

SALE OF FRANCHISES.

COMMITTEE ON STREETS WAITS UPON THE LEGISLATURE.

BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM.

Matter is Considered, But Laid Upon the Table Pending a Decision—Application of Postal Telegraph Co. Also in Abeyance.

The sub-committee on Streets, which has under consideration the ordinance granting to Mr. Hill, Montague, J. and others the right to construct a burglar alarm system and messenger service, met yesterday afternoon and referred the matter to a committee composed of the City Attorney, City Engineer, and City Electrician to prepare and report back a proper measure covering the subject.

When the committee met Mr. Minor stated that Mr. Montague was not in favor of the ordinance, but that he was in favor of the ordinance proposed by Mr. Peters. Mr. Peters opposed the motion to hear Mr. Montague, on the ground that it would be a waste of time, inasmuch as no ordinance of this character could be granted until the Legislature had enacted a law authorizing the granting of franchises.

Mr. Montague was, however, accorded the floor and stated that he objected merely to have the committee canvass his ordinance and agree upon the changes they would require to be made therein, with a view to saving time and having a measure acceptable to the committee ready when the Legislature meets the necessary action. Whether his company or some other should get the franchise was another question, and should not be given consideration until previously familiarizing itself with the subject and deciding upon the character of the franchise it would be willing to grant.

The committee declined to go into the merits of the ordinance, but referred the matter to the committee on Streets to furnish the respective members with copies of the measure in order that they might study the same during their leisure. At the suggestion of Mr. Minor, the committee was authorized at its meetings to give audience to any individual or persons interested in the granting of this franchise.

It was decided to report to the general session of the Legislature action with regard to the granting of franchises has not been taken, and that the committee be kept in the matter.

After the adjournment of this committee, the sub-committee on Postal Telegraph and Cable Company for the right to construct a conduit met, but took no action, leaving the matter of the burglar alarm question is disposed of.

STRUCK BY A STREET CAR.

Negro Woman Seriously Injured on Thirty-Fourth Street.

Emily Jefferson, a negro woman living at No. 212 N. street, was struck at the corner of Thirty-first and N streets last night by a Traction car and seriously, if not fatally, injured.

The woman had just left a store, corner Thirty-first and N streets, where she had been to purchase a can of oil. Car No. 144, west bound, met car No. 146, east bound, just north of N street, and it is presumed that the woman had her eye on the east bound car, as she walked in front of car No. 144, the west bound car. Motorman St. Clair saw her when she stepped out from the car, and ringing his bell furiously, put on all brakes but the woman did not hear and was struck by the fender. It is not known whether her head struck the car or the fender, but she was unconscious when she was picked up. A boy and a girl, who were nearby, but did not see the accident, rushed to her assistance and helped her into a taxicab, which soon regained consciousness, and refusing the offer of the street car to take her to the Virginia hospital, walked to her home, assisted by the two children.

Dr. C. E. Wilder was soon upon the scene, and Dr. R. E. Jones, colored, was sent for, as was also Dr. Morris, of the ambulance corps. The three doctors examined the woman, but she was unable to speak, and her face was so swollen that she was unable to open her mouth, and she was unable to get up. Her face was so swollen that she was unable to open her mouth, and she was unable to get up.

WANTS NEGRO GUEST.

President Roosevelt Asks Boston Darkey and Wife to the White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 23.—(Special)—William H. Lewis, who was recently appointed United States District Attorney at Boston by the President, has been invited by Mr. Roosevelt to come to Washington with his wife and visit the White House. It is not stated whether Lewis has accepted the invitation.

No southern who attended the President's reception to the Judiciary last night will admit he left in a huff because the negro Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, John C. Dancy, and two female relatives, were present. Dancy holds a presidential office, and was invited to the reception by the District Attorney. There was little comment about the incident in Washington to-day and there appears to be no public resentment. It is likely that some of the people who had been attending the reception of the President had heard of the fact that the negro Dancy was to be there, but the fact that he was there did not influence anybody to leave.

DEPEND ON FERTILIZER TAX.

House Finance Committee Instructs the Agricultural Department.

