

TESTS MADE FOR MICROPHONE FOR CAPITOL HILL

Proceedings Could Be Heard in Every Member's Office.

The proverb that necessity is the mother of invention never had a better illustration than just now. In the proposal to equip the Capitol with a device that will make possible a phonetic report of the discussions in the legislative chambers, to be transmitted to and reproduced in every committee room or private room in the hill building.

Three or four years ago, the Capitol being hopelessly crowded, arrangements were made to construct office buildings for the Senate and House respectively; everybody to have an office of his own. The plan assures comfort, but not convenience; for it will be well-nigh impossible, members fear, to keep a quorum when members are scattered throughout Capitol Hill, including the immense Capitol building and the two huge office buildings. How to keep in close touch with this immense establishment that will constitute the legislative battlement has been a serious problem.

Mr. Turner proposes that his invention shall be installed in the buildings, and a station placed in every committee room and every private office room. Then a member shall be able to work in the office or committee headquarters, and if concerned about a progressing debate can simply open up his microphone connection, adjust the earpiece, and listen for a few moments to the discussion, till he learns whether there is anything demanding his attention.

There has long been an uneasy feeling that when the office of the speaker is completed they would prove a good deal of an elephant. Distances will be so long that few members will be able to get back and forth from the offices to the Capitol and vice versa; consequently the difficulty of keeping a quorum in the houses when in session is likely to be more serious than ever before.

The microphone would not exactly solve all these difficulties, but it would keep members in close touch with the proceedings. It might even have the effect of adding to the interest of keeping a quorum. But it would assuredly be a great convenience to members, and would be a device that they would hurry in when they were really needed.

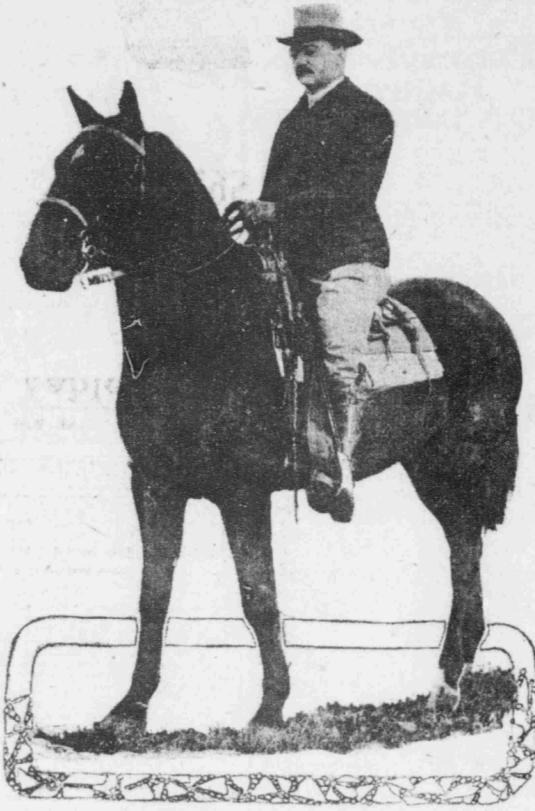
Superintendent Elliott Woods, of the Capitol, has been figuring with Mr. Turner, and further tests are to be made. It will finally, of course, be for Congress to decide whether the invention is worth the money.

HAZELTON NOW HEADS WISCONSIN SOCIETY

The annual business meeting of the Wisconsin Association of the District of Columbia was held at the rooms of the Badger Club, at the Knights of Pythias Temple, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The business of the evening consisted of election of officers, acceptance of reports of secretary, treasurer, executive committee, and auditing committee.

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Secretary Loeb Has Horse Replacing Exiled "Skoot"



Secretary Loeb Mounted on "Eph."

Equine the Gift of Representative Cocks, and Comes From Kansas.

Secretary Loeb has a new horse. His name is "Ephraim," and he comes from Kansas. Representative W. W. Cocks, of Old Westbury, Long Island, one of the two Quaker members, raised "Eph" on his ranch in Kansas, and until he was brought to Washington a few days ago, the horse had never seen an electric car, a "white wings," or a secretary to a President. Now "Eph" has seen all these, and it must be said to his credit, he has behaved very well. Much better, in fact, than his predecessor, "Skoot," who made two or three attempts to create a vacancy in the secretary's position, and nearly succeeded. "Skoot" is now, or was at last reports, pondering over the results of an ill-spent life of luxury on the farm of Dr. Rixey, in Virginia, where he is

hauling a stoneboat or dragging logs to the mill as a penance for his sins.

"Skoot" Also a Westerner. Secretary Loeb has a fondness for Western horses. When Capt. Seth Bullock came to Washington with his bunch of cowboys to whom things up for the President at the last inauguration, he rode "Skoot" up and down the Avenue. The cowboys sold all their ponies at the old baseball park to raise enough money to have a time in New York, and as Seth felt that he had to get rid of his horse, too, just for the sake of being "with" the boys, and not wishing to sell him, turned him over to Secretary Loeb.

