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The Times City Brevities.

The Woodley Lane Bridge has been given a new coat of paint.

Workmen are kept busy getting out stone in Sillert's Quarry, along the Canal road for the new No. 3 pier of the Aqueduct Bridge.

A large tree which was obstructing the sidewalk near the corner of Twenty-ninth and Q streets northwest was removed yesterday.

Pensions were granted to citizens of the District yesterday as follows: John H. Baden, Boggsland, and Edward Gaverly, Washington.

Gen. O. L. Spaulding, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has gone to his home in Michigan for a two or three weeks' vacation.

In the divorce suit of Opal E. Boston against James H. Boston, Judge McComas yesterday issued an order restraining the defendant from interfering with his wife.

Excavations are nearly finished for the foundation of the new power house of the United States Electric Light Company at Fourteenth and B streets northwest.

W. T. Alvarez, J. F. De Vos, and L. F. Foches have been appointed additional privates on the police force for three years for duty at the Treasury Department.

Mrs. Robert Bibbs reported to the police that she had lost a silver watch and some jewelry which was in her pocket when she left the corner of Fourteenth street and New York avenue.

The Commissioners have directed the Capital Railway Company to remove its trolley poles on Nicholas avenue to the proper line, defined by the gutter laid on said avenue.

Frank B. Woodland, a colored laborer, was overcome by the heat yesterday near Eleventh street and Maryland avenue and taken to the Emergency Hospital. His condition is not serious.

An order was issued by Judge McComas yesterday directing James A. Peck to deposit before him and show cause why he should not be held in contempt, for failing to pay alimony to his wife, Emma Peck, now suing for divorce.

William McIntyre, a young white man, hired a horse and wagon on E street, near Seventh street southeast, and after starting before him and short cause way he should not be held in contempt, for failing to pay alimony to his wife, Emma Peck, now suing for divorce.

The police are looking for "Captain" Moses Holt, thirteen years of age, who ran away from the farm of H. W. Crapner, near Florence, Howard county, Md., last Thursday. He has been placed at the farm by the agent of the Board of Children's Guardians.

A dog was killed in the yard of the Fourth precinct station by Patrolman Marshall in compliance with the wishes of the owner, Susan A. Well, colored, of No. 617 Maryland avenue. The animal had a toy in the house about a year ago and the woman was afraid hydrophobia would result. After the animal had been killed she confidently believed that the boy was out of danger.

REduced RATES. Day, 50 cents for the round trip, trunks leave 8:00 p. m. on Saturdays, 9:30 a. m., 1:30 and 3:15 p. m. Cape May, Atlantic City and Sea Isle City, 10 a. m. on Saturdays, 7:30 a. m. on Saturdays, good to return until following Tuesday, 85.

Excursions to the country Saturday and Sunday, good to return until Monday, at reduced rates. National Regatta, Philadelphia, August 13th and 14th. Reduced rates, B. & O. the official route. Baltimore and Annapolis, \$1.25; Saturday and Sunday next. Niagara Falls ten-day tour, \$10, August 12. Special from Washington 8:10 a. m. Best time to the Falls. Stop-over allowed at Watkins Glen, Geneva, Rochester and Buffalo. Passes or seats reserved in advance at No. 707 Fifteenth street, No. 619 Pa. ave. and R. & O. depot. Atlantic City, \$3, August 21st.

Robbery Story Denied. The manager of the Cabin Hotel Hotel desires The Times to state that Theodore Albrecht, who claimed to have lost \$500 at the hotel, was never employed there and is not known at that place. They state that they have never guaranteed to reimburse the money for a loss as he had reported, and that there is no truth in the whole story. Albrecht has left his room on Thirteenth street, near F, and cannot be found.

Colored Fleeter Still Unidentified. The body of the colored man found floating in the river on Monday now lies at the morgue. Unseen identified the morning it will be interred in potter's field.

