SPECIAL NOTICES.

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Having disposed of my stock, I am no longer located at 7th and D sts. n.w.
All persons owing me accounts are requested to pay same promptly, or my representative will call. WASH. B. WILLIAMS,
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TEN DOLLARS.
The best made.
One season's guarantee.
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Electrical Supplies,
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—A Steamer Load
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—6x20 SHINGLES
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These are prime Shingles, Nos. 1 and 2—"Hearts" and "Saps." They go on sale at once at the lowest market price.
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Nat'l Electrical Supply Co., 1417 NEW YORK AVENUE.
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The most attractive proposition ever extended the fashionable dressers of Washington—a proposition every man should profit by.
Owen, Tailor, 423 11th st.
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—on the face of
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WOULD YOU LIKE A NEW Porcelain Lined Bath Tub?
—Well, $35 is all it'll cost to put one in your —bath room!
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IMPORTANT NOTICE.
H. K. FULTON'S LOAN OFFICE, 314 9th st. n.w., will close SATURDAYS at 5 o'clock during August. jy29-3t

JOHNSON & BARROSS DESIRE TO ANNOUNCE that all accounts opened with them will be placed with McIntyre & Marshall, members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York, and all notifications and receipts will bear their signature.
JOHNSON & BARROSS,
Members of the New York Stock Exchange,
Tel. Main 400. (jy29-3t) 1335 F st.

OWING TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Potomac Insurance Company of the District of Columbia, which takes place on MONDAY, August 4, 1902, at 1 o'clock p.m., the books for the transfer of stock will be closed from July 28, 1902, to August 4, 1902, inclusive.
jy28-4t JEFFERSON PEARCE, Secretary.

THE AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST COMPANY hereby gives public notice that on the FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1902, it will redeem, at its office, No. 1405 G street northwest, in the city of Washington, D. C., series lettered "D" of its debenture bonds, dated November 1, 1887, as provided by the terms of said bonds, and interest will thereafter cease upon all such bonds not then presented for redemption.
C. J. BELL, President.
JAMES F. HOOD, Secretary. jy28-4t

PERSONAL TAX.
Let me assist you in preparing your schedule. Will bring blanks and take affidavit. Drop postal to S. J. ELOCK, 600 F st.,
jy26-12t,6 NOTARY PUBLIC.

"I NEVER DISAPPOINT."
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Give greater returns than other means you can adopt for advertising through the mails. We guarantee more replies per dollar of total outlay.
BYRON S. ADAMS,
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Big Fish Caught.

While fishing with hook and line at the pier of the Norfolk and Washington line steamers this morning, Mr. Bush Phillips hooked and landed a black catfish which weighed 9½ pounds and was about 30 inches long. Catches of big catfish in the harbor have been reported, but this is the largest fish of its kind landed so far this season with hook and line. Some few larger catfish have been caught in the nets below Alexandria.

Injured by a Fall.

Mr. Thomas Turney, about thirty-four years of age, living at 519 13th street northwest, fell from a scaffold this morning while working at the old Fairfax Hotel building at 14th and F streets, and injured his back. He refused to be taken to the Hospital and was removed to his home in patrol wagon No. 1. It is said that a broken board in the scaffolding is responsible for the fall.

The President
A Slave to Catarrh.
Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Relieves in 10 Minutes.
D. T. Sample, President of Sample's Installment Company, Washington, Pa., writes: "For years I was afflicted with Chronic Catarrh. Remedies and treatment by specialists only gave me temporary relief until I was induced to use Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. It gave almost instant relief.
Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure is for the Nerves, Heart and Blood.
Sold by F. S. WILLIAMS, 9th and F sts. 6

THE NAVAL VETERANS

Feature of G. A. R. Encampment Omitted.

THE REASONS GIVEN

SUGGESTION OF BATTLE SHIP CAME FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Meeting of Committee on Music to Be Held This Evening — Notes From Headquarters.

