

TWO NEW SITES FOR PLAYGROUND IN MT. PLEASANT

Offered to City Cheaper Than One Being Considered.

PAYMENT PUZZLING TO COMMISSIONERS

Not Decided Whether City Must Bear Complete Cost of Tract.

It became known today that two other tracts of property in the neighborhood of the Mt. Pleasant playground at the northwest corner of Fourteenth street and Columbia road, have been offered to the District Commissioners as sites for playgrounds. The price is much below that which is proposed to be paid for the present ground.

One of these tracts contains 38,165 square feet on the north side of Columbia road, between Eleventh and Thirteenth streets, and is offered at 70 cents a square foot, and the other is the plot fronting on the east side of Thirteenth street and extending between Park road and Lamont street.

Objections Registered. It is understood that the price set upon this is \$20,000. The plot contains about 30,000 square feet.

The objection to both of these tracts and, in fact, to any others on Mt. Pleasant, which is urged by members of the playground association, is that there is no shade upon them, whereas the plot at Fourteenth and Columbia road is covered with giant oaks.

The District Commissioners are today considering the attitude they will take toward the Gallinger bill providing for the purchase of the Mt. Pleasant playground at the northwest corner of Fourteenth street and Columbia road. Owing to the possibility of misinterpretation of the provisions relating to the payment for the tract, Commissioner Judson has prepared amendments to the bill, which, if sent back to the Senate with the Commissioners' recommendations, will remove any ambiguity of language that may exist. A report upon the bill, however, is not expected for two or three days.

Driver Placed Under Bond for Colliding

Alexander Lee, colored, was placed under \$500 bond to answer to the charge of colliding with the driver of a sedan wagon with which the patrol wagon of the Ninth precinct collided last night at Fifth and E streets northeast.

George McCauley, driver of the wagon, and Policeman Sidney J. Marks were slightly injured. McCauley was thrown from the driver's seat, and Marks was dragged and shaken in his efforts to prevent the horse attached to the patrol wagon from running away. No date was set for the trial.

Fire in Liner's Hold Extinguished by Crew

HOBOKEN, N. J., June 16.—Fire in hold of the liner President Lincoln caused alarm on that steamer today. The crew was rushed to fire quarters and the blaze was extinguished by the ship's own pumps. The damage was slight.

Dentist Ordered to Pay Alimony and Lawyer's Fee

Dr. Sheldon G. Davis, a dentist at 725 Fifteenth street northwest, was ordered by Justice Gould today to pay temporary alimony of \$50 a month and \$100 attorney's fees to Mrs. Grace M. Davis, whom he is suing for divorce.

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Unsettled with occasional showers to night or Saturday; warmer tonight.

Table with columns for U. S. BUREAU, AFFLECK'S, and TEMPERATURES for various times of day.

Table with columns for TIDE TABLE and SUN TABLE, showing tide heights and sun rise/set times.

Former Ruler Here



SENOR POLICARPO BONILLA.

PUGH TELLS WIFE BEATER HE OUGHT TO HAVE WHIPPING

Soldier's Attack on His Helpmeet Arouses Judge's Anger.

"The whipping post might well be reserved for such men as you," said Judge Pugh to Harry Hardman, in Police Court today. "Any man who strikes a woman should be despised and shunned by decent men. In your case this assault on your wife is especially execrable because you wear the United States uniform. Your act brings discredit and disgrace on the army."

Hardman, who is a corporal in the Marine Corps, was sentenced by Judge Pugh to pay a fine of \$5 or serve six months in jail for assaulting his wife, Mrs. Francis Hardman.

Mrs. Hardman, showing the effects of the assault, appeared in court against her husband. She is but nineteen years old, and said that since their marriage about four months ago, Hardman has abused her at times, but she made no complaint, because she did not want people to know that she and her husband were living unhappily together.

Wireless Brings Aid For Disabled Steamer

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 16.—Wireless telegraph was successfully used by a vessel in distress on the Great Lakes early today, when the steamer Western States, with a blown out engine, was summoned to the City of Cleveland, and transferred to the latter boat 225 passengers. The transfer took place in the dark in mid-lake, the boats swinging together, so that gangplanks could be thrown across.

TAFTS HAVE PLANS READY FOR FOURTH

President Will Go on Western Trip as Family Leaves for Beverly.

President Taft's plans for the Fourth of July and for the removal of his family to Beverly for the summer were announced at the White House today.

On July 1 Mr. Taft, Mrs. Taft, the family secretary Hillegas, and Major Butt will leave Washington on the private car, Ideal, for Beverly. They will go at once to Peabody cottage. Already Mr. Hillegas and Major Butt have prepared the cottage for the arrival of the family.

