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SOME MAIL DEPREDAATIONS.

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OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS.

All the Buildings Being Prepared for Use on September 23.

Forty-five Thousand Children to Resume Their Studies on That Day—More Accommodations Provided—Board of Education's Meeting.

Forty-five thousand school children of the District of Columbia will take up their books and resume their studies on Monday, September 23. For their accommodations to be taken open at that time four buildings more than were in use last year. During the ensuing scholastic year the completion of two manual training and one or more grammar schools will probably reduce the crowded conditions under which the young people of Washington have been gaining an education.

The "half-day school" is the difficulty combated by teachers and officers of the school system during the past year or two. Owing to the manner in which the appropriations for school purposes were neglected by Congress in the period preceding the beneficial regime of the Board of Education, there were provided too few buildings to accommodate all pupils of the lower grades. Last year in nearly every building it was found necessary to have half-day sessions only, in the first and second grades. A portion of the children were sent to school in the forenoon and the remainder in the afternoon.

In the most crowded districts are the new buildings located. The ones to be completed in time for the opening day of school represent an outlay of \$1,274,000, while repairs took up \$400,000 additional. The appropriation for the current fiscal year in the District of Columbia for school purposes amounts to \$1,744,521. The figures are generous, but cramped by the character of the work being done. Permanence is the keyword of the policy of the Board of Education. The best obtainable is always procured. Price is generally a secondary consideration.

Almost perfect specimens of modern and convenient school architecture are the new buildings, the doors of which will be thrown open for the incoming of the wave of children on the first day of school. The most costly of the four buildings is the Dent school, an eight-room structure. Located at the corner of South Carolina Avenue and Second Street southeast, it needs but a few finishing touches of the workmen stand ready for the touch of the opening bell. The contract price is \$2,500. It is a fitting memorial to the late Josiah Dent, once Commissioner of the District of Columbia. Miss M. E. Kwoley, one of the best secondary grade teachers in Washington, is to be the principal. Seven grades only will be accommodated.

Another ex-Commissioner, now dead, has been honored in the erection of the Webb school, at the corner of Fifteenth and Rosedale Streets northwest. Here also seven grades will be accommodated, and the building and pupils will be under charge of Miss Anna Bell, formerly of Pierce school. Extremely handsome is the structure, which cost \$415,000.

Citizens of Takoma Park are justly proud of the new Takoma Park school, which was dedicated with considerable ceremony last spring, but which has never been opened. Four rooms are all that are required to accommodate eight grades of Takoma Park children. The classes are small. Miss Margaret Balloy, who is quite popular with residents of Takoma Park, will be principal of the new school. Twenty-six thousand dollars is the contract figure.

One of the handsomest school buildings in the District of Columbia will be the new Birney school for colored pupils at Hillside, near Anacostia. It bears its name in honor of Gen. James G. Birney and was erected at a cost of \$38,000. It has eight rooms for the accommodation of seven grades. The principal will be Miss J. Smith.

More like a church or a public office building is the appearance of the new Lovejoy colored school at Twelfth and D Streets northeast. It is an imposing structure of light brick, and was built at a cost of \$23,000. It is almost perfect in regard to heating, ventilating, and lighting facilities. Mrs. M. A. Wheeler will be the head of the eight grades which will be accommodated there after November 1.

No little attention is being paid to the progress of the two new manual training schools, which, when completed, will be fitting homes for the instruction of the young in the use of the hand. Manual Training School No. 1, to be located at Seventh Street and Rhode Island Avenue southwest, is now in course of construction and will be completed some time during the course of the winter. It will accommodate 300 pupils. Every branch of manual training which has been applied with success in other cities will be taught in the two new schools. In fact, they are now being taught at the quarters at the various high school buildings are so small that the work is conducted under difficulties.

One new feature to be introduced will be cooking for girls. Every department will be equipped with the latest and best kitchen appliances. Advanced cookery, invalid cookery, and household economy will be included in the curriculum. The building will cost, when completed, \$150,000. The item for equipment includes all machinery as well as the boilers and power appliances. There will be a chemical and a physical laboratory.