The prospective attendance of naval veterans on the forthcoming encampment of the G. A. R. occupied the attention of the officials at encampment headquarters this morning. The matter came up through an interview given out yesterday by Col. William H. Michael, chief clerk of the State Department and chairman of the subcommittee on the entertainment of veteran seamen, in the course of which the chairman explained why it would be impossible to construct a model of some famous wooden battle ship, as suggested recently by President Roosevelt. When this interview was published this morning several persons expressed a fear that the absence of a battle ship might lessen the attendance of navy veterans. From this point of view the matter took on an acute interest for Chairman Warner and Secretary Bulkley of the citizens' executive committee.

It was agreed at headquarters that the construction of a battleship on the White Lot would be a most desirable adjunct to the regular encampment. To build such a model would cost, however, not less than $3,500, which is much more than the citizens' committee could expend on one feature of the naval veterans' program of entertainment. Moreover, it is said, it was distinctly understood at the outset of the encampment preparations that no ship or any similar structure was to be built, and that all the original announcements to the naval veterans were made with this understanding. The idea of another ship like the model of the Kearsarge constructed ten years ago came from President Roosevelt. It would afford the committee the greatest pleasure, as Mr. Bulkley stated this morning, to act on any suggestion the President might make. But in this instance the committee is altogether without the necessary funds.

Col. Michael's Explanation.

Col. Michael's interview follows:

"I had a talk with the President, and he suggested that instead of again putting up the Kearsarge, which was erected on the White Lot ten years ago, we build a model of the old Hartford, on plans and specifications to be furnished by the Navy Department, which would make her precisely as she was when she entered service under Farragut. Acting upon the suggestion of the President, I wrote to the citizens' committee, and said that if I build the ship at all I would be glad to do what the President had suggested; that the Navy Department would build spars, masts, rigging, a wheel, binnacle, guns, anchors, awnings, in fact, everything required for equipping a ship; that the vessel would be built in such a way that the naval veterans could have their headquarters aboard of her, the cabin being sufficiently roomy for their meetings, receptions and banquets, and sufficient space provided for 200 cots and hammocks. A prominent jewelry firm in the city offered to loan candelabra and table silver sufficient for 100 plates, and a large furniture store was prepared to lend enough furniture for 2,000 people. Besides, arrangements had been made for obtaining flags, pennants and signal flags of all nations for decorating the ship.

Program as Outlined.

"The plan determined upon was to have a President's day, when we hoped Col. Roosevelt would deliver an address; and a Secretary of the Navy's day, when Mr. Moody would be invited to speak. There were to be addresses on naval subjects each day by distinguished speakers. On special evenings there would be dancing on the gun deck, just as ten years ago.

"The object was to provide a home and headquarters for all sailors visiting the city during encampment and to give them special recognition as the heroes representing 125,000 men who manned the ships from 1861 to 1865 and blockaded 3,000 miles of coast and made it impossible for foreign nations to interfere, and who did deeds unsurpassed in any other war. All that was asked of the citizens' committee was the small sum of $3,600 with which to buy lumber and paint and to pay for the labor of building and painting the vessel. This the committee was unwilling to give, and, therefore, it is to be presumed that the sailors will not feel inclined to accept such place and recognition as may be assigned to them."

Committee on Music.

A meeting of the committee on music has been called by Chairman E. B. Hay to be held at headquarters this evening at 8 o'clock. The following have been named as additional members of that committee: Dr. William Long, Mr. Carl B. Keferstein, Mr. Harry L. Richardson, Mr. Joseph Luckett, Lieut. D. L. Wilson and Mr. E. W. Stone.

Arthur S. Bostwick, secretary of encampment committee, I. F. Quinby Post, No. 400, Department of New York, G. A. R., with headquarters at Rochester, N. Y., has written to headquarters that his post is preparing to send a large delegation and a large contingent of the W. R. C. to the national encampment. Mr. Bostwick has made application for additional accomodations.

Col. James P. Averill, A. A. G., Department of Georgia, has made a request for bulletins of information and map of the city. The question of maps is now under discussion by the citizens' executive committee, and in view of Col. Averill's request orders will probably be given for the immediate printing of a large number.

