FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT

Appropriations in Which the Commissioners Are Interested.

Congress Believed to Be in a Fairly Generous Mood, So Far as Local Needs Are Concerned—Issue of Bonds Would Go Far Toward Consummating the Improvement Plan.

The framing of the District Appropriation bill at the present session of Congress will require considerable thought and study on the part of the House District Committee, and afterward when the Senate amendments are added. There is a call for the expenditure of large sums of money in the expansion of the municipal service, in the extension of streets, sewers, water mains, and other public work, and in the carrying out of extensive plans of improvement, like the elimination of the grade crossings and the erection of the Memorial Bridge.

It is understood that the outlook for District legislation is favorable. The committees of both houses of Congress, which control the affairs of the District are made up of men familiar with the needs of the city, and who have good judgment as to what should enter into schemes of improvement of various sorts which will come before them for consideration. These committees are beset from the opening of Congress to its closing hours with delegations seeking this or that improvement, many times of a private character rather than one which fits into a systematic betterment of the whole city. When these delegations fail at the Capitol they charge upon the District Building and seek to have the Commissioners interfere with the general course of legislation in order that the bill which affects private interests may be included in the appropriations.

Commissioner Macfarland has had several conferences with Senators and members of the House, mostly with reference to the coming Centennial, but the question of District legislation was also a subject of conversation in several cases, and the Commissioner came away with the impression that the committees as a whole and as individual members would do all that they consistently could to give the District the money that it needs to carry out pressing improvements.

Commissioner Macfarland, in speaking about the matter to a reporter of The Times today, said that not much attention could be given to the subject until the Centennial Celebration is over. He stated that the minds of the Commissioners, those of the committees in charge of the several parts of the programme, and those of members of Congress were engrossed with the exercises which are to take place on December 12. Mr. Macfarland said that he was very glad to find so great interest in the Centennial Celebration in Congress. He thought it showed a friendliness to the District which would be seen in practical results when the District Appropriation bill is framed. Mr. Macfarland said that it was yet too early to venture an opinion as to what particular legislation asked for would be passed, but he seemed to be impressed with the idea that the District committees would do all in their power to aid the Commissioners in securing such amounts in the various departments and for public improvement as could be given under the existing circumstances.

In this connection it may be recalled that in the schedule of estimates prepared by the Commissioners they asked for larger appropriations in connection with the Police and Fire Departments, in order that these two branches of the public service might be strengthened and made more efficient for the important duties which they have to perform. In the executive offices additional sums were asked that more clerks might be employed and the current business of these departments put upon a better basis. This was especially the case with the Assessor's office and that of the Attorney for the District. The items for street cleaning were larger than formerly to keep pace with the growth of the city.

Outside of the current work of the departments the Commissioners gave approval to several special appropriations which are to be considered. One of these was the project for a municipal loan to make several millions of dollars available immediately for improvements of streets, the extension of sewers and the laying of curb and sidewalk. The authority given to the Commissioners to borrow a considerable sum of money would enable them to clean up the schedule of street improvement within the limits of the city, which is now about five years behind. It would also enable the authorities to open certain avenues and principal streets to the District line, and thus lay the foundation for the extension of the city in the suburban territory. This project, it is believed, has a fair show for favorable consideration in Congress.

Another scheme of improvement in which which the Commissioners are interested, and which is not strictly a District matter, in that the improvement from the nature of the case must be undertaken by the United States, is the granting of an appropriation to make a beginning upon Memorial Bridge across the Potomac, from the city to Arlington. A similar improvement, indeed a part of it, is the parking of the Mall and its connection with Zoological Park.

The improvement of the Anacostia flats is also favored by the Commissioners as a remedy against the prevalence of malarial and typhoid fevers. A statement is contained in the annual report of the Commissioners compiled in the Health Office, showing that these fevers are more common in the region bordering upon the swamps of the Eastern Branch than in other parts of the District, and an argument is deduced for the reclaiming of those waste lands as a sanitary measure for the protection of the District from the malarial conditions which find their source there.

