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TAKE THE TIMES WITH YOU.

Summer Outings Will Not Be Enjoyed Unless It Goes Along.

The summer tide of pleasure and health-seekers has set in toward mountains, springs and seashore.

No plans for the season's outing will be complete unless The Times is included among the necessaries.

Men and women may go from town to leave care behind, but those who would keep their finger on the public pulse, or be abreast of the world's happenings, or, indeed, who need a golden link between themselves and the whirligig of time—these must have The Times sent daily to their sylvan or seaside retreat.

A SNUB FOR THE COMMISSIONERS.

It is unfortunate that Washington is obliged to submit to the dictation of electric and gaslighting monopolies. These corporations make their own terms and prices, and because they have no competition the public must either accept or adopt a primitive and unsatisfactory method of making light. The present dilemma of the Commissioners explains the situation, and the city will be compelled to bow before the companies or allow our streets to go unlighted.

No city of its size was ever before so entirely in the hands of lighting monopolies. They hardly deign to notice the proposals for bids, advertised by the Commissioners, and add insult to their scornful ways of treating the proposals by saying that the terms demanded are not sufficiently reasonable to warrant their making an effort to secure the contracts. They know the present exorbitant prices must be continued, because the Commissioners can do no better, and that it is useless to waste time in quibbling over new contracts.

The Times has repeatedly urged readers to make a united effort to secure more favorable lighting legislation. Under the circumstances it will be impossible to induce Congress to establish municipal lighting plants, or even charter rival companies, but through organized action we can obtain a reduction of the present prices. Let the refusal of the electric and gas monopolies to make bids in accordance with the terms of Commissioners be an incentive to more vigorous efforts, and when Congress meets the District will be in position to demand cheaper gas and electric light.

EMILY FAITHFUL.

Emily Faithful's death leaves a distinct void in the ranks of those women who have labored for the advancement of their sex. She did not confine herself to talk or agitation, but herself started industrial enterprises in which she gave employment to women and the results of which were directed to the amelioration of the conditions surrounding them.

For nearly a half century she devoted her best thought and amplest energy to the cause she had espoused. Wherever, in the pursuit of the ends she aimed at, she found work to be done, she did it. No woman ever came to her to be helped and went away unaided. She had set her ideal in the highest niche, and with unfaltering step and unswerving faith she worked up to it.

Her name was the epitome of her life. She was "faithful unto death," and the world is all the better for that she lived and labored in it.

THE SAME OLD WARNING.

Just as the hot season has set in, and everybody uses more water for domestic purposes, not simply as a matter of chance, but of necessity the warning is put forth from headquarters that people must be more careful in the consumption of the fluid, lest they precipitate a water famine. The same caution has been issued every year pretty regularly for the last twenty years.

It would be amusing if it were not so awfully aggravating. Householders have to pay water rents for faucets, bath tubs, street sprinklers and other ordinary appurtenances. If any one should adorn his front yard with a fountain he has to pay extra charge. But just as summer is upon us, when street sprinklers are almost "de rigeur," and fountains a seasonable luxury, for which the fortunate possessor has been appropriately assessed, the fiat goes forth that these appliances must be used sparingly.

Possibly the water supply, which is to be measured by height in the dam at the Great Falls Reservoir, is at present more limited by more rapid evaporation, on account of the heat and the greater demands made upon it, but it would seem more reasonable if water is to be shut off anywhere, to begin with the fountains in the public parks, and with the incalculable waste constantly going on in the government departments. If proper economy was practiced in these places, there is little doubt but that the supply would be nearly adequate for ordinary domesticuses.

Try the plan and hurry up the dam.

TINKERING WITH FINANCE.

The financial muddle is fast clearing away, and the silver cloud that threatened to swamp the country is rapidly being dispelled. In Missouri the Democratic sound money advocates are in possession of the political machinery and refuse to call an early convention. This action will postpone and possibly prevent identifying the Democratic party in that State with the free silver movement.