John Strandler of Van Wert, Ohio; W. C. Fay of Dellwood, Mich., and J. H. Wade of Chicago, Ill., all members of the Grand Army, have made requests at headquarters for accommodations.

The 4th Army Corps Association will meet in the red parlor of the Ebbitt tomorrow evening. It is anticipated the attendance will be large as important details of the reunion program are to be discussed.

Case Sent to Grand Jury.

John R. Stewart, colored, was bound over to await the action of the grand jury, under $1,000 bonds, by Judge Kimball this morning. He was charged with making an assault with a dangerous weapon on Edward Scott, also colored.

According to the testimony, Stewart was standing in front of the home of his sweetheart in Southwest Washington, when Scott came along and asked him for a match to light his cigarette. Scott declared that Stewart made an insulting remark, and they had some words. He says he turned about and the first thing he knew Stewart struck him across the head with a razor, cutting a deep gash above the left eye. A second blow on the body cut Scott in the ribs.

The officers found the razor in the weeds near the scene of the affray.

Aged Couple in Custody.

William and Lizzie Malloy, an elderly couple, were brought before Judge Bundy this morning on a charge of vagrancy. An officer testified that he found them begging on 6th street northwest last night.

The old man told the court that he and his wife were from Columbus, Ohio, and that he was a veteran of the civil war, having served in the Union army. He said he came here to see about getting a pension, but on their way to Washington they lost three horses.

The wife declared that they were not begging, but that she had asked a housekeeper for work, and when informed there was none she asked for a cup of coffee, whereupon the officer took them in custody.

Judge Bundy released the pair on their personal bonds, and they said they would endeavor to go back to their former home.

LIGHT WINDS.

Partly Cloudy Weather Indicated for Tonight and Friday.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Friday: For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, partly cloudy tonight and Friday; light northeast to east winds.

For Virginia, partly cloudy tonight and Friday, with rain in southeast portion; light to fresh northeast to north winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast: The depression central over the Carolinas and Virginia Wednesday morning has filled up somewhat, although pressure continues relatively low in those states. An area of high pressure is moving eastward over the upper Mississippi valley, and a faint depression appears in northern Illinois.

Cloudy, showery weather continues in the eastern portion of the middle Atlantic states, and numerous showers and thunder storms occurred Wednesday along the south Atlantic coast, in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, northeastern Texas, the middle Missouri valley, Minnesota, and the upper lake region. During the last twelve hours heavy rains have fallen in northern Louisiana and central Arkansas.

Temperature changes have been unimportant.

Showers are probable tonight and Friday in the east gulf states and the Ohio valley. Showers are probable Friday in the south Atlantic and east gulf states, and locally in the middle Atlantic states.

Moderate temperature will prevail.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be mostly light northeast to east; on the south Atlantic and east gulf coasts light and variable, and on the lower lakes light to fresh westerly.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to fresh northeast to north winds and partly cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) has been reported during the past twenty-four hours: Shreveport, 2.68; Little Rock, 4.48; La Crosse, 1.16; Richmond, 3.52; Green Bay, 1.08; Newbern, N. C., 1.64; Greenville, Texas, 1.52; Longview, Texas, 2.72; Allendale, S. C., 1.84. Arkansas: De Queen, 1.92; Malvern, 2.10; Pine Bluff, 4.64; Prescott, 3.00; Russellville, 1.56; Texarkana, 2.64.

Records for Twenty-Four Hours.

The following were the readings of the thermometer and barometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four hours beginning at 2 p. m. yesterday:

Thermometer—July 30, 4 p. m., 75; 8 p. m., 71; 12 midnight, 71; July 31, 4 a. m., 71; 8 a. m., 73; noon, 80; 2 p. m., 82; maximum 82 at 2 p. m. July 31; minimum 70 at 5 a. m. July 31.

Barometer—July 30, 4 p. m., 29.98; 8 p. m., 30.02; 12 midnight, 30.02; July 31, 4 a. m., 30.03; 8 a. m., 30.08; noon, 30.09; 2 p. m., 30.08.

Maximum Temperatures.

