Mrs. George V. Hunt and Mrs. B. R. Cook.

Farragut Council at its last meeting appointed Dr. W. S. Gibson chairman of its committee on Royal Arcanum day celebration. Short addresses were made by Grand Regent Edwin A. Niess, Grand Secretary Benjamin White, Regent C. C. Haskell and John R. Cox. Mr. Littlepage made a few remarks in regard to the hospital bed fund.

District Council, Wednesday evening, will give a reception and entertainment in honor of Claude R. Zappone, a member of this council, who has recently been re-elected supreme sentry of the order.

Past Grand Regent Arthur E. Cook, a member of Kismet Council, and members of his family, seriously injured last Sunday by being thrown from an automobile which was struck by an electric car near Phumphreys Station, Md., are reported improving.

Past Grand Regent William V. Chase, who suffered from a severe fall on the ice early last winter, is reported returned to his duties in the navy yard.

Julius Baumgarten, who died in this city May 30, was one of the oldest members of the order here. He was a past regent of Capital Council and a charter member of the Grand Council of the District.

Municipal Council, No. 2136, met Wednesday, and Charles D. Shackelford, grand sentry elect, was installed by Supreme Grand Sentry Claude R. Zappone, who made an address. Grand Regent Edwin A. Niess spoke in relation to Royal Arcanum day, which will be celebrated at Chesapeake Beach June 23. Remarks were made also by Dr. Glendie B. Young, representative to Supreme Grand Council, who made a partial report of the recent session of the supreme council.

Immediately following the regular meeting Thursday evening of Kismet Council, No. 1586, an entertainment and dance were given under the auspices of Kismet Council Glee Club in the hall, Pennsylvania avenue and 2d street southeast. It was largely attended and a success, for which Regent L. L. Gillchrest was congratulated. The address of welcome was made by Arthur E. Cook, past regent of Kismet Council and past grand regent of the District, who introduced Edwin A. Niess, grand regent, as the speaker of the evening. Mrs. Niess and Deputy Grand Regent H. G. Tegeler were guests of the evening.

The following was the program: Glee Club Orchestra; cornet solo, C. W. Faxton; bass solo, George Bullough; soprano solo, Miss Annie Ackerman; selection, Mandolin and Guitar Club; piano selection, Miss Marie Bonitz; Glee Club Orchestra, "Gavotte"; tenor solo, W. S. Smith; soprano solo, Mrs. L. L. Gillchrest; selection, Glee Club Quartet; Glee Club Orchestra. Upon the conclusion of the musical part of the program ice cream and cake were served, after which the floor was cleared for dancing.

The officers of the council are: Regent, L. L. Gillchrest; vice regent, B. W. Bolinger; orator, Milton D. Mettee; sitting past regent, George D. Sullivan; collector, Thomas M. Hayes; secretary, H. G. Brinkley; treasurer, L. L. Marceron; chaplain, Arthur E. Sullivan; guide, J. W. Berkley; warden, W. E. Saulsbury; sentry, C. F. Hepburn.

NATIONAL UNION

At the last meeting of McKinley Council one application for membership was received. A large attendance was present. The entertainment committee reported relative to the coming National Union day excursion to Chesapeake Beach. After the regular order of business refreshments were served.

The joint committee of the National Union day excursion met at headquarters Tuesday evening. Various subcommittees were appointed to look after the athletic events and the general entertaining of the excursionists. Tickets were distributed to the various councils taking part.

The general deputies met at headquarters Wednesday evening. The bylaws as presented by the committee were read and adopted. The election of officers will be the first Wednesday in July.

Government Printing Office Council met last night at Typographical Temple. Vice President Chrisue acted as president. After the meeting the membership proceeded to a nearby hotel where refreshments were served.

The National Union headquarters will be open every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Senator Herschfield of New York was in the city a few days last week.

WOODMEN of the WORLD

The deputies and physicians of the district held a meeting at 419 Tenth street northwest and formed a permanent organization, to be known as the Deputies and Physicians' Association. The object of the association being to advance the field of work and to create a greater interest in woodcraft among the members of the order. The remarks by several of the members on camp visitation were well received and acted upon. It was voted to hold a joint class initiation in the fall, all the camps participating. The following officers were elected: President, J. C. McConnell; vice president, B. F. Williams; secretary, W. P. Martsch; treasurer, L. R. German. Meetings are to be held once a month during the summer.

Sunday, June 27, the monument erected in Mount Olivet cemetery to the memory of Sovereign Brown of Potomac Camp, No. 9, will be unveiled by the uniformed rank of the district. Clerk J. W. Middleton was reported ill at the last meeting. A large number of visitors was present, every camp in the city being represented. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Four applications for membership were presented at the last meeting of Georgetown Camp by Deputy W. W. Ellis. Visiting members were welcomed by Consul Commander Bamforth, with all the honors of the camp. Mr. Martsch spoke of the strength and financial standing of the order. After the meeting adjourned refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

Maple Camp, No. 13, has accepted an invitation to attend the memorial services to be held at the Baptist Church, Capitol Heights, Md., this evening at 8 o'clock. The members of the camp will assemble at the hall at 7:30 and will attend in a body.

