PLAN TO PREVENT A LAND MONOPOLY

Public Interest Aroused in Mr. Pearre's Bill.

CITY MUST HAVE OUTLETS

Thirteenth Street Extension Proposed Under a Novel Scheme of Development.

A shortage in available building sites in the suburbs of Washington, with the consequent danger of a monopoly in land to the detriment of citizens and investment interests generally has been brought to public notice by Representative Pearre's bill to open Thirteenth Street.

Advocates of the bill declare that unless some action of this sort is taken by Congress in the near future free competition between all sections immediately adjacent to the city will be a thing of the past.

Although such a situation has been viewed with alarm by home-seekers desirous of locating near the leading car lines, no remedy has been advanced until Representative Pearre's bill was prepared. For years there has been no street extension in the section north of Columbia Heights, beyond the present termination of Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets, and a consequent stagnation because of the lack of sufficient outlets to country property. This section was investigated, therefore, by Colonel Pearre as one affording the greatest measure of relief if developed through legislation approved by Congress.

Provisions of Bill.

The Pearre bill provides for grading and macadamizing Thirteenth Street from its present terminus at Spring Road, with the same width of roadway now open immediately south of that road to the junction of Thirteenth Street extended with Ingraham Street, and for the removal, with the assent of owners, of houses and barns or other improvements within the lines of the street to adjacent sites of present owners.

To effect this improvement, without encountering the obstacles which have heretofore blocked the improvement, a new plan of paying for the work has been proposed. It is intended not only to prevent street extension monopoly, but to afford cheap homes.

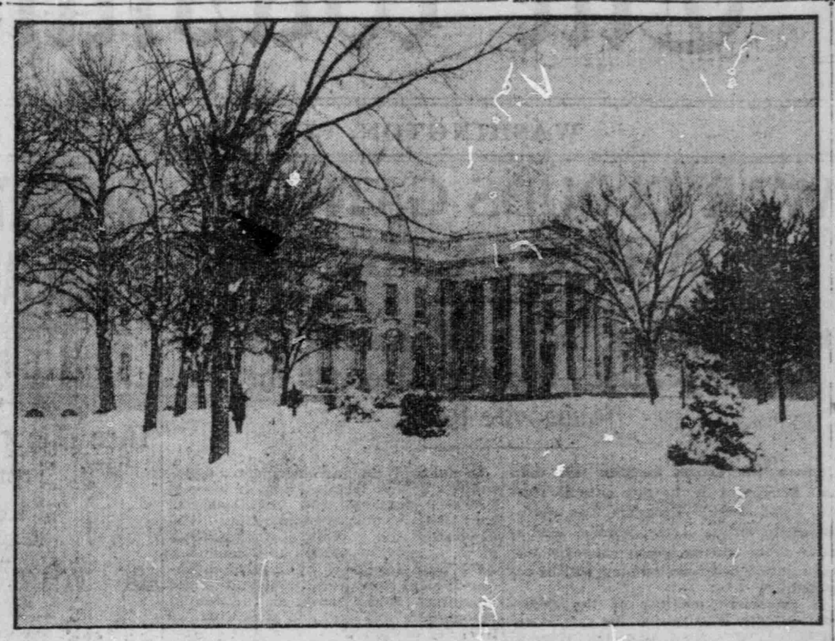
New Assessment Plan.

The bill first appropriates the amount of money the Commissioners estimate as necessary for physically opening the street to be extended to a desired point and authorizes in condemnation proceedings to secure the right of way, the assessment of the completed street against property through which the street passes. This assessment should amount to the full value of the ground taken for the street, except in special instances where there might be injury. To cover the latter cases the bill provides a small amount, $7,500, to cover all possible damages.

The new measure expressly amends the condemnation sections of the District of Columbia code, and directs the assessments of physical improvements for which appropriation is made, and thus opens streets in an economical and satisfactory manner.

SNOW-CLAD CITY A SCENE OF BEAUTY.

Dome of Capitol Seen Through the Trees.



Picturesque Executive Mansion Robed in Garment of White.

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WILL INSTRUCT FOR ROOSEVELT

New York Leaders Make an Announcement.

DELEGATION IS TO BE HIS

No Other Candidate to Be Mentioned at the State Convention—Victory Certain, Says Platt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The New York delegates to the Republican National Convention are to be instructed to work and vote for the nomination of President Roosevelt unless the plans of the State leaders are changed.

This was decided at a conference between Senator Platt and Governor Odell. The Senator told the governor that he was in favor of the nomination of President Roosevelt.

"If we cannot win with Roosevelt we cannot win with any candidate," the Senator told the governor.

No Opposition.

