When trade is dull and men are blue,
There's one judicious thing to do:
The business man with purpose wise
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Long, long ago in Eden's valley gay,
When Adam and his Eve were wedded there,
THE CRITIC in its issue of that day
Had full particulars of the affair.

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NEARLY 15,000 VICTIMS

THE LATEST ESTIMATE OF THE LOSS OF LIFE.

The Great Disaster Increases in Horror as the Days Pass—An Insufficient Supply of Coffins at Kernsville—Many Buried Unprotected.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 5.—The latest estimates this morning on loss of life, based on the registry of the living and the unofficial poll, put it at from 12,000 to 15,000.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 5.—Mr. J. B. Scott of Pittsburg is now in charge of affairs here, there having been a friction among the leading local men and all deciding that it was inexpedient to put a local man in control.

Brainard Rovison of Indianapolis says he is certain that Mrs. General Lew Wallace was lost in the flood. He says that she was in the limited express that was washed away. Mr. Rovison is in search of Miss Mollie Richards of Ypsilanti, who, in company with her sister, Carrie, was in the Hulbert House when the flood washed them away. The body of Carrie has been found. The young ladies were daughters of Mr. Richards of the Hecla Copper Company and were in Johnstown on a visit.

The Conemaugh dam was originally built about sixty years ago. About fifty years ago it burst and let the waters down the valley, but there were few people living there then, and little damage resulted. An old resident of the valley, named Goughknow, who died some time ago, predicted another invasion of the valley by the waters of Lake Conemaugh escaping from the restraint of its dam. "It may not come in my day," Mr. Goughknow would say, "but it will come surely."

A reporter went to the dam at Lake Conemaugh yesterday and examined the masonry and found that it consisted merely of dirt with a light rubble facing instead of solid masonry, and the waste gates, by which its builders designed that its surplus in time of high water should be run off, are said to have been permanently closed to save the fish.

AS TO THE DAM ITSELF

there was no massive masonry, nor any tremendous exhibition of engineering skill in designing the structure or putting it up. There was no masonry at all, in fact, nor any engineering worthy of the name. The dam was simply a gigantic heap of earth dumped across the course of a mountain stream between two low hills. It was faced on each side with a layer of heavy rough stone, loosely thrown together and uncemented. This pile of earth was, as has been stated, about 75 feet high and 95 feet thick at the base. At the summit it was leveled off so as to be about 20 feet wide, and a wagon road crossed it. It was an ordinary dirt road, and there was no rock or masonry beneath it. The width of the stream at the bottom of the dam was about 40 feet. At the top the dam was about 400 feet long. It was built straight across the gap and neither face nor bank was curved. The slopes were about the same on both face and back.

Communication with the outside world and Blairsville was re-established yesterday. The 300 passengers on the Pennsylvania Railroad who have been stranded at Altoona will be transported in wagons forty-two miles to Nineveh.

HAD JUST BEEN MARRIED.

During the work of removing the rubbish from the Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday a man and his wife were found clasped so tightly in each other's arms that it was found necessary to bury them together. Just as the flood struck the city a wedding was going on, and the principals were drowned just as the ceremony was completed. The minister escaped, together with nearly all the witnesses.

TEN MILLION DOLLARS

is how some of the Pennsylvania Railroad officials now at this place figure the loss and damage to their property. Through trains will not be run for three weeks at least. The damage at East Conemaugh Station will run up into the millions. Farther up, where the railroad crossed the river diagonally on a fine iron bridge, not even a suggestion remains to show that there ever was a bridge there, nor is there a particle of roadbed, rails or ties remaining for three-quarters of a mile. From there for a distance of a mile the ballast is washed away and the track badly twisted. The viaduct at South Fork, having a span of eighty feet, and supposed to be one of the strongest in the country, has entirely disappeared. The Duncannon Bridge, a large iron structure, is also destroyed. The culvert in the stone bridge at Johnstown will be repaired and strengthened to-day.

The cry for help that is ringing out from the Conemaugh Valley is not understood fully outside. It is one of the direst necessity. Relief is coming in, but there is too much relief in the way of food and coffins. The cry now is for money and clothing—money and clothing. To-day has witnessed a great influx of supplies; bedding and food have come by trainloads from Pittsburg, Columbus, Ohio; West Virginia, New York and other points, but there is great need of more. Money is wanted to rebuild, and money is wanted to clear away the debris and construct bridges, and, more than all, money is needed for clothing. A lady who before the flood had been in good circumstances was seen on the street to-day wearing a man's black alpaca coat. She had nothing to wear save what she could get from much poorer people who had not been injured and she could not go to any of her intimate friends, because they were all in a much poorer condition.

No action will be taken by the Cambria Iron Company concerning the rebuilding of its works until a report of the condition of the Johnstown plant is made by Vice-President Stackhouse, who is now on the ground. It was stated yesterday by one very close to the officials that there was no doubt but that the works will be erected on the old site.