Dr. J. Albert Potter has been granted a transfer from Mount Vernon Camp.

The Boys of Woodcraft have lately studied the initiatory ceremony and every candidate admitted in the future will have an opportunity "to wrestle with the goat." It was tried on Howell Crim and Oliver Brown at the last meeting. A big time is promised next Wednesday evening and all sovereigns are invited to attend. After being elected chaplain at the last meeting, Adviser Dudley thanked the cadets in a brief speech. L. Cameron Gates was elected press representative. The drill team is reported progressing and will soon be able to put on the work for the Woodmen of the World.

MODERN WOODMEN of AMERICA

Washington Camp, No. 11464, at its last meeting received three applications for membership.

An invitation was received from Baltimore City Camp of Baltimore, Md., to visit that camp Wednesday, June 16. A large number of members will go. Consul Crooks appointed H. H. R. Helwig to arrange for transportation. At the next meeting, at old Masonic Temple, Friday evening, final arrangements will be made.

After the business session the ladies' auxiliary, Martha Washington Camp, R. N. of A., was admitted. Refreshments were served, followed by dancing.

Central Camp, No. 16015, met Friday evening at its hall, at 11th and E streets. Seven applications were received and appropriate action taken. J. W. Booze, Albert Temple, and J. S. Higgins occupied various stations in the absence of the regular officers. A report was received from a special committee, J. W. Booze, chairman, with respect to the organization of a Modern Woodman band, to be affiliated with this camp. Considerable progress has been made toward its formation. The camp, it is said, has among its membership a number of excellent musicians who are enthusiastic over the project. Mr. Lincoln of Washington Camp was a visitor. Short talks were made by William H. Trathen and Dr. John W. Sutherin. Since the first of the year forty candidates have been taken "through the forest" and the camp has grown so that it has a high standing among the District camps.

The appointment of Central Camp's degree team has been postponed until the arrival of the new ritual. It is said changes have been made in the initiatory work.

The government printing office chorus, under the direction of Benjamin A. Lineback of Central Camp, conducted memorial services for the G. A. R. in the hall on the sixth floor of the big printing plant.

INDEPENDENT ORDER of RECHABITES

Frank A. Spicer and Lawrence Morgal were initiated in Jehu Tent Tuesday night. An invitation was received from Highland Tent to an entertainment to be held in the basement of the Randle Highlands Baptist Church Wednesday night. Charles Carroll, High Tent chief ruler was present.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

One of the largest meetings in the history of Carrol Council was held Tuesday evening with Grand Knight William J. McGee presiding. Fully 250 members were present. Reports of the various comittees show the council to be rapidly growing in membership and in prosperous financial condition. A number of applications for membership were presented, making the total number pending twenty-eight. During the past week the council invested $1,000 of its surplus funds. A smoker followed the meetings, at which the following program was presented: Address, Rev. F. Joseph Kelley; vocal solos, Maurice P. Fitzgerald, William J. Grattan, Fred Tansil and Paul J. Schwartz; recitation, Leo B. Norris; mandolin solo, John J. Campbell; the Hawaiian Qartet, Messrs. Gilman, Jennings, Hurd and Williams, Hawaiian and other airs on stringed instruments. Harry Ghiman, a native Hawaiian and a member of the quartet, rendered several solos on the ukulele, a Hawaiian musical instrument. S. Leo McCarthy, J. M. Donovan and Dr. James Dickinson acted as accompanists for the occasion. Grand Knight McGee anounced that at each of the future meetings entertainment will be furnished. It is proposed at one of the future meetings to hold a charter members' night, when the meeting will be turned over to the founders of the council.

The fourth dancing party by the "Boosters" of the Columbus Country Club will be held in the clubroom Saturday evening.

Capt. R. J. Donnelly of Washington Council, J. T. Burns of Keane Council, Joseph N. Petty of Carrol Council, Joseph D. Moriarty of Spalding Council and Benjamin F. Myers of Potomac Council constitute the audit committee for the accounts of St. Ann's donation party and ball, held Easter Monday. Maj. Edwards, chairman, has announced that a final report will shortly be presented to the council which will show the event to have eclipsed in attendance and financial results any of the past affairs.

Washington General Assembly, fourth degree, will act as guard of honor at the golden jubilee vesper services to be held at the Immaculate Conception Church today. Dr. William E. Fairo, F. N., has issued a general invitation to the fourth degree members to attend in a body with full regalia.

The first tennis tournament of the members of the Columbus Country Club was the all-day feature of the Memorial day celebration. Rapid progress was made in completing the eight first-round matches of singles and three of the semi-finals. Half of the scheduled doubles were played and the day's total was thirty sets and 250 games.

