

WASHINGTON LETTER

Special Correspondence. The Municipal Tuberculosis hospital, Fourteenth and Varum streets, northwest, an institution which is regarded as the best equipped of its kind in the country, was recently opened for patients.

The structure is of brick and is four stories. It is situated in the center of a thirty-five acre tract, high and healthy, and is set off with trees, lawns and gardens. It has accommodations for 120 patients, who will be from the indigent class. Forty patients are under treatment at the institution.

Arrangement of Hospital. Dr. George M. Kober, who has done more than any one else for four years past to make the hospital a reality, succeeded in working out one of the most difficult problems connected with the hospital—how to provide open air wards. The fourth floor & the wings is left open on each side for outdoor patients, while the bath and dressing rooms are on the upper part of the central tower. The wards are high above the ground, and they will get plenty of fresh air and be free from dampness.

On the first floor are the dispensary, diet kitchen, examination room, dark room for X ray work, linen closets, isolation room for serious cases, nurses' rooms, bath, two large wards and sun parlors. The third floor has dressing rooms for the open air wards, four small open air wards, a bathroom at the north by windows. In the basement are storerooms, scullery, cold storage plant, kitchen, heating plant, coal bins, rooms for the delivery of clothing and bedding and dining rooms.

New Fire Headquarters. The fire alarm headquarters for the District of Columbia, which for a number of years has been located in the building used by No. 14 engine house on Eighth street above D street, northwest, has been removed to the new District building.

The fire alarm headquarters not only send out alarms of fire, but act as a telephone exchange for the offices of the District government and supervise the telephone patrol system used in the police department.

The mechanism and apparatus used in the fire alarm headquarters are particularly intricate and expensive. Great care and skill had to be exercised in moving them from the old quarters to the new building. Still greater care had to be exercised in installing them in the new building. In connection with the transfer the District has purchased considerable additional apparatus.

New Government For District. Not in a long time has a municipal subject aroused such deep and universal interest among business men of Washington as the proposal of President Roosevelt to ask Congress to do away with the control of the District government and empower him to appoint one responsible head, a governor or mayor, charged solely with the administration of the District.

The preponderance of taxpayers favoring the change is great. Comparatively few citizens have expressed satisfaction with the present form of government and ventured the belief that it needs no improvement.

Advisory Board Favored. In some quarters the idea of an advisory board of prominent citizens to assist and counsel the governor in his administration is brought forward, on the theory that it would be impossible for one man, unaided, to fully comprehend the details of the affairs of government and manage the various sections of the District. Practically all agree that the chief officer of the District, if Congress should pass the bill, should be a District man, thoroughly familiar with the needs and resources of the District, a successful business man, and a man of the highest character.

Decorative Sculpture. Decorative sculpture on both the exterior and interior of business houses and residences is playing more and more of a part in the work of the designers of the new buildings. Carvings in stone, wood and cement, cast ornaments in plaster, cement and composition and castings in iron are being used in a number of the handsomest houses now building in the national capital.

Bas-relief Figure of President. Louis Meynard, a Boston artist, is working upon a bas-relief figure of President Roosevelt in the conference room at the Portsmouth navy yard, New Hampshire. This is the room in which the peace conference between Japan and Russia took place. The artist was commissioned to do the work by D. Estes, a wealthy New Englander.

An Opium Commission. President Roosevelt has appointed three commissioners to represent the United States on the joint international commission to investigate the opium question in the far east. They are Thomas Burke, an attorney of Seattle; Dr. Hamilton Wright of Maine and Dr. Charles D. Tenney, Chinese secretary of the American legation at Peking. Similar commissioners will be appointed by all the powers interested in opium suppression. The joint commission will meet in Shanghai Jan. 1 next. Messrs. Burke and Wright will collect information on the opium traffic in the United States and the Philippine Islands, and Dr. Tenney will study the situation in China.

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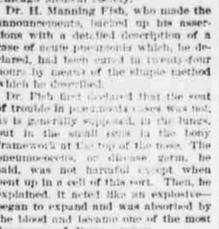
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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

On the Stand. Attorney For the Defense (to witness)—You say that on the night of the attempted murder the moon shone so brightly that you could plainly see the burglar in the room. Was your husband awake at the time?

Witness—I don't know. Attorney—Was his face turned toward you or not?

Witness—I don't know. Attorney—What! You don't know whether his face was turned to you or toward the wall?

Witness—No. Attorney—Your honor and gentlemen of the jury, you hear what this witness says. She has declared the prosecutors to be the burglars who were in the room and yet she is unable to state in what position her husband was lying in bed. Well (to the witness) how is it you don't know?

Witness—I could not see. Attorney—Ha, ha! Just what I thought. You could not see, you were so positive in your recognition of the burglar and yet could not see which way your husband's face was turned. Explain that if you can.

Witness—Certainly, sir. My husband is so bald that in a dim light I am unable to distinguish his face from the back of his head.—Harper's Weekly.

Baseball Critic. Muggins—What has become of Panning? Muggins—Oh, he's laid up, a victim of baseball. Muggins—He didn't know he ever played the game. Muggins—He doesn't. He sprained his larynx telling the umpire how things ought to be done.—Chicago News.

Just Her Luck. Dora—Did you ever see a man really thoughtful while marrying? Corn—Lots of them, but some other girl had always seen them first. They were all married.—Philadelphia Press.

Willing to Oblige. "Could I paint your old cow?" ventured the art artist. "Certainly, stranger," laughed the old farmer as he stropped his bow with a handkerchief. "Paint her green and she will look so much like the grass the tramps can't see her and milk her on the sly."—Pittsburg Post.

Some of Each. "Somebody told him that he mustn't drink less water during the hot weather, and somebody else told him that he must not alcoholic beverages alone. You know how very obstinate he is." "Yes." "Well, he mixes the two."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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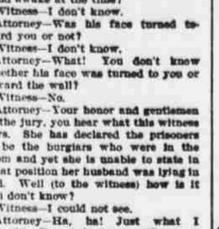
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