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THEIR WORK IN ARREARS

Board of Assessors Far From Having Completed Their Labors.

Considerable City Property Not Yet Touched and County Real Estate Not Reached.

A week from today, under the law establishing the board of assessors, Messrs. Bates, Morse and Johnson, to fix the value of real estate in the District for taxation, the assessors were to make their first report. It became apparent several months ago that they would not be able to finish by that time.

As soon as Congress met a resolution was introduced extending the time two or three months for the assessment of property inside the city limits and longer for the property in the county. This has not passed, but is sure to go through and will accomplish its purpose. As a relief about which there is no question it may possibly pass this week.

It may happen that the date for county property will need to be set forward again. This is the first time an assessment has ever been made here in this manner, and it is very difficult to determine how long a time will be required to do the work. Congress, of course, considered the question of time when the bill was passed and the limit set was thought to be sufficiently remote to allow for all contingencies. It has been found to be several weeks too soon, even for the completion of the city assessment.

With the experience gained in making over three-quarters of the city, the assessors have been able to determine very closely what time will be required to finish the northeast section, where the general character of the property is much the same as that already assessed. But when it comes to county work there is no experience to act as a guide. There are subdivisions where the proceeding will be much the same as in the city, after they are reached.

But it will take some time to reach these places. On many days nearly the whole time will be consumed in coming and going. Then there are the farm lands, with all of which no one is quite familiar. Sometimes it will require an entire day to reach and assess a single farm, if the same thoroughness observed with city holdings prevails throughout. Furthermore, for three months now the weather is sure to be inclement. There will be many days when it will be impossible to do anything out of doors, and assessment will cease entirely.

The board will then give their time to the consideration of liquor licenses. This will settle vexed questions in that department, but will also put off the day for the assessors' final report on their more important labors. It is confidently hoped, however, that the whole job, including the review and making up the books by Assessor Trimble, will be completed in time for collection of taxes under the new assessment to begin on November 1, 1896.

Very seldom has an assessment been made anywhere so carefully as this has been. The board have a covered wagon something like a hansom, but considerably larger. In this a table with writing materials has been firmly set. The assessors drive from place to place and personally inspect the real estate which they are to value. They take time to view the premises closely enough to estimate accurately the worth both of the site and the improvements. If necessary, they go into the rear yard and make a rough survey of the dimensions of the building. Then, with the data gathered they return to their vehicle and figure out the valuation.

The time required for arriving at a conclusion varies greatly. Sometimes a whole block made up of buildings very much alike will be assessed as quickly as a single residence built long ago and standing apart from other property.

Edmunds Act Offenders.
Policeman Bannagan, of the Fourth precinct, arrested Henry Curtin and Bessie Becker, both colored, yesterday morning, for violation of the Edmunds law.

Girl Saves a Drunkard's Life.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 29.—Mary McMill, aged eighteen, rescued John Cuddy from a berthed death last night. Cuddy was drunk and had fallen on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad tracks in front of an approaching train near Mill Creek. She sprang to his rescue, caught him by the collar and pulled him from the road bed just as the train reached the spot.

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WILL REORGANIZE TODAY

Democrats Will Demand a Vote on the Resolution.

BOTH SIDES HAVE SCHEMES

Republicans Wish to Show That the Populists Are Now Favored, While the Democrats Hope to Prove That There is a Republican Majority. Dual Week in Both Houses.

The reorganization of the committees of the Senate upon which the steering committees of both the old parties have been working for the past three weeks will be effected today by the passage of a resolution to be introduced by Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the Republican committee.

In violation of precedents for a number of years past a year and may vote will be taken upon the adoption of the resolution. The Democrats say they intend to show to the country that the Republicans have more voters than the Democrats, and therefore are entitled to take control, but there is a suspicion that the Democrats hope by this vote to be able to show that a deal has been made by the Republicans with the Populists.

The Republicans meet this argument with the statement that they have permitted the Populists to remain just where they were under a Democratic administration of the Senate, and the charge of a deal is a mere application of the same argument that the Democrats when they assumed control.