The President will spend the day at his summer home, and will leave for the West in time to reach Marion, Ind., on Monday, July 3. He will address the Bankers' Association on that day, and will leave for Indianapolis in time to reach there by midnight of the 3d. Former Vice President Fairbanks will entertain the Executive during the night, and on the morning of the 4th he will review the safe and sane parade as the guest of the Commercial Club. In the afternoon he will go to the park, where he will witness the collision between two passenger engines. The Fourth of July program will close when the President addresses the Marion Club of Indiana. He will return direct to Washington from Indianapolis.

BONILLA HERE JUST TO OPPOSE HONDURAN LOAN

Former Ruler Denies Rumors That He Seeks War Munitions.

SAYS VISIT HAS NO POLITICAL MEANING

South American Diplomats Believe His Mission Has More Significance.

Opposing the \$10,000,000 Honduran loan, and denying that he has any affiliations with the Cientifico party of Mexico, or that he will buy any munitions of war for his friend Zelaya, deposed President of Nicaragua, Senator Policarpo Bonilla, the former President of Honduras, is in Washington.

South American diplomats believe his mission a great deal less innocent than Bonilla avers it is.

Senator Bonilla slipped into town last night, but beyond the fact that he was here, Government agents could learn nothing about him. Senator Bonilla, went, however, directly to the Arlington Hotel, where he registered, and spent the night. Today he freely received interviewers.

As Private Citizen.

"I come simply as a private citizen of Honduras," said Senator Bonilla this morning. "I am opposing the loan because Honduras gets nothing out of it. The profit is all for the bankers who will handle the bonds. They are secured by the United States, which makes them good as American gold and worth at least 125. The bankers get them for 85, and the take-off—that is what you call them, is it not?—is all for the bankers; Honduras gets nothing."

"I have nothing to do with Senator Cretz or Senator Limantour, of Mexico, or the so-called Cientifico party. Private business, not at all political in nature, and the treaty which I oppose, they are the only reasons why I am here. This talk that I buy warship or cartridges, it is ridiculous."

Love of Country.

Senator Bonilla says he may issue a statement at some length regarding the Honduran treaty and loan. Love of country, he declares, is his sole motive for opposing the loan. His political ambitions are non-existent now, he declares.

"No more politics at all," said the former President. "I shall make my future home in New Orleans as a practicing lawyer, making a specialty of South American affairs in a legal way."

Senator Bonilla does not expect to call upon Secretary Knox, whom he does not know, but he has hopes of enlisting former Secretary Root, according to his statement this morning.

Admirer of Root.

"Mr. Root, he is a great statesman," declared Bonilla. "South Americans think very highly of him. I knew him when I was here four years ago. At least I shall call on him to pay him my respects."

Whatever Bonilla's object is visiting Washington, and his visit is worrying South American diplomats, including Albert Membruno, the Honduran minister, the former president of that country did not prosecute it very vigorously today. All morning he spent in his rooms at the Arlington reading a magazine. The magazine was open at an article on coffee raising, when he laid it down to pose for a photograph.

Friend of Zelaya.

Bonilla is an intimate friend of Zelaya, deposed dictator of Nicaragua, and it has been reported that Bonilla is in this country to help Zelaya fix up a little revolution. Another guess is that Bonilla has come here in behalf of Cretz and Limantour.

If Bonilla has another mission than to oppose the \$10,000,000 loan none of the South American diplomats is really certain about it, nor is the State Department, but a vigilant eye will be kept on Senator Bonilla, as he is regarded as one of the stormiest petrels in the stormy region of the Caribbean sea.

Automobile Runs Over Man in Street

Lloyd Dement, who was identified by papers found in his pocket, aged thirty, is in a serious condition in the Emergency Hospital, after having been run over by an automobile at Sixth and the Avenue this afternoon at 1:50 o'clock.

He has not regained consciousness and is reported to be in a dangerous condition, although no cuts were found on his body. The machine, according to the police report, was operated by John F. Schriener, who owns a bar at 730 Fourteenth street northwest, and who lives at 1730 H street northwest. The directory gives a Lloyd Dement, laborer, as living at 129 Q street southwest.

TAFT'S AUNT TO BE HERE FOR HIS SILVER WEDDING

Miss Delia Torrey Consents to Come for Anniversary Festival.

SHE THOUGHT TRIP WOULD TIRE HER OUT

But Robert Soon Talked Her Into Notion, and Will Arrive With Her.

