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THE COMMITTEE-APPOINTING POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY.

It need be no surprise if the list of House committees which shall come out of the deliberations of the Ways and Means body, shall bring disappointment to many Democratic veterans.

This story comes from the committee room, that gentlemen who apply for places on the District of Columbia Committee will, by reason of their applications, be promptly put on the impossible list.

Further, it develops that there is vigorous effort to prevent John J. Fitzgerald, of New York, from winning the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee.

With all recognition of Mr. Fitzgerald's abilities, it must be said that his claims to the Appropriations Committee are not convincing.

NEW DEPARTURE IN COLLEGE SPORTS.

For many years there have been sporadic efforts to introduce some new form of sports into the athletic curriculum of American colleges.

Williams colleges will compete for supremacy in the aerial world. The opening event is to be a balloon race from Pittsfield on May 20, for distance and a cup.

It is not clear as yet whether the collegians are going into aeronautics as a safer sport than the deadly football field, or to redeem contests of the air from the blight of commercialism.

MUNICIPAL EXPERTS AND PETTY POLITICS.

It has become quite popular to deplore the corruption and inefficiency of municipal government in the United States.

This is the chief reason we have had municipal government in this country. Cities are operated as political principalities by politicians and not as business institutions by business men.

Great Britain and Germany are conceded to have the best municipal governments in the world. The reason is that in those countries municipal government has become a profession.

An illustration nearer home is even more conclusive. If the Capital Traction Company, or the Arlington Hotel needed a new general manager, would it begin its hunt for material with the assumption that it could not employ any one who lived outside of the District of Columbia?

TRANSFER QUESTION COMES BEFORE CHAMBER.

Interest in the Chamber of Commerce is so keen among its 800 members that it is seldom necessary to urge a large attendance at its monthly meetings.

Tomorrow evening the Chamber of Commerce will be asked to conduct a prize essay contest on street car transfers.

public issues, it should devote some of its attention and energy to the transfer question. The meeting at which action is taken should be distinctly representative of the rank and file of the membership.

SAFETY OF TRAVEL ON THE PENNSYLVANIA.

It is frequently pointed out to those who have an instinctive fear of the sea that, according to statistics, the percentage of deaths by accident in land travel is far greater than that upon the ocean highways.

Even in the matter of mere personal injuries, the Pennsylvania makes a remarkable showing. Notwithstanding the fact that the railroad under consideration carried 14,180,228 more passengers in 1910 than in the previous year, the number of personal injuries, including every case which required surgical attention of any kind, was only eighty-four.

If Missouri takes her new anti-trust law seriously, about the first striking result will be a complete turn-over in the occupancy of public office.

We have been led to believe that the Japanese were an up-to-date people, and yet they are still blaming disasters on Halley's comet.

Having learned that young Theodore Roosevelt is Dutch, the stork is about to drop in for a social call.

Stickpins Stolen From President Taft's Yacht

Capt. G. N. Logan, of the President's yacht, the Albatross, has asked the assistance of the police in recovering two valuable stickpins stolen from his room aboard the ship during the last few days.

Fishburn Memorial Unveiled at Church

With impressive services the memorial window to the Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, D. D., was presented to the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church.

What's on the Program in Washington Today.

(The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Phone or write announcements.)

Meeting of Georgetown Citizens' Association, Potomac Savings Bank Hall, Wisconsin avenue and M street, 8 p. m.

Amusements. National—"The Round Up," 8:15 p. m. Belasco—"An Old New Yorker," 8:20 p. m.

Will Washington Let This Be Closed? The Times Will Receive Funds to Keep It Open. THIS LABORATORY WILL BE CLOSED ON AND AFTER MARCH 15, 1911 BUT MAY BE REOPENED SHOULD CONGRESS PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS MAINTENANCE.

GETTING READY FOR BIG PRIMARY FIGHT

Frederick and Montgomery Candidates Out In Swarms for Jobs.

ROCKVILLE, Md., March 13.—At the primary election to be held this summer, the Democrats of Montgomery county will nominate candidates for State's attorney, sheriff, house of delegates, county commissioners, judges of the orphans' court, county surveyor, and for associate judge of the Sixth judicial circuit.

Contest Under Way. A contest that already has become lively, and one that promises to increase in interest as the campaign progresses is that for the nomination for State's attorney.

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PRESIDENT BOOMS THE HOTEL TRADE

Congress in Session, Army Maneuvers, and International Trade Conferences All Attract Patronage, But the President Is the One Big Drawing Card.

The "plain and fancy darning" of those web-footed individuals with a limp, called lame ducks, are swimming in the sea of politics again under high pressure, marking off international water boundaries or setting out to reef under the shade of the flag in tropic desert or proudly to watch it flutter against the cold blue of the farthest habitable north for diplomacy.

President and Patronage. But after all, it is the President's flag, not the Stars and Stripes on the port and starboard wings of the Capitol that signals the hotel managers, their clerks, porters, doormen, bell-boys, chambermaids, waiters, chefs, scullions and scampers that the custom is coming, yo-ho, yo-ho!

The Constitution follows the flag, of course, said a hotel manager today. "But the human constitution known to Washington's hotels is to be kept keeping up with the President's flag. Members of Congress live in apartment houses and boarding houses. Occasionally they dine with us, often they have dinner after the theater. But the men here to see the President that live with us. When a man wishes to show his merits by steno-graph he needs a bright light. The people who have five days or weeks or months even to show that they are seeking office because it is an intimate thing that hasn't sense enough to seek them, therefore flash and their spotlight is operated from the big hotel."

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BABY McLEAN AIDS MILK LABORATORY

Check Assures Keeping It Open Another Month for Poor Babies.

Vinson Walsh McLean, popularly known as the "Fifty Million Dollar Baby," the tiny Mt. of humanity that will come day inherit the John R. McLean and the Thomas F. Walsh fortunes, has come to the rescue of the Straus Milk Laboratory.

Now it is proposed by Mr. Peyer, chairman of the committee that is trying to save the Straus milk depot with the message that it was from his son, aged one year. Vinson's contribution runs the total received by Mr. Peyer up to \$500, more than enough to keep the milk plant in operation another month, until Congress has had a chance to provide funds for its maintenance.

Vinson Walsh McLean knows how necessary it is for babies to have wholesome food, because Vinson himself has been terribly ill. He has suffered just as ordinary, everyday little babies suffer, in spite of the great array of specialized scientists, nurses, and retainers who have sought to drive away his sickness and make him comfortable.

Major Sylvester Urges Uniform Traffic Laws. Enactment of uniform laws or regulations governing vehicular traffic in the District of Columbia is being urged by Major Sylvester, Superintendent of Police.

Wilson Fighting for Direct Elections Bill. TRENTON, N. J., March 12.—Governor Wilson and his aides are trying today to force the reporting to the Legislature tonight of the Geran bill designed to revitalize the election machinery of New Jersey.

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Concert Today

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PROGRAM. Overture—"Rio Grande." Bergenholts A Tone Poem—"Apple Blossoms." Selection—"The Highwayman." De Koven Serenade Mexican—"Chilquita." Taubert Waltz Suite—"Vienna Beauties." Ziehrer Finale—"Triumphant America." Losoy "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Table listing names and amounts for the Baby McLean fund. Total \$96.

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