

LENIENCY IN COURT

CONFERENCE REGARDING RELEASES ON PERSONAL BONDS.

Result of Report Recently Made to Commissioner West and His Action Thereon.

Judge Lewis I. O'Neal of the Police Court and Major Richard Sylvester, superintendent of police, held a conference in the mayor's office late Saturday evening relative to the matter of the release in Police Court on their personal bonds of a large number of persons offending against the laws of the District. As a result of the conference, it is stated, Judge O'Neal has declared that in exceptional cases, when the court thinks there are extenuating circumstances, will offenders be released by the court on their personal bonds in the future.

The conference was brought about by a letter from Commissioner West to Judge O'Neal, stating the substance of a report made by the Commissioner to the Mayor relative to the large number of persons released on personal bonds from the 1st of August until September 10.

The text of this letter from Commissioner West to Judge O'Neal is as follows: "I am in receipt of a detailed statement from the Mayor and Superintendent of Police showing that from August 1 to September 19 personal bonds were accepted in 645 District cases and 32 United States Police Court cases."

"While a very large number of these cases were for minor infractions of the law, there are a number of cases involving concealed weapons and forty-one cases of fast running of street cars, automobiles and bicycles.

Appreciating your earnest desire to cooperate with the authorities, I bring the facts to your attention with the statement that it is represented to me that the efforts of the police to enforce the laws are largely neutralized by the leniency of the sentences."

Difficulties the Police Encounter.

Upon receipt of the letter Judge O'Neal called on Major Sylvester, and the two officials talked the matter over. The major discussed with the judge the effect of the court's decisions on lawbreakers, and called his attention to the difficulty the police encounter in preventing violations of the law when they think they will be let off by the court without being more severely punished and warning not to repeat the offense.

The carrying of concealed weapons, it was pointed out, is a serious offense, and according to the laws of the District is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

It is stated that during the period between August 1 and September 10 about 3,000 cases were before Judge O'Neal for disposition, and of this number 977 were released on personal recognizance.

FOR WASHINGTON ASYLUM.

Building Inspector Suggests a Central Heating and Lighting Plant.

Building Inspector Snowden Ashford, in his estimate of funds required for the construction of the Washington Asylum, 1905, which has just been submitted to the Commissioners, requests that an appropriation of \$89,000 be made for the erection of a central heating, ventilating and lighting plant for the building located on the grounds of the Washington Asylum. Mr. Ashford states that he believes it is in the interest of economy to have a central heating plant, rather than equipping each of the fifteen buildings on the grounds with individual plants.

Mr. Ashford also requests an additional appropriation of \$3,500 for the construction of the proposed new quarantine station on the Washington Asylum grounds. He says that he makes this request for additional funds in order that it may not be necessary to reduce the size of the station, which will be necessary if the cost of the structure is kept within the amount of the original appropriation. The sum of \$500 is requested for the erection of a stable alongside the morgue, and for purchasing tools, and for labor in conducting tests of malleable materials for fire-proof buildings, he asks an appropriation of \$1,000.

Among other things, Mr. Ashford states in his estimate that he believes there should be a board of examiners for architects and builders and another board for the examination of elevator operators. Each board would consist of three members, and would probably, with fees, be made self-sustaining. If not self-sustaining for the first year, he suggests an appropriation of \$1,200 for the former and \$600 for the latter.

Mr. G. B. Coleman, superintendent of repairs in his estimates for the next fiscal year asks for \$25,000 for the purchase of a new repair shop for the District and \$10,000 for the repair and improvement of existing shops and grounds. The amount appropriated for this purpose for the current year was \$8,500.

WANTS CHANGE IN RULES.

Typographical Union to Secure Concession From Civil Service Commission.

The monthly meeting of the Columbia Typographical Union was held yesterday afternoon at the temple on G street. After the transaction of routine matters, a committee was appointed to secure, if possible, a change in ruling by the civil service commission so that compositors temporarily appointed in the government printing office may be carried on the registration books from year to year through an annual application for renewal of registry. At present they must stand repeated examinations. The union has taken the stand that one examination is sufficient to determine the compositor's ability, and should the commission believe congressional action is necessary for the accomplishment of this reform the committee is authorized to take the matter to Congress.

