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Oil and gas lamps made electric.

Phone Your Want Ad To The Star.  
Main 2440.

## In Dreams.

In dreams I know the noble  
fires that filled the bards of long  
ago; in dreams I smite celestial  
lyres, and hear the deathless  
music flow; but when I wake  
and take my pen, or try to strike  
undying tunes, I have the same  
old luck again—I cannot sing for  
moldy prunes. In dreams with  
seraphim I swing through all the  
boundless reach of sky, and hear  
the choir triumphant sing the  
songs men know not till they die;  
but when I wake and go outdoors  
I meet no bright angelic maid;  
I see a bunch of female bores en-  
gaged in militant parade. In  
dreams I float on summer seas,  
where never bitter tempests rave,  
or lie beneath the nodding trees,  
that on some tropic island wave;  
but when I wake I find the wind  
has northward switched since  
yesternight; it brings out goose-  
flesh on my mind and freezes  
everything in sight. In dreams I  
leave this sordid strand, where  
men are valued for their wads,  
and live a while in Fable Land,  
and eat ambrosia with the gods;  
but when at last I cease to snore,<  
and rise to eat my morning bun,  
a string of men are at the door,  
with forty-seven kinds of duns.

WALT MASON.

## CONGRESS HEIGHTS BODY

## REVIEWS CIVIC ENDEAVOR

Public Improvement Association  
Discusses Its Future  
Work.

The Public Improvement Association  
of Congress Heights had a "get-to-  
gether" meeting last evening in the  
town hall on an avenue, to take  
account of the work done in the past  
several years and also to get a good  
start for the new year, which will  
begin before the members assemble  
again.

Street railroads were discussed and  
methods for bettering present condi-  
tions were presented.

The association also renewed its ac-  
tivities to secure ground for a public  
playground in the suburb, and this time  
will endeavor to induce the Interior  
Department to give up a portion of its  
property in Congress Heights.

Much regret was expressed at the  
contents of a letter from the Secretary  
of the Interior in reference to the iron  
mine now situated near the Botanic  
Garden. The association desired to se-  
cure this mine to replace the existing  
one, which is situated near the  
Government Hospital for the Insane, but  
the letter stated that when this  
mine was removed from its present  
location it would go to surround the  
grounds of Freedmen's Hospital. In  
this connection, however, it was stated  
that Dr. W. A. White, superintendent of  
the Government Hospital, had included  
in his estimates an item of \$1,000 for  
such a fence.

At the opening of the social session  
Mr. Purdy gave an outline of the work  
that had been accomplished during the  
past eight years through the efforts of  
the association, and the efforts of the  
association should be proud of its record  
and that every citizen should affili-  
ate with the organization that is en-  
deavoring to do good for the entire  
community.

At the close of Mr. Purdy's address  
piano selections were contributed by  
Mr. Anderson and reading by J. H.  
Williams. The committee in charge of  
the meeting last night consisted of J.  
H. Williams, chairman; Charles F. Purdy,  
and P. E. Macgruder.

McKenney & Joachim's Pharmacy,  
6th st. cor. of K. ave., is a Star Want  
Branch where Rooms for Rent, Help  
Wanted and other everyday "Wants" of  
the household are left for insertion  
in the Star. One cent a word is all it  
costs for most "Wants."

## C. &amp; O. CANAL TO BE CLOSED.

Navigation on Waterway Ends Un-  
til Early Part of March.

Navigation is over for the season on  
the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, con-  
necting this city with the mining re-  
gions of Maryland in the vicinity of  
Cumberland, and the water is now be-  
ing drawn off the levels at the upper  
end of the waterway. The railway car-  
rying barge Ruth W., the last boat  
to start up the canal, was locked in  
late yesterday afternoon and a boat  
to go to Alexandria was locked out.  
These were the last boats to use the  
Georgetown locks, and as soon as the  
Ruth W. reaches Seneca, Md., the let-  
ting of the water out of the locks and  
levels at this end will be started.

According to reports, the season has  
been a busy one on the canal and many  
thousand tons of coal were brought  
down from Cumberland mines. About  
25,000 tons of coal were shipped in  
the last season, and the canal was also  
used for the naval proving grounds at  
Indian Head, Md., for use of the naval  
powder-making plant. The canal will  
be idle until the early part of March.