In class A the winner of the Daidy-Lavins match will meet Mr. Moore in the final, while in class B Mr. McCarthy will meet Mr. McGraw, the winner then to move into class A, the finishing matches will be played today.

Twenty new members were admitted to Spalding Council at its meeting Thursday evening, the honors of the first degree being conferred by the degree corps, consisting of Grand Knight Dr. J. Rozier Biggs, Deputy Grand Knight Edward Genoe, Chancellor Michael Driscoll and Warden Joseph F. Marsden. Forty members received the second degree the same evening, the degree corps consisting of Francis J. P. Cleary, Edward S. Genoe, M. J. Driscoll, Edward P. Harrington and Rev. T. P. O'Keefe. Lecturer John Merkling presented a special program of entertainment and refreshments were served.

Washington Council will meet Tuesday evening. Past Grand Knight James H. Johnson will preside at the meeting June 22, and tell of the principal events happening during his term as grand knight of Washington Council. The corps of officers of the Johnson administration will be in attendance and add to the reminiscent features of the veterans' reunion.

Potomac Council has mapped out a program for its field day and excursion to Chesapeake Beach July 1. The executive committee is composed of Frank L. Hewitt, chairman; Edwin L. Tucker, grand knight; P. L. O'Brien, B. F. Myers, William F. Columbus, J. P. Dawson, M. J. McNamara, V. B. Costello, E. J. Smith, Dr. S. W. Howard, Thomas H. Crook, George A. Trapp, W. D. Fealey, Dr. W. B. Daly, T. M. Ring, R. J. Berberich, Charles J. Columbus, A. S. Fennell, jr.; J. B. Fitzpatrick, T. D. McCarthy, W. R. McGrath, James O'Connell, Walter I. Plant, T. P. Rooney, Michael D. Schaeffer, Daniel Sullivan and Rev. C. O. Rossensteel. A complete report of the proposed athletic and musical program will be submitted for the approval of the council at its next meeting.

Invitations have been issued for the seventeenth anniversary celebration of Keane Council, No. 353, at Marshall Hall tomorrow. A program of athletic events, with speeches by prominent members of the order, songs, dances and music will be offered. Boats leave Washington at 10:30 a.m., 2 and 6:15 p.m. At 12:30 a big athletic carnival will be staged. Events for boys and girls comprise: Fifty-yard dash for boys, fourteen years and under; 40-yard dash for girl, 75-yard dash for boys, three-legged race for boys and girls, potato, sack and shoe races. At 2:30 events for women will include: Thirty-yard dash, throwing base ball for distance and 75-yard dash. There will also be a 50-yard dash for fat men and a base ball game between the married and single men of the council. A special musical program has been arranged, to be presented upon the arrival of the last boat. Selections will be given by the Excelsior Quartet and a mixed quartet composed of local vocalists. Fancy dancing by Miss Cora Shreeve's pupils and a glee club with eight artists will entertain. Addresses will be made by Grand Knight C. Eugene Edwards and Past Grand Knight Charles W. Darr. William A. Shreve is chairman of the entertainment and floor committees; C. Eugene Edwards, grand knight, reception committee; Andrew I. Hickey, chairman athletic committee; John J. Keenan, chairman refreshment committee; Mrs. S. M. Tucker, ladies' auxiliary; Joseph J. Kennelly, transportation; Thomas A. Cantwell, printing; Drs. James Flynn, Charles I. Griffith and D. D. Mulcahy, public comfort; Charles W. Darr, chairman booster committee; custodian of prizes, D. E. Barry, and judges, C. W. Darr, W. E. Pairo, Richard L. Lamb, Samuel M. Tucker, A. J. Sullivan, W. Sloan, A. Small, E. J. Malloy, sr.; M. F. Mangan, J. P. Moran, E. J. McQuade and D. S. Masterson.

Mr. Hickey has appointed the following as his aids on the athletic committee: Rev. Robert Froelich, Rev. James J. O'Connor, W. S. Richardson, Thomas Sweeny, J. Ed Riley, Joseph I. Weller, J. J. Campbell, T. J. Murtaugh, Charles Kraemer, Thomas M. Gallaher, M. Donohue, Frank J. McCarthy, M. McAuliffe, C. W. Darr, jr.; Fred Smith, Joseph Healy, Marshall Long, J. J. O'Leary and John Kane. Refreshment committee—John J. Keenan, chairman; John Burns, George Plaski, J. C. Stack, D. J. Troy, Thomas Victory, Connor Donnelly, J. B. Weismiller, Martin Burke, Thomas J. Gaffney and A. Gaeleski. Ladies' auxiliary—Mrs. S. M. Tucker, chairman; Misses Nellie Hickey, M. Reilly and C. Donnelly, and Mesdames M. Burke, P. T. Niland and F. J. Haske. Transportation committee—Joseph J. Kennelly, chairman; Thomas Bromley, P. J. Gowen, J. A. Yoos, E. C. Welch, A. J. Schwartz, T. A. Shields, B. A. Thurier, W. A. Urciolo and Thomas F. Smith. Printing committee—Thomas A. Cantwell, chairman; Rev. Father McGraw, T. M. McNamee, F. J. McKenna, F. S. Milovich, C. R. Murray, C. C. Lanahan, L. H. Lang and Thomas McEvoy.

Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Dr. Patrick J. Lennox of the Catholic University and author of several books, delivered the memorial address at Mount Olivet cemetery Sunday, when the graves of the Irish-American patriots were decorated. Dr. Lennox is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the District of Columbia.

Division No. 1 will meet today at 2:30 o'clock in its hall, 32d and M streets northwest.

T. D. McCarthy, representative of Division No. 7 on the state Irish history committee, is reported to have made progress. The purpose of the committee is to confer with the principals of the various parochial schools in the District, so as to have the study of Irish history included in their curricula.

A movement has been started to buy or lease for a terms of years, a hall centrally located and large enough to accommodate the increasing membership of the order in the District of Columbia.

The Irish Study Club of the A. O. H. has discontinued its meetings for the summer. Only members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its Ladies' Auxiliary are eligible for membership in the club.

Division No. 3 met in Donohue's Hall, 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, Wednesday evening. James J. Breen, worthy president of Division No. 3, presided. The members were enthusiastic over the excursion to be given June 24, under auspices of Divisions 3, 4 and 7, and their respective ladies' auxiliaries.

United Order Golden Cross.

Grand Commander Bailey is paying unofficial visits to all the commanderies, and as the visits are unannounced no commandery need be surprised to see him at any meeting. This week he has visited Halcyon and Golden commanderies, and Friday night, attended by Vice Grand Commander and Grand K. of R., he visited Mount Vernon Commandery, where he was accorded a cordial welcome.

SCIENCE NOTES.

The time service at Antwerp, or Bureau de l'Heure, after German occupation continued its work. The observatory of the Antwerp Astronomical Society suffered no harm in the bombardment.

The name of Curie, in honor of the discoverers of radium, has been given to a park formed by the tearing down of the old Rue Dauphine in Paris.

There is now being exhibited at the Royal Academy a portrait of Sir Archibald Geikie, painted by R. G. Eves for presentation to the Royal Society.

The American Climatological and Clinical Association will hold its thirty-second annual meeting in San Francisco June 18 and 19, under the presidency of Dr. Henry Sewall of Denver.

Prof. R. Newstead of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine is in France, prosecuting entomological investigations from the point of military sanitation.

Dr. L. F. Barker of the Johns Hopkins Medical School has been elected president of the American Neurological Association.

Dr. David K. Henderson, formerly resident physician of the Phipps Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital, has been appointed superintendent of the Royal Asylum of Scotland, located at Glasgow.

The Pereira medal of the British Pharmaceutical Society has been awarded to Miss Dora F. White, and its silver and bronze medal to A. J. Somer and R. W. Bowles, respectively.

The University of California has conferred honorary degrees on Chancellor David Starr Jordan and President John Cooper Brawner of Stanford University, and on Hon. Alfred Deakin of Melbourne, the first prime minister of the commonwealth of Australia.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Misfit kisses are the kind women hand to women.

People always remember the things they should forget.

Sometimes a man's bad luck is due to his own inclinations.

An optimist is a man who believes that all eggs will hatch.

As a comfortable seat a good rocking chair beats a throne to a frazzle.

The person with a charitable disposition can find a lot to put up for.

But a small boy doesn't have to saw wood in order to develop an appetite.

If a man has any good points adversity is apt to bring them out by the roots.

A married man's idea of heaven is a place where his wife's folks won't bother him.

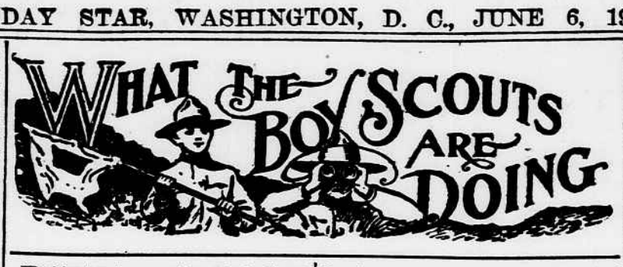
This is a strenuous old world at best, but the other side of it seems to be a little more strenuous than usual this spring.

Every man gets the idea into his head that he ought to eat a little brain food occasionally—but he can't explain why.

