

District Buildings VIRGIL'S REWARD GOVERNMENT TRAINS

Taxpayer Who Loses \$20 Bill Rejoiced at Return of Yellow Back.

"Virtue is its own reward." "Honesty is the best policy." Old axioms, but true, sayeth Benjamin F. Adams, assistant assessor of the District, in whose breast there is the consciousness of a good deed well done.

Mr. Adams was instrumental recently in returning to its owner a \$20 bill, which act was accomplished with a degree of finesse worthy of a Sherlock Holmes. Throughout the month of May the office of the assessor is crowded from the opening till the closing hours with taxpayers.

The unusual rush is due to the fact that the honest citizens in paying their taxes before June 1 save unto themselves the penalty of 1 per cent a month which accrues thereafter. Money pours into the coffers of the District at this time and it is not to be accounted strange that losses should occur. That the money should return to its owner within a half an hour is, however, an incident worthy to be recorded.

Gleaming beneath the feet of the hurrying throng in that portion of the office devoted to the public, Aaron Bradshaw observed a gold certificate. Mr. Bradshaw gently requested a large fat man to step aside and picking up the bill gave it to Mr. Adams.

The assistant assessor did not announce the find in class room. Within twenty minutes Mr. Bradshaw ushered in a man of German lineage and excited demeanor.

"You wish to see me?" asked Mr. Adams. "Sure," replied the perturbed German, "I had lost something."

"Ah," said Mr. Adams in noncommittal tones. "I had lost \$20," continued the German. "When I pay mine taxes and leave the office, I found a \$20 bill in my pocket. It was not mine, I inquired the assessor with rare cunning.

"Nem," answered the subject of the Kaiser. "It was my bill, you \$20 bill." "Greenback?" pursued Mr. Adams, determined to make the identification complete.

"A yellow twenty dollar bill, just yun yellow boy," answered the German, excitedly, beginning to lose hope of recovering the money in a bottle.

"You wish to see me?" asked Mr. Adams. "You have shown me." Over the countenance of the German there spread a look of ineffable joy. Grasping the hands of the assistant assessor, he poured forth his undying gratitude and tucking the recovered twenty in a capacious pocketbook, left the office.

"It is excellent to have the good will of one citizen of the District," mused the assistant assessor, as he turned to the complaint file.

Twenty Cents Separates Two Estrife Friends

Ordinarily the heat of friends, a coolness has arisen between Ralph Pratt, secretary to Commissioner West, and F. C. Lee, assistant secretary to Commissioner Morrow. A difference of 20 cents separates the two estrife friends.

Mr. Lee is a lover of animals. He recently added to his collection of pets by the purchase of a monkey, which was consigned to him from New York. Mr. Pratt was invited by Lee to accompany him to Union Station to receive the monkey. The animal was placed in a box and handed to Mr. Lee's residence without incident.

Mr. Pratt, feeling the occasion to be one for joking, suggested 10 cents toward a fund, to be expended in a cooling draught. Mr. Lee acquiesced cheerfully and the tiffin adjourned to a cafe. Mr. Pratt, with great prodigality, ordered two bottles of a beverage, which ordinarily retails for 10 cents a bottle. The health of the monkey was tested, but the festivities were brought to a sudden cessation by the receipt of a check for 40 cents.

Mr. Lee declined to pay the additional 10 cents for his pet. Mr. Robinson, who was invited by Lee to accompany him to Union Station to receive the monkey, felt an imposition to be imposed upon him from double that amount. Thereupon, after a somewhat heated argument, Mr. Pratt declined the necessary sum, under protest.

Mr. Pratt feels that Mr. Lee owes him 10 cents. Mr. Lee can't be brought to see it in that light. They have finally decided to leave it to the monkey.

Assessor Griffin, who has been confined to his home by illness, is in somewhat improved condition.

The resignation of R. A. Kern, inspector in the revenue department, has been accepted. The resignation of the branch of the Water Department, has been accepted.

W. A. Edgar, skilled laborer, has been promoted to inspector in the Water Department.

Health Officer W. C. Woodward is spending a few weeks in Florida.

Dr. Wilbur Leach, of the Health Department, has been assigned to the inspectorship of the Second District, which covers the northwest portion of the city.

THE VILLAIN'S ESCAPE.

In an amateur play a fugitive from justice was supposed to have escaped from his pursuers by concealing himself under the table. The table was small and the terrified fugitive somewhat lengthy.

The commander of the pursuing party rushed on the stage and fell over the legs of the man he was searching for. Picking himself up and ludicrously rubbing his shins, he convulsed the audience by exclaiming in true dramatic style:

"Ha! ha! The dastardly villain has eluded us again."—Exchange.