The following is the maximum temperature in the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a.m. July 31, in the cities indicated, as reported to the weather bureau:

Eastport, Me	76	Chicago, Ill	90
Boston, Mass	62	Des Moines, Iowa	92
New York, N. Y	78	Omaha, Neb	92
Philadelphia, Pa	76	Salt Lake City	96
Atlantic City, N. J	76	Denver, Col	90
Washington, D. C	78	El Paso, Tex	100
Lynchburg, Va	86	Yuma, Ariz	106
Jacksonville, Fla	93	Spokane, Wash	84
Mobile, Ala	88	Portland, Oreg	82
New Orleans, La	94	Carson City, Nev	86
Galveston, Tex	86	San Francisco, Cal	64
Chattanooga, Tenn	88	Los Angeles, Cal	76
Buffalo, N. Y	82	San Diego	70

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 81; condition, 1; Dalecarlia reservoir, temperature, 82; condition at north connection, 1; condition at south connection, 30; Georgetown distributing reservoir, temperature, 81; condition at influent gatehouse, 31; condition at effluent gatehouse, 31; Washington city reservoir, temperature, 80; condition at influent, 36; condition at effluent, 36.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide, 11:00 a.m. and 11:12 p.m.; high tide, 4:08 a.m. and 4:39 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 11:59 a.m.; high tide, 5:12 a.m. and 5:46 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Today—Sun rises, 4:57 a.m.; sun sets, 7:16 p.m.

Moon rises 2:29 a.m. tomorrow.

Tomorrow—Sun rises, 4:58 a.m.

The City Lights.

The city lights and naphtha lamps all lighted by thirty minutes after sunset; extinguishing begun one hour before sunrise. All arc and incandescent lamps lighted fifteen minutes after sunset and extinguished forty-five minutes before sunrise.

ROAD BUILDING.

A Special Train to Be Run Through the Northwest.

The Agricultural Department has had placed at its disposal by the Great Northern Railroad Company a special train for the transportation of representatives of the office, engineers, road builders and road machinery to be used in practical object lessons in road building.

The train will be operated under the direction of Martin Dodge, director of public road inquiries of the Department of Agriculture; Col. R. W. Richardson and James W. Abbott, western representatives of the department.

The train will start from Chicago August 15 and will reach Minneapolis early in September, where demonstrations of theoretical and practical road building will be given at the state fair grounds during fair week. At the close of the fair the train will continue westward to the Pacific coast, stopping at the principal cities on the way, at each of which practical demonstrations of good road building will be given.

The chief aim will be to show what can be done with such road material as can be found in the vicinity of the various cities to be visited, introducing practical road machinery and the most improved methods of road construction.

DAMAGED BY FIRE.

Loss of Over $8,000 Caused Last Night.

A fire last night in the clothing store of Block & Co., at 625 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, damaged the stock to the extent of over $8,000. The blaze was discovered at about 9:20 o'clock, and it is believed to have been caused by a live electric wire coming in contact with the ceiling in the rear of the store.

The flames spread rapidly, but the firemen succeeded in keeping them confined to the first two floors. The smoke was dense and greatly interfered with the fire fighters, and the rear entrance and upper windows had to be broken in.

Smoke and water, it is said, worked most of the damage to the stock, which was covered by insurance.

Was Not Miss Nash.

Detective Peck and Mr. Frank Nash returned yesterday afternoon from Waynesboro', Va., where they went Tuesday in response to a telegram stating that the missing Miss Louise G. Nash was believed to be there. Upon their arrival at Waynesboro' the lady had gone to Staunton, Va., where they followed.

When they saw the young woman yesterday morning Mr. Nash at the first glance realized that the trip had been in vain. It proved to be Miss Farrar. Her resemblance to Miss Nash is said to be striking. Miss Farrar is also a school teacher.

Examiner Serven in Charge.

Mr. A. R. Serven, who is ordinarily sufficiently in demand as chief examiner of the civil service commission, today became temporary commissioner. This promotion is due to the absence of all three commissioners from the city, and will continue only until September 1, when Mr. Foulke is expected to return.

Are Paid in Mexican Currency.