The announcement was made that a referendum vote would be taken in the several chapels during the month of October on the questions which arose at the recent international convention at St. Louis, including the eight-hour day and proposed amendments to the constitution.

The union endorsed the boycott started by the ironworkers in New Britain, Conn., against the American Hardware Company. A motion was passed to impose a fine of \$5 upon violators of the order of the union. A report was made by T. J. Rowe, chairman of the committee to raise funds for an addition to the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs. During the last few months \$18,650 was collected. The committee was retained.

Soldiers Charged With Assault.

Henry C. Gootee and Thomas E. Gootee, the soldiers who are alleged to have participated in a barroom fight in South Washington Friday night, were arrested by the police of the fourth precinct yesterday and locked up to answer a charge of assault. The police experienced no trouble in getting military authorities in getting the men after they learned their names. John N. Paxton, their alleged assailant, was unable to appear in court this morning and the case was continued until Friday morning.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN UNDER FAVORABLE AUSPICES.

Permits Issued to 1,945 Pupils—Business in Corporation Court—General Items.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., September 19, 1904.

The annual session of the public schools of Alexandria opened this morning under auspicious circumstances. During the vacation the condition of the school rooms has been improved, and further repairs have been ordered by the school board. The scholastic year begins with a total enrollment of 1,945 scholars, which is an increase over the number of permits issued for the corresponding period of last year. Permits were then issued to 1,854 pupils—580 to white boys, 668 to white girls; 275 to colored boys, 332 to colored girls. Of the total this year there are 630 white boys, 640 white girls; 234 colored boys, 381 colored girls, aggregating 1,945. The work in the various school rooms today was devoted principally to the organization of classes. No more permits will be issued until Monday, September 26. After that, permits will be issued every Monday morning at the school building for the remainder of the season. The term will continue until June 15.

In the Corporation Court. The only remaining criminal case of those on the docket in the corporation court this week is that of a criminal docket last week with passing counterfeit money. Smith was arrested for purchasing a railroad ticket with a note that had been raised from \$2 to \$20. His case was set for next Wednesday. After that, permits will not be opened until later, as Judge Barley is now out of the city.

The corporation court worked early and held a docket criminal docket last week. Although the September term is not a regular grand jury term, Judge Barley thought it best to convene a special grand jury for the disposition of the cases that had accumulated.

The jury in the case of Richard Burnett, charged with a full criminal docket last week, which was opened Friday morning, reported at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon that no verdict was reached. As that was the second report of that nature Judge Barley ordered the jury discharged. The defendant was released on bond in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance before the court on October 17. He was defended by Attorney Machen and Moncreur. Commonwealth Attorney Brent conducted the prosecution.

The case of Guy Edmonston, indicted for stealing \$20 in cash and a gold watch from C. Taylor, was taken up later. The defendant was represented by Attorney Moncreur and Howard Smith. They made strong appeals to the jury. Commonwealth Attorney Brent, in closing his argument, referred to the youth of the accused and suggested a light sentence. A verdict of not guilty was returned. James Lewis and William McCoy, both colored, pleaded guilty to the indictment on the charge of stealing \$90 and a gold watch, and were sentenced each to one year in the penitentiary.

General and Personal.

William Faber, an employee of the Southern Railroad Company, who was injured in an accident Sunday, was brought to the Alexandria Hospital last night suffering from a broken leg and a number of cuts and bruises. It is stated that his injuries were inflicted in a fall from a car step at Broad Run station yesterday afternoon, but the details were meager. He was attended by Dr. M. W. O'Brien, the local physician.

The regular meeting of the board of police commissioners, which will be held next Wednesday evening, will be the first since the installation of Mayor Parr, who is ex officio president of the board. It is understood that the new mayor will suggest plans for certain changes in the government of the police force.

Mr. C. C. Carlin, democratic presidential elector for this district, has gone to Culpeper to speak at a meeting of a democratic mass meeting, which will open the campaign in Culpeper county. Representative Huxey and Representative Swanson will deliver addresses before the gathering.

Miss Julia Demaine left Saturday for Lynchburg, Va., where she entered as a student in the Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Mr. W. B. Dalgnerfield, who has been spending a part of the summer in West Virginia, has returned to Alexandria.

Good Templar Lodges Meet.