NAMES FOR SHIPS.

The arrival at New York several days ago of the new steamer Martha Washington of the Austro-American line, brings to mind the fact that there is now a tendency on the part of several of the big trans-Atlantic lines to give American names to their new liners.

The steamers of the American line and the Atlantic transport line are named after American cities and characters, and the Scandinavian-American line has seen fit to call one of its best steamers the United States. The Hamburg-American steamer Pennsylvania was the only vessel with an American name in the company's New York and Hamburg fleet until the Amerika came out, with her various decks named after President Roosevelt, the Kaiser, Cleveland and Washington. Then came the Kaiserin August Victoria, with more decks named after Americans, after which the line brought out the steamer President Grant and President Lincoln. The Anchor Line called its latest steamer the California.

Neighborhood Notes

Rockville Falls Church Gov. Crothers WILL ATTEND FAIR

Executive to Make Opening Address—Elaborate Program Arranged.

ROCKVILLE, May 16.—An elaborate program has been prepared for the Rockville Masonic fair, which will be held for June 2, 3, 4 and 5. Gov. Austin L. Crothers will open the fair with an address, followed by a solo by Andrew J. Cummings and music by the Rockville Glee Club.

On the second day there will be an exhibition drill by Alma Temple Patrol. On the third day field sports, racing of all kinds, and a ball game between the Dumbarton Club and Montgomery County Club.

Closing day, there will be an exhibition drill by Macabees, ladies' drill team, vaudeville performances, and moving pictures.

The supper and bazaar given at the Rockville town hall on Wednesday evening by the ladies of the Baptist Church was very successful.

The ladies of Potomac Chapel will give a strawberry festival May 30 in the grove near the church.

Mrs. Raymond Flack and children, of Washington, are guests of the Corcoran Hotel here.

Arthur Peter, who spent ten days here, has returned to his Washington residence.

Miss Rachel Mothershead, of Washington, is visiting Miss Mabel Shaw at her home, near Rockville.

Mrs. Josephine Fowler and her daughter, Viola, of Washington, have been spending a while with Mrs. Charles Sage, of Genetta, a subdivision of Rockville.

Zadoc Dove, of Baltimore, was a guest during the week of his mother, Mrs. Randolph Dove.

Miss Edna Ward, of Washington Grove, has returned from a visit to Washington.

W. F. Haney, of Washington, has purchased the residence of Mrs. Robinson at Drummond, this county, and will make it his residence at an early date.

A choir has been organized at St. John's Church, Bethesda, with the following membership: Mrs. E. C. Shover, Mrs. Francis Wallace, Mrs. W. W. Wheatley, Miss Emma Reuland, and Francis Wallace.

The last meeting of the Darnestown Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. Humphrey Cissel, when an interesting literary program was rendered, in which Mrs. Brooke Vinson, Miss Griffith, Miss Beall, and Miss Broome took part.

Mrs. Charles Nourse, of Darnestown, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Morris Haines, at Linwood, Carroll county.

Mrs. W. H. Stone and Miss Lula Windsor have returned from their trip to Philadelphia.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS FAITH COUNCIL ARRANGES DANCE

Faith Council, I. O. S. Jonadabs, will give its first entertainment and ball Friday evening, May 22, in the town hall.

The council was organized seven weeks ago, and already has a membership of twenty-eight. Officers of the council are as follows: W. C. Alexander Mackay, V. C. William T. Brownell, P. C. Joseph Whiting; chaplain, William Steele; recording secretary, J. M. E. W. Stommel; assistant secretary, E. W. Whelan; S. O. Maxwell; sentinel, Leon Fitz.

Mrs. Jennie Riddick and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weston, of Fortenmouth, Va., are visiting the home of their brother, V. Weston, in Prince George's avenue. Mrs. Riddick expects to spend the summer there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank, who recently purchased a handsome residence on Sixty-first street, moved into their new home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilbert's handsome bungalow is nearing completion.

The Mechanics' Club will give its first entertainment and ball in the town hall Friday night, May 22. The club secured the hall from the Police Department as an opening number, to be followed by Miss Florence B. Callahan; Hastings & Matron, in "Capital and Labor"; Mrs. Charles Schwartz, Keleher and Hurdin; and Signor Spagetti, in "Silent Musician."

The Eastern Stock Company presented a play called "A True Friend" last Thursday evening, in the town hall.

Edward Hurdle is erecting a pretty cottage in Sixty-first street, between Franklin and Elberta avenues.