A Year Without a Summer.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The year 1816 was known throughout the United States as the year without a summer. January of that year was so mild that most people would have let their furnaces go out had they possessed any, and February was only occasionally colder. March and April coaxed the buds and flowers out, and May was a winter month, with ice and snow. By the end of May everything perishable had been killed by the cold, and the young leaves had been stripped from the trees. June was as cold as May. Both snow and ice were common throughout the month all over the corn belt, and after having planted corn two or three times the farmers threw up their hands. Snow fell ten inches deep in Vermont. The following winter was the hardest the people of the United States have ever known. One had to have a stockade around one's smokehouse.



Washington has another Eagle Scout. He is Fred Livermore of Troop 47. National headquarters has awarded him an Eagle Scout badge, which is to be presented some time in the near future.

Pass Second-Class Examinations.

The following scouts passed the second-class examinations held Friday night:

S. Dorsey, Troop 3; Edw. Shaar, Troop 11; F. McCathran, Troop 11; W. D. DeGroot, Troop 13; J. Holliday, Troop 13; W. B. Hunter, Troop 13; G. D. Chestnut, Troop 13; H. Tanner, Troop 14; F. Green, Troop 19; Julian Sanford, Troop 19; H. Van Buren, Troop 19; Louis Rothschild, Troop 19; Henry Field, Troop 19; Lewis Oliver, Troop 34; W. Nicholson, Troop 34; George Gray, Troop 34; E. Murphy, Troop 42; E. L. Browne, Troop 12, and G. Taliferro, Troop 47.

Applications for Merit Badges.

The following applications for merit badges have been forwarded to national headquarters:

J. E. Keefauver, swimming handicraft.
Martin Wright, swimming.
Adna Clark, signaling.
D. E. Gates, swimming and interpreting.
E. Chapin, camping.
F. E. Swindells, interpreting.

First-Class Examinations Scheduled.

First-class examinations are to be held Friday and Saturday. Only those scouts who filed applications one week before that time are to be examined.

Field Day Plans.

Scoutmasters have been sent letters by Field Executive Aplin asking their opinion concerning the holding of field day tests which were postponed because of rain. They are requested to state whether they prefer them to be held on the Patterson tract June 19, or at Camp Archibald Butt, July 4.

News From the Troops.

Communications have been received from troop scribes as follows:

Troop 51.

"After a month of preparation seventeen members of Troop 51 established a camp Friday afternoon, May 28, on a high bank overlooking the Potomac. The first operation in order was to pitch the tents, of which there were two large and six or seven small ones. This made the small camp, but no trouble was experienced in finding places for all of the tents. Along about 5 o'clock fires were started, but supper was not over for some time. Every one played around camp, doing one thing and another, until Mr. Waschmyer came up in his canoe. Then most of the fellows in camp went down to help him up the hill with the luggage.

"The next morning, when the breakfast dishes were washed, some of the boys 'chipped in' and hired three boats. After lunch we played base ball, read and loafed around camp. At 5 o'clock a small group went to Cherrydale to purchase some good things to eat. In the evening, when our scoutmaster came to camp from work, he brought two new fellows with him. That evening every one turned in early, on account of the rain.

"Sunday morning it was still raining in showers. About 11 a.m. Messrs. May and Scharf visited camp. They were very popular for a while, because of the Sunday newspapers that they had with them. When they had started for the city lunch was cooked. No one did much of anything during the afternoon. Between showers groups of two or three caught ball. Most of the scouts slept. When the supper dishes had been put away a few of the bunch went down to the river.

"After these few had returned a business meeting was held in the clearing. The membership and organization of the new patrol was decided. When the oath and law had been said in unison, we adjourned to the fun part of the meeting, in which the principal activity was the toasting of marshmallows. Bed hour that night was 9:30.

"Monday morning everybody started to get his belongings together and by noon all who were going home were ready to take their departure."

Troop 48.

"Friday, May 28, was celebrated as the troop's annual ladies' hike day. From headquarters, with about fifty visitors, the most of them being ladies and girls, the troop went directly through the woods to Fort Stanton, but did not stay there long, as most of the hikers had seen the place so often. Having crossed the fort, they took a very narrow path running through a deep overgrown valley, which led them to Alabama avenue. A little farther on they entered another narrow path, which led up a steep hill and through the woods to their destination. Immediately on arriving they began cooking their supper. After this was finished many took walks back in the woods in search of wild strawberries, which are now ripe. About 7:30 a few went home. Darkness was welcomed by the building of a large campfire, which afforded enough light on the pavilion to continue the games which were under way, up until about 9 o'clock, when the order was given to put out fires and start for home.

"Some time last Saturday a few of the smaller boys went to Havemyer Park and camped there, throughout the rain, which practically lasted from the time they started until Monday morning, when they were seen to stroll back to town safe and sound.

"The troop celebrated Monday, the 31st, by parading with the Junior Order of Mechanics and the troops in the vicinity to Bradbury Heights to a flag raising."

Troop 43.