Silver Star Lodge, No. 20, Independent Order of Good Templars, met in Good Templar hall, the Brookville road, Tenleytown, Thursday evening. It was the second in a series of meetings open to the public, and was in charge of Company B. The special program was preceded by a temperance song service. Mrs. Emma Corbey, pianist, accompanying. Grand Chief Templar, Mr. A. E. Shoemaker, chairman, gave an address setting forth the object of the meeting and dwelling upon the many phases of Good Templar work and the relations of the order to kindred organizations. Mrs. Nellie Bangster gave recitations both serious and humorous, and vocal and instrumental solos. Mrs. Corbey entertained with piano recitals, and Mr. James J. Smith, violin soloist. Mrs. Corbey accompanying.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 2, I. O. G. T., met in Scottish Rite Hall, 910 Pennsylvania avenue, Saturday evening. There was a large attendance, including visitors from Minnesota and Virginia. Miss Blanche Neff, past chief templar, presided. Mrs. A. H. Frear, pianist, leading in the service of songs and plays. An amusing drawing game was played, which Mr. Wm. Green secured the prize.

After this a program arranged by Mrs. J. Bryson was followed as follows: The Misses Neff and Tennyson and Messrs. Rolfe and Stecker gave vocal solos. Mrs. Corbey accompanied. The select readings; Mrs. J. R. Harrover gave an address upon the great progress made in the last two years by several Good Templar lodges in the vicinity of Boston; Mr. R. E. Smith of Faith Lodge announced a recital to be held in his lodge next Tuesday evening. Recitals were given by Miss Gailher, piano solos by Mrs. Frear and Mrs. Conger, and by Mr. Russell, a conundrum by Mr. Frear, and an address by Mrs. Frear, in which she paid a high tribute to Good Templar. Miss Tennyson read a report from the committee preparing for a public entertainment by the lodge in the near future.

Congregation Decides to Build Church.

The members of St. Martin's parish met in their hall last evening to hear the final report from their recent law party. An encouraging report was read by Father Hannan, and the members present immediately decided to begin raising funds for the new church to be erected on the lot on the corner of North Capitol and T streets.

The following committees were appointed to arrange for an entertainment and eucharist: Committee on prizes—Mrs. Ruel, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Mrs. Boland and Mr. R. McDonald; committee on printing and advertising—Jas. S. McDonough, Edw. F. Carthy and Everett S. Beal; committee on arrangements—Jos. D. Clark, chairman; P. McCarthy, E. S. Neagle, Chas. Goodchild, George A. Ward, S. A. Burns, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Ruel, Mrs. Boland, Mrs. Beal, Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Jas. Simpson, Miss Ragan, Miss M. Boland, Miss N. Martin.

Mr. Ronald McDonald was elected chairman of the executive committee and Mr. Jas. S. McDonough, secretary.

Property Clerk's Annual Report.

Property Clerk R. D. Simms today submitted to the Commissioners the report of the operations of the District property clerk's office for the fiscal year ended June 30 last. During the past year the sum of \$325,295.63 was expended for supplies for the various departments of the District, other than the police department. The amount of salaries paid to employees of the office was \$8,811.

LAST RITES PERFORMED.

Interment of the Remains of A. Roland Johnson. The remains of A. Roland Johnson, a former patent attorney in Washington, who died last week in Denver, Col., were interred in Oak Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon, Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, officiating.

Church Corner Stone Placed.

With appropriate ceremonies the corner stone of the new Bethel Baptist Church, colored, at 15th and Erie streets northwest, was laid yesterday afternoon. The Ancient Order Knights of Jerusalem had

charge. About 300 members were present. They marched to the site from the central portion of the city, headed by a band and accompanied by a throng of people.

Addresses were made by George W. McKemie, Carter Purdy, state's grand general of Ninrod Encampment; Sir Knight Marshal Edmund Jackson, state's grand secretary; Mrs. Lena Jackson and Rev. E. F. Rice of Virginia. Before the stone was set modern coins, a record of the church

and a resolution from the Knights of Jerusalem were placed in it.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies a canvass of the throng of several hundred was made for the purpose of securing donations to the house of the debt still hanging over the church, and about \$150 was realized.

Representative N. D. Sperry of New Haven was renominated by the second Con-

Fitted School Companions Free With School Shoes, \$1.00. We're making a great stir with our dollar School Shoes. You have choice here of several kinds of leather, and these made up in several styles.