In Indiana the free silver Democrats seem largely in the majority, but how long they will remain so is a question of State prosperity. The non-committal conduct of Vice President Stevenson, Commissioner Morrison, and other leading Democrats, coupled with the warning of the administration that the appointment of free silver advocates from that and other States would not be considered, has cooled the ardor of the silverites in Illinois. Other States also show a falling off of free silver enthusiasm, both in Republican and Democratic ranks, and in view of the outlook for a speedy resumption of good times it may be said that the silver cause is on the wane.

Politics in this country never thrives where there is prosperity. The American people are too industrious to fool away opportunities when there is work to do.

They only turn to politics when times are hard, as a means of changing conditions, and now that prospects are brightening, politicians will soon find themselves almost without followers. There can be no discounting this happy state of affairs, and when the country once more finds itself in the hands of an energetic, prospering, progressive set of business men, assisted by a contented lot of wage earners it would do no harm to notify Congress to stop tinkering with both the tariff and financial questions.

ADVICE FOR HOT WEATHER.

In view of the fact that so much advice is given as to what to do to keep cool during this outrageously hot weather, it might not be out of place to offer a few suggestions concerning things that should not be done.

No one who values his life should drink a quart of ice water after running ten blocks with his overcoat on. The human system is constructed somewhat after the boiler-plate plan, and the application of a cold beverage on a superheated inside surface is apt to cause a collapse.

For the sake of comfort don't sleep either under or on top of a feather bed. If you sleep at all do it without much regard for external appearances, provided, of course, that the blinds are closed and the danger of intrusion is at a minimum.

When thirsty don't drink "hot stuff" nor go to the other extreme and chew icicles. Moderation in drinking, as well as in clothes, during the heated period is necessary to avoid waistband difficulties.

Above all things, don't get hot because the weather does. Hold your temper and be awfully good, for that is about the only thing that can be kept from running away when the mercury is oozing out of the upper end of a thermometer tube.

Don't make a fool of yourself by trying to follow other people's advice as to how to keep cool. Without doubt the poor devil who writes such nonsense does so while little rivulets of perspiration are playing hide and seek with his anatomy. In any event, you know as much about keeping cool as he does.

The teachers in the public schools are particularly enthusiastic over the forthcoming special souvenir edition of The Times, because they believe it cannot fail to do great good in making the wonderful development of the school system better known by bringing their individual and collective work to the attention of parents and guardians and the public generally. Many letters have been received from these teachers, from which we select the following for publication to-day:

"Dear sir: Your plan to publish a special edition of The Times to be devoted to the interests of the public schools of the District of Columbia meets my hearty approval. It is another instance of the business enterprise and public spirit so often shown by the proprietor of The Times, and I am sure that its results will abundantly prove the power and influence of the modern newspaper. It is a trite saying that the public schools of a community are the gauge of its public intelligence. Hence anything that will bring up the standard of the schools, call attention to their merits, and help remedy their defects is in the nature of a public benefaction. Your intention, as I understand it, is to do this thing. Public opinion is a mighty lever, and if properly applied it will move even the municipal legislature of the city of Washington. The great promoter, organizer, and applier of public opinion to-day is the newspaper. Therefore, as one of the teachers of Washington, I am glad to know that so potent an influence as that of The Times is to be thrown for all it is worth in favor of better school work, made possible by a greater knowledge, among those who hold the purse strings of the city, of the present good work of our schools and of the need there is of increased facilities and larger appropriations, that the schools of the Capital City may be, indeed, the 'caput' schools of the nation. Very respectfully,

"B. W. MURCH,

"Force School, Washington, D. C., June 1, 1895."

To prevent congestion Senator Hill should make room for large quantities of sympathy. Senator Sherman says he is ignorant.

If the street car companies are as active defenders as they are offenders the car fender suits will be vigorously contested.

Without going into details, anyone who has ever studied a map of the world knows what Russia wants.

Farmer Dunn says the hot weather must wear itself out. Had he said perspired its race would have been run.

To all appearances the receivers of the Cordage trust will find its affairs a knotty thing to unravel.

Among his other eccentricities Richard Mansfield is about to demonstrate that a burlesque can be produced without tights. It will be a tight squeeze if it succeeds.

If it is to be Secretary of State Olney, what will the trusts do then, poor things, what will the trusts do then?

There will be hotter days than these for the outlaws across the river.

While the lamp holds out there is hope for the bicycle rider.—Major Moore.