Gruesome incidents came oftener than pathetic ones or serio-comic. General Axline, the Adjutant-General of Ohio, was walking down the station platform, when a boy came sauntering up from the viaduct with a bundle in a handkerchief. The handkerchief dripped water. "What have you there, my boy?" said the General. The boy cowered a minute though the General's tone was kindly, for the boy, like every one else in Johnstown, was prepared for a gruff accostal every five minutes from some official, from Adjutant-General to constable. Finally he answered: "Nothing but a baby, sir," and began to open his bundle in proof of the truth of his statement. But the big soldier did not put him to the proof. He turned away sick at heart. He did not even ask the boy if he knew whose baby it was.

A very large number of bodies are being buried in Grand View Cemetery to-day. Kernsville has been overlooked in the great rush and excitement, and the 2,000 people at that place were in a half-famished condition until this morning, when a supply station was established and their wants supplied. The stock of burial caskets at Kernsville has become exhausted and necessity has compelled that many bodies be placed in the ground with no other protection from the earth than their winding sheet and a few loose boards laid over them in the graves. The list of unidentified recovered at Kernsville is very small. Fifty diggers are kept busy excavating and filling the graves in Grand View Cemetery to-day.

Mrs. Lew Wallace Safe.

President Harrison this morning received a telegram, in response to an inquiry, from General Lew Wallace, dated West Point, stating that the latter's wife had come out of the great catastrophe at Johnstown safe. It was supposed that Mrs. Wallace was numbered among the dead of the calamity.

The Passengers All Safe.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 5.—The belated Pennsylvania Railroad passengers, the uncertainty of whose fate has caused much anxiety, arrived in this city to-day. Their experience has been one of hardship and exposure. The journey from Altoona was made via Ebensburg. From the latter point to Johnstown the journey was made in wagons.

Great Disaster at Phillipsburg.

JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—An overland message reports great loss of life at Phillipsburg, Centre County. It is said 243 bodies had been recovered up to the time of the departure of the courier.

RELIEVING THE SUFFERING.

The Work Enthusiastically Pushed at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, June 5.—At the Second Presbyterian Church relief rooms last night the ladies attending to the wants of the sufferers were startled by the presence among them of certain women of the town who eagerly tendered their assistance in relieving the wants of the half famished and tattered strangers. Their assistance was promptly declined, and a suspicion of their motives being aroused, an investigation was instituted, resulting in the astounding discovery that at several stations between Johnstown and this city procuresses had stepped aboard and at once sought the acquaintance of many of the younger lady passengers, whose attractiveness in face and form, for the time being, was a misfortune.

The "ladies'" explanation of their solicitous interest in the unfortunates was that they would be at once provided with comfortable homes in their "families." Hereafter the Pennsylvania railroad officials will carry Johnstown sufferers on special trains only, which will make no stops, thus frustrating the evil designs of these human vultures.

Brigadier-General John A. Wylie of the Second Brigade, N. G., passed through the city yesterday en route to Johnstown, in obedience to orders from Governor Beaver. General Wylie will assume control of all the military forces and direct their assistance to survivors and aid to relief committees. His staff and brigade quartermasters will join him to-morrow.

Stories of Lynching Untrue.

HARRISBURG, PA., June 5.—Governor Beaver received the following telegram from Adjutant-General Hastings to-day:

"JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 5.—The chief of police of Johnstown informs me that there were no depredations last night and everything is quiet this morning. The stories about lynching are untrue and are sent out by persons desirous of making a sensation.

"D. H. HASTINGS."

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

The Navy Department has begun to make assignments of naval pay officers under the recent order issued by Secretary Tracy giving positions to them according to rank. Paymaster Joseph Foster will be detached as general storekeeper at the Norfolk Navy-Yard on July 1, and Pay Director Charles H. Eldredge will take his place. Pay Director W. W. Williams will become general storekeeper instead of Paymaster at Mare Island on the same date. He will change places with Paymaster H. J. Calby.

Civil Service Commissioners Roosevelt and Thompson left for Troy, N. Y., this morning. They will make a thorough examination of the Troy postoffice, which for some time past has been represented to be in an unsatisfactory condition.

The Postmaster-General, in order to find a more secure means of inclosure for registered letters, has invited proposals for registered package envelopes of any improved design or device. Proposals will be received at the Department until July 2.

Asking an Extra Session.

The President has received a letter from a committee of the National Wool Growers' Association of the United States, dated Columbus, Ohio, May 24, urging the necessity for an extra session of Congress, to be convened at the earliest practicable day, for the purpose of enacting necessary legislation in regard to the wool growing and other industries of the country. They requested that the Administration affirm the decision of the apprising officers at the various ports requiring woolen cloths, known as worsteds, to pay a specific duty of thirty-five cents per pound. The decisions referred to have since been affirmed by the Treasury Department.