Word was received at the White House today that "Aunt Delia" Torrey will leave her home in Millbury, Mass., tonight for Washington to attend the silver wedding anniversary of her "Nephew Will" and Mrs. Taft at the White House on Monday night.

"Aunt Delia," who is Miss Delia C. Torrey, is the President's favorite aunt, and noted as the maker of apple pies which appeal particularly to the Presidential appetite. Miss Torrey, when first invited, and told her presence was necessary to make the family reunion complete, feared she would be unable to attend, declaring she would not travel all the way to Washington.

But she changed her mind and her grandnephew, Robert Taft, arrived in Millbury today to accompany her to Washington. She will leave her Massachusetts home at 6:35 tonight over the New Haven line to Providence, where she will change to the Federal Express for the Capital.

Other Relatives Arrive.

Mrs. Anderson, a sister, reached Washington yesterday. Horace Taft, the New England brother of the President, will arrive in Washington tomorrow, and Henry W. Taft is expected either tomorrow night or Sunday.

By Sunday night all of the children will have reached this city. Miss Helen is now visiting in Cincinnati, while Robert and Charlie are away at school.

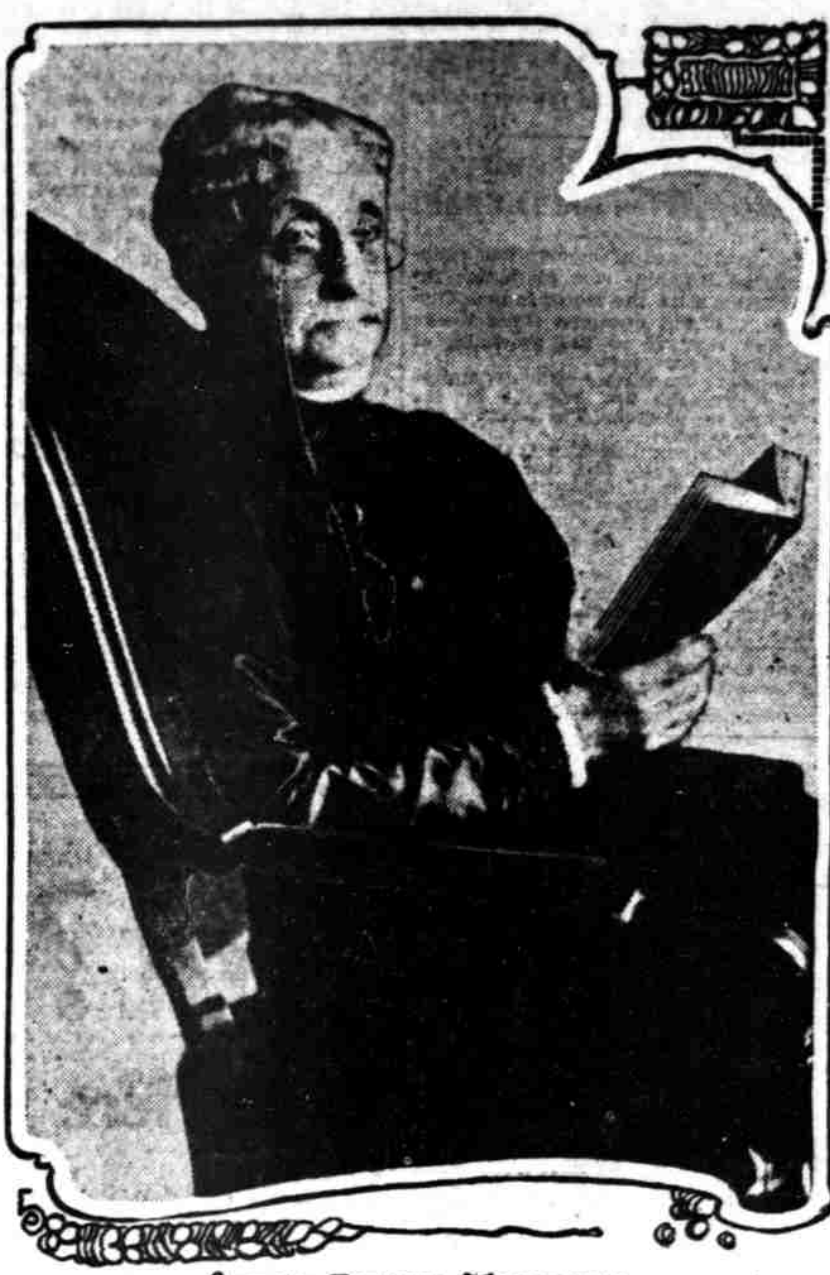
The White House, the scene of many splendid festivities and the center of the nation's social life for a century, has never looked so well as it will Monday night when the President and Mrs. Taft entertain nearly 5,000 of their friends at their silver wedding celebration.