Manila papers received at the War Department show a great deal of discontent among the teachers at the conditions existing. The principal complaint is that they are paid in Mexican currency instead of in United States money. In the communications which some teachers submitted they argued that the teachers should be placed under the civil service and not subjected to the one man power.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

P street northwest between 14th and 15th streets—Cecelia Howard et vir, Henry, to Riggs Market Company, lots 64 to 70, square 210; $10.

Dobbins' addition—Nellie L. Gatins to Joseph D. and Mary R. Clark, lot 35, square 20; $10.

North Columbia Heights—George P. Robinson et al., to Fannie W. Graham, lots 1, 33 and 34, block 6; $3,589.77.

F street southwest between 10th and 11th streets—William W. Riley to Charles W. and Annie I. Sheaffer, lot 6, square 354; $1,800.

Holmead Manor—Frederick S. Smith to Sara A. Brown, south ½ lot 63, block 43; $100.

No. 927 9th street northwest—Elias Simon to Simon & Gustave Oppenheimer, part original lots 6 and 7, square 403; $10.

Thirty-fifth and U streets northwest—Preston B. Ray to Edson B. and Mabel B. Olds, lots 1 and 2, square 1294; $10.

Long Meadows—Agnes C. Brandes to John Steinmetz, lot 144, block 27; $10.

Whittingham—M. Elizabeth Browning et vir, John W, to George W. Jones and L. Annie Jones, lots 45 and 46; $400.

C street northeast between 11th and 12th streets—Aaron R. Townsend et ux. to John H. Bryant, lots 30, 31, 32, square 986; $10.

Petworth—Irwin B. Linton et al., trustees, to Hugh Govern, lot 15 and south half lot 16, square 69; $5.

O street southwest between South Capitol and Half streets—Almeda Hazen et al. to Ernest C. Hazen, part lot 36, square 653; $10.

Q and North streets northwest—Daniel Shockey et ux. to Mattie R. Slater, lot 88, square west of 1286; $10.

THE COURTS.

Circuit Court No. 1—Justice Hagner. Cralle agt. Standiford; fiat on sci. fa.

Probate Court—Justice Hagner. In re Charles B. Horner et al.; petition of F. R. Horner for appointment as guardian filed. Estate of Ellen J. Campbell; will fully proved. Estate of Hannah Adams; will dated June 1, 1879, filed with petition for probate. Estate of Israel Buchanan, order appointing guardian ad litem. Estate of Margaret Connolly; order of publication. Estate of William Robinson; account passed. Estate of Washington Johnson; do. In re Henry Charles Hallam et al.; do. Estate of Anton Bohn; do. In re Francis E. Taylor; order appointing William V. Mahoney guardian; bond, $1,000. Estate of Beverly Morris; petition for letters of administration filed. Estate of Hermann H. Muller; will dated November 6, 1895, filed. Estate of Ellen J. Campbell; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Charles W. Critchfield; bond, $1,000. Estate of Charlotte L Mayfield; will and codicil fully proved. Estate of John Roche; affidavit in lieu of account filed. Estate of Andrew Martin; notice to creditors issued. Estate of John R. Dale, sr.; proof of publication filed. Estate of Wm. T. Hord; account of sales filed. In re Howard H. Clarke et al.; inventory filed. Estate of Fannie Moyers; do.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following:

White—John W. Lambath and Mollie Alexander; George J. Hall of Jacksonville, Fla., and Frances M. Sullivan of New York, N. Y.; John W. Wood of Montgomery county, Md., and Alice O. Lyman of this city; Arthur W. Swenson and Lena F. Weaver.

Colored—William Durbin and Annie Brownley, both of Baltimore, Md.; Frank L. Hargrove and Martha Douglass; Robert Gray and Sienna Brown; Marshall Brown and Lula Key; George O. Edwards and Mary L. Whitney; Arthur Hall and Janie Brown; Charles D. Lee of Norfolk, Va., and Mary E. Evans of this city; Nathaniel Overton and Mary E. Tilghman.

Deaths in the District.