To Chapel Point Thursday. Another of these week-day trips, run at the people's request, will be made on the River Queen Thursday. The same schedule will be observed as has been the case on the Sunday runs. An outing of twelve hours, including a sail of 15 miles to sail to Washington, and a stay at the Point of view, is a most enjoyable party. The boat is a beautiful one, and the crew is a good number of the folk, and then the tabling lunch, with the salt water, stands way up in the opinion of the visitors. The best of diners may be had on the boat in the cafe or on the grounds, where there is good hotel accommodation. After a stay at the Point of view the home trip begins. This is a most enjoyable party of the day to many folks. The cool breezes are all the more pleasant after the heat has gone down, and every minute of the four hours taken to make the home run is filled with pleasure and comfort for the patrons. This trip has proven to be a most popular one with the people of Washington, and hereafter, as previously advertised, the trips will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Sundays. The charge for the trip has been reduced to 25 cents. The River Queen leaves at 8:30 a. m. and returns back to the home wharf at 9:30 a. m.

THE WHITE HOUSE REPAIRS. Col. Bingham's Report on the Recent Improvements.

MANY MINOR ALTERATIONS. Settling of the Floor Above the East Room a Serious Matter—Time Something is Done to Relieve the Actual Physical Strain on the Mansion.

Col. Theodore A. Bingham has submitted his report to Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, regarding public buildings and grounds. In it he says concerning the Executive Mansion:

"The usual care was extended to the mansion during July and minor repairs made to its furniture as required. The improvements commenced in the small reception-room, first floor, in June, were completed by putting in the new oak mantle, trimming the fireplace, tiling the hearth, and refinishing the doors and windows.

"In the green bedroom and southwest dressing-room all the furniture was upholstered and re-covered with new material, new silk window drapery purchased and made, new carpet purchased and laid, one new couch purchased, and new mantel lampreps made and put up. New slip covers were made and placed upon the furniture and mantel in the room.

"In the blue bedroom and northwest dining-room five new window screens were made and put to windows, new slip covers were made and put on the furniture, mantel and lampreps, and a new slip door put in doorway of the dressing-room. New slip covers were made and placed upon the furniture in the west end corridor. Four new window shades were made and put in three rooms. New lace curtains were purchased for the Green Parlor. All the window screens, the mantel and those in the private dining-room and tulle's pantry were repaired.

"Minor carpentry and plumbing repairs were made and the work of stripping and cleaning the large crystal chandelier in the East Room was completed. The chandelier was suspended. The chandelier and ten doors in the office part of the Mansion were painted.

"Considerable settling of the second story floor over the East Room has been observed for a long time. The increased weight of the executive office made necessary the use of increasing record cases, which are unfortunately very heavy and also unfortunately they have to stand where the floors are weakest.

"At the east end of the second story corridors the center had sagged in all directions four inches below horizontal. As this corridor is only eighteen feet wide this meant a depression of the carrying beams of four inches in nine feet, or nearly eight inches in the middle of the span. This is not a deflection, but a permanent set, as this depression was measured after the corridor had been cleared and the floor taken up.

"The two beams running north and south which hold the main weight of this floor, are tensioned into two large bell beams running east and west, which carry not only the ceiling of the east room and the three heavy chandeliers, but also the weight of the second story overhead. The ceiling of the east room is supported from the floor of the second story, but is comparatively new, very expensive and supported by the built beams referred to, economy demands great care in the necessary repairs, and particular caution not to injure the ceiling of the east room while repairing the floor above. Hence the insertion of iron beams is excluded.

"The beams of the second floor are theoretically abundantly strong, and yet we find a large permanent deflection which is undoubtedly due to the heavy cases of books and records constituting an unusual and constant depression in the weakest parts of the flooring.

"Without great expense and more time than is at disposal it is also impossible to remove the floor beams. No support from beneath is practicable. The only recourse left is to suspend the weak parts of the flooring from the roof girders which are fortunately very strong. These suspension rods can be concealed except in the second story ceiling, where it is proposed to encase them in what will look like wooden pillars. It will not do to attempt much in straining the beams back to the horizontal, but the floor will be leveled up by additional floor girders nailed to the present ones. This will also add considerable stiffness, although it will increase the weight.

