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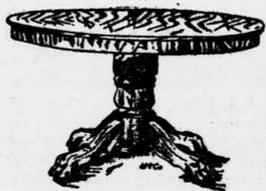
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- \$2.50 Draperies now... \$1.25 yd.
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Boy Placed Under Bond.

Clarence Luskey, the fifteen-year-old boy who was arrested about ten days ago in company with James J. Byrne, eighteen years old, on the charge of committing six different burglaries in different parts of the city in the month of November, was arraigned before Judge De Lacy in the

Juvenile Court yesterday afternoon in answer to the charge of housebreaking. Young Luskey, upon the advice of counsel, entered a plea of not guilty and was held in \$2,000 bond for the action of the grand jury. Entering the store of Harry Reibstein, 1232 N street northeast, is the specific charge against Luskey.

DR. ELIJAH B. PRETTYMAN DEAD

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF MARYLAND PASSES AWAY.

Former Principal of Brookville Academy—Clerk of Court Many Years—Other Rockville News.

Special Correspondence of The Star. ROCKVILLE, Md., December 10, 1907. Dr. Elijah Barrett Prettyman died suddenly at his home here yesterday afternoon, aged seventy-seven years. He was thought to be slowly recovering from an illness occasioned by an attack of acute indigestion, but shortly after 2 o'clock was stricken with heart failure, dying instantly. Surviving him are his wife, who was Miss Lydia Forest Johnston, daughter of Capt. Zachariah Johnston of the United States navy, and six children. The children are: Charles W. Prettyman, of the local bar, Rev. Forest J. Prettyman, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church South, Baltimore; Mrs. Albert J. Almonay, and Misses Eliza Barrett, Anna Holland and Lydia Forest Prettyman of Rockville. The funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the residence.

Dr. Prettyman was born in Pennsylvania. He came of Delaware stock, and was the son of Rev. William Prettyman of the M. E. Church and Eliza Barrett. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his medical degree in 1837. He came to Montgomery county nearly fifty years ago and became the principal of Brookville Academy, continuing at the head of that institution until 1868, when he was elected clerk of the circuit court of Cal. Maryland. He was clerk twenty-four years, and upon the expiration of his last term was elected chief clerk of the Maryland house of delegates.

Deputy Naval Officer. Upon the election of Mr. Cleveland as President he was appointed deputy naval officer for the port of Baltimore, under the late I. Freeman Rasin, holding the position for years. In 1861 he was elected principal of the Maryland State Normal School, which position he held until 1905, when he returned to Rockville, where he had since lived very quietly.

Dr. Prettyman was a conspicuous member of the medical and religious circles of the South. For many years he was a lay delegate in the annual conference of that church, and several times was a lay delegate to the general conference. In politics he was an ardent democrat, and in his earlier life was a prominent and influential party leader. He was a prominent figure in the social and religious circles of Rockville, and in an unusual degree enjoyed the esteem and affection of the people of the community.

Other Rockville News. The funeral of Mrs. Kitty H. Connell, widow of James Connell, who died at her home here of general debility, took place this afternoon from the Southern Methodist Church, at this place, the pastor, Rev. Ernest L. Wolfe, officiating. The interment was in Rockville cemetery.

Thomas Means, a young negro resident of this place, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of grand larceny, it being alleged that he stole \$900 belonging to Addison Wolfe, also of this place. Means said, dropped the money, which was in an envelope containing his name, and it was picked up by Means. The latter admits finding the money, but denies having any criminal intentions concerning it. He was required to furnish bail in the amount of \$300 for his appearance at a hearing Wednesday.

Wallace Martin, jr., a young negro, is in jail here charged with disorderly conduct. It is alleged that he made things ugly during the meeting of the Young Men's Run yesterday, so much so that his father is understood to have grabbed an ax and threatened to use it on the obstreperous young man. He could not furnish bail.

PREVENTION OF DISEASE.

Committee Devising Means to Combat Consumption.

There was a special meeting of the committee on prevention of consumption Monday night at the headquarters, 923 H street northwest. The members present were Dr. William C. Gwynn, Rabbi Louis Stern, George S. Wilson, Miss Isabel L. Strong, Miss Freda Braun, Rev. John Van Schalk, jr., Dr. George W. N. Custis, Gen. George M. Sternberg, Dr. Peter Fireman, Dr. D. E. Wiseman, Dr. George M. Kober, Dr. James D. Morgan, Dr. Aubrey H. Staples, Dr. M. J. Rosenau, Dr. J. H. Bryan, Dr. William C. Rives, Dr. Ernest C. Schroeder, Gen. William H. Forwood, Max Cohen, Dr. D. E. Buckingham, William F. Downey, Dr. D. Olin Leech, Dr. Louis J. Battle, Dr. William C. Woodward, Charles F. Weller and Miss Eugenia M. Bray.

