BILL TO LICENSE BUILDERS STIRS HORNET'S NEST

Many Complaints Against It Reach the Commissioners.

FOR AND AGAINST LAW

Inspector of Buildings Gives Reasons For Its Passage.

Opposition to the proposed master builders' examining board is still active.

When the District Commissioners answered the protests which were made by various small builders and contractors at the time the plan was first made public they imagined they had silenced all opposition, but complaints are still being received at the District Building, and The Times is also in receipt of numerous communications charging the proposed law with being in the interests of monopoly.

Senate bill 6245 was drawn by the master builders themselves, introduced by Senator Gallinger on January 4, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and approved by the District Commissioners.

Terms of the Bill.

The bill authorizes the Commissioners of the District to appoint a master builders' examining board, to consist of two architects, two master builders, and the Inspector of Buildings of the District or one of his assistants.

The power of examining all applicants for licenses as master builders is to be given this board, the expenses of which are to be paid by collecting a fee of $10 from each appleant, the members of the board serving without salary.

The bill requires every licensed builder to file a bond not to exceed $5,000 for the faithful performance of all work and to pay an annual fee of $25.

Cannot Make Repairs.

Unlicensed persons are prohibited by the bill from making repairs or doing construction work in the District, and owners, agents, or occupants of buildings may not knowingly employ unlicensed persons for this work.

Violations of the law are to be punishable by fines of from $10 to $50 or imprisonment of not more than three months.

The District authorities are known to be in favor of the proposed bill. Building Inspector Ashford has asked for the establishment of such a board in his annual report to the Engineer Commissioner.

When complaints were first received regarding the bill the District Commissioners granted a hearing on the matter to those supporting the plan. In answer to the arguments that the board would be controlled by the two master builders and the two architects and would result in a monopoly and the limitation of competition, it was urged that the safety of the public required all builders to be competent, that such a board was necessary to secure this essential, and that members of other occupations and professions are licensed, such as plumbers and physicians.

Inspector Favors It.

Building Inspector Ashford is on record in favor of the bill, saying in support of the measure:

"Last year I invited attention to the provisions of the personal-tax law, which imposes a license fee on builders and other contractors, and which has led up to several cases in court to determine what is meant by a 'builder or other contractor' and where the line should be drawn.

"There is no way of determining and no one with authority to decide whether a man is a 'builder' or not and most every man in business is a 'contractor.' An examination of the permits issued during the past year will show that nearly half the persons in charge of the erection of buildings are not builders and should not be allowed to obtain a license for such work even if applied for.

Character of Defense.

"A few cases have occurred where persons building houses have advanced the argument to the Commissioners that you should not enforce the regulation in their case because the inspector was not present at the time of the violation to prevent them from violating and that it was their ignorance and not their intention that caused them to transgress and that, therefore, since the inspector by his absence permitted them to erect some faulty work, it should be allowed to remain.

"Consequently one oversight or mistake in the 500 buildings under the care of each inspector during the year liberates the person who pleads ignorance of the regulations and prevents correction of each mistake."

Plan Impracticable.

Mr. Ashford was asked why his office force could not be enlarged by charging builders a special fee for inspection of builders and thus obviate the necessity of an examining board and at the same time assure safe building.

He replied that such a plan had been considered, but not deemed practicable.

"My experience has been," he said, "that Congress will increase our force of inspectors as speedily if the revenues of the office do not equal the costs as otherwise. At present the revenues amount to about one-third of the expenses of the office. We need additional inspectors, but that is not the chief difficulty we encounter in the matter of safe building.

"There is no way at present of determining who is responsible for faulty building. The law does not define a 'builder' and when we hale a contractor into court on a charge of violating building regulations, the court dismisses the case, holding the owner of the building responsible. In many cases the owner proves to be a woman or a non-resident and in most cases the owner is only too anxious to have the work done right.

Character of Complaints.

"Most of those who have called in my office to protest against the bill are the very ones the measure is aimed at, and constitute in themselves the strongest recommendations for the enactment of the bill into law. One protestant is a Government employe who is engaged in the contracting business.

"After the Darlington Hotel disaster in New York eighteen months ago the jury made certain recommendations to prevent any similar catastrophe in the future, and the plan proposed was directly in line with this one. Twenty persons were killed in the accident, which was directly due to the fact that a real estate man directed the construction of the building without knowing the slightest thing about construction work."

W. C. Dodge called at the District Building today to protest against the measure.

Men Who Could Qualify.