For Our Grammar School Soldiers.

Editor Times: Inasmuch as military drilling has been introduced into the seventh and eighth grades of the public schools allow me to make the following suggestion, namely, to start, say, a 10 cent to 25 cent subscription or more to start a fund for the purpose of organizing a band of musicians or drum and fife corps, say in the sixth grade, or even fifth, if the committee to be appointed for that purpose see fit. If my idea is approved I will send in 25 cents for that purpose. L. GRADNOHL.

Mr. Moulton Found No Gambling.

Editor Times: Having read the articles in your paper of recent date relating to certain Chinese stores located in the city, and the business therein conducted, I felt constrained by reason of my long acquaintance with the members of the firms of Tuck Cheong & Co., No. 342 Pennsylvania avenue, and Quong Sang Lung & Co., No. 314 Pennsylvania avenue, to make a personal inspection of their houses and business, feeling that you must have inadvertantly fallen into error in relation to these houses, and I have to advise you after first going through said houses alone, and thereafter in company with Detective Carter, who was detailed by Col. Moore and Inspector Hollinberger, for the purpose of making a thorough examination of said houses, that after going through every room and part of said premises we failed to find the least trace of any of the offenses charged in your article. And I have to ask in the interest of these two firms that if at any time you have the least suspicion of the conduct of their affairs to go at any time, day or night, and examine them. Very respectfully, H. B. MOULTON.

Boys, READ THIS

Here's a Chance to Make Money and be Reporters.

The Times makes the following offer to the School Boys of the District of Columbia.

Twenty-five cents will be paid for every item of news of enough public interest to be printed, provided the item is not already known to The Times.

CONDITIONS:

Each contributor must attend the Public Schools generally or the High Schools of the District.

Contributions must be written on one side of the paper only.

The contributor's name and home address and name of school must accompany the contribution and must be written on a separate sheet of paper.

Contributions must be sent or brought to the City Editor.

No contributions will be received before 4 p. m.

AS THE CROWDS COME OUT.

About twelve hundred people assumed last evening that Allen's Grand Opera House was about the coolest place in the city, and went there, fan in hand, to hear the Frederick Bond Company in "My Wife's Mother." The performance marked the opening of the sixth week of this company's engagement, which to all appearances has become an institution of the summer.

The comedy proper was preceded by a very amusing drama in one scene, entitled "Jack White's Trial," in which Mr. Shirley, Mr. Findlay, Miss Curry and Miss Johnson played the parts with a pleasing conception of the roles.

In "My Wife's Mother" Miss Blanche Walsh as Sibylla was unusually charming, and that is saying a great deal. Mr. Bond played the part of the victim to the tyranny of his wife's mother, and was uproariously funny, while the severe and classic mother-in-law was admirably put on by Mrs. Findlay. Mr. Abbe had a fine opportunity in Mr. Timothy Tackleback, and he rose to the occasion every time.

The supper passage in the second act between him and Miss Blanche quite captured the house. They have certainly found the specific for the warm weather at Allen's and it may be taken there ad libitum all of this week.

The interior of the New National Theater last evening reminded one actually of a crowded college commencement. Nine-tenths of the people were arrayed in white robes, and fans, which latter were in perpetual motion. Hence the naturally agreeable summer temperature of this capacious house was reduced several degrees, and allowed the presentation of "An Awful Affair" to go on under the most delightful conditions.

There is no waiting in this play for the development of the humor. It explodes at the spigot in the very first scene and it runs and bubbles until the curtain goes down. It is comedy, the scenes of which are laid in London and hatched in America. Judging from the second week, which was better than the first, with which everybody was pleased, the company has possibly arranged the merit of its plays in an ascending scale.

Mr. Charles Coote shone last night as Gregory Grayson, and Mr. Charles Bowser gave people a fair idea of what he can do with such a mock-heroic character as John Philip Macready. Mrs. Pitt's treatment of Mrs. Hawke was very good as was Mr. Hudson as Isaac Parker, and Miss Mary Sanders as Mrs. Mumford Merry. In fact all the principals were in parts which they surpassed cleverly.

And there will be five more nights of this excellent entertainment.

