

Automobile News and Gossip

AUTO TOURS AND SALES THIS WEEK

Tourists Pass Through This City En Route to Northern Homes.

New 1908 Models Begin to Arrive at Local Agencies.

R. T. Jacobs, of New York, passed through Washington last week, on route from Richmond, Va., to Hagerstown, Md., where he will stay until the close of the Hagerstown fair this week, and start Saturday for his New York home.

Mr. Jacobs has made an extended tour of the South this summer, and has been in this city several times. On the first run from New York he went to Richmond, and from there to the Jamestown Exposition. After spending two weeks there he drove south to Charlottesville, N. C. He intended to run through to Florida, but was called home for ten days. On his return about August 1 rains had made the roads almost impassable, and he returned to Richmond. From there he passed through Washington on his way to Baltimore, and on August 16 left the Monumental City for western Maryland.

He visited Frederick, Hagerstown, Cumberland, and put up at the Blue Mountain House for a week. He returned to Richmond and spent the rest of the fall there, before he came back to Washington last week.

A. N. Herron, a representative of the Knox Waterless machine, arrived here last Sunday, after a drive from Loraine, Ohio. He came for the purpose of bringing his machine with a chemical engine attachment to the attention of the fire-fighters.

A. W. Harris passed through Washington last week on his way from his summer home, at Greenwood, near Staunton, Va., to Chicago, where he will spend the winter.

M. M. Shepherd, a well-known Washington driver, drove Mr. Harris' Packard car. Both Mr. Harris and his driver stopped here on their way to Greenwood about two months ago.

Peter V. Hay, chief of the Norristown, Pa., fire department, arrived in Washington Monday to attend the Firemen's convention, and left Friday. He drove a Pierce Arrow. Before returning to Norristown he will go to Frederick, and from there to Baltimore. While here he made his headquarters at the Panorama Garage.

C. L. Baker, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburg, is driving from his home to Jamestown in a Stearns. He was in Washington last Sunday, and expects to stop here on his return.

G. A. Shutt, proprietor of the National Hotel, left yesterday in a White Steamer for a four days' run through Shenandoah Valley. This is the second drive this season made by Mr. Shutt over this route.

The new license tags are now ready at the District building, and License Clerk Woodward is anxious to issue those for which application has been made as soon as possible.

The Motor Car Company announces the sale last week of a new Cadillac to Capt. Ben H. Dorsey, of Washington. A sale of a 1908 model Stevens-Duryea was also made to B. F. Harvey, of this city. The latter car will be delivered in March.

H. N. Wallack, of New York city, has been touring Virginia in a Pope-Toledo for several weeks, and his report of the trip is anything but complimentary to Virginia roads. No breakdowns occurred, but the mud resulted in slow time being made over all the roads traversed. Mr. Wallack passed through Washington on Tuesday on his way to Philadelphia. He will spend a few days at his home in New York after leaving the Quaker City, and will then make an extended tour through the New England States.

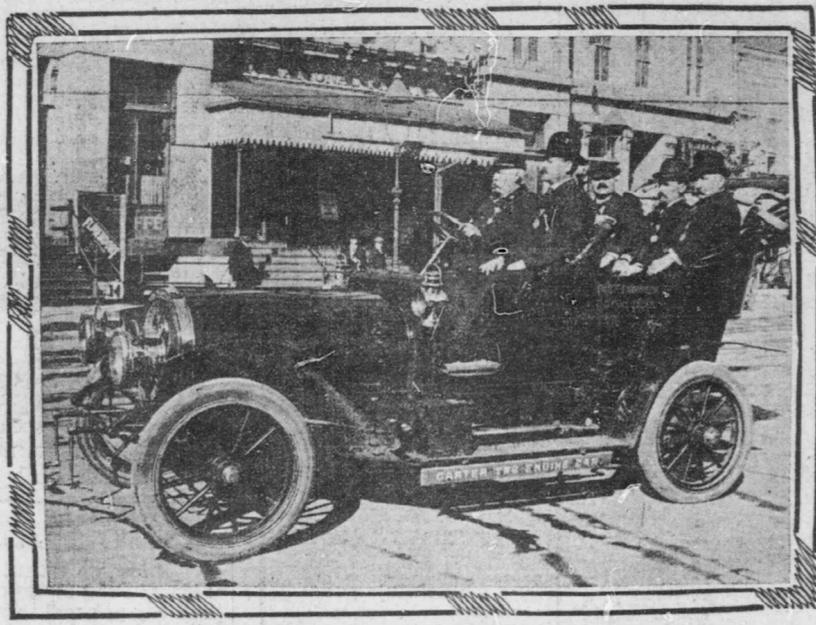
Commissioners McFarland, Morrow, and West were the guests of E. L. Hough last week on an inspection tour of the District roads. The round of the city included every section, except a portion of the Northwest, and lasted all day. The drive was made in a Pope Hartford, and was for the purpose of gathering material for the Commissioners' annual report to Congress recommending road repairs.