## Kann's Information Bureau

forwards Little W. ads to the Star  
to accommodate its patrons. A  
word a day is all it costs for the  
everyday household wants.

## China Held "Country of Pities."

A cheerful lecture about China is  
almost an impossibility, according to  
Dr. Arthur P. Davis, one of the mis-  
sion of engineers sent to China to  
determine flood causes, who lectured  
last night on his experiences in that  
country. At the Public Library, under  
the auspices of the Woman's Single  
Tax Club of the District, "China is a  
Country of Pities," declared Dr. Davis.

## Xmas Flowers Delivered Anywhere.

Decorating for all social functions.  
J. H. Small & Sons, 15th & H. Wash-  
ington. Walder, Astoria & 1135 Edw. N. Y.  
—Advertisement.

## New Hampshire Christmas Party.

Members of the New Hampshire State  
Society last evening held a Christmas  
party at the W. C. T. U. building.  
Hon. Brown, a Christmas Club, dis-  
tributed toys to the children who were  
present. A Christmas tree was one of  
the features. Songs were sung, inter-  
persed with literary numbers.

MERCURY AT 11 ABOVE;  
COLD WILL CONTINUE

Temperature Drops From 40 to 16  
at Midnight and Keeps  
on Falling.

That optimistic thermometer over at  
the weather bureau declared to a  
skeptical public today that the tem-  
perature reached only 15 degrees  
above zero at its frappe worst last  
night. But chilly, red-nosed humanity  
glared with incredulity at the an-  
nouncement and snuffed with disdain  
the cold-recorder that hadn't any more  
regard for truth than the weather  
bureau's official indicator of frigidity.  
Humanity—that portion of it that  
was compelled to be out of doors early  
today—knew mighty well that the  
temperature was somewhere down  
among the minus signs, and that the  
Klondike hadn't a thing on its mind  
of the country as far as searching, nip-  
pling, biting, chill-inducing cold  
was concerned.

## Mercury's Downward Course.

At noon yesterday the official ther-  
mometer registered 10 degrees above  
zero. At 2 o'clock the temperature was  
25 degrees at 4 o'clock it was 30 de-  
grees; at 6 o'clock the thermometer  
showed 21 degrees. At 8 o'clock last  
night it had dropped to 20 degrees, and  
at midnight the mercury stood at the  
16 degree mark. It kept right on slid-  
ing down after that hour, and at 8  
o'clock this morning the temperature  
as recorded at the weather bureau was  
11 degrees above zero. That was the  
coldest weather of the season pre-  
sents generally east of the Missis-  
sippi river and in the northwest. The  
temperature is below freezing in the  
south Atlantic and east Gulf states ex-  
cept the Florida peninsula and below  
zero in West Virginia, the western Pen-  
sylvania, Ohio, Indiana and the north-  
west.

Today the weather bureau promises a  
continuation of the season pre-  
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cept the Florida peninsula and below  
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west.

## Twelve at New York, and Falling.

NEW YORK, December 15.—A cold  
wave, one of the most sudden experi-  
enced in New York in many years, sent  
the mercury down to 12 degrees early  
today and the forecast indicated that  
it might reach zero before night. A  
strong west wind, with an addi-  
tional sting to the air and drove hun-  
dreds of homeless men into public and  
private shelters last night.

## Four Below in Mountains.

PHILADELPHIA, December 15.—The  
first real cold weather of the winter  
brought zero temperature today in the  
mountain regions of the State. The  
official records in the suburbs were re-  
ported as low as 10 degrees below.  
Many large street and tower clocks  
were frozen, and scores of homeless  
persons sought shelter at public sta-  
tions and food and shelter. Small streams in  
the mountains of western Pennsylvania  
and northern West Virginia were in  
some places frozen solid.

## Ten Below in Pittsburgh Suburbs.

PITTSBURGH, December 15.—Cold  
weather records for December 15 were  
shattered here today when the mercury  
at the weather bureau registered 23  
degrees below zero at 3 o'clock, and the  
official records in the suburbs were re-  
ported as low as 10 degrees below.  
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## Dr. Foote to Address "Keep Wells."

Dr. John A. Foote is scheduled to  
talk to the National Society of Keep  
Wells Friday evening in the lecture  
hall of the Calvary Baptist Church, H.  
and 11th streets, northeast. His subject  
will be "Perils of Infant Life."