It was announced at the White House today that President and Mrs. Taft have invited all the surviving members of the families of former Presidents to the silver wedding celebration. This list includes the Roosevelts, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, widow, Mrs. J. R. McKee, a daughter, and Col. Russell Harrison, a son of former President Harrison; Mrs. Garfield, widow; Harry, James R., and Irving, sons, and Mrs. M. J. Stanly-Brown, daughter, of former President Garfield; Col. Webb C. Hayes, son, and Mrs. Harry E. Smith, daughter, of former President Hayes; Gen. Frederick C. Grant, Jesse R. Grant, and U. S. Grant, Jr., sons, and Mrs. Neill Sartoris, daughter, of former President Grant; Robert Lincoln, son of former President Lincoln; Mrs. Chester A. Arthur, Jr., daughter of former President Arthur; Mrs. Grover Cleveland, widow of former President Cleveland, and Miss Rose Cleveland, his sister; and Ezra K. Patterson, grandson of former President Johnson.

Two scores of electricians are now dressing the exterior and nearly as many gardeners and florists will begin work in the interior decorations Saturday. The White House garden will glow with light. The lawns have been cut, the trees trimmed, and the hedges leveled.

From one end to the other, the Mansion (Continued on Fourth Page.)

Coming to White House Fete



AUNT DELIA TORREY The President's Favorite Aunt, Who Will Be Here for His Silver Wedding Anniversary.

CURB ON MOVING PICTURES IN CITY IS GIVEN IMPETUS

Gallinger Bill Favorably Reported by Senate District Committee.

Exhibition of questionable or improper pictures in theaters, moving-picture establishments or other places of amusement, is restricted by a bill which was ordered favorably reported by the Senate District Committee today. The bill was recently introduced by Senator Gallinger. It gives the Commissioners full power to make the necessary regulations.

The committee ordered favorable reports on the following bills: The Gallinger bill to prevent dumping about the wharves. The Johnson bill for extension of Lamont street northwest.

The Gallinger bill to amend the law relating to regulation of the height of buildings.

The Gallinger bill to provide for punishment for larceny of public property from the workhouse and reformatory. Judge De Lacy was expected to appear regarding certain bills, but is out of the city.

The committee sent the public utilities bill lately introduced by Senator Gallinger to the public utilities subcommittee, and the Bristol bill giving the District a Presidential preference law to the judiciary subcommittee.

A bill to prevent flying of kites, fire balloons, or parachutes in the limits of the District was ordered unfavorably reported.

The committee ordered a favorable report on the Gallinger bill to allow certain changes in the plan for the permanent system of highways for the tract lying west of Fourteenth street, south of Taylor, east of Rock Creek Park, and North of Newton.

WEST IS SENTENCED TO SIX-YEAR TERM

Convicted Forger, Begs Vainly for Parole.

Indignantly refusing to parole the prisoner as requested, Chief Justice Clabaugh today in Criminal Court No. 2 sentenced Hume H. West, confessed forger, to six years in the penitentiary on forgery charges. Last Wednesday another sentence of four months in jail was given West by Chief Justice Clabaugh for stealing money orders from a North Capitol street pharmacy. West will not be taken to the penitentiary to serve his six years until he finishes the District jail sentence of four months. West, who posed in Washington as Lieutenant Commander Henry Knowlson, of the United States Navy, and was arrested in Baltimore garbed as a Catholic priest, pleaded guilty to securing \$3,200 worth of United States bonds from Crane, Parris & Co., bankers, and a \$550 diamond ring from Galt & Brother, upon forged drafts.

PENROSE GIVES PRESIDENT HOPE OF ADJOURNMENT

Announces That Reciprocity Will Pass at Early Date Unamended.

Senator Penrose while at the White House this morning held out the first real hope that neither Congress nor the President would have to sojourn in Washington throughout the coming month of August. He said there was a possibility that the Senate would vote on reciprocity within a few weeks.

Nothing the President has heard in a long time pleased him as did this. The prospect of a long hot summer in Washington, the second the Executive has spent here since he became Chief Magistrate, saddened him.

Senator Penrose talked about reciprocity for probably half an hour this morning. He told the President that progress was being made in the debate on the measure and that if the matter drifted along in the Senate as it was drifting now there was no apparent reason why the argument should not be concluded by the middle of July at the outside. He intimated that it would even be possible to clean up and vote on this measure before the middle of July, in which event, Congress could easily adjourn before August.