Mr. Hough is said to have taken little pains to save the officials from joltings when they passed over roads which needed repairing, and it is expected that the object-lesson will be productive of some long-needed improvements on the Washington highways.

Hugh Wallace returned last week from a five days' run in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland. Mr. Wallace drove over the Bedford Spring road, which was included in the Glidden tour, and found several stretches that were almost impassable. The roads throughout Virginia, Mr. Wallace reports, are adapted for anything but automobile touring. He has made a number of runs through that State this summer in his Peerless 45, and states that the conditions are worse this fall on account of recent rains than earlier in the summer.

J. J. McCallum is back after a European tour, lasting three months, and covering Austria, Germany, France, and Southern Italy. Mr. McCallum left Washington in June, driving his Stevens-Duryea to New York and shipping it from there to the Continent. He was greatly pleased with the work of his car, both for the speed shown over level roads, and for its endurance in the frequent hill-climbing tests which the

PROMINENT FIRE CHIEFS



The Committee on Exhibits of Fire Chiefs' Convention: William G. Belt, Chairman; Jerry Owens, Denver, Col.; A. H. Runger, Grand Rapids, N. D.; John H. Kesbein, Norfolk, Va.; S. F. Hunter, Springfield, Mo.

mental tourist must undergo. No adjustments were made to the machine in the entire time out.

Word was received last week from the Peerless factory by the Motor Car Company that the first 1908 model for Washington will be shipped this week, and will arrive here about October 25. Owing to the large number of orders and mechanical improvements made in the Peerless car this season the new models are later than last year, but from now on the agents will be ready to fill orders.

Albert Valles, representing the Eisman Magneto Company, which has its office in New York, was in Washington two days last week. While here he made his headquarters at the Motor Car Company, on New York avenue. He was here for the purpose of looking after the magnetos on the Peerless cars of this city.

E. M. Willis, Jr., and P. H. Willis are now in the heart of the Pennsylvania coal regions about twenty miles north of Reading. The Willis brothers left Washington last Sunday on two Reading Standard motor cycles for a run through Pennsylvania. They report a hard, steep run for the first fifty miles out of Washington. On the first night they stopped at Berlin, near York, Pa. On the second day a good run was made to Harrisburg and from there they rode

to the coal field regions, where they were when last heard from. They expect to make a second visit to Reading to inspect the Reading bicycle factory, and from there will continue through the mountains to Scranton.

Their ultimate destination is Niagara Falls. Before arriving there they will visit Binghamton and Watkins Glen.

T. N. Mudd, Jr., and Peyton Hough drove to Baltimore today on Reading-Standard motorcycles.

The Peerless factories are about to send a six-cylinder car on a 2,000-mile endurance run, which they hope to make without stopping the motor or making any adjustments. The trip is being watched for with considerable interest by autoists, as such a run under the conditions named is decidedly a novelty. The car will pass through Washington and the date of the visit here will be announced later.