At a hearing granted the master builders supporting the measure Commissioner Macfarland asked the spokesman for the party how many builders could be expected to qualify in the District under the new regulation. He was told that at least seventy-five men could qualify in the District as competent builders.

Commissioner Macfarland said today that in view of this fact, he thought there was no merit in the argument that competition would be lessened.

"This fact, of which we wanted to make sure before supporting the bill, combined with the great number of complaints made about bad building now going on in the District, influenced the Commissioners in approving the bill. It is a mistaken notion that the new law will affect repairs. It applies only to construction and reconstruction and while no reflection is meant on the majority of builders, so called, in the District, there is beyond doubt a contingent of incompetent and dishonest builders and contractors.

"This bill may not reach the dishonest men, but it will certainly assure us better builrings, and unless the present practice of poor building is discontinued we will have in Washington a repetition of the experiences of other cities where faulty building has taken place."

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DROPS FROM SIGHT

MRS. FLORENCE GLOVER.

Washington Woman Who Left Home to Call Upon Her Mother, and Who Has Not Been Seen Since.

Young Wife Disappears In Mysterious Fashion

Mrs. Florence Bradley Glover Steps Out of Husband's House to Visit Mother and All Trace of Her Is Thenceforward Lost.

FACTS IN MYSTERY.

Disappeared from her home at 1217 H Street northwest, on Monday morning, December 5, 1904, Florence Bradley Glover, wife of C. E. Glover.

She is 5 feet 3 inches tall; weighs 136 pounds, has light golden hair and bluish gray eyes.

She was dressed in tight-fitting black coat, three-quarter length, large brown hat, and brown walking skirt.

She wore large diamond earrings, diamond and pearl brooch and four diamond rings, and had nearly $200 about her person.

It is a touching appeal that is made by the distracted husband. He tells of a home that has never been marred by domestic strife, which has been broken up by the mysterious disappearance of a loving wife, who bade him farewell in the morning, saying that she was off for a day's visit to her mother and would return in the evening. She never reached her destination, and since that morning not a word has been received to tell of her fate.

On Christmas day Mr. Glover purchased a diamond ring and sent it to the home of his missing wife's mother, in the hope that his loved one would appear on that day at the family fireside. He has given her diamonds each year because of her expressed liking for that form of jewelry, and wished to have the token of his love awaiting her return. But the ring is unclaimed, and the H Street home is dark. The lonely man has abandoned business and friends to devote every hour of his time to the search that has been in vain.

Native of England.

Mr. Glover is a North Carolinian from the little city of Fayetteville. He came to Washington about ten years ago and engaged in the livery business, maintaining an establishment at 1318 L Street northwest. He met the woman who has become his wife after his arrival in this city and married her the following December.

She is a native of England and came to this country with her mother, Mrs. Banjamin Bradley, when she was one year old. The mother lives at 1443 Pennsylvania Avenue southeast, and it was to this house that Mrs. Glover started on the trip from which she has never returned. The women's family are as entirely in the dark regarding her fate as the husband. Her mother is distracted with grief, but lives on the hope that the missing one is unharmed and will return to her loved ones. But as the days go by the hope is weakened and the mystery deepens.

Police Aid.

The husband has tried to avoid publicity and employed private detectives. They have reported failure and now the city detectives of Baltimore, where the wife had friends, have been asked to clear up the affair and the Washington force will be appealed to for assistance.

According to the story told by the husband there has never been a quarrel or misunderstanding that would cause the woman to leave a home of love and comfort. He has exhausted every possible theory to explain the disappearance, but his efforts have proved unavailing. He is persuaded to make the affair public in the last hope that some one in Washington reading the story may come forward and give him a clue to the mystery.

WILSON WILL GO WEST BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH

Owing to ill health Allen C. Wilson, son of former Postmaster General Wilson, and city ticket agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, has resigned his Washington position and accepted service with the Denver and Rio Grande at Pueblo, Col.

Agent Wilson has been connected with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Washington eight years.

W. C. Cox, who has been general agent of the Chicago and Northwestern at Philadelphia, is in Washington on his way to his wedding at Louisville.

Mr. Cox has been appointed general agent of the Northwestern and Union Pacific at Portland, and will take his bride to that place.

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PEACE PREVAILS IN PHILIPPINES

Commission Says Outbreaks Are Brigandage.

MOROS TAUGHT A LESSON

Since General Wood Reduced Several of Their Cottas They Have Not Been Overtly Hostile.