After the conference and before he returned to Albany the governor told some of his friends that he would favor instructing the delegates for Roosevelt. He also said that there was no opposition to the President and that the action of the State convention would probably be unanimous.

Convention Date.

It was also settled at the conference that the State convention to elect the four delegates at large to the national convention would be held in this city about the middle of April.

That will be a little more than two months in advance of the meeting of the national convention in Chicago, so that the attitude of the President's own State will be settled early, in fact, in advance of the action of most of the Western States.

Midshipman LeBreton Known in Washington

"Remarkably Pretty Boy," Says "Lucky Bag" of First Honor Man of 1904---"Reincarnation of Isaac Newton."

"Is a remarkably pretty boy, resembling a patent food advertisement."

Such is the description of David McDougal LeBreton, the midshipman who heads the class of 1904, given in the "Lucky Bag," the Naval Academy annual.

But good looks is not all young LeBreton is credited with by the midshipmen editors who are responsible for the Naval Academy publication. The page given over to a narration of the virtues of the honor man is headed with the quotation:

"Thou knowest all without the books."—Sir Edwin Arnold.

"Newton Reincarnated."

The first phrase descriptive of the brilliant midshipman pays high tribute to his philosophical powers, as follows:

"The reincarnation of Isaac Newton."

Then comes the sentence: "Looks at his bookshelf two minutes before a recitation and makes a 4.0." The 4.0 mentioned indicates a perfect recitation, in Academy language.

"Puzzle to Instructors."

The rest of the description is as follows: "Takes a delight in puzzling instructors and then showing them a new way to do a prob. Is a remarkably pretty boy, resembling a food advertisement. Works twice as much for other people as he does for himself; Isn't worried by interior regulation, and doesn't mind a little run occasionally. Bassett's confrere in the Caterer's Combine."

In another part of the "Lucky Bag" Midshipman LeBreton is credited with an essay on "Tobacco," said to have been written by him when he was twelve years old. The essay is in part as follows:

"Tobacco is considered by almost all of the eminent physicians of the world to be one of the most poisonous things in existence, if used for any length of time.

"It does not seem very dangerous, as it acts quite slowly, but every time it is used it is gradually poisoning the entire system. Tobacco causes the heart to beat very irregularly at times. If used to a great extent, to stop beating altogether.

"Develops a Thirst."

"It is extremely dangerous for boys or children who are growing, as it is apt to retard the development and thereby stunt their growth for life. It is also shown that tobacco leaves an extreme thirst in the mouth, which is often gratified by strong stimulants, or alcoholic drinks. One of its most awful effects is lowering scholarship, which it does almost always.

"Aside from the physical effects of tobacco, it is a very dirty habit. The odor is almost unmistakable and very disagreeable. It is also expensive and a great many people expend a small fortune to gratify their awful desire. Yet, while tobacco does much harm, and so little good, many people are foolish enough to indulge in this terrible habit."

Known in Washington.

Midshipman LeBreton, who is the butt of these "Lucky Bag" thrusts, is well known in Washington. Before entering the Naval Academy he attended high school in this city for three years. He is the grandson of the late Admiral McDougal and a son of Albert L. LeBreton, a prominent San Franciscan. The midshipman was born in San Francisco August 24, 1884.

Young LeBreton has led his class all the way through the Academy. He has also been prominent in athletics, and is lieutenant colonel of the First Battalion of the Academy regiment. He will remain at Annapolis as an instructor.

SENSATION NEAR IN BECHTEL CASE

Assertion Is Now Made That Murderer Is Known.

WITNESS IS ACCUSED

Clergyman Writes His Suspicions of a Young Man—Offers of Marriage Made Dead Woman's Sister.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 30.—Capt. James L. Schaadt, counsel for the Bechtel family, who is leading the movement to run down the murderer of Mabel Bechtel, said the developments of the past week had confirmed his belief that he is on the trail of the murderer, and that it is only a question of a short time when the whole mystery will be cleared.

Two detectives, one of them a member of the local force, are at work upon the case, and they make frequent reports to Captain Schaadt. The latter said today:

Chain of Evidence.

"Our chain of evidence has still a number of important links missing, but one by one these are being added and I think I can safely say that before three weeks pass, our case will be complete. We will then be able to take decisive action. We have the murderer and the important witnesses under the surveillance of the detectives, and it is impossible for them to get beyond our reach."

The police department of the city, which has been inactive for two months, but which was suddenly stirred up by the determined action of Captain Schaadt, and the startling discoveries announced by him, made a number of mysterious moves today, but Chief Eastman declines to talk about them.

More Clues.