The Commercial Auto and Supply Company announces two sales last week of thirty-five horsepower Waynes. J. H. Billing and A. F. Joss were the purchasers. Mr. Joss started yesterday in his new car for Hagerstown, where he will attend the fair in progress this week. At the close of the fair he will drive to Frederick and will probably run through southern Pennsylvania.

R. C. Owen, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., arrived in Washington Tuesday in his

two-horsepower Mitchell touring car, accompanied by Mrs. Owen, Cleveland, Columbus, Wheeling, Pittsburg, Bedford Springs, and Frederick were visited en route, and an enjoyable time reported. While in Washington Mr. Owen made his headquarters at the Mitchell Garage, 203 Connecticut avenue.

Chief Boesch, of the Newark, Ohio, fire department, was a caller at the Mitchell Garage last week. Mr. Boesch is an enthusiastic motorist, and a great believer in the future of the motor car for fire department uses. He drives a model E two-horsepower Mitchell, and states that Mitchells are well adapted to the rough Ohio turnpikes.

Joseph Donovan and Ed. Mangold left Wednesday on two Indian Motor cycles for Gettysburg.

The Mitchell Motor Car Company, of Racine, Wis., announces the sales of Mitchell cars to the fire departments of Milwaukee and New York city. A Mitchell was also sold to the controller's department, New York city. These sales were made after competitive tests, and speak well for high efficiency and moderate first cost of the Mitchell.

J. R. Thomas, of the Thomas & Tolman agency, 1023 L street, is on his way here after two weeks spent in the Shenandoah valley and New York State. Mr. Thomas made the trip in an Atlas and is expected to arrive here this evening.

DEBATERS SCARCE AT G. W. U. FRIDAY

Moot Court Preparations Interfered With Work of Literary Society.

Considerable difficulty was experienced during the week in securing debaters for the Friday evening meeting of the Needham Debating Society in the law school. The men appointed to places on the affirmative and negative sides of the debate were busy with their moot court preparation.

The new debating society which has been organized in Columbian College, known as the Philofrenian Debating Society, promises to become a prominent factor in the debating work of the university. The Enosian Society, which already existed in the college, is also in a flourishing condition. The new organization is in no way antagonistic to the Enosian, but was formed to enable more students to participate in debate. Many of the new members, it seems, objected to making their "maiden speeches" before the co-eds. David A. Baer is president, and Roy C. Newhouser is vice president, of the new organization.

President Eaton, of the G. W. U., Y. M. C. A., expects great things for this year for the university branch of the association. In all probability the annual banquet given last year will be repeated, as will the inspiring mass-meeting of 600 men students, which was addressed last year by Fred B. Smith, of New York. Eight of the university men have pledged themselves to organize and maintain Bible study groups. Robert Fleming is vice president, and James E. W. U.

The first regular class meeting of the second year class in the Columbian College will be held Monday, October 14, in the college building.

The chair of surgery in the medical school made vacant by the resignation of Dr. W. P. Carr, has been offered to Dr. Finney, a celebrated surgeon of Johns Hopkins.

A course in embryology in the medical school will be offered this year by Dr. J. B. Nichols, professor of histology.

The question of reciprocity with Canada was discussed at the Saturday night meeting of the G. W. U. University congress, in University Hall.

W. Clayton Carpenter, of the second year class in the law department, who has been suffering from a serious attack of typhoid fever at his home, Fayette, N. C., will return to his studies the last of this month.

Next Wednesday morning, at 10:45 o'clock, the regular fall convocation of the George Washington University will be held in the Belasco Theater. The students will meet at the university at 9:20 and form a procession, which will march to the theater. An interesting and instructive program will be rendered, and degrees will be conferred upon a number of candidates from the various departments of the university.

Board Seeks an Increase Of \$856,335 for Schools In Annual Appropriation

Yearly Report Filed With the Commissioners Late Yesterday.

Exceeds the Amount Received From Congress by \$1,736,731.

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According to the estimate, it will require \$4,160,749 to conduct the schools, including salaries, extensions, and repairs. This is an increase over the current year's estimate of \$3,304,414, and an increase of \$1,736,731 over what Congress appropriated.

