

BIG DECREASE IN LOSSES DUE TO FIRE

Less Than One-third Those of the Previous Year.

Were Only \$78,107 for the Nine Months of the Present Fiscal Year.

Mr. R. W. Dutton, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, today submitted to the District Commissioners his report of the operations of his department for the month of March.

During the month there were thirty-nine bell alarms, three of which were false, the thirty-six fires for which these alarms were sounded entailing a loss of \$7,311. The insurance on the property involved being \$74,150.

The total loss for the month was \$7,487, and the total insurance \$83,960, the loss being about 9 per cent of the insurance.

Of the sixty-eight fires occurring during the month, thirty-three were in brick buildings, twenty in frame ones, and two in stone structures, the others being brush and like conflagrations. In no case did the fire travel from one building to another, and in but two did the flames pass from one story to another.

The total loss during the nine months of the present fiscal year was \$78,107, or just \$194,852 less than during the first nine months of the previous fiscal year. Up to April 1 of the present fiscal year the department had responded to 689 alarms, or twenty-nine more than during the corresponding period of the previous year.

Acacia Lodge Meeting. A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Acacia Lodge, No. 18, F. A. A. M., was held Wednesday evening in the parlor of the St. James Hotel. Plans and details of the work were talked over and a good report is expected from every member at the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 o'clock, at the St. James. Lodge members are requested to urge all ladies who have not already attended to be present at this meeting.

Spring Hunters' Steeplechase at Benning today. Ten entries from six different Hunt Clubs.

Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Co. Delightful trips daily at 6:30 p. m. from foot 7th st. to Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Newport News. See ad. page 2.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer; light variable winds, becoming fresh southerly.

TEMPERATURE.

Temperature at 9 a. m. 48
Temperature at 12 noon 48
Temperature at 1:30 p. m. 51

THE SUN AND MOON.

Sun rises 6:41 A.M. Sun sets 6:26 P.M.
Moon rises 3:43 A.M. Moon sets 1:00 P.M.

THE TIDE TABLE.

High tide 5:00 A.M. and 5:26 P.M.
Low tide 11:28 A.M. and 11:28 A.M.

STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today 7:06 P.M.
Lamps out tomorrow 4:47 A.M.

AMUSEMENTS.

National—"David Harum," afternoon and evening.
Columbia—"The Burgomaster," afternoon and evening.
Chase—"Polite vaudeville," afternoon and evening.
Academy—"The Convict's Daughter," afternoon and evening.
Kernan's—"The Little Pilgrims," afternoon and evening.
Empire—"Polite vaudeville," afternoon and evening.
Lafayette—"The Little Pilgrims," afternoon and evening.

EXCURSIONS.

Steamer Macalester for Mount Vernon at 10 a. m. and 1:45 p. m.
Norfolk and Washington steamers for Fort Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.
Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteenth-and-a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour. Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

FUNERAL OF W. H. SCHEUTZE.

Obsequies Over Remains of the Naval Officer Tomorrow Afternoon. The funeral of Lieut. Commander William H. Scheutze, U. S. N., will be a military one and will take place from St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, Sixteenth and H Streets northwest, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith, rector of St. John's, will officiate. The honorary pallbearers will consist of naval officers and civilian friends of the deceased.

At the conclusion of the services at the church the remains will be escorted to the depot, and taken thence to the home of the deceased in St. Louis, Mo., for interment.

Ten entries, representing six of the most prominent Hunt Clubs in America, in the Spring Hunters' Steeplechase at Benning today.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return \$1.25 Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday; April 5 and 6, good to return until Monday, April 7.

A GAY MASQUERADE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Children of Saengerbund Members Have a Merry Evening.

The Washington Saengerbund entertained the children of its members and friends last night at the National Rifles Army at a masquerade ball. The capacious hall was crowded with little mummies, who enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content, and spent the hours in dancing and promenading. This event is looked forward to with joyful anticipations by the young and old of the Saengerbund, and the parents of the little folks on this occasion spare no pains in trying to make their children as attractive and pretty as possible for this annual masquerade.

There were many beautiful fancy dresses, as well as funny, original, and peculiar make-ups, prominent among which were those of Miss Eva Krol, as Greek matron; Helen Louise Wetzel, morning star; Madeline Smithson as a grand dame; Helen Berven, Scotch lassie; Emma Ackman, page; Ida Carl, Madame Sans-Gene; Elva Joris, German peasant girl; Willie Albright, clown; Herman Charles, and Eugene Jacobson, jockey; Augusta Frank, Robin Hood; Felix Altrup and Ronald Thring, brownies; Alinda Jacobs, flower girl; Ethel Rank, Mexican vaquero; Margaret Reisinger, Little Red Riding Hood; Robert Hannebaum, Me-Heles; Jack Robinson, clown; Karl Otto Spiess, Swiss milk boy; George Brodbeck, ghost; Alma Nelson, dupe; Helen Engels, George Washington; Karl Hill, Emma Xander, Spanish girl; Elva Worth, Princeton colors; Irma Schweitzer, Columbia; Louise Bowman, fairy; Florence Kuebel, bee; Sarah Lee, Chinese girl; Katharine Rau and Dorothy Mayer, fairies; Pauline Hutterly and Dorothy Lutz, folly; William and George Hutterly, clowns; Edwin Levy, clown; Edwin and Emma Karr, clowns; Margaret Schlotterbeck, la grand dame; Frida Herrmann and William Herrmann, black foresters; Irene Ockershausen, Princess of Thule; Katharine Herrmann, Lorelei; Nellie Schulz, Die Wacht on Rhein; Minnie Ockershausen, Puritan maiden; Maggie Herrmann, Lady Bountiful; Clara Schwartz, Hercules; Walter Schultz, giant ziller; O. Ockershausen, Snylock; Dorothea Paduez, Puck; Albert, May, Ruth, Kaymann, and Katie Escher, French peasants. Every child received a box of candy.

There were eighteen numbers of the programme, and the floor was reserved for the children until 10:30 o'clock, when their older friends joined them in the waltzes of the merry waltz. The music was furnished by Donch's Saengerbund Orchestra.

The affair was under the management of Messrs. K. Xander, A. F. Jorss, L. Faber, William F. Meyers, Charles Meyer, S. Sawell, J. Waldman, H. V. Scheutze, Hermann, George L. Storm, F. Altrup, William Beuchert, A. O. Hutterly, E. Kuebel, A. Lerch, C. F. Widmayer, H. G. Minster, S. Minister, F. E. Ghiselli, I. Behrend, and N. Weil.

CELEBRATED HIS WINNING.

Benning Patron Indulges in Wine and Flourishes a Revolver.

The case of Frank Starr, who was arrested yesterday for flourishing a revolver in an Avenue hotel, was continued indefinitely in the Police Court today and he was released on personal bonds. Starr is said to be an ex-cadet of the United States Military Academy. He is about thirty years of age. He came here from New York to attend the races at Benning. It is stated that he made a big winning from the bookmakers, and when he came back to the city began celebrating his good luck by imbibing freely in wine, and then he flourished his revolver, though he declared without any intention of hurting anyone.

TOUR TO THE YELLOWSTONE PARK

Exceptionally Low Rates Offered by the Pennsylvania Railroad on Account of National Educational Association Convention.

The reduced rates authorized by the transcontinental railroads on account of the Annual Convention of the National Educational Association, which will be held at the Pennsylvania Hotel, Philadelphia, from July 7 to 11, 1902, have enabled the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to make a special arrangement for the convenience of those attending the convention. The rate for a round-trip ticket from Washington to Philadelphia, including the cost of the convention, is \$150.00. This rate is available for a round-trip ticket from Washington to Philadelphia, including the cost of the convention, and is available for a round-trip ticket from Washington to Philadelphia, including the cost of the convention.

The tour will leave New York and Philadelphia, Saturday, July 5, and return Sunday, July 20. Round-trip tickets, covering all necessary expenses for the entire trip, including one berth in Pullman sleeper, will be sold at \$150 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburgh. When two persons occupy one berth, the rate will be \$125 for each person. Rates from Pittsburgh will be \$5 less than above. Tourists will use a special train over the entire trip with the exception of the six days devoted to the tour of the Park, when stages and the fine hotels maintained in the Park will be utilized. This special train will consist of a Pullman dining car, sleeping cars, and an observation car, all of the highest grade, and the passengers will find them fully as comfortable and convenient as the best hotels. During the three days at the convention in Minneapolis, July 7 to 9, inclusive, this special train will be at the command of the tourists, obviating the necessity of securing accommodations at hotels. The accommodations on this tour will be applied early in order to secure reservations of space. A detailed itinerary is in course of preparation, and all inquiries regarding accommodations should be addressed to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Another Steeplechase at Benning today. The Spring Hunters' Steeplechase. Ten entries.