The opening last night of the summer garden attached to Kernan's Lyceum Theater proved a great success. Ed. F. Reesh's big White Crook Spectacular Extravaganza Company had the boards, and the show is of the first-class.

The burlesque, which was given in the theater proper, was a very good one. Ed. Sanford, who impersonated Lord Spinach, the White Crook; James Lee, as Hungry Willie, and Emma Rose Lee, the Wild Rose, were the life of the farce and received encore after encore.

The variety part of the performance took place on the summer garden stage. Lena Le Couvier in a repertoire of popular songs; Ward and Leslie, comedy sketch artists; Emma Rose Lee, the queen of soubrettes, and Jennie Lemont and Josie Love, in an original novelty act, made up an unusually good programme of specialty acts.

The bout of the evening was a ten round go between Jack Daly, of Wilmington, Del., and Billy Payne, of Philadelphia. Daly was in no condition to spar and should not have been allowed to go on. Payne had him at his mercy from the start, but would not put him out. Fred. Swigert refereed and declared the bout a draw.

FIREMEN WILL FIGHT.

Those Dismissed from No. 9 Company in Quest of Justice.

There is to be another chapter to the action of the trial board in its investigation of the difficulty in the fire department, which involved John A. Walsh, foreman of No. 9 engine company. Messrs. F. W. Wenzel, who was dismissed; J. S. Martin, and F. J. Mahoney, the other members of the department who were charged with being in the clique which raised the disturbance, are on the warpath.

They stated last evening that before the matter is dropped they intend to "go the trial board several better." How they are going to prosecute their case is stated in an open letter, which they furnished The Times for publication. It says:

"The great injustice inflicted upon us by the action of the trial board of the fire department of the District of Columbia during the Foreman John A. Walsh trial and the incidental publications reflecting upon us, will not pass unnoticed.

"By the institution of proper proceedings either before the District Commissioners or in the courts of the District, we will preserve our reputations for being truthful, honest, and honorable men.

J. S. MARTIN,
F. J. MAHONEY,
F. W. WENZEL."

Pocahontas and Alexandria.

From the Buchanan Banner.

If Gov. O'Ferrall had the right to send troops to Pocahontas without being requested by the local authorities he has the right to destroy the gambling dens in Alexandria county. There is no use to guard the honest working man and let the gamblers of Jackson City act as they please. One is as important as the other.

Adam Bede

is a standard work by the famous woman writer, whose nom de plume, "George Eliot," is more than famous. Adam Bede is a remarkable story, and it can be obtained, handsomely bound, free, if you subscribe for one month to The Times, at 35 cents.

CHRISTIANIZING CABMEN

Endeavorers Will Form a Society of Night-liners and Drivers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S PLAN

New York Avenue Presbyterian Society Has Undertaken the Work and Others Will Soon Follow—Delegates to the Boston Convention Will Fly "Old Glory"—Subscriptions.

If the good intentions of a number of spiritual-minded young people of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Washington are of any avail the night liners and other cabbies of the Capital will soon be banded together in sweet Christian fellowship, under the organization of a Cabmen's Christian Endeavor Society.

This rather unique but practical idea was embodied in a report of the District Endeavor Union Missionary Committee, submitted by Mr. Marion McH. Hull, at a meeting of the Union Executive Committee last night in St. Paul's English Lutheran Church. The portion of the report referred to, which was accorded the distinction of applause, is as follows:

"Through the efforts of a member of the committee there has been started a work in the New York Avenue Presbyterian society which the committee hopes will be taken up by as many others as possible.

"The missionary committee of that society, in conjunction with the good literature committee, has undertaken a work among the cabmen, which this union committee hopes will eventually end in the formation of a cabmen's society.

"The plan is for each society to look up the cabmen in their neighborhood, give them tracts and other good literature, with a personal letter to follow this up, and eventually speak to them about their souls' welfare."

UNDER STARS AND STRIPES.

The glorious old star spangled banner will be the chief symbol of identification for the patriotic Christian Endeavorers of the District at the great international convention at Boston next July. The flag will probably be carried by the local delegates.