On similar lines the Commissioners have given their approval to the proposition to establish a filtering plant in connection with the Howard Reservoir, or elsewhere, for the cleansing of the murky Potomac water and the removal from it of disease germs.

It is expected also that a sufficient amount will be added to the sum left over from the purchase of the Municipal Hospital site to secure plans and to perform the necessary preliminary work in connection with the building or buildings to be erected for that much-needed institution.

It is thought also that the present Congress may give the Commissioners authority to purchase a site for a Municipal Building, which is needed quite as much as any other proposed improvement. The Commissioners in their annual reports for the last ten years have referred to this lack of a suitable place in which to carry on the work of the District. They have repeatedly shown that valuable records are in constant danger from fire, and the executive offices are so crowded as to hinder the proper execution of the work required. The Commissioners think that Congress could do no better service to the District than to appropriate a sufficient sum to buy a site for a new Municipal Building in the first year of the coming century.

It is not likely that all these plans can be carried through. The revenues of the District are limited and in paying one-half of the expenses incurred it is impossible to stretch the ability of the corporation to meet expenses beyond the $4,000,000 or $5,000,000 derived from the taxes and other sources of revenue. The committees of Congress, therefore, have held steadfastly to the proposition that it was not wise to allow larger improvements than could be paid for out of the revenues. Unless Congress shall authorize the bonding scheme and give the District additional money in that way, it is likely that only such appropriations will be made this year as the estimated revenues of the District will stand.

STRUCK CENTRE

When She Found Coffee Was Slowly Killing Her.

Even a very temperate mode of living in regard to food beverages will not avail if the use of coffee is continued.

A Virginia lady, Mrs. R. F. Miller, of Bedford City, says that she was very temperate in every way. "I did not suspect that coffee was the poison that was undermining my whole nervous system, causing a condition of vertigo and headaches, until the attacks became so frequent and violent that I was compelled to give up all kinds of work and forced to lie down most of the time.

"My attention was drawn to Postum Food Coffee by the experience of some others in regard to common coffee, and the thought occurred to me that perhaps coffee was the cause of my trouble; so I began to use Postum, being careful to have it made according to the directions on the package.

"I did not have to cultivate a taste for it, for I found on the start that it was a most delicious beverage.

"Day after day I continued to improve, but did not dream that it would be such a help, and never since the day I left off coffee and commenced the use of Postum Food Coffee (about nine months ago) have I had any return of the trouble. I have used no medicine or tonic of any kind during this time, and my present condition of magnificent health is due entirely to the use of Postum Food Coffee.

"I have heard several persons say they did not like Postum, but in each case I discovered upon enquiry that it was because they tried to make it like common coffee—that is, boil it four or five minutes. This will not do, for one cannot get the delicious flavor and the food value in so short boiling. The directions are plain enough, and it only requires a little patience to bring out the beautiful flavor.

"The doctors find Postum one of their most valuable aids in their treatment of cases like mine."

AN ALARM OF FIRE.

Slight Damage to a Dining Room and Printing Office.

An alarm was sounded at 9:40 this morning from box 124, corner Seventh Street and Louisiana Avenue northwest, for a fire in the dining-room of William D. Payne, 625 Louisiana Avenue. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove and the kitchen was soon a mass of flames, which burnt their way through the floor to the printing office of Thomas J. Brashears' Sons on the second floor.

Mr. Payne estimates his loss at $75, while the building, which belongs to the Varnum estate and is now the property of the widow of the late Dr. McCalla, was damaged to the extent of $50, all covered by insurance.

THIEVES ROB A DRUG STORE.

They Secure $100 in Money and $40 in Postage Stamps.

Thieves entered the drug store of James K. Epply, 2308 Fourteenth Street northwest, early yesterday morning and secured about $100 from the safe, located in the rear of the building, and postage stamps valued at $40. Thomas T. Smith, the clerk in charge of the store in the absence from the city of Mr. Epply, reported the matter to the police yesterday, and Detectives Horne and Flather are working upon the case.