Marriage Licenses.

Redmond Burke and Catherine Conner, William Pumphrey and Martha Hook; W. C. Lambert, Shepherdstown, W. Va., and Emma Ryan, city; Harry D. Work, Lancaster, Ohio, and Fannie V. Wright, city; Cornelius Howard, Westfield, N. J., and Pauline Whittlesey; Harvey Hamilton and Larcy Bagby; W. A. Simpson, Prince George's County, Md., and Mary H. Willett, Charles County, Md.; Philip A. Dickson and Martha Smith; Matthew O'Callaghan and Mary A. Cleary; Joseph P. Smith and Minnie M. Clark; Otto L. Suess, Tucson, Ariz., and Nellie V. Conner; W. O. Brown and Julia A. Wade; Christina T. Young and Eliza Meck.

The University Professors.

Solicitor Hepburn of the Treasury Department, in response to an inquiry from the managers of the proposed Catholic University of America located here, who desire to engage a corps of trained professors in Europe to occupy positions in the university, decides that these foreign professors are not among the exempted classes mentioned in the alien contract labor laws, and that if brought here under contract by the university managers it will be in violation of that law.

O Moses!

The lighthouse keeper at Jones' Point, Alexandria, has a new baby which he picked up afloat in the Potomac several days ago. The kid was in a soap-box, and at the time of its capture was vigorously wrestling with a bottle of milk. The keeper pulled the box in with an ice-hook and the baby greeted him with a smile. Its captor liked it so much he has about concluded to keep it. It is a white child. Another white one was picked up afloat on the river in a cradle at Alexandria by a colored man the same day and turned over to the infirmary. It wasn't a very good day for babies, either.

Deserving Praise, Not Prosecution.

Henrietta Cook was placed on trial in the Criminal Court this morning charged with enticing Ada Rudd, a 17-year-old girl, into a house of ill-fame. The latter testified that her husband would not support her and she went to Cook's house and asked for quarters. This was refused, but she was given temporary shelter, on account of the weather, and remained from Saturday to Sunday. The case was dismissed.

Real Estate.

Joseph D. Whitacre to Newton H. Nicholson, sublots 52 and 53, square 988, $2,000.

George H. Webster to Ernest G. Schmidt, part lot 10, block 6, Meridian Hill, $10.

Ernest G. Schmidt to Mary F. Webster, same, $10.

George W. Hall to Joseph A. Hall, part lot 8, square 470, $2,500.

James H. Marr to Thomas W. Smith, sublots 15, 16, 20, 21 and 22, square 572, $40,000.

Secretary Noble's Coachman.

The case against Secretary Noble's coachman for fast driving and assaulting an officer was dismissed in the Police Court this morning, as it was shown the officer had no uniform on when he made the arrest and the coachman resisted.

Foreign Notes.

Mr. Murat Halstead and his family are going to Wiesbaden on the advice of his physician.

Lord Salisbury entertained Prince Albert Victor at dinner last evening. Mr. Lincoln, the American Minister, was among the guests.

The Emperor Francis Joseph yesterday invested Count Schonborn with the Cardinal's beretta. The occasion was one of great pomp and ceremony.

The Italian exhibition commissioners last evening gave a dinner to Premier Tirard. The Premier in a speech said that this meeting fitly marked the pacific alliance which France so greatly desired with Italy.

WORKING WITH A WILL

RAISING MONEY FOR THE JOHNSTOWN SUFFERERS.

The Citizens' Committees Meet and Devise Plans for Their Operations—Where Contributions May Be Sent—The Business Men Subscribe $10,000.

Parlor No. 10 on the second story of Willard's Hotel was thronged this morning with the members of the various committees having in charge the collection of funds for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers. The meeting was for the purpose of organizing and bringing together the various plans that have been suggested as to how help could best be given.

Commissioner Douglass presided, and at 9 o'clock the meeting was called to order. The chairman in a few well-chosen words announced its object and said that he would be glad to hear any suggestions from those present. Several telegrams from Johnstown, directed to Surgeon-General Hamilton, were read. One from Passed Assistant Surgeon Carrington was to the effect that the greatest need now felt was for disinfectants, as the bodies of the drowned were putrefying in the sun, and the stench was likely to cause an epidemic of typhus in the valley unless immediate precautions were taken to prevent. A dispatch from Benjamin Lee was of the same tenor. It was moved, seconded and carried that $200 be appropriated for the purchase and shipment to Johnstown of such chemicals as Surgeon-General Hamilton might think best, and he and Commissioner Douglass were appointed a committee to see that the matter would receive attention to-day.