Captain Schaadt was today put upon a new trail when he received a letter from a well-known country clergyman in which the latter declared that a young man who had figured in the Bechtel tragedy and who later was a witness at the trial, had made some damaging statements with reference to his movements on the Monday preceding the discovery of the tragedy. The writer says, however, that he will not speak until he is compelled to do so.

The Bechtels are deluged with letters, most of which are for Myrtha, who up to this time has received no less than a dozen offers of marriage and half as many offers to go on the stage.

STUDENTS START FIGHT IN PARK

Lively Doings When Clevelanders Rush Police.

COMBATANTS ARE ARRESTED

One of the Prisoners a Negro, Who Started Rumpus While Skating Races Were On.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 30.—The Case High School students started a fight at the lake in Wade Park while the skating races were in progress today, and three of them were arrested. One of the students arrested is a negro, and two of them are said to be members of the Case football team.

Case sophomores and freshmen created much disorder during the races by their jeers and "rushing." The negro student arrested, who afterward gave the name of T. D. Barton, and one who registered as P. W. McConnell, finally came to blows. Other students called for the formation of a ring. The call was obeyed, and the students prepared to pull off a fist fight in the presence of the women and children.

Four park policemen interfered and were attacked. The negro student assaulted three of the policemen. One student, who said his name was Malone, and the two combatants, were arrested.

Other students rushed the officers and tried to rescue their companions, but another policeman arrived and the three were taken to the station.

SONS OF REVOLUTION HAVE SPIRITED DEBATE

Effort to Amend Constitution to Make Officers Ineligible to Election a Second Time.

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution engaged in a spirited discussion at the regular meeting of the organization held in Rauscher's Hall last evening. It was the result of an attempt to add a clause in the constitution of the association.

Some members with alleged anarchistic tendencies offered an amendment providing that officers of the society shall be ineligible for re-election to succeed themselves. That is, the incumbents cannot run for office a second time.

President Dr. J. W. Bayne presided at the meeting. The discussion waxed warm, and strong contentions were made on the part of those advocating the adoption of the amendment and those who sought to put it on the table. When it came to a vote the amendment supporters were found to be in the minority, and it was laid aside.

Other routine business was considered, but nothing of importance was discussed. At the close of the business session the meeting turned into a social gathering, which lasted until 11 o'clock.

"HONOR FIRST, AND THEN COMES POLITICS"

[illegible]ton Is Devoting All His [illegible] Answering the Charges [illegible] of Bribery.

[illegible] Kan., Jan. 30.—United [illegible]or J. R. Burton tonight [illegible] following statement:

"[illegible]o Kansas has no political [illegible]whatever. Since the charge [illegible]s made against me, I have [illegible] directly or indirectly in the [illegible], or national politics, and I [illegible]ing along that line so long [illegible] pending."

[illegible]TO THE DEATH [illegible] NEGRO MINISTERS

[illegible]BURG, W. Va., Jan. 30.—[illegible]y was shot five times this [illegible] John Freeland. He will [illegible]uarreled as to which was [illegible]ed of two negro preachers, [illegible]ting ensued.

[illegible]an arrested, and Conroy's [illegible]ent accuses him.

DR. HUSSEY SUCCEEDS PERKINS AT EMERGENCY

Irregularity in Appointment Accounted for on Ground of Lack of Material for Competitive Examination.

Today ends the connection of Dr. Robert Perkins as resident physician of the Emergency Hospital, as his term of office has expired, and he desires to take a short rest before assuming the duties of house surgeon in the New York City Lying-In Institute, which he won by competitive examination over representatives from all sections of the United States. It is his expectation to return to Washington in the fall and engage in private practice.

Hitherto it has been the custom, every four months, upon the retirement of the senior resident physician of this much-discussed hospital, to advance those below him to the positions of resident and assistant resident physician, respectively, and to appoint a second assistant resident physician by means of a competitive examination, the position going to the best man.

On the announced retirement of Dr. Perkins, it was stated publicly that such an examination would be held at 8 o'clock last night. This examination was not held. Instead, it is announced that Dr. John Hussey will serve as temporary resident physician until February 18, when Dr. Thomas F. Lowe, now of the staff of the Columbia Hospital, is to be appointed resident physician without examination. It is intimated that there will be an examination in June, after the closing of the medical schools.

Dr. G. Brown Miller, secretary of the executive committee of the hospital, explained to The Times that the examination had been temporarily done away with, because, after the commencement exercises in June, there would be more applicants, and better material to select from. He said the suggestion for the change of plans at the last moment, after the competitive examination had been scheduled, came from Dr. White, and that both Dr. Hussey and Dr. Lowe were personal friends of Dr. White.

A case of surgical instruments was the gift from the nurses of the Nurses' Home to Dr. Perkins on his retirement. The presentation was made last night by Dr. Hussey, his temporary successor.