O. B. Zantlinger is grading Shady Side avenue, making a fine driveway from Sixty-first street to Central avenue.

George M. Jacobs has put an addition to his new cottage in Sixty-first street.

William Steele is improving his residence in Kingston avenue, by an addition of two rooms.

A. P. Buck, who recently purchased a small house in Shady Side avenue of his brother, is going to add four rooms.

Mrs. Lillian L. Hallenberger is making extensive improvements to her house.

The handsome residence of John Link at Cheuton and Central avenues is about completed, and he will occupy it in a few days.

George W. Fixler, the newly appointed chief of the police, has sent his blacksmith shop to Mr. Essex.

Falls Church CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HAS SOCIAL SESSION

Games Played After Business Meeting at Home of Mr. Newell.

Last Monday evening after the regular business session of the Christian Endeavor Society, held at the home of Mr. Newell on Washington street, R. Roberts, chairman of social committee, took charge of affairs and introduced several guessing games. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Seay, Jr., Mrs. Phil Nourse, Miss McGroarty, Miss Thomas, Miss Seay, Miss Browning, Miss Newell, Mr. McGroarty, Mr. Odun, Mr. Smith, Mr. Newell, Mr. Browning, and Mr. Caldwell.

The new M. E. Church at Pender, Va., will be dedicated today. The presiding elder, the Rev. E. V. Register, will preach.

The members of the Columbia Baptist Church at Falls Church surprised their pastor, the Rev. W. S. O. Thomas, and his family by a pound party.

Harry Joy, proprietor of a Harrison street livery stable, has asked the aid of the police in locating a horse and buggy, which were engaged at his place of business last Sunday afternoon by a stranger, who said he would return the rig in a few hours, following a visit on business to a point in Prince George county, Md., just across the District line.

Miss Helen E. Pyles, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. Pyles, of this place, gave a musicale and dance to her friends and associate students of the Eastern High School, Friday evening, at her residence, 115 Monroe street, Anacostia. The parlors were decorated with apricot flowers. Miss Vera Murray rendered piano selections. Several hours were spent in dancing.

Those present were Miss L. Connor, Miss Vera Murray, Miss V. Price, Miss M. Hoop, Miss L. Field, Miss M. Stockert, Miss E. Hall, Miss A. Allen, Miss H. Barrow, Miss V. Chase, Miss A. T. T. Torry, Miss C. Meyers, Miss H. Masson, Miss M. Masson, and Messrs. Moore, Williams, Murray Frazier, Havenner, Harrison, Johnson, Ober, Kirkpatrick, Hamill, Marshall, Torbert, Lynch, Vorella, and Dr. Stalmacher, U. S. N.

Miss Irene Allen, whose home is at Camp Springs, Prince George county, Md., and whose place of employment is at St. Elizabeth's Asylum, has notified the police department of the loss of a number of articles of jewelry from her wardrobe. Among the things stolen are a gold bracelet, a locket and chain, four rings set with stones, a breastpin, a scarf pin, and three diamond pins. She stated the jewelry was valued at \$20.

Col. A. B. Frisbie, the commander of Logan Post, No. 13, G. A. R., has taken up the matter of providing a suitable program at St. Elizabeth's Asylum on the occasion of the Memorial day visit.

Mrs. Brown, of Massachusetts, is visiting her sister, Miss Sue Riddle, at her summer home on Washington street.

Ambrose Moore, of New York, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. M. D. Moore, on Maple avenue.

The Rev. E. J. Richardson, field secretary, Northern District of Virginia Anti-Saloon League, spent several days at his home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilpin and little daughter are the guests of Mrs. Gilpin's sister, Mrs. E. E. Parker, on Great Falls street. Mr. Gilpin is editor and publisher of the Orleans County Monitor at Barton, Vt.

The Rev. Mr. Lyell, who was the guest of the Rev. W. S. O. Thomas this week, returned to his home in Camden, N. J., Wednesday.

The Organ Society of Crossman's Chapel will give an "old-time supper" at Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kendrick and son, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mrs. Kendrick's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kendrick, on Washington street.

Standon Weaver has taken possession of the Rufus Darby place, near Falls Church, which he has recently purchased.

At the last meeting of the Kemper Lodge, Past Master A. H. Barber elected a life member of the Masonic Home Association.

Falls Church and Ballston Presbyterian baseball clubs crossed bats at West End Tuesday. The score stood 2 to 3 in favor of Falls Church.