Well Pleased With "Eph." Representative Cocks, who was a frequent riding companion of the secretary, said when "Skoot" was banished that he had a horse out West that he was training for the saddle, and wanted Mr. Loeb to hold off from contracting for another mount until he could bring him East and "try him out." Now that the secretary has tried "Eph" out, he is well pleased. He is a beautiful animal, speedy, sound of wind, well gaited, and game as any thoroughbred that ever won a steeplechase.

CASH DONATIONS TO THE CHARITIES

Associated Organization Acknowledges Various Contributions.

On behalf of the board of managers of the Associated Charities, John Joy Edson, treasurer, has acknowledged the following contributions, which have been sent to 811 G street: Cash, \$5; Miss Helen L. and Caroline Henry, \$15; Col. Campbell Carrington, \$10; M. S. Johnson, \$5; Edward P. Looker, \$1; Martin A. Knapp, \$5; Vincent A. Holbrook, \$5; C. M. Hendley, \$10; C. H. Carrington, \$2; Emilie L. Limer, \$25; James T. Macey, \$2; Mrs. Elyburn, \$5; Miss Georgia Robertson, \$10; Mrs. E. C. Pierson, \$1; Mrs. J. Henry Black, \$5; Miss A. J. Boynton, \$1; Mrs. Della A. Freeman, \$1; Grove K. Gilbert, \$15; Edward A. Helman, \$5; Miss Eliza T. Ward, \$5; Mrs. Jennie H. Scott, \$2; Prof. George W. Miller, \$5; A. S. Solomon, \$10; F. L. Freeman, \$10; Commander Frederick A. Cook, \$50; Prof. A. N. Skinner, \$5; Mrs. M. Oppenheimer, \$1; W. E. Durig, \$5; Almsworth R. Spofford, \$5; Miss Florence P. Spofford, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Royal S. Kellogg, \$1; John M. Teavers, \$250; Dr. and Mrs. A. T. A. King, \$20; James Sharp, \$50; Miss Marie Murdoch, \$10; P. Baker Weaver, \$5; Joseph Church, \$5; O. C. Stealey, \$5; Gist Blair, \$10; Prof. W. S. Elchebeger, \$5; Mrs. Grace G. Kendall, \$5; George E. Corson, \$2; J. B. T. Rupper, \$10; Robert Shaw Oliver, \$25; Santer and Mrs. Henry C. Lodge, \$20; Mrs. Mary E. Stone, \$5. The Citizens' Association, through John F. Wilkens, treasurer, has acknowledged the following contributions toward its relief fund: Mrs. A. Holbrook, \$5; N. Freeman, \$1; Mrs. Grace G. Kendall, \$5; Mrs. M. Oppenheimer, \$1; Mrs. Mary E. Norton, \$10; Mrs. M. Charles Newbold, \$10; Dr. and Mrs. E. A. King, \$5; W. B. T. \$10; Gist Blair, \$10; Prof. W. S. Elchebeger, \$5; William A. Corson, \$2; Mrs. F. Stone, \$5; Miss H. Evelyn Chippen, \$250; Mrs. Alice V. Winship, \$5; Elizabeth B. Bliss, \$10; Mrs. H. W. Gillilan, \$5; Rev. Louis F. Zinkham, \$250.

Gompers and Eliot Clash Expected in Convention

Meeting of National Civic Federation Will Discuss Inheritance and Income Tax Problem and Other Important Subjects.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, which will be held at the Park Avenue Hotel on Wednesday and Thursday, promises a lively debate on three questions now prominently before the American people. Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, whose differences of opinion have enlivened past sessions, will be matched again in the discussion of "The Income Tax and the Inheritance Tax." "Government by Injunction" and "Child Labor" are the other subjects announced for discussion.

Carnegie and Belmont, too. Among other prominent speakers who will discuss the income and inheritance tax question will be Andrew Carnegie, August Belmont, William D. Guthrie, Archbishop Ireland, Oscar S. Straus, N. J. Bachelder, Master of National Grange, Franklin MacVeagh, Melville E. Ingalls, and Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University. The speakers on "Government by Injunction" will be John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers; B. Fuller, representing the Railway Brotherhood; George R. Peck, ex-president of the American Bar Association, and general counsel of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway; Walter Drew, commissioner of the National Iron Erectors' Association; Louis D. Brandeis, Frederick N. Judson, and Seth Low. Perfect Arbitration Plans. The conciliation department of the National Federation plans at this meeting to organize its work so that it will

be in closer touch with all the industrial centers of the country and its efforts more effective in arbitrating disputes and in bringing about agreements. Distribution of immigrants so as to relieve the congestion of aliens in the big cities and help solve the problem of labor scarcity in the South and West will be a subject of special attention. The welfare department at this meeting will plan a campaign in behalf of public employees, city, State, and national. Heretofore the Civic Federation has concerned itself only with the problem of the employees of private establishments.