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were also two vacation schools for colored pupils conducted at the Stevens and the Logan schools. At the former the average attendance was 100, and at the latter, the principal, was 52, while the maximum enrollment was 77. At the Greenleaf school the average attendance was 21. The Superintendent of Schools, A. T. Stuart, is one of the busiest men in Washington these days. He is also W. F. Horvick, the new Secretary of the Board of Education, who has during the summer, gained a firm hold on the affairs of that body and the school system.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held at the Franklin school building tomorrow evening. At that time will be appointed to fill vacancies caused during the summer. On Tuesday Superintendent Stuart will call a meeting of the supervising principals on the Saturday preceding the opening of the schools, the supervising principals of the various schools to meet the teachers under their jurisdiction.

To the total population the proportion of colored people in the country can show a better record than the National Capital in the matter of comparative attendance in high schools. There are 2,500 students in all 12 high schools of Washington. The average percentage of colored children of the schools is 10.9, or 90 per cent. of the maximum enrollment. To teach all these young people are required the services of what would be in military parlance a full regiment of teachers with emblems over for camp followers; 1,338 is the total number of them, are assigned to kindergarten, 10 in the normal schools, while 18 are special instructors in the manual training among the grammar schools and aggregate 33. As to color they are divided in a ratio of 7 to 3, as white and 22 colored. Of the kindergarten teachers 42 are white and 18 colored.

LATE NEWS FROM CONGER.

The Signing of the Protocol Officially Reported.

The State Department yesterday received a brief despatch from Minister Conger in Peking stating that the protocol had been signed on September 7 and that Commissioner Rockhill had left the Chinese capital on the following day. He is to return to Washington on the 10th and will resume his duties as Director of the Bureau of American Republics.

The cablegram confirms the press despatches to the effect that the protocol had at last been signed. Minister Conger makes no further statement in regard to affairs in Peking.

A RULING ON CHAPLAINS.

Appointments Confined to Regularly Ordained Ministers.

An interesting decision has been made by Brigadier General Davis, the Judge Advocate General of the Army, in regard to the appointment of army chaplains. He held that under existing statutes these appointments are confined to regularly ordained ministers of the gospel recommended by the authorities of their church or by five reputable ministers. The case on which the decision was based was that of a minister who had been appointed to a church, who sent to the War Department an application accompanied by many influential recommendations.

MR. LOWTHER'S PROMOTION.

New British Minister to Chile to Leave Here Shortly.

Gerard A. Lowther, First Secretary of the British Embassy in this city, has been advised that the British Foreign Office has selected him as British Minister to Chile. Mr. Lowther has been conducting the affairs of the Embassy since the departure of Lord Pauncefote. He is now at Newport and will return to Washington in about one month and will receive instructions before he will take up his new duties in Chile.

TO REMOVE VICUNA'S BODY.

Chilean Minister's Remains to Be Conveyed to His Native Land.

The Chilean man-of-war Bagoadao, which has been cruising in northern waters, is expected to arrive in Baltimore within a day or two and will there receive the body of the late Dr. Morla Y. Vicuna, Minister of Education of that State. The remains are now at Hook Creek Cemetery and will be taken to Baltimore as soon as the boat reaches that port, and from there to Chile.

MR. GAGE TO BE BACK TODAY.

The Secretary Telephones From Buffalo to Mr. Allen.

Milton E. Allen, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, received yesterday morning, a long distance telephone message from Secretary Gage, who is with the regiment at Buffalo. In which he said that the condition of Mr. McKinley is improving very satisfactorily, and that he (Mr. Gage) will be at his desk in the Treasury Department today.

TO HOLD A PEOPLE'S MEETING.

Prayers of Interest at the President's Church Tonight.

The Rev. H. B. Naylor, preaching elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the District of Columbia, has issued invitations to local ministers of all denominations to attend an interdenominational prayer service, to be held at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Besides the special invitations to participate in the services a general invitation to the public of all creeds has been extended. The meeting will be conducted and presided over by Dr. Naylor, who may be assisted by others of those who may be invited. No collection will be taken and the service will be of a purely devotional character.

Navy Orders.

Lieutenant Commander E. E. Wright, to Boston yard, equipment department, September 8.

Lieut. F. R. Payne, to New York yard, equipment department, October 1.

Lieut. G. Mallison, detached duty charge, Bureau Hydrographic Office, Portland, Ore., to duty office Judge Advocate General.

Lieut. L. McNamee, to Portsmouth yard, steam engineering department.

