

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26, 1908.

That President Roosevelt would quit the White House to loll about Oyster Bay doing nothing no one has ever predicted but the interest the people have taken in the future is expressed in the almost daily reports of some new enterprise in which he is to engage. The latest is to the effect that after his return from Africa he will become associated with Dr. Lyman Abbott in the publication of the Outlook. So far the rumor has not been denied by the expert denier Mr. Loeb, and it is possible that it has some foundation in fact. No doubt the President will continue to desire an audience only a little less than the public desires to hear from him but it is problematical if he will find work on any magazine sufficient to occupy his time and vigor. The advertising that the Outlook gets from the report is no doubt beneficial to that journal and it is probable that it will eventually have contributions from him but the idea of the President battling with the printer's devil and reading the manuscripts of poems on Spring and other ambitious topics is not in accord with the popular conception of his tastes and abilities. President Cleveland it is said, felt an intense reaction from the arduous political life he had led after his retirement and in his own correspondence he laments the inability to take an interest in the small affairs of life saying that he felt like a steam engine hitched to a milk wagon when he had to concern himself with them. How much more will Roosevelt feel the change, leaving it after such a strenuous career and still in the prime of life and ambition. It is probable that it is the recognition of this psychological state that has determined him to break the fall by a hunting trip to Africa where in the jungle he will work off some of the energy that has for such a long period been expended on Congress and the many reforms he has undertaken. To many of his friends during the last year he has declared that he did not know what he should do when he "lost his job" but as he is not the man to sit down and weep for more worlds to conquer he will be apt to do the thing which comes to hand and to continue to do more of them than any man we know anything about. It may be that the accounts of his trip which he has already agreed to supply Scribner's and later political articles for the Outlook are simply his way of "marking time" until something more important turns up for him to do.

The agitation at the National Capital over the work of making more safe the public schools from fire and other dangers would be of little more than local importance were it not that it is being repeated in nearly every city of the country. The great school fire in Cleveland last winter in which so many little children were sacrificed to the stupidity and carelessness of the school authorities gave the impetus to this movement which like so many others in this country is being carried to excess in many sections. There are few peoples stupid or wicked enough to say that any reasonable safeguard for public school children is unnecessary but it is lamentable to see parents and public men committed to extravagances in this line from the greed of those who have something to sell in the fire escape line. Overwrought and hysterical people everywhere are having their feelings worked upon by those who have something to sell that is claimed to guarantee the lives and safety of their children. If a man has a lot suitable for a new school building he may be justified in warning all the parents in that district that the school children are imperiled in the old building but it takes a degree of common sense to investigate the charge before having an emotional spasm over it. The average public school is as safe as the average home to say the least and at any rate the person who has reared one or more children never does cease to wonder how any child ever survived the perils that constantly menace it. The only safe means to take in the present agitation is that involving the use of the same common sense applied to other business propositions and to avoid the influence of the sensational reformers and most of all the man-who-has-something-to-sell.

There is no lack of local politics in Washington during these remaining pre-election days. As all the world knows we have an "ideal" system of Government in the District of Columbia. There is no suffrage here. If a resident of the city wants to vote he must by fiction have a domicile in some state

or territory and go there to deposit his unique and delicate ballot. The citizen of Washington is a disfranchised resident merely. Nevertheless Mr. McFarland, the chairman of the three commissioners who rule the District hath told us this is an ideal government, hath told the world so in Chataquan addresses and McFarland is a plausible man. But in spite of this assurance to the Chataquas a majority of the people of the District are getting tired of this ideal "faultily faultless, icily regular, splendidly null" government and are clamoring for a change. The government is by a triumvirate, presumably one democrat, one republican, and an army officer called the Engineer Commissioner. The gentlemen are often at loggerheads and are frequently shifting the responsibility from one to another, resulting in much tergiversation and indecision.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, '08

at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate:

All that certain messuage, tenement and lot of ground situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

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one thereof fronting on Fifth street and the other fronting on Strawberry alley. Seized, taken in execution at the suit of Commonwealth Trust Company vs. John W. Davis and S. E. Reynolds, and to be sold as the property of S. E. Reynolds.

CHAS. B. ENT, Sheriff. C. W. Miller, Attorney. 10-15-4t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Theodora E. McHenry, late of Jackson Township, deceased.

The undersigned appointed an auditor by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to pass upon exceptions to the final account of A. Z. McHenry, administrator, and to make distribution of the fund found to be in the administrator's hands, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Wednesday, November 11, 1908 at 10 o'clock a. m., to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in the fund in the hands of the administrator of said deceased will appear and prove the same or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

A. N. YOST, Auditor. 10-15-4t.

NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court } In re estate of Columbia County } P. K. Patterson

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the said Orphans' Court by the undersigned for letters of administration on the estate of said P. K. Patterson, who has been absent from the place of his last domicile, viz: Greenwood Township, in this County and Commonwealth, for more than seven years last past and his whereabouts unknown, and the said Court has fixed Monday, December 7th, 1908, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time to hear the evidence concerning the alleged absence of the supposed decedent and the circumstances and duration thereof.

B. F. BATTIN, Clinton Herring, Att'y. 10-15-4t.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given by John A. Moran, of Centralia, Pa., a registered student at law in the office of William Chrisman, of the Columbia county bar, Bloomsburg, Pa., and the Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pa., that he will, on or before the 17th day of November, 1908, file his credentials with, and make application to, the State Board of Law Examiners, to be examined by said Board on the 8th and 9th days of December, 1908, for admission to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. 10-22-4t.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company for the election of a President, Board of Directors and Treasurer and the transaction of the general business of the company will be held at the office of the Company in the Ent Building, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday, the 23rd day of November A. D. 1908, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

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