

SUFFRAGE IS URGED BY WOMAN DELEGATE TO PRISON CONGRESS

Only Remedy in Protecting Girls, Says Mrs. O'Sullivan.

DECLARES POLICEMEN OF POOR STANDARD

Reformatory and Paroles the Subject Discussed By Association.

Extracts From Speech of Woman Delegate

Average policeman not of high enough standard to protect girls on the streets.

Votes for women would raise standards of men who arrest and those who sit in judgment on women of the streets.

Standard for men should be as high as that demanded of women.

Corporal punishment and solitary confinement are hoary survivors of a hoary age.

Rechristening an old-line penitentiary will never convert the structure into a reformatory.

"Because the average policeman is not of sufficiently high standard there is no protection for girls on the streets which are deluged at every crossing by the procurer and enticer and men who have the minds and the means to drag them down to the lowest depths."

With this exhortation of present day policing of city streets, Mrs. D. A. O'Sullivan, superintendent of Andrew O'Sullivan Reformatory, of Toronto, Canada, opened a general discussion of the subject of "Reformatory and Paroles" at the second day's session of the American Prison Association, which is holding a four days' convention at the New Willard.

The address made by Mrs. O'Sullivan was easily the feature of today's session. It provoked enthusiastic applause such as has been seldom seen at conventions held here. Throughout, Mrs. O'Sullivan's speech was a scathing arraignment of many of the methods employed in the "protection" of girls and young women from mashers and white slaves agents, and the subsequent "brutal publicity" to which these unfortunate are subjected in the police courts during trials.

"The unfortunate who, through conditions not of their own making," said Mrs. O'Sullivan, "have lost that protecting mantle of chastity, now seem to be looked upon as the legitimate prey of the vicious. Of a certainty these unfortunate should have protection on the average, policeman is made in not the right kind."

Where Ability Should Count.

Mrs. O'Sullivan next took up the subject of "ambitious police magistrates and judges who are too willing to make a record for adjudicating a large number of cases per year." The speaker contended that the police judge should be chosen for his ability to judge human nature and aid in the salvation of human souls as well as the judge of an equity court should be chosen for his ability in that line of legal work.

As one part cure or remedy for existing evils Mrs. O'Sullivan suggested suffrage for women.

"I do not believe the millennium would be here if women had votes," said the speaker, "but I do think their influence would tend to elevate the standard as well as the wage of the guardians of our streets and those who sit in judgment upon the woman who is arrested on the streets."

Police Court a Sore Spot.

"The notoriety of the police court is another sore spot. The audience of a police court should be confined to the

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WEATHER REPORT.

Low temperatures continue in the Eastern States, and there were frosts Thursday night in New England.

The temperature will rise during the next thirty-six hours in New England, the Middle Atlantic States, Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and the lower Michigan region.

The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coasts will be light, variable, becoming south and southwest.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to moderate variable winds.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Saturday; light variable winds, becoming southerly.

TEMPERATURE.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 noon, 1 p. m., 2 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Table with 2 columns: Sun rises and Sun sets. Values: 5:25 and 5:45.

TIDE TABLE.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Tide. Rows include Today-High tide, P. m. low tide, Tomorrow-High tide, P. m. low tide.

COMINION OF WATER.

HAPPER'S FERRY, Va., Sept. 29. -Potomac clear and Shenandoah slightly cloudy this morning.

SHEPARD IS LEADING RACE TO HEAD DEMOCRATS' TICKET

Alleged Corporation Connections Eliminate Chairman Dix At Rochester.

RIDDER TAKES HAND WITH BOSS MURPHY

Continuous Conferences Being Held In Endeavor to Settle on Man.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 29.-

Leader Murphy, of New York, at 1:30 p. m. sent word to convention hall not to call the convention to order until 2:15 p. m.

Inability to settle on a candidate was reported to be the reason for delay.

Murphy told Judge Parker to have the permanent organization perfected, and then adjourn the convention until 8 o'clock tonight.