The resignation of Dr. D. Percy Hickling as chairman of the committee was accepted with many expressions of appreciation for his faithful and efficient service during the past year. Giving George M. Sternberg was unanimously elected to the office of chairman to fill Dr. Hickling's place, and William H. Baldwin was unanimously made vice chairman.

The question of the exhibit which is being established at the committee offices was discussed with a view to completing it as promptly as possible. Several new models of apparatus have recently been obtained, and arrangements have been made for a complete pathological exhibit illustrating the effects of consumption on human lungs and also on domestic animals. It is the desire of the committee to bring this exhibit to the attention of the public by setting it up for short periods at a time, accompanied by lectures, in various parts of the city.

Plans were also discussed for the establishment of a day camp for consumptives early in the spring. This camp will be after the model of the day camp in Boston, which has attracted a great deal of attention recently because of its excellent results with patients. It was suggested that a plot of ground near the Municipal Hospital for Consumptives in Brightwood would be an ideal location for the camp, and the possibility of obtaining the use of a small piece of ground there was considered.

Miss Mabel Boardman was unanimously elected a member of the general committee.

The regular time for meeting for the committee during the coming season was set for the fourth Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

PERMIT FOR STATION.

Washington Railway and Electric Company to Erect One in Northeast.

The Washington Railway and Electric Company has been granted permission by the Commissioners to erect a frame passenger station at 15th and H streets northeast. This station is to be the terminal and waiting room for the passengers using the new street car line between Washington and Annapolis electric railway road, and serve as a convenience to the passengers using the suburban lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

When application for this permit was made more than a month ago it called for considerable protest from property owners and residents in the vicinity of the proposed site. Both sides of the question made arguments upon the proposition at a public hearing granted by the Commissioners for that purpose, and after giving these arguments due consideration they determined that they could not legally refuse the application. One of the arguments advanced in opposition to the permit was that its location would interfere with the permanent plan of street extension and establishment of a park in that neighborhood.

Officials of the engineer department say that the charge made at the meeting last night of the Washington Railway and Electric Company's Association that the Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis railway has established a station within the District of Columbia without authority of law is without foundation.

AWAITING RETURN OF TAFT

ACTING SECRETARY WILL NOT RENDER A DECISION.

Action Pending in Case of Field Officers Who Failed to Qualify for Horsemanship Test.

The advanced stand taken by the President in the matter of physically testing the condition of officers of the army, in the face of strong pressure from commercial bodies throughout the country in favor of the retention in service of engineers and other staff officers, who, though perfectly competent to discharge their ordinary duties, would probably be unable to respond to the demands of active campaign service, has filled with apprehension a number of the senior officers of the grades between captain and colonel inclusive. Because the President in his original letter directing the riding test referred only to field officers, it was in some quarters believed that he might be willing to waive the application of such a test to staff officers whose duties in time of peace do not carry them into the field. In his recent message to Congress the President insisted, however, that the purpose and the latest order to the army exceeds in severity the test originally proposed, and will probably be the means of causing the permanent retirement from the army of a considerable number of officers.

All sorts of comments are made as to the President's order for a ninety-mile ride every year. One officer frankly declared that the President had gone "horse mad," while another indorsed the scheme as a good way to rid the army of "mollycoddles."

Failed to Qualify. Acting Secretary Oliver and Gen. Bell, chief of staff, have been considering what shall be done in the cases of about thirty field officers who failed to qualify for the recent horsemanship test and were examined for retirement. The list includes some of the ablest officers of the army, notably several engineers engaged in highly responsible work for the government. Although the report of the retirement board has not been made public, it is understood that the board reported only a few of the officers examined actually incapacitated for active military duty and that the majority were able to perform the duties now in their charge, but were not able to take long horseback rides without more or less risk because of imperfect heart conditions.

In view of the early return of Secretary Taft, who is expected to reach here within the next few days, acting Secretary Oliver has concluded to defer action on these cases for the present.

Many important interests are involved in the settlement of some of these cases, especially that of Col. Marshall, the engineer officer in charge of river and harbor works in the vicinity of New York, including the Ambrose channel. The chamber of commerce and other interested bodies at New York have protested vigorously against the retirement of Col. Marshall so long as he is able to perform the important work now in his charge.

Baptist Ministers' Conference.

