

FORT MYER HALL TO BE ENLARGED Additional Room Needed for Cavalry Maneuvers.

MORE MEN NOW AT THE POST Fifteenth Cavalry Will Be Called Upon to Organize a Composite Troop for Drilling.

Extensive improvements are to be made to the riding hall at Fort Myer within the next two or three weeks. Workmen have already begun the tearing down of one end of the hall for the purpose of making it twenty-five feet longer.

While Capt. Lloyd M. Brett, now colonel in the District militia, was stationed at Fort Myer, he organized a crack troop of cavalry experts in the art of executing the monkey drill. The exhibitions were watched by thousands of persons and the hall was crowded beyond comfort.

The horses at the post were left there by the Second Cavalry and know how to do the "monkey shins." The Fifteenth Cavalry will be called upon to organize a composite troop, as Colonel Brett did, and give exhibitions at Fort Myer and at Madison Square Garden this spring.

DEATH OF POSTMASTER AT TAKOMA PARK, MD.

Enoch Maris, postmaster at Takoma Park, died of pneumonia yesterday, at his residence in that suburb. He was stricken with the disease last December, and had apparently recovered when he was taken ill again about two weeks ago. It was the second attack that proved fatal.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow from the family residence in Oak Avenue. The Rev. Dr. Dexter, of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Mr. Maris was a native of Indiana, and was sixty-three years old. At the outbreak of the civil war he joined the Union ranks and served through the conflict. He later finished his course in law, and came to Washington sixteen years ago, receiving the appointment as postmaster of the city of Takoma Park.

Russian Student Held As Thief and Assassin "Solomon II, King of the Jews," Led Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Life Unsuspected by His Most Intimate Friends.

Washington, Jan. 12.—"Solomon II, God King of the Jews," a remarkable character, who is the subject of a remarkable book, was held in a prison cell at Kieff, in the Ukraine, yesterday. He was a handsome, well-looking student of the Kieff university, who was finishing his course in law. He had provided himself with a revolver, dagger and a number of forged papers and passes and began a career of robbery and brigandage, which was brought to a close by consummate skill.

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The money he was supposed to receive went back into the church funds without the knowledge of anyone. The amount paid by Father Whelan is said to be about \$25,000.

Connecticut Favors Parker or Gorman

Homer S. Cummings Gives His Views on Candidates and Issues in the Coming National Campaign.

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 12.—White Homer S. Cummings, the Connecticut member, was at the meeting of the Democratic National Committee in Washington, he was quoted as being committed to the candidacy of Judge Parker. Mr. Cummings, who has returned to town, declares emphatically that he had no choice, but that he believed, under the present conditions, either Judge Parker or Senator Gorman would be the most likely candidate.

Mr. Cummings said he believed the money question could not and should not enter into this campaign. Mr. Cummings was an ardent Bryan supporter in 1896 and ran for secretary of state on the State ticket that year. In 1900, at Kansas City, Mr. Cummings was the Connecticut member of the committee on resolutions. He voted against a specific endorsement of the 16 to 1 plank of the Chicago platform.

Delegate to St. Louis. Mr. Cummings will be a delegate to large to the St. Louis convention and will have much influence in shaping the action of the Connecticut delegation. "I have no personal choice as to candidates," said Mr. Cummings tonight. "And as to who will be the most available candidate I have not made up my mind because all the necessary facts for such a decision have not developed yet. There is no doubt that under present conditions the most prominent candidates are Judge Parker and Senator Gorman. While there are well defined

TOURISTS MUST NOT RAID ORANGE GROVES

Owners in California Decide to Deal With Offenders as if They Were Ordinary Thieves.

VENTURA, Cal., Jan. 12.—Wealthy Eastern tourists will be made to suffer the same penalty as a penniless tramp unless their depredations on the orange orchards of this county cease. At a meeting of orange growers it was decided that the practice of looting the groves must stop. According to instructions have been issued to the police of the county to arrest all persons found trespassing in orange groves irrespective of their apparent condition.

The action of the orange growers was taken at the instance of one of their number, who found the members of an automobile party, all Eastern tourists, in his grove. The leader of the party was the son of a millionaire. When they saw the owner coming they filled their pockets with oranges and scampered for their machine. Other grovers said that tourists had made away with large quantities of their fruit in similar fashion.

REUNITED AFTER SIXTY YEARS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 12.—Separated in Hungary nearly sixty years ago, Henry Kohn, of Newark, N. J., and his sister, Mrs. Fannie Munk, of Chicago, were reunited in the Home for Aged Hebrews, in this city, of which the woman was an inmate.

Mr. Kohn was a native of Poland, and was sixty-three years old. At the outbreak of the civil war he joined the Union ranks and served through the conflict. He later finished his course in law, and came to Washington sixteen years ago, receiving the appointment as postmaster of the city of Takoma Park.