The following deaths were reported at the health office during the twenty-four hours ending at noon today:

Wilhelmine Wetzell, 67 years; Isabella Messon, 63 years; John Weems, 61 years; John W. Ross, 61 years; Addie M. Houston, 59 years; Mary C. Henry, 47 years; Maggie J. McKinney, 43 years; John R. Sewell, 42 years; Clarence Chase, 36 years; A. W. Grafton, 28 years; Lena Peyton, 23 years; Roberta M. Sweeney, 6 months; Thomas A. Busch, 3 months; Catherine L. Rahn, 3 months; infant of Mary and Henry Taylor, 1 month; Bernard I. Boland, 30 days; Leslie A. Whitter, 23 days; infant of Julian and Elizabeth Brown, 1 day.

New Buoys Established.

New buoys were recently established in the channel over the Mattawoman shoals and are reported as follows:

Potomac river, Md.—Mattawoman Shoal buoy No. 25, a black spar, temporarily established, pending the completion of the cut, July 23, in 24 feet of water, to mark the edge of the dredged cut through the shoal: Indian Head, northeast one-half east; Chimney on house, Stump neck, south by west three-eighths west; Freestone Point, north-northwest.

Mattawoman Shoal buoy No. 25½, a black spar, was temporarily established, pending the completion of the cut, July 23, in twenty-four feet of water, to mark the edge of the dredged cut through the shoal; Freestone Point, northwest one-fourth north; Indian Head, northeast one-half east; Cockpit Point, west-southwest one-fourth west. Mattawoman Shoal buoy No. 27, a black spar, was temporarily established, pending the completion of the cut, July 23, in twenty-four feet of water, to mark the edge of the dredged cut through the shoal; Indian Head, northeast three-fourths east; Deep Point, south one-fourth west; Freestone Point, northwest by west one-half west.

Main ship channel, Chesapeake bay, Md.—Thomas Point Shoal buoy, No. 29, was changed from a spar to a black second-class can, for the summer season, on July 26.

Eastern bay, Md.—Kent Island Spit buoy, No. 1, was changed from a spar to a black second-class can, for the summer season, on July 26.

Back river, Va.—Entrance North Channel buoy, No. 4, a red spar, reported adrift June 2, was replaced July 17.

Disorderly Assembly.

Nicholas Harris, George Tucker, George Williams, Robert West and William Walker, all colored, were fined $5, with fifteen days each as the equivalent, by Judge Bundy today, on a charge of disorderly assembly.

The police of the first precinct were notified yesterday afternoon that a crap game was in progress on C street near 10th street northwest. Officers Sampson, Carrell, Acton, Sanford, Wolf, Downs, Murphy and Graff started out to run in the party. They executed a flank movement and came up unexpectedly on the gamesters, several of whom endeavored to escape, but all were captured after an exciting chase. The bones were lost in the scuffle, and hence the charge of unlawful assembly.

Naval Orders.

Lieut. H. C. Poundstone has been granted three months' sick leave.

Midshipman E. S. Land to the Oregon.

Surgeon E. R. Stitt to New York, thence to this city for duty at the Naval Museum of Hygiene and Medical School.

Passed Assistant Surgeon S. G. Evans from the Port Royal station to the hospital, Norfolk, Va.

Passed Assistant Surgeon C. D. Langhorne from the hospital at Philadelphia to the Port Royal Hospital.

Chief Gunner M. W. Gilmartin from the powder magazine, Lake Denmark, N. J., to Cramp's ship building yard in connection with the fitting out of the Maine, and on board that vessel when commissioned.

Gunner A. S. Williams has been retired.

Warrant Machinist W. P. Little from the Bagley to duty in connection with the fitting out of the Maine at Cramp's yard, and on board that vessel when commissioned.

Gunner W. Zeitler from the Panther to the League Island, Pa., yard.

Acting Gunner G. A. Messing from the Hartford to the Panther.

Mate G. E. Plander to the Naval Academy.

Chaplain J. F. Fleming to the training station, Naragansett bay.

Acting Gunner L. Roll from the Hartford to Newport News, in connection with fitting out the Arkansas, and on board that vessel when commissioned.

