

HEAVY BOND REQUIRED OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Lawyers Regard It as an Unnecessary Burden.

RELIC OF THE ORGANIC ACT

Imposed Originally When Commissioners Were Disbursing Officers—Engineer Member Not Bonded.

Attention was called to the fact today at the District building that the bond required of each of the Commissioners from civil life is out of all proportion to the responsibilities assumed by them.

Owing to the fact that the Engineer Commissioner is an officer of the United States Army and the rules that pertain there, no bond is required of him, though he has equal responsibility with the civil Commissioners in the municipal government.

Required by Organic Act.

The bond of the civil Commissioners was required in the organic act because these men in the early years of the present form of government were the disbursing officers of the District.

It is held, therefore, by lawyers and others that requiring a bond from the civil Commissioners is no longer necessary. It puts a needless burden upon them, costing each of them \$250 per annum to the company giving the bond.

It was not thought advisable when the law was enacted creating the disbursing officer to change the original act relative to the bonding of the Commissioners, because they were still charged with entering into contracts for public work.

Greater Than Necessary.

If it is held that certain responsibility attaches to the signing of contracts it is said to be clear that the bond of \$50,000 is greater than is necessary, and should be reduced at least to \$20,000. On the other hand, it is held by many that the whole matter could be safely intrusted to the honor of the civil Commissioners, as it is to the Engineer Commissioner, and that the burden of the bond should be removed entirely.

Flowers Grown About Washington.

Gude's nurseries in Anacostia supply the best specimen flowers shown in town, 1224 F st.

White Pine Doors, \$1.25 each, and 1 1/2 inches thick. Libbey's, 6th & N. Y. ave.

ALLEGED PICKPOCKETS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Clever Quintet Who Are Charged With Robbing Major Williams Sent to Jail.

Arthur Ferguson, Robert Hill, Joseph Miller, George Peabody and Max Regal, charged with larceny from the person, through their attorney, Albert Sillers, waived examination in the United States branch of the Police Court today and were each held in bond of \$2,000 to await the action of the grand jury.

They are a quintet of crooks, so it is alleged, whose like it has not often been the misfortune of Washington people to see. The bunch, was captured about noon yesterday, after Major Leander P. Williams, Deputy Clerk of the District Supreme Court, had been mysteriously relieved of \$102 which he had carefully tucked away in an inside pocket.

Mr. Williams had boarded an Avenue car, after going to a bank to transact some business, and at the Seventh Street crossing he was violently jostled by a number of people getting on and off.

Detectives Keely and Killian, of St. Louis, who came on to aid the local authorities during the G. A. R. encampment, chanced to be on the car with Major Williams, and their keen eyes were upon all that was transpiring. They saw that the crooks were after Major Williams' watch, and they seized Ferguson, Miller and Hill and marched

them to Police Headquarters, followed by a big crowd.

Regal and Peabody got away in the excitement created by the arrests, but were taken into custody an hour later as they were about to board a Baltimore and Ohio train for the West. After the three men first named were arrested, Major Williams discovered that the envelope containing \$102 was missing.

Hill is probably the most noted of the party. During a dispute over the division of spoils of a pickpocket expedition he is said to have killed another crook named McCann in New York a few years ago. He is apparently about thirty-five years of age. It is said Hill's real name is Josh Hines.

Miller is known also as Harry Stearns and Harry Golden. He is said to be a bartender. He has been in the hands of the police of various cities on different charges, and it is said that he is now wanted in Pittsburgh.

Peabody and Regal are not so well known, but are regarded as very smooth. Peabody is a beardless boy of sixteen. The entire outfit went to jail, but is expected will soon furnish bail.

CONDITION OF THE WATER. Temperature and condition of the water at 8 a. m.: Great Falls—Temperature, 58; condition, 2; Dalecarlia reservoir—Temperature, 62; condition at north connection, 2; condition at south connection, 3. Georgetown distributing reservoir—Temperature, 62; condition at influent gatehouse, 4; condition at effluent gatehouse, 5. Washington city reservoir—Temperature, 62; condition at influent, 3; condition at effluent, 36.

THE SUN AND THE MOON. Sun rises, 6:09 a. m.; Sun sets, 5:21 p. m. Moon rises, 4:15 a. m.; Moon sets, 4:15 a. m.

TIDE TABLE. High tide, 12:20 a. m. and 12:38 p. m. Low tide, 6:07 a. m. and 6:19 p. m.

STREET LIGHTING. Lamps lit today, 6:07 p. m. Lamps out tomorrow, 5:18 a. m.

AMUSEMENTS. National—Anna Held in "The Little Duchess," evening.

Columbia—"When Reuben Comes to Town," evening.