To make identification doubly sure, however, the delegates will also wear in a conspicuous position a celluloid button of appropriate size on which will be printed the words, "District of Columbia C. E." The buttons and flags will be furnished local delegates by the Boston transportation committee at a slight cost.

These were the recommendations contained in the report of a special committee, submitted by Chairman W. H. H. Smith.

The Copley Square Hotel, the District headquarters at Boston, will be covered with "Washington '96 banners." A banner will also be stretched across Huntington avenue in front of the hotel, extolling the convention advantages of Washington. The District booth in Mechanics' building will be decorated in a similar manner to the hotel.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The music, good citizenship, press, correspondence, lookout and missionary committees submitted reports of progress.

Miss Adelia Randolph was elected junior editor of the "District Christian Endeavorer."

Mr. Percy S. Foster, chairman of the transportation committee, was emphatic in the assertion that after June 15 positively no hotel accommodations will be reserved for delegates to Boston. At the present time Mr. Foster said applications have been received from only 150 local Endeavorers, when not less than 300 persons should represent the District at the Hub. The total number of delegates to be on the sound steamer Rhode Island will not exceed 700.

For the committee of '96 Chairman W. H. H. Smith reported the total amount of subscriptions to the convention fund as $8,493.13, with promises of $270 more. Mr. Smith congratulated the Endeavorers of the city upon the result of their financial campaign during the past four months. He was confident that the hoped-for $10,000 mark will be reached before the Boston convention.

Secretary Everett, of the nomination committee, reported the list of nominations for officers for the union next year, previously printed in The Times, and said the ballots will all be distributed during the present week.

BLUE AND GRAY TO MINGLE.

250,000 Union Veterans Will Beset Atlanta on a Mission of Peace.

Atlanta, Ga., June 3.—Mr C. E. Harman, general passenger agent of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, notified the Exposition Company to-day that he had closed a contract for hauling 25,000 members of the G. A. R. from Chattanooga to Atlanta on the 20th of September. This is in addition to the other crowds who will make a fine turnout on that date.

The Confederate veterans will come from all points to meet the G. A. R. men, and the public comfort committee of the exposition will have to arrange for the accommodation of not less than 50,000 visitors on that occasion.

The exposition management has asked the city council to appoint a city committee of three to act jointly with the Exposition ompany preparing to take care of this and other crowds.

It is estimated that on the opening day, the 18th of September, when President Cleveland and his Cabinet will be here, the crowd will be not less than 100,000.

CENSURED THE GOVERNMENT.

Vote of the Spanish Chamber—Cabinet Will Not Resign.

Madrid, June 3.—The Chamber to-day by a majority of seventy-eight votes adopted a motion censuring the government. The ministerial party refused to take part in the discussion. All of the ministers quitted the House before the vote was taken.

The Cabinet declines to resign because the ministers claim they accepted office on Senator Sagastas' promises that the opposition would support them in passing the budget.

The situation is critical, and the Republicans appear determined to overthrow the government.

Rare Summer Night Treat.

Miss Katherine MacNeill, who will appear at the coming Innes Festivals at Convention Hall, on next Thursday and Friday, afternoon and evening, is the possessor of a true contralto voice of wide range and splendid quality. Endowed with a charming stage presence and a vocal method of surpassing purity, Miss MacNeill, whose debut was made under such favorable circumstances some three years ago a the Royal Italian Opera, Convent Garden, London, will undoubtedly be warmly welcomed by our best musicians.

The seven other eminent vocalists who will take part in the festivals are Miss Martha Garrison Miner, a very brilliant soprano of the Rossini school; Miss A. M. Weed, the great dramatic soprano of the Abbey Opera Company; Miss Wichman, the well-known contralto of New York; Mr. C. C. Ferguson, the favorite New York tenor; Mr. W. A. Xanten, a tenor of national reputation; Mr. Seton, the famous basso; and Mr. Ethan Allen, who comes fresh from achieving a European success as the primo basso of the Carl Rosa Opera Company.

Freund's Fowls Must Die.

Michael Freund was in Police Court yesterday forenoon on the specific charge of "owning and keeping two certain birds of the fowl kind, viz—rooster or cock—which, by their cackling and crowing in the early morning, greatly disturbed the peace and rest of one Benjamin W. Riess." Freund pleaded guilty and was released on the promise to behead his fowls.

