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CHILDREN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FIRST.

The members of the Washington Playground Association should not permit their just indignation at the action of Congress in saddling the entire playground appropriation onto the District to another the fact that their first duty is to the children of the city.

Some members show a disposition to refuse to use the appropriation of \$17,000, thus repudiating Congress for its unwarranted action in violating the fundamental law of the community.

The playgrounds people are justified in feeling resentment at the action of Congress and there is reason to believe the use of the money could be prevented by any one who wished to question the regularity of the appropriation.

Why would it not be a better plan for the Playground Association to use one-half of the \$17,000, and ask the public to supply the other half by private contributions?

THREE VITAL REFORMS PROVIDED BY AMENDMENT.

Three vital reforms are provided for in the amendment resolution which is to be considered in the House Monday.

First—Change in the Presidential inauguration date from March 4 to the first Thursday in April.

Second—The establishment of authority for Congress to provide by law for the selection of a President in case of the death of a President-elect and Vice President-elect, or in case no President should have been chosen by the Electoral College or the House.

Third—The lengthening of the "short session" to five months.

With the experience of March 4, 1909, fresh in mind, Congress surely will not hesitate to pass the amendment resolution because of any disinclination to change the date of inaugurations.

Gradually speaking, everybody would like to have inaugurations at a time of year when it is almost certain that pleasant weather will prevail.

The second reform is more imperative than the first and it will remedy a defect in our Constitution which should have been remedied long ago.

The third reform is also a desirable one. The "short session" of Congress

has come to be considered almost a waste of time, and there is good sense in the argument that it should be lengthened. By extending the date for the beginning and ending of the terms of President, Vice President, and members of Congress from March 4 to the last Thursday in April, we will make the "short session" nearly five months long instead of three, thereby giving time for effective legislative deliberation.

No rational argument can be made against the extension of less than two months of the terms of office of those officials who happen to be in the White House and in Congress when the amendment becomes effective.

The plans for these changes represent a long and thorough investigation into the questions involved, covering a period of many years. All sides of all questions have been thoroughly considered.

If the experts who have discovered a "cure" for fish diseases will now turn their attention to a cure for fish stories, the public will be hugely grateful.

LONG AND SHORT HAUL LAW WILL BE AMENDED.

The long and short haul law will be amended. This has been practically settled by the action of the Senate in adopting an amendment to the railroad bill which materially changes the existing statute on this subject.

It is indubitable, however, that while the amendment adopted by the Senate is not as strong as the House provision on this subject, the effect of it is to put on the railroads the burden of convincing the Interstate Commerce Commission that in any given case they are entitled to charge more for a short haul than for a longer haul.

Under the changed law, there is little question that the Interstate Commerce Commission will be able to administer relief, and we may expect an overhauling of rates as to a large share of the transcontinental business and the business between the Rocky mountain third of the country and the East.

Senate regular leaders are giving it the fact remains that a few days ago they asserted they would prevent any change in the long and short haul law, and they have not done so.

Such frightful storms as the politicians say, it was eminently fitting for the Senate to increase the lighthouse appropriation to \$2,500,000.

According to the New York Tribune, the people of the Empire State are still incapable of choosing their own governing officers.

Before the House Democrats get hopelessly split on the Speakership it might be well for them to recall that little tip about unattached chickens.

Mr. Fairbanks finds himself under the necessity of denying the rumor that he has been struck by ambassadorial lightning.

Nobody would object seriously to the revival of the ducking-stool for the especial benefit of the fool that rocks the boat.

One advantage in waiting awhile to view the comet is that it's so much easier to go to bed late than to get up early.

That sore throat gives the "Doctor" an early opportunity to demonstrate whether he's entitled to the appellation.

We passed up a fine chance for sentiment when we failed to christen the new dreadnaught with Florida water.

In the Mail Bag Old Poem Found.

To the Editor of The Washington Times: In view of the convention of Poles in this city I thought of an old poem, "Passage of the Poles by Night Near Cracow," should prove of interest.

The poem was written by the count of Platen-Hallermond about 1820 and is contained in an old volume of verse that came to light recently.

Cracow, the ancient capital of Poland, is at the present day the greatest Polish center and the focus of Polish national life. For it was the starting point for the rising of the Poles for independence under Kosciusko in 1794.

By Count of Platen-Hallermond. The chilly breezes blow, In sadness and gloom, Led on by Destiny, O'ershadowed is each star, While Europe from afar, Looks on the tragedy.

Off turning back our head, Upon the bridge we tread, That quits our native land, By torch-light's somber glow, Headlong into this wave, Salute us on the strand.