IN EFFECT ON WEDNESDAY.
The reorganization will not go into effect practically until after Wednesday, for the present employees, committee clerks, etc., have already been paid their salaries for the month of December.

Beside the reorganization resolution an address by Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts is on the program for today on the resolution now on the table relating to the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine. Mr. Lodge, who is an ardent advocate of the strict enforcement of that doctrine, will, doubtless, make a strong speech and command the attention of the Senate and the country. It is understood he will go deeply into this subject and review the historical matters out of which it grew and the cases in which it has been applied by this government.

SENATE WILL REST.

It is probable that the Senate will adjourn after today's session in three-day recesses until the holiday season is over. The new tariff bill is now before the Finance Committee and a meeting of that body has been called for Tuesday. While there will be no undue delay in reporting the bill back to the Senate it is not probable that the report will be made before the end of next week.

The program for the House this week is one of practical idleness. Under the working of the agreement announced Saturday by Mr. Dingley, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the House will be called to order Tuesday to adjourn until Friday, when the operation will be repeated, adjournment being taken that day until Monday, January 6, at which time the consideration of business will be resumed.

The Appropriations and Elections Committees expect to do some work in their rooms during the week, for the furtherance of matters committed to them.

DR. SATTERLEE'S LETTER HERE.

It Will Be Considered by the Committee This Morning.

The formal letter of acceptance of the office of bishop of the diocese of Washington was received yesterday from Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee.

The letter was sent to Rev. John H. Elliott, rector of Ascension Church, chairman of the committee which was sent to New York to notify Rev. Dr. Satterlee of his election by the diocesan convention which lately convened in this city.

Rev. Dr. Elliott was seen last night, but declined to discuss the contents of the letter of acceptance. The other members of the committee have not yet had an opportunity to read the epistle and for this reason, if no other, Dr. Elliott thought best that its contents should not be published.

The committee will, however, be called together this morning to hear the letter read and make final arrangements for the coming of the new bishop. The committee will meet at Epiphany Church, G street, this morning at 10 o'clock.

The other members of the committee are: Revs. Alfred Harding, secretary; R. H. McKim, D. D.; Alexander Mackay-Smith, D. D.; Thomas Addison, D. D.; J. B. Perry, D. D.; and W. H. Laird, D. D.

DR. KENT ON THE NEW YEAR.

He Speaks of Its Resolves and Their Purposes.

"Retrospect and Prospect" was the subject of an interesting discourse by the Rev. Alexander Kent at the Peoples' Church, G street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, yesterday.

"Looking backward," said Rev. Dr. Kent, "is sometimes as necessary as looking forward, but the value in either case depends upon the purpose of our looking, and the use we make of its revelations. The retrospection that entitles us to regret and discouragements over our past mistakes is demoralizing and enfeebling, but that which helps us to avoid such mistakes in the future and gives courage to attempt nobler deeds, is both wholesome and needful."

"There is something in these closing days of the year," he said, "which moves us very strongly to retrospection. We are nearing the end of another chapter in our life history, and it is natural that we should be inclined to review it.

"If the universe is on our side, then that which is for us is always nigher than that which is against us. Indeed nothing can be against us but our own evil desires and the evil desires of others, and even these in the long run will work their own cure.

"So if it is we start on to the next mile station on the journey of life. Let us drop all superfluous baggage in the shape of idle regrets and futile repentances and be setting sails and bracing up for our journey on an untired way trusting in God and keep a stout heart."

WILLIE BURNETTE BURIED.

Members of the Newsboys' Home Attended the Funeral.

The funeral services of Willie Burnette, aged two years, who died at his home in Georgetown on Friday last, were held from Peck Memorial Presbyterian Church yesterday, the Rev. Alvin C. Smith, pastor, officiating.

Besides the relatives and friends of the family of the deceased, the services were attended by the members of the Newsboys' Order of Reclimates and Newsboys' Association, of which organizations Willie Willie was a prominent member.