The burglars appear to have entered the building through a basement window, thence going into the store by means of a trap door at the rear. The safe had been left unlocked the previous night, for Mr. Smith, it is said, did not know the combination, and change therefrom was needed yesterday morning. This fact may have been known to the thieves. They ransacked the safe, and from the cash drawer took the stamps, with a small amount of change. The detectives visited the store yesterday, but so far as known no clue has been found to identify the robbers.

Bloodhounds Trail a Burglar.

SUFFOLK, Va., Dec. 8.—George Cofield, the first criminal in Nansemond County actually to be caught by bloodhounds, was thrown into jail here yesterday, accused of burglary. After trailing him for two hours the dogs found him in a friend's cabin and picked him out of a group.

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CENTENNIAL DAY EVENTS

Official Programme of the Celebration Just Issued.

Rules for the Guidance of the Committee on Public Comfort and Order—Airs to Be Played by the Marine Band During the Parade—Addresses Scheduled for the Occasion

The official programme of the National Capital Centennial Celebration, which is to take place next Wednesday, has just been issued from headquarters, and is as follows:

In the morning—10 o'clock, reception by the President of the United States to the Governors of the States and Territories, at the Executive Mansion; 11 o'clock, display of model and drawings of the proposed enlarged Executive Mansion, in the East Room. Addresses: "History of the Executive Mansion During the Century 1800-1900," by Col. Theodore A. Bingham, United States Army, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds; "Development of the District of Columbia During the Century, 1800-1900," by Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland, President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia; "Development of the States During the Century, 1800-1900," by Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, Governor of the State of Iowa; George F. Hoar, Senator from Massachusetts, will also deliver an address.

In the afternoon—1:30 o'clock, military, naval, and civic escort, starts from Executive Mansion, marching via Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. Column to be composed as follows: Platoon of mounted police, civic escort to parade, Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, Grand Marshal, and staff, brigade of United States troops, army and navy, President of the United States and Cabinet, brigade National Guard of the District of Columbia, Governors of the States, with their escorts, in the order of the admission of the States into the Union, Governors of the Territories, Commissioners of the District of Columbia, specially invited guests, Centennial Committee, veteran and other organizations.

In the Afternoon—2:30 o'clock, review of escort by the President of the United States at the East front of the Capitol; 3:30 o'clock, joint exercises by the United States Senate and House of Representatives in the hall of the House of Representatives. When order has been called, the temporary presiding officer, the Hon. David B. Henderson, Speaker of the House, will introduce the Rev. W. H. Milburn, D. D., Chaplain of the Senate, who will pronounce the invocation. The Speaker of the House of Representatives will present the Hon. William P. Frye, President pro tempore of the Senate, who will assume direction of the exercises.

Addresses—"Transfer of the National Capital from Philadelphia," the Hon. James D. Richardson, Representative from Tennessee; "Establishment of the Seat of Government in the District of Columbia," the Hon. Sereno E. Payne, Representative from New York; "History of the First Century of the National Capital," the Hon. Louis E. McComas, Senator from Maryland; "The Future of the United States and Its Capital," the Hon. John W. Daniel, Senator from Virginia.

In the evening—8 to 11 o'clock. Reception in honor of the Governors of the States and Territories at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Board of Trustees, Corcoran Gallery of Art—S. H. Kauffmann, President; Walter S. Cox, Vice President; F. B. McGuire, Secretary; C. C. Glover, Treasurer; Edward Clark, Calderon Carlisle, Bernard R. Green, William Corcoran Eustis, and Thomas Hyde.

Music by United States Marine Band, Lieut. W. H. Santelmann, Director.

James G. Berret, Chairman, and Richard Sylvester, Secretary, of the Committee on Public Comfort and Order, promulgated the following rules for the guidance of members of the committee, and request that the gentlemen make themselves well acquainted with them:

The Chairman of the sub-Committee on Depots will assign members of his committee to the several depots to meet the Governors and other distinguished guests, in conformity with information as to date, time, and place of arrival, which he will procure from the Secretary of the Committee on Public Comfort and Order.