Mr. A. C. Dodge then presented a plan of organization to the meeting. He said that nothing could be done without system, and that he thought the best and most feasible plan would be the division of the city into four sections and have the people present from the several parts form committees and attend to the work of soliciting subscriptions where they are known. He thought by this method that the work would be more successful in every way, and the central committee could still have general supervision. The plan met with general commendation, and upon being put to a vote was carried without a dissenting voice. Many of those present then withdrew to other rooms and proceeded to select the committees.

The gentlemen still present proceeded with the business that called them together. Rev. Dr. Curry of the Metropolitan M. E. Church said that the needs of the suffering people called for immediate attention; that it would brook no delay and suggested that a committee be appointed at once and load a train with provisions and clothing. He said that this was a quicker means of providing relief than by sending cash, as this would then have to be sent to Philadelphia or Pittsburg and the delay would be considerable. The chairman appointed a committee of three, consisting of Dr. Curry, Horatio Browning and O. G. Staples. They went to work immediately and hope to dispatch one car to-day, to be followed by nine or ten more to-morrow. Any contributions can be sent to the B. & O. station, where they will receive attention.

Mr. Edward F. Droop said that he thought it would be a good plan for any persons having provisions or clothing which they wished to contribute to drop a postal card to the chairman, who would see that one of the wagons called for them. There were now two wagons in readiness for this work. A committee for the purpose of soliciting contributions of clothing from dealers was appointed. It consists of Messrs. B. Robinson, E. B. Baum, Wolf Nordlinger and J. B. Iseman. Another committee was added to those already published and consists of livery stable men who will make a canvass. It consists of Allison Nailor, L. Smith and A. Ledingham.

The following committees for soliciting subscriptions were selected, and received from President Harrison the requisite authority:

South Washington—Mrs. J. D. Hyer, Mrs. Sarah E. Loyd, Miss M. T. Christ, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. A. Stephens, Rev. Mr. Hersby and C. B. Church.

The Northwest section—Mrs. Enoch Totten, chairman; Mrs. H. B. F. Macfarland, secretary, and Mrs. A. R. Queiffe, treasurer. The following ladies will receive contributions: Mrs. Ross Perry, 1309 F street; Mrs. R. G. Rutherford, 1311 Corcoran street; Miss Julia Strong, 1411 H street; Mrs. H. B. Macfarland, 1816 F street, and Mrs. E. H. Warner, 2106 Massachusetts avenue. They will hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon at Willard's Hotel, at 4:30 o'clock, for the purpose of reporting progress.

East Washington—W. C. Dodge, chairman; G. F. Harbin, treasurer; M. I. Weller, secretary. The location of the six depositories selected are W. C. Dodge, 116 B street northeast; Mrs. T. L. Tulloch, 121 B street southeast; Dr. E. A. Adams, 422 Eighth street southeast; Loring Chappel, 822 H street northeast; Rev. Dr. Parsons, 309 New Jersey avenue southeast; Mrs. J. W. Babson, 106 Eleventh street southeast.

Committee of Ladies—Mrs. J. L. Tulloch, Mrs. Appleton P. Clark, Mrs. Loring Chappel, Mrs. E. A. Adams, Mrs. Charles A. Elliot, Mrs. Thomas G. Jones, Mrs. George Francis Dawson, Mrs. Dr. Parson, Mrs. John A. Swope, Mrs. J. N. Holland, Mrs. John E. Herrell, Mrs. George W. McKee, Mrs. J. H. Euscher, Mrs. Joseph Geier, Mrs. Emma Bishop, Miss Florence Clark, Miss Frank Aldrich, Miss Estella Nichols, Miss Clara Parkinson, Miss Sarah Brereton, Miss B. N. Seymour, Mrs. W. C. Dodge, Mrs. Dr. Bodfish, Mrs. J. Gregory, Mrs. Captain Folger, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Mrs. —— Stuart, Mrs. Henry McCauley, Mrs. Charles Dulin, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. George R. Cook, Mrs. Robert W. Dunn, Mrs. A. Kirby, Miss Sarah Harbin, Mrs. George R. Repetti, Mrs. J. A. Sutherland, Mrs. T. J. Lansden, Mrs. Whelpley, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Thomas W. Smith, Mrs. F. A. Wood, Mrs. L. A. Wood, Mrs. G. W. Talbert, Mrs. A. N. Meeker, Mrs. H. A. Griswold, Mrs. George F. Pyles, Mrs. W. W. Godding, Mrs. James Coleman, Mrs. Victoria L. Nourse, Mrs. —— Wheat, Mrs. B. B. Ernshaw, Mrs. Josie Speer.

The meeting, to include lady callers, will assemble at Dr. Chester's church to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

After the committees had been selected and received their instructions the meeting adjourned to meet at Willard's to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock when the results will be reported. In the meantime contributions will be turned over to the treasurer, Mr. E. Kurtz Johnson, as soon as possible, so that they can be used immediately.

