

### BUILDING TO BEGIN AFTER JANUARY 1

#### Plans for New Public Works Will Be Executed Next Year.

With the beginning of the year, work will begin on a number of public buildings, plans for which have been drawn by and under the supervision of Snowden Ashford, Municipal Architect.

Plans for the three public convenience stations to be located in Mt. Vernon square, in Ninth street northwest, near F, and in the vicinity of Dupont Circle, have been completed and building operations will begin about January 1. The buildings will be completed about July 1. Work will begin at the same time on the new police station in Anacostia, and the new engine house in G street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets northwest.

Five portable school buildings, which will be used to relieve congested conditions in several of the schools, have arrived, and will be ready for occupancy January 10.

Plans are completed also for the Potomac, Cleveland Park, Chevy Chase, Western High and Brooklyn Colored Schools. Work on these buildings will begin within the next few weeks, and they will be ready at the beginning of the next school year. Workmen are already engaged on the foundation of the John Strong Thomson School building, at Twelfth and L streets northwest, which will be completed about July 1. The new Powell School in School street, M. C. Pleasant, will be completed during the early part of January.

Following the installation of new apparatus and the grading and fencing of the grounds, Georgetown playgrounds are now open.

#### WILL REORGANIZE LIGHTHOUSE BOARD

##### Special Committee Recommends Concentration of Authority and Responsibility in One Man.

According to advices from the Department of Commerce and Labor there will be a change in the organization of the lighthouse department, making for a more efficient and economical service. The executive powers heretofore vested in the lighthouse board will be given to one man as head of the bureau, who will also directly shoulder all responsibility.

Through a more specific detailment of duties the cost of operation, particularly with regard to repairs, will be greatly reduced.

These changes are embodied in the report of Dr. Henry S. Fritchard as chairman of the committee appointed by the department last spring to investigate and recommend changes in organization.

#### LOCAL MAYFLOWERS PROUD OF NUMBERS

##### District Society of Descendants Has 163 Members—Elect Officers.

The Association of the Mayflower Descendants of the District is the fourth in point of membership of all the other associations of a similar character in the United States. The others preceding it are the associations of New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

The Washington membership totals 163 and according to reports made at a meeting last night, it has \$322.07 in the treasury. Officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year. Justice Henry B. Brown being chosen governor, and Civil Service Commissioner William S. Washburn, deputy governor.

**Colonial Society Meets.**  
The District of Columbia branch of the Society of Colonial Wars has elected new officers, the principal ones being as follows: Governor, Job Hazard; deputy governor, Dr. H. L. E. Johnson; William Van Zandt Cox, head of the council; Dr. Albert Charles Peale, chairman of the committee on membership; Caleb Clark Magruder, Jr., chairman of the committee on historical documents; Armistead Peter, Jr., of the delegates to the General Assembly.

#### MAIL CLERK HELD FOR LETTER THEFTS

Louis G. Krankau, a railway mail clerk, fifty-seven years old, who has been in the service for twenty-seven years, is held at the District jail on a charge of stealing valuable letters which passed through his hands on his run to and from Philadelphia and this city. The arrest was made by postoffice inspectors after they had worked on the case for weeks.

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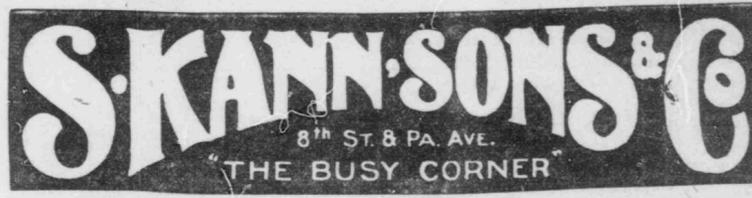
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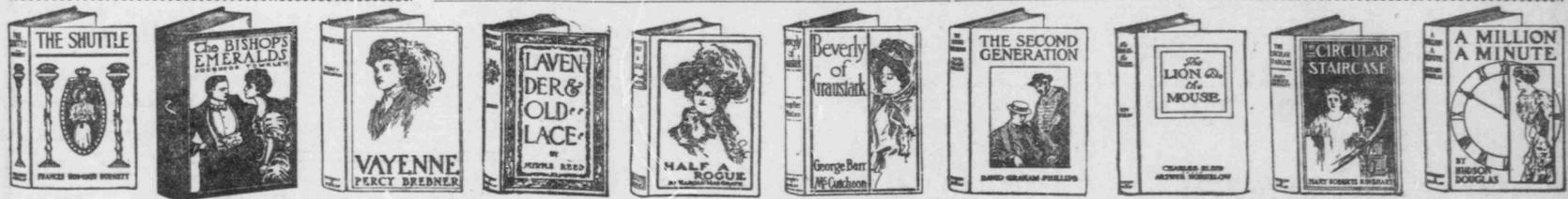
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