Sold, vanquished, and betrayed, Our noblest sons fade, Like vain and empty dreams, No trace behind remains, Ye valleys, hills, and streams: Farewell! In every land, Find a life-wearied band, It is not death we seek, No, 'tis but to be free, We take our staff and roam.

From wife and child, from all We part, our country's fall We may not hinder more, And scourging steel of Prussia, Are thirsting for our gore.

A tearless soul abhorred Was given us as lord, A story heart unrent, Born of murderous race, His forehead bears the trace That brandeth his descent.

Let glory's crown, O fame, Hume our humble name! Four hairs on every scar, His forehead bears the trace That brandeth his descent.

Alone inherit we Our struggle's memory, That marks each Polish band, Of war the pain and toll, A handful of the soil, Snatched from our Fatherland.

O happy they who drained The cup of Death, and gained The laurels of the brave! And ye, Volynia's sons, From agony's death-groans Freed by the cold, damp gravel

They urge the reeking steed, Inoculated by foes, and speed The victu to gain, The stranger's shore their goal; Then swelled their noble soul, Oppressed by woe and pain.

It wrung their hearts to home, Of every wish the need; Then rushed the good and brave, Leading into this wave, With weapon and with steed.

O thou, their country's food, Who long hast swelled with blood, Receive the valiant dead! Soon wilt thou reach the sea; I O bear the corpses free, On to free Ocean's bed.

Capital Tales Bacon Speaks Out.

SENATOR BACON of Georgia has just prevented an adjournment of the Senate for a week-end. At least his Democratic associates give him credit for exposing a Republican secret, thereby preventing a two days' vacation for the Senate.

Senator Hale rose yesterday to tell the Senate that he had been appealed to by many members to move an adjournment until Monday. He said that he could see no reason why this should not be done.

"I want the Senator from Maine to tell the Senate the real reason why this adjournment is sought. I know he will not do it, so I'll tell the Senate myself. It is because Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island is absent. You know how military tactics are practiced on that side of the chamber (pointing to the Republicans)."

The newspapers tell us that Senator Aldrich exacted a promise that there would be no vote on the railroad bill in his absence. That is the real reason for the proposed adjournment," continued Senator Bacon.

If the Georgian expected to get a rise out of Senator Hale, he was disappointed. Instead, this came back: "As an alleviation of our sorrow over the absence of the Senator of Rhode Island, I might say to the Senator from Georgia that the President returns in the morning."

Clayton a Benedict.

MEMBERS of Congress, like most other folks, believe in the old saying that all the grass is not green, and they are smiling benevolently at the latest recruit to the ranks of Zan Cupid.

Henry Clayton, Representative in the House from Alabama, was famed until recently for his readiness to sing long and loud the praises of the Democratic party. He did this on the floor of the House as often as he could do so without making it appear that he desired to have his name in the Congressional Record as often as Robert Bruce Macon of Arkansas.

When Mr. Clayton had any pent-up feelings about the integrity of the Republican party and did not feel like expressing his views in the House he assembled his cronies around him at his hotel and told of the virtues of the G. O. P. and of the virtues of Miss Democracy. He came pretty nearly being a man's man. He lived with men and spent all of his time with them.

Now it is all changed. Henry Clayton is married. No longer can he be found leaning back in a hotel chair, careless of the approaching hour of midnight. In the old days after the House had adjourned Clayton walked down town with Ollie James and Tom Hefflin. Clayton continues to walk down town each night after the House adjourns, but his old-time friends are barred. He permits no one to intrude when his wife joins him at the Capitol for a walk home.

Clayton is so enraptured with married life that he cannot stop talking about it. When he gave his bachelor dinner he began by lifting his glass and remarking fervently: "Here's to the ladies, God bless them. The next night he said: 'I don't know what it is to quit public life. The Speaker has just passed his seventy-fourth birthday. "It doesn't feel any different to be seventy-four years old than it did seventy-three," he said. "I feel as well and strong now as I did when years younger. My blood has no lime in it, so far as I know, and my veins are not hardening. My heart action is good. There is only one thing that worries me sometimes. I don't know what it will do with myself when I retire from public life. Some day I probably will have to give up this work in which I have been interested so long. I have been in it now, you see, for thirty-six years. It has grown to be rather a habit. "I suppose I'll find something else to do, but I can't figure out now just what it will be. The Speaker hasn't expressed his views as yet on the suggestion made by Charles Clark recently, that 'Uncle Joe' owned the public book of remittances."

"Uncle Joe" Worried.

