#### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Grand Lodge Will Resume Sessions This Evening.

LEGISLATIVE WORK

IMPORTANT MATTERS PENDING BEFORE THE BODY.

Sketch of Supreme Representative George W. Baumann-Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, which adjourned last Friday after electing officers, will resume its sessions at the hall of Syracuslans Lodge, No. 10, at 7:30 o'clock this evening. It will probably complete its labors tomorrow. The remainder of the work of the Grand Lodge will be wholly legislative. A number of important matters are pending before the body.

George W. Baumann, who was elected supreme representative to serve for four years, is a native of Frederick, Md., and is thirty-eight years old. He has been active in the Pythian order for about fifteen years, and is a charter member of Capital Lodge, No. 24. He served several terms as grand keeper of records and seals; was grand chancellor in 1900, and the general opinion is that he has made an excellent officer. George C. Hough, the new grand lecturer, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1863. He received his education in the public schools of the state of Virginia.



George W. Baumann, Supreme Representative, K. of P.

working with his father, who was a well-known contractor and builder. He left his native county and came to Washington about twenty years ago, and since that time has been engaged in the same business. He is a member of the Master Builders' Association of this city. Mr. Builders' Association of this city. Mr. Hough is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 5, K. of P., and was initiated about thirteen years ago. He did not take a very active part until about four years ago, but since that time he has made his influence felt not only in his own lodge, but throughout the order. He served his lodge two consecutive terms as chancellor commander, and was elected to represent it in the Grand Lodge largely by reason of his zeal and energy. Mt. Vernon Lodge is today one of the best, strongest and most influential organizations in the domain. Mr. Hough is also a member of the Maccabees and the Golden Cross. In religion he is a Methodist, having been a member of Hamline M. E. Church for about twenty years. About ten years ago his church licensed him as a local preacher, and gave him charge of Little Falls Church. He served three years, and then was assigned to Bladensburg Road Mission, a position he now occupies. He is a member of the Local Preachers' Association of this city, and twice represented it in national conventions.

Fraternal Correspondence.

The report of the committee on fraternal correspondence with other domains, submitted to the Grand Lodge, contains much interesting matter. It is written in a lighter vein than is usual, but is considered full of information. It sets forth:

"Fifteen domains salary their grand chancellors, the salaries running down the scale from \$2,000 to \$200 per annum. Illinois pays \$2,000: Indiana, \$1,800; Kansas, \$1,500; Iowa, \$1,200; Colorado and Minnesota, \$000; Washington, \$750, and New Jersey, \$700. The following pay \$600 or less: Florida, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada. New Hampshire. Texas and Wisconsin. All the other grand chancellors serve like our own-without sal-



Geo. C. Hough, Grand Lecturer, K. of P.

ary. Even Ohio, biggest domain of all, pays no salary, but allows her grand chance lor \$2,000 a year for expenses. Many other domains also grant a fixed sum for the Py-thian (x-cutive's expenses, but Maine, Okiahoma. South Carclina and South Dakota allow neither salary nor a regular expense

"The grand keepers of records and seal are salaried in all the grand domains. Ohio and Illinois lead off by paying this officer \$2,400 per annum, California pays \$2,000. Indiana and Texas \$1.800. Wisconsin, Kansas and Louislana pay \$1.500. Many others turn the thousand dellar mark. Vermont is on a level with the District, while the grand eper of records and seal of Delaware is the only one who is paid less than we give our officer of that title. As regards the grand master of exchequer, twenty-six domains do not pay this important fiduciary officer anything. We pay ours \$5 once a year for expenses.

Question of Color.

"It appears from the Grand Lodge reports that the question of 'color' is pending la some domains. We supposed that was permanently settled in the Pythian fraternity, if not in some others. Here in the mother domain we have some promi-nent diplomats and many thousands of able, progressive, honest and prosperous men, who are not 'white males.' Against

# Building Operations Bring a Crisis Which Requires Another Sensational Lowering

, FACTOR I LAND

o for New Walking and Dress Suits, worth high as \$20.

