

# BATON AND BADGE FOR MAJ. SYLVESTER

### Reception for Popular Chief of Police to Be Held at Hotel Barton Tomorrow Night.

### Testimonial of Esteem on Twentieth Anniversary of Service With Police Department.

As a token of good-fellowship, as an indication of heartfelt thanks, as a tribute to a long and faithful service, the citizens of Washington will unite in a public reception Monday evening in honor of Major Richard Sylvester, Chief of Police, who enters upon the twentieth year of his association with the department. Extensive preparations have been made for the event, and from present indications the population will turn out in large numbers to greet the honored chief.

To show that the affair is purely an expression of public sentiment, the committee in charge has been made up of persons in no way associated with Major Sylvester in the management of the District affairs. This will be the predominating feature of the celebration. "Let it not be a perfunctory greeting, but expressive of our great regard for the Major," is the sentiment of those arranging the reception.

### Tokens of Regard.

The reception will take place at the Hotel Barton. Among the gifts to be presented to Major Sylvester will be a rosewood baton, highly polished and symbolical of the office, adorned with a band bearing a suitable inscription, and a solid gold badge with the words, "Major and Superintendent of Police Richard Sylvester."

The celebration is in commemoration of Major Sylvester's twentieth anniversary of service with the department. In the spring of 1883 he was appointed as a secretary to the chief and has risen to his present position through meritorious work. He was made Superintendent in 1898 upon the death of Col. William G. Moore, to whom he was secretary.

Richard Sylvester was born in 1857, in Iowa, where his father published the "Iowa State Press." At an early age he followed his father into journalism, and, when nineteen years old, became the proprietor of the "Farmington Times." While conducting the small paper he had many exciting experiences, and on several occasions was compelled to fight for his life with the desperadoes that frequented the section.

### Into Wider Fields.

In Farmington he remained only a short time. After a few years' work in the small town he accepted a position as reporter on the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat." He quickly built up a large circle of friends, and in a short time a position as Washington correspondent for several papers was offered him. In this capacity he met many prominent men and became generally popular—a fact which is the secret of his selection for the head of the Police Department.

Hardly had he begun his newspaper work here when the position as disbursing agent of the Ute Indian commission, appointed to settle the claims of the tribe for improvements in the Colorado reservations, was offered him. The Utes had suffered great losses through the order to drive them from the State, and for these losses Congress had agreed to reimburse them. As disbursing officer it devolved upon young Sylvester to distribute the funds, a commission that was filled with danger.

### Presence of Mind.

The disbursements were made at a small place known as the Southern Ute Agency. Accompanied by Lieut. A. B. E. Kennon he crossed the plains and reached the little settlement on a snowy day. The Indians having claims against the Government were enraged, and the payment was at once begun. While the money was paid out a large crowd of hostile Utes, angered by receiving no share of the money, threatened to wipe out the small contingent of white men. Nothing would pacify them, and the position of the small party became exceedingly perilous. As a solution to the problem Sylvester sent for Chief Douglas, who had received a large portion of the funds for corresponding losses, and asked him to subdue the crowd. With a few words the leader quickly dispersed his followers, and the work continued without further interruption.

### His Work in Washington.

On his return to Washington Sylvester accepted a position as secretary in the Police Department. He later became superintendent, and during his tenure of office has brought about many beneficial changes. He has used good judgment and discretion in the performance of his duties, and it is due to his marked ability that he was elected president of the International Association of Police Chiefs.

That his services have given more than satisfaction is shown by the present state of the department and the testimonial of esteem by the citizens of the National Capital.

A committee has been appointed to receive Major Sylvester at the reception to be tendered him Monday night at the Barton, as heretofore stated in The Times. Mr. James L. Norris, who has charge of the affair, announced the members of the committee last night. It is composed of representative business men, no Government employes having been invited to participate. Those who are to serve on the committee are Milton E. Allen, Louis Amatels, Nolley Anderson, John Taylor Armes, Joseph Auerbach, George W. Baird, John D. Bartlett, J. W. Bayne, M. D.; Charles J. Bell, James E. Bell, Charles E.

## EVERYONE WILL HELP CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

### National Guard and High School Cadets Will March.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE NAMED

### Chairmen of Various Committees Report Progress—Chorus of School Children Will Sing.

Progress was made yesterday toward the perfection of plans for the National Capital Independence Day celebration.

Thomas W. Smith, chairman of the finance committee, has submitted to Commissioner Macfarland the names of his committee. Letters were sent to the presidents of the several citizens' associations, appointing them members of the finance committee, and requesting their co-operation in raising funds and furthering the plans of the celebration.

Forrest S. Foster, chairman of the music committee, reported that he had made partial arrangements to organize two choruses to sing patriotic songs, one of adults, and one of school children. W. F. Gude, chairman of the fireworks committee, informed the Commissioners, he had taken steps to secure fids from several firms to furnish the fireworks.

### National Guard to March.

A conference was held with Gen. George H. Harries, and arrangements perfected for ordering out the National Guard to participate in the procession. The High School Cadets will also be asked to join the line.