By JOHN SNURE.

CONVENTION HALL, ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 29.-At 1 o'clock State Chairman John A. Dix had been practically eliminated as prospective head of the Democratic ticket.

Hermann Ridder went to Murphy and told him Dix would not do, that he was connected with the International Paper Company.

Then Ridder brought about a meeting between Murphy and Edwin A. Shepard, of Brooklyn. Mr. Ridder had heard Shepard was eliminated and by bringing about a personal conference between the leader of Tammany and Shepard he got the Shepard movement revived.

A conference was then held between Murphy, Shepard, and Judge Alton E. Parker. This second meeting of Murphy and Shepard sent the Shepard stock up.

At noon the indications were that Murphy would not be long in giving his decision on the governorship. All morning there was a constant stream of delegates into Murphy's quarters at the Hotel Seneca.

An hour before the convention opened, there was a strong movement on for State Chairman John A. Dix. Dix was not willing to accept unless the various candidates went to him and said it was satisfactory to them.

Murphy was favorable to D. Cady Herick, but his cabinet did not want him, and on the other hand Murphy was not enthusiastic over the Dix proposition, though Dix was told he could have the place if he would take it.

Representatives James S. Havens and Thomas M. Osborne were eliminated in the course of the morning.

Tammany held a caucus and adopted the unit rule. Thus its 105 Delegates will go in a body to whoever Murphy wants. Up until noon the various names mentioned last night were still being talked except Havens, Osborne and Shepard, and the word went round that Martin Glynn, of Albany, and Justice Keogh were of doubtful availability, as Murphy saw the situation, because he did not think it wise to nominate a Catholic.

Dix boomers waxed intensely earnest, at the same time it was admitted that Dix was not a good campaigner, and while a young man of good qualities, did not stir much enthusiasm among the voters.

NEW RAILWAY LINE TO ENTER DISTRICT

Gould's Richmond Road Will Use W. A. and Mt. Vernon Tracks.

The Gould line from Richmond and Norfolk to Washington, and which probably will be known as the Washington-Virginia Railway Company, probably will find its entrance into the Capital over the tracks of the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company, now leased to the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Railway Company.

It is believed that a consolidation of the local properties with the Washington-Virginia Railway Company will be announced within the next few days. It may be that the latter will be only a holding company.

Calls have been issued for a meeting of the stockholders of the two local corporations to be held Wednesday afternoon, October 12, 1910, for the purpose of considering and voting on a joint agreement entered into by the boards of directors of the three railway companies above mentioned.

The lease of the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company to the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Railway Company runs for a period of fifty-one years, from October, 1908. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000 and there is outstanding \$750,000 in 5 and 6 per cent bonds. The Washington Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Railway Company has a capital and \$2,500,000 bonds.

In financial circles it is generally believed that the entire proposition will center around the purchase of these two companies by the Washington-Virginia corporation.

Reduced Round Trip Fares Via Southern Railway every day to October 12th, to Knoxville, Tenn., account Appalachian Exposition.—Adv.

NORMAN A. MERRITT CHOSEN POSTMASTER OF WASHINGTON

ASSISTANT IS MADE PERMANENT HEAD OF CAPITAL OFFICE

Dr. Grandfield Resigns Post to Further Assist Postmaster General.

HITCHCOCK ASKS CHANGE BE MADE

Promotion Won By President's Appointment of Today Through Record As Acting Chief.

Norman A. Merritt was appointed by the President this afternoon as postmaster of the city of Washington.

Charles F. Grandfield, already appointed and confirmed by the Senate as postmaster, resigned the position today and will remain as First Assistant Postmaster General, in which capacity he is so valuable that Postmaster General Hitchcock did not feel he could do without his services.

Mr. Merritt has been acting postmaster ever since the death of Postmaster Barnes. Before that he was assistant postmaster.

He was given the appointment because Mr. Hitchcock thought he had made such an excellent record in running the office that he deserved the promotion, the recognition, and the fat contribution from the pay roll which goes with the job.

The place pays \$6,000 a year. Mr. Grandfield, as First Assistant Postmaster General, draws down \$8,000. Consequently, it costs him just \$1,000 a year for making a great record in the place which he now has.

Mr. Merritt was busy all the afternoon answering telephone calls, seeing visitors who dropped in to congratulate him.

He will come up for confirmation by the Senate as soon as Congress convenes, and just about one year after the death of Grandfield for the appointment. Mr. Grandfield has never served as postmaster, although he nominally had the place for more than twelve months. The reason for this was that Mr. Hitchcock could not afford to let him go.

Postmaster Merritt, who is one of the most popular young men in official life in Washington, got his training as assistant postmaster, and before that as cashier of the city postoffice.

He is a Washingtonian, a graduate of the law department of George Washington University, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, and the National Press Club.

Merritt is the son of John A. Merritt, who for five years was Postmaster of Washington, until the appointment of E. F. Barnes, about three years ago, when he was made collector of customs at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

After the death of Mr. Barnes, October 21, 1909, Grandfield was made Postmaster, his commission taking effect November 13.

Merritt is married and lives at the Ethelhurst.

OPEN-AIR SCHOOLS PLAN OF DISTRICT

Municipal Architect Outlines Ideas for Improvements in Building.

Open-air schools are to be established in the District, according to the annual report of Snowden Ashford, Municipal Architect.

By direction of Engineer Commissioner Judson, buildings with flat roofs and parapet walls, to afford opportunity for open-air classes, are now being planned.

"I find that in Boston those open-air schools are provided by removing the window sash in one or more of the rooms of the building, or by providing running from floor to ceiling, giving opportunity for opening practically the whole side of a room to the outer air," says Mr. Ashford. "This, in my opinion, is a good arrangement, as the pupils are not subjected to strong winter blasts and are not seated in cross-drafts. Rooms of this kind are provided in several of the buildings now under construction."

The following reference is made by the Municipal Architect to the delay in the erection of Government buildings, concerning which criticism has been made.

"An account of legal requirements and necessary routine, at least a month is consumed before the work on the buildings is begun. It should be borne in mind also that on Government work the eight-hour law is strictly enforced, and four hours are lost each week in the summer season by the half-holiday Saturday."

"I think it quite clear that fair comparison between Government work and private work upon the point of time consumed cannot be made for the reason that in private work generally not more than three persons are parties to the transaction, while in Government work there are probably thirty through whose hands preliminary work must pass."

Mr. Ashford renews his recommendation that a heating and sanitary engineer be appointed who shall have supervision of the heating and ventilating plants in the public buildings.



NORMAN A. MERRITT. Appointed Postmaster of Washington By President Taft, Succeeding Dr. C. P. Grandfield, Resigned, and Will Remain First Assistant Postmaster General.

STAGE WINDOWS OPEN; CLERKS QUIT WORKING

And Just for That Six Ravishing Chorus Beauties Are Arrested, Two Being Fined \$30 and Three Others \$20 Apiece.

It all happened because the chief clerk of the Land Office has not been able to get any work to speak of out of his force since last Monday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

That is the hour when the "six stately, statuesque sisters" must don their filmy draperies for the opening burlesque of the Al Reeves Extravaganza Company at the Gayety Theater.

And, by a curious architectural coincidence, the tiny windows of the Gayety dressing room are exactly opposite the windows of the Land Office.

That is why the "Seductive Six," as they are known on the program, were brought into Police Court today on a charge of keeping those tiny windows open while they dispensed with their streets preparatory to substituting the girls they wear on the stage.

Some of the clerks were in the court to tell just what happened. But two officers, who had been summoned by the head of the room, told no story, had been led to the point of vantage, and looked—and seen.

The defense of the girls was unique. Their attorney, Campbell Carrington, said the girls wish him to tell the court that they, too, had been embarrassed by telescopes, spyglasses, and all manner of strange glasses having been leveled at them.

"Why, your honor," chirped one, in- (Continued on Seventh Page.)

REMAINING SINGLE WINS AN ESTATE

Michael M. Burke Rewarded for Promise to Dead Wife.

On her deathbed Mrs. Mary E. Burke implored her husband not to remarry, and the day before she died she drew up a will providing that should he wed another he could not share in her estate, consisting of two two pieces of real estate valued at \$5,000.

Mrs. Burke's will was filed today, and it became known who the estate to her husband, Michael M. Burke, an employe of the gas company, and named him as executor. However, it contained the proviso that should he remarry the estate should revert to their two children.

Besides bequeathing \$300 in trust to the Washington parish for the care of the family burial plot, the will of Mrs. Mary Smith Naylor provides for bequests of \$3,000 each to her sister, Mrs. Matilda V. James, and her brother, Henry Naylor, and \$1,000 each to her niece, Charlotte E. Naylor, and her nephew, William R. Naylor. One-fifteenth of the residue is devised to fifteen nieces and relatives and one-fifteenth to her niece, Margaret Taylor, which she reaches the age of twenty-one years.

Miss Naylor directs that her executors, Matilda James and George E. James, burn all her personal belongings that will be of no use to her relatives, Mrs. James to receive the household effects.

RECLAMATION CLERKS GET PROMOTIONS

Seventy-five Employes on Project In the West Are Advanced.

The Interior Department today announced the promotion of seventy-five persons in the Reclamation Service to become effective tomorrow. Those affected are chief engineers and draftsmen at the various reclamation projects in the West.

The Excise Board is composed of William P. Richards, Assessor of the District, and chairman ex officio; Matthew Trimble, Alexander McKenzie, and Samuel T. Kaibfus.

POLICE ADMIT LETTER LOST IN HARRIS CASE

Missive Alleged to Have Been Written By Mildred Anderson, the Missing Witness, to Dead Young Man, Thought to Have Important Bearing on the Mystery.

WITNESSES REFUTE POLICE TESTIMONY THAT PISTOL SHOTS HAD BEEN HEARD

Majority Were Within a Half Block of the Scene of the Tragedy At the Time the Shooting Is Alleged to Have Occurred—The Day's Proceedings.

Developments to Date in the Harris Death Mystery

Robert E. Harris, uncle of Norval Harris, who accepted original coroner's certificate of suicide, tells jury Norval did not attempt suicide two years ago, as claimed by police.

Report of detectives alleged Norval attempted asphyxiation, in December, 1908. Uncle admits incident was accidental and so reported to hospital.

Witnesses testify that Norval Harris was intelligent, normal, and showed no evidences of melancholia. He had always been of a quiet disposition.

Clarence Colvin, another uncle of Norval, destroys another prop to police theory of suicide when he says boy was in jovial spirits the night he is alleged to have wanted to "end it all."

Police have produced no witness as yet to identify positively the gun with which Harris is claimed to have taken his own life, and which was found in pawnshop day after tragedy.

Inquest enters third day with mystery as to tragedy increasing and with many witnesses yet to be heard. Mildred Anderson, fiancée of Harris who has been missing for a week, not yet located.

In direct contravention to the claims of the police that Norval T. Harris killed himself shortly after 11:30 o'clock on the night of August 27, five witnesses this morning told the Coroner's jury investigating the tragedy that they were within a block of the spot where Harris' body was found until past midnight that night, and that there was no pistol shot in the vicinity.

The majority of these witnesses were within a half block of I street, where Harris' body was found the next morning, lying upon the sidewalk between Eighth and Ninth streets.

In addition to these important developments the Police Department today had to admit that they had lost an important letter written to Harris by Mildred Anderson, the missing witness, and when the letter was called for by Attorney Lambert, representing the close relatives of the deceased, Detectives Weedon and Cox professed to know nothing of the whereabouts of the letter.

Mr. Cox, who found the letter among Harris' effects, said that he had turned it over to Police Headquarters.

Detective Weedon said that a search had been maintained for two or three days, but the letter evidently had been mislaid and could not be located.

Another letter occurred today between Assistant District Attorney and Attorney Lambert.

In the examination of the witnesses, who did not hear pistol shots on the night in question, Mr. Turner objected to Mr. Lambert's interrogatories, tending to show that these witnesses were nearer the scene of the crime than preceding witnesses who have testified that they did hear a shot.

Lambert insists on Rights.

Mr. Lambert insisted that he had a right to show that the people nearest the scene and the people whose duties as watchman and the like would justify the theory that they might have heard a shot were entitled to offset the testimony of a smaller number of people who claimed to have heard a pistol shot.

The Coroner finally admitted the question.

Altogether, the morning session of the third day's Coroner's inquest failed to produce testimony of a single circumstance that would lend credence to the contention that Norval Harris committed suicide.

Tells of Quarrel.

The first witness called this morning was Marion Goode, bartender at Hall's place, Seventh and K streets. Goode repeated on the stand a statement which he made to the police on the Monday following the finding of the body, and which has since then been discredited by the officers conducting the investigation.

He said that about 11:30 o'clock of the (Continued on Seventh Page.)

After having been accorded such a reception as probably no churchman ever received in the National Capital, His Eminence, Cardinal Vannutelli, special envoy of the Pope to the Eucharistic Congress at Montreal, who is being lavishly entertained at various functions by high dignitaries and prelates of the Catholic church of Washington, started on a sight-seeing tour of the city this morning.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the cardinal, accompanied by Mar. Falconio, papal delegate, and his suite, left the legation in automobiles for the Holy Cross Academy, where he blessed the assembly who had gathered to do him honor.

Shortly after he went to the Convent of Perpetual Adoration to pay an official visit, leaving shortly afterward for the Catholic University, where the entire party was entertained at lunch by Mr. Shaheen, the rector.

Luncheon over, the cardinal was invited to pay a short visit to Georgetown university.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the cardinal went to St. Aloysius' Church, where he was received by the rector, the Very Rev. McDonald, and the sisters. Hundreds of children sang hymns as the venerable churchman passed from his automobile into the building, where, in a simple, brief service, he gave his blessing to the congregation.

As St. Aloysius has taken the lead in the entertainment accorded the cardinal, the rector of St. Patrick's Rectory, at which time there will be present archbishops, bishops, missionaries, and in fact, all dignitaries of any note who are in the city at the present time.

Immediately after the dinner an informal reception to the pastors of the city will be tendered. The clergy will then at once prepare for the evening's service which will be held at 8 o'clock at the church.

The cardinal will, from the portico of St. Patrick's Rectory, give the papal benediction to the crowds which cannot possibly be accommodated within the spacious walls of the church. Immediately after, the solemn procession will head a shot were entitled to offset the testimony of a smaller number of people who claimed to have heard a pistol shot.

The procession will consist of altar boys, the sanctuary choir, priests, and ecclesiastical students. The Rev. T. J. O'Connell will be in the lead with Archbishop Ireland and Archbishop Falconio. The cardinal will follow immediately behind those dignitaries.

Upon arriving in the church the cardinal will again bestow the apostolic blessing, followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament, one of the most solemn and beautiful services in the whole Catholic ritual.

After the service which will be of about thirty minutes' duration, the procession will return to the rectory.

The church has been decorated today in the interior with cardinal red, combined with the papal colors, which are yellow and white, making a beautiful effect. The altar is also magnificently decorated and illuminated by thousands of candles. The sight will be an impressive one. Electric lights have been strung over the exterior of the building especially for the occasion. The Marine Band will play on the terrace from 6 o'clock until the end of the service.