An advance sale of the newly arrived suits for spring-such as will be all the rage with leaders of fashion within a few weeks, including the newest of the new. \$20 is the price at which they will sell, and sell readily. The Dress Suits are made of fine grade Venetian Cloth and Cheviots; beautifully fashioned with tailor-stitched silk bands; linings, bindings and all details are equal to the best; blue, black and brown are the colors. The Walking Skirts are made of fine quality Thibet Cloth, in brown, blue and dark gray; bottoms are nicely tailorstitched in rows; full flare effect. These Suits \$12.98

for Stylish Shirt Waist Suits, Bought to Sell as high as \$7.50.

Choice .....

Another big attraction that will create the greatest kind of a sensation, and one which means an immense loss on every suit sold. The coming season (now but a few weeks off) will see no handsomer nor more stylish suits—every one represents a new and up-to-date mode.

There are suits in fine madras, percales, lawn, mercerized ginghams, &c.; figured, striped and plain colors. Some of the suits are beautifully designed with fine embroidery inserting, finely hemstitched, profusely tucked, tailor-stitch braid effects in contrasting styles. Altogether, it's a most remarkable offering, for most of the suits were bought with the intention of selling them at \$7.50, their real worth. Your choice now at the surprising price of

Finest Black Peau de Soie (P) (and Taffeta Silk Waists; Worth high as \$7.50 - - worth high as \$7.50 - - -

These exquisite waist creations represent absolutely the newest and most elegant styles of the season. They are made of best quality peau de soie and taffeta silk. Some are designed most effectively with fine briar-stitched patterns; some have clusters and voke effects in finest pin tucking; fancy crochet buttons in double rows; new stock collars and shaped cuffs; the sleeves are the latest shape, fullness between elbow and cuff, It's an exceptionally fortunate purchase, and rarely, if ever, has such a high-grade lot of Black Silk Waists been brought to Washington.

Choice from these fine and high qual- \$3.98 ity Waists, worth up to \$7.50 - - - - \$3.98

\$1.00 Flannelette Wrappers - - - - O O Oo

Never a wrapper sale in which the price, for the quality, has gone so low. They have always and everywhere sold for \$1 and more, and are to be sacrificed tomorrow at 59c. Excellent quality flannelette, including black and white and gray and white effects; prettily made with edged bretelles and yokes; the waists have fitted linings; colors are absolutely fast. These Wrappers are all dressmaker made and are perfect in every detail.

The builders are in full possession—the army of workmen who are busily engaged in transforming the Greater Stores into the Greatest Stores is encroaching upon the display space more and more. The Clean Sweep Sale resulted in the reducing of stocks by many thousands of dollars—but not enough. The need for more space is momentarily becoming greater and more imperative. It is this necessity that prompts the sweeping sacrifices told of below. Never were the inducements greater and probably never will they be equaled.

Don't Hesitate to Have Every Purchase Charged.

As the Hecht time-payment way becomes better known and better understood, many thousands of new names are added to the already great list of more than 100,000. You can have no advantage by cash paying that is not yours if you avail yourself of this modern future-payment way. If you are not fully convinced of the wonderful advantages of the divided payment system we'd be glad to talk it over. Better still, buy all and everything you wish and simply say "charge it." That's all,

A Second Chapter of the

## Greatest Shirt Sale

It will be welcome news to many a man who shared in the tremendously successful Annual Shirt Sale last month-and to the many hundreds who came foo late to take advantage of it. The same maker has sent us 100 dozen more of the shirts, and tomorrow morning they go on sale. A number of lots of regular highgrade stock Shirts have been included to make it a shirt selling day to beat all records-

Men's Finest Full-Dress White and Percale Shirts; perfectly laundered and in all sizes; these are the shirts every fur-nisher and haberdasher sells at \$1 and \$1.50; these 100 dozen 000. will be sold at, for choice -

At 25c.

