PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT DURING THE PAST WEEK

Many Years of Service of Dr. Leadley Rewarded by Well-Deserved Promotion

Dr. G. W. Leadley, Appointment Clerk, Department of Commerce and Labor.

THE announcement recently made by Secretary Cortelyou of the selection of Dr. George W. Leadley for chief of the appointment division, which will shortly be created in the Department of Commerce and Labor, was a source of much gratification to those friends of Dr. Leadley who have been in close touch with his official career during his service of fifteen years on the force of the Civil Service Commission.

Born nearly thirty-seven years ago, at Webster, N. Y., Dr. Leadley was left an orphan at an early age, and thrown upon his own resources before he had finished his preparatory collegiate course. In 1884 he entered the State Normal and Training School, at Geneseo, N. Y., and completed a classic and scientific course. In 1889 he was appointed, through competitive examination, to a clerkship in the office of the Civil Service Commission, and was promoted step by step until he became chief of the service records division, which he organized in 1897. He resigned this position on January 30 to accept appointment in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

In 1894 President Roosevelt, then a member of the Civil Service Commission, assigned Dr. Leadley to make an investigation of alleged violations of the civil service rules by postmasters in several cities in the middle Western States. His efforts met with success, and from 1894 to 1897 he received assignments to conduct examinations and make inspections and investigations in nearly every State and Territory. It is said that three of his promotions during the years mentioned were based upon the satisfactory performance of the work to which he was thus assigned. Dr. Leadley was also given the task of establishing the civil service system in Porto Rico, which was successfully accomplished in the early part of 1902.

A Resident of Rockville the Next Minister to Panama, if Report Speaks Truth.

W. W. Russell, New Charge d'Affaires at Colon.

WILLIAM W. RUSSELL, who has been appointed first secretary of legation and charge d'affaires at Panama, and who almost undoubtedly will succeed Mr. Buchanan as minister to the youngest republic in the brotherhood of nations, is a native of Rockville, Md., a suburb of Washington, and is well known in this city. Mr. Russell has been stationed at Caracas, Venezuela, and leaves that post to take up his new duties at Colon.

A young man, about forty-five years old, Mr. Russell is a son of the late Major W. W. Russell, of the United States Navy, and a nephew of the late Admiral John H. Russell and of Pay Director A. W. Russell, U. S. N. He was born in Rockville, where his sisters, Miss Lucy Russell, Mrs. Matilda Brewer, and Mrs. John B. Brewer live, the former two of whom, however, are now temporarily residing at 2021 O Street northwest, Washington, for the winter months.

Mr. Russell received his education at the Rockville Academy, and was considered by his classmates as a linguist of a high order. In 1880 he was appointed cadet midshipman to the United States Naval Academy, from which place he was graduated with honors as a linguist.

He developed the taste for language study early in life, and from his early boyhood to the day of his graduation it was his most liked study. He did not enter the service of the navy immediately upon graduating from the Naval Academy, but took up the study of engineering and entered the service of the Tehuantepec Railroad, subsequently becoming connected with the Drum Point.

When the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad put in its electrical plant Mr. Russell became connected with the electrical department thereof.

In 1896 Mr. Russell was appointed by President Cleveland to the position of secretary to the legation at Caracas, and was practically in charge of the legation after the return of former Minister Loomis and during the absence of Minister Bowen. He has made a splendid record, and has on a number of occasions been placed in a position requiring firmness and tact, and has always acquitted himself with credit.

He has never married, although a leader of social life at Rockville, and enjoying a large circle of acquaintances in Washington.

He has the distinction of having been born and reared at the oldest house now standing at Rockville, a modest one and one-half story frame building, situated on the west side of Washington Street, and which dates its history to Revolutionary times.

Mr. Russell has a brother, George Russell, now living at St. Louis; a sister, Mrs. John B. Brewer, lives at Rockville; two sisters, Mrs. Matilda Brewer and Miss Lucy Russell, now living in Washington for the winter months, at 2021 O Street northwest, and another sister, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, of Colesville, Montgomery county, but who is now visiting in the South.

