

BOARD TO REMEDY SCHOOL CONDITION

Alexandria Officials Name Committee to Investigate Judge's Charges.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU: ALEXANDRIA, VA., APRIL 8. At the meeting of the school board last evening cognizance was taken of the threat of Judge Barley that if the school board did not remedy the unsanitary condition of the Washington School building that he would bring the matter before the grand jury. The school board last night named as a committee President Herbert Bryant, Superintendent W. H. Sweeney, Trustees Laurence Stahler, and Dr. W. M. Smith to investigate the conditions of the sanitary arrangement at the Washington School and to secure an estimate as to the cost of putting that building into a sanitary condition. This committee will report to the school board. The city council then will be petitioned to make the appropriation necessary to have the work done. Several bills were ordered paid by the school board.

The mission which has been in progress at St. Mary's Church during this week is drawing large crowds. The sermon last night was delivered by the Rev. Father Waters. The Rev. Father Hennessey answered the questions which had been placed in the question box.

A meeting of Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows will be held at their hall this evening, when several candidates will be initiated.

Hattie Scroggins, colored, reports to the police that while in this city yesterday she lost a small chamois bag containing the following valuables: One gold hunting case watch, one diamond ring with five stones in it, one diamond ring with one stone in it, one plain gold ring, one ring with white and black setting, \$3.50 in gold. The owner of the bag stated that she lived at 409 Fifth street northwest, Washington.

The body of George W. Francis was brought to this city from Washington this afternoon. The burial was in Bethel cemetery.

H. H. Springer, sergeant of the road convict force at Monroe, Va., sent a telegram to Chief of Police Gooda, this morning, saying that Fred Harris, a convict at work on the road, had made his escape.

The Alexandria Free Kindergarten will hold its annual meeting at the Young People's building next Monday evening. Miss Sims, of Washington, will give an illustrated talk with slides on "Gardening." Miss Watkins, of Washington, will deliver an address on "Future Work in the Kindergarten." The women of the Washington Normal Kindergarten will render the music.

The closing session of the meetings of the Presbyterian Union was held at the Second Presbyterian Church last evening. The Rev. Dr. S. I. Wedderburn, editor of the Chinese Christian Intelligence, of Shanghai, China, delivered an interesting address. An organ recital was given by Prof. Gebest, of Washington.

The funeral of R. Lucian Cornell was held from his home at Hume Springs this afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. W. Hankford, pastor of the Del Ray Baptist Church, and the burial was in Bethel cemetery.

POSTOFFICE LOOTERS IN RICHMOND JAIL

Two Robbers Will Be Under Surveillance of Special Guard in Prison.

RICHMOND, Va., April 8.—Accompanied by the United States marshal for the southern district of New York, Chief Harrison, of the Washington division of postoffice inspectors, inspectors Barclay, Koons, and Roberts, and Judge Lunsford L. Lewis, Eddie Pay and "Little Dick" Harris, who are under indictment for the looting of the Richmond postoffice March 28, arrived in Richmond today. The prisoners were taken at once to Henrico county jail, where they will be under the surveillance of a special guard while in custody. No date has been set for the trial, it being possible that it may go over until Monday, in order to give counsel for the defense time to prepare their case. District Attorney Lewis will prosecute.

SPECIALIST IN COLOR BLENDING



MISS WILLETTE KERSHAW.

DESIGNS HER OWN GOWNS FOR STAGE

Miss Willette Kershaw, In "Bobby Burnit," Cultivates Fad.

No actress is nowadays complete in her mental make-up without a fact. Miss Willette Kershaw, who appears in "Bobby Burnit" at the Columbia Theater next week, is no exception to the rule, laid down by the first press agent, presumably. Miss Kershaw's hobby, which she pursues religiously both on the stage and off, is her gowns. She is said to be especially noted for the peculiar charm of color blending which she imparts to the work of her tailor and dressmaker. Each one is of her own design. Those who know about such things assert that much originality is displayed in the effects produced by this co-operative method. In "Bobby Burnit," a play of modern American conditions, Miss Kershaw has excellent opportunity to indulge her fad to good advantage. For she is cast in the role of the young daughter of a man of great wealth, who has no need to think twice of the cost of clothes. It is she as Agnes Elliston who is responsible for the making of the splendid thrift hero, which forms the story of the play.

NOVELIST IS GIVEN DIVORCE IN LONDON

Katherine Cecil Thurston Tells of Marital Infelicity.

LONDON, April 8.—A divorce has been granted to Mrs. Katherine Cecil Thurston, joint author with her husband, Ernest Charles Thurston, of several novels. Their marriage took place in 1901, and the couple lived happily till 1907, when, according to Mrs. Thurston, her husband informed her that it was necessary that he should live his own life and for the purpose of literary work should go down into the very depths of society. Her husband also told her, she declared, that she had the dominating personality, but she didn't understand what that meant. The judge suggested that it meant that she had the stronger character, and Mrs. Thurston's answer was: "That's not for me to say."

BIG SUM FROM LIQUOR.

In Sweden nearly 100,000,000 crowns worth of alcoholic drinks are consumed annually, whereby the national treasury profits to the extent of 4,000,000 crowns.

RAILROAD TO HIRE NO MORE WOMEN

Baltimore and Ohio Declares In Favor of Male Clerks.