The Baptist ministers' conference of the District of Columbia, met yesterday at the Third Baptist Church, 5th and Q streets, Rev. William D. Jarvis, president, presiding, and Rev. Dr. J. I. Loving acted as secretary. Interest was shown in the Sunday reports, Rev. Mr. Fisher of Virginia and several other visitors were introduced to the conference. It was agreed to meet December 23 for the purpose of organizing a general convention of all the Baptist churches in the District of Columbia.

Rev. Mr. Sayles raised the question as to certain reported irregularities in the election of officers for the Baptist Sunday School Union which was held in one of the churches in the District December 3. At the request of the president, the matter went over until next Monday.

President Rev. Francis J. Grimké, called the meeting to order, Rev. Dr. J. H. Welch offered prayer. James W. Poe served as secretary.

Elshish W. Vinton held a conference with the A. M. E. Zion preachers at 1517 8th street yesterday.

Admission of Choristers.

The annual service for the admission of new choristers took place Sunday night at St. Paul's Catholic Church. All new choristers who come into the choir during the year are thus required to be formally installed.

After the regular service the boys of the choir formed a semicircle around the foot of the altar, and the new choristers were then formally received by the pastor, Rev. Father J. F. Mackin, who decorated each with the gold cross, the official badge of the choir.

The pastor then addressed the choir, reminding them of the high office they held in the church.

The choristers admitted were, Messrs. Phillip Gannon, Andrew McCullum, Joseph McGarrally, George Hill, Daniel McCullum and Paul Donagan; Mrs. M. E. Fagan, Sidney Bingham, Charles Frawley, George Fagan and Edmund Walsh.

Royal Arcanum Officers.

National Council, No. 527, Royal Arcanum, held its annual meeting last night and elected the following officers to serve during the year 1908:

Regent, Edwin Kirby Harris, jr.; vice regent, Guy F. Allen; orator, George M. Evans; sitting past regent, N. Z. Mell; secretary, Edward B. Eynon, sr. (re-elected, sixth term); collector, J. W. Harsha (re-elected, twenty-eighth term); treasurer, John L. Beatie; chaplain, George M. Myers; guide, Joseph D. Free (re-elected, sixth term); warden, Walter E. Williams; trustees, M. Bartow Mercer, George B. Farquhar and Robert Gow; organizers, Frank J. Pettit, Representatives of the National Council, H. Brown, George and N. Z. Mell; alternate representatives, Robert Gow and Benjamin Franklin.

He found that a law had been made from natural causes and gave a certificate accordingly.

Death From Natural Causes.

Joseph Willis, fifty-five years of age, who lived at 318 Polk street, Anacostia, died yesterday afternoon. He had been ill for a long time, but during recent weeks there had been no physician in attendance. Acting Coroner George Brook was called upon to give a death certificate. He found that the death had resulted from natural causes and gave a certificate accordingly.

Owing to the financial conditions in the United States, the Italian and Italian emigrants is assuming vast proportions. Yesterday 9,000 landed, and about 50,000 have returned to Italy since the first of October. Many further arrivals are expected.

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- ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF NECK Scarfs, Pelermes, Muffs, etc., in Isabella fox, Jap mink, fox, seal, bear, marten, etc.; selling regularly as high as \$25.00... **\$15.00**
- SCARFS IN FINE BROWN MUSK-rat, finished with heads, tails and claws; large and full effect; very desirable. The value is \$15.00. A very special offering at... **\$7.98**
- ABOUT 5,000 BEAUTIFUL, FUR PIECES - S C A R F S, Boas, Pelermes, Cape Effects, etc.—in water mink, pony skin, caracal, Tasmania fox, Siberian squirrel, etc.; all very stylish and up-to-date. Worth \$35 to \$45. Choice for tomorrow... **\$25.00**

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- NEW AND PRETTY PATTERN Manicure Sets; file and cuticle; will not tarnish or discolor; regular price \$1.19. Special at... **98c**
- MANICURE SET—GLASS Po-made and tooth powder jar, cuticle file; tooth brush, corn file, tweezers and polish; in nicely lined box; fine silver line, with raised designs. Worth \$4.98... **\$3.98**
- LOT OF NEAT AND PRETTY Jewel Cases in square patterns; pink and blue silk lining; finished silk cord around edge; value positively \$1.49. Reduced to... **\$1.00**
- FANCY SHAPES IN NEAT AND Pretty Silver Jewel Cases, with silk lining, and silk cord around edge; the regular price is \$2.98. Reduced to... **\$1.98**
- HEAVY GLASS PUFF JARS AND Hair Receivers, with gilt and silver tops; fancy and plain; they sell regularly at 75c. Reduced to... **49c**
- LOT OF NEW AND HANDSOME Jewel Cases in gilt; square patterns, with fancy tops; prettily lined with light blue silk; regular price is \$2.50. Now reduced to... **\$2.50**