Representative residents of the District crowded Willard Hall yesterday afternoon at the meeting called to take measures for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers. The vice-presidents of the meeting comprised the members of the Cabinet, Chief Justices Fuller, Bingham and Richardson, M. G. Emory, John A. J. Creswell, Daniel B. Clarke, C. C. Glover, C. A. James, B. H. Warner, W. B. Webb, S. E. Wheatley, Jesse B. Wilson and J. W. Foster. The following newspaper publishers and Stenographer Murphy of the Senate were selected as secretaries: Hallet Kilbourn, THE CRITIC; E. W. Fox, the *Press*; S. H. Kauffman, *Evening Star*; Beriah Wilkins, *Post*. E. Kurtz Johnson was appointed treasurer.

Commissioner Hine, Hallet Kilbourn and O. G. Staples were appointed a committee to canvass the assembly for contributions. Their task met with gratifying success. The real estate men in a body subscribed nearly a thousand dollars; Secretary and Mrs. Proctor, National Metropolitan Bank, John W. Thompson, Bank of Republic, George E. Lemon, each $500; Central National Bank, Samuel Norment, Secretary Noble, Gardner G. Hubbard and Mrs. Hubbard, each $250; Columbia National Bank and Crawford Paving Company, each $200, and a large number of smaller amounts. About $10,000 was raised.

Willard Hall was designated as the central distributing point for clothing. Provisions should be sent to the B. & O. station or the express offices and they will be forwarded to Johnstown.

Residents in the eastern part of the city can send their donations to the residence of Mrs. Thomas L. Tulloch, 121 B street southeast.

The Lamont Opera Company have tendered the receipts for any performance which may be designated.

Secretary Tracy has appointed M. S. Thompson of the Navy Department to receive subscriptions from the officers of the Navy and employes of the department for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers.

In the Treasury Department $660 was raised in a short time yesterday afternoon, while at the Agricultural Department the employes volunteered a day's pay. The clerks in the War Department have also contributed a day's salary.

Real estate men who have not contributed are requested to send their subscriptions to M. M. Parker, 1418 F street.

John A. Rawlins Post will contribute the receipts of their camp fire on Friday night.

The Ideal Minstrel troupe will give an entertainment at Willard Hall on next Monday night, the proceeds of which will be given to the sufferers.

A strawberry festival will be held for the same purpose at Willard Hall to-morrow night.

The pupils of Miss Julia Maedel will give an entertainment at the Rifles' Hall to-morrow night with the same worthy object in view.

Potomac Corps, W. R. C. Auxiliary to the Department of the Potomac, met last night to take steps for raising funds. A special meeting will be held to-morrow night. Special committees have been appointed to be at the G. A. R. Hall to receive contributions.

About 1,200 people were present at an entertainment at the Masonic Temple last night, and a substantial sum was realized for the sufferers.

Mr. Washington Nailor's receipts yesterday were $101.75, which he has turned over to the relief fund.

Effort will be made to have the receipts of Saturday's ball game between the reporters and the policemen turned over to the relief fund, instead of the policemen's fund, as was originally determined.

Mr. Roessle of the Arlington has called a meeting of the hotel men for to-morrow, when their contribution for the Johnstown sufferers will be made by the association.

The Washington newspaper correspondents have interested themselves in the collection of clothing for the Johnstown sufferers. A committee of newspaper men delivered a wagon-load of garments, hats and shoes at Willard Hall this morning. If persons having cast-off clothing to contribute will notify the committee, at 517 Fourteenth street, giving addresses, a wagon will call for bundles to-night or to-morrow morning.

The ladies of the Homeopathic Free Dispensary, corner of Ninth and G streets northwest, will receive donations of clothing, bedding, supplies, etc., for the Johnstown sufferers to-morrow before 5 p. m., to be sent direct to Miss Clara Barton.

The Citizens' Committee, of which Mr. E. Kurtz Johnson is treasurer, reports that $15,000, voluntary contributions, had been handed in up to this afternoon, with the canvassers yet to hear from. A systematic canvass is being made of the city. Several carloads of provisions, clothing and disinfectants will be shipped to-night. The committee is purchasing supplies here and shipping them. The *Post* fund amounts to $2,253.81 and the *Star's* $1,563.

Secretary Tracy has contributed $100 to the Navy Department fund for the Johnstown sufferers.

The Secretary of War has ordered the Third Artillery Band to play at the strawberry festival to be given to-morrow night in aid of the Johnstown sufferers.

Prominent West Virginian Dead.

S. P. McCormick, a prominent Republican of West Virginia, died at 216 Third street northwest early yesterday morning, after a long illness, from tumor. He was on his way to Philadelphia for treatment and had stopped here to consult physicians. Mr. McCormick resided in Grafton and was a collector of internal revenue under President Arthur, retiring under the succeeding administration. Mrs. McCormick was with her husband when he died, and yesterday afternoon started with his body for Kingwood, where the burial is to take place.

City and Suburban.