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HYATTSVILLE NOTES.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., Jan. 12.—At a conference held in the Baptist Church at the conclusion of the morning service yesterday the Rev. Richard I. Kieffel presented his resignation as pastor and was accepted. In the short time he has been in charge Mr. Kieffel has filled the pulpit with general satisfaction. He has accepted a call to the Maryland Avenue Baptist Church in Washington and his pastorate there will begin next Sunday.

Mrs. Catherine Magruder, Johnson Avenue, gave a party on Friday evening, at which pretty decorations, games and refreshments were the features. There were present Misses Lottie Bowen, Jessie Davis, Mary Ervin, Evelyn Lewis, Mabel McMillan, Minnie Magruder, Marie Maloney, Fredericka Smith, Lillie Wood, Millard Hall, Raymond Jackson, William Maloney, Charles Richardson, and Frank Smith.

looms for Richard Olney and Mr. Hearst, at the present time Judge Parker and Senator Gorman are well in the lead. "With ex-Judge Parker a great deal will depend on the attitude of the New York delegation. If adverse to him it might result in eliminating him as a candidate. He is well thought of everywhere, an able jurist, has first-rate executive ability and has always been a consistent Democrat.

Parker's Status. "The fact that Judge Parker has not been involved in any factional differences is a distinct element of strength. The fact that he has not been a pronounced advocate of any particular political policy is also a reflection, because as chief judge of the court of appeals it would have been improper and out of place for him to take a prominent stand in politics. We all know that he is a man of fine Democratic instincts, of great ability and a staunch supporter of the party. It would be unnecessary to ask for more."

"So far as the money question is concerned I have no doubt that the unexpected increase in the supply of gold, beginning in 1898 and continuing to the present time, with every prospect of continuing indefinitely, has so augmented the basic currency of the country that the immediate necessity for bimetalism has been practically eliminated and could not properly or successfully be made an important part of the campaign."

AFTER THE TRAMPS IN OLD VIRGINIA

Stringent Law Proposed to Make Life a Burden to Weary Willies.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 12.—The Halsey vagrant bill, now pending in the Legislature, is designed to put to work all the loafers and tramps, and is one of the most stringent measures yet proposed.

The bill is to amend sections 884 and 885 of the code in relation to vagrancy, and to repeal section 886 of the code.

The measure thus defines vagrants within the purview of the law:

First—All persons who shall unlawfully return into any county or corporation whence they have been legally removed.

Second—All persons who, not having wherewith to maintain themselves and their families, live idly and without employment, and refuse to work for the usual and common wages given to other laborers in the like work in the place where they then are.

Third—Persons wandering or strolling about in idleness who are able to work, and have no property to support them.

Fourth—Persons leading an idle, immoral, or profligate life, who have no property to support them, and who are able to work and do not work.

Fifth—All able-bodied persons found begging for a living, or who quit their houses and leave wives or children without the means of subsistence.

Sixth—All persons who shall come from any place without this Commonwealth to any place within it and shall be found loitering and residing therein and shall follow no labor, trade, occupation, or business, and have no visible means of subsistence, and can give no reasonable account of themselves or their business in such place.

Seventh—All persons having a fixed abode who have no visible property to support them, and who live by stealing, or by trading or bartering stolen property.

Eighth—All persons who are able to work and who do not work, but hire out their minor children and live upon their wages.

Punishment, upon conviction, is to be as if for a misdemeanor.

REED SMOOT BETRAYED IN HOUSE OF FRIENDS

High Mormon Officials Say He Represents the Church.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERMON ON THE TRUTH

The lesson sermon in the two Christian Science churches yesterday was on "Truth," from the text in Deuteronomy: "He is the Rock; His work is perfect; for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He."

The sermon brought out clearly the fact that there must be a science of being, the method of action of God in His creation and control of the universe, and as God is spirit, divine mind, this creation, being a manifestation of Him, must be spiritual. Then all real science is comprised in a knowledge of God and the real man. Jesus knew and taught this, and Christian Science today interprets and emphasizes these teachings with "signs following," thus showing it to be, as its followers claim, the comforter which leadeth into all truth.

AFRICAN NEGROES ON THE WAR PATH

Threaten Capital of German West Africa.

FORTY AMERICAN RESIDENTS Feared That Outlying Settlers Will Be Massacred Before Re-enforcements Can Arrive From Europe.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—Dispatches received here today indicate that the condition of the whites in German West Africa is most desperate. There are 3,000 whites in the territory, of whom 800 are German colonial troops, and 1,000 are civilians. They are compelled to do service over an area of 300,000 square miles. There is one force of 500 whites, while the remainder are split into twenty bands.