Electric Fans for offices. J. H. Kuehling.

Men know where to drop anchor

in a storm--Would you believe it?--We waited on more people yesterday than in any single day since we've been in business.

We were afraid, though, that some of the lines of featherweights would give out. Believe you did wreck the Black Alpacas. But this morning every size is here--of them--and EVERYTHING ELSE COOL AND COMFORTABLE.

You big men who suffered so much from the heat—and find it so hard to be fitted—are special wards of our thoughtfulness. Our sizes run up into the "fifties."

With our stock—and our prices—and our force of clerks—it's wonderfully easy to get just what you want.

We don't care whether Browns, Jones, or Smiths makes the shoes--all we want is to have the price a long ways short of their perfection. We never guaranteed footwear with more confidence than we do Hannan's.

Youngsters—have a little patience. We're counting those Bicycle votes as fast as we can. We'll be able to announce who the winners are tomorrow morning.

SAKS & COMPANY,

PENNA. AVE. and SEVENTH ST. } SAKS' CORNER.

GAS COMPANIES DICTATE

They Refuse to Bid Under Commissioners' Specifications.

OLD CONTRACT PREFERRED

Presidents McLean and Winship State Why They Cannot Agree to the Street Lighting Terms—The Controversy Is Mainly Upon Adoption of a Revised Schedule.

It is evident from the attitude of the gas and electric light monopolies that the District Commissioners will have to come to terms, or the city will depend altogether upon the moon illumination of the streets at night. It was manifestly a combination that wrought the results that transpired yesterday at the District building.

The Commissioners advertised for bids under the terms of the appropriation act for furnishing gas and electric lights for street purposes for the ensuing year. The date fixed upon for opening the proposals was June 3, and at the hour named the responses were read, only to discover that the tactics employed last year had been again resorted to, with sundry additions and amendments.

The Washington and Georgetown Gaslight Companies, respectively, notified the Commissioners of their refusal to bid for the contract for street lighting, and the electric company said nothing and offered no bid. The Potomac Light and Power Company, which has an electric plant at the Virginia end of the chain bridge, wrote a letter asking that the time for receiving proposals be extended, it having failed to see the advertisement in time to prepare its bid.

NAPHTHA LIGHT BID.

Aside from this proposition, the Commissioners have no present assurance that anybody will offer to take the job of lighting the city streets unless the naphtha producers may be counted. Bids were opened for supplying the latter illumination, that of the Pennsylvania Globe Gaslight Company, at $20.25 per lamp, being the lowest.

Mr. John R. McLean, president of the Washington Gaslight Company, in his letter of yesterday, says that "after a careful consideration of the specifications, with the many changes from the former contract which have governed this service for many years, and the many costly additions thereto, which additions if carried out as set forth in the said specifications, we will say would, in our judgment, increase the cost of the service to such an extent as to preclude the Washington Gaslight Company from making a proposal."

President Winship, of the Georgetown Company, says:

"We find the changes are so radical and onerous that it is impossible for this company to comply with the same at the limit which Congress has placed upon the District to be paid per gas lamp for street lighting, as the said specifications would increase the cost of furnishing gas and maintenance of lamps almost ten dollars per lamp. Still, in order that the public comfort may not suffer we most respectfully submit a proposal to continue the street lighting upon the same specifications that the streets have been lighted by for the past four years and at the price fixed by Congress."

WHAT THE COMPANIES PROPOSE.

The proposition made by Mr. Winship is to furnish gas of the same quality and candle power furnished all other consumers at the rate of $20.50 per lamp per annum, the lamps to burn 3,000 hours per annum. This applies to all thoroughfares within the territory covered by the Georgetown company west of Rock Creek, through which the company now has gas mains laid.

The Washington company submits a similar offer for its territory.

Briefly stated, the history of the controversy between the Commissioners and the artificial light producers is that the former have been striving, as they allege, according to their best judgment, to secure a better service and at a rate that will still be within the means at their command. They have also endeavored to enforce an amended schedule of the hours for lighting and extinguishing the lamps, and have attempted to secure compliance, according to their understanding of it, with the law that requires the companies to properly maintain the service.