Daniel Linkins leaves to his son, James S., his house, 2444 F street northwest, with the furniture.

The will of Henry Smith, filed yesterday, leaves his property to his daughter, Louise Watson, in New York.

Harry Delivan, aged 51, fell in a fit at the corner of Seventh and M streets yesterday and badly injured himself.

The Old Guard last night decided to attend the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Milwaukee in August.

Judge Miller this morning fined Solomon Schlomberg $10 for buying a coat and vest from A. R. Bryant, a minor.

The funeral of Mr. Samuel Williams Keen will take place from the Church of the Epiphany, Thursday evening at 4 o'clock.

Thomas Dowling, auctioneer, has sold to Jesse H. Wilson, at public auction, the two-story house corner of Thirty-first and N streets, for $6,550.

H. E. Kalusowski has been granted a permit to erect a $10,000 building at 808 I street northwest to be used as a national college of pharmacy.

The Mahone Virginia Republican Association held its monthly meeting last night, at which several speeches were made and new members admitted.

The funeral of Mrs. William Moxley took place from her late residence yesterday, No. 3504 M street, at 3 p. m. The remains were interred at Oak Hill.

At a meeting of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association last evening Mr. James H. Ward was elected president, Mr. James R. Harrold was elected to membership.

James W. Beckett was arrested by Officers Dean and Grant yesterday afternoon for fast driving. William Taylor attempted to interfere with the officers, and was also taken in.

Metropolitan A. M. E. Church was crowded last night to witness the "Sunshine and Shadow Concert" that was given under the direction of the Sunday-school of the church.

All signs of the recent floods have vanished from Alexandria. The only inconvenience now suffered is the uncertainty of the mails and the shutting out of freight transportation by rail.

Patrick O'Donoghue was found by two officers last night sitting on a dry goods box on Bridge street perfectly naked waiting for another flood to come. He was fined $25 this morning.

John Betters came to town on Emancipation Day to have a good time and brought his pistol with him. He fired at Frank Hawkins and was placed on trial in the Criminal Court this morning charged with assault to kill.

The delegates from the Eastern cities to the International Typographical Union Cooneention at Denver, Col., left yesterday for that city. The Washington delegates were James Platt, E. W. Oyster, A. P. Marston and H. S. Sutton.

The jury in the Circuit Court this morning brought in a verdict in the suit of Hayes against Smith and others sustaining the will of Zachariah Hagans which was under contest. It had been claimed that he was not mentally competent to make a will.

A colored woman named Martin Smith was attacked by five dogs in the yard at the rear of Charles Smith's grocery store in South Washington and severely bitten before the vicious brutes could be beaten off. She was removed to Freedman's Hospital.

At the last annual meeting of the Franklin Insurance Company the following directors were elected: Dr. Daniel B. Clarke, James L. Norris, Thomas E. Waggaman, Charles S. Bradley, Joseph B. Hill, Dr. J. M. McCalla, Dr. W. E. Roberts, H. McDonald, O. C. Green, W. H. Morrison, H. Hill and Alex. Porter Morse.

The Washington convention of the Episcopal Church held three sessions yesterday at Trinity Church. The following nominations were made: Dean, Rev. Dr. Nelson of Montgomery County, Md.; secretary, Rev. A. S. Johns; treasurer, Charles M. Matthews. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Clark, Doctor Nelson and Dr. J. G. Gantt. The new officers will be confirmed by Bishop Paret.

AN EXCITING MEETING.

The Citizens' Representative Committee Have a Lively Time.

Thirty-three per cent. of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred met last night and wrestled with the ghost of Mr. Jesse B. Wilson's District Commissionership candidacy, but unavailingly.

The meeting, during which there was scarce a minute that could have been characterized as tedious, was held in Odeon Hall, at Four-and-a-half street and the Avenue. Just a third of the membership, exclusive of the president, was there. Neither the president nor vice-president were present, and W. C. Dodge was elected to preside over the meeting's deliberations, which did not begin till after 8 o'clock and lasted with vigor till after 10.

R. T. Morsell was secretary, and right after the meeting was called to order he read the minutes of the committee's last meeting a month ago. It will be remembered that at this previous meeting the committee took occasion to criticise Mr. Jesse B. Wilson, then a candidate for a District Commissionership, quite caustically. The disapproval of his candidacy took the form of a resolution, and a committee was appointed to visit the President and express the committee's disapproval to him in person. All this was recounted in the minutes that Secretary Morsell read.

As soon as he had finished the reading of the minutes, O. T. Thompson got on his feet and said: "Mr. President, I move that such portions of the minutes as refer to Mr. Wilson be expunged from the records."

Mr. Thompson is said to head the South Washington contingent of four, and it was said last night that they and the contingent from the northeastern section had determined on the action expressed in Mr. Thompson's resolution, and were determined that it should be taken. Mr. S. A. Coombs seconded this motion and spoke in favor of it, as did also Mr. P. N. Dwyer.