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Millinery for Misses and Children. In our mind's eye it is the largest showing of its kind in the city. It must be, when we are quoted as carrying the larger stock. Our Saturday's specials go as follows:

Children's mixed fancy straw untrimmed hats, all good shapes, and the correct colors—the same worth 48c, advertised today 25c. Misses' and children's soft Cuban straw braided untrimmed hats, so constructed as to make them into any shape—the kind worth 75c, advertised for 48c. Misses' and children's untrimmed rough straw hats—flat shape, with bell crown, all good colors, worth the same as the above—48c advertised at 39c. Children's row and row untrimmed straw hats, made with ruffled or edge, the newest shapes and colors, worth 60c, advertised at 39c.

MARKET SPACE. \$1.00 A LARGE BOTTLE SHOOMAKER'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY. A tip-top specific for throat and lung ailments. Not merely "a man's whiskey"—but a family liquor, safe and efficacious to give young or old when ailing. \$1 a bottle, and to be had only at the Shoemaker Co., 1331 E St. Phone 1153.

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A Newspaper of Life Without Sensationalism. Thirty-six Pages of Wholesome Information, Interestingly Told and Artistically Illustrated, Containing Numerous Features, of Which the Following Are Typical:

An Ant's-Eye View of Washington. Two weeks ago The Sunday Times described Washington as the city is seen by the birds. Aside from its treatment and striking illustration, there was nothing of a singular character about the article; but an ant's-eye view—think of it! a personally conducted sightseeing tour by an experienced ant. We believe this to be a feature absolutely unique in modern journalism.

Miss Manhattan Discourses On the Latest Fad. There is nothing like the present rage for purses and bags that exists among the fashionable women of America. Bag carrying has grown to be such a fixed habit with the smart woman that her supply includes every variety of these dainty accessories, from the little leathern purse to the jewel-studded confection for evening wear. Tomorrow's Sunday Times describes them in detail.

The Eye and Ear Specialist in Washington Society. If you want to know the inner news of Washington society, you must read this feature of The Sunday Times, which is the work of a clever woman, who knows whereof she writes and how to write it. The first description of a new fad that has been introduced among the fashionable contingent at Palm Beach is given in this feature of tomorrow's Sunday Times.

Col. Joyce's Unique Tombstone. The well-known poet and soldier, whose personality is about as familiar to residents of this city as the dome of the Capitol, has ordered his monument. The colonel purposes carrying his controversy with Ella Wheeler Wilcox beyond the grave. In an interview with one of The Sunday Times' special writers, Colonel Joyce describes the memorial and tells why he is having it erected.

Spring Vermin That Infest Washington. There is plenty of poetry about the season of spring; but there are also numerous unpleasant facts that must be taken into consideration. At this period of the year the housewife "cleans house." In a lengthy interview with one of The Sunday Times' special writers Prof. Howard, entomologist of the Agricultural Department, describes the quickest and most effective methods of ridding one's house of the vermin that infest Washington during the month of April.

A Comic Page Edited by Primrose and Dockstader. Last night The Sunday Times called up Lew Dockstader and George Primrose over the long-distance telephone and asked the famous minstrels if they would edit a funny page. After a humorous conversation, during which the great funmakers demanded \$2,000,000.05 for their services, an agreement was made. Primrose and Dockstader's page will be one of the many good things in tomorrow's Sunday Times.

The Fire-Fighters of Washington. They are the best in the world in training, equipment, and devotion to duty. This is a strong statement, which we would like to strengthen. Some of the records made by the local Fire Department are unapproachable. The Sunday Times tomorrow shows the fire laddies of Washington at work from the moment the alarm is sounded to the extinction of the flames.

The Sanctified Sisterhood 'takes Home in Washington. A strange society of women started in a strange way. A unique organization of women that sprang into existence over a quarter of a century ago in a little town in Texas, and has finally come to a permanent home in Washington. It is a religious club, a stock company, a study club, and a travel class, all in one. It is guided not by constitution and prosaic by-laws, but simply and solely by revelations.

A Financial Page Edited by Weber & Fields. By special arrangement with the famous German comedians, the Sunday Times will publish tomorrow, a page devoted to finance, edited by Joe Weber and Lon Fields. The Dutch dialect artists interview J. Pierpont Morgan on money questions. You cannot afford to miss the financial page by Weber and Fields.

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