

**WEATHER DELAYS  
WORK ON STREETS**

Late Passage of D. C. Budget Helped Retard Improvements, Officials Say.

**WORK NEAR CENTRAL HIGH  
Resurfacing of Streets Around New Building Is Nearly Completed.**

Unusual weather conditions and delay in the passage of the District appropriation bill are responsible, officials of the Engineer Department say, for slowness in the recent work of street improvement.

The appropriations this year were not available until September 1. The fall working season usually lasts until December 25, but this year early frosts and storms called a halt about December 1. Considering the number of working days, however, the contractors, it was said, have made good progress. Work on the resurfacing of Rhode Island avenue between Seventeenth street and Connecticut avenue, which was begun October 27, has practically been completed.

Near Central High School. With the exception of Thirteenth street, the work of surfacing with asphalt the streets surrounding the new Central High School has been completed. It is expected Thirteenth street will be opened for traffic within a few days. The work was done by the Crawford Paving Company at a cost of \$17,000. It was begun October 14.

Replaced With Asphalt. The granite block pavement in First street southwest, between Maryland avenue and Canal street, has been replaced with asphalt at a cost of \$8,700.

Work has practically been completed on the paving with asphalt of Champlain avenue, from Florida street to Kalorama road. The cost of the improvement was \$10,500.

Plans are being made in the office of the engineer of highways for replacing the granite blocks in B street, northwest, between Seventh and Twelfth streets, with duxes blocks and asphalt. The work will be done in the spring.

**SINCLAIR LIKELY CHOICE**

His Election to Lead Chamber of Commerce Probable.

Unless a dark horse candidate is brought forward at the last minute, there seems to be little doubt that A. Leitch Sinclair will be chosen president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce at the annual election of officers next Tuesday evening.

President P. T. Moran's second term expires at that time, and it is an unwritten rule that no one is to serve more than two terms. To date no other name has been mentioned for the office than that of Mr. Sinclair.

A notice of the nomination of Mr. Sinclair has been posted on the bulletin board of the Chamber for the past ten days, and is signed by the following prominent members of the organization: James P. Oyster, Washington Topham, William F. Gude, Robert N. Harper, W. T. Gallier, Carl A. Droop, C. L. Howser, Benjamin W. Guy, Henry H. Glassie, Albert Schulteis, Lewis J. Battle, and J. F. Slaven.

Another candidate whose election seems assured is Frank C. Stewart, president of the Stewart Business College, for a member of the board of directors.

The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber is to be held tomorrow evening.

**HIGH OFFICERS TO RETIRE**

Generals Scott and Bliss Reach Age Limit This Year.

The two highest offices in the army general staff will be vacated by the retirement this year of Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, and Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff and chief of the mobile division. General Scott will reach the statutory age of retirement September 22 and General Bliss will retire the last day of the year, December 31.

Brig. Gen. Ernest A. Garlington, inspector general of the army, will be the first officer to retire for age during this year. He will go on the retired list February 20. Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Davis, who will retire May 8, is the only other general who will leave the active list during the year.

There are no retirements for age this year in the navy or marine corps.

**6,000 AFTER JOBS.**

Applications from 6,000 job seekers are on file with the Federal farm loan board, which is charged with the administration of the new rural credit system. The best positions open for appointment by the board are those of appraisers of land on which farmers desire loans. For these positions, which will pay \$2,500 a year hundreds of real estate men from rural communities are applicants.

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**NO LIVES LOST ON PENNSY**

Railroad Has Clean Record for Fourth Consecutive Year. The fourth consecutive year in which no passenger lost his life on the Pennsylvania railroad, has been completed, according to a statement of S. C. Long, general manager, in a letter to the employees of the company. That such a record could be made, Mr. Long said, was due to the co-operation and loyalty of the employees of the road. The employees are heartily commended in an open letter from Mr. Long to all division headquarters. The Pennsylvania is said to have carried more passengers and freight the past twelve months than ever before in its history.

**WASHINGTON GETS  
NEW 4-BIT PIECE**

New Half Dollars Are Issued to the Banks by Treasury Today.

Introducing the new four-bit piece, bright, new and full of joyful tinkle, Uncle Sam threw up the paying teller's window with a bang this morning at 1 o'clock and looked out on an expectant line of waiting bank messenger boys with significant grins in their hands. Straightway he began dealing out the coins in exchange for no less quantity than \$5, however.