EMBERS FAN INTO FLAME IN MEMORIAL CHURCH

Second Blaze Is Started in the Building Damaged by Friday Night's Destructive Fire.

A second fire in the Luther Memorial Church occurred yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. No additional damage was done.

The fire originated from smoldering embers of the first fire, which, on Friday night, did $25,000 damage. The blaze was discovered by the members of the congregation, who were assembled in the gallery, taking care of the salvage from the first fire, and consoling one another on the disaster.

Contrary to what might have been expected, there was little excitement. A message was telephoned to Assistant Chief Sullivan, who, on being made acquainted with the nature of the fire, took with him the hose cart of No. 1 Engine Company. There was enough pressure in the fire plug to extinguish the fire without trouble or damage.

There was but $23,000 insurance on the church, as announced yesterday afternoon by Dr. Butler, the pastor. As the damage was but small in proportion to the value of the building, this leaves the loss practically total. There seems to be a general disposition to take a cheery view of the situation, however, and the loss will be made good by popular subscription, after the same manner in which the church was originally built.

Several churches have been generously offered to the Memorial Church, but the services today and until the auditorium is again in condition will be held in the chapel of the present structure, where they were held thirty years ago, while the present structure was building.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY GETS BLOW IN TEXAS

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 30.—The first blow in Texas against the Standard Oil Company was filed today in the nature of two anti-trust suits against companies alleged to be controlled by the Standard.

The suits are against the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company and the Gulf Refining Company, alleging that they have stifled competition by controlling the Beaumont Confederated Oil and Pipe Line Company.

The total penalties prayed for amount to $3,103,500.

TAFT IS TO SPEAK AT THE YALE BANQUET

Within Few Hours After Taking the Oath—Prof. Hadley Will Be Present.

Within a few hours of his taking the oath of office as Secretary of War tomorrow noon, Judge Taft will be a captive in the hands of his friends, the fellow-alumni of Yale University residing in Washington, and will be the guest of honor at their annual banquet at Rauscher's. The new Secretary will sit at the right hand of President Daniel C. Gilman, who was recently chosen head of the local alumni association, and will make the principal after-dinner speech.

Judge Taft's effort is expected to be an unusually good one, as will be necessary to appear to advantage amid such a distinguished gathering, as the resident Yale man are able to command. President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale University, has sent word from New Haven that he will attend the banquet, and make a speech. In coming this year in Judge Taft's honor he breaks a precedent which he has heretofore observed of declining to visit the same city for two succeeding alumni banquets. Dr. Hadley was the guest of honor here last year.

Wayne MacVeagh, ex-ambassador to Italy, will be a prominent speaker, as will be Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court, and the Chinese minister, Sr Chentung Liang-Cheng. Senators Depew, Kean, Dryden, Dubois, Stewart and Newlands are expected, together with many other men of national and local prominence. The alumni will gather at 7 o'clock promptly, and will enjoy a half hour of buffet and reminiscences before proceeding to the table. A large number of out-of-town Yale men are expected to join the Washington graduates in honor of Judge Taft.

DIED.

SCHOENBORN — On Saturday, January 30, 1904, at 12:15 p. m., after a brief illness, HELENE SCHOENBORN, widow of August G. Schoenborn.

Funeral on Monday, February 1, at 2 o'clock p. m., from late residence, 133 D Street northeast. It

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By virtue of a decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the undersigned executor and trustee will sell by public auction, in front of the respective premises, the following described real estate, situate in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, to wit:

ON TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1904, AT FOUR O'CLOCK P. M., lots 6 and 7, in square 762, improved by 2-story and basement brick dwelling, No. 224 2d street se., with a large side lot.

ON THE SAME DAY, AT FIFTEEN MINUTES PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P. M., lot 3, square 762, improved by three 2-story frame houses, No. 212, 214, and 216 C street se.

ON THE SAME DAY, AT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P. M., sublot 65, square 753, improved by a 2-story brick house, No. 641 2d street ne.

ON WEDNESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1904, AT FOUR O'CLOCK P. M., south half of lot 37, reservation "B," improved by a 2-story, 10-room brick dwelling, No. 114 4½ street nw., with large side yard.

ON THE SAME DAY, AT HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P. M., north half of lot 25, square 533, improved by a 3-story brick house, No. 312 3d street nw.

ON THURSDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1904, AT FOUR O'CLOCK P. M., sublot 23, square 99, improved by a 2-story brick house, No. 1232 20th street nw.

ON THE SAME DAY, AT HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P. M., sublot 5, square 535, improved by 2-story and basement brick dwelling, No. 1712 10th street nw., together with all the improvements, rights, etc.

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