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON cannot be called a "lame duck" by any means, but he cannot help wondering how he will get along when he decides to quit public life. The Speaker has just passed his seventy-fourth birthday.

Smith-Oliver Wedding June 1. Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Laura Giffin Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Persifer Frazer Smith, of Pittsburg, Pa., and George Sturgis Oliver, son of Senator and Mrs. Oliver, on Wednesday afternoon, June 1, at 2 o'clock, at the Church of the Ascension, Pittsburg. A reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith will follow the ceremony at the church.

Major and Mrs. Gordon, who have spent several weeks at the Grafton, gave the guests at the informal hop at Fort Myer last evening.

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Mrs. Taft Receives at Garden Party; Wagner-Nelson Wedding Cards Out

White House Guests Entertained at Second of May Series.

Miss Gertrude Wagner to Attend Sister at Marriage May 18.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Dorothy Wagner to L. H. Nelson of New York city, the wedding to take place Wednesday, May 18, at Raucher's. The bride will be given in marriage by her uncle, T. H. Howard, of Pittsburg, and only a small company of relatives and intimate friends will attend the ceremony.

Mr. Nelson and his bride will sail from New York, May 21, for London, which will be their home for several years.

Mrs. Taft gave the second White House garden party of the season yesterday afternoon, but owing to the chilly atmosphere received few guests. The President stood with her, and Mrs. Taft presided by her side. Archibald W. Butt.

The entire suite of State apartments was thrown open for the occasion and the long window opening on the south portico were opened into the garden, where the table was laid under the trees and adorned with masses of beautiful red roses.

Mrs. Taft Gowned in White Satin.

Mrs. Taft was becomingly gowned in white satin draped in green chiffon, with a straw hat trimmed with violets and roses.

Some of the guests were Vice President and Mrs. Sherman, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. MacVeagh, who were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, of Chicago, the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wickliffe, and their house guests, Mr. Robert Sturgis and Miss Sturgis, General and Mrs. Postmaster General, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer, the Misses Foster, the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Ballinger, Justice and Mrs. Harlan, Miss Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. James Harlan, Justice and Mrs. Holmes, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, and their house and Mrs. Robert Winthrop, of New York; Senator and Mrs. Winthrop, Miss Elkins, Senator and Mrs. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. William Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Shandier, Mr. and Mrs. Wetherston, Colonel and Mrs. Langitt, Miss Langitt, Colonel and Mrs. Harney, Captain and Mrs. Hooker, Colonel Heyl and Mrs. Heyl, Mrs. Driggs, Miss Natalie Heath, Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, Miss and Mrs. Maltby, Mrs. and Mrs. Webster, Mrs. B. H. Wender, accompanied by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McLean, Miss Elsie McLean, Mrs. Russell Harrison, Miss Martha Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Romano, Miss Marjorie Edson, Miss Nellie Heath, Mrs. Baxter, Miss Lillian Baxter, Mrs. Gibson Fehnestock, Representative and Mrs. Dwight, Captain and Mrs. Evans, Representative and Mrs. Fassett, General and Mrs. Gillette, Senator and Mrs. Gore, Lieutenant and Mrs. Grant, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Hollyday, General and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Martin, of Key West, Fla., who arrived in Washington yesterday, Miss Martin will spend a week in Washington, but Mr. Martin will stay only several days.

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Patronesses For Greek Festival. The ancient Greek festival to be given by Mrs. Barney at the Oaks, May 22, for the benefit of Neighboring House, is arousing much interest. The patronesses are:

Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Mrs. Forgan, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Harriet Blaine Beale, Mrs. Charles J. Bell, Mrs. Will B. Brownson, Mrs. John W. Dwight, Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mrs. John W. Foster, Miss Mabel T. Boardman, Mrs. Churchill Candee, Mrs. George E. Elkins, Mrs. Stephen C. Elkins, Mrs. Nordhoff Jung, Mrs. Hennen Jennings, Mrs. Nicholas Anderson, Mrs. Frank Ellis.

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Fullam-Sands Wedding To Be in Newport Church

Arrangements for the wedding of Miss Marjorie Fullam, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. William F. Fullam, U. S. N., to Austin Ledyard Sands, have been announced.

The wedding will take place at Trinity Church, Newport, R. I., Saturday, May 28, at 1 o'clock, the ceremony to be followed by a reception at the residence of Captain and Mrs. Fullam, on Rhode Island avenue.

Miss Fullam will have her sister, Miss Rhoda Fullam, as maid of honor, and her bridesmaids will be Miss Julia Sands, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Catherine Hynson McFadden, Miss Katherine Prescott Lawrence, Miss Jeanne Wallach, Miss Elizabeth Sands, another sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Ellen Robinson.