The largest item in the estimates just submitted is the \$1,973,000 for new school buildings. They come salaries for teachers amounting to \$1,245,350; longevity pay, \$185,000; janitors and caretakers, \$125,500; miscellaneous account, \$509,150; salaries of officers, \$65,220; librarians, \$28,800; allowance to principals for session rooms, \$21,500; night schools, \$23,500; kindergarten supplies, \$3,600; attendants at offices, \$2,540; medical inspectors, \$5,000.

The increase provides for an architect to devote his time to drawing plans and supervising the erection of schools at \$3,000. This work is now done by the Building Inspector. To provide for the longevity account \$165,000 will be necessary. Among the important items asked for is an appropriation for the alteration of Central High School, to include a modern equipped gymnasium. In remodeling the Franklin School the board seeks to have storerooms and office quarters for the board.

The more important new positions sought, in addition to those mentioned above, and the proposed increases in the salaries of the force are: Increase from \$2,000 to \$2,400 for the secretary of the board; chief clerk, new, \$1,600; an additional stenographer and clerk for the superintendent of schools at \$1,400; an increase of \$20 each for two stenographers from \$80; an additional clerk to the board of examiners at \$1,000; transient officers need \$3,540.

The total increase in teachers' salaries amounts to \$46,000, with fifty-six additional teachers. There is an increase of \$1,500 for night schools, and there is an increase of \$50,000 in the miscellaneous account.

For new buildings, purchase of sites, equipment of buildings for the coming fiscal year the sum of \$1,973,000 is asked for. This is distributed in the estimate as follows:

Equipment and extension of the McKinley Manual Training School, \$85,000; for a normal and model school building in Columbia Heights, \$200,000; for a similar building for colored pupils, \$250,000; for a twelve-room building to relieve Franklin School and Thompson, \$200,000.

Alterations and repairs to Central High School, equipment and erection of a gymnasium are estimated at \$90,000.

The completion of McKinley Manual Training School building, calls for \$125,000; extension of Business High School, \$50,000; the purchase of ground and a four-room building to the Monroe School, \$54,000; an eight-room building near Cleveland Park, \$75,000; refitting Franklin School, \$25,000; a twelve-room building on the Garfield School site, \$95,000; and addition to Western High School, \$72,000.

Smaller items call for the purchase of a site adjoining the Armistead Manual Training School for an addition to the school, at \$1,600; for a lot adjoining the Adams School for a playground, at \$8,000; the construction and equipment of a gymnasium for the M Street High School, at \$35,000; for a site and the erection of an eight-room building adjacent to the Johnson School, at \$100,000; repairs to the John F. Cook building, at \$3,000; purchase of a lot adjacent to Seaton School, at \$5,000; a lot for playgrounds for M Street High School, at \$25,000; a site for extension of Lovejoy School, at \$3,500; for a four-room addition to the Orr School, at \$22,000; the purchase of a lot in Petworth, at \$4,000; additional ground for the Chevy Chase School, at \$45,000; an adjacent lot to the Phelps School, at \$12,000; for a twelve-room building west of Pennsylvania avenue and West Twenty-third street, at \$150,000; land adjoining Stevens School, at \$25,000.

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Board's Estimates of School's Needs

Total	\$4,160,749
New school buildings	1,973,000
Teachers' salaries	1,245,350
Longevity pay	185,000
Janitors and caretakers	125,500
Miscellaneous account	509,150
Salaries of officers	65,220
Librarians and clerks	8,200
Allowance for session rooms	21,500
Night schools	23,500
Kindergarten supplies	3,600
Attendants at offices	2,540
Medical inspectors	5,000
Architect of schools	3,000
Increase in salary of secretary to Board of Education	200
Chief clerk	1,600
Stenographer and clerk to Superintendent of Schools	1,400
Increase in salary of two stenographers	640
Clerk to board of examiners	1,000
Transient officers' needs	3,540

66; land adjoining Peabody School, at \$13,000; lots adjoining Phillips School, at \$14,500; land adjoining Morgan school, at \$11,000; building for Brookland, at \$7,000; land adjoining Fillmore School, at \$10,000; land for modern school to replace the old Potomac school in ninth division, at \$7,000.

