

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND ABOUT TOWN

News and Gossip of Washington and Washingtonians Tersely Told.

The big Irish policeman—ever notice how all policemen involved in an alleged...



Women's Alliance to Meet. The Women's Alliance of All Souls' Church will meet in the church parlors...

Congregations to Unite. Services formerly uniting the congregations of Columbia Baptist Church...

Hold Library School Exams. Entrance examinations for the library training class of the Public Library...

Sons of Jonadab to Elect. Officers of the Sons of Jonadab, Grand Council of the Independent Order...

Chemical Society to Meet. Discussion of the proceedings and work of the recent meeting of the American Chemical Society...

To Give Dance Tonight. The first dance of the fall season by the Social Club of the Hebrew Home...

Open Two-Day Bazaar. Temple Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, has opened a two-day bazaar...

Conduct Kindergarten. A free kindergarten is being conducted daily in the parish hall of Grace Episcopal Church...

Uncle Harry Explains Work of U. S. Chemists

Tells How Uncle Sam Now Is Able to Lay Aside His Crutch of Dependence Upon European and Particularly German Factories.

"Did you see all the high buildings?" shouted Jimmy. "And the big bridges, and did you ride through the tunnel under the Hudson river?"

"Yes, I saw the big bridges that connect New York with Brooklyn, over the East river, and I rode through the tunnel that runs from New Jersey under the Hudson river, and right into the center of New York city."

"What was it, Uncle Harry? Won't you tell us?" asked Helen. "The Second Annual National Exposition of Chemical Industries," said Uncle Harry.

"It's an exhibit or show," said Jimmy. Uncle Harry nodded his head and continued: "This exhibition that I saw in New York was an exhibit of all different kinds of chemicals made in the United States, and the purpose was to show how their most important bridges in the chemical industry since the European war started and this country was shut off from Germany."

"Germany supplied most of the chemicals used in the United States, didn't she?" asked Helen. "Yes, and particularly those chemicals which are absolutely necessary in the making of many articles which are manufactured in hundreds of American factories," said Uncle Harry.

"But that exhibition that has just been held in New York showed what has happened since August, 1914, immediately after we declared the American chemists and manufacturers got busy. For many months they experimented in their chemical laboratories and workshops. It was slow work at first, but gradually they began to make progress. Before the end of the first year of the war American chemists were supplying quite a few important chemicals to American manufacturers."

"Now, after two years of having to depend on themselves, American chemists have made many discoveries and are making many different kinds of valuable chemicals."

"American chemists are making dyes now, aren't they?" said Jimmy. "And before the war this country depended almost entirely on Germany for dyes," said Uncle Harry. "But dyes are only one of the many different classes of chemicals that are now being made in the United States. There were more than 200 exhibits of different kinds of chemicals shown at the exhibition. Several thousand chemists, from all parts of the country attended meetings held in connection with the exhibition, and discussed ways and means of strengthening and enlarging the chemical industry in this country."

"Are chemicals used in making many things?" asked Joe. "They are used in making almost everything we have," said Uncle Harry. "Just look at this newspaper," and he turned and picked up the paper from the table. "The paper is white, but it would be yellowish, from the wood from which it is made, if it were not treated with certain chemicals. And the ink is black, with which the portrait was made, and second the metal plate, or the photographing, from which the picture was printed in the newspaper. Chemicals are used in preparing the leather from which your shoes are made and other chemicals are used in dyeing the goods from which Helen's dress was made."

"We are living in a chemical age as well as an electrical age. We make chemicals out of the air and turn them into fertilizers for the farmer to put into the soil to raise better and bigger crops. Chemistry is used in making automobiles and newspapers, and..."

"And the United States is making its own chemicals for the first time in the country's history, isn't it?" said Joe. "Suppose we say it this way," said Uncle Harry. "One of the things which the chemist and the other is Chemistry; but before the war the chemist's leg was a little short—it didn't reach as far as Uncle Sam had to use a crutch. Now, Dr. Chemist has lengthened the short leg and Uncle Sam is learning to walk the same as other men. He has laid aside his crutch and we all hope he will never have to use it again."

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MORE FUNDS ASKED FOR LIBRARY HERE

Trustees Declare Washington's Percentage of Expenditures Is Small.

Declaring that of thirty-one American cities nearest to Washington in population twenty-two have larger library appropriations, the report states, are Minneapolis, Kansas City, Seattle, St. Paul, Oakland, and Portland, Ore.

"There are sixty-two cities in the United States having over 100,000 population," says the report. "Of these only four have smaller library expenditures than Washington. There are 204 cities in the United States, including Washington, with over 25,000 population, and of these only seventeen have a smaller percentage of library expenditure than Washington."

"Washington's percentage of library expenditures is far exceeded not only by such cities as Buffalo, Minneapolis, Cleveland, and Detroit, but by Kalamazoo, Terre Haute, and Perth Amboy."

Last year the trustees asked for a library appropriation of \$101,250. At the suggestion of the Commissioners the estimate was reduced to \$92,000. The amount appropriated was \$79,000. The Commissioners are asked this year to recommend the full amount of the estimate, amounting to approximately \$102,000.

Recommendation is made that the salary of Dr. George F. Bowerman, librarian, be increased from \$3,500 to \$5,000 a year.

"Until it is so increased," says the report, "it cannot be regarded as commensurate with the high quality of service rendered by Dr. Bowerman, and in 1917, when the city is on a par with salaries paid to chief librarians of other municipal libraries of equal rank."

"The record of last year," it is added, "tells a story of a constantly expanding volume of work done by an almost stationary force. There has been almost a 10 per cent increase in the library work, and during the year more than 25 per cent of the underpaid force have resigned."

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