The appropriation act prescribes that each street lamp shall supply 3,000 hours of gas light per annum, at the rate of $20.50 per lamp. The Commissioners claim that time is improperly consumed in the evening in lighting the lamps, and that a similar waste occurs in the morning when they are extinguished. Believing they had a right to regulate this matter the members of the board submitted a revised schedule last year, reducing the time for lighting and extinguishing. This seemed to be the rock upon which the split occurred. The gas companies refused to be bound by the schedule and declined to sign a contract based upon it.

NO CONTRACT IN EXISTENCE.

There was no practical contract for supplying the lights last year, and when October came the companies consented to try the schedule only upon their own terms. They have simply lighted the lamps upon an agreement based upon a previous contract and schedules, and the action of yesterday is but a repetition of the former transaction. It is taken with seeming surety that the terms offered by the companies must be acceded to.

Major Powell, the Engineer Commissioner, under whose supervision the specifications were drawn, said yesterday in response to a request for information that the gas companies had practically declined to bid, except upon their own terms.

"The law says the companies shall keep up the repairs and this they decline to do, except in minor matters. They do not want to replace street designations, nor do any painting, and they object to other requirements which the Commissioners believe they have the authority to prescribe.

"The companies want to supply street lights according to the old contract made in 1891.

"I am not prepared to say what the board will do, except that we shall endeavor to make some bargain whereby the streets may be lighted. We are obliged to have the service, and the two gas companies, each in its own territory, are without competition. We shall do the best we can within the law and with a view to the best results."

The Commissioners have made diligent inquiry as to the cost of the service in other cities, and upon the information obtained they are of the opinion that it can be more economically maintained here. They state, however, that they are complying with the law, paying the price stipulated in the appropriation act, and have sought, within the law, and in view of the increasing demands, to have the appropriation go as far as possible toward securing an efficient service. By reducing the time now consumed in lighting and extinguishing the lamps, they claim, an important point will be gained for the District in the aggregate.

LOTHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

Oak Hill Cemetery Affairs Found in Good Shape—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the lot-holders of Oak Hill Cemetery was held yesterday afternoon at the office in the burial ground. Those who are in possession of tracts exceeding 300 square feet are entitled to vote in the election of officers. The following were yesterday re-elected to their positions for the ensuing year:

Mr. W. W. Galt, president of the board of directors and members; Messrs James L. Norris, Morris J. Adler; secretary, Mr. Henry S. Mathews; Mr. J. Taylor Motter, treasurer and acting superintendent.

Among the lotholders present were Messrs. Charles Trunnell, Frederick L. Moore, and L. M. Saunders. The report for the year ending April 30, was read and approved. Over eight thousand bodies are now interred in Oak Hill Cemetery, 265 of which were buried during the last year. The beautiful little chapel has recently undergone extensive repairs including new flooring, interior decoration, and an entire set of stained glass windows.

The rules which govern the cemetery provide that all of the revenue above running expenses shall go into a fund which will be expended in keeping the grounds intact. This fund now amounts to $157,000, the interest of which sum is sufficient to provide for the care of the cemetery.

Refused the Injunction.

Judge Cox yesterday refused the injunction asked for by Mr. E. B. Hay, assignee of Johnston Brothers, the grocers, to forbid Patrick H. Sheehy, of No. 2030 Brightwood avenue, from selling the Electric Light Flour. The Johnstons claimed to have trademark rights to the brand, but Mr. Sheehy showed that the original right to use the brand belonged to Mr. Kirby, of Yardville, near Trenton, N. J., and that under Mr. Kirby's authority any grocer had a right to sell the flour. In the order made yesterday the judge referred the case to the auditor to fix damages against Johnston Brothers for the interference with Mr. Sheehy's sales.

Lightning Rods, Electric Lights, 920 Pa. ave.

EXCURSION.