Committeemen detailed as above will, upon the arrival of any Governor, comply with his wishes as to carriage service and hotel, the driver of any vehicle conveying such distinguished guest being instructed not to collect for his service.

Messenger boys will be at the bureaus of information established at the depots, and will be detailed to the service of any prominent guest or visitor.

The Chairman of the sub-Committee on Hotels will assign members of his committee to the several hotels where Governors and other distinguished guests may be stopping, on the 11th and 12th days of December, who will consult the wishes of such visitors and do anything tending to add to their pleasure and comfort.

On the 12th day of December a carriage will be at the service of each Governor. The drivers subject to such call will wear a red, white, and blue rosette, and may be readily had by telephoning the Chairman of the Carriage Committee, call 1865.

The Chairman of the sub-Committee on Carriages will so assign the members as to have carriages in waiting early on the morning of December 12 for the several Governors, at their respective stopping places, in order that they may comply with the programme for the day, and to see that the Governors are provided with carriages for the parade in the afternoon and the reception in the evening.

The drivers of the Governors' carriages at the White House, the Corcoran Gallery reception, and at the Capitol will wear red, white, and blue rosettes, be separately parked, and the Chairman of the sub-Committee on Parade and Ceremonies will have members of his committee present to see that the Governors are properly provided for at the close of the respective ceremonies.

The Marine Band, according to information received at headquarters from B. R. Russell, Lieut. Col. U. S. Marine Corps, commanding Marine Barracks, will play the following marches during the parade: "The Ameer," "The Man Behind the Gun," "General Heywood," "National Capital Centennial," and "Admiral Dewey." In passing in review the Band will play the "President's March."

Governor James A. Mount, of Indiana, advised headquarters by a telegraphic despatch that he will take part in the Centennial Day ceremonies.

Governor Frank W. Rollins, of New Hampshire, informed the committee that he will arrive in this city Tuesday evening and will stay at the St. James.

Governor Hazen S. Pingree, of Michigan, says that on account of press of business he will not be able to be present.

W. H. Gilmore, Adjutant General of Vermont, informed the committee that Governor W. W. Stickney, of that State, cannot be present on account of illness, but has requested his adjutant general to represent him.

Gen. Harrison Gray Otis this morning notified headquarters, accepting his appointment as a member of the Committee on Reception of which Charles J. Bell is chairman.

William D. Jelks, Acting Governor of Alabama, informed headquarters that Governor Samford lies sick at his home in Opelika, and will not be able to be present at the Centennial. Mr. Jelks, who was invited to take the place of Governor Samford, says that his duties are of such a nature that he will not be able to accept the invitation.

The distribution of the commemorative medals continues, and Secretary Edward T. Bates and Assistant Secretary George B. Pitts, who are superintending the distribution and sale of the medals, feel much gratified to see the interest manifested by the committeemen and the general public in these historic souvenirs. As the metal for these medals was obtained from the Old Capitol and White House buildings, and only 2,000 are struck, they will become a rare souvenir of the occasion. Mr. W. P. VanWickle, Chairman of the Committee on Medals and Badges, states that if any members of the various committees have not availed themselves of the opportunity to secure one of these medals, they should do so at once, as only a few are left and no additional ones will be struck. The distribution and sale of the medals is held each day on the first floor of the Bradbury Building, 1225 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest.

Meetings will take place as follows: Mr. Woodward's Exercises Executive Mansion sub-Committee, 4 o'clock p. m. today; Dr. Cooke's Ambulance Committee, 8:30 this evening; Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Public Galleries House of Representatives Committee; Mr. Bell's Corcoran Gallery Committees will meet Monday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and the final meeting of the Committee on Public Comfort and Order will take place Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Col. Myron M. Parker, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced today the following subscriptions to the National Capital Centennial Fund: the Evening Star Newspaper Company, $200; W. F. Roberts, $10; Dr. George W. N. Custis, $5; J. T. Walker & Son, $5; cash, $2.

A CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Unpaid Funeral Expenses Cause the Arrest of Frank Butler.

Frank Butler, colored, was brought here last night by Detectives Browne and Lacy from the vicinity of Fort Washington, Md., and lodged at the Sixth precinct station, charged with embezzlement. Officers of a colored Catholic beneficial society, of which Butler was formerly a member, caused his arrest, it being alleged that the prisoner misappropriated funds of the organization amounting to $1,300.

A warrant was secured several days ago for the arrest of Butler, who fled from the city upon his alleged defalcation becoming known. While attached to the society, Butler is said to have drawn upon the treasurer for funds for funeral expenses, which it has developed, yet remain unpaid. Undertaker Winslow presented a bill for about $900 recently, contracted for burial expenses on account of the society. This was supposed to have been paid, and when Butler was called to account, he disappeared from the city. Complaint was made to the police, who located Butler and brought him back for trial. He lives at 1138 Twentieth Street northwest, and is married. In the Police Court this morning, Butler was put under $500 bonds for the action of the grand jury.

ASKING FOR A RECEIVER.

Pennsylvania Stockholders' Suit Against a New York Firm.

James W. Carpenter, Martin P. Carter, and Pulaski P. Carter, residents of Pennsylvania, have filed a petition in the Supreme Court of the District, asking that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the assets and wind up the affairs of the Anglo-American Savings and Loan Association of the State of New York, which has an office in this city. It is explained that similar proceedings have been instituted by the complainants in the State courts of New York, where it is also asked that the defendant be restrained from transferring its stock and assets to any other corporation, pending these proceedings.

The petition was presented to Justice Barnard, who signed an order granting the temporary injunction asked, and fixed December 21 for a hearing of the matter.

The complainants are stockholders, in the Anglo-American Savings and Loan Association and are represented by Attorneys Russell and Winslow of York.

DIES ON THE SCAFFOLD.

Man Who Murdered His Sweetheart Hanged in Toronto.

TORONTO, Ontario, Dec. 8.—George Arthur Pearson, who murdered Miss Annie Griffin, his sweetheart, by shooting her while they were out driving in September, was hanged at Hamilton yesterday. He was executed in the jail storehouse instead of in the yard, thus saving a long walk to the scaffold.

Pearson made a statement to a minister to the effect that his story told at the time of the trial was not true, Annie Griffin not having agreed to die with him, because they loved each other and could not afford to marry as he had stated. He had made a proposal to her and she seemed to be greatly surprised. He felt ashamed and shot her, intending to kill himself also. In the statement he warned young men not to smoke cigarettes or carry pistols. Miss Griffin was only seventeen years of age.

INHALED ILLUMINATING GAS.

Alfred Lewis at Emergency Hospital in a Critical Condition.

Alfred C. Lewis, forty years of age, was taken to the Emergency Hospital last night in an unconscious condition, the result of inhaling illuminating gas at the home of Mrs. E. E. Fance, 620 Fifth Street northwest. His condition is reported critical.

Information was refused regarding the case last night at the Fance home, but elsewhere it was stated that Lewis went to his room, located on the second floor of the house, and about 6 o'clock was discovered in a stupor, with the gas burner partially turned on in his room. Dr. Kent was summoned, but for some reason Lewis was not sent to the hospital until after 10 o'clock. Then the ambulance was called for and the patient removed in haste to the institution. This morning he was reported as practically out of danger.

SUIT FOR AN INJUNCTION.

Proceedings of a Baltimore Publishing Concern Against a Local Firm.

The Conservative Review Company of Baltimore, Md., today instituted proceedings for injunction against the Neale Company, of this city, asking the court to enjoin the latter from the publication of a quarterly magazine known as the "Conservative Review." It is explained that the complainant, in 1899, entered into a contract with the defendant for the publication and printing of the magazine mentioned. The defendant, however, it is alleged, was notified to stop the publication, but did not do so.

The complainant is represented by Attorneys Ralston & Siddons.

