WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]

Development according to plan is the order of progress in the national capital. The work of improving the beautiful city on the banks of the Potomac is not going forward in a haphazard, hit and miss fashion, but is proceeding along lines carefully thought out by a commission assigned to the duty by authority of congress. This commission had as its chairman Daniel H. Burnham of Chicago, the other members having been Augustus St. Gaudens, Charles McKim and Frederick Law Olmstead. First preparing a sculptured model of the city as it existed in 1902, they then caused to be made a model showing the city as it should be built according to an ideal plan.

The Future Washington.

In one of the rooms of the magnificent library of congress may be seen the plans of Washington as the commission found it in 1902 and as they hope to have it appear to the generations of the future. And the plan of the city to come is not merely a dream. Already the work is in hand.

Improvements Planned.

The preliminary plans for many groups of new public buildings, notably that of the bureau of engraving and printing, on which is to be expended $2,000,000, have also been approved. Avenues more magnificent than those of which Major l'Enfant even dreamed are already in their formative state, and it will not be many years before the inaugural parades will forsake the great thoroughfares of Pennsylvania avenue and pass from the capitol directly west to the great monument along a boulevard the like of which has not yet been seen.

Bureau of Republics.

The bureau of American republics is an institution supported by twenty-one republics of the Americas for the promotion of commerce and trade and for the cultivation of peace and friendship. At the present time it is housed in a building on Pennsylvania avenue near the White House, but it has in process of construction a white marble building south of the Corcoran gallery, on the grounds of the old Van Ness place.

A Historic Mansion.

For a long time the Van Ness mansion was one of the historic buildings of the city. It was built by Latrobe, one of the architects of the capital, for General John P. Van Ness, who married Marcia Burns, daughter of Davie Burns, one of the original landholders of the city. "Crusty Davie Burns" lived in a rude cottage near the river and cultivated a large plantation extending over the spot where the White House now stands. The demand for his land made him wealthy, and his only child, Marcia, was known as the beautiful heiress of Washington. For some time Burns was opposed to the projected transfer of land to the government, and the president and commissioners had several conferences with him. On one of these occasions the choleric Scotchman answered one of Washington's arguments by this outburst: "I suppose, Mr. Washington, you think people are going to take every grist from you as pure grain. But what would you have been if you hadn't married the rich Widow Custis?"

Legend of the White Horses.

General Van Ness, a well born New Yorker, was one of many suitors for the hand of Marcia Burns. He became a resident of Washington, living at first with his bride in the old cottage, which she would never permit to be taken down. He became mayor of the city. His portrait was painted by Gilbert Stuart. The mansion erected on the Burns estate was one of the finest in the country and the resort of the distinguished people of Washington. In Oak Hill cemetery Van Ness had erected a tomb in imitation of the temple of Vesta. On each anniversary of his death the legend has it that his favorite troop of six white horses make a ghostly midnight gallop around the old mansion. Whether the bureau of American republics will inherit the ghostly horses with the site of the ancient mansion remains to be seen.

Down the Potomac by Trolley.

In these days of trolley cars and interurban connections it is no longer necessary to sail down the Potomac to reach Mount Vernon, although that is always a pleasant trip. The Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon trolley cars carry passengers along the river's wooded shores, pass through quaint old Alexandria and on to an entrance of the estate leading to the rear of the mansion house. The train crosses a bridge which has replaced the famous old Long bridge over which the Union army marched in the sixties, a privilege denied the Confederate troops.

Mount Vernon In Spring.

On a misty, mild spring day Mount Vernon, with its century old trees, its formal English gardens, its hedges of boxwood, its deer park, its sundial, its old fashioned barn, its outbuildings for the servants—the kitchen, the butler's house, the laundry, the spinning house—its kitchen fireplace, big enough to hold several men in standing posture, its rolling acres of velvety lawn, is so reminiscent of the estate of an English gentleman that it makes the democracy of the man who held it the more remarkable. It is not strange that after he had done his work he was content to remain here and look after his broad acres. The Mount Vernon Ladies' association, which through its state regents holds and cares for the property, has forever removed from the nation the fear that the first president's home would fall into neglect and decay.

CARL SCHOFIELD.

DON'T BREAK DOWN.

Occasional Flights From the Grind Better Than Skilled Specialists.

There would not be so many worn-out, fagged looking women if we learned early the value of that ounce of prevention. With most of us prevention is like thunder—it comes after the danger is past.

So much of the misery of life is preventable that it is pitiful how rarely the effort is made. We lose our looks, break down before our time and either are snuffed out altogether or hang on creaking hinges when we should be in the full flush of living.

Most women act as if they were fatalists—what must be must be. Then they groan when the inevitable occurs instead of living up to the true fatalist spirit of stoicism.

Perhaps you are one of the persons who ever take any rest. You look on life as a race to be run, forgetting that the strongest runner goes slow until the finish.

Have you the foolish idea that to stop a minute to read the papers or to dip into a famous book is stealing time that should be devoted to husband or children? Are you charitable to every one but yourself and look upon letting up in your mad pace as shirking?

