

STATUS OF ROCK CREEK PARK COMMISSION

Is Still in Existence, as Created by the Act of 1890.

MAY SOON BE DISSOLVED

Assistant Secretary Ryan Wants Information for Official Register.

Thomas Ryan, First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, was today informed by the District Commissioners that the Rock Creek Park Commission is still legally in existence.

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DIPLOMAS GIVEN TO GRADUATE NURSES

Eight Young Women Complete Course at Washington Training School.

The commencement exercises of the Washington Training School for Nurses were held last night in Columbian University Hall.

The graduating class included the following: Elizabeth H. Hay, Ireland; Annie Frisby, Missouri; Janet Jefferson, Canada; H. Elizabeth Milton, Virginia; Grace E. Knettle, Pennsylvania; Louie B. Anderson, South Carolina; Ida M. Burling, New York; E. Miriam E. Smith, England.

The members of the class of 1902 who received the class pins were Misses Kate O. Smith, Amelia Laurason, Mary Lewis, and Kate J. Johnston.

NEWS OF ROCKVILLE.

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 27.—The commencement exercises of the Rockville High School were held in the Opera House here last evening at 8 o'clock.

The program was most interesting, and a full house of parents, friends, brothers and sisters of the pupils enjoyed it all.

Prof. W. Thomas West, of the school, in charge. The graduates this year were Vaudie E. Braddock, Matilda O. England, Mary Allen Griffith, Mary E. Ricketts and Bessie E. Thompson.

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Prof. West, the principal of the school, has tendered his resignation to take effect at the end of this school year.

During his stay here he has greatly built up this school and has won the regard and good wishes of its patrons.

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

Silk Men Protest.

The Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad yesterday filed an answer denying the charge made by the Silk Association of America that it had been charging unfair, high rates.

With the filing of the charges against the railroad mentioned, it seems that the Silk Association, which is a powerful organization of all the silk manufacturers, importers, and big dealers in various parts of the country, is preparing a general fight on railroads.

The members of the Silk Association are wealthy, and are in a position to put up a hard fight, so it begins to look as though the railroads were in for another legal war.

The point on which the silk men are fighting, and which the railroads seem to be rather weak in answering is that the lines have been charging nearly one-third more for transporting the raw material than the finished product.

The railroads have declined to make any reply other than to deny the allegations. Yet the silk men have their bills of lading, receipts, and other documents to prove their assertions.

Building a Connection.

And now in its prosperity the Baltimore and Ohio has decided to do some building. It was announced today that it intended to construct a line which will connect its Belington, W. Va., branch and the line extending from Weston to Pickens, W. Va.

The new railroad will be twelve miles in length, and it will open up valuable timber and coal lands, in addition to affording a low grade outlet for most of the products of the territory on the line between Weston and Richwood, W. Va.

It is in this territory the Pennsylvania and Wabash and Pennsylvania are having their war. Baltimore and Ohio officers deny that they have anything to do with the trouble between Mr. Gould and President Cassatt, but it is intimated that the road simply slipped in to protect its own traffic, and to prevent any rival from getting all of the good things in that part of West Virginia.

Speed Records Smashed.

It now seems that the great record for speed held so long by the fast Empire State Express, on the New York Central Railroad, has been smashed, like many other records of the past.

The Empire State train, drawn by the famous engine No. 999, however, sold the railroad speed record longer than any other known combination of cars and locomotive. The lines controlled by the Vanderbilt family, however, still have the record.

Dispatches received in the city this morning announced that the supreme court of Louisiana has sustained the lower courts in the position they have taken that the franchises granted the Frisco to enter New Orleans, and take possession of certain valuable city grounds, are legal.

The Rock Island agents in the city received word today that the Railroad Commission had decided against the trackage agreement which has existed several years between certain railroads in Texas.

SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSED PRETTY LIVELY FIRE

Damage of \$1,500 to Potomac Light Company's Substation.

In a fire lasting less than twenty minutes a loss of \$1,500 was caused yesterday afternoon in the substation of the Potomac Electric Light and Power Company at 405 Eighth Street northwest.

The fire is believed to have started from a short current behind the switchboard. It was discovered by Privates Hunt and Achstetter, of No. 14 company. A local alarm was turned in and the neighboring engine responded.