North Carolina Finances.

The State treasurer yesterday gave out his report for the fiscal year 1899 and 1900. The receipts for 1899 were $1,545,717; disbursements, $1,600,030. Receipts for 1900, $1,618,603; disbursements, $1,647,424.

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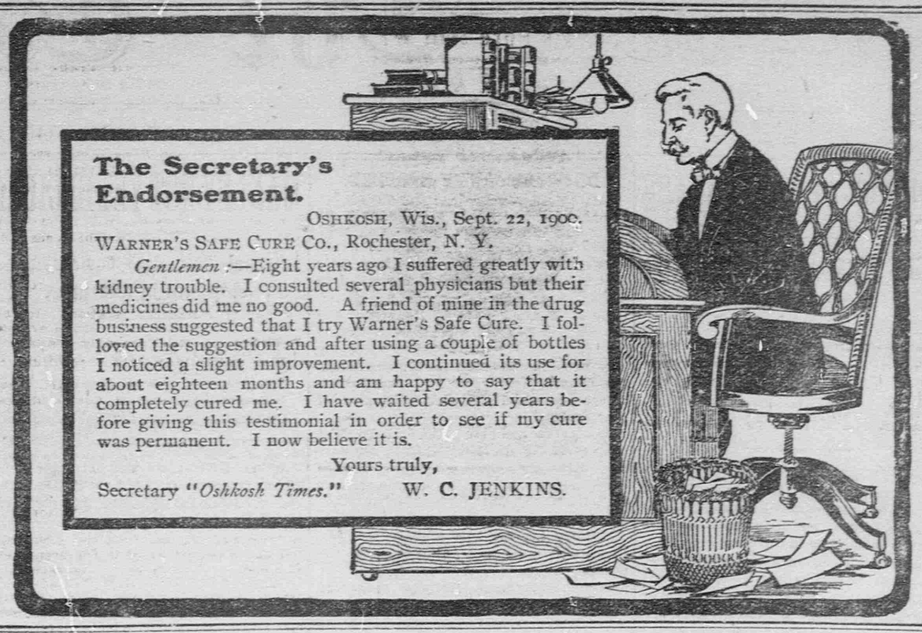

The Secretary's Endorsement.

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Yours truly,

Secretary "*Oshkosh Times.*" W. C. JENKINS.

THE WEST VIRGINIA MINERS.

Another Effort to Be Made to Organize Them.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 8.—Appearances indicate a renewal of the striking scenes of 1897 in the Fairmont coal region. The United Mine Workers have decided to make another mighty effort to organize the miners in this region, and already Chris Evans, George Warner, and several assistants are on the ground. The Mine Workers declare that the success of their organization trembles in the balance as long as this region remains unorganized, for the big strike of 1897 clearly proved that West Virginia can furnish enough coal to break a combined strike in all other regions of the United States.

Since the strike of 1897 the operators of this region have succeeded in gaining a foothold in all the markets of the United States and the output now reaches 500 cars each day, or twenty-five loaded trains from the Fairmont region daily. This immense output, coupled with the output in the southern part of the State, has brought West Virginia rapidly forward, until it now stands second only to Pennsylvania in production. New railroads are now being built to open up new territory, new mines are being opened in all parts of the region, and this, coupled with the application of modern machinery, a "big win" and a "clean breast," indicates that if present conditions continue West Virginia will outstrip Pennsylvania in a short time.

This effort of the United Mine Workers is made, it is claimed in some quarters, on behalf of the operators of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois, who will regain their lost markets if the men in this region become dissatisfied with present conditions.

The operators have several times refused to meet with United Mine Worker officials and this, Mr. Evans claims, shows the weakness of their position. Their refusal to sign a scale makes the present price of 58 cents a car, he says, only temporary, and it may be reduced at any time. He claims that a checkweighman should be employed at every mine, and argues that the company stores in vogue throughout the region do the men a great injustice and are the source of the most revenue to the operators.