The annual report of the Philippine Commission, of which Luke E. Wright is president, was sent to Congress today by the Secretary of War.

It is dated November 1, 1904.

Reviewing present conditions in the islands the report says that there is no reason to suppose that the general order and peace now prevailing will be otherwise than permanent.

The sporadic outbreaks in the interior portions of some of the islands are attributed entirely to brigandage. The relations between the Americans and the natives are generally cordial, and there continues a steady growth of confidence and good feeling. As an instance of the futility of agitators attempting to stir up a general insurrection, the report cites a secret trip made by Artemic Ricarte, from the Hongkong junta through Luzon, where he found to his astonishment that the people were deaf to his appeals.

The report gives separate consideration to conditions in the Moro country. The people of that province, at first, did not take kindly to the efforts of the commission to organize a local government, resenting any interference with their customs, and regarding the appearance of the white man as an intrusion. Our soldiers were attacked when they went on trips into the interior, and it became necessary for Gen. Leonard Wood, governor of the province, to take stern measures to repress them. "He reduced several of their cottas," says the report, "and gave them a salutary and much-needed lesson. Since then there have been no overt acts of hostility."

Reduction of Troops.

The report says that there has been a reduction of American troops in the islands during the year by about one-third, there being now only about 12,000. They occupy now only 39 posts as against 70 a year ago. The report highly compliments the work of the native constabulary and scouts in breaking up bands of Carabao thieves and ladrones, wherever they appeared.

The report points with pride to the successful introduction of the new "conant" currency, saying that the monetary depression incident to the change is passing away and there are already unmistakable indications of a general revival of business in all directions.

Tariff Reduction Urged.

The report urgently recommends the abolition, or reduction to not more than 25 per cent, of the Dingley tariff on sugar and tobacco sent from the islands to the United States, saying: "Aside from being a measure of simple justice, nothing which Congress could do would have such a tremendous moral effect upon the people of the islands.

"It is difficult for them to appreciate the soundness of the reasons which give this benefaction to Hawaii and Porto Rico and refuse it to them."

Among the other recommendations are the following:

Authorization for the commission to issue bonds not to exceed $5,000,000 for improvements.

Exemption of all Philippine bonds from taxation.

Control of interisland shipping to be left entirely to the commission.

Guarantee by the Philippine government of 4 per cent income on railroad investments.

Limit of 25,000 acres as amount of land to be acquired by any individual or corporation for agricultural purposes.

The commission to make reductions of import tariff schedules whenever deemed advisable.

Provision for extradition of Philippine criminals from foreign countries.

Appended to the report of the commission are reports of the individual members thereof, as heads of the various executive branches of the Philippine government.

In the report of Gen. Luke Wright, as civil governor, it is stated that there has been marked progress in agriculture over the preceding year, and that the lands are gradually recovering from the blighting effects of the rinderpest which attacked the Carabaos with such violence a few years ago. The city of Manila is being improved and beautified; the electric street railway is being rapidly built, and the authorities are preparing to begin soon the construction of new sewer and waver systems.

The report of Dean C. Worcester, as secretary of the interior, states that health conditions are generally good throughout the islands; that cholera has completely disappeared; that local epidemics of smallpox have been promptly checked, and that bubonic plague has decreased to the extent that there were only eighty-seven cases in Manila as against 209 for the previous year.

James F. Smith, in his report as secretary of public instruction, says that 38 provincial high schools are now in operation in 35 of the provinces, and 3 technical, 12 intermediate, and 2,233 primary schools have been permanently established in 629 of the 660 municipalities. The total number of Filipino teachers is 3,134; Americans, 812.

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PEABODY, DESERTED, WILL FIGHT ALONE

To Contest Seating of Alva Adams.

STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE

Frauds Against Him Manifest, He Asserts—Would Eradicate the Ballot-Box Stuffer.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 10.—Governor Peabody, deserted, as he claims, by those on whom he should be able to rally for support, proposes to contest the seating of Alva Adams, the Democrat, as governor of Colorado.

Governor Peabody has made known his intentions in a statement to the people of Colorado. He declares that he has endeavored to enforce the laws, believes he was honestly elected, and that a fair count will show it.

Persists in Charging Frauds.

He says the frauds against him were manifest, and proposes that the people shall know the extent to which corruption was practiced.

The statement closes with the assertion:

"The anarchy of the ballot box stuffer is as far reaching as the anarchy of the dynamiter, and I shall continue my fight to eradicate both from the confines of Colorado."

With the exception of the notice of contest for the governorship which will be filed by Governor Peabody tomorrow, and the hearing of which will continue through several weeks, the political troubles of Colorado that are of particular interest to the outside world have been settled, and Alva Adams is being inaugurated as governor today.

All Trouble Allayed.

Despite all incendiary talk the difficulties have been adjusted amicably. No body has been killed, and so far as known no one has delivered or suffered so much as one little blow. There is no sign of trouble now, and unless a violent counter-current strikes in from some unexpected direction there will be no trouble in the future.

Representative Griffith's dove of peace, which had such strenuous experience last Saturday after he announced its arrival, is now, Mr. Griffith thinks, firmly perched on the capitol dome.

"She's there all right," said Griffith, "but you know how it is in politics. Something may come up some day and some fellow may shoot her. There is no reason why anybody should do it, and if anybody does, he is no gentleman."

Fight in the Senate.

The last fight was waged in the senate, when Luther L. Goddard, of Denver, and George W. Bailey, of Fort Collins, who were nominated by Governor Peabody for the supreme bench, were confirmed after a hard fight.

The two "Wolcott Republican" senators, Campbell and DeLong, who on Saturday voted with the Democrats, came in with the regulars, and two Democratic senators, Ballinger and Hill, also came over.

Both Democrats voted for Bailey, making the totals on his confirmation 21 to 13. Ballinger remained with the Republicans when Goddard's name came up again, and the vote was 20 to 14.

The Democrats say that inasmuch as the two appointments are not effective until April, Governor Peabody had no legal right to name them, but should permit Governor Adams to select them.

An effort will probably be made to induce Governor Adams to appoint two men in place of Gouuard and Bailey. The appointments confirmed yesterday will make the political complexion of the court seven Republicans and two Democrats.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Columbia Historical Society held its annual meeting last night in the banquet hall of the Shoreham. W. Dawson Johnston, author of the recently published history of the Library of Congress, read a paper before the society in which he gave interesting data relative to the advantages to be obtained through the establishment of a free library in the District of Columbia.

The old officers, without an exception, were re-elected for the coming year, and reports of various officers for the year just closing were submitted to the society.

BOSTON BROKER DISCHARGED.

BOSTON, Jan. 10.—Oliver M. Dennet, a Boston broker, arrested for the alleged larceny of $3,000 in a stock transaction in March, 1903, has been discharged.

Boston brokerage houses testified that stocks were actually purchased from them, and at prices that Dennet reported to J. D. & Francis D. Niles, of Watertown, the complainants.

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CARPENTER—On Monday, January 9, 1905, at 8 p.m., at her residence, 1334 Union Street southwest, SARAH F. CARPENTER, beloved wife of George W. Carpenter, in the fifty-sixth year of her age.

Oh, how sad was the day
When the Lord thought best to take her away.
But the Lord knew best,
And I trust she's at rest.
—By Her Husband.

Farewell, dear mother; sweet thy rest,
Weary with years and worn with pain.
Farewell, till in some happy place
We shall behold thy face again.

'Tis ours to miss thee all our years,
And tender memories of thee keep.
Thine in the Lord to rest,
For so He giveth His beloved sleep.
—By Her Children.

Funeral from her late residence Thursday afternoon, January 12, 1905, at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. It

WALKER—On Sunday, January 8, 1905, at 3 o'clock a.m., Mrs. CAROLINE WALKER, widow of William H. Walker. It

GREGORY—On Monday, January 9, 1905, at Garfield Hospital, at 8:30 a.m., M. WILSON GREGORY, of heart failure, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. It

NORTH—On Monday, January 9, 1905, at 9:15 p.m., at her apartments, the Berkshire, 1412 Chapin Street, SARAH WHITE NORTH, wife of Judge James M. North, of the Interior Department. It

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INVESTIGATING DEATH OF LAWRENCE PEACH

Coroner's Jury Holds Inquest on Body of Victim of a Friendly But Fatal Scuffle.

An inquest over the body of Lawrence Peach, a soldier detailed at the Washington Barracks, who was stabbed to death in an altercation on a Four-and-a-half Street car last night, was begun at the Morgue shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook presided, and announced that the soldier had come to his death from a knife wound and the jury would be called upon to fix the responsibility. About a dozen witnesses were summoned.

Peach, in company with Paul Roberts and John Reardon, soldiers stationed at the same garrison, was riding on the car when the wound was inflicted. All had been drinking heavily, it is said, and one drew a penknife, which the other two tried to take away. Roberts, when taken into custody, admitted that he had the knife in his hand when Peach was stabbed in the breast, but he denies that he intended to injure his comrade. Reardon corroborates this assertion.

Policeman Cullinane witnessed the accident and jumped upon the car. The policeman assisted the soldiers in getting the injured man from the car, and then sent him to the Emergency Hospital. Reardon and Roberts were taken to the Fourth precinct station to be held as witnesses.

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The heart nerve is only one of the branches of the great sympathetic nervous system. Each branch of this system is so closely allied with the others that weakness or irregularity at any point is apt to spread. Heart trouble frequently arises from stomach trouble through sympathy, and kidney trouble may also follow. For each of these organs is operated by a branch of these same sympathetic nerves—the inside nerves.

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MEAD POST, No. 5, G. A. R. will install their officers January 10, 1905, 7:30 p. m., at Grand Army Hall, 1412 Pa. Ave. N. W. The celebrated campaign singer, F. W. Maxham, will sing several solos, and also preside at the piano during the installation. Hon. John J. Jenkins, M. C., will be present to give greeting from Wisconsin and Congress. Everybody loves the judge, and those who have not met him will have a chance to shake his hand. Several other distinguished comrades will be present to make the occasion a genuine love feast. All comrades are invited. ja9-2t

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Home Plate Glass Insurance Company of the City of Washington, for the election of Trustees, will be held at the office of the company, No. 918 F Street nw., National Union Building, on Wednesday, January 11, 1905. Polls open from 2 to 3 o'clock p. m. PHILIP F. LARNER, Secretary. ja7,9,10

NOTICE—REMOVAL.

Miss Cora B. Shreve, the popular teacher of dancing, singing and acting, has removed her academy to the large and beautiful hall, 1st floor, new Knights of Pythias building, 9th st. near Mt. Vernon Sq. nw. Tuition, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 3 to 6 p. m. ja8-3t

OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia, Washington, December 31, 1904.—The annual meeting of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA will be held on the THIRD MONDAY in January (the 16th), at the office of the company, No. 902 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, commencing at 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

By the charter of the company, the election of seven managers to conduct the affairs of the company is required to be held at the above meeting.

By the sixth article of the by-laws of the company it is provided: "At the annual meeting of the company the first business in order shall be the appointment of a chairman, who shall conduct the meeting and election in accordance with the act of incorporation, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 6 p. m."

Amount of premium notes	$2,686,957 86
Amount of cash on hand	12,741 39
Securities	239,743 00
Real estate	73,500 00
Office furniture and fixtures	500 00
Losses by fire, adjusted and paid	7,255 04

The annual statement will be ready for distribution at the office of the company about January 14, 1905.

By order of the Board of Managers:
L. PIERCE BOTELER, Secretary.
ja1-16t

ANNUAL REPORT of the Mayo Placer Mining Company. We, the President and a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Mayo Placer Mining Company, of the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that the authorized Capital Stock of said Company is $300,000, of which $257,505 has been paid in, and that there are debts of said company amounting to $1,103.36. PERCIVAL THOMAS, President; C. Blanchard Neilly, Chars. M. Hicks, Percival Thomas, Charles W. Embrey, H. Clay Campbell, Trustees. I, Charles S. Wood, Secretary of the Mayo Placer Mining Company, do hereby certify that the facts in the above statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHARLES S. WOOD, Secretary. Subscribed and sworn before me this ninth day of January, A. D. 1905. Alex C. Kneser, Notary Public for Pennsylvania. Filed of record, Jan. 10th, 1905. It

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THIS IS TO NOTIFY our friends and the public that Mr. George A. Webster is no longer in the employ of the Washington Steel Cut Cereal Company. ja10-3t

A MEETING of the stockholders of the Capital Traction Company for the election of directors will be held at the office of the company, Union Passenger Station, on Wednesday, the 11th day of January, 1905. The polls will be opened at 10 a. m. and closed at 12 m. G. T. DUNLOP, President. C. M. KOONES, Secretary. de26-15t-exsu

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Northern Liberty Market Association will be held at the office of the Company, Room 16, Hutchin's Building, 937 D St. N. W., on Tuesday, January 17, 1905, at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
W. J. DANTE, Secretary.
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