Senator Penrose, chairman of the Finance Committee, who is in charge of the reciprocity measure, after leaving the White House, formally announced that the Canadian reciprocity agreement would be passed without (Continued on Page Seventeen.)

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.

Senator Heyburn protested against high office buildings in residential sections of the District. Senate District Committee acted favorably on various District bills. Senate passed bill allowing four-story residential buildings to be fifty-five feet high.

HOUSE.

Representative Longworth opened the debate in the House by an attack on the Democratic wool bill. The committee investigating the State Department on expenditures in the Postoffice Department heard charges that the department fosters a monopoly in mail charges.

The Committee on Postoffices continued hearings on parcel post legislation. The Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department heard further Indian complaints. Representative Taylor of Colorado introduced a joint resolution to appoint a commission to determine upon a summer capital for the President.

White House Callers.

Culbertson, Tex. Penrose, Pa. Crane, Mass. REPRESENTATIVES: Foster, Vt. Nye, Minn. Burleson, Tex. Loud, Mich. Morgan, Okla. Davenport, Okla. Reilly, Conn. Willis, Ohio. OTHER CALLERS: Former Senator Long, Kansas. Treasurer McClung.

TALL BUILDINGS MAR RESIDENCES, SAYS HEYBURN

Senator Objects to Sky-scrapers Going Up in Home Sections.

WANTS LIMIT ON OFFICE STRUCTURES

Complains That View From His Home Has Been Cut Off.

Senator Heyburn this afternoon protested against the construction of high office buildings in the residential sections of Washington.

The matter came up when Senator Gallinger brought up the bill to amend the law to regulate the height of buildings in the District. The bill, as explained by Senator Gallinger, makes the limit of height of non-fireproof buildings for residential purposes or apartment houses fifty-five feet. The limit now on such buildings is four stories, or fifty feet, and Senator Gallinger explained that this was not sufficient to enable proper construction of the fourth story.

Bill Is Passed.

Senator Heyburn did not object to this bill in itself, and it was eventually passed. But he pointed out that it placed no limitation on office buildings and applied only to residential structures. Senator Heyburn dwelt at length on the damage done residential property by allowing high office buildings to be erected on residential streets. He said there were numerous instances where the value of residential property had been impaired in this way and he thought office buildings should be confined to business sections.

Senator Gallinger said he knew of no way to stop the invasion of business on any street. He cited the business development on Connecticut avenue and on H and G streets. He said the same thing had happened on Fifth avenue, New York.

Senator Heyburn did not take this view. He declared there had been such depreciation caused in residential sections by high office buildings that there was now no real residential market value on streets where such buildings had been constructed. "Business buildings ought not be higher than residential buildings," he declared.

"We ought," said he, "to curb the evil of the six or eight or nine story buildings all along one side of a street, leaving the other side to lose its attractiveness."

Time to Stop. "I am in sympathy with this bill, but I think it would be a good time to curb tall business blocks. They are generally built for advertising purposes or to economize the cost of land. Why should we allow a ten-story building to be placed on the same land as a five-story building?"

Two years ago Senator Heyburn said, he would look out from the home he had bought and see the Capitol, the Post-office Department and other buildings. Now, the view was obstructed by "great, tall obtrusive buildings," which had been put up and hurt the value of the property of residents.

Fine Arts Commission Confers With President Over Proposed Buildings

In response to a summons sent out by President Taft several days ago, six members of the National Fine Arts Commission met today in the office of Col. Spencer Cosby, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, to consider the plans for the three new Federal buildings to be located south of the Avenue, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets.

The decision of the committee will not be announced until the meeting adjourns this afternoon. The plans have been finally submitted by the three architects, Sawyer, Harbour, and Brunner, and have been approved by the President and the members of the Cabinet whose departments are to occupy them when finished.

As soon as the Fine Arts Commission approves the plans and the general landscape effects, the President will direct the Treasury Department to take immediate steps looking to the award of the contracts. The handsome new quarters are to be occupied by the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce and Labor. About two years will be required to complete the buildings. The building nearest the Treasury will be occupied by the Department of Justice. The Department of Commerce and Labor will come next, and the Department of State farthest south. The architects have designed the buildings with architectural features that harmonize. The completion of the three handsome structures will mark the greatest single improvement ever undertaken in the Capital. When the committee adjourned for luncheon no decision had been reached as to the Lincoln memorial, several plans for which have been submitted. The committee will also pass upon the Perry memorial at Put-in-bay, Ohio.