Army Nurse Is Accorded Recognition as Veteran of Spanish-American War

Anita Newcomb McGee, M. D., President of Army War Nurses.

THE election last week by the General Nelson A. Miles Camp, No. 1, Spanish War Veterans, of Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee to full membership in that organization was a further tribute from those who took part in the war with Spain to the noble and efficient work done by Dr. McGee as head of the army nurses.

Dr. McGee became well known in 1898 by her appointment as acting assistant surgeon, U. S. A., a position never held by any other woman. At the outbreak of the war with Spain Dr. McGee became director of the hospital corps of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which selected and trained nurses for army and navy service. In August, 1898, she received her appointment as acting assistant surgeon in the army, and was assigned to duty in the Surgeon General's office, being put in charge of the army nurse corps, which she organized.

Dr. McGee's success in the development of the work she undertook was so marked that Congress approved it by making the nurse corps of trained women a permanent part of the army. After she got the work well started, Dr. McGee resigned her position, and has been recently occupied by literary work.

Dr. McGee is a native of Washington, and a daughter of Prof. Simon Newcomb, the well-known astronomer and author. She received her early education at private schools in the city, which was followed by a special course at Newham College, Cambridge, England, and the University of Geneva. Upon her return to America, after three years abroad, she married W J McGee, in 1888. In 1892 she was graduated in medicine from Columbian University, supplementing her study at Columbian by a special course at Johns Hopkins University, after which she practiced in Washington.

After her election to membership in the Spanish War Veterans, Dr. McGee was given a reception by Nelson A. Miles Camp, No. 1. When she was called upon to speak, Dr. McGee expressed intense pride at being taken into the ranks of the Spanish War Veterans.

Referring to the possibility of a war between Japan and Russia, she said that many of her nurses wanted to go to the Orient in case there was war, and had asked for permission to do so.

"That is one way in which we women have the advantage of you men," she said: "we can go to war — a foreign country as army nurses, but you can go to war only when your own country is involved."

Noted Hebrew Clergyman Who Offered Up Prayer Recently in the Senate

Rabbi David Philipson, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

AN INTERESTING feature of the proceedings of the Senate on Tuesday last was the appearance of Rabbi David Philipson, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Rabbi Philipson delivered the second of three prayers that were raised over the heads of the Senators on that particular day, and it is said by the "oldest inhabitants" of the Senate wing of the Capitol that the occasion marked the third time a Jew had ever delivered a prayer in the Senate and the first time that august body had ever listened to three prayers on the same day.

Rabbi Philipson, who has long been recognized as one of the principal leaders of the Jewish faith in the West, and a strong writer upon Jewish subjects, is rabbi of the Mound Street Temple, the leading Hebrew synagogue in Cincinnati. He was born in Wabash, Ind., in 1862, and was educated at the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1883. He became a rabbi in the same year.

Since that time he has been rabbi of the Har Sinai Congregation, Baltimore, and of B'nai Israel Congregation. Rabbi Philipson and Dr. Edward Everett Hale have been known to each other for a number of years and have frequently corresponded. Upon the occasion of the rabbi's appearance in the Senate Dr. Hale preceded him, beginning the session with a short prayer. He then gave way to the rabbi, and when he had concluded his prayer Dr. Hale followed with the Lord's prayer.

The rabbi's prayer was full of deep, patriotic feeling, and his closing paragraph was one of unusual beauty.

Justice Brown Resumes Long Vacant Seat on the Supreme Bench.

Justice Brown Has Been Suffering from Defect in Eyesight.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HENRY BILLINGS BROWN, in more than thirteen years' service on the Supreme Court bench, has earned a reputation for brilliancy, logic, and accurate judgment such as any jurist might well envy.