Commissioner Macfarland announced that the next meeting of the general committee of arrangements would be held at 4 o'clock, on the afternoon of Thursday, June 4, at the District Building. He requested that all committees be prepared to make reports at that time.

Arrangements were also made to extend the scope of the general committee so as to include representatives of the veteran societies, and a number of civic bodies. These will include the Grand Army of the Republic, Spanish War Veterans, and other organizations.

### Fund is Growing.

Subscriptions to the fund to pay expenses were received yesterday as follows:

Bradbury Piano Company, \$25; Charles J. Bell, \$25; Havener Baking Company, \$25; James L. Norris, \$25; Allen McDermott, \$25; Gen. George H. Harries, \$25; W. J. Gude, \$10; Commissioner Macfarland, \$10; Commissioner West, \$10; Commissioner Biddle, \$10; W. V. Cox, \$10; B. Slemmer, Jr., \$5; Mrs. M. H. Pilling, \$5; Charles F. Weiler, \$2; previously reported, \$20. Total, \$227.

A. W. P. Van Winkle, secretary of the committee of arrangements, has appointed as assistant secretaries Waldo C. Hibbs, Moncure Burke, and Louis C. Wilson.

### The Finance Committee.

The personnel of the finance committee is: J. P. Agnew, Elijah S. Alford, Jr., Judge Thomas H. Anderson, John T. Armes, J. W. Bayne, William C. Baker, William E. Barker, Lester A. Barr, James Berry, Charles G. Beebe, Charles J. Bell, Frank V. Bennett, Charles E. Berry, W. V. R. Berry, Col. John Biddle, A. A. Birney, Henry L. Biscoe, Thomas Blagden, Henry P. Blair, Alonzo O. Bliss, Henry F. Blount, William J. Boardman, Patrick J. Brennan, Alexander Britton, Chapin Brown, George W. Brown, S. Thomas Brown, Adis B. Browne, Barry Buckley, Charles C. Bundy, H. A. Busch, John Callahan, Robert C. Callum, John Cammack, David S. Carril, Albert Carry, Aaron S. Caywood, Charles B. Clark, William A. Church, Appleton P. Clark, Jr., H. W. Clark, Edwin L. Cockrell, Robert Cook, George W. Cook, John F. Cook, M. G. Copeland, W. V. Cox, Joseph H. Cranford, C. F. Crane, Joseph Crawford, J. D. Croissant, O. T. Tucker, W. A. Turk, George Truesdell, W. P. Van Winkle, Thomas E. Waggoner, John H. Walker, Thomas B. Walker, Samuel H. Walker, Thomas F. Walsh, Randolph T. Welch, Michael I. Waters, George B. Welch, Michael I. Welker, T. A. Wickersham, John F. Wilkins, Albert A. Wilson, Jesse B. Wilson, J. Ormond Wilson, Louis D. Wine, Jesse H. Whitaker, Simon Wolf, Samuel W. Woodward, William J. Zeh, John D. Bartlett, S. B. Hege, Alex. S. Daggett, Charles S. Bundy, John S. Miller, C. C. Lancaster, John J. Murphy, O. G. Staples.

### MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC

The State Department has been advised by Minister Beaupre, at Bogota, Colombia, that there has been a ministerial crisis in that country. Fernan-terris, the minister of government, has resigned, and Pinto, former governor of the State of Cauca has been appointed to his portfolio. The general condition of things in Colombia is quiet. Mr. Beaupre makes no mention of the prospects for the ratification of the Panama canal treaty by the Colombian congress.

### PRAYED TOO HARD FOR RAIN.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 23.—While the drought has caused great damage here, heavy rains in small sections have also caused damage. The curious spectacle is presented of farms lying side by side, the crops in one damaged by rain, the other ruined by drought. While farmers in West Schuylkill were in church praying for rain yesterday a cloudburst did great damage to their lands.

### 2d Floor Bargains

BLACK NEAR-SILK SKIRTS—They are the regular 75c quality; have wide flounce, with two rows ruffles; all sizes. Monday. 45c

WHITE APRONS—Ladies' White India Linen Apron, worth 25c; well made, clean and perfect. For Monday. 10c

WINDOW SHADES—A crisp new stock of Shades, mounted on guaranteed rollers. All colors, with fixtures complete. 19c

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR—First great bargain table sale of the season. For Monday we have collected a large assortment of Muslin Undergarments of every description. As not one article is worth less than 75c or more than \$1.00, crowds will visit this department, as the sale price will be. 48c

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### MARK TWAIN'S RECOVERY

Mark Twain is showing signs of recovery from his illness. His wife and two daughters are also improving.

### GENERAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

The General Synod of the English Lutheran Church will meet in Baltimore, Md., beginning June 3. The Washington synod has elected John C. Parker, Cornelius Eckhardt, and W. E. Parsons as delegates.

### ADUUBON SOCIETY MEETING

The Audubon Society of the District of Columbia held its field meeting at Great Falls yesterday. The meeting was well attended and was in charge of H. W. Oldys, A. H. Howe, and W. W. Cooke.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT