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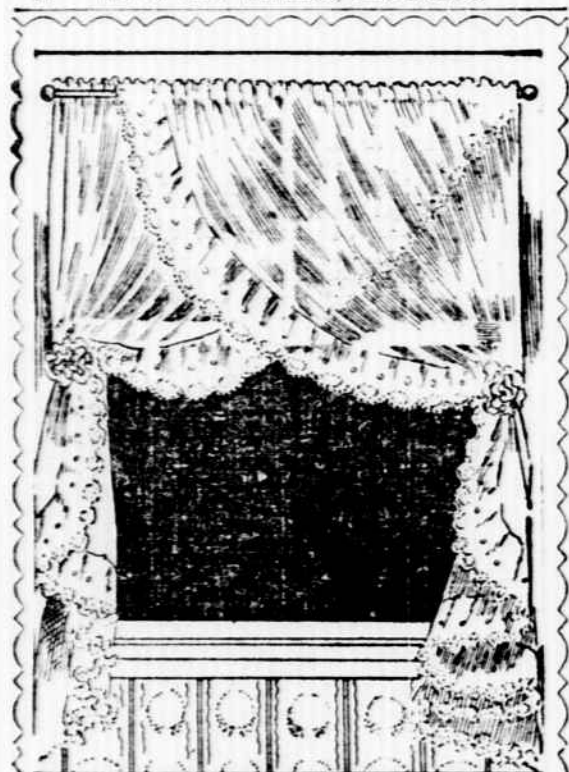


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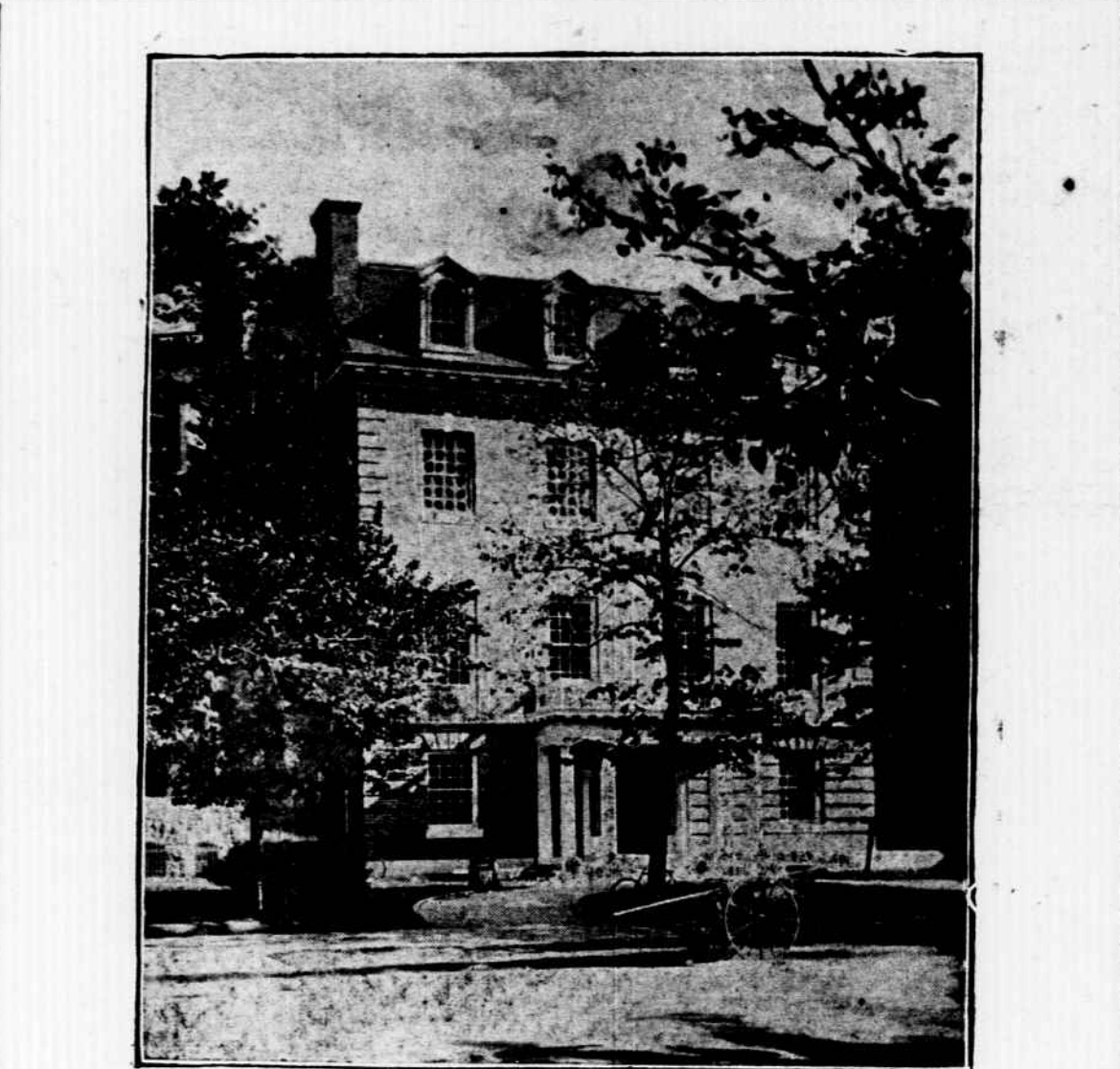


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PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

A New Local Organization Headed by Mr. Santelema.
Ever since the Boston Symphony Orchestra cut Washington from its list of cities to be visited the musical people of this city have been hungering for the style of program which was furnished by that admirable organization. It is now possible to state that this season an attempt will be made to supply the void made by the Symphony Orchestra's absence. An organization has been formed to be known as the Washington Philharmonic Orchestra, which will give a series of three concerts during the fall and winter, the first taking place at the Columbia Theater, Sunday evening, November 18.
This orchestra will be under the direction of Mr. Wm. H. Santelema, its popular leader of the United States Marine Band, who is known as an excellent musician and a capable organizer. The musicians of the band will be the nucleus of the orchestra, and the other members will be the best performers in the District. Already Mr. Santelema has received more than enough applications to bring the proposed forces to the number required, and he is accepting only those players of known ability. In speaking on the subject to a Star reporter Mr. Santelema said: "I am pleased to see the proposed organization, and shall take pleasure in devoting all the time I can spare from my duties as band leader to the proposed orchestra. As to the selection of members I have only to say that I was successful in forming the United States Marine Band, of which I was the conductor and which I pointed to my present position, and that I think I have been successful in reorganizing the Marine Band under the act of Congress a little over a year ago. The field to draw from was never so good as now, for we have many good professional musicians in this city, and it will not be difficult to form a body that will stand second to none in this country. The music to be played will be of the very best, and while I will not play an entire symphony at any one of the concerts this season, I shall give one or two movements from symphonies, together with some selections of a lighter character in order to suit the capacity of the band."
Mr. Santelema is himself a fine violinist, and as he was identified with prominent symphony orchestras, both in Europe and in this country, he will be perfectly at home in the work now before him.
The Washington Philharmonic Orchestra will have as its first concert at the Columbia Theater, Sunday evening, November 18. At each concert there will be solo artists from New York, and Mr. E. H. Droop will personally manage the series.



MR. WAYNE MACVEAGH'S NEW RESIDENCE.

REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Adapting a House to the Requirements of a Narrow Lot.

INDICATION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Some Examples of Modern Substantial Construction in This City.

VARIOUS MATTERS

The plan of the house which is being erected by Mr. Thomas Hyde on the west side of Connecticut avenue between De Sales and M streets is interesting for several reasons. The architect, Mr. L. Norris, made the plan so as to provide a house that would be convenient for the use of a physician and was obliged to adapt such a design to a lot that is only eighteen feet in width. The result, it is believed, will be satisfactory. The main portion of the building will be the same as the back building, instead of attaching the back building immediately to this section, there will be quite a space, which will be used as a light shaft.

