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Quick Action Needed.

The hope for relief from the over-severe fire-escape law which passed both houses of Congress earlier in the session depends upon quick action.

The present law—the law put upon the statute books this past winter—requires that fire-escapes shall be erected on every building in the District of Columbia...

By the terms of the substitute, three main changes are to be made in that law. The first is that structures which meet the very stringent fireproof standard of the building regulations are to be excepted.

So, if the substitute shall become law, those buildings which involve risk for their tenants, according to the judgment of the building inspector and the District Commissioners, must still be equipped with fire-escapes...

The needful thing, surely, is to have this substitute passed by Congress and signed by the President.

A "Petition Hopper."

Senator Lodge has introduced a proposal to provide a "petition hopper" for the upper house, into which hereafter petitions and memorials shall be dropped without reading.

It is to be hoped the proposed rule will not be adopted. There is a widespread conviction among folks who have studied the Senate in operation that it spends no more useful time in the service of the country than that which is devoted to listening—however carelessly, however casually—to the reading of the titles of petitions.

smoke or hold conversations during the hour for petitions. Somehow the general purport of the petitions leaks in on the legislative consciousness...

The Senate really ought not worry about the few minutes that it devotes daily to receiving petitions and memorials. The Senate's time doubtless is very valuable, but there is a wide divergence of opinion as to whether the Senate makes the best possible use of it when it talks for three months on constitutional law...

Enforcing Temperance.

The constant bettering of the standard of temperance on the part of employes in all branches of human industry by the insistence of those in authority that their men be free from undue alcoholic influence...

In this connection it is interesting to note the plan recently adopted by a great railroad of the East to keep its firemen and engineers permanently divorced from alcohol.

It is to be presumed there will be more or less complaint from the employes of the railroad at this means of securing evidence.

GOVERNMENT COAL IS UP IN PRICE

Dangers of a coal famine have passed, Lieutenant Poole, superintendent of the State and Navy building, has been able to secure a number of bids for supplying fuel for the building during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The amount of stove coal called for is small, in comparison with the furnace fuel required, only twenty tons being needed.

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ONE HORSE CREMATED, STABLE AND STORE DAMAGED

One horse was cremated, and \$50 damaged was done by a fire in the stable and store room at Second and M streets southwest, occupied by William Nelson last night.

LET 'EM HOWL!

I do not fear the critic's caustic gibe. There's nothing he can say that will distress me. I have no use for any of the tribe. No fear or hope that they will ban or bless me any at the time when they let them howl on the brutes! 'Tis their vocation. —Chicago News.

LATEST Gossip IN SOCIETY CIRCLES

Yacht Outing Enjoyed By White House Party

Mrs. Roosevelt Accompanies Guests on River Trip—President Host at Stag Dinner. Archie Off for Oyster Bay.

Mrs. Roosevelt, with her sister, Miss Carow, and her house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Richardson, of New York, and Mrs. Johnson, of 1 street, were taken for a trip down the Potomac on General Crozier's yacht, the Gretchen, yesterday afternoon, leaving the White House at 6 o'clock and returning at 9:30.

President Roosevelt entertained a stag dinner party at the White House last night.

Miss Swan, of Oyster Bay, who has been Mrs. Roosevelt's guest for several days, returned to her home on Long Island this morning, taking with her Archibald Roosevelt, the third son of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Senor Nabuco, the Brazilian ambassador, and Viscount de Alve, the Portuguese minister, returned to Washington last evening from a month's trip to the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Cohen will leave on Monday for a two weeks' trip to Detroit and Chicago. At Detroit they will attend the marriage of S. M. Cohen, formerly of this city, and Miss Spater, which will take place next Thursday.

Mrs. Victor Clement, the Misses Katherine and Elenore Ridgely, daughters of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mr. James F. J. Archibald, and Captain Coleman, left yesterday morning on an automobile trip to Baltimore for the horse show and will go from there to Gettysburg and then to New York.

Colorful and Mrs. Brownell, Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney, and Mrs. John Fremont, wife of Captain Fremont, and the Misses Fremont were among the box holders who witnessed the remarkably pretty May ball held at the National last night, children taking the parts of prima donnas and premier danseuses with the greatest credit to themselves.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moser, Miss Sadie Breslau, Miss Esther Steinhardt, Miss Rosa Breslau, A. Bingham, Mr. Doyle, Bernard Breslau, Moritz Moser, and Harold Breslau.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, of New York city, are being entertained in this city by Mr. and Mrs. William Wolf, of 1023 Twenty-second street, Mr. and Mrs. Jones will visit friends in the South after leaving here.

Mr. Phil May, of Charleston, W. Va., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Behrend, of this city, spent a few days this week in Baltimore.

E. Heidenheimer and family will be at home Wednesday, May 30, from 4 to 10 o'clock, in honor of the confirmation of his granddaughter, Miss Helene Hoffa.

Adolph Vorzimer, of New York city, has been the guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. George Wylie, on route from the South to his home.

Mrs. David Kohler, of New York city, is the guest of her father, E. Heidenheimer, of 1 street.

The Consul General to London and Mrs. Robert J. Wynne, have reached Washington and are at the Graton.

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In the Book World

The Spirit of a Country Paper. William Allen White's new book, "In Our Town," is in the form of reminiscences of a country editor who relates the history of his town, and tells the stories of its notable characters.

"Of course we print the afternoon press report on the first page under formal heads and with some dignity, but that first page is the parlor of the paper, as it is of most of its contemporaries, and on the other pages, they and we, go around in our shirt sleeves, calling people by their names."

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PLAN NEW HOTEL FOR THE AVENUE

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The ground has a frontage of 33 feet on Pennsylvania avenue, running back 149 feet on Fourteenth street with an irregular depth of as much as 106 feet on the upper end, and contains in all 7,301 feet. The price at which it is held is stated at \$37.50 per foot, which would make the total cost approximately \$275,000.

The company, it is stated, will be capitalized at \$300,000, and the balance of the money required will be raised by an issue of bonds. Already, it is said, all the stock has been subscribed, and the company is ready to take \$200,000 worth, and the balance finding ready purchasers.

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CONSULAR BOARD NAMED TO REVISE PRESENT SYSTEM

Secretary Root has appointed a board to meet in this city June 4, for the purpose of revising the consular system. The board is to be presided over by Frank H. Mason, consul general at Paris. The other members are Charles M. Dickinson, consul general at Constantinople; Robert S. Chilton, Jr., consul at Toronto; Edward H. Osmun, consul at Stuttgart, Germany, and George H. Murphy, consular agent at St. Catherine's, Ontario.

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