The operators contend that this movement is paid for by the operators of other States, who, as a common enemy, unite against this State to regain their lost markets. They claim that any movement to organize among the miners means to undo the conditions that have come about in the last few years. They say the organizers have nothing in common with the men of this region, and point out that the recent strike in the George Creek district of Maryland did no good and only kept the men out of four months' work at good prices.

Mr. Evans and his corps of organizers have already commenced their work and claim they are being warmly received and meeting with every encouragement.

THE CHICAGO REFORM WAVE.

Mayor Harrison Issues an Order for Purification.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The fight to purify morals in Chicago is spreading in many directions. "Hotels" and restaurants with "private" dining-rooms are now on the tabooed list. Yesterday it was announced that Chief of Police Kipley had gone on a trip for his health. The mayor explained the chief had taken a three weeks' vacation.

Assistant Chief Placek was placed in charge of the department and immediately issued an order to arrest all women found in saloons or wine-rooms in the downtown district.

The Rev. D. F. Fox, who is taking an active part in the work, said:

"In my mail I found ten or a dozen letters from women whose lives have been wrecked, letters of piteous appeal for the protection of young girls and for the abolishment of those places where their ruin was accomplished.

"These letters were not signed, except in a few cases, and then only with such names as 'A Wronged Woman,' or 'More Sinned Against than Sinning.' One in particular appealed to me strongly. It ran something like this: 'Let not your energies be all directed against the basement saloons and dives; strike higher, strike at the places of apparent respectability, the restaurants that have private dining-rooms; these are the places that feed the basement dives.'"

SUSPECTED OF BEING A CROOK.

Buffalo Police Holding Charles W. Shumway, of New York.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The Buffalo police think they have captured a clever New York crook in the person of Charles W. Shumway, who says he lives at 40 East Sixty-first Street, New York, and who is charged with passing a bogus check, drawn on the Plaza Bank, of New York, on a local hotelkeeper.

Shumway had cards in his possession which represented him as being the agent of various corporations and firms in all parts of the United States, including the Ward Steamship Company and the Postal Telegraph Company, of New York. Another card stated he had an office with C. H. Clayton, of 157-159 Pearl Street, New York, and lived at the Hoffman House. The New York police have been asked to investigate his record. Shumway says he is innocent of wrongdoing.

Negotiating for a Street Railway.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 8.—Eastern capitalists are negotiating for the purchase of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company. On November 13 a party of eastern capitalists inspected the proposals. The capital stock is $17,000,000 in common and $2,000,000 in 3 per cent cumulative preferred. The size of the offer made is not known. William C. Whitney is understood to be back of the deal.

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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, Nov. 30, 1900.—Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the acts of Congress approved June 23, 1873; June 10, 1879; June 17, 1890; August 11, 1894; July 8, 1898, and June 2, 1900, a water main has been laid on Bridge Street, between Highland Avenue and the end of said street, and that a water main tax has been levied upon all lots or land abutting upon the street, road, or alley in or upon which a water main has been laid, all in the County of Washington, District of Columbia: Part of the Highlands, being part of Pretty Prospect; James B. Nicholson, $24; part beginning at the northwest corner of Gillard & Parson's tract and run thence along the south line of Omaha Street extended to east line of Bridge Street, thence along east line of Bridge Street to Frank H. Thomas' tract, northwest corner; thence along said Frank H. Thomas' tract north line 158.90 feet to said Thomas' northeast corner; thence along east line of said Thomas' tract south 88.44 feet; thence north 75 degrees 40 minutes east to said Gillard & Parson's west line; thence north 188.70 feet along said Gillard & Parson's west line to beginning. Part of the Highlands, being part of Pretty Prospect; James B. Nicholson, $55; part beginning at the intersection of the west line of the tract herein described with the south line of Omaha Street extended and run thence south 2 degrees east 342.38 feet; thence north 75 degrees 40 minutes east to west line of Bridge Street; thence along west line of Bridge Street to south line of Omaha Street extended; thence west along south line of said Omaha Street to beginning. In Cleveland Park; block 8; part of lot 3, Thomas E. Waggaman, $4.21; beginning at the southwest corner of lot 3 and run east 7.21 feet to west line of street called Highland Avenue; thence along west line of said avenue 72.53 feet to Bridge Street; thence along south line of Bridge Street 3.37 feet to east line of lot 4; thence along said east line south 74.44 feet to beginning. In Cleveland Park; block 8; part of lot 4, Thomas E. Waggaman, $39.74; beginning at the southwest corner of lot 4 and run east 25 feet; thence north 74.44 feet to Bridge Street; thence northwestwardly along Bridge Street 31.79 feet to east line of lot of 5; thence south 94.07 feet to beginning. In Cleveland Park; block 8; part of lot 5, Thomas E. Waggaman, $20.53; beginning at the southwest corner of said lot of 5 and run east 25 feet; thence north 94.07 feet to Bridge Street; thence northwestwardly along Bridge Street 16.41 feet; thence south 75 degrees, 40 minutes west 12.81 feet to west line of lot of 5; thence along west line of lot of 5 to beginning. By order of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: H. H. DARNEILLE, Assessor of the District of Columbia. de3-12t-ex3u

HANGED FROM A TREE.

Virginians Make Short Work of a Woman's Assailant.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 8.—At an early hour yesterday morning 300 men in the eastern end of Wytte county hanged a negro from a tree limb for assaulting a woman.

On Thursday shortly before noon two negroes walked from the old mines to the town of Ivanhoe. They stopped at a house on the place of Capt. John C. Raper. The house is occupied by Robert Fisher, a young man in the employ of Captain Raper, and his family. One negro stayed in the road and the other, Daniel Long, by name, went to the house and assaulted Mrs. Fisher, who was alone.

The two negroes then went on their way. Constable Allen, of Ivanhoe, arrested the two men on suspicion and Mrs. Fisher positively identified Long, but said she had not seen the other negro.

Constable Allen started back to Ivanhoe with his prisoners at about 2 a. m., but was interrupted by the mob who made short work of Long. They wanted to hang the other negro, but the constable got him safely away.

STRIKE CAUSES NO DELAY.

Differences With Texas Operators Does Not Affect Trains.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 8.—Regardless of the strike of the operators of the Order of Railway Telegraphers on the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railway, all trains on that line are now moving on schedule time. The despatch sent out from Fort Worth Thursday that the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe was tied up from Galveston to Purcell and not a train moving, is untrue.

There has not been a moment's delay in the arrival or departure of trains since the strike has been declared on, and none is expected. The places of the striking operators are being filled with men from other departments of the road, and the company anticipates no interruption to their train traffic. No effort at adjustment of differences was made yesterday.

A New Telephone Combine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A Baltimore despatch to Wall Street says that plans for the combination of the leading independent telephone lines of the country are nearly completed, under the auspices of Alexander Brown & Sons, and that the details will be announced shortly. The largest company in the proposed consolidation is the Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company. The proposed capitalization is about $50,000,000.

The Pope Blesses Pilgrims.

ROME, Dec. 8.—The reports of the Pope's illness were set at rest by his holiness yesterday when he visited St. Peter's and blessed 10,000 pilgrims, including 120 from the United States. He appeared to be well, and he was loudly cheered.

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NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF COLONIAL BEACH—Mr. W. P. Billingsley, Town Treasurer, will be at 1209 Street northwest from Dec. 10 to Dec. 1 to collect taxes due. de8-2tem

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NOTICE—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lincoln National Bank for the election of directors will be held at their banking-house TUESDAY, JANUARY, 8, 1901, from 12to 2 o'clock p. m. It is proposed to amend Section 3 of the Articles of Association by striking out "fifteen" and inserting "not less than five or more than fifteen." F. A. STIER, Cashier. de6,8,12,15,19,22,26,29-ja2,5,7.

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A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of "The National Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia" will be held MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1900, for the election of Directors. Polls open at 12 m. and close at 1 o'clock p. m. SAM CROSS, Secretary. no30-24t

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