The narrow connecting part between the main and the back buildings will be used for a passageway, and there will be also a space, which will be elevated only a few steps above the level of the pavement, will open into a hall extending back to the street level. From the entrance hall there will be access to the waiting room, and in the rear is the office, which will receive light and air from the wide area just north of the main building. The main entrance, which will be elevated only a few steps above the level of the pavement, will open into a hall extending back to the street level. From the entrance hall there will be access to the waiting room, and in the rear is the office, which will receive light and air from the wide area just north of the main building. The main entrance, which will be elevated only a few steps above the level of the pavement, will open into a hall extending back to the street level. From the entrance hall there will be access to the waiting room, and in the rear is the office, which will receive light and air from the wide area just north of the main building.

A Large Business Building.
It is expected by Mr. John S. Larcombe, under whose supervision the large structure for the use of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum is being built, that it will be ready for occupancy some time in January next. It may be, however, that some delays not foreseen may occur, and so defer the completion of the structure until later in the year. It will without doubt be ready for use some time in the early part of the coming season. The new building, which occupies an elevated site on the Chase place just north of Eckington, is one of the largest structures of the sort in this vicinity, although in that immediate locality is the Catholic University and about it a number of extensive edifices which are the homes of the various educational institutions that have clustered there.

Demand for Office Room.
People who have looked about this fall for office rooms have been surprised to find that the choice is a rather limited one. Not that the numbers of buildings of such a character is inadequate, but for some reason accommodations of this kind are very much in demand just now, and many rooms which have been vacant are taken. In some buildings where the tenants for the past few years have seemed to disappear without any apparent reason, and have left their places, as it seemed, hopelessly vacant, there is now hardly an empty room to be found. This condition is reported not alone of one section of the city, but of all, and those who have attended this circumstance has been called are inclined to think that it furnishes only another evidence of the increasing business prosperity of the city. It is thought, as a sign that the volume of business in the city has expanded. Additions are being made all the time to property of this kind, and at one period it was believed it had rather been overdone, and that the supply was greater than the demand. Now, however, it seems that the demand is getting up with the supply, and the new buildings that have been completed or are in process of being built have been taken as a sign that the volume of business in the city has expanded. Additions are being made all the time to property of this kind, and at one period it was believed it had rather been overdone, and that the supply was greater than the demand. Now, however, it seems that the demand is getting up with the supply, and the new buildings that have been completed or are in process of being built have been taken as a sign that the volume of business in the city has expanded.

A Fireproof Building.
An extensive addition to an office building has been made during the past season, and is now nearly completed. As it is in the rear of an existing building, the fact that such an improvement is going on may have been overlooked, except by those immediately interested. It is an

addition to what is known as the Hoop building, on the east side of F street near the Embury, the former being occupied by the geological survey. The owner of the property, Mr. C. C. Willard, in order to provide additional space, which is badly needed by the survey, decided to utilize the ground in the rear of the Hoop building.

The new part, now about completed, if it was in any other location, would be looked upon as a notable addition to the office accommodations of the city, not only because of its size, but from the character of the construction. It has a width of about fifty feet, and extends to the height of seven stories. The construction is fireproof, the walls being of brick, and the floors are carried on iron girders. Light shafts have been provided, so that the entire building will have an ample supply of both light and air.

Rapid Steel Construction.
The progress made in the erection of the new Willard Hotel building during the past few weeks has been such as to make it notable in the history of steel construction in this character. On the 1st of September, according to photographs in the possession of Mr. Clough, the superintendent for the Geo. A. Fuller Company, contractors for the work, there were but few of the columns of the steel framework in place. Now, however, the steel frame is up to the seventh story is up and the terra cotta flooring is in place except on the two upper floors. The magnitude of the work already done, as well as what yet remains to be done, can be realized to some extent when it is known that the area covered by the structure is 150 feet between Pennsylvania avenue and 180 feet on 14th street. The steel frame is of the most substantial character and the brick in the walls of the basement and on the sides are laid in courses.