Men's 50c. Shirts, made of good grade percale: nicely laundered; have 1 pair separate cuffs; all sizes. Sewing and every de-tail are all and more than you'd expect to find in 50c. shirts.

At 39c.

cellent quality percale and having one pair of detachable cuffs. They're the shirts sold everywhere at 50c. and worth every penny of

At 25c.

Boys' Shirts, finely

laundered: made of ex-

At 65c. Boys' Excellent Quality Madras and Percale Neglige Shirts; the world-renowned "Anchor" Brand; all are perfectly made; in all sizes; the regular price is 75c. The sale price is 39c.

cuffs. Also some "An-chor" brand Neglige Shirts. Such an offer has never been made before at 39c.

At 39c.

Men's well-made and first-quality laun-

derered Percale Shirts:

the regular 75c. and \$1 qualities. Separate

Men's and Boys' very high grade and fine Shirts in silk mixed cheviots and madras; the qualities sold universally at \$1 and \$1.50; for the sale the price is to be 65c. for choice.

A Great List of Savings in

Men's Furnishings.

Twenty-five cents will buy much more than double its value. Never was price so small quoted on values so great—

Imported Lisle Thread Hose, 50c. and 75c. Fine sample Leather Belts, 50c. value = = 25c. All-silk Neckwear, 50c. and 75c. value = - 25c. Men's All-silk Garters, 25c. value, 3 pr. for 25c. Men's 50c. Suspenders, good quality = = = 25c. Silk and Lisle Thread Gloves, 75c. and \$1

SPECIAL—Men's Fine Balbriggan Underwear, best Sea Island Cotton; an extra good sample lot: size 40 shirts and 36 drawers; sells at 75c. and 50c.—tomorrow, 25c.

value = = = = = = = = = = = = 25c.

Truly Marvelous Reductions in New Dress Goods.

59c. and 69c. Venetians and Cheviots,
Several hundred yards of these most desirable fabrics in the most wanted shades; strictly all wool; will make up beautifully into tailor-made costumes; 59c. and 69c. values.

\$1.25 Black and Colored Zibelines = -54 and 56 inches wide, and all wool; extra heavy and most desirable; such wanted shades as castor, Oxford, brown, gray and black: never sald under \$1.00. and black; never sold under \$1.25. \$1 Black Moire Velour = - - - -

Nothing more suitable for dressy skirts, waists, coats and capes; extra fine quality and full 24 inches wide; well worth \$1. 89c. Black All-Silk Peau de Cygne -

9c. Black All=Silk Peau de Cygne = 50c.

This high-class and desirable silk is rich and lustrous; fine and closely woven; satisfactory for wear, and will not pull at seams; nothing so desirable for spring and summer; the quality retailing everywhere at 89c. and more.

New Black Habutai Silk, 24 inches wide; guaranteed to wear; soft and fine; the quality regularly sold at 59c.; for Tuesday only, 39c. 59c. Black India Silk = - - -

Six Great Specials in

The Shoe Department. For \$1.00

For \$1.00 -126 pairs Men's Superior Quality Shoes; never sold under \$2; new and most desirable.

For 75c.

For 95c. -Girl's School Shoes; soft and plia-400 pairs Women's Shoes; the regular lines selling at \$1.75 and \$2; latest shapes and kinds.

For \$1.00

For 35c.

-Women's A1 quality Rubbers; ble; good wearing quality; selling at storm cut; the kind sold everywhere at 50c.

#### Underwear Reductions.

Corset Covers, made of good quality cambric; all sizes; special for this 6 2 c. New patterns in French Corset Covers; very nicely made; perfect fitting; all 9C.

Women's Flannelette Underskirts; a lot of 5 dozen; 17c. sold regularly at 50c ......

ers, with deep flounce; trimmed with lace; worth 19c.

White Underskirts; nicely 49C, trimmed; sell up to 79c.... Extra quality Corset Covers; nicely trimmed with lace and embroidery; all 19C.

sizes; perfect fit .....