Brookland VAUDEVILLE SHOW TOMORROW EVENING

The Painter-Street Amusement Company will give a vaudeville performance at the Brookland Town Hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The following will appear: Norman Esputh, Daley, A. F. Davidson, Frank M. Painter, K. Dechard, Margaret Elwood, Bert H. Street, Charles Millburn, Little Miss Mary Martin, and Little Miss Margaret Elwood.

Miss Mary Helen Howe, of Quincy street, recently made a short visit to New York.

The Boys' Club of the Church of Our Saviour met last Friday evening at the home of Arthur and John Williams, in Fourteenth street.

The Epworth League of the Brookland Methodist Episcopal Church gave a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boss, in Eighth street.

The Brookland Eastern Star held a communication last Wednesday evening.

William Billings, formerly of Brookland, will return to Washington with his bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Molster have returned from Portsmouth, Ohio, where they were called by the death of Mr. Molster's father.

Edward Maroon, of Alabama, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pyles.

Anacostia MISS EILEEN PYLES GIVES MUSICAL

Police Asked to Find Horse and Buggy Rented and Not Returned.

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ARTISTS NEW COLOR METHOD FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

System Allows Making of Roll Films for Ordinary Camera.

Color photography in a simplified form is the promised improvement of the near future. The invention is the joint production of John H. Powrie and Florence M. Warner.

The advantage of this process are a plate with the ordinary rapidity of a plate coated with a panchromatic emulsion which is the feature of this plate, as well as the earlier method. The plate will come nearer the pockets of the camera workers of the country than the Lumiere process, give a resulting negative in color from which positives in color can be printed in the same manner, in which lantern slides are now made, and this process can be utilized in the manufacture of color films, so that the ordinary "snap-shotter" can purchase rolls of films or the more convenient film-pack of the ordinary camera, and develop them in the same manner as the ordinary negative.

Buffalo Sends Catalogue of Attractive Summer Exhibition. One of the most attractive exhibition catalogues of the season comes from the summer exhibition of selected works of American painters, now on view in the Albright Art Gallery of Buffalo, which will be continued until August 30. The pictures have in many instances been secured from the studios of the painters, in other instances from art museums and private collections. The catalogue is not only superbly illustrated, but also contains brief biographies of the exhibitors, following in this respect the customary form of the catalogue of permanent exhibits of art museums.

Of pictures known in Washington, the Corcoran Gallery of Art has loaned for this exhibit "An English God," by William M. Chase, "Girl in Brown," by J. J. Shannon; "May Night," by Willard Metcalf; James Henry Moser is represented by "Connecticut Cornfield," an attractive arrangement in which the charm of color is dominant. Everett L. Warner, a former resident in local exhibitions, is represented by "Brooklyn Bridge in Snow Storm." It was this picture which won for Mr. Warner a medal at the recent annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

Notes and Personals. Among the conventions last week was a small gathering of people interested in the advancement of drawing and art teaching, will convene in London the first week of August.

PARISIAN PAPER CANS. The street department of Paris has a bad reputation which it does not deserve. Foreign visitors, in particular, complain that the streets of the capital are not kept in a state of neatness worthy of the City of Light. The fact that the pavements of Paris are littered with scraps of paper to an extent unknown in London or Berlin is due, however, to the permission given by the authorities of Paris to distribute advertising matter in the streets. An attempt has been made to remedy this state of affairs by placing on the boulevards receptacles for circulars, newspapers, and other refuse. The receptacles, which are made of iron, are attached to the lamp posts, and contain inner vessels of sheet iron, which are periodically removed and emptied. The new receptacles are of ornamental appearance, and they attract the attention of the public—which already condescends to use them occasionally—more probably than they were frequently after it has become accustomed to them.

THE MAINE SOLOMON. Dr. James R. Day, of Syracuse University, was discussing his recent assertion that some ministers preach in a sensational manner, usurping the place of the sensational press. "These men," he said, "interpret the scriptures to their own advantage. They are precisely like a magistrate they used to hang a man for a robbery. One of his decisions gained him the title of the 'Maine Solomon.'"

"Two women came before this magistrate with a fine fat pullet, each declaring that it belonged to herself. "The magistrate, from his high seat, frowned heavily at the first woman. "Does this pullet belong to Mrs. Jones?" he asked her. "No, indeed, it don't sir," she replied. "Then he turned to the other woman. "Does this pullet belong to Mrs. Smith?" "It certainly does not," the second woman replied. "The pullet," the magistrate then declared, "does not belong to Mrs. Jones, nor does it belong to Mrs. Smith. The pullet is mine. Janitor, take it round to the house and give it to my cook."—Rochester Herald.

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