Report Business Brisk.
Moore & Hill, real estate brokers, report that business has been unusually brisk this month. Notwithstanding the dullness that is always experienced in presidential election years, they say they have rented nearly every house on their list and have made a number of recent sales, 1620 S street, to William G. Donnell, a large frontage, corner 12th and U streets northwest, improved by several frame houses, to Jno. G. Campbell, 124 T street northwest, to Richard H. Ramsey, 124 T street northwest, to Walter E. Schneider, 1504 North Capitol street, to Augustus R. McGonigal, 207 Virginia avenue southeast, to Mrs. E. Jackson, large frontage on Pennsylvania avenue southeast, to Clarence F. Norment, 415 14th street southeast, to Mrs. E. Jackson, large frontage on Pennsylvania avenue southeast, to Charles Dietz, 302 Westmarket street, to Sarah E. Holman, 122 Thomas street northwest, to Charles B. Melton.

The Choral Society.
The engagements of all the soloists for the concerts of the Choral Society have now been completed for the season. For the Messiah, December 24, they are Mrs. Caroline Shepherd of Boston, soprano; Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, contralto; Dr. Ian Jackson, tenor; Julian Walker, bass. For the song recital, January 20, David Bishop, bass, and Rudolph Scarpia, accompanist; for "Hera Novissima," February 26, Mrs. Marie Kimmel Zimmerman of Philadelphia, soprano; Miss Gertrude May Stein, contralto; E. C. Towne, tenor; Dr. Thos. Stockham Baker, bass; for the lecture recital, March 23, by H. E. Krehbiel, illustrations by Mrs. Krehbiel, soprano, and Mrs. King, pianist; for "Elijah," Miss Sara Anderson, soprano; Miss Myriam Korte Bond, contralto; Nicholas Danty, tenor, and Ericsson Bushnell, bass.

Postponement of Battle Ship Bids.
The board of naval bureau chiefs has decided by a vote of four to one to postpone the date of opening bids for new battle ships, set for November 15, until December 7, when the bids for cruisers also will be opened. Rear Admiral Bradford dissented from the postponement. He is understood to desire the matter disposed of before Congress meets. The postponement was desired by some of the large shipbuilders in order to give them time to prepare individual plans, which have been invited. It also will permit naval officials to consider several plans for changing the batteries heretofore agreed upon.

The Price Sacrifices ARE ENORMOUS During This Great Rebuilding Sale

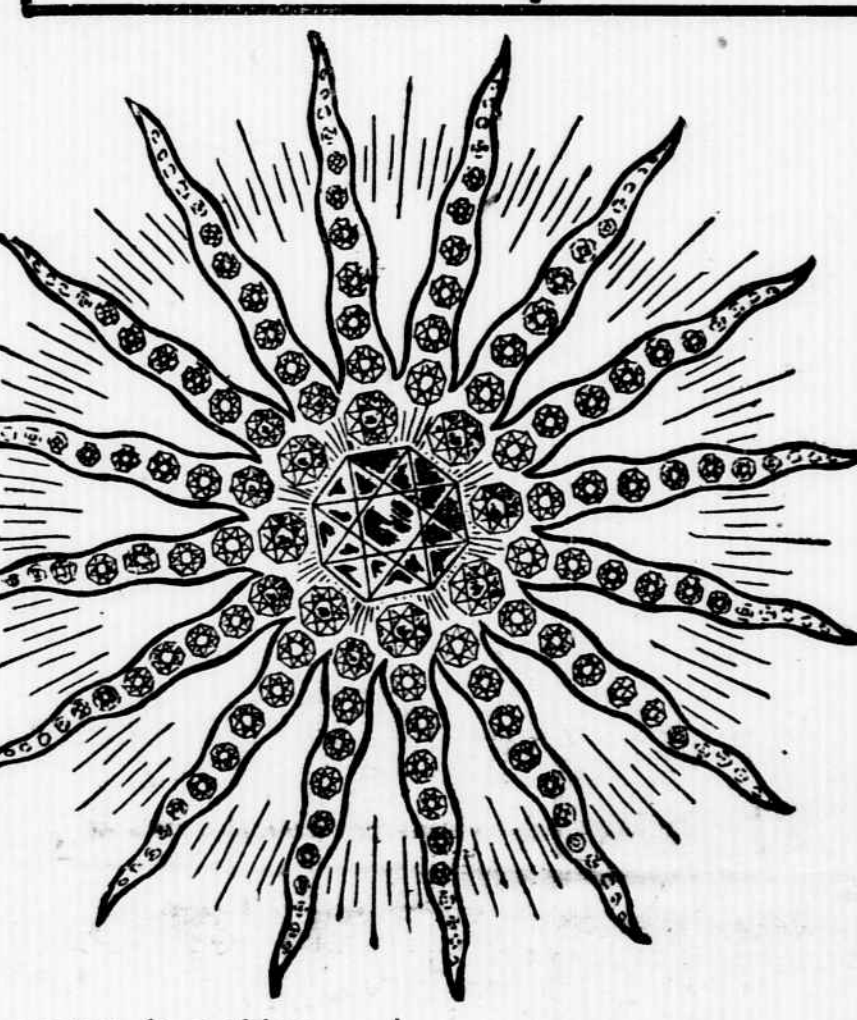
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THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF

COMPLETE REVISION PROBABLE WITHIN A SHORT TIME.

Confusion Over the Rise in Value of Mexican Dollars—Proposed Issue of Another Coin.

A complete revision of the tariff and currency systems of the Philippines will probably be taken up within a short time, if the present administration is continued in power. The rise in the value of Mexican silver dollars, which have formed the circulating medium of the islands, has been causing a good deal of confusion of late and some protests among the American soldiers because of the diminished value of American money in comparison. The policy of the government has been to fix the Mexican dollars at a value of half an American gold dollar, but the fluctuations in the supply of the Mexican coins have changed their commercial value and raised them to something like 92 cents in American money.

Gen. MacArthur issued an order on August 11 requiring that in the payment of customs duties United States currency should be required at the rate of two Mexican dollars for one American dollar. With the Mexican dollar recently quoted at about 52 cents there is no difficulty in collecting the entire revenue in American dollars. The fact that the fundamental difficulty is the scarcity of the ordinary medium of exchange in the Philippines is recognized by the introduction of the American gold standard into the Philippines without change. It might be possible, however, to issue a coin similar to the Mexican silver dollar, containing not more than half a dollar's worth of silver at any probable future value and anchor it to the gold standard by making

it a legal tender for half a dollar. It would be substantially a token coin, like the silver dollars and subsidiary coin of the United States, but it might be desirable to steady its value by making it redeemable in gold, like the silver rupee since the establishment of the gold standard in British India. It would be necessary to keep the amount of such coins under the control of the government and to regulate their issue by the amount presented for gold redemption.

A new tariff will be promulgated for the Philippines in the course of a few months. The subject is now in the hands of a commission of military officers and experts, but their report has not reached the War Department. There is some demand at Manila for the abolition of duties between the islands and the United States, but this step is not contemplated under present conditions.

A MILITARY POO BAH.

One Army Officer Compelled to Play Poo Bah.
Some idea of the extent to which the military departments of the United States have been reduced in strength to meet the demands of foreign service is conveyed by the report of Brigadier General Henry C. Merriam, commanding the department of Missouri. So few are the officers on duty in the department that one officer of the regular line, an artillery officer, Lieutenant Delamar Skerrett, beside being first lieutenant of the 3d Artillery, is an acting captain, an acting judge advocate, chief order officer, chief signal officer, and acting engineer officer of the department of Missouri, making separate reports in those various capacities.

General Merriam reports a satisfactory condition of affairs in his department, and says: "I am glad to note that all Indian tribes at the same rate of two for one—there is no doubt that the employees will make their election in favor of Mexican silver. Thus the government would be receiving nothing but American money for customs and paying out nothing but Mexican silver for services if it were not for the aid of the banks in making exchanges. The fact that the fundamental difficulty is the scarcity of the ordinary medium of exchange in the Philippines is recognized by the introduction of the American gold standard into the Philippines without change. It might be possible, however, to issue a coin similar to the Mexican silver dollar, containing not more than half a dollar's worth of silver at any probable future value and anchor it to the gold standard by making