Opposed to them are 20,000 rebel Hereros and 40,000 Bondelzwarts and Zwartboys. The Hereros are of the finest negro race. They are reported as leading a war of extermination against the whites as a result of the governor having exterminated them by executing their chief, Ncutemba, for high treason against the Kaiser. Ten thousand of them are banded together, and now threaten the capital of the district, Windhoek.

Cities' Small Garrisons. This city is garrisoned by 150 whites, while other garrisons in the neighborhood have but a like small force and are completely outnumbered. All communication is interrupted, and the Germans are poorly prepared for such an emergency. They have no horses, and their war stores are light, while several pieces of artillery were recently sent back to the Krupp works to be repaired. Re-enforcements cannot arrive from Germany before February.

The rebel natives, Official returns give about forty American residents, but no names are available.

BUST OF ARCHBISHOP AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

A marble bust of Archbishop Williams is to be placed in the Catholic University close to the one of Pope Leo XIII. The bust is the work of Samuel J. Kitson, the eminent Boston sculptor, and is done in a fine piece of marble of creamy tint.

The bust is heroic size and will be placed on a pedestal four feet high, making the entire piece seven feet in height. The likeness is said to be most striking and the bust promises to add another notable work of art to the Catholic college.

CHICAGO'S POSTAL RECEIPTS.

Chicago's postal receipts show an satisfactory gain as those of any of the larger cities of the country. For the first ten days they were \$330,415, or a gain of \$45,825 over the same period last year. There was also a 13 per cent increase in the number of pieces of registered mail.

FREE-HAND COMMENT ON MEN AND MANNERS

How the Mansion Is Interested in Abolishing the Hovel. Success of University Club Assured.

I'm the War Cloud and my shadow Drifts o'er many a daisied meadow Where the Frith and Danube stray; Do I rather all the People's Cuts of temple, mosque and steeple, Fly unto the God of Hate.

Every Springtime, when the humid Sea-winds call unto the timid Floods that in the Balkans wait, Do I rather all the People's Cuts of temple, mosque and steeple, Fly unto the God of Hate.

Then the White Tsar hastes to order All his hordes unto the border— Tartar, Cossack, Slav and Pole, And the sly old British lion, Sanctimonious lamb of Zion! Roars in rage beyond control.

O'er the Sultan's foul dominions, Semberly I wave my plinions, Like an old-time harpy's wrath, While fanatic Islam slaughters Sad Armenia's sons and daughters For Mohammed and the faith.

When the Bear begins to plunder, You will hear my warning thunder From Nippon to far Cathay, When he ceases to dissemble, You will feel the sound earth tremble, You will see my lightning play!

Homer Folks, commissioner of charities in New York under the administration of Mayor Low, called attention to a fact which brings the sum problem in this city close home to the better classes. In an address delivered in this city recently, he said he had visited the tenements inhabited by poor negroes only, and had found the conditions as bad as anything existing in New York. The problem is brought home to the fortunate and wealthier classes by the fact that servants are recruited in Washington largely from the colored colony, and they so seek and forth between their own homes and those of their employers. If they live in filthy, unsanitary tenements, where disease is prevalent, they become a constant source of danger to their employers, and the latter's children. Even if a servant—a nurse, for instance—herself comes from a neat family, she may have relatives or friends in the slums whom she visits. As a matter of safety, therefore, as well as for humanitarian reasons, the mansion is interested in the abolition of the hovel.

There will be no difficulty, of course, in completing the membership of the University Club, which is fixed at 500. In this city, of all others, there is abundant material of the best for the formation of such a club. In fact, when one reflects upon the number of successful men whose career has brought them to Washington to reside, when he observes what a large percentage of them are equipped with a university training, he will find it impossible to credit the statement that a higher education is of little benefit in the struggle of life. Here, as elsewhere, there are successful men who have never gone through college; but there are a great number of cultivated men occupying high positions here, who evidently owe a large measure of their success to their university equipment, and who would be the first to say so much. Form among them a number of the most distinguished have already sought admission to the new club, so that its roster will include members of the Supreme Court, the

United States Senate, and the House of Representatives. The University Club bids fair to become one of the most desirable institutions of the sort in the city, and the most profitable club of the kind, socially and intellectually, in the entire country.

The oft-repeated statement that war between Japan and Russia, or between any two of the great nations of the earth, would be profitable to us here by stimulating industries, is too evidently true to need proof or illustration, yet it is difficult to picture in the imagination the many and diversified interests that would be affected. One's mind naturally turns to eatables, flour, canned goods, etc., yet these represent but one item in the long list of manufactured products which a great nation would need were it at war. For instance, as a result of the operations which Russia is certainly making, she has ordered 1,000 wagons from a firm in Sauk City, Minn.