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CIVIL SERVICE PRINTERS

Typographical Union Discusses the Vexatious Case.

No Definite Action Taken and Another Meeting Will Be Held on the Matter.

Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, held a lengthy meeting yesterday at the Typographical Temple. The greater part of the time was devoted to executive business, the details of which could not be learned. It is known, however, that the three civil service printers employed at the Government Printing Office were the subject of considerable discussion. What action, if any, the union will take in the matter is not known, and it is indeed very doubtful if any definite plan has been yet made.

It is evidently the intention of the union to move very cautiously in the matter, for the slightest mistake at this time would be detrimental to the ultimate success of their object. The proposition to request Public Printer Benedict to act in the matter was not pressed, because it could not be shown wherein he was at all responsible for the presence of the printers referred to.

Another meeting of the union will be held next Sunday and by that time it is expected that the circumstances pertaining to the employment and retention of the "civil service printers" will be so rounded up that some definite action will be taken.

BLAZE IN A GROCERY.

Cook Bros. Burned Out With Considerable Loss.

Fourteenth street northwest, was nearly destroyed by fire last night about 8:45 o'clock.

The fire, which broke out in the basement of the building, was caused by an overheated furnace. The building is also occupied by Mr. Cook as a residence.

The fire being in the basement and the store locked, when the engines arrived it was after some delay, and with much difficulty the firemen could work effectively.

Pipeman Childs of No. 7 in an attempt to enter through the grating on the sidewalk was overcome by the heat and smoke and was taken out in a semi-conscious condition.

The damage to the stock amounts to about \$5,000. The building was but slightly damaged and is fully insured.

The fire alarm was answered by engines 7 and 9, chemical engine No. 2 and truck B.

ON A FREIGHT CAR.

Two Plucky Runaways Working Their Way Home.

Conrad Puhler and Ernest Drestas, German boys, were given lodgings by Desk Sergt. Evedly at police station No. 1 last night. The boys are working their way to their homes at Cincinnati, never more to wander from their native land.

Early in the fall they started south, having been promised positions by a false friend at Palatka, Fla. This friend's word was no better than his bond would probably be, and the boys were too spirited to write home for funds. They are working their way home in "empties," and just getting enough to eat along the road to stand the wolf at bay.

They reached Washington last night in a freight car and will leave tonight.

MOB WREAKS VENGEANCE.

Faithless Woman Burned to Death and Her Paramour Shot.

Lebanon, Ky., Dec. 29.—A mob inflicted horrible vengeance on a faithless woman and her paramour last night, when they burned Mrs. T. J. West alive and killed W. A. Dever, her little daughter.

Mrs. West's home on Cartwright's Creek on the Springfield pike, three miles north of this city.

The mob is said to have numbered about seventy-five and it was about 12 o'clock when they appeared at Mrs. West's home. Mrs. West, Dever and his little daughter were the only persons in the house, and when the mob called Dever to come out Mrs. West and the little girl responded, but Dever remained inside.

Just as Mrs. West reached the door several shots were fired and she ran back into the house, but the child remained on the outside. The mob then fired several shots in the house, none of which took effect, and after several attempts to get Dever to come out the mob fired the building.

The intense heat finally forced Dever to run out, and with pistol in hand he started to a cornfield a few steps from the house where he took shelter behind a corn shock and was shot to death.

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FIRE FORCE INADEQUATE

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time he hauling No. 8 around the suburb. This kind of fire protection is at par with the sometime police policy of the suburb, in which one bluecoat was supposed to cover ten square miles. It is worthy of note that in Anacostia and Hilldale there are 7,500 people, which fact means an ordinary city without a steam fire engine in the nineteenth century and with three Commissioners.

What is true of Anacostia is true of every suburb of Washington with the exception perhaps of Mt. Pleasant, where the hearts of its people were recently gladdened by the magnificent gift of a chemical engine, which might save the town with the assistance of a rain for forty days and forty nights.

Benning, Takoma, Eckington, Petworth, Brookland, Brightwood, Ivy City, and all of the adjacent cities are at the mercy of Providence and accident. It had long been expected to pull an engine weighing from 7,000 to 8,000 pounds with horses and three trucks. This is five-sixths of the territory he is expected to guard is about twelve square miles in extent and this is easily below the fact. For this purpose he has at his command ten steam engines and three trucks. This is five-sixths of the territory he is expected to guard is about twelve square miles in extent and this is easily below the fact.

ENORMOUS FIRE TERRITORY.
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It is popularly supposed that there are two engines in reserve, but in case of a general alarm there is actually no reserve. The very serious question presented itself, what would become of the city should it be necessary to turn two general alarms at the same or approximately the same time on any one night or day?

The fire fiend would simply take his victim up to the top of the monument and fling away while Washington was burning. A division of the force would be sent to one point and leaving the other at the mercy of the flames.

MEN ARE ALSO LACKING.
It is incredible that, either through parsimony or neglect, the engines of Washington are equipped with ten men. Chief Parris has been asking for at least two more to the engine. The pay of these men is \$65 a month, which fact speaks for itself.

The chief engineer is now praying Congress for additional equipment, but for much less than in his judgment is reasonably necessary. He thinks that the city ought to have six more steamers, making a total for the ordinary emergency of sixteen. Baltimore has about that number, but with less territory to cover. These sixteen steamers would be fairly

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But the fire department is not asking for six new engines. The engine room between 6th and 7th streets northwest, all expenses for equipment to be \$38,402; an engine and equipment at North Capitol street and Florida avenue, at a cost of \$39,402; an engine to be placed in house now occupied by chemical engine No. 2, at a cost of \$16,402; the transfer of chemical engine from Mount Pleasant, No. 2, to Brightwood, at a cost of \$15,900, and an increase of the force at a cost of \$16,702.

FORTY ALARMS A MONTH.
There were from June, 1894, to June, 1895, 600 alarms of fire sent in by box and by message, or 40 per month. The losses were estimated at \$602,180; insurance, \$290,175. The cost of the department for the year was \$154,106.75.

One eloquent commentary on the stationary condition of things in the department is that the chief engineer asks for a new turntable truck to replace one that has been in use since 1877, or nearly twenty years.

It may be interesting to note that while there are only 100 men to ten engines there were twenty-eight casualties, three of which resulted fatally; that is, more than 25 per cent of the men are in danger of loss of life or limb annually, while the salary is \$65 a month.

The following table shows the location of the engines and trucks which, with the assistance of the map, will indicate how the half mile square test of efficiency is carried out in the District of Columbia.

No. 1—K street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets northwest.
No. 2—D street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets northwest.
No. 3—Delaware avenue and C street northeast.

No. 4—Virginia avenue, between Fourth and-half and Sixth streets southwest.

No. 5—M street, between Thirtieth and second and Potomac streets northwest.

No. 6—Massachusetts avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets northwest.

No. 7—E street, between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest.

No. 8—North Carolina avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets southeast.

No. 9—T street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets northwest.

Truck A—North Capitol street, between B and C streets northwest.

Truck B—New Hampshire avenue, and M street northwest.

Truck C—Ohio avenue and Fourteenth street northwest.

Chemical No. 1—Ohio avenue and Fourteenth street northwest.

Chemical No. 2—Fourteenth street, between Kenesaw avenue and Kenyon street northwest.

The firemen of the city will watch with a personal and general interest what action Congress will take on the recommendations made by Chief Parris for the better equipment of the most efficient fire department of any of the capitalists of the world with the least capital and attention from the authorities.

Union Veteran Legion and New Year's. The local encampments of the Union Veteran Legion, Nos. 23, 69, and 111, will pay their respects to Gen. Miles, the Secretary of War, and the President, in the order named on New Year's morning, marching in a body, accompanied by their drum corps, from the place of rendezvous, 910 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, at 9:30 o'clock, to the War Department, thence to the Executive Mansion. Visiting comrades are respectfully invited to "fall in."

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