

BARRACKS IN SCHOOLS

Make the Taxpayers of the District of Columbia Fume and Fret.

SCHOOL TO BE DELAYED A MONTH

In Order That Contributors to the G. A. R. Fund May Lay Less.

SOLEY DENIES ARMOR PLATE STORIES

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—A great deal of unfavorable comment has been made within a day or two on account of the action of District Commissioners in giving for barracks to the Grand Army of the Republic the school buildings of the city.

The action of the Commissioners became known to the general public only when great carloads of mattresses for cots were seen piled in front of the school buildings, and then a howl was raised that will probably yet result in the citizens suing for an injunction to restrain the Commissioners from making this unlawful use of the buildings.

It goes without saying that such occupation of the fine edifices will result in serious injury to them. The commissioners admit this, but assert that they will make it all good—out of the public money, of course. The school boards have protested against the use of the structures as common barracks, but they were overridden by the commissioners.

No Necessity for Such a Step. If the step were absolutely necessary for the entertainment of the veterans, nobody would think of objecting, but it is merely for the purpose of saving something to the pockets of the pension sharks, hotel keepers and proprietors of gin mills, who were most active in inducing the holding of the annual encampment at the city.

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Acting Secretary Soley, of the Navy Department, and today that he had fully investigated allegations that were being made at the instance of interested persons, which were virtually that the Navy Department had boomed the Harvey and nickel process of treating armor plate, and that failure in the tests had been concealed; also, that the change from one style of armor plate to another, without change of price, would put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the pockets of the Carnegie, which they would not otherwise get, and that presumably the Carnegie companies would therefore contribute liberally to the campaign fund.

"As to the publication of successful armor trials and the concealment of unsuccessful trials," said Mr. Soley, "there has been absolutely no concealment of either nickel or the Harvey plates. On the contrary, the uniform results of these trials have been a phenomenal success. No results in any degree approaching them have ever been attained at the tests of any foreign armor. And, moreover, we can purchase nickel cheaper by 40 per cent, under our contract, than anyone else."

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COUNCILMEN WERE ABSENT.

The Allegheny Public Works Committee Does a Little Business.

A meeting of the Allegheny Common Council was called for last night, but a quorum was not obtained.

In consequence a large amount of routine business had to lay over.

A meeting of the Committee on Public Works was held and two items of business disposed of. The contract for laying 3,000 feet of 20-inch water pipe from the basin to Howard street, was awarded to H. C. Howard, at \$14 per lineal foot.

The other bidders were Joseph Hastings, \$1.75 per foot, and T. M. Scanlan, \$1.85. One unusual feature was that Hastings was on Howard's bond, given to guarantee proper work, and at the same time was bidding against him.

An application was received from the J. M. Gusky Orphanage and Home for the Aged, asking to be set as a charitable institution, it is exonerated from the payment of \$101.07 water tax due. The request was granted with the understanding that other institutions of a like nature get the same treatment.

Marriage Licenses Issued Yesterday.

Name. Residence.

Alex. L. Matchett.....Clinton

Anna Barig.....Allegheny

George Malman.....McKeesport

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John H. Fisher.....Allegheny

Joseph Edelman.....Allegheny

Robert Kennedy.....Pittsburg

Mary Buckley.....Pittsburg

Joseph Lehman.....Reserve township

Henry Frey.....

Henry D. King.....Allegheny

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