Chase—Hoy's Comedians, vaudeville, afternoon and evening.

Lafayette—"Lost, Strayed or Stolen," afternoon and evening.

Academy—"Two Little Waifs," evening.

Empire—"Sidelacked," afternoon and evening.

Kernan's—"Dainty Duchess," Burlesques, afternoon and evening.

Hall of the Ancients—New York Avenue northwest, near Fourteenth.

EXCURSIONS. Norfolk and Washington line for Fort Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.

Chesapeake Beach—See schedule under "Railroads and Steamboats" for time.

Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteen-and-a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour; Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Reduced Rates to Hagerstown and Return Via B. & O. R. R.

Account Washington County Fair. Tickets sold October 15 to 21, valid returning until 18, \$2.50 for the round trip, including admission. Rate for October 15 only, \$2.00, including admission. Special trains will leave Washington at 7:30 a. m., October 15 and 16, returning, leave Hagerstown at 5:30 p. m.

BUSH TO BE MAJOR OF THE COLORED CADETS

Officers of Manual Training School Companies.

Milton C. Bush, of the Armstrong Manual Training School, has been awarded the rank of major commanding the Colored High School Cadets during the present school year. The award was the result of a competitive examination held yesterday to determine the qualifications of several candidates for the position.

The Armstrong school will be represented this year by two companies, with the following line officers:

Captains, James Powell and Norris Dodson; first lieutenants, Jesse Gardner and Joseph Cogbill; second lieutenants, William Grant and John Wilson; first sergeants, Thomas Manly and Lawrence Wormley; sergeants, Charles Dorsey, Elbert Corbett, John Ellis, George Lewis, George Robinson, Louis Howell, Henry Newman and Robert Woodson; corporals, William Mitchell, Francis Miller, John Gaines, Robert Wilson, George Roy, Talbert Dowling and John Brown.

The Colored High School has not yet announced the officers for its company.

Dr. W. Bruce Evans and the pupils of the Armstrong school expect a visit soon from Lieut. B. Ollie Davis, a graduate of the business department of that school. Lieutenant Davis was the first colored man to rise from the ranks to the position of a commissioned officer in the regular army. His first military instruction was received at the hands of Major Arthur Brooks. He served later in the Spanish and Philippine wars.

RELIEF FOR THE MINERS.

A special meeting of Bricklayers' Union No. 1, District of Columbia, will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at Typographical Temple. The purpose of the meeting is to devise means for providing relief for the anthracite coal miners.

BIBLE CLASS AT Y. M. C. A.

The International Sunday school lesson Bible class, which has been conducted for several years by W. H. Smith in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A., will begin its winter study again on Saturday at 7 o'clock. The class this season will be conducted regularly each week by Rev. John N. Lyle.

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W. J. ZEH, 709 11th st., 1312 14th st. nw., 13th and D st. sw.

FOUND HANGING FROM A BEAM IN A BARN

Suicide of John R. Walker in Alexandria County.

John R. Walker, one of the best known residents of Walkers Chapel, Alexandria county, Va., was found dead yesterday morning, in the loft of the barn of Charles Shipman, near Mr. Walker's home. His body was swinging at the end of a large rope, tied to a wooden beam. Walker had been missing since Monday afternoon. Walker's body was found by Mr. Shipman, who had occasion to go up in the loft of his barn early Tuesday morning. The cause of suicide was melancholia, Mr. Walker had for the past year been acting strangely. He was fifty-three years of age and unmarried. The village, "Walkers Chapel" was named after the Walker family, of which John R. Walker was a member.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Walkers Chapel, of which deceased was a member. Rev. Dr. Gray, pastor of the church, will officiate. A coroner's inquest was held over the body yesterday morning about 11 o'clock the verdict of which was suicide by hanging.

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Extra heavy unbleached Muslin, yard wide, regular price, 35c—special, 42c; regular, yard, 48c.

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Children's Underwear, Vests and Pants and Union Suits, from 10c up.

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Ladies' Wrappers, Flannellette, sizes 32 to 46, 69c.

Ladies' Walking Skirts, Oxford Grays, heavy material for fall and winter wear, all sizes, 97c.

Ladies' Capes, black, blue and gray, all sizes from 39c.

Ladies' Flannellette Night Gowns, well made, extra heavy material, 47c up.

Children's Black Ribbed Hose, fast colors, sizes 5 to 15; regular 47c; 10c goods—special price, 42c.

Ladies' Short Skirts, flannel, with deep flounce, regular price, 50c; our price, 24c.

Boy's Shirt Waists, sizes 8 to 12; regular 25c value—our price, 12 1/2c.

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Floor Covering Dept., third floor.

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