Five hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars is available for the current year for building and grounds, distributed as follows: For completion of an eight-room building in eighth division, \$20,000; for completion of an eight-room building in fourth division, \$20,000; for purchase of a part of lot in the Howard University subdivision, adjoining the Mott School on the west, and the erection of a sixteen-room school building, at \$125,000; for the purchase of a site for and erection of a sixteen-room building west of Fourteenth street and north of Florida avenue, \$150,000; for a twelve-room building and site, eighth division, \$104,000; for the purchase of site for and the erection of a six-room addition to the Langdon School at Langdon, Columbia district, \$25,000; for a four-room addition to the Evesham School building, \$25,000; for a four-room addition to the Emery School building, \$25,000.

Estimates Made Public. After the estimates had been looked over by Commissioner Macfarland, they were made public.

Discussing the estimates, the Commissioner said: "I observe, in looking over the estimates, under a recommendation of a \$3,000 salary for a 'school' estimator under the direction of the Board of Education, and the planning, construction and maintaining of school property in the District of Columbia, the following note:

"As in other large cities, the need of an officer who shall give his whole attention to such work is strongly felt for school structures, instead of being immediately used, is frequently unused for months, or, in some cases, years, while the schools are deprived of the benefit thereof. The press of work in the Building Inspector's office is the reason given for such delay. This item will relieve that officer and add to the efficiency of the schools."

Will Consider Demands. The Commissioners will, of course, give respectful consideration to every recommendation of the Board of Education. But for this recommendation should be adopted, it would not be because of the statements in the note. It would seem that it was not prepared by the Board of Education. No money appropriated for school structures has been unused for years, except in the one case of the Brookland colored school, where the question of location is still unsettled, without fault of the Commissioners or any one else in the District building.

"The press of work in the Building Inspector's office is not the reason given for the delay in other cases, whatever it may have been. The chief reason for whatever delay has occurred, and it has been very much exaggerated, is the difficulty of getting suitable sites, involving the question of selection, titles, and prices, and then of getting plans to fit the sites and bids on those plans, within the appropriations.

"The method of appropriation, which the Commissioners will ask Congress to change so that the money may be available a year sooner than has hitherto been the case, will obviate some of the delay.

"I make this statement the more readily because the immediate handling of this matter is not in my office, but in that of the Engineer Commissioner, who I am sure has done everything that was in his power, and his predecessors, to expedite the construction of school buildings, and with the best results that the appropriations would permit."

LIMERICK CONTEST OF SUNDAY TIMES MOST POPULAR ONE

The New Limerick

Baseball's been the rage, East and West; Football will now rankle the chest; But the best ball of all, Spring, summer, or fall,

From the prairies of Illinois, the mountains of Pennsylvania, the valleys of the South, and every section and suburb of Washington, limericks poured into the office of The Sunday Times last week.

Such interest as has been shown in this limerick contest has never been known in a similar contest in this section of the country. Among those who endeavored to get the best missing line were men, women, and children. Needless to say, the lines that were sent in were, in many instances, remarkably clever. Apparently, some of the cleverest people in the parts of the country mentioned worked hard on the task of supplying that fifth line.

A limerick is a difficult thing to write, provided that element of wit and surprise expected in the fifth line is supplied. The contest conducted by The Sunday Times has proven that many people possess a poetic gift, which they could turn to commercial value if they would apply themselves to this line of work.

Interest in the limerick contest is growing every week. The States represented in the answers sent in last week prove this fact beyond question.