HAGERSTOWN NEWS GRIST

POLITICS WARMS UP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Bright Prospects for the Annual Fair—Baer Woolen Mills Start Up Again.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.
HAGERSTOWN, Md., October 12, 1900.
The presidential campaign in Washington county has grown "red hot," and both parties are working like Trojans. Meetings are being held in every district of the county almost nightly. Brass bands and "whoopers" are at a premium. The event so far was the republican mass meeting held in the Academy of Music in Hagerstown on Tuesday night last. Special trains were run as far down the county as Weverton, bringing up a large crowd, which was augmented by delegations from other sections, to greet and hear Senator Wm. P. Frye of Washington. New York, Philadelphia and other cities will also be represented. The body of John Lockley, a colored man, was found at a point on the track of the Norfolk and Western railroad about a mile south of Berryville. The body was terribly mutilated, both legs being cut off and the neck broken. Circumstances indicated foul play, and four negroes, one of whom had in his possession Lockley's watch, have been arrested. It is believed that the negroes are and deserve liberal treatment and assistance at the hands of the government.

Preparation for the annual exhibition of the Washington County Agricultural Association at Hagerstown, beginning on Tuesday of next week and continuing for four days, are nearing completion. From the number of entries already made in nearly every department the fair promises to be the largest and most successful in point of exhibits and attractions ever held by the association. One of the latter will be the flight from the grounds during two days of the fair of hundreds of carrier pigeons, including many birds from Baltimore and Washington. New York, Philadelphia and other cities will also be represented. The body of John Lockley, a colored man, was found at a point on the track of the Norfolk and Western railroad about a mile south of Berryville. The body was terribly mutilated, both legs being cut off and the neck broken. Circumstances indicated foul play, and four negroes, one of whom had in his possession Lockley's watch, have been arrested. It is believed that the negroes are and deserve liberal treatment and assistance at the hands of the government.

suspended industries. The John Baer woolen mills, near Hagerstown, have resumed work after an idleness of ten years, with a full force of hand-aid. An alarming epidemic of typhoid fever prevails at Millstone, this county. Out of a population of 100 there are no exempt well persons to nurse the sick. A number of deaths have occurred. Bad water is assigned as the cause. Evd Mann, the pioneer of Buck Valley, aged eighty-nine years, is dead. He was the father of twenty-two children. He was twice married, and has over 200 grandchildren.

Rev. H. Max Lentz has accepted a call from the Lutheran Church of Shepherdstown, and will enter upon his duties November 1. Mr. Lentz is editor of the Lutheran World. Rev. A. Mitchell, for twenty years rector of St. John's parish at Hagerstown, but for the past eight years rector of Zion parish, including St. John's Church at Beltsville, and St. Mark's Chapel at Fairland, Montgomery county, has tendered his resignation, to take effect November 1. Joseph W. Evans, a well-known family man, of Mrs. Mitchell live. Eighty shares of Hagerstown bank stock were sold on Tuesday at \$78.50 per share, the par value of which is only \$15. The commissioners of Washington county have appointed William Epelgraff and D. L. Kenley, two of Hagerstown's leading business gentlemen, directors in the Western Maryland Railroad company, in which the county has large interests.

BANKING ON THE COAL STRIKE.

English Min' Operators Put Up the Price in the European Market.
The possibilities of American coal competing with the English product in European markets, which idea a year ago was generally ridiculed in Great Britain, has developed the actual fact that the United States now vies with England as a formidable competitor in the coal supply of the continent. So states United States Consul Joseph I. Brittain in Nantes in a recent report to the Department of State. The British press generally, he says, now reluctantly admits the virtues of American coal. On the plea that the strike in the anthracite mines of the United States makes it imperative, says Consul Brittain, to further advances in the price of English and Welsh coal are to ensue. Such an excuse, however, he says, is not sufficient, for there is so far but a small tonnage of American coal coming into France, at least, and the actual fact at all. The truth is, he says, that the English operators think that American coal will cease to be a competitor in the European market during the strike, and, having nothing to fear from the outside, they will advance the coal for purely speculative purposes.