S. MANN'SONS & CO. 8th St. & PA. AVE. THE BUSY CORNER. 50c. Top Collars for 25c. And From Japan, Too. The Japanese do the daintiest kind of needlework. They have exhibited their great skill in making these pretty Turn-down Top Collars.

TIMELY SALES FOR WOMEN WHO WOULD ECONOMIZE ON FALL DRESSES.

Silks UNDERPRICE—Wool Dress Goods UNDERPRICE—and the Linings that ought to go with them UNDERPRICE. Also a bargain opportunity in Sewing Machines for making up the materials into smart fall costumes and gowns. Truly a timely and attractive combination of buying advantages. The offerings are new goods—the things that will make fall and winter a season of charming, yet practical attire. Reductions in these sales are astonishingly large.

THE LININGS. Dressmakers' Lining Cambric, in all colors and black, a yard 27c. 39c. Bengaline Velour, in black only. Sale price, a yd. 19c. 36-inch Mercerized Luster-finish Satens, all colors and fast black. Usually 23c. a yard. Special at 12 1/2c. 36-inch Shadow Silks, in all colors and fast black. Usually 12 1/2c. a yard. Special at 7 1/2c.

THE SILKS. New Buckingham Sacking, \$1.69. We are the Washington agents for this fashionable new silk fabric. The material is registered and is a new nub weave, every thread silk, that will make up into the prettiest and most stylish of gowns or wraps.

The Wool Dress Goods. 48-inch Zibeline Plaids, in a splendid assortment of color combinations. Splendid for making school dresses. A yard 49c. 88-inch All-wool Zibeline and Chevot, in a splendid assortment of fall and winter colorings; also checks and variations. A yard 49c.

Enamel Ware, Worth 50c. to 75c., at 39c. On sale Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Some sell regularly at 50c.; most are worth 75c., a few \$1.00. Fifteen different kinds, of which half are doubtless needed in your own kitchen. Tea Kettles. Berlin Kettles. Lipped Water Pails. Dresden Kettles. Dresden Sauce Pans. Water Pails. Straight Sauce Pans. Double Boilers.

Laces. 10,000 yards Fine Machine-made Torchon Laces and Insertions, 1 to 4 inches wide, usual 5c. to 12c. qualities, at a yard 2 1/2c. 15,000 yards Fine Point de Paris and Valenciennes Laces and Insertions, all complete match sets, 1 to 6 inches wide. Worth up to 25c. a yard. Sale price 8 1/2c. White, Butter and Ecu Venice and Oriental All-over Laces, in a choice range of patterns, 18 inches wide. Just what is required for making evening waists and wraps. 8c. and \$1.00 59c. First Floor.

\$1.00 to \$3.00 "R. & G." Corsets, "Seconds," 59c. Save nearly half to four-fifths of what these are worth. Imperfections are slight—you have to be told of them. These corsets are in white, black, light blue and lavender. Made of batiste or coutil and in long, short and medium waist; some Princess hip style among them. Many have garters front and side, and some with garter extensions. They are lace and ribbon trimmed. On sale first floor bargain tables tomorrow morning at a pair, 59c.

Sale of Sample and Pieced Comforts. Sewing Machines, Drop-head or box top, Bail-bearing, Guaranteed for 5 years, \$14.49

Unusual opportunity at the right time. 5 dozen only of the sample comforts. Silkoline covers, with good, clean cotton filling. Some are tufted, others scroll stitched. They are comforts we sell regularly at \$1.25. 98c. Sale price is... The Pieced Comforts. Usual \$2.75 Comforts, \$1.98. Usual \$2.98 Comforts, \$2.25. Usual 98c. Comforts, 88c.

Silk Street Suits, \$11.75. Pleated Waists and 9-gore Pleated Skirt. A bargain that women who like nice clothes will recognize instantly. We bought them much under the usual price. The silks are a noted French maker's finest extract silks. There is but one style—broad, full-pleated front waist and full 9-gore open pleat seams. All sizes. The other patterns are rich blue or brown grounds, with distinct fine dashes of white—a sort of Jasper effect.