"They can't give a man a new 50-cent piece for two quarters here at the Treasury," an old watchman said, "because if they did every curiosity-seeker and coin collector in Washington would be here. We leave that for the banks, which will put the new coin in circulation today."

**In Artistic Piece.**

The 50-cent piece issued today is more artistic than the old one. On the "heads" side there is a thin, clad lady walking along with a little step, with her right hand outstretched and holding in the hollow of her left arm an olive branch. Over her right shoulder hangs the Stars and Stripes. The background is made up of the setting sun, and "In God We Trust." Above the lady's head is the word "Liberty," printed in letters far enough apart to form a semi-circle around the top edge of the coin. At the bottom is the date.

On the "tails" side of the coin is an eagle, just about to fly. The eagle is perched on an olive branch, or something which looks very much like the olive branch. He is looking with fierce eyes toward the words "E Pluribus Unum," directly in front of him. Across the top of the coin is printed United States of America, and at the bottom, "Half Dollar."

**New Quarters Coming.**

The new silver quarters will be put into circulation in about two weeks. It has been stated. It was planned to put both coins in circulation before the Christmas holiday season began, but unprecedented demand for subsidiary coin all over the country, together with the exhaustion of certain appropriations, it is stated, slowed down the coinage of the new money appreciably.

**SWIM IN ICY WATER.**

BRIGHTON BEACH, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Seven men and four women of the Polar Bear and Snowbirds Club took their first 1917 swim in the icy waters at the shore here. First in and out was Miss Aida Cordes.

**SAYS CORD KILLED  
WIFE OF BROKER**

Physician Testifies Strangling Caused Death of Mrs. Small.

OSSEPEK, N. H., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Florence Arlene Small was strangled to death by a cord drawn tightly around her neck, Dr. Edwin W. Hodsdon testified yesterday in the trial of her husband, Frederick L. Small, a Boston broker, who is accused of the murder. Dr. Hodsdon declared that Small had wept and urged that a search be made of the ruins for his wife's body.

Small cried as the doctor rehearsed incidents of the former's visit to the burned dwelling. Dr. Hodsdon quoted Small as having said to him at the time of the fire:

"Send for the coroner and have him get some men and search for my wife's body. There is \$6,000 worth of diamonds and garnets. Any one who finds them can have them."

The charred clothing taken from the body was put in evidence and disclosed that resin had been sprinkled in large quantities over the garment from the waist to the head.

Dr. Hodsdon, who performed the autopsy, testified that the blows upon Mrs. Small's head had not caused death, although they had cut the scalp. He declared that even the bullet which coursed downward from the temple to the jaw, breaking the bone, did not produce injury sufficient to have killed the victim at once, although she might have died from this wound later.

Detectives are searching in New York City for Mrs. Laura M. Patterson Small, second wife of Small, but thus far she has eluded them.

The second Mrs. Small would be a star witness.

**'MOVIES' PUPILS' INCENTIVE**

Reward for Scholarship Is Admission to Picture Show.

Motion pictures have assumed a new guise in Columbus, Ohio, where they are daily appearing as rewards for scholars who get their lessons correctly. The Grandview School has set a new fashion in pedagogy by rewarding pupils who do their lessons correctly instead of punishing those who do not.

The reward that is given the Grandview pupil who succeeds during the day is a certificate that entitles him to admission to the motion picture show staged in the school auditorium. The incentive to the pupils to do good work has had such effect that an average of 250 is maintained in the picture show out of a total number of pupils of 285.

**MISS LEE GREET VETERANS**

Daughter of General at Reception to Ex-Confederate Soldiers.

Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, was the central figure at the New Year reception given by District of Columbia division, United Daughters of the Confederacy yesterday. The reception, given at Confederate Memorial Hall, 1322 Vermont avenue northwest, was in honor of the veterans who wore the gray from 1861 to 1865.

Miss Lee assisted Mrs. James E. Mulcare, president of the local division, and the score of other Southern women in receiving more than 500 callers during the day.

**EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.**

An evangelistic campaign, directed by Dr. Simon P. W. Drew, will be conducted this week at Comopolitan Baptist Church, N and Ninth streets northwest, with evening services at 8 o'clock. A mission also will be conducted in connection with the revival for the benefit of the colored poor of the city. The Rev. Dr. J. Y. Williamson, of Richmond, will assist in the revival.

**CONTESTS ELECTION.**

CLEARFIELD, Pa., Jan. 2.—W. E. Tobias has instituted a contest of the election of Charles H. Rowland in the Twenty-first district. He is a Democrat and alleges that he was counted

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