Women's New Spring Suits - - - - -

A lot of about 100 splendidly tailored suits worth up to \$15. All of them are advance styles in the new spring modes and very smart and up to date. A considerable variety of styles and kinds; blue, black, brown, gray. With the opening of the regular season's selling these handsome suits will bring as high as \$20; in fact, they were purchased to sell up to this price. If you time your coming for tomorrow choice is to be yours at \$8.08.

### 75c. Spachtel Goods, 29c.

A very special purchase of 800 pieces of handsome White and Colored Embroidered Spachtel, Applique and Net Bureau and Washstand Scarfs, Shams and Centerpieces; beautiful designs and patterns; intended to be sold high as 75c. each. Choice.....

#### Three Tuesday Specials.

ner Ollcloth; neat pat-terns; the quality sold 378c.

Good Quality Holland Shades; various colors; slightly imperfect; 25c. value— 12½c.

#### HECHTS' GREATER STORES, 513-515 7th.

applies for admission has the C. C. the right to refuse him entrance? Bro. Caro's answer was: 'Emphatically, yes. If you will read an application blank it should settle the question. How can a negro get the S. A. P. W. or be a member?' In Wyoming another question arises. Grand Chancellor E. W. Stone says in his report: 'Lind there another question arises. Grand Chancellor E. W. Stone says in his report: 'I find there is some difference of opinion among the authorities as to whether the Finlanders are a white race, but am of the opinion they should be classed as a white people. they should be classed as a white people.
Therefore I am of the opinion a Finlander is eligible to membership in the order of Knights of Pythias. This is an ethnologically correct decision.

Detached Jurisdictions.

"There have been many important developments during the year in detached Pythian jurisdictions-those not within the continental portion of the United States. The Mexican lodges have been annexed to the Grand Lodge of Texas, but this is only tentative and temporary, and there will one day doubtless be a Pythian grand lodge in the friendly land of the castus and the

"A new lodge bearing the name of the noble Pythian. Martyred William McKinley, has been established in Manila, and has among its members several knights formerly active in this jurisdiction. The lodge is flourishing. The Canadian grand. lodge is flourishing. The Canadian grand lodges continue to do well. The grand chancellor of British Columbia has authority to give dispensations to confer the three ranks of the order, and Grand Chan-cellor Binns granted that privilege to five

out of the twenty-four lodges. Chancellor of Ontario.

"Grand Chancellor Barnsdale of Ontario, in his report, says he is pleased to state, with feelings of pride and satisfaction, that the order shows a solid increase in membership. He gives a detailed account of his visit to each ledge. Among the dispensations granted by him was one 'to instal Miles A. Hunting, a few days over fifty years of age last birthday.' The reports of the Ontario deputy grand chancellors show excellent work done. The Ontario committee on fraternal correspondence, who were one year and a half in reporting our proceedings, take us to task for starting a grand lodge 'union' shop."

In the Grand Lodge of the maritime provinces a committee appointed for the purpose reported suitable resolutions which were adopted and ordered to be forwarded through the proper channel to King Ed-

Burned to Death in Coke Oven.

At Connellsville, Pa., Mary Kohland, aged eleven years, met a horrible death last night by being burned affive in a coke oven. GOOD TEMPLARS' RALLY.

Prize Banner Award, Ceremonial, Addresses, Songs and Feast.

Chief Templar J. T. Finney and thirty members of Silver Star Lodge, Tenleytown, accompanied their banner bearer on a visit to Perseverance Lodge, in regular session, in Smith's Hall, 9th street, last Saturday evening. Past Chief Templar T. W. Jessup, Vice Templar Agnes Pollock, Marshal Ridgely, Deputy Marshal Myrtle Balderson and other members of Minnehaha Lodge and Lodge Deputy Dr. Gates and others of Capitol Hill Lodge were also present.