Within a quarter of an hour the flames were controlled and soon put out.

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eral passenger agent of the C. & W. C., who is here for a few days before quitting Washington for Augusta.

Chambers, of the Florida Short Line, is also in the city. His line is part of the Atlantic Coast system.

Going to Andersonville.

Levi M. Poor, and a delegation of veterans from Maine, passed through the city last night over the Atlantic Coast Line on their way to Andersonville, Ga., where they were to unveil a monument to comrades who died in the famous Southern prison.

The site of the camp is rapidly becoming a beautiful national park and cemetery. Former Federals have made many sensational charges concerning the alleged starving of prisoners in the camp during the war, but they had forgotten that at this time the Confederates on the fighting lines were living on parched corn, with an occasional piece of salt pork.

Steamship Visitor.

General Passenger Agent W. P. Turner, of the Merchants and Miners' Steamship Company, will be in the city in a few days to make arrangements for the traffic over the company's all-water route to the coming army and navy maneuvers in New England.

Rebuilding the Shops.

It was announced at the office of the Seaboard Air Line this morning that the work of rebuilding the shops which were destroyed by fire at Portsmouth was begun yesterday, and that it was expected they would be ready for business in a month.

Another Gould Fight.

George Gould, apparently, does not shirk a fight. Though he seems to have his hands full in the Wabash matter, he is in another war in the Northwest, which, it is said, he will win.

He has just added the Detroit and Mackinac Line to his Pierre Marquette Road, and has begun the construction of an extension from Onawa, Mich., to Cheboygan, giving him an opportunity to compete for a great part of the Canadian traffic, and making the Wabash fight a national affair.

Pennsylvania Changes.

It was said today that many changes in the administration of the Pennsylvania would be made when John B. Thayer is promoted June 1 from the position of general freight agent to fifth vice president.

Frisco a Winner.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETS.

The ladies' auxiliary to the District of Columbia division of the United Boys' Brigade of America met last night at Gurley Memorial Chapel, when a final organization was effected.

VALET ASSUMED ROLE OF U. S. VICE CONSUL

Alphonso L. Allen, a Washington Negro, in a New Part.

Posting as the United States vice consul to Antwerp, Belgium, Alphonso L. Allen, a Washington negro employed as valet at the consulate of that port, sailed from New York on the steamer Kroonland recently, and enjoyed all the privileges of his assumed position until the "other side" had been reached.

Three years ago Alphonso L. Allen disappeared. For a long time nothing was heard of him until a letter came from the consul at Antwerp one time, setting forth that a negro of that name had been engaged as valet at the consulate there.

Early this spring the negro came to Washington and called at the office of the Board of Children's Guardians. He was dressed in clothes of the latest style, and spoke in a polished manner.

While here Alphonso L. Allen married a girl named Blackwell. He departed for Antwerp recently, but failed to take his bride with him. Before leaving he informed several persons that his employers had paid all his expenses to this country. That was the last seen of him by his acquaintances in Washington, who were surprised to learn of the Kroonland episode.

GRANTS CENTURIES OLD PROVE LAKE OWNERSHIP

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Mrs. Lucy McKittrick was named with the trustees of the town as defendant in the action. She had a lease from the town to a part of the section which Mr. Townsend claims, and she built a house upon it.

Mr. Townsend began an ejectment action. Mr. Townsend's claim was for 400 acres which lie in the town of Brookhaven. This included the lake.

Judge Maddox says there are deeds to the town from Sackem Gle and from Tobaccus Indiana, which show that the town has a right to the lake. Besides, there were royal grants to the town, which antedated the Nicoll patent, therefore he gives judgment for the defendants.

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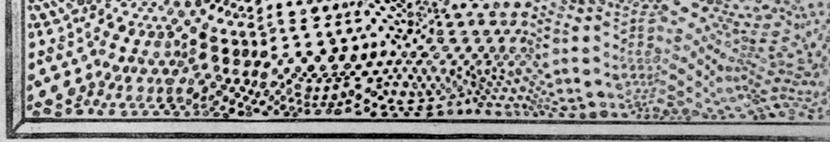
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