"The above only accentuates the fact that the time has come when something is imperatively demanded to relieve the actual physical strain now made on the Executive Mansion.

"Extensive repairs were made to the stable of public grounds in the rear of the President's stable, necessitated from the fact that the wood foundation-blocks of the building and the masonry supporting the front platform had become so rotted as to be in a dangerous condition. The old platform in front was taken up, depressions in the ground under it were water settled, filled with coarse gravel, and the platform rebuilt with solid material. The old wood blocks supporting the side and floor-joists of the building were removed and replaced with thirty-one small stone pillars. The granite curbing on the side of the roadway leading to the stables was cut for a distance of forty-eight feet, and a new cobble-stone gutter laid along the curbing.

"The low ground at the back of the stable was filled in and graded and the rubbish cleared up and hauled away; a new floor was laid in the stable, and new partitions put in for a closet, 110 feet of 4-inch iron sewer pipe laid to drain the closets and the floors and rain spouts of the building; a new floor was placed in the stable, the gas pipe was extended, the water pipe changed, the front of one stall sealed up, one new manger and one new hayrack put up, the partition between two stalls extended, a new wooden gutter made in the rear of stalls and a new iron door made for rear entrance to stable.

"The usual care was extended to the large and valuable collection of plants in the conservatory and greenhouses, and the repotting of the general collection of plants recommenced. The elevator and all machinery connected with the Washington Monument was inspected on the 19th of the month, and reported to be in good condition. There were 9,168 visitors to the top of the monument during July, of which number 7,650 made the ascent in the elevator and 1,518 by the stairway, making a total of 1,418,980 persons who have

visited the top since the shaft was opened to visitors, on October 9, 1888. "Permitting having been granted to use a piece of ground between Potomac flats for compost and storage grounds, a piece of ground on the flats between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets northwest was cleared and 164 cart loads of manure and soil, which were piled near the President's stable, and about 100 cart loads of manure on the old storage ground at Seventeenth and B streets northwest, were hauled to the new storage grounds. The manure pit at the President's stable was emptied and the contents hauled to these grounds."

MANY WANT OFFICERS. A Long List of Applications for Treasury Positions.

Applications for appointment to positions in the Treasury Department were plentiful yesterday, and were filed as follows: Thomas J. Edelin, Alexandria, Va., to be collector of customs at Alexandria; Thomas Boyd, Pittsburg, Pa., to be supervising architect of the Treasury; D. W. Champagne, Columbia, Ga., to be inspector of customs; Fred W. Frazier, Galveston, Tex., to be shipping commissioner at Galveston; John P. Greene, Ohio, to be register of the Treasury; Walter J. Sutton, Louisiana, to be surveyor of customs at New Orleans; Z. B. Middleback, Missouri, to be superintendent of construction at Kansas City, Mo.; George L. McHenry, Tappahannock, Va., to be collector of customs at Tappahannock; John A. Munson, Savannah, N. Y., to be collector of revenue Twenty-first district, New York; Lee A. Pugh, Missouri, to be appraiser of merchandise at St. Louis; William S. Steel, Philadelphia, Pa., for reinstatement in the mint at Philadelphia; T. W. North, Toledo, Ohio, to be collector of internal revenue, Fourth district, Ohio; J. A. Willoughby, Belleville, Ill., to be collector of internal revenue, Thirtieth district, Illinois; I. S. Hunt, Oregon, to be collector of the Salt Service; W. G. Phelps, Sault-Luc, Mich., to be inspector of bulls at Grand Haven, Mich.; W. D. Ford, New York, to be appraiser of merchandise at New York.

Excise Board Makes Answer to the Sheehy Mandamus Suit.

Alleged Practice of Measuring Distances to the Soldiers' Home by Shortest Routes is Denied.

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The answer goes on to state that under act of Congress, February 28, 1891, it was the opinion of the then attorney for the District, approved by the Commissioners and acted upon by the excise board, that the ground within which liquor should not be sold embraced all that territory situated between the nearest and boundary line of the Soldiers' Home property and the line circumscribing the same one mile distant.