The Finance Committee of the House yesterday considered the agriculture department and the finance. The committee provided for the payment of the Commissioner and the employees of the department out of the general fund instead of out of the receipts from the fertilizer tax, as at present. The revenue from the tax on fertilizers under the Senate bill will all be available for the use of the department for other purpose than salaries. The House committee, however, yesterday placed the Agricultural Department upon the same footing as the other departments of finance as at present. That is to say, it provided that the salary of the commissioner and employees must come out of the general fund, thus decreasing the amount available for the operation of the department as compared with the Senate bill.

WM. JONES TO HANG.

Sentenced in Danville for the Murder of Jake Lee.

DANVILLE, VA., Jan. 23.—(Special)—William Jones, colored, was this morning sentenced by Judge A. M. Alken, of the corporation of the State of Virginia, to hang for the murder of Jake Lee, an aged farmer, who was killed and robbed in October. The execution will take place Friday, February 13th. He was tried separately, but upon a joint indictment with Arthur Wilson, who has been sentenced to hang on February 6th.

The prisoner showed no emotion. He came into court smiling, and laughed while his wrists preparatory to returning him to his cell.

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INDICTMENTS AGAINST GAMBLERS.

Several Prominent Sporting Men Thereupon Leave New York.

NEW YORK, January 23.—District Attorney Jerome admitted this evening that the jury had found indictments against some of the alleged keepers of "sporting houses" in this city, whose names have been undergoing investigation. The names of the men indicted—Mr. Jerome declined to make public. The report that indictments had been found caused great uneasiness in sporting circles, and several men whose names have been mentioned as proprietors of gambling resorts are said to have left the city, pending developments.

HIS EYES BULGE OUT, TIED UP IN RED TAPE.

Negro Fleming Hit on the Back of His Head With Sledge Hammer.

An assault which was peculiar in its result upon the victim was made at the Tredgrew Works yesterday. A negro named Fleming, while at work, was approached from behind by another laborer at the works, and struck on the back of the head with a sledge hammer.

The man fell to the ground, and the ambulance was called. The man was not thought to be greatly injured, and was taken to his home, a house in the rear of No. 10 South Third street. Last night his eyes began to swell, and in a short time that such an order should be issued by the committee, as, at his last session, Congress had authorized the government to improve the harbor from the lower corporate limits to the James river and Kanawha canal locks, the contract having been awarded to carry out the improvement. That is to say, a channel of not less than 25 feet wide and 15 feet deep at mean low tide.

"Much has been said in committee, in Council, and in the newspapers of the pittance paid to the crew of the tug Thomas Curtis, which is being sent to New York. It is not a question of a few hundred dollars to this city, but a question of benefit to the commerce of the port, and it is to be hoped at least that the Committee on Commerce of the House may reach the order and leave the tug as the city tug have always been, under the orders of the chairman and City Engineer."

THE LESSLER CHARGE OF ATTEMPT TO BRIBE.

House Investigation Begun—Senator Hunton a Witness—E. Quigg Said to Have Been Man Who Suggested the \$45,000 in It.

WASHINGTON, January 23.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs to-day entered upon the investigation authorized by the Senate in the charges made by Representative Lessler, of New York, during a recent session of the Naval Affairs Committee, that he had been approached with an offer of \$45,000 to bribe the committee.

Among those present during the hearing to-day, aside from the committee and press representatives, were ex-Senator John M. Thurston, who appeared as counsel, ex-Senator Eppa Hunton, of Virginia, and Delancey Nicolai, an attorney from New York.

Representative Lessler was the first witness, and his examination occupied the greater part of to-day's session. Mr. Lessler testified that he had been approached by a man who offered him \$45,000 to bribe the committee. He said that he had refused the offer, and that he had reported the matter to the committee.

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year, extending New Year congratulations to the body.

Senior Calyado is pleasantly remembered at the college as a genial friend and an accomplished musician.

At the same meeting an eloquent oration was delivered by Mr. W. G. Tyler, of Essex county, on "The Progress of the American Union." Mr. Tyler is a graceful and accomplished speaker, and his effort was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

Arrangements were completed for a public debate, to be held in the chapel March 13th. Messrs. Ross, Lightfoot, Ritter, and Fogg were selected to serve as debaters. Mr. F. G. Pollard as reader, and Mr. Douglas Freeman as declaimer.

Mr. R. B. East, of South Boston, has withdrawn from college, to engage in the dry goods business with his father.

Mr. Walter D. Wildman, also of South Boston, has left the college.

Dr. C. H. Ryland, the college librarian, has recently made valuable additions to the historical department of the college library, including Dr. Woodrow Wilson's "History of the American People."