The usual business of Perservance Lodge included a double initiation, Chief Templar John C. Daley presiding, Mrs. A. H. Frear, planist. The social session was followed by presentation and acceptance of the by presentation and acceptance of the Grand Lodge prize banner. It was formally returned to the Grand Lodge, Grand Templar Russell and other Grand Lodge officers being present, in an address by Past Grand Chief A. E. Shoemaker, in behalf of Silver Star Lodge. It was accepted in fitting remarks by the grand templar, and presented to Perservance Lodge, through its chief templar, who gave assurances of

apostrophe to the national emblem, carrying the refrain: "The Flag of Washington." All joined in the song "America," Mrs. Frear presiding at the piano. Miss Muriel Clark gave a pathetic recital, and little Gladys Wilkinson entertained with a gesture song, Mrs. Wilkinson pianist. Brief addresses were given by Miss Agnes Pollock, Messrs. Finney, Jessup and by Dr. Gates, who suggested a movement by which more general publicity might be given to such features of Good Templary as were "so pleasantly pronounced in the exercises of the evening." The program being concluded, refreshments were served by the committee, Miss Blanche Neff in charge.

The District and the Union Station. To the Editor of The Evening Star:

Entertaining a due regard for the manifest interest of The Star in the general welfare of the District of Columbia and the protection it seeks to afford local taxpayers and citizens from encroachment, if not imposition, constantly threatened by the general government, I will ask two questions which have occurred to me after

the general government are concerned, but do the taxpayers of the District desire to put up so large a sum of money to promote this quasi-public enterprise at the present time and under existing conditions?
Has any city in this country with the population of Washington contributed a sum so large as that which it is now pro-posed we shall contribute for railroad pur-

poses? We are only interested to the extent that these corporations should parform their particular functions of trade by transacting their business of transporting their passengers and freight, and this they do for corporate profit. Are we not now suffering, and have we not for years suffered, for public streets so that private enterprise could, as it undoubtedly would, follow public improvements beyond the old city kimits, thereby securing the development of Washington? Are we not suffer-ing for the dredging of the Eastern brance to remove the malarial influence which has endangered the health of our local population and the national officials required to reside here? Does there not ex Grand Lodge prize banner. It was formally returned to the Grand Lodge, Grand Templar Russell and other Grand Lodge officers being present, in an address by Past Grand Chief A. E. Shoemaker, in behalf of Silver Star Lodge. It was accepted in fitting remarks by the grand templar, and presented to Perservance Lodge, through its chief templar, who gave assurances of its permanent possession.

The program, arranged by M'ss J. A. Tennyson, opened with commemorative ceremonial. Mr. Thomas Perry of Silver Star Lodge read "A Glorious Example of Washington," an authenticated incident of his life when colonel of a regiment stationed at Alexandria in 1754. Mrs. Hillman, P. G. V. T., pronounced an impressive apostrophe to the national emblem, carrying the refrain: "The Flag of Washington." Mrs. Hillman, All initiating in the song "Massing ton." The Star is generally coffect, but is it contribute so much money for the benefit of railroad companies? Without entertaining any antipathy of feeling toward these companies, we are assured that The Star in inadequacy in every department of an inadequacy in every department of cour local government, the water department, the building inspector's office, the surveyor's office and the police department, the building inspector's office, the surveyor's office and the police department, the building inspector's office, the surveyor's office and the police department, the water department, the building inspector's office, the surveyor's office and the police department, the water department, the water department, the water department, the water department, the building inspector's office, the surveyor's office and the police department, the water department, the surveyor's office and the police department.

The program arranged by M'ss J. A.

Tennyson,

will seek to protect our people against un-due disregard or unfair consideration of due disregard or unfair consideration of local interests.