OLD SOLDIERS TO ACT

New Organization for Political Purposes Only.

ARE IN DEAD EARNEST

CLAIMED TO BE ATTRACTING WIDE-SPREAD INTEREST.

Unification of Vote of All Persons Who Fought for Their Country Anticipated.

Col. Stratton of the Post Office Department, who is secretary of the new soldiers' political organization known as the Soldiers' Political League, recently organized in this city, talked entertainingly today of what it is expected to accomplish.

"In the first place, the order enjoins secrecy in regard to all its operations now and henceforward, and, while there is much that would be interesting to the readers of the press, even startling, if I may use the word, yet the conditions are such that it would not be good policy to disclose what is being done at this time. However, I am not averse to saying that, in all my experience in connection with organizations, political and otherwise, I have never seen anything to equal the almost phenominal spontaniety of sentiment that has been aroused all over the country in favor of a widespread organization of the league. I shall be surprised if there are not at least a thousand subleagues organized throughout the country before the Grand Army of the Republic encampment meets here in October, at least before election day."

Why It Was Organized.

"What has given rise to this sudden uprising on the part of the old soldiers to unite politically for a common object?" Col. Stratton was asked.

"My answer to that question is simply from an individual viewpoint when I say that it is a matter of patriotic impulse, born of a desire to thwart the machinations of those who are in a position to discriminate, humiliate, relegate or degrade, if you please, the old soldier simply on the ground that he is an old soldier. In other words, the old soldier has learned from experience not to put his faith any more in princes or pretenders; that latterly he is only looked upon as good material for spread-eagle speeches on the Fourth of July or Memorial day exercises. He has awakened to the fact as well as to a full realization of the situation that his future hopes and fortunes lie in the direction of being able to command or demand through the medium of his political strength that for which he has heretofore had to supplicantly beg, and he has tired of it and proposes to assume the aggressive in mad earnest. In fact, I never saw him so earnest and determined."

Estimate of Political Strength.

"What do you estimate the soldiers' political strength at the present time, if united?"

"Well, one can only approximate, but, if there are a million survivors on the pension rolls of the government, it is fair to presume that, with the large circle of relationship, both male and female, running down to grandsons and granddaughters, married and unmarried, that surround and are interested in 'pap's' pension, not mentioning persons in every city, town and hamlet in the country who get a slice of this quarterly government stipend, I would say that the solution of the 16 to 1 problem had been at last discovered.

"In other words, whereas the old soldier a few years ago had only his own solitary vote to cast for a favorite candidate, he has now sixteen to bear it company. This estimate might be subject to revision, but in my opinion is not far out of the way, and I think a practical test will be made at this fall's election in the way of selecting some shining mark in the way of a political lamb for slaughter, if for no other purpose than to give a practical demonstration of what a long pull, a strong pull, a pull all together will accomplish.

"If successful, the unification or consolidation of the soldier vote is complete and needs only organized effort to hold it in line. If some of the combinations now contemplated materialize, other elements will be fused with the soldier vote which will make it the most formidable political organization in the world."

Advantage of Secrecy.

"Why make the organization secret? Could you not accomplish as much without secrecy?"

"No, because if it were not secret many of its members might be easily led into temptation and otherwise debauched. There is nothing like machine methods to run politics."

"What is meant by machine methods?"

"Well, take the municipal system of the city of Philadelphia as an illustration. That city is divided into wards and precincts. Over each of these is a political boss, or ward leader, who belongs to the party in power. Every policeman, fireman or other employe who holds his place, no matter how humble it may be, holds it under tenure of fealty to the machine. By this means is built up and maintained a strong and powerful organization that is hard to dislodge or disrupt. So, likewise, this organization will be formed along just such lines, with the exception that the environments that surround each and every member will be more binding or strenuous than the Philadelphia plan, because we haven't the patronage as yet to dispense. But the man who seeks to betray the order, or sell it out to the highest bidder, will do so on the explicit understanding or penalty of being branded as a perjured villain or cowardly traitor. No man, however high his station, or boundless his wealth, or little, will receive the aid or co-operation of the order who cannot produce the ticket. The last ditch has been reached and we propose to stand or fall in its defense.