The suggestion, though, was decidedly distasteful to the gentlemen through whose efforts the weight of the Committee of One Hundred had been thrown against Mr. Wilson's candidacy, and they didn't hesitate to say so. Mr. Weller said that it was not right for the committee to go back on its record. The minutes should not be tampered with, but should be preserved exact. It was no use to try to falsify the minutes, either. The public knew and the newspapers had told what had been done, and the passage of the proposed expungatory resolution would simply falsify the record and not deceive any one.

During his remarks Mr. Weller referred to financial obligations of some sort under which the northeast and southwest delegates found themselves, but he did not seem to think it necessary to offer any explanation.

Speeches pro and con were made and answered. They were not quite the quiet, pleasant sort of speeches that one could wish to hear and really a surprising amount of disagreement was developed, considering the number of members present to participate. Some of the members, after the meeting was over, said that they thought that Chairman Dodge was inclined to look favorably on the proposition to expunge the objectionable record from the minutes.

Finally a vote was taken, and Chairman Dodge said the minutes were expunged by a vote of 15 to 14—that is, that Mr. Thompson's motion was carried. The voting was loud and voiceful, and there was considerable dissatisfaction expressed with the announced result. A number of votes were counted that were challenged, to no effect, however.

A motion to reconsider this action was made and put, but voted down, all in the utmost confusion. Things were getting decidedly warm when the chairman said that the regular order called for the reports of special committees at this point. Mr. Weller rose and said that as the chairman of the committee was not present he would present the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting to go to President Harrison and describe to him the "unfitness of Mr. Wilson for the position of District Commissioner." As soon as he got as far as this "unfitness" in his report the interruptions became so many and loud as to amount to uproar. It seemed as if half the committeemen present were shouting "Mr. President!" at once. Chairman Dodge pounded on the rather frail table in front of him, but obtained only disorder.

Then Chairman Dodge arose, set his hat firmly on his head and marched out of the hall, and as he did not come back the committee had to elect another chairman. Mr. Babson was named and elected amid a confusion so slight that it seemed positively quiet in comparison to the preceding uproar and the meeting continued. Mr. Weller went on with his report and succeeded in finishing despite the interruptions and other noises. Mr. Weller also told of the good words spoken for Mr. Hine and a resolution commending the President's choice of Commissioners was adopted. Several others of the committee spoke pleasantly of Messrs. Hine and Douglass and on this matter they seemed able to agree.

Then some one who seemed disgruntled at the passage of the expunging motion called attention to the fact that Mr. Wells' report could not be accepted properly as that committee had no existence, the minutes having been expunged. But the committee adopted the resolution, just the same, and the committee adjourned. The occasion seems to have been captured bodily by Mr. Wilson's friends and the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred is put in an odd position. Last month it passed a resolution condemning Mr. Wilson. This month it expunges the record of this from its minutes, though in the meantime Mr. Wilson failed to be appointed.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY.

Secretary Windom: "Talk to you about politics? Oh, dear, no! I haven't time."

J. Fuller: "We expect to open the Globe Theatre in the latter part of August with the usual variety."

Dr. Irving C. Rose: "The flood will have the effect of making Washington more malarious than ever this summer."

Detective Raff: "Everything is quiet now; there's no more thieving going on since we caught George Parker and that gang."

Saks & Co.: "We are getting rid of our present stock as fast as possible in order to set before the public a good surprise by the fall."

Professor Webster Edgerley: "Was our entertainment last night a success? Ask the thousands that were turned away as early as 7:30.

J. J. Nesbit, hotel clerk: "I am going to leave Washington shortly and devote myself to my new hotel (The Bluffs) up on the coast of Maine."

Policeman Hughes: "Yes, they call me 'boatswain' now. Barney and I—he's my partner—patroled our beat in a flatboat Saturday night."

H. H. Jacobs, jeweler: "Though business is not very brisk at this time of the year, still there is a great demand for our diamond sets and plain gold rings."

Dr. J. H. Magruder: "The most popular fad at present adopted by the ladies in the toilet line is a set in ivory with the purchaser's monogram stamped on the back."

Referee Archie Sinclair of the Walking Match: "It's going to be a great match, this is. There are some good ones in the race and the best man is going to win."

Street-Car Conductor: "I have been on the road for fifteen years and Sunday was the worst I ever saw. We hauled more people that day than we did during the Inauguration."

Druggist Christiani: "Isn't it terrible to think of those poor people up in Pennsylvania. When I think of them I forget all about the little flood here that drowned my cellar."

John Montgomery Ward: "A manager is to be judged not by the work of a week or a month, but by a season. The Washingtons will yet play good ball under John Morrill's captaincy."