The other day the news columns contained a harrowing account of a garrotting somewhere in the Philippines, which had been unsuccessful, on account of the American official's bungling use of this peculiarly Spanish machine. And now we read that a murderer by the name of Dallas was garroted on Saturday in Bilibid prison. Those who have been following closely the progress of our national expansion possibly understand how we came to inherit the garrote as a means for inflicting capital punishment. It will doubtless, when screwed up tight, either break a man's neck, drive a screw into the base of his brain, or, if left long enough, choke him to death. In most cases the victim protests as he is being garroted, but that is twisted about by the head, but, for all that the garrote is an implement which is repugnant to the minds of Americans. We feel thankful that the thumb screw or the Iron Maiden were not in use when our people took over the Philippines.

Secretary Wilson alleges that Sir Thomas Lipton sells Chicago horses in England as "Irish jumpers," and Chicago pigs to the same market as "Irish bacon." Now, if he would import an American yacht over to England and bring it back here as an "Irish yacht," he might win the cup. But he's too good a sport for that. It's a queer thing, by the way, that a man who will resort to all sorts of sharp practice in business, is, if you touch him on the sportsy side, as square as a Presbyterian deacon.

Twelve hundred dollars a year as the highest pay to which a private can aspire, according to Major Sylvester's recent communication to the House and Senate Committees on District Affairs, is not an extravagant limit. The highest wages to be obtained by efficient service now are \$1,000 a year, with a chance for promotion but once. The Major's new scheme allows two promotions, thereby offering greater incentives for devotion and duty. The man, moreover, who has been once promoted, will not relax his efforts to excel, for he will have still another chance for advancement before him. And even \$1,000 a year is not high pay for an efficient officer. It is difficult to see how any of them live on less, especially those who have families.

QUAY WILL SEEK COMPLETE REST

Only Hope of Prolonging Life, Says Specialist.

GOES TO LAND OF FLOWERS

Senator Has Been Suffering With Insomnia and Realizes His Bad Physical Condition.

Senator Quay expects to leave Washington for Florida on Wednesday and to remain in the Land of Flowers until his health improves. The Pennsylvania Senator has been suffering recently with insomnia. There are several matters involving appointments in Pennsylvania which Mr. Quay desires to have settled before his departure, as much as his stay in Florida is indefinite.

It is probable Senator Quay will not return until next spring unless he is called back to renew the effort to pass a Statehood bill through the Senate. Even then he will be guided by consideration of his health. The Senator realizes that he is in bad physical condition, and that the utmost care is needed to prolong his life. This fact was impressed upon him during his visit to Philadelphia a few days ago. While there he consulted a specialist, who told him that the "rest cure" was his only hope, and ordered a dropping of all work and worry.

DISTRIBUTING BIBLES ITS SPECIAL WORK

Each Christian is individually responsible for the preservation of the Scriptures from destruction, equally with the church and the nations of the earth, according to the views of Dr. John Fox, secretary of the American Bible Society, as given in an address in the Church of the Covenant yesterday afternoon.

Discussing the work of the American Bible Society, Dr. Fox said it gave Scripture for the translation of the Scriptures into all languages, and that the preservation and dissemination of the Scriptures constituted its unique field of work.

ASKS PUBLIC HEARING FOR LETTER CARRIERS

Postmaster General Payne would grant a public hearing to the representative of the rural free delivery letter carriers and postoffice clerks who are seeking more pay through Congress. To Representative Overstreet, chairman of the House Committee on Post Roads, he has written the following letter: "I have the honor to transmit herewith these statements and to commend them to the consideration of your committee and the Congress. I believe it would be proper for your committee to grant a public hearing to the representatives of the parties referred to, and would request that you designate a time when such hearing may take place."

The Story of Uneeda Biscuit. We never tire of telling the story of Uneeda Biscuit. Uneeda Biscuit are the result of two ideas. That soda crackers could be made better than they had ever been made before. That it was possible to convey them to the home fresh, crisp and clean. The importance of the soda cracker as an article of daily consumption made it well worth while to make the best soda cracker that could be made, and to place it on the table as good as it had been made. To do the first required the selection of the best materials and the highest skill. To do the second upset all traditions. The oldest bakers said there was no way to keep a soda cracker good. That people were satisfied to eat them stale, as they had been in the habit of doing. And so it fell to the lot of broader minds to do this, unheard of thing—to keep a soda cracker good until eaten. The result was a beautiful royal purple and white package—that kept out the air, moisture and dust; that retained the natural flavor of the biscuit, keeping it crisp and fresh until it reached the table. To-day, nearly three hundred million packages of Uneeda Biscuit have been consumed by the thoughtful people of this country and the demand is ever increasing. That is the story of Uneeda Biscuit. Some day we will tell it over again for the benefit of those who are still "in the habit" of buying stale and broken crackers in a paper bag, when they can get Uneeda Biscuit whole, fresh and clean in an air-tight package. 5c NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY