public streets. Mr. Arthur Peter represented the plaintiff and Messrs. Hamilton, Colbert and Newton the defendant.

It appeared from the testimony introduced that while Mr. Legare was riding horseback on Connecticut avenue near K street March 19 last an electric vehicle owned by the defendant company ran into the animal from the rear and threw the rider from his seat with considerable violence. Rider and horse were considerably shaken up and injured. The horse was a valuable animal and it was represented that its value was much reduced as a result of the collision. An effort was made by the defendant to prove that the horse was prancing and cavorting and backed into the vehicle, but the magistrate held that the preponderance of evidence appeared to place the blame for the collision on the man operating the vehicle. There was a diversity of evidence with regard to the speed of the automobile cab, the plaintiff's witnesses giving it at twelve miles an hour, and the operator saying it did not exceed eight miles. Judgment was given for the plaintiff to the full amount of his claim.

SUIT OVER PENSION FEE.

Attorney Claims He Should Have Been Allowed $25 Instead of $10.

A petition for mandamus was filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today by Henry D. Phillips, a lawyer of this city, the respondents being the commissioner of pensions and the Secretary of the Interior.

The petition sets forth substantially that on September 10, 1898, Phillips filed in the office of the commissioner of pensions, as attorney for John Gale, father of Ralph Gale, a soldier of the Spanish-American war, a declaration to procure the benefits of the grant of a pension under section 4707 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. This is said to be the only act granting pensions to dependent relatives. With the declaration were filed duplicate articles of agreement as provided by the act of July 4, 1884. Subsequently, October 20, 1900, it is explained, a pension certificate was issued to John Gale, purporting to have been issued under an act of Congress approved June 27, 1890, and that after the grant of the pension to Gale the commissioner of pensions, assuming, erroneously and illegally, so it is alleged, to act in the premises under the 4th section of the act of June 27, 1890, certified and ordered paid a fee of $10 to the petitioner for his services as attorney. It is alleged that the commissioner of pensions has refused to reverse his action in the matter, upon the ground that whether right or wrong the action of the bureau in a merit claim cannot be reviewed upon appeal from its action in the matter of fees.

The petitioner further alleges that there is no authority in law for granting a dependent parent's pension under the act of June 27, 1890. The right to pension of dependents is derived from the provision of section 4707 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, it is claimed, and that section alone fixes the rate of pension, and is the granting act, and that the only regulation by act of Congress relative to attorney's fees for prosecuting pension claims under section 4707 of the Revised Statutes is the act of Congress approved July 4, 1884. Therefore, it is urged, the provisions relating to attorney's fees in pension cases in section 4 of the act of June 27, 1890, has no application to the cases of any applicant for dependent parent's pension, prosecuted and granted either prior or subsequent to June 27, 1890. The petitioner's contention, therefore, is that he should have been allowed a fee of $25 instead of $10.

The usual rule to show cause was granted by the court, returnable the 17th instant.

MIGHT BE FORCED TO RUN.

Views of Some of the Close Friends of Mr. Hanna.

Senator Hanna left Washington today for Philadelphia, whence he will go to Cleveland, leaving Washington for the entire summer.

Mr. Hanna has frequently denied or made light of the gossip associating his name with the presidential nomination in 1904. He, like other astute politicians, knows that it is a far cry to 1904 and that who is to be in at the killing is a thing which will depend much upon the ground to be traversed and the possible accidents by the way.

The expressions credited to Mr. Perry S. Heath favorable to Mr. Hanna's nomination by the republican party are generally regarded as an expression of friendship, yet a good many men, some of whom are close friends of Mr. Hanna, express the opinion that if the present business methods of the country result in permanent prosperity he will receive credit for wisdom and courage which might make him a candidate in 1904, regardless of how he may feel on the subject now.

Supplemental Decree Entered.

In the case of Sarah Jane Blundon, who was recently granted a divorce from John C. Blundon, Justice Hagner, in Equity Court No. 1, has signed a supplemental decree granting Mrs. Blundon alimony at the rate of $30 a month and the custody of the three children of the couple.

Sale of Inter-Ocean Building.

The Inter-Ocean building on the west side of 9th street between E and F streets was sold yesterday at public auction by Mr. C. C. Duncanson, auctioneer, to Mr. John Cammack for $65,000. The building was once occupied by the census office, and is a nine-story structure, having a frontage of thirty-nine feet one inch and a depth of about 108 feet. It is the intention of the new owner to organize a company and to make such changes as will place the building in a suitable condition.

Death of Miss Anna Lamb.

Miss Anna E. Lamb of this city, a clerk in the patent office, died last evening at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Mason Clark, near Silgo, Montgomery county, Md. Miss Lamb was a native of Albany, N. Y., and received her education at a convent in Montreal. She was an excellent musician, a fine performer of instrumental music and a bright and witty conversationalist. Her relatives in this vicinity are her sister, Mrs. Mason Clark, and Mrs. Frank A. Branagan, who is at present with her husband, the treasurer of the Philippine archipelago at Manila.

The funeral of Miss Lamb will take place at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at Carroll Chapel, Forest Glen, Md.

Deed of Trust Placed on Record.

A deed of trust by which the Plaza Apartment House Company conveys to Aldis B. Browne and James F. Hood all of original lot 10, square 54, to secure the payment to George Henderson of $125,000, was placed on record this afternoon. The property is located immediately south of and facing Washington Circle.

Estate Left to Nephew.

By the terms of the will of Emma D. Garwood, dated January 7, 1894, filed this afternoon for probate, her estate is left to her nephew, J. Garwood O'Keeffe. In the event that he should die before reaching the age of twenty-one years, it is stipulated that the property shall be turned over to the Epiphany Church Home.

In the Court of Appeals.

The appeal of Boyd Wallace, colored, under sentence to be hanged the 27th instant for the murder of his half-brother, Robert Stafford, was heard today by the Court of Appeals. Attorney Royal A. Hughes appeared for Wallace and United States Attorney Gould for the government.

The Court of Appeals today also heard arguments in connection with the appeal in the case of James K. Lanckton, convicted of manslaughter as the outcome of the death of Mrs. Bettie Lee Wren and under sentence of imprisonment for seven years in the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va.

GETTING READY FOR FIELD DAY.

Board of Trade's Plans for Its Annual Outing.

The annual field day and planked shad dinner of the Washington Board of Trade will take place Saturday, May 11, at River View, a delightful sail of fourteen miles down the historic Potomac. The board will be well represented on this occasion, as already over 330 tickets have been sold, and it is expected that many members will also be accompanied by friends. A large number of prominent officials, who have been invited as guests of the Board of Trade, have accepted, and it is the opinion of Mr. Van Wickle, chairman of the committee of arrangements, and Mr. George H. Harries, secretary of the board, that this will be the largest excursion ever given. President Edson desires all the members and invited guests, as far as possible, to take the boat leaving at 10:30 and enjoy a full day's outing.

The committees of preparation of dinner and dinner service have the details well in hand and promise to see that this part of the excursion is successfully carried out. Mr. E. H. Droop, who has charge of the musical features, and Mr. C. F. Nesbit, in charge of the field games and sports, are both working up an attractive program. Mr. Nesbit says that, from the interest manifested in the base ball match, this feature will prove to be a most interesting part of the day's outing.

All members and their guests are requested to sign their names to the tickets before presenting them at the boat, in order that the committee may have a complete list of those attending. The steamer Pentz leaves the Randall wharf, which is at the foot of 7th street (first wharf), at 10:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.; returning, reaches Washington about 8 p.m. Light luncheon will be served at River View for those who go down on the early boat, and also on the second boat immediately after leaving Washington. Dinner will be served at 4:30.

OPPOSED TO APPLICATION.

Adverse Recommendation Respecting Request for Permit.

An adverse recommendation has been made to the District Commissioners by the engineer department on the application of Timothy Brosnan for permission to connect a hydrant with a water pipe laid in the rear of the premises 709 1st street northwest. In his application Mr. Brosnan stated that the water department insisted that he must connect the hydrant with the water main in the alley, which would cost about $30 and which he considered a hardship. He stated that he had just purchased the property.

H. L. Karpeles, acting chief clerk of the water department, in reporting adversely upon the application, says:

"About 1898 an unauthorized extension of water service pipe of 709 1st street northwest, to supply a water closet in the yard of the rear house was discovered, but investigation failing to show when or by whom the said extension was made, the matter was closed by the payment of the regular water rent by the rear house.

"In view of the fact that there is an available water main in front of the rear house, that authority to make the aforesaid connection was not obtained (and even if it had been, under order of the Commissioners of December 22, 1886, a separate water service would be required 'in case of alteration or repairs of the pipes and appendages'), and that permission to make extensions as herein requested is only granted where there is no available water main or likelihood of one being laid, I recommend the request be denied."

Captain Chester Harding assistant to the Engineer Commissioner under whose direction the matter comes, has, with Engineer Commissioner Beach, approved the recommendation.

NEGOTIATING FOR PURCHASE.

Proposition Looking to Transfer of Sand Dredging Plant.

Negotiations are in progress on the part of the Columbia National Sand Dredging Company, Phillip Mauro, president, for the purchase of the sand dredging plant of John B. Lord. The latter controls one of the large concerns engaged in that business, and owns the steam dredgers, tugs and scows that are needed in obtaining sand from the Potomac river and bringing it to this city. It is estimated that the equipment has a value of some $100,000.

The Columbia Company has an equally valuable plant. There are two other plants of this character. One is the Richards and the other the one operated by L. E. Smoot. The market for building sand here is mainly supplied through these agencies, and the total capital employed is about $400,000. The sand is dredged from the river in the vicinity of the Long bridge, and the loaded scows are towed to this city.

Building material of this sort is also obtained in small quantities from Rock creek, and there is what is known as "bank sand" which is also placed on the market. The latter is dug out from banks in the vicinity of the city, but the business does not reach the proportions of that by which the river sand is handled.

The product of the plants named is marketed through the agency of the Washington Sand Company, of which Mr. Henry Wells is the manager, and which is merely a seller, and does not operate a plant of its own.

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION.

Cincinnati's Grievance Before the Industrial Commission.

Mr. E. P. Wilson, secretary of the National Association of Manufacturers and various other trade organizations of Cincinnati, testified before the industrial commission today concerning railroad freight rates from the Ohio river southward. He said that Cincinnati and other western cities had suffered since 1879 from discrimination on the part of the railways in the carrying of merchandise and manufactured articles in the interest of the eastern seaboard. The case had, he said, been presented to the interstate commerce commission, but while the commission has recognized the injustice of it and had issued an order for the discontinuance of the practice no attention had been paid to it.

Mr. Charles W. Schwab, president of the United States steel corporation, has asked the industrial commission to change the date on which he was to appear before the commission to next Saturday. He says that he will certainly be presentat that time. The change has been made.

MEDALS FOR BRAVERY.

Board of Naval Officers Considering Operations Off Santiago.

The awards of medals for bravery during the naval operations off Santiago was taken up today at the meeting of the naval board on awards at the office of Acting Secretary of the Navy Hackett. The return of Admiral Luce, who is a member of the board, after an extended inspection tour in Porto Rico, permitted the board to resume the subject. Admirals Watson and Benham and Colonel Reid of the Marine Corps are also members of the board, with Mr. Hackett as chairman, and Lieut. Ward as recorder. A large number of designs for the medals of honor have been submitted by designers, some of them showing much artistic skill in bringing out the characteristic features of naval warfare.

Before considering these, however, the board passed upon many special cases of gallantry in the Philippine and China campaigns which have been brought to its attention since a former decision on these campaigns. The awards as to China and the Philippines are practically completed, although the list will be extended to include meritorious cases which may have been overlooked in the first instance.

Telegraphs in Central Africa.

Consul General Guenther, at Frankfort, informs the State Department of the reported completion of the Central African Telegraph Company, connecting at Brazzaville with Loange on the west coast, and that direct communication with Libreville may be had from any station of the English-Atlantic cable. The consul general adds that the telegraph system of the Congo State will ultimately be extended to Lake Tanganyika, where it will form a conjunction with the German East Africa system.

Virginia Postmaster Appointed.

C. W. Bledsoe was today appointed postmaster at Johnson, Scott county, Va., vice J. R. Robinett, resigned.

FINANCE AND TRADE

Sharp Break in Stocks on New York Exchange.

HARD DRIVE ON NORTHERN PACIFIC

During the Closing Hour Money Advanced to 25 Per Cent.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Liquidation on a large scale and a general yielding to the nervous tension of the last fortnight combined in producing a weak and excited stock market this morning. Rumor ran riot and fear was ill concealed in many quarters. The decline ran along without any material support, and, as is always the case, the good and bad issues declined together.

The numerous properties in which deals were the mainstay ran off easily and pool liquidation was given full headway. The market was demoralized and many of the mistakes made during the winter forced the inevitable accounting in a few hours today.

It would be useless to attempt a detailed description of the general market; all was confusion, and the desire to sell outweighed all other considerations.

The reasons for the setback varied from exhausted margins to reports of a rupture between two of the leading millionaire railroad interests.

Fluctuations were wide and