This great railroad station, as we observe the plans and reflect upon the encrmous estimated costs is like Washington itself; its existing and proposed streets and avenues, its parks, its trees, its water supply, its sewer system and its school houses, that is, they are all very properly essentially national in character for the benefit of the nation, commensurate with the needs of the capital city, and it is a grave and serious question, How far and to what extent the few thousand taxpayers of this District can bear a burden which should fall upon seventy millions of people, particularly when the practical and business-like principle enforced everywhere throughout our country is violated, that is, of funding the cost of extraordinary expenditures and placing thereby a nary expenditures and placing thereby proper burden upon future generations.

LOUIS P. SHOEMAKER.

The "Advertised Letter" Lists. To the Editor of The Evening Star: The post offic announcement of letters ad-

tion about it so far as railroad men and eleven separate and distinct lists, including a separate list for each of seven branch post offices or "stations." It would require a very careful reader to avoid overlooking some of these seemingly superflous lists. How much easier the search would be if all list regardless of sex, class or location.

Presumably the post office authorities desire these lists to be read. Then why not make them up in the most convenient form? The present arrangement makes business for the dead letter office which might be When a man is looking for his own name he might just as easily look for other mem-

bers of his family if the post office did not separate the women from the men. I am sure the ladies would not object to having their letters assorted in the same bunch with letters addressed to men.

Formerly the District tax office arranged

the names of delinquents in separate lists, according to the location of the land, or according to the kind of land, as agricultural or non-agricultural. The writer demonstrated to the District Commissioners the inconvenience of this arrangement. Now all names are put in one alphabetical list, which is far more convenient for the tax-payer and lessens the liability of overlook-ing a tax item. THOMAS W. GILMER.

Boyd's and Vicinity.

BOYD'S, Md., February 22, 1903. Mrs. Catharine Hughes, widow of the late Dr. Hughes of this county, died at the home of her son, George Hughes, at Brunswick, late Thursday evening of general debility, aged about seventy-two years. Her remains were brought to Dickerson's and were taken thence to Monocacy cemetery, where they were interred at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. She was a sister of Isaac Young of Poolesville, and three sons, George of Brunswick, with whom she lived,

George of Brunswick, with whom she lived, Eugene of Poolesville and Edgar of Urbana, Frederick county, survive her.

Mr. Richard A. Leaman, a very prominent citizen of Clarksburg, while loading hay upon a spring wagon yesterday morning near his home, was seriously injured by the horse starting very suddenly and throwing him out of the wagon. He fell on his head and shoulders. Mr. Leaman arose after he fell and then went down in a heap upon the ground unconscious. He was

these men we have no possible prejudice. but they are not agible to membership in this order. Up in Michigan, however, some Pythians seem to have a queer view of qualifications. Grand Chancellor Caro was acked to decide the following question: If a negro in possession of the S. A. P. W.

The post offic announcement of letters adjusted to me after reading an editorial of recent date, entitled in The Star of February 21 contains four separate lists of letters, namely, the hot ovens. Men at work near by broke into the oven and socured the body, the railroad companies and the people of the District of Columbia want this union a negro in possession of the S. A. P. W.

will be continued each Saturday throughout the months of February and March.

The estate of late Mrs. Annie Small of Quince Orchard, this county, was sold at trustees' sale yesterday by the trustees, H. Maurice Talbott and Edward C. Peters. The property was bid in for the heirs at \$44 an acre. The farm consists of 100 acres of land. It was afterward sold to Charles Small at private sale, by the heirs at \$40 an acre. A majority of the heirs agreed to the sale of the property at this figure. Mr. the sale of the property at this figure. Mr. Andrew Small of Boyd's and John Small

estate. Mr. Charles N. Esender, for some time a telegraph operator at Boyd's, has been promoted from the train dispatcher's office in Baltimore to the position of night chief train dispatcher at that point. Mr. Esender had charge of all the trains over this branch. Mr. W. W. Eccleston is made day chief dispatcher and has charge of telegraph operators as well on the Baltimore division.