## Seumas MacManus Talks of Irish.

Under the guidance of Seumas Mac-  
Manus, pupils and friends of Eastern  
High School last evening went for "A  
Merry Rumble Round Ireland." Mr.  
MacManus, who was born and reared  
in the mountain regions of Ireland,  
showed views of pretty and romantic  
spots of that country, as well as de-  
picting the life of the Irish people in  
the various phases.

## Asks Court to Change His Name.

Because his name is difficult to pro-  
nounce, Nathan Pefsky has asked  
the District Supreme Court for permis-  
sion to change his name to Nathan  
Peck. He is represented by Attorneys  
Brill & Bralove.

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and Blank Book Shop  
Star Building Annex.

PLEADS FOR COLORED  
CHILDREN OF SOUTH

Booker T. Washington Asks Christ-  
mas Tokens, Particularly for  
Those of Cotton Regions.

Booker T. Washington is making an  
appeal for a Christmas remembrance  
for the colored children of the rural  
districts of the south, especially in the  
cotton regions. In a letter to The Star  
he writes from the Tuskegee Normal  
and Industrial Institute, at Tuskegee,  
Ala., of which he is the principal, as  
follows:

"I know something of how severely  
the generosity of people throughout  
the country has been taxed on account  
of the suffering in Europe, but never-  
theless I have a feeling that there are  
many who would count it a privilege  
to provide some Christmas remem-  
brance for negro children in the rural  
districts of the south, especially in the  
cotton regions, where there is likely  
to be not only nothing in the way of  
ordinary Christmas gifts, but poverty  
and suffering on account of the de-  
pressed financial conditions growing  
out of the European war."

"I shall be glad to be used, as in  
other years, as a medium for the dis-  
tribution of such presents, through  
the rural schools and otherwise, as may  
be sent, and shall see that they reach  
deserving children in wide sections of  
the south."

WILL SPEAK TONIGHT  
ON BELGIAN CONDITIONS

Mme. Vandervelde to Give an Ad-  
dress Under the Auspices of a  
Local Club.

Under the auspices of the Twentieth  
Century Club, with the Belgian minister  
and Mme. Haventh giving official ap-  
probation by their presence, Mme. Lalla  
Vandervelde, wife of the minister d'etat  
of Belgium, is to give an address on the  
distress of the women and children of  
her country this evening.

## Issuance of Meters.

With the adoption of the ordinance  
on the subject last night a charge  
equal to the actual cost of the meter  
and connection, including cost of de-  
livery, shall be made for each meter  
issued by the town, such charges to be  
in lieu of meter rent, the meter re-  
maining the property of the town.

## Must Pay for Damages.

All damage or injury to meters owned  
by the town, now in use or which  
shall be hereafter issued, except the  
ordinary wear in service, is to be  
charged against the owner of the pre-  
mises where the meter is in use, and  
the cost of removal or repair is to be  
added to and become a part of the water  
bill for the premises where the meter is  
in use, and be collectible under the same  
rules as govern the payment of water  
rents. On and after January 1, 1915,  
the minimum annual charge for water  
to any premises is to be \$9, which will  
entitle the premises to the use of 5,000  
cubic feet of water. The charge for  
water in excess of 5,000 cubic feet is to  
be at the rate of 15 cents per 100 cubic  
feet.

## Balance in Treasury.

The report of Town Treasurer Ben  
G. Davis for the month of November  
was submitted and approved. It show-  
ed receipts from general and special  
taxes, water rents, permits, etc.,  
amounting to \$23,492, which, with the  
balance of \$2,645.50, made a grand  
total of \$26,137.52. The expenditures  
during the same period for water and  
sewer work, pumping plant, lighting  
system, filtration, bonds, salaries and  
miscellaneous expenses amounted to  
\$12,284, leaving a net balance on  
hand of \$13,853.52.

## FIVE SMALL FIRES.

Henry Gibson's House Damaged to  
Extent of \$125.  
Fire of unknown origin did \$125 dam-  
age at the house of Henry Gibson, 306  
2d street southwest, about 8:15 o'clock  
this morning.

## Flowers and Blooming Plants.

The finest specimens for Christmas  
Place orders now. Guide, 1214 F St.  
Advertisement.

