

National Republican

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—The Board met last evening at the usual hour, the Vice President (Mr. Turton) in the chair. Present: Messrs. A. Lloyd, Noyes, Crow, Gullick, McCasheen, Owen, Barr, Canfield, and Lewis.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Fire Department held on the 24th inst. it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the Council the following increase of pay of the paid members of the department:

Three engineers, from \$200 to \$250 per annum. Three firemen, from \$500 to \$700 per annum. Four huffers, from \$500 to \$700 per annum.

Three messengers, from \$250 to \$300 per annum. One driver, from \$250 to \$300 per annum.

The large increase in the pay of the firemen is intended so as to give him undivided attention to his duties, as he is by the rules and regulations of the department entirely cut off from the trunk horse and any other employment.

It was also resolved to recommend the passage of a law prohibiting the building of houses without brick chimneys, also a law compelling persons to answer questions in the case of fire, the amount of loss and insurance.

In his communication the Mayor says he concurs in the propositions and recommends further legislation for the greater efficiency of the department.

Also, a communication from the Mayor stating the necessity for having a secretary for the Canal Board who shall act as clerk to the engineer, and for employing such assistance as shall be necessary to make the sailing and measuring of the canal.

On the 24th inst. the Mayor received a communication from the Mayor of New York, dated the 23rd inst., in relation to the proposed canal.

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regard to injury done to pavements, and what remedy to be applied to compel them to put the pavements in proper repair. Agreed to.

Mr. Peugh introduced a resolution requesting the Board of Health to inform the Board of the necessity of having the sewer between Eleventh and Twelfth streets west and F and G streets north covered with a brick arch. Agreed to.

Mr. Ferguson introduced a resolution requesting the Board of Health to examine that part of the city bounded by First street west and Indiana avenue, and report some plan to abate the intolerable nuisance now existing in that place. Agreed to.

Mr. Ferguson, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill (B. A.) for the relief of the assessors; which was amended and passed.

Mr. Rhoads, from the Committee on Improvements, reported the bill (B. A.) making an appropriation to dredge the channel of the Potomac river, which led to a lengthy debate. It was amended, on motion of Mr. Dudley, so as to provide that the Chesapeake and Ohio canal shall open and put in the outlet lock of the canal at Rock creek, in accordance with the charter granted to that company by Congress.

An amendment of Mr. White was also adopted providing that two thousand dollars additional be appropriated to dredge and deepen the Anacostia branch, from the canal to Greenleaf's Point.

An amendment of Mr. Ferguson was adopted to strike out "general" and insert "harbor," so as to make the appropriation from the harbor fund.

The bill as amended was then passed. Mr. Rhoads also reported a number of improvement bills, which were passed.

Mr. Rhoads, from the Committee on Drainage, reported a bill to dig a drain at Sixteenth street west and T street north. Passed.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Wharves, reported bill (B. A.) to build a sea-wall on the Potomac river from Eleventh to Ninth streets west, and bill to amend an act relative to fish wharves and docks. Passed.

Mr. Peugh, from the Committee on Public Schools, reported a bill to establish an additional primary school in the first school district. Passed.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Claims, reported bill (B. A.) for the relief of Wm. Rothchild and Joseph Ganshler. Passed.

Mr. Moore, from a special committee, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill for the benefit of the heirs of Arthur Middleton, deceased; which appropriates \$558 26 in full payment to the heirs of all claims against the corporation. The bill was postponed to next Monday evening.

A large number of bills from the Board of Aldermen were disposed of, and at 10.30 p. m. the Board adjourned.

MAY DAY.—Welcome the May morn! It is hailed with universal joy by the juveniles, whilst those in the autumn or winter of life rejoice in its recurrence. From all our public schools rings of gladness with this morning's song, and devotional "Hail Marys" are chanted from the lips of pious Catholics as they surround oft frequented altars.

The names of Mary, "the Mother of God," will be thus remembered and honored during the whole month.

The month upon which we do day enter abounds in special interest to the District of Columbia. This morning, the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church commences its session in the Congress street church, Georgetown. The body will consist of from seventy to a hundred ministers and delegates, amongst whom there will be a few of the original men of God who organized the first Conference of that denomination.

The evening will be spent in the consideration of the "General Love Feast and Accepted Anointing Yema" will be held. In this body upward of twelve hundred worthy craftsmen will be represented, and the proceedings will be highly interesting.

On Sunday afternoon, the 13th instant, the Capital Hill Union of Sabbath Schools—consisting of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist Protestant, Waugh chapel, and the East Washington church, where the exercises will be highly interesting. The very next morning these five schools will all appear in the grand procession on the "Jubilee," which commences at nine o'clock, a. m., and marches from the Smithsonian to the Capitol square.

About the same week the general assemblies of the Old and New School Presbyterians, and the general synod of the Lutheran Church will assemble in distant States. In these the churches of the District of Columbia will be well represented.

Then we shall have the great festival of patriotic societies of the national metropolis, when, for one of the noblest objects upon earth, will spend their days and evenings at Old Folios' Hall.

Another new church—the Hamline Methodist Episcopal—will be dedicated to the worship of the Most High.

As will be seen in another article, the Methodist Episcopalians are to have a grand mass meeting in honor of their centenary, in one of their largest churches; and on that occasion several of their most distinguished pulpits ought to be present and participate in the exercises.

IMPORTANT PREACHERS MEETING.—A meeting of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington District, convened by the Presiding Elder, Rev. N. J. B. Morgan, D. D., took place yesterday in the Foundry Church. The lowest bidder being Patrick Farquhar, (29) cents per cubic foot, the contract was awarded to him. The work to be commenced immediately, and completed in sixty days. Mr. F. is required to give bonds in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful execution of the work.

CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.—This morning the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in the United States will begin its session at the Congress Street Church, in Georgetown. It is thought the session will be very interesting, and a large number of ministers will be in attendance.

THE WAY IT IS DONE.—The way Honning sells clothing at such moderate prices is based upon business calculations with regard to certainty of profit and the increased amount sold, by reason of his one price system. Call and see his articles at his store, corner Seventh street and Maryland avenue.

PARDONED.—The President has granted a pardon to I. H. Phillips, who was convicted of forgery in the Criminal Court on the 18th of April. Phillips has hitherto borne a good character. He served faithfully in the army for three years, and was honorably discharged.

LIES "QUAKER'S GUNS."—Artificial teeth are of little use and easily detected. Take care of the real ones. All you need is fragment SPOONER, use it daily and your teeth will be the best of nature's gifts to you.

THE COURTS.—CRIMINAL COURT—Judge Fisher.—(Ed. C. Carrington, Esq., District Attorney, prosecuting.)

Abraham Myers and John Danbar, indicted for stealing bonnets and trimmings from Josephine Sanford; verdict, guilty of stealing the bonnets only. St. Clair for defence.

George Parker alias Robert Parker, indicted for stealing a fufin from John H. O'Neal, Jr.; verdict, guilty. Adams for defence.

Thomas Skinner, indicted for assault and battery on Emily Johnson and Dr. Wm. E. Boyd; verdict, guilty of assault only in the first case, and not guilty in the other; sentenced to jail for 30 days. Adams for defence.

James Driven and James Davis, indicted with Charles Reed and Robert Johnson for stealing clothing from Ida Harris; jury swears as to the two first named; verdict, guilty.

Wm. C. B. Thornton, indicted for assault and battery on Eugenia Revere; verdict, guilty of assault only.

CIRCUIT COURT—Judge Olin.—Benjamin H. Davall against Thomas B. Wilson. Judgment for the case of Maria J. Hutton against the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company was resumed and several witnesses examined.

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