Mrs. William E. Wall of Walldene, near Mrs. William E. Wall of Walldene, near Boyd's has gone suoth for the winter. She will visit her daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline P. Taylor, at Hendersen, N. C., and Mrs. Stanley Dunbar Embick of Fort Monroe, Va., before her return home. Miss Elsie Gardner, who has been visiting in Washington, returned to her home at Hyattstown today. Miss Della J. Emerson came to her home here today on a short visit to her parents. Miss Emerson is in government parents. Miss Emerson is in government service in Washington, D. C.
Mr. Thomas D. Griffith, son of Judge David Griffith of Redland, this county, his returned from a hunting trip in South Carolina, where he has been for the past five or six weeks. He reports game as being abund-Mr. J. A. Reid returned to his home here

Falls Church News.

days.

today from Washington, on a visit of a few

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star. FALLS CHURCH, Va., February 21, 1903. Washington's birthday anniversary was celebrated in the public graded school of Falls Church yesterday with appropriate exercises, in charge of Prof. E. C. Sine, principal. The program opened with singing "America," by the school; address, by Rev. R. A. Davison of the Presbyterian Church; singing, "Star Spangled Banner," after he fell and then went down in a heap upon the ground unconscious. He was picked up and conveyed to his home. He is suffering greatly from a nervous shock, and is partly unconscious. Mr. Leaman is about seventy years old, and it is feared that he may not recover. For a number of years he was mail carrier on the star route from Boyd's to Clarksburg and ran a stage. He has a son residing in Washington, D. C.

A clay pigeon shoot was given at Dawsonville yesterday evening which attracted a large number notwithstanding the snow Christman four lots adjoining the new by the school; address, by Rev. W. F. Mil-

will be continued each Saturday throughout town on Wednesday at the residence of tobacco jar, was won by Mr. Noble Moore.
The lady's prize, two beautiful golf club
hat pins, was won by Miss Pauline Block
of Washington. Mrs. Swope was assisted in receiving her guests by Miss Green and Miss Nevitt of Alexandria and her sister, Miss Nevitt of Alexandria and her sister,
Miss Margaret Rust. Among those present
were the Misses Block, Messrs. E. H. Block,
W. H. Robinson, W. E. Burtt and S. B.
Maiz of Washington, Miss Nevitt, Miss
Green and Mrs. J. B. Gannon of Alexandria, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs.
Sheehann, Miss Rowell, Mr. R. C. L. Moncure and Mr. Ryall Albertson of Falls Church. Mr. M. E. Church and son have returned from their trip to Florida.

Mrs. R. C. L. Moncure and son, Winship, are visiting Mrs. N. R. Winship, Mrs. Moncure's mother, at Macon, Ga.

Miss Susie Davison has returned from a ten days' visit to Mrs. Morehouse of Wash-

> Candidates for Mayor of Laurel. Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

LAUREL, Md., February 22, 1903. Mr. Edward Phelps has formally anounced his candidacy for the position of mayor, the election for which is held in the early part of the month of April of each year. Mr. Phelps has served the town in the capacity of executive officer seven terms. Mayor G. B. Timanus, the incumbent, has also made it apparent that he will be a candidate for re-election. The two candidates are of opposite political belief, Mr. Phelps being a democrat and Mr. Timanus a republican. It is stated, however, that politics will not enter into the municipal election, and that the fight will rest entirely on its merits on a municipal

The second night of the firemen's fair held at Masonic Hall here for the benefit of the local department, brought out a large number of the followers of the dif-ferent companies. Much friendly rivalry is ferent companies. Much friendly rivalry is exhibited by the young people in charge of the different booths and stalls. The program presented during the evening consisted of musical selections by the Laurel Orchestra, trombone selections by Mr. William Keiser, plano selections by Mr. William Flester and a "Weary Willie" act, presented by Mr. T. Aubrey Gray. All the numbers presented elicited much applanse from the large gathering.

Christman four lots adjoining the new Catholic Church to Mr. A. O. von Herbuils.

Judge A. A. Freeman of New Mexico is the guest of his daughter. Mrs. J. W. Garther.

At a meeting of a number of ladies of the fees will go into effect March 15 next.