## Bruno Cafe and Restaurant

415 13th St. N.W.  
French and Italian Table d'Hotel and  
American a la Carte Service  
Everything Excellent.  
Luncheon from 12 to 2, 50c. With  
Dinner from 5:30 to 8, 75c.  
A la Carte Service Until 1 A.M.  
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## This Music Roll Cabinet

Only \$1 to Join Our  
Victrola Club

This small deposit entitles you to select any style  
Victrola from the \$15 to the \$200 model, and im-  
mediate delivery will be made.

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## Other Music Roll Cabinets

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## A Unique Gift

A Wicker-Covered Demijohn  
Filled With Choice Wine or Liquor

A very pretty bottle that can be used on  
buffet or cellaret—wicker covered, with  
nickel screw-cap and neat red ribbon around  
center.

Old Gray Whiskey \$1.25  
Wines 75c

The demijohn filled with Sherry, Port,  
Muscatel, Angelica or Sweet Catawba—  
excellent American wines. Price.....  
10c extra when packed for shipment.

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TAKOMA PARK COUNCIL  
OPPOSES HIGHER FARESI. C. C. Asked to Disapprove of Pro-  
posed Commutation Rates on  
the B. & O.

The town council of Takoma Park, Md.,  
took cognizance of the proposed increase  
in commutation rates on the Metropoli-  
tan branch of the Baltimore and  
Ohio railroad at a meeting held last  
night and adopted resolutions requesting  
the Interstate Commerce Commission to  
disapprove the proposed rates. The resolu-  
tion was adopted unanimously.

## Hardship Pointed Out.

The resolution adopted by the council  
stated that the proposed increase in  
commutation rates on the Metropolitan  
branch ranging from 27 to 100 per cent  
appeared to be unwarranted; that such  
increases would work a hardship on the  
commuters patronizing this line; be a  
detriment to the communities along the  
route; decrease property values and re-  
tard the development of the entire com-  
munity served by this branch. The resolu-  
tion concluded by requesting the Inter-  
state Commerce Commission to disapprove  
of the proposed increased rates. Copies  
of the resolution will be spread over the  
town records and also sent to the Inter-  
state Commerce Commission.

## Money to loan at 5 and 6% on real estate.

Frank T. Rawlings Co., 1425 N. Y. ave.—  
Advertisement.

## Poor Boys to Get Overcoats.

Following the custom of more than  
thirty years, the firm of Saks & Co. will  
this year give away 100 overcoats to poor  
boys of Washington. The distribution,  
which as usual will occur Christmas  
morning, will be conducted as such events  
have been in the past, boys recommended  
by the Associated Charities being made  
the recipients of the gift overcoats.

## Reception at Crittenton Home.

A reception is to be held at the Flor-  
ence Crittenton Home, 218 2d street  
northwest, this afternoon from 3 to 5  
o'clock. One of the purposes of the  
reception is to give the women of this  
city an opportunity to inform them-  
selves in regard to the policy and  
methods of the association.

JAMES F. BUNDY SUCCUMBS  
TO ATTACK OF PARALYSIS

Was Secretary of Howard University  
Law Faculty—Once Member of  
Board of Education.

James F. Bundy, fifty years old, sec-  
retary of the Howard University law  
faculty and ex-member of the board of  
education, died yesterday afternoon at  
Freedmen's Hospital, following an at-  
tack of paralysis. Funeral services are  
to be held Thursday afternoon at 3  
o'clock at Howard University chapel.  
Pallbearers are to include Judge Rob-  
ert H. Terrell, Prof. W. V. Tunnell,  
Prof. W. H. Richards, Dr. W. Scott  
Montgomery, Prof. Kelly Miller and  
Thomas Walker. Interment is to be at  
Woodlawn cemetery.

## Native of Virginia.

Mr. Bundy was a native of Virginia,  
but had lived in this city since he was  
five years old. He was educated in the  
public schools, at Oberlin College and  
at Howard University. Following a  
scholarship for a time in the city post  
office, Mr. Bundy was graduated from  
the law school of Howard University in  
1886. He was shortly afterward chosen  
secretary and treasurer of the law fac-  
ulty of the institution, and in 1896 re-  
signed his position in the post office,  
where he was a registered letter clerk,  
to devote his entire time to law. He  
was a member of the board of educa-  
tion for six years, beginning with 1901.  
He was closely identified with the Se-  
cond Baptist Church. His wife, his  
mother and two daughters survive him.