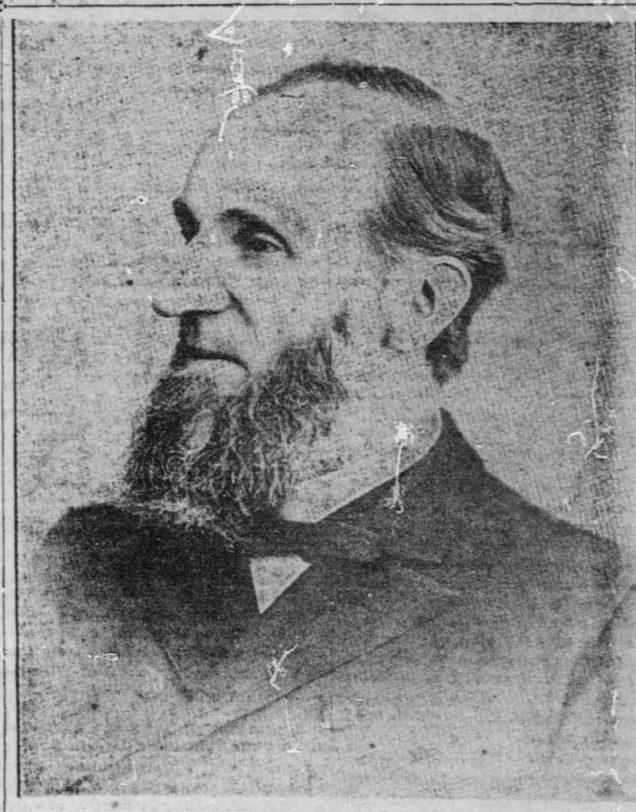
His recent affliction of the eyes is the result of too great endeavor, his friends say, in making use of one eye after the sight of the other had become impaired. Rest has improved the vision, however, and hopes are now entertained not only of correcting all the injury to that optic, but of restoring partial sight to the other one.

Justice Brown's position on important measures coming before the court, such as the income tax, and insular cases, has been a pivotal one. He has been on middle ground, as it were, and whichever way his vote was given, the decision of the court was recorded. His judgment of the law has never been questioned and his cogency of reasoning has oftentimes drawn his fellow-justices to the support of his views.

Ever since Justice Brown's entrance into membership in the "charmed circle" of the highest court of the land he has found an able foil in Justice David J. Brewer. These two distinguished jurists were classmates at Yale University in the class of 1856, and the friendship then formed has often led to most protracted, and oftentimes heated, arguments on some mooted question before one or the other would admit his opponent's contentions. In late years, since Justice Brown's partial blindness began, he has relied strongly on this friendship and natural confidence in a life-long friend for assistance in formulating opinions in matters, on some of which they held divergent views, and on others fully agreed.

If the partial paralysis of the optic nerve can be brought under treatment by the oculist now attending Justice Brown, there is hope of some slight restoration of the functions of that eye. It is necessary for the jurist to wear a heavy green shade over his eyes whenever he takes his place in the court room, as there is a dazzling reflection from the uppermost windows on the polished surface of the rostrum. Other justices have been similarly affected. Justice Brown's general health is excellent, and he appeared in his usual place on the bench last Monday, when the court took an adjournment for three weeks.

Dr. Butler Is the Pastor of a Large Congregation Without a Church Home



Dr. J. G. Butler, Pastor of Lutheran Memorial Church.

DR. J. G. BUTLER had been thirty-six years pastor of the Luther Memorial Church at the time of its destruction a week ago last Friday. It was during the reception held at the church in honor of the pastor's seventieth birthday that the disastrous fire occurred.

Previous to 1868, Dr. Butler was pastor of the St. Paul's congregation which bought the site on which the Memorial Church was subsequently built. The first edifice was a simple little chapel, and its congregation was included in the charge of Dr. Butler.

Dr. Butler was born in Maryland, at Cumberland, and was educated in the institutions of Gettysburg, Pa. Forty five years ago, when first ordained for the ministry, he came to Washington, where he became pastor of St. Paul's at Eleventh and H Streets northwest.

A son, Dr. W. K. Butler, is in charge of the Lutheran Eye, Ear, and Throat Infirmary, and a second son, the Rev. C. H. Butler, is pastor of the Keller Memorial Church.