Cut Price Sale of Table Linens. With a new season ahead and the savings so large it's a sale that will be of widespread interest. 60-inch Heavy Cream Irish Table Damask, in 4 choice patterns, 50c. quality at 37 1/2c. 68-inch Fine Bleached Scotch Table Damask, in 5 choice patterns. Regularly 70c. quality at 62 1/2c. 2-yard wide Heavy Bleached Irish Table Damask, superior quality and finish. Regularly 80c. quality, a yard 70c. 72-inch Heavy Cream Irish Damask, regular 75c. quality at a yard 65c. 68-inch All-linen Cream Damask of superior weight and quality. Regular 90c. quality at 50c. 2-yard wide Extra Fine Heavy Bleached Scotch Table Damask in 5 elegant new patterns. Regular \$1.25 quality 97c. at 80c. J. N. Richardson Extra Fine Double-satin Table Damask, in 8 exquisite patterns. Regular \$1.50 quality at \$1.15. 72-inch Round-headed German Silver Bleached Embossed Table Damask, in 6 new floral designs. \$1.25 quality 89c. 68-inch Full Bleached Irish Table Damask, all pure flax, good sturdy quality. A 50c. yard.

New Things in Art Needle Work. NEW 27-IN. CENTERPIECES, tinted and stamped for embroidery, in artistic new designs, on colored and white linen and crash, heretofore 75c. at 50c. NEW PILLOW TOPS, floral, conventional and college designs 50c. PILLOW TOPS and TASSELS for finishing off pillows, mercerized and all-silk; kinds that sold for 35c. and 50c. start to finish. New and original designs. 25c. NEW JAVA COTTON SQUARES, imported from Japan and in rich original colorings. Equally useful as a table cover or pillow top. 59c.

Lace Curtains. 500 pairs White Nottingham Lace Curtains, all 3 1/2 yds. long, 50 inches wide. Dainty patterns of bow-knots, detached figures and borders of Brussels effect. Usual \$3.90 kind, for \$1.98. 100 pairs fine Genuine White Irish Point Curtains, all 3 1/2 yds. long, new yards and effective patterns. Usual \$5 kind, for \$3.98. 250 pairs assorted lot of Lace Curtains, such as Cluny, Renaissance and Brussels Net Curtains, 3 1/2 yds. long, various widths. Real \$6 kind, for \$4.49. 3rd Floor. 3 1/2-Yd. to 12-Yd. Lengths Outing Flannels and Flannelettes—Third Floor. 30-in. Outing Flannel, 7 1/2c. 15c. Grade Outing Flannels, 9 1/2c. 10c. Flannelettes, 7 1/2c. 12 1/2c. Flannelettes, 8 3/4c. 15c. Flannelettes, 9 3/4c. 30-in. Teazle Outing Flannel, 8 3/4c. These are in dark shades of gray, brown, red, etc., 30 inches wide and in checks and stripes. All light colors of pink, blue, old rose, gray, etc., 30 inches wide. Third Floor. Mostly dark colors, such as black, gray, dark red, blue, etc.; 30 inches wide. Pretty patterns in stripes, polka dots, etc.

\$3.50 Portieres, \$2.25. 300 pairs Portieres, including Roman and Oriental Striped Tapestry, Cotton Derby and Ottoman Rings. All 3 yards long. Fringed top and bottom. Third Floor. Sherlock Holmes A Game. A great detective game for three to eight persons. It's continuous fun, capturing burglars, robbers and tricksters from opponents tomorrow at 50c. Mr. Ronald McDonald was elected chairman of the executive committee and Mr. Jas. S. McDonough, secretary.

An Excellent Walking Glove for \$1.50. Cambric Demi-Flouncing Reduced from 40c. and 50c. to 25c. It is especially desirable for increasing fullness of skirts and trimming dresses and corset covers. This Demi-Flouncing is 12 to 16 inches in width and is shown in a variety of choice, effective patterns. It looks well on the hand and is the style to be most worn this season. They are women's Real Kid Walking Gloves, with one clasp, kid covered, plain sewed, and wide embroidery stitching on back, new shades of red, brown and cherry; also white or black. First Floor. Open-work and other neat patterns. Unusually good buying opportunity. 12 1/2c. and 15c. kinds, a yd. 8c. 18c. and 20c. kinds, a yd. 10c. 25c. kinds, a yd. 12 1/2c. First Floor.

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