Harold Aymar Sands, cousin of the bridegroom, will act as best man, and the ushers selected are: Dudley Morgan, Frederick King, Roland Dickson, Thomas Powell, and Harford Powell. An additional usher is yet to be named.

Captain Fullam will give his daughter in marriage. Captain Fullam, who is now in command of the Miesstahl, will go to Newport on leave in time for the wedding.

The annual lawn fête for the benefit of the Georgetown University Hospital will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 1, 2 and 3. Society in general is always interested in this worthy charity, and the Sisters of St. Francis, under whose direction the fête is to be given, assisted by the board of lady managers, are planning to make the grounds adjoining the hospital, where the fête is to be held, very attractive for the occasion.

Cards have been received in Washington announcing the marriage on April 25 of Mrs. M. E. Bennett, formerly of Paris, formerly Miss Evans, of New York.

Mrs. Duncan McKim has issued invitations for a luncheon on Tuesday, May 17.

Mrs. Isham Hornsby will close her Washington residence shortly and go to Fort Snelling, St. Paul, Minn., where she will spend the greater part of the summer season, the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Col. and Mrs. Robert K. Evans.

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Charles Rauscher Entertains Commissioner Rudolph at Luncheon.

Fellow-Commissioners and Personal Friends Also Guests.

Commissioner Rudolph was the guest of honor at a luncheon today given by Charles Rauscher at his country place in Virginia. Among the other guests were Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Judson, and a number of personal friends of Commissioner Rudolph among the business men of the city.

Reception at Corcoran Gallery. The board of trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art has cards out for a reception, complimentary to the delegates to the annual convention of the American Federation of Arts, Wednesday evening, May 15, at 9 o'clock.

Capt. R. C. Williams, U. S. A., recruiting officer, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Williams, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Watrous at their residence, 187 Monroe street.

James C. Hoop Entertains at Dinner. James C. Hoop was host at a dinner last evening at the Metropolitan Club. His guests were the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Senator Nelson, Senator Carter, Senator W. Murray Crane, Senator Flint, Senator Brandegee, Senator Keane, Representative Longworth, Representative Towney, Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury C. D. Norton, Samuel G. Ely, Ira E. Bennett, Charles G. Bennett, W. S. Clancy, John S. Shriver, John Nolan, Richard V. Oulahan, Louis A. Coolidge, James H. Reynolds, and E. A. Tamm.

Mrs. George Marve will have as her guest for a week Mrs. Alexander Sharp, widow of Captain Sharp, U. S. N., who will arrive in Washington today.

Society Sees New Theater Players. The President and Mrs. Taft occupied the Presidential box at the Belasco Theater last evening. They were accompanied by Captain Butt.

Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, who occupied a box, had with them Oden Horstmann and Frederick Hutcheson. Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, the Misses May and Gerald May were also among those in boxes.

Mrs. John Hays Hammond and Miss Elizabeth Hammond occupied a box. Sent Mrs. Charles D. Adams, retained in their box the Charles Adams of the Turkish embassy, A. Rustem Bey, Representative and Mrs. Herbert Parsons, and Miss Wise.

Among those in the audience were the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Tuttle, the Minister and Mme. Rutter, Senator and Mrs. Guggenheim, Mrs. Albert C. Barney, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Tuttle, Miss Elsie McLean, and Mrs. Matthews.

"BALAIKA" CRAZE THREATENS LONDON

Strange Russian Instrument Has Captivated the Music-Loving People.

LONDON, May 14.—London is threatened with a "balaika" craze. This strange Russian instrument, looking like a three-cornered banjo, took the town by storm some time ago when a Russian balaika orchestra performed here.

The novel and beautiful effects produced made the balaika instantly popular. Now a band of English musicians has been trained to play the balaika by Prince Tschagoff, who was the soloist with the original Russian orchestra.

The instrument is extremely easy to learn, so that only a few weeks sufficed for the English players—mostly members of the famous Coldstream Guards' Band, and other classical composers, and scoring a great success. Now numerous amateurs are acquiring balaikas and forming bands of their own.

They gave a concert at the Queen's Hall the other day, playing pieces by Mendelssohn, Grieg, and other classical composers, and scoring a great success. Now numerous amateurs are acquiring balaikas and forming bands of their own.

The Young Lady Across the Way

The young lady across the way says money must be getting more plentiful as she saw in the paper that borrowers were paying a higher rate of interest than they used to.



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