"Troop 43 met at the Alliance House Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Scoutmaster Kidwell and Mr. Emanuel were present. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved. Mr. Kidwell called upon each boy to make a little speech. Mr. Kidwell ended up by telling about an all-night hike he and his troop made to Fort Foote. The boys entered Fort Foote and were greeted by the officers in charge of the fort. The officers loaned the boys their barracks to camp in.

"Mr. Kidwell told the boys different kinds of games to play on a hike. The boys then decided to make a hike during the summer vacation.

"The meeting was adjourned by saying the scout oath."

Troop 3.

"Every Friday night at our regular meeting Dr Olendorph has been giving us first-aid instructions. Last Friday night he instructed us on bandage work.

"Decoration day we played the Hyattsville scouts a game of base ball. The score was 22 to 15 in favor of the team of Troop 3.

"Several of our boys are going to take their first-class test this month."

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Changes of duties and stations of commissioned and other officers of the public health service for the seven days ended June 2 are as follows:

Senior Surgeon S. D. Brooks, ten days of leave from June 21.

Senior Surgeon C. C. Pierce, to represent the service at the meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine, at San Francisco, Cal., June 14-16.

Surgeon R. M. Woodward, to represent the service at the meetings of the American Medical Association at San Francisco, Cal., June 21-25.

Surgeon H. S. Cumming, to represent the service at a meeting of the Oyster Growers and Dealers' Association at Washington, D. C., June 15 and 16.

Surgeon John McMullen, to proceed to such mountain counties of West Virginia as may be necessary to select a site for the location of a trachoma hospital, and to supervise establishment and maintenance.

Surgeon S. B. Grubbs, relieved from Louisville, Ky., to proceed via Washington, for conference, to Boston, Mass., to take charge of the quarantine station at that port.

Surgeon L. L. Lumsden, to attend the meeting of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, at Greensboro, June 15-17.

Surgeon W. C. Billings, to represent the service at the meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine, at San Francisco, Cal., June 14-17.

Surgeon Carroll Fox, to proceed to Baltimore, Md., to make a preliminary survey of mosquito-breeding places in that city and vicinity, and to advise the city authorities in regard to measures necessary to suppression.

Surgeon W. A. Korn, to represent the service at the meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine at San Francisco, Cal., June 14-16.

Surgeon George W. McCoy, two months of leave, from June 26.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. R. Hurley, to represent the service at the meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine, at San Francisco, Cal., June 14-16.

Assistant Surgeon D. S. Baughman, to attend the meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, at Seattle, Wash., June 14-16.

Pharmacist C. G. Carlton, to proceed when necessary to the trachoma hospitals at Hindman, London and Jackson, Ky., and to the trachoma hospitals to be established in Virginia and West Virginia to attend to details connected with their establishment and maintenance.

Pharmacist J. Y. Breckenridge, jr., to proceed immediately to Vineyard Haven, Mass. for temporary duty.

Medical officers assigned to duty on coast guard retiring boards as follows: Baltimore, Md., Surgeon C. W. Vogel and Assistant Surgeon P. M. Stewart. Boston, Mass., Surgeon B. W. Brown and Acting Assistant Surgeon F. H. Cleaves. New York, N. Y., Senior Surgeon G. W. Stoner and Passed Assistant Surgeon C. P. Knight.

Canadian Forests.

From the Montreal Star.

In the annual report of the commission of conservation for the current year an earnest plea is made for the preservation and cultivation of forests. In an extended argument the principle is elaborated that state and not private ownership of forests is the one thing needed in order to preserve trees for future generations. It takes from sixty to 120 years to bring depleted forests into permanently productive condition again. Since most of the forests in Canada are happily owned by the provinces, it should not be as difficult as in other countries to properly guard them. Today there are, however, other huge areas owned by individuals or companies, which are practically destitute of trees. It would be well for the government to acquire many of these wastes and turn them into forest areas. Such a practice has been followed elsewhere and has proved a profitable venture. No less an authority than Dr. Fernow makes the declaration that, with the present stumpage of white pine in Canada, the cost of planting can be covered and a return of at least 4 per cent compound interest would be obtained while the planting of various other kinds of wood would also yield splendid profits. In addition to the great revenues which come to a government from the planting of timber lands, are the equalizing of the flow of rivers, and the preserving the land itself from being washed away in times of heavy rain.

Mrs. Robinson Crusoe. —By Webster.

PLACED CONVENIENT TO THE PRESIDENT

Four Buildings Entire Working Force of the Government in Early Days.

SOME FOREST GROWTH IN AND AROUND THEM

First of Group, the Treasury, on Part of the Site of the Present Structure, Was Burned in 1833.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, NO. 2.

By JAMES CROGGON.

(The first article on old public buildings was published in last Sunday's Star.)

The four executive buildings housing the entire working force of the government, with the exception of the postal force, were situated convenient to the official residence of the President. There was in and around them some forest growth. From about 1820 the water supply originally piped from Franklin Square to the Executive Mansion was carried to hydrants in department yards. There had been little improvement in and around the square, much of the ground north and south of the Executive Mansion not having been graded.

In the early days, the homes of department and bureau heads and employes were mostly within a quarter of a mile of their desks, and up to 1824, when the rule "to the victors belong the spoils" operated, the tenure of office appeared to be lasting. Many who had come here with the government in 1800 were still literally "shoving the quill," and a number of these were revolutionary patriots, in whose cases old age seldom counted.

In the twenties the administration of pension laws and the conduct of Indian affairs were each given bureau organizations. Pension and bounty land laws had been administered since 1789 by clerks in the office of the Secretary of War, where Col. James L. Edwards, who became commissioner of the pension bureau on its organization under act of March 2, 1833, was employed. The bureau of five clerks was first located in the northwest corner of the basement of the War Department building. The management of Indian affairs was also in the War Department from 1789, but the Indian trade service was conducted by Col. Thomas L. McKenny in Georgetown, having been organized in 1811. The bureau was created by act of July 9, 1832.

Destruction of Treasury Building.

Saturday night, April 31, 1833, the first of the executive buildings, that at the southwest corner of 15th and F streets, occupied by the Treasury, was destroyed by fire. A few minutes after sundown the watchman at the Bank of the Metropolis, at the northeast corner of those streets, saw flames bursting from a window and at once gave an alarm. The building was found to be locked on the inside and was forced open, and a young man who was doing duty as a watchman for his father had to be roused from sleep. The alarm soon brought out the clerks of the department, who manned a small engine, called the Alert, kept for the protection of the department, and the Franklin and other companies, the former comprising a number of clerks.

The fire resulted very nearly in total destruction of the building, but many of the records were saved. The force the following week was moved into new quarters, several three-story bricks, on the site of the Hotel Grand and Poli's, at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 15th street.

Primitive Heating Methods.

Though the means of heating the building were primitive, mostly by wood fire in the numerous chimneys, and from the combustible nature of the contents led many to suppose that it was an accidental fire, others thought otherwise. One of the clerks was said to be a defaulter, and the Secretary had called on him for an explanation of his accounts. As he did not make his appearance on the scene until some time after the fire, he was suspected and charged with the crime of setting fire to the building, and later was tried and acquited. It came out during his trial, however, that there was pending in the office a claim in which false evidence had been filed, and from the testimony then taken grew out the arrest of two brothers named White. These two men were arrested some time afterward, one of them being followed over much of the western and southern country before his apprehension. They were tried separately, and it was claimed that the party who had filed the false evidence, being fearful of arrest and trial, had, through a noted criminal, hired the brothers to destroy the papers, and one of them came to the city as a colporteur and took up his residence on 11th street near F, and while he was engaged in selling Bibles to the clerks, he took note of the desks, etc., in the building. It was claimed that he entered the building by means of Spanish nippers, and placed in one of the desks a contrivance which caused the fire some time after he had departed and locked the door behind him. One of these brothers was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years and the other escaped on a technicality. These trials took place in 1837.

New Treasury Building Erected.

By the act of July 4, 1836, an appropriation was made for a new Treasury building, and the result was a portion of the present building fronted by the colonnade on 15th street with a wing. About 1841 the department found itself in the new quarters, the entire cost of which was over $600,000. The south portion was first completed and the treasurer's office, which now takes up such a large portion of the new building, was in this wing in but three rooms with the vault built in the side of one of the rooms. The offices were gradually settled in the building. The Attorney General was located in two rooms, the first and third auditors, the first controller, the general land office, the register and others occupying places in the new building. The second auditor, however, remained in the War Department, the fourth auditor in the navy building, the fifth auditor in the State Department, as also the second controller.

The War Department had several of its bureaus in private dwellings on 17th street, among them the pension and bounty land bureau, now under the Interior Department, and the surgeon general's office on G street, above 17th, where it had been located for more than a quarter of a century.

The structure in which were the post office and patent office known as the Old Hotel, had been occupied by them since 1812, but long before the thirties it was found inadequate for the public business. For the accommodation of these offices additional buildings were provided for and by the act of July 4, 1836, an appropriation of $108,000 was made for a new building for the patent office. Before this was fully carried into effect fire destroyed the old hotel building.

City Post Office Burned.

Early on the morning of December 15, 1836, a fire broke out in the basement of the city post office at the eastern end of the building. The clerks had finished up their work on the mails and had retired to rest. A butcher with his attendant en route to the Center Market noticed the flames and give an alarm. There was just north of the office the engine house of the Washington Fire Company containing, besides the engine, the arms, etc., of the Washington Guards. In and around the building lived many of the officers and employes of the department, the Postmaster General, Amos Kendal, only a short distance away. In a little time a large crowd gathered. The weather was exceedingly cold and a brisk wind was blowing from the northwest, and there were then but few fire companies or engines. That of the Washington Company was at once gotten out and was soon at work. So intense was the heat, however, that those at the engine had to leave it and it was burned in the street. Notwithstanding the rapidity of the flames, many of the crowd devoted their energies to the saving of the books and papers and so many had close calls that several were regarded as heroes. Among these was the butcher who gave the alarm and after sending his meats to market, saved many valuable papers of the Postmaster General's office.