Charlie Willis, president of the Choctaw Club: "Gentlemen that belong to clubs are, as a rule, the best hearted men in the world and they understand poor weak human nature better than the average man. Of course you will find some women opposed to the existence of clubs, but the opposition is slowly dying out."

THE LOCAL SITUATION.

THE LONG BRIDGE DRAW AGAIN WORKING.

How the Day Has Been Passed—Speedy Resumption of Traffic Hoped—The First Mail From the West Arrives by the B. & O.

The day was spent at Long Bridge in fishing for sunken coal cars with an immense dredge at the broken span of the bridge. There are four cars tangled with the debris of the bridge and other wreckage at the broken span, and these are being fished out. The work is slow and tedious, as well as dangerous, and the first half day's work netted wheels enough for one car.

The wreckage is so intricately tangled together and the weight of a big barge full of coal, that lies against it, all makes it doubtful how soon the debris can be cleared away. Until it is done passage over the bridge, as well as the commencement of work on the new span, will be impossible, and the work made but little headway to-day.

The draw is entirely repaired and several boats went through it to-day. Among the first was the immense schooner Pocahontas, full of asphalt. This boat is the largest ever in the river here. The washed out track at the Virginia end of the bridge is entirely rebuilt.

The work of clearing away the debris and mud from the wharves and lumber yards along the river front is being vigorously pushed.

The Secretary of War has detailed Lieutenant John Biddle of the Engineer Corps to command the detachment of thirty men of the engineer battalion which will erect the trestles and pontoons at Johnstown.

Secretary Proctor made an absolute denial this morning of the published story that General Macfeely, the Commissary General of Subsistence, had refused to send supplies from the War Department stores for the Johnstown sufferers.

FILLED WITH MAIL POUCHES.

The Postoffice Employes Busier Than Ever.

This has been the busiest day the employes of the City Postoffice have seen for a long, long time, and their labors will extend far into the night, if not until to-morrow morning.

Early in the day six long, slow-going trains pulled into the Baltimore and Ohio Station from the West, and every one of them had from two to five heavily loaded postal cars. This was the van of the mails that have been lying in postoffices and on side tracks since the beginning of the freshet. More is to follow, but even without it the City Postoffice has now within its four walls more mail matter than they can possibly handle in the next twenty-four hours.

It looks as if there would be a glut, and the nimble fingers of the inside men have worked faster than ever to-day in their efforts to keep up with the procession of pouches that seem never to stop coming in the big back entrance. The carriers groan under enormous loads, and a long line of anxious inquirers block the general delivery window. The buxom brunette who attends to this hasn't sat down to-day, and her usually smiling face looks a trifle weary.

The Southern mails continue to come by way of the Virginia Midland via Alexandria and the ferry. There seems small hopes that the Washington, Fredericksburg and Potomac will have any trains running before Saturday and mails for Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina still go by way of the Chesapeake Bay Line of steamers. Contrary to what the railroad officials expected yesterday, the line between this city and Alexandria is not yet open. Mails from the North continue to be unusually heavy as the Northwestern mails continue to come by way of Buffalo and New York via the New York Central.

SANITARY MEASURES.

The Health Department Taking Precautions Against Disease.

Health Officer Townshend has been authorized by the Commissioners to proceed with the work of clearing up after the flood in whatever manner the exigencies may demand. An extra force has been put at work in Georgetown. The sediment on Water street is very heavy, and a still larger force was employed to-day. Sulphates will be freely used after the filth is cleaned away. Disinfectants are supplied at the Health Office to all who are not able to purchase them, and instructions given as to their use. The Health Department is kept quite busy answering requests for information and invite applications of this kind. Light and air should be admitted to all spaces where the water has been, and an artificial heat should be used where necessary. The deposits in cellars and yards should be removed, and some agent, such as lime or copperas, should be used to prevent decomposition. There is much complaint in Georgetown about the terrible odor arising from the stagnant water and every effort will be made to prevent disease.

A Johnstown Sufferer.

The reports sent to the newspapers that Mr. John Fulton, general manager of the Cambria Iron Works, had been drowned in the Johnstown flood, are denied by his son-in-law, Mr. J. D. Ligon of this city. Mr. Ligon received a letter from Mr. Fulton this morning saying all were well as could be expected and no one had been injured, but their house and its contents, representing a value of $25,000, had been completely destroyed.

A Sea Wall Needed.

Captain R. W. Meade, the commandant of the Washington Navy-Yard, has made a recommendation which Secretary Tracy approved that Congress appropriate $50,000 to erect a protection wall about the yard. This action was taken because of the damage sustained to the Government property there during the flood. Captain Meade says that the loss at the Navy-Yard will fall considerable below $5,000.

Virginia's Great Loss.

RICHMOND, June 5.—The damage by the storms in this portion of Virginia can never be calculated. Millions of dollars worth of property has passed in the twinkling of an eye and the number of lives lost may probably never be known. The farmers and railway companies suffer most severely. The lat