PITTSBURG, April 8.—No more women will be engaged as stenographers, clerks or telegraph operators by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The road's horrid auditors and statisticians estimate that on the average a young woman stenographer does 26 per cent less work than a young man in the same position, who also does the work more carefully and accurately. The same statement applies to other branches of work. The women, young and less young, now in the Baltimore and Ohio employ will not be dismissed; it was stated at the railroad offices here, but each, as she leaves, will be succeeded by a man. This became known when several women who applied for places in the road's offices were rejected. They were told that an order prohibiting the future employment of women has gone into effect all over the Baltimore and Ohio system. In the road's telegraph department are many women operators who came in during the telegraphers' strike of two years ago under promise that they would be given employment so long as they cared to work. The executive order, it is understood, makes special mention of these women. They are to be retained, and the railroad is adjudged guilty of breach of promise.

WILL INTERPRET MOVING PICTURES

Lafayette's dramatic interpretation of moving pictures will be presented at the Columbia Theater Sunday evening, at 8:30. These pictures, shown under the direction of W. J. Ellinger, are said to be a most interesting and unusual form of entertainment, partly bridging the gap which now lies between the biograph and the stage performance.

WIDELY KNOWN ACTOR DIES.

BALTIMORE, April 8.—John W. Albaugh, E. son of John W. Albaugh, actor and theatrical manager, is dead here of Bright's disease. Mr. Albaugh came here March 28 to witness a performance at Albaugh's Theater. He died of Bright's disease, and the next day went to Old Point Comfort. He returned Thursday and went to the Union Protestant Infirmary, where he died last night. Mr. Albaugh was a nephew of the famous Maggie Mitchell. His mother, Mary Mitchell, also won fame on the stage.

CUNARD DIVIDEND PASSES.

LONDON, April 8.—The Cunard Steamship Company's report, made public today, reflects the depression in the shipping business generally. No dividend will be paid.

AUNT MARTHA SAYS LAW NEVER HELPS CHICKENS

"All Right to Talk About How Far a Chicken Kin Go From Coop, But How is Yer Gwine to Stop 'Em?" Woman Asks At District Building.

Aunt Martha Jenkins, portly, black, and confessing to a recollection of many things that happened "befo' 'er wuz" was caught wandering through the halls of the District building this morning "lookin' fo' de gentleman what could tell her what she wuz a-gwine to do about her chickens." Aunt Martha lives out on the Brightwood road and "de horse-back orches" tole her she wuz inside de fire limits and had to tear down her chicken house.

"Now yer know," she confided to a sympathetic employe who met her in the corridor, "it's all very well to talk about not lettin' a chicken go mo'n twenty-five feet away from his coop, but how in de name of de Lord is yer gwine to sto, 'em?" "I ben raisin' chickens out on de road fer twenty years. I gits a lot o' good yard aigs out'n my hens and sells 'em for good prices in de winter time when folks wants to be sho' dey ain't gittin' aigs what's ben layin' up in a sto' house for six months." "But now de policeman comes along and sez I got ter move my hen house plumb up against my own back do' and keep de chickens fum goin' mo'n twenty-five feet away." "Folks out my way don't pay no attention to chickens crowin' and cacklin'." "We-all gits up early anyhow. Most everybody works in town and has to get an early start. My hen house is clean, a heap cleaner dan lots o' peoples' houses in de city." "All de wanderin' my chickens does in a cow lot back o' me and out in de road. I wish to de Lawd I could keep 'em out'n de road. Dem automobiles is always runnin' over 'em and killin' 'em. Dey killed one o' my best layin' hens last Sunday and den went on so fast I couldn't even see who dey wuz." "Pay me?" I should say not. Dey never even turned around. De hen tried to get out o' de road, but de front part of de machine ran on 'er and flung her clean over de fence. She wuz deader 'n a do' nail when she all up against de side o' de house, 'er."

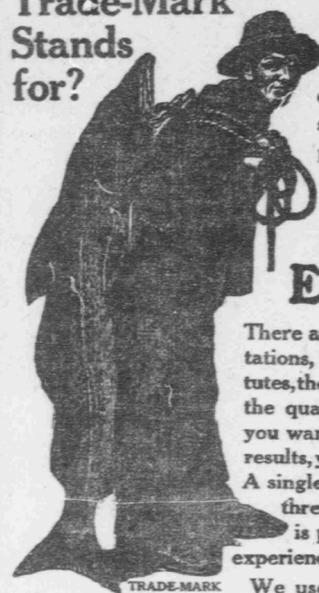
SCHOOL WILL GIVE A MUSICAL COMEDY

The embryo actors and actresses of the Business High School of Washington, are all in readiness for the production of "Strictly Business," a musical comedy, in the school auditorium, on the evenings of April 19 and 20. The comedy provides two acts of lively scenes and considerable music. The lyrics have been written by B. A. Harlan, jr., the Misses Drake, Eva Baker, Kirby Bell, and Sybil Baker.

"ANCIENT MARINER" READ.

This year's graduating class of the George Washington University preparatory school is giving a series of unique entertainments. One of the most successful of these was the reading of "The Ancient Mariner," given last night by John Carter, Edward V. Haskell, William J. Cobill, and John J. Marston, and Bernard S. Brady. The reading was illustrated with reproductions of Dore's pictures thrown on canvas.

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