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- 75c Dressed Dolls... 49c
- 35c Dressed Dolls... 25c
- 35c Undressed Dolls (jointed and kid body) ... 25c
- \$1.50 Undressed Dolls (with hand-sewed wigs and eyelashes) 98c
- \$2.00 Blonde and Brunette Dolls... \$1.23
- \$5.00 Large Imported Handker Dolls... \$3.98
- Dolls as high as... \$12.98

TRIBUTE TO FOUNDER DAILY BULLETIN

DEAF MUTES CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

The 10,000 or more students and graduates of deaf mute institutions throughout the country which were founded by Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet are today celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the founder. This is an annual custom at these institutions, and this morning the students of Gallaudet College, at Kendall Green, assembled in the chapel, where fitting ceremonies were held.

The large altar had been previously decorated with American flags and with potted plants and flowers. Shortly after the students had assembled in the chapel Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, president of the college and son of the founder, made brief address to the students in the sign language, in the course of which he acknowledged the demonstration which the students had made in paying tribute to the memory of his father. After the prayers the students went to their classes.

Similar ceremonies are being observed in the one hundred or more institutions in the United States. The Gallaudet College Alumni Association of New York city will give a banquet in that city tonight in celebrating the event.

Personal Sketch. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, the founder of the system, was born in Philadelphia December 10, 1787. He was graduated from Yale in 1805, after which he took up the study of law and English literature, but ill-health disarranged his plans, and in order to lead an outdoor life, he became a travelling agent for a New York business house. He decided to study for the ministry, and in 1812 entered Andover Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach in 1814, and received calls to prominent churches, but his health being yet impaired, he declined them. During one of the vacations, while at geological student, Gallaudet became deeply interested in a deaf and dumb child, daughter of Dr. Mason F. Cogswell of Hartford, Conn., and he was convinced that he could impart to her a knowledge of simple words and sentences. The result of his efforts was so encouraging that he devoted much time to the task during the winter of 1814-15, and Dr. Cogswell became eager to have a school for deaf mutes established in the United States, with Gallaudet in charge. Influenced by the success of the American facility for the study of his system of teaching, and when Gallaudet returned to this country, in 1816, he was accompanied by Laurent Clerc, a young deaf mute who had been the abbe's most valued teacher. On April 15, 1817, the Hartford School for the Deaf was opened, with Gallaudet as principal and Clerc as instructor. Gallaudet remained at its head, putting the institution into a state of prosperity, largely through his personal efforts. In addition to teaching, he devoted much time to founding similar institutions, delivering public addresses on deaf-mute education and in making appeals to legislatures. His health again failed, and he resigned in 1830, taking up the writing and compiling of books for young. He died September 10, 1851, at Hartford.

Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, president of Gallaudet College for Deaf Mutes, is the son of the founder. He taught in his father's institution, and in 1875-fifty years ago—organized the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, which in 1884 developed into Gallaudet College.

Discussions at the Y. M. C. A. Teaching as a profession was discussed by George R. Myers, principal of the McKinley Manual Training School, last evening at the Y. M. C. A. Many men, he said, became teachers on account of the requirements of teaching, such as the salaries paid, short hours and long vacations. To the true teacher, however, such

are no inducements. He declared that not even the Christian ministry offers such an opportunity to influence lives as does teaching, for the teacher has it in his hands to affect society, influence the civic life and mold the future.

"Is Criminal Punishment Right?" is to be discussed by the Twentieth Century Club of the Young Men's Christian Association this evening. W. T. Williamson of this city will make the introductory speech, after which all present may express their views.

Fauquier County, Va., News. Mrs. Joseph Bell of Charleston, S. C., is on a visit to her parents, Col. and Mrs. Grenville Gaines of Warrenton, Mrs. William Blackburn, aged ninety-two years, died at her home, near Delaplane, on the 29th ultimo, and was buried Saturday at the old Adams burying ground.

A new depot is being built at Delaplane. It is thought it will be ready for occupancy about December 25.

Mr. C. F. Galloway received the keys to his new dwelling the past week from the contractor, Mr. J. H. Dodd.

Mr. John T. Brauner left Warrenton a few days ago for Spray, N. C., where he will enter his dog, May McKinley, in the Virginia and North Carolina field trials.

Nearly 200 weavers at the Saugoull silk mills at Bethlehem, Pa., yesterday went on strike because of a cut in wages of one-half cent a yard and the dismissal of four weavers.

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