## Water Low in River.

Northwest Winds Send Level Three  
Feet Below Normal.

The high tides of the past ten days,  
when the water on several occasions  
went over the sea wall about the Potomac  
Park, are being followed by almost as  
correspondingly low tides following the  
coming of the northwest winds. Last  
night and this morning the water in the  
river was three feet below the normal  
level, and it is expected on the low water  
of this afternoon the flats along the  
Georgetown channel and between this city  
and Alexandria will be bare, and the  
gulls and other aquatic birds will have  
a fine opportunity to enjoy a feast on the  
fish left in the pools on the flats.

The low water at Baltimore Saturday  
last interfered with the launching of  
the city's new harbor dredger, and the  
water not being high enough to allow her  
to go overboard. As soon as the tides  
return to normal she will be launched.

## "OGRAM HAS IT"

## Unusual Xmas Gifts

20 XMAS CARDS,  
each in envelope ready  
for mailing.....25c

Parisian Ivory.  
The most beautiful Toi-  
let Articles made—Mirrors,  
Brushes, Combs, etc. EN-  
GRAVED with MONO-  
GRAMS in COLORS.

Visit OGRAM'S.  
You'll find your purse and  
taste both satisfied by the  
unique collection of gift  
goods so conveniently dis-  
played.

Desirable things, useful  
and beautiful, for every  
one in the family. Come in  
and look around.

Vanities Bags, \$4 to \$18.

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Get Santa  
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Piano or a Player Piano  
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Special Xmas Bargains

Factory Sale of 25 High-Grade Used Upright  
Pianos at Very Attractive Figures

These splendid instruments are all fully guaranteed and  
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delivery Xmas eve if desired.

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## CITY ITEMS.

\$2.50 Gold Piece in a Pic. Get a  
slice Sat. Mt. Vernon Cafe, 1206 Pa. ave.

4 Large Cans Tomatoes, 25c; 4 Cans  
Sweet Peas, 25c; 4 Cans Corn, 25c; 3  
cans Asparagus, 50c; 12 cans Small  
Peas, 10c; 12 cans Small Corn, 10c;  
Van Camp Milk, small, 3 for 10c; large,  
7c; Pineapple, 15c; Peaches, 15c; Won-  
der Coffee, 20c; Lard, 12c; Compound,  
10c; Ham, 10c; Shoulders, 14c; Butter,  
35c; Eggs, 28c; Onions, 20c; Potatoes,  
14c; 1 lb. Rice, 10c; 1 lb. White Meal, 20c;  
3 Va. Sweet Pancake Flour, 25c; Penn  
Mar Syrup, 10c; Gran. Sugar, 10c;  
Cheese, 10c; Norway Mackerel, 2c and  
10c; 9 Borax Soap, 25c. 1429 7th st. n.w.  
and all the J. T. D. Pyles Stores.

Open Evenings Until Xmas.  
Harbin's Dry Goods, 519 Pa. ave. s.e.

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There Should Be Plenty of Heurich's  
BEERS in the house throughout the  
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wholesome or satisfying than famous  
old Maerzen and Senate. 2 doz. \$1.75  
(Lager, \$1.50). Bot. rebate, 50c. W. 1000.

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If It Is Groceries and Wines,  
we have them. Jas. D. Donnelly, 1406  
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sections. Order 12 lbs. White Meat, 25c  
and 10c gal. including jug.

Machines for Making Millwork  
of all kinds on premises. Promptness,  
low prices assured. Eisinger's 2100 7th.

Phone Your Want Ad To The Star.  
Main 2440.

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Give the Boy  
a Motor for Xmas

He will get more real enjoy-  
ment out of it than anything else  
you could give him.

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Motor.  
Well known motor,  
ever leading in effi-  
ciency and a  
valuable stock  
Complete.  
The O. K.  
Motor.  
Every boy  
wants one at  
sight. Its op-  
eration will be  
found pleas-  
ing and edu-  
cational. Stock  
at \$1.19  
The XX  
Motor.  
From this  
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ture, a 1000  
spring tension  
brushes, com-  
bined with  
2-pole iron-  
clad field. Specially  
priced at \$1.89

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