REACH AN AGREEMENT IN PLUMBERS' DISPUTE

In the language of a member of the Allied Building Trades, the Master Plumbers and the journeymen "are off." In other words the resolution adopted by the joint committee of the Master Builders' Association and the Allied Building Trades on November 22, has been signed by the parties to the controversy and the arbitration board will now hear the evidence on the dispute which brought about the lockout of the journeymen by the master plumbers last March. The board, it was stated last night, will meet again on Tuesday.

PROF. MONAGHAN'S LECTURE ON JAPAN

Given For Benefit of Father Ferrand's Missionary Work.

"The wisest of the Japanese want our religion without our philosophy," said Prof. J. C. Monaghan, in a lecture last night in Gonzaga Hall, for the benefit of missionaries in the land of the Mikado. Continuing the speaker said, the yellow peril is not in war, but in the capacity of the Asiatics. He described them as a peaceful, capable people and they must be treated in that way. If, he said, the statesmen of the United States were to explain to the statesmen of Japan why their presence in the schools of California is objectionable, the trouble would be stopped in the land where it commenced. The lecture was illustrated throughout with many excellent stereoscopic views, descriptive of the subject discussed. Before Prof. Monaghan began his lecture, the Rev. Father Ferrand, a French missionary, briefly told of the work of the missionaries in Japan and made a strong appeal to the people of Washington for liberal support for the cause. After discussing the great help Christianity can be to the people of the Orient and why it is necessary to the Japanese, Prof. Monaghan also appealed to the charity of the residents of Washington to assist in extending the work of the missionaries in that country.

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THIRTY-TWO MISSING; LAKE TRAGEDY FEARED

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 10.—It is feared that thirty-two men, comprising the crews of the steamers Lake Michigan and McLouth went down with their boats in Thursday's fierce northwest gale. Both boats are known to have been out in the gale of Thursday, but no news has been received from either of the missing boats. The Lake Michigan was on Lake Huron. The other on Lake Superior.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS. SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination on January 9, 1907, to secure eligibles to fill a vacancy in the position of forest planting assistant, at \$500 per annum, in the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture; also an examination on January 9, 1907, to secure eligibles to fill a vacancy in the position of plumber at Fort Barrancas, Fla., at \$500 per annum.

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WEALTHY DUPONT GETS A DIVORCE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10.—Alfred I. Dupont, millionaire powder manufacturer and a cousin of Senator Dupont of Delaware, was granted a divorce from his wife, Bessie C. Dupont, on the grounds of extreme cruelty and inhuman treatment. Before taking up his residence in St. Louis Falls in the early part of the present year, Mr. Dupont's home was at Wilmington, Del. He is a vice president of the Dupont Powder Company. His attorney here was W. G. Porter, assistant United States attorney for South Dakota, and the decree was handed down by the State circuit court. The settlement out of court was reached covering the disposition of the four young children and the question of alimony.

MIDSHIPMAN DIES AFTER OPERATION

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 10.—Midshipman James Dayton, Jr., third class, died at the Naval Academy hospital from the effects of an operation for appendicitis performed Wednesday night last. He was a son of Capt. James Dayton, of Port Jefferson, N. Y.

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Advertisement for Ruffs, capes and stoles of chiffon and liberty silk. Have you thought of these as gifts? THERE hasn't been a season in which ruffs and the like were so universally worn. Why not give one? We are well prepared to meet every gift want—and call special attention to these: Brussels Net Neck Ruffs in black and combinations of black and white \$1.39. Chiffon Ruffs in black and black with white also colors \$1.00. Plain Chiffon Ruffs with ribbon edge and ties. Evening \$1.50. Black Liberty Silk Ruffs, with accordion pleated ends, 98¢ to \$6.50. Black Liberty Silk Capes, \$2.98 to \$12.00. Black Liberty Silk Stoles, \$2.25 to \$5.00. Reinforcements--Popular books at 44¢ a copy. WE announce the arrival of several hundred copies of scarce titles in our splendid 44¢ line. Two that we have had hundreds of calls for, and have not been able to supply are: "Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," by John Fox, Jr. "The Fortune Hunter," by David Graham Phillips. CECILIA—for 25¢ copy. This is that famous story of Rome by F. Marion Crawford, and is in the regular 50¢ edition. We have only 100 copies and doubt being able to get more before Christmas. These are mere hints. Anything you want suitable for the library of yourself or friends to be had in our gloriously modern 3d floor book store.

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