Life Job for Firefighter.

After the fire had been extinguished and the excitement subsided, Mr. Kenday appointed him to a position in the department, which he held all his life, dying "in the harness" at about eighty years of age. The collection of models was totally destroyed as well as many of the exhibits which formed the nucleus of the National Museum. Perhaps the most prized article destroyed was the painting of the steamer Claremont on its first trip on the Hudson river, Fulton being the artist.

The destruction of this building had the effect of scattering the offices. The general post office went to the hotel building at the northwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 14th street, owned by Col. B. Ogle Tayloe, and first conducted as a hotel early in the century by Col. John Strother, then under lease to Fuller & Co., who rented the premises to the government the day after the fire. The Fullers conducted it as a hotel in the forties and were succeeded by H. A. Willard.

City Post Office Movable.

The city post office was movable, located first in a house on 7th street on the site of the Lansburgh store; then to Masonic Hall, 4½ and D streets; then to the Carusi saloon, 11th and C streets; then to the site of the old Fountain Hotel, now the new Raleigh, at 12th street and the Avenue, and finally to the south house in McLean's row on 7th street just north of the old building.

The patent office found quarters in the west wing of the city hall, to which an invitation was given by the mayor and corporation, and the exhibits were cared for by John Varden in a house on the present site of the Columbia building, who was connected with the museum for the rest of his life, going with it from the patent office to the Smithsonian.

THE DAILY STORY.

Stubbytoes as Mediator.

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There was a coldness between Martha and Mary Fanning which increased with every passing day. Perhaps it could have been explained, but neither would take the trouble.

Mary and Martha were elderly and unmarried and the joint possessors of property. They lived very comfortably together in their gay little yellow house, with a bowing, smiling, gentlemanly-looking maple tree in front; they had plenty of fire in winter and plenty of fruit and vegetables in summer; they went to church; they crocheted lace and read exciting serials in the family story papers. It may be said that they had no other occupation than that of being comfortable and happy.

All their lives they had agreed as sisters should until that wretched day when they fell out. It had happened in this wise: Martha was four years older than Mary, and therefore a bit more sensitive about her age. She always had been told that red was becoming to her and she decided to get a red hat for winter. When she brought it home Mary, who never wore anything but dark colors and felt that Martha should wear the same, was scandalized.

"Oh, you can't wear that to church!" she exclaimed.

"Why not?" Martha's tone was grim.

"A red hat! Oh, Martha, you're too old," pleaded Mary.

Martha was too angry to speak. And she didn't speak again for hours. When she did her tone was very cool. It became cooler as time went on and Mary sensitively withdrew from frigid contact with her sister. Even their hot tea failed to thaw out the awful accumulating iciness between them.

However, Martha did not wear the red hat. She took it back and exchanged it for a nifty little black one with a white wing, which was vastly more becoming and suitable to her years. The fact that it was more suitable, that Mary was right and she wrong gnawed. Martha was set in her way, and she felt as if she could never forgive Mary.

"I WANT SOMETHING IN THIS HOUSE I CAN TALK TO."

Poor Mary! She suffered terribly from the misunderstanding. She felt that Martha no longer loved her; and who had she but Martha in all the world. Mary was the kind of little, frail woman who must hang upon something and must be loved. She felt she was dying by inches with nothing to expend her heart upon. Actually she grew thin and pale, and one day she called upon a neighbor, who noticed it.

"You look mopey, Miss Fanning. It's this cold weather and you two old ladies alone in that house without a single thing to liven you up. You need something young to take your thoughts off yourself. Why, say, I know the very thing for you. You want a kitten. There! Our old cat's got two, the prettiest little gray codgers you ever saw. I told my boy I'd keep one for him, but he'd have to get rid of the other. If you'll take it I shall consider it a real kindness, Miss Fanning."

Mary took the kitten. It was just beginning to be playful. They never had had a cat since old Tom died, and she had wanted one. She carried the kitten home, but when she showed him to Martha she met fresh trouble.

"For the land's sake, Mary Fanning! What do you mean by bringing that creature home? We can't have it. Cats are a nuisance. I said when old Tom died that we'd never have another. And we shan't."

"We shall," said Mary, and she put up her little chin resolutely. "I want something in this house that I can talk to."

The kitten stayed. And Mary took a great deal of comfort with it, although Martha never ceased to grumble about the cream it drank and the bother it was, and the wretched habit it had of forever getting in a body's way.

There came a bitter day when the frost thickened upon the windows and the trees creaked