Civil and Political.

"Some of the soldiers' organizations have taken up the political feature. The Union Veterans' Union, for instance, has incorporated such a plank in its platform, but the trouble is that the order, to be successful, must of necessity divest itself of all the old-fashioned soldier paraphernalia that now surrounds it and which really could not be done without destroying the identity of the order.

"Therefore, the patent lever attachment about to be engrafted on the parent trunk would not suit the boys who are now clamoring loudly for a brand-new organization with politics as its principal feature, and with just enough of the old-soldier seasoning introduced to give it a military flavoring.

"Its equipment will, therefore, partake more of the civil and political than of the military usages that abound at present in all our fraternal soldier orders. The Grand Army of the Republic forbids politics to be discussed in that order, and it is best that the custom should prevail for obvious reasons in that old parent organization.

"A great many misguided, misinformed and quasi friends of the old soldiers who write articles on the theory that the main object of this new order is to increase pensions, are, to put it mildly, numbskulls. These are the fellows who would pass a law if they could making it a penal offense for old soldiers to combine politically for mutual benefit. They advocate absolute inertia as the proper method to secure official favor or respectful attention.

Repeal of Retirement Law.

"About one of the first things the new organization will do when it gets into line will be to ask for the repeal of the present odious retirement law, which gives to a man who was educated at government expense and sworn to defend its flag against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, and who afterward fought four years to destroy that flag, a retirement for life with the rank and emoluments of a major general, while the faithful government clerk, who served in the Union army four long years—and the balance of his life to the present time in the government service—is given a discharge, with a kick and a curse for his fealty and fidelity.

"If this is justice the boys want to know it. The officers have always had the plums and the privates the seeds. A change is about to be inaugurated. Watch the clock."

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COMING OF MILLENNIUM.

Alleged Prophecy of an Infant Near Warsaw, in Russia.

"In one year's time there will be a great war between the world powers, and in three years we will witness the coming of the millennium."

This startling prophecy, it is declared, was a short time ago made by a male child only three months old born in a small village near Warsaw, Russia. Mr. S. Berlin, a 7th street merchant, recently received a letter from his father in Russia relating the incident. According to the letter the mother left the home for a few moments and told her seven-year-old daughter to look after the babe.

For some reason the little girl became frightened and began to cry, when, according to the letter, she was startled to hear the three-months-old baby address her plainly with the words: "Don't cry; mamma will be back soon." This unexpected speech from such a source scared the girl still more, and she ran out of the house in search of her mother, to whom she related the incident. The mother immediately went in to the baby and began questioning him, and finally the boy spoke again and said: "Send for the rabbi."

The rabbi was immediately called and several of the neighbors who had noticed the excited state of affairs about the house also dropped in to ascertain the cause of the commotion. When the rabbi entered the room where sat the prodigy the baby refused to speak until he and the rabbi were left alone, and when the room had been cleared, it is said, he gave utterance to the prophecy mentioned previously.

A few days after Mr. Berlin received his letter with the story of the wonderful child another gentleman in Washington received a letter from a different party relating the same incident as that told in the first letter. It is said that the prediction has created great consternation among the Jews of Russia, as, naturally, it was calculated to do.

Several Hebrews told a reporter for The Star that, according to the Torah, the millennium is due in about three or four years, and they seemed much impressed by the reports that have come from Russia. They consider this prophecy as a verification or reminder of the approaching reign of the Jews. The destruction of the Mahometan and anti-Christian kingdoms and the restoration of the seed of Abraham to the favor of God, they say, are all that is necessary to the introduction of the millennium.

With a Palm in His Hand.

William H. Roane, colored, was arrested about 10 o'clock last night at 7th and P streets northwest by Detective Trumbo and was locked up at station No. 2. Roane was found with a large palm in his possession which he was trying to sell for a quarter to different parties on 7th street. When placed under arrest he tried hard to get away, but the detective soon had him walking along peaceably.

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