It states that this was in force when the act of Congress of March 3, 1891, was passed, and it was not the intention of Congress, the respondents aver and believe, to extend or enlarge the liquor traffic in the District by reducing the area of the prohibited territory surrounding Soldiers' Home; but, that, on the contrary, the act of February 28, 1891, is expressly referred to in the concluding section of the act of March 3, 1891, and is preserved from modification or repeal.

It is therefore prayed that the role to show cause why license should not be granted the relator be dismissed.

A MICH MISMATED PAIR. Henry Dixon, Colored, and His White Wife Fined for Fighting.

Henry Dixon, deaf and crippled, and Nellie, his wife, stood at the rail in the police court yesterday morning and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct preferred against them. A more woefully mismated couple has seldom appeared before a District bar. The husband was a bald, deaf and crippled old negro fonder, in a faded uniform. The wife was a white woman, well dressed and very fat. The couple live in Clark's alley southeast.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning they could be heard for squares away quarreling and fussing. Their boisterous conduct attracted the attention of a policeman, and yesterday morning they were both charged with disorder before Judge Scott.

"Judge, I wasn't disorderly," the woman said, "and it wasn't 2 o'clock when I was arrested. My husband had struck me and I was only fastening my coat. I had to talk loud because he's deaf."

"Ten dollars each," said the judge.

Minor Treasury Appointments. Treasurer Bowers yesterday appointed Thomas H. Thompson a laborer to take the place of George W. Wiley, resigned.

Secretary Gage yesterday reinstated John Peckel as a watchman in the Treasury building. He was dismissed in 1894 by Secretary Carlisle.

Gorman Committed to Jail. Harry W. Gorman, indicted for forgery, an account of whose daring attempt to escape from police headquarters Monday appeared in The Times, was taken before Judge McComas yesterday on a bench warrant. Bond was fixed at \$2,000, and in default Gorman was committed to jail to await trial.

\$3.00 To Atlantic City and \$3.00 Return via Pennsylvania Railroad. Special trip will leave Washington at 4 p. m. Saturday, August 14, and return via Atlantic City 7 p. m. Sunday, 16th. Through, via Delaware Bridge route, without change of cars, or transfer, arriving Atlantic City 9 p. m.

The Suit Chance of Your Life! No wonder we are doing all the business! It's natural that we should—with prices cut clear below cost. This stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing, and the Men's Furnishings, must be closed out before August 15, no matter what the loss. On that date THIS FIRM DISSOLVES!

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EINSTEIN'S POUND PARTY. One Hundred and One Killed at the Festivities.

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Washingtonians are informed this morning of a fact which they may not feel particularly proud, but history is history and facts don't die. This city has broken its own record and the record of the country in the number of lost, strayed, or stolen dogs of all breeds, captured, garrotted, or shot to death in a single day.

On Monday night there had been in the pound for that day the alarming number of 145 dogs. That broke the record for the total for a single day, and all the executioners went to work on the evening of that day and shot 101 of them, and that broke another record.

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Ladies' Fine Tailor Made Cloth Suits—These suits contain the same fit, finish and styles as those you'll buy in the early fall. We have a new Buyer, who has complete charge of this department, and in going through the stock Monday concluded to make a clean sweep of every tailor-made garment in our house—suits which we sold from \$10 to \$14, of this season's purchase, are marked down to \$4.99.

Our entire line of Ladies' Wash Suits, consisting of plain and fancy ducks. Some handsomely trimmed with braids and buttons, others with initial colored trimmings, and some entirely plain, made exactly like the cloth kind, and finished just as nicely; the only thing missing is the linings, which are not put in wash suits. We sold them for \$2.98, \$3.98, and \$4.98. Up to 1 o'clock Thursday you can have them for \$1.25.

Ladies' Fine Silk Waists; an elegant assortment of pretty styles, suitable for Fall wear, made with loose fronts, ruche backs, and the latest style sleeves. They were \$5 and \$6. We offer them up to 1 o'clock Thursday at \$2.98.

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