Private Dalsell a Poet. Private James M. Dalsell, of 2019 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, has been a regular and welcome contributor of fifth lines since The Sunday Times inaugurated its popular limerick contests. Each week he has submitted lines that revealed his genius, and this week he has blossomed out with a collection of fifth lines both varied and clever. Following are some of his suggestions:

- "I'd kiss her, and then ask her dad."
- "I'd lover 'er, and kiss, and be glad."
- "If she loves me, O won't I be glad?"
- "I'd promise to never get mad."
- "I have no affigy tad."
- "Oh, wouldn't I laugh, and be glad?"
- "If rejected, I'd cry and be sad."
- "I'd call her my honey, begad!"
- "I'd call her sweetheart and be glad."
- "I'd love her all over, begad!"
- "I'd ask her: 'How much has your dad?'"
- "I'd dance the first to be had."
- "I'd marry no widow, begad!"
- "I'd jump at the chance and be glad."
- "Any one! Any one to be had!"

Mrs. C. B. Hodges, 1211 C street northwest—"I'd not take my neighbor's by Gad!"

Squirrels Nibble Stick of Dynamite; Result: Fireworks!

NEWTON, Mass., Oct. 12.—A squirrel family with a taste for fireworks, started a blaze that consumed the Homer L. Tilton Fireworks Company's warehouse, with a loss of \$6,000. The animals nibbled some of the dynamite.

Flying skyrockets and Roman candles made it impossible for the firemen to get near the blaze with the steamers, and they were forced to fight it with chemicals.

V. M., 424 East Capitol street—"I'd give each a cell with a pad."

H. R. Benson, division 28, Patent Office—"Affinities in stripes should be clad."

Mrs. A. P. Connell, 1515 T street northwest—"My fist in their noses I'd jab."

Jay Vance—"They would all have to sit on a pad."

Marie E. Hiehn, 1215 Thirtieth street northwest—"I'd take some one else's and be glad."

Recm 325, Munsey building—Each lass would have but one lad.

Mary Victory, 728 Tenth street northwest—Without one we're usually sad.

Andrew Armstrong, 1322 Vermont avenue—(1) They would have to become ma and dad. (2) I would pair off the shrew with a cad. (3) Mine shouldn't paint, powder, or pad. (4) They would have to be single, by gad. (5) Mine could stay with the husband she had.

L. B. Chamberlain, 65 G street northeast—I would depend on the purse of her dad.

Mrs. L. H. Heald—I would turn them all over to dad.

India N. King, 1300 Massachusetts avenue northwest—I would make this frisk hubby look sad.

AUTOMOBILES. FOR SALE—Pope runabout; good condition; \$125 cash. BOX 151, Times office. oct-12. TEN-HORSEPOWER Stanley runabout; first-class condition. Address BOX 142, Times office. oct-12. FOR SALE—A Grouse steam touring car running less than 1,000 miles and in excellent condition; \$1700. \$1200; demonstration by appointment. DUPONT GARAGE CO., 2020 M st. N.W. oct-11. FOR SALE—Cadillac side entrance; A1 running order. 112 E st. N.W. oct-10. FOR SALE—A five-passenger two-cylinder touring car in perfect condition; a rare bargain; Maxwell runabout; first-class order. THE DEWEY GARAGE 1319 L St. N. W. Phone N. 4551. oct-11

THIEVES ROB HOME OF A BLIND WOMAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—All the detectives in Harlem are looking for two, or more thieves who robbed a worthy blind woman of practically everything she owned.

Mrs. Thekla C. Beck, who has apartments on the fourth floor of 82 West 115th street, was the victim. Although herself blind, she is one of the visiting teachers to the New York Association for the Instruction of the Blind, which ministers to fully 3,000 of the unfortunate ones, and has headquarters at 115 E. 87th street, near the city hall. Her chief duty is to teach sewing and housework, and the task occupies her daily from 6 o'clock in the morning until 10 in the evening.

Evidently the thieves were aware of her movements and watched her go out, for they must have taken their time and felt no fear of interruption. When Mrs. Beck, accompanied by Miss Zekia Amir, about sixteen years old, who guides her to and from the institution and lives with her, returned to the apartments in the evening they found the rooms almost bare, except for the heavy furniture and some articles of clothing, with which the thieves apparently had not cared to burden themselves, and which they had flung in a heap on the floor.

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