Naval Cadet W. V. Tomb, when discharged, to duty office Hospital, to discharge three months' sick leave.

Medical Inspector H. Wells, to Boston yard, September 8.

Medical Inspector W. E. Taylor (retired), to Honolulu Station for duty assigned.

Medical Inspector R. C. Persons, to duty, Marine Recruiting Rendezvous, New York, N. Y., September 8, and other special duty.

Surgeon M. H. Crawford, detached duty, Recruiting Rendezvous, New York, N. Y., September 8.

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Chief Sanitation J. J. Byrne, transferred to retired in September.

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SOCIETY.

Capt. Richard Rush, U. S. N., and Mrs. Rush are at the Elmo, in the Catskill Mountains.

Mrs. Gertrude M. Hines, wife of Dr. Lewis A. Hines, has gone to San Antonio, Tex., to join her husband, who, on account of his health, has settled there.

Dr. G. L. Magruder has returned from a trip to the Buffalo Exposition and the St. Louis Exposition, and his young daughter will remain in the mountains until after the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Bennett, who have been visiting the Pan-American, Niagara, and surrounding points of the West, have returned to their summer residence at Washington Grove, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Morsell and family have returned from a five weeks' stay at Buffalo, Cassadaga, and Chautauqua Lakes.

Sister Agnes, Sister Mary Euphrasia, and Sister Mary Ann, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, returned to Washington on Wednesday. Other passengers registered from Washington are Miss Roberta C. Potts and Mrs. Taitz.

Mr. Luis A. Oyarzun will sail for Europe next Wednesday on the new steamship Philadelphia.

According to a despatch from Paris the affections of the Castellane family have been transferred from Countess Anna to her sister-in-law, Countess Stanislaus. The energetic old marquis has lost hope of making a political career out of Rome and is determined to stay Stanislaus. He has gone with him and his young wife, formerly Miss Terry, to Cantel, where he will try to be elected member of the Chamber of Deputies.

Countess Stanislaus has cut Countess Anna out in the old marquis' affections. She is tactful, clever, and intends making the greatest hit of her performance. While Count Boni is shooting partridges and spending his time in the country, she is bustling for votes, aided by his wife and mother.

Stanislaus is one of the 2,000 mayors of France and the youngest of all, being only twenty-seven.

Dr. Henry Lanning, who has been engaged in missionary work in Japan, is visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. N. L. Lanning, at her home in Washington, D. C., after attending the Episcopal convention in California.

AT THE THEATRES.

The Academy of Music—"The Outpost."

The Academy of Music held one of the largest opening houses in its history last night, when J. K. Emmet and Lottie Gilson presented a new play by Edwin Burroughs and James K. Harkins, Jr., called "The Outpost." The authors of the piece are experienced in stage craft and have individually turned out some excellent material, but in their latest product they have failed to provide anything of much merit. "The Outpost" is supposed to be a story of love and warfare, the latter occurring during the Boer war, but the better part of last night was taken up with comedy scenes which were long drawn out affairs, and the introduction of songs by the two stars. There is a hero in the king's son, the heroine a banker's daughter, and the play tells the story of true love which "never did run smooth." It is said that Dittreich took the groundwork of his play from that sad romance of real life which was laid bare to the world when Prince Rudolph and the beautiful Marie Vetsera were found asleep in death one winter's night in a forest in Hungary some twelve years ago.

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A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY.

Klaw & Erlanger's Troubadours Operetta in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 9.—Klaw & Erlanger's Troubadours gave the first performance of Harry B. Smith's new musical comedy, "The Liberty Bells," before one of the largest audiences ever gathered in the Chestnut Street Theatre. Klaw & Erlanger's Troubadours are made up of the best entertainers that have been seen in this city for a long time. The piece scored an instantaneous hit. In story it is novel and it is constructed on lines entirely new to musical comedies. The absence of a chorus is made up for most pleasantly by the introduction of sixteen remarkably handsome and attractive young women, who know how to wear white gowns and effect the rich tones provided for them. There are three beautiful sets of scenery, painted by Ernest Albert, the third act representing Ponce de Leon Hotel in Florida, which is particularly striking and is a marvel in coloring. The company includes Harry Daventport, Harry Gilroy, Sandoz Miliken, Etta Burt, John Blavin, J. J. Davis, Margaret Walker, and many others.

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