RIVER VIEW

Palace Steamer SAM'L J. PENTZ leaves on three trips daily and on the following Special days: SUNDAY at 10:45 a. m., 2:45 and 5:45 p. m. Returning, leaving River View at 12:45, 4:30 and 7:30 p. m. WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY at 9:45 a. m., 1:45 and 6:45 p. m. Leave River View at 12:15, 5:00 and 10:30 p. m. Tickets, 25 cents; children, 15 cents. INDIAN HEAD every Wednesday and Saturday at 6:45, stopping at River View both ways. Tickets, 25 cents. Family day every Saturday at River View, everybody 10 cents on 9:45 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. trips. The Palace Steamer HARRY RANDALL to Chapel Point Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, 7 a. m. Excursion ticket, embracing round trip transportation, supper, lodging, breakfast at Hotel Belleview, for $2. Hotel Belleview, Chapel Point, now open. Charters can be made for the Pentz and Randall.
E. S. RANDALL, Sole Proprietor.

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THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Thursday and Friday, June 6 and 7.

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Mr. C. C. FERGUSON, Concert Tenor.
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PRICES OF ADMISSION—25 Cents. Reserved Seats 50 Cents. Tickets on sale at Metzerott's Music Store. th,fr,sat,m,tu,w

BASEBALL.

To-day at 4.30 P. M.

LOUISVILLE vs. WASHINGTON.

Admission, 25 and 50 Cents.

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER. Matinee To-day at 2.

SUMMER GARDEN.

Coolest Spot in the City.

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Boxing Contest To-night

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Jocko Brown vs. Thos. Colwell.

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Coolest Spot in the City.

Boxing contest immediately after the first part, about 9:15 p. m. Balance of show after the boxing. Held in the Summer Garden. One price for the whole show.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION. Cheapest and most exclusive excursion of the season, given be the Ladies' Aid Society of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening, June 4. Delightful boat ride by moonlight to Indian Head and return. Palace steamer Samuel J. Pentz. Fine entertainment, good music, vocal and instrumental; refreshments. Tickets, only 25c., can be obtained from committee and at the boat. Don't miss it. Boat leaves wharf 6:30 p. m. 1t

COOLEST PLACE IN TOWN. STEWART'S Capitol Hill Summer Garden (late Junemann's), E st. bet. 4th and 5th ne. (Washington Brewery). Coldest beer in city, fresh from brewery vaults every half hour. Light luncheon a specialty. Double bowling alleys. Large carriage yard. je4-1m

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THIS WEEK **An Awful Affair.**

Reserved seats, 25, 50 and 75c. Admission, 25c. Next Week—MARRIED IN HASTE.

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Racing Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until further notice.

General Admission, 50 Cents

SIX RACES each day. First race 2.30 p. m. Special trains direct to grand stand from Sixth street station at 1.30 and 2:10 p. m.; other trains 11.50 and 12.50.

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Evenings at 8.15. Saturday Matinee at 2
Sixth Week. Third Comedy Season.
FREDERIC BOND AND COMPANY presenting the three-act Farcical Comedy,
"MY WIFE'S MOTHER."
PRICES Orchestra Chairs.....75c
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June 10—Seventh week—"My Awful Dad."

EXCURSIONS.

Marshall Hall

SUMMER SCHEDULE.

Steamer Macalester leaves daily 7th and M S. W., (Sundays excepted) at 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. Returning, leaves Marshall Hall at 1 and 4:30 p. m.

Steamer River Queen leaves daily, O st. wharf, (Sunday excepted) at 9:30 a. m; and from Macalester's wharf at 3:30 p. m. Returning leaves Marshall Hall at 1:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Music by Schroeder's Famous Band. Music and dancing all day.

Fare round trip, 25c. j-31f

Moonlight Excursion

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Thursday and Friday Evenings,

—AT 7 P. M.—

RETURNING 10:30.

—MUSIC AND DANCING ON BOARD—

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EXCURSION.

STEAMER GEORGE LEARY TO FORTRESS MONROE AND NORFOLK, VA.

May 29, 1895—Fare, $2 round trip. Boat leaves foot 6th st. wharf 6 p. m., arriving Old Point 7:30 and Norfolk, Va., 8:30 a. m. Returning, arriving in Washington May 31 at 7:30 a. m.

Tickets and staterooms for sale at the boat or office, 904 E st. nw.

First-class meals on boat, 50 cents.

Excursion to Glymont every Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.; returning 7:30 p. m. Fare 25 cents.

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