Mr. J. W. Kincheloe, of the Stockton-street church, Manchester, will exchange pulpits Sunday with Mr. C. W. McElroy, of Crewe Baptist church, Crewe, Va.

Mr. S. H. Templeman preaches Sunday at Good Hope church, Spotsylvania county.

FORT SAN CARLOS STILL HOLDS OUT.

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factious, but no settlement of the deadlock appears in sight.

An additional barricade is being erected for the protection of the Democratic Senate. Carpenters are at work to-day putting up heavy doors in the corridors leading to the cloak rooms of the Senate chamber. Part of the guards will be placed in the corridors. Should there be made on the chamber with a view to securing possession, this obstacle must first be passed before any outside force could reach the ante-rooms.

The Democratic members of the House met in caucus this afternoon, and signed an agreement that if any Democratic member willfully shall absent himself from roll call the others will join with the Republicans in unseating him.

Radical measures have been adopted by the Republican Senate, which held an executive session to-day in the Lieutenant-Governor's office, to abridge the authority of the rival body, and accomplish the removal of its officers. State officers were notified that the officers of the Democratic Senate had been removed, and were not entitled to pay a resolution introduced providing for a joint session of the Senate and House in the House chamber at noon to-morrow to vote for a senator. Lieutenant-Governor Haggot and Senator Cornforth said there was no doubt about the recognition of the Republican Senate by the House.

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FACTS, FANCIES, AND FADS FOR FAIR FEMININITY.



Quips.

"They say she has absolutely no leisure in her married life."

"No; she married her husband to reform him."

(New York Sun.)

De Style: What makes the Venezuelan maid so haughty?

Gubnusta: She's a Daughter of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Revolution.

(Chicago News.)

He Could you learn to love me if I were a millionaire?

She: I certainly would like you better were you well off—say a thousand miles or more.

"Well, if any man were to try to kiss me—"

"We were not talking about impossibilities."

Keeping the Pain's Room Fresh.

If the patient complains of feeling cold, instead of hastily closing the windows it is far better that the nurse should give her another blanket, a hot-water bag, or a drink of hot milk.

A nursing attendant attempt to judge of the temperature of a room without a thermometer. The temperature of a sick-room never should be above 70 degrees unless specially ordered by the doctor, and their fore-fruit and leaves for the aged, 90 or 95 degrees is better.

The temperature of the room should be noted two or three times a day at the same hours, say at 8, 2, and 8 o'clock, and entered in a little book. An equable temperature should be maintained as far as possible.

If your room grows too warm, and you are so fortunate to possess an open fire-place do not immediately let it burn, for the eyes in the hallway surrounding the fire is helping to carry off the impure air.

As Seen by Her.

A mirror in one of the oriental stores has a quaint frame made of big silver buckles, such as are worn by the Turks with their wide girdles.

A touque shown in one of the windows of a milliner is made entirely of small peaches and their foliage, and being in shades of pink "sicklied o'er" with silver mist.

One can get pretty little La Vallier chains, fine neckchains of gold with ornate tassels, and a pair of earrings, signs and set with real stones, turquoise or amethysts, at some of the department stores for only \$3.75. Each has a tiny pendant of either a turquoise or amethyst.

A stunning thing in a lamp is of glass in wonderful peacock colors. Several heads standing out from the lamp support the upper part, and the slender lower part represents the tail feathers with long, feathery, jet-louise, and being in shades of pink "sicklied o'er" with silver mist.

Compensation.

The universe pays every man in his own coin; if you smile, it smiles upon you in return; if you frown, you will be frowned at; if you sing, you will be invited into gay company; if you think you will be entertained by thinkers; and if you love the world, and earnestly seek for the good that is therein, you will be surrounded by loving friends, and nature will pour into your cup the treasures of the earth.

Long Gowns Are Again in Vogue.

Long mousquetaire gloves in white, and black, are being worn again for evening wear. These are shown in both lace and suede, but the former is essentially an evening glove, the leading dealers declare. They carry twenty buttons on the longest, in pearl and pink shades. An attractive glove is the three clasp, embroidered suede, that comes in pearl, lavender, cream, primrose, manila, tan, mode, beaver, French gray, brown, black, and gun metal color, which last is one of the novelties of the season.

Schwab at Palermo.