Are you one of those misguided beings who think monotonous plodding is duty and crush out young longings for an occasional matinee or social outing lest you fail in some chimerical duty?

If so, readjust things. Learn to look on these things as "that ounce of prevention" without which smashups are inevitable. It is continual plodding that not only makes life stale, but brings wrinkles and narrow minds.

Do you ever stop to think what a breakdown means? How many of the coveted pleasures or longed for rests could have been had for the doctor's hire?

Occasional flight from the grind is better than skilled specialists to keep one well, which is the sensible modern woman's reading of "that ounce of prevention."

THE NEW COIFFURE.

Smart Women Have Taken Up the Parted Pompadour.

After all the preaching about the parted pompadour, it didn't come in until the season was well started. Now the smart women are rapidly taking it up. At the opera, at dinner dances, at the theater and wherever women gather with bare heads the parted pompadour is the mode of the moment.

It is doubtful if the small roll of hair over the temples could be dignified by the name of pompadour. It stands out little from the face. It is slightly waved, more often at home than on the irons of the hairdresser. The parting is on the left side and the hair brushed away from it in man fashion.

At the right side of the part the hair sweeps down over the brow and across the temples in a large rippling wave. The left side goes back over the ear and is tucked into the small Psyche knot that stands straight out from the head.

Every one thought this parted pompadour would be unbecoming. On the contrary, it is quite attractive and a charming relief from the mass of ruffed and ratted hair that we have been wearing over the brow for years.

Whatever rats or crapes are put into the hair to keep it out now are used at the sides. They must not go across the back except under the Psyche knot.

The correct coiffure adopted by the majority has the hair brushed up smoothly from the nape of the neck to the knot itself. There is no bulging out or sagging down. It is a clean Grecian sweep, usually held in place by a wide barrette.

SEWING SUGGESTIONS.

Pretty shades for the center table lamps may be made easily at home. Take the wire frames and cover them with shimmery silk or tissue paper. If the paper is used make cords of the same. Insets of filet net in the silk shades are specially effective and not difficult to place.

An embroiderer gives this rule for working initials on lingerie: Never use anything on cotton for embroidery but cotton. If the material is linen take care to use linen thread. Best results are obtained if when padding is necessary the same thread is used for this part of the work as for the embroidery proper.

For a coat hanger get three heavy wires about twenty-six inches long and cover them with ribbon casings, using black, yellow and red for the different cases. Fasten the three wires together, braid them and finish each end with ribbon bows. Cover a wire for the hanger. These can be made of any ribbon covering.

To correctly find one's waist measure so as to be able to put belt or girdle on shirt waist cut shirt waist somewhat shorter than full length pattern; make waist and then try on; tie a tape around waist, placing fullness in back, front and sides just as desired. Then take a lead pencil, mark the waist all around just below tape. Cut off even with marked line after taking off waist. Put on belt, remembering to have measured distance from middle of back to underarm seam so as to know exactly where to let fullness be. This is an excellent idea and will be of great benefit to home dressmakers.

Clean With Vinegar.

If your cooking utensils have a habit of burning or the victuals stick easily, try boiling a little vinegar in same. It acts like magic, especially with heavy skillets.

Drinking the Health of Roosevelt

IF Colonel Theodore Roosevelt does not bag plenty of big game while in Africa it will not be because he has not had a proper sendoff before striking into the jungle. Not to mention the enthusiastic demonstration that, in spite of his desire for a quiet exit, attended his departure from New York, the functions since that time in honor of the hunt must have made the ex-president feel that his journey jungleward was indeed quite an international affair. The most original and altogether out of the ordinary of the events signalizing the start for the dark continent was the "captain's dinner" given on the Hamburg just before the steamship, with the ex-president and his son Kermit on board, reached Naples. A captain's dinner is a feature of every ocean voyage on the Hamburg-American steamship lines, but in this case the function was elaborated into an affair which was about as unique and Rooseveltian as the officers of the steamship company, backed by the cleverness and skill of stewards, chefs and cooks, could make it. The function in this way became a farewell reception to Mr. Rosevelt of the kind which the ex-president is "dee-lighted" to have.

Never before did prince or potentate or humble private citizen start out after animals with all the world so much interested in the sport and having so much fun in connection with the enterprise. As Mr. Roosevelt can take a joke on himself pretty well he did not mind some of the sportiveness of the dinner and its program. Opening his edition de luxe copy of the latter, he found on almost the first page inside the cover a hippopotamus, with outstretched jaws and sharp teeth, evidently prepared to receive him not exactly with open arms, but certainly with open mouth. Teddy bears pranced through the program from cover to cover, lions crouched and natives drew bows to shoulder, while on one page Colonel Roosevelt discovered a positively unique "nature fake," one that would have done credit to Dr. Long or even Jack London, consisting in a quintet of jungle characters, a lion, a giraffe, a monkey, a hippopotamus and an elephant, lined up and singing blithely in welcome "Waiting For You."

A wireless dispatch says that Colonel Roosevelt's smile was so broad when he lighted on this feature of the program that his teeth showed as plainly as those of his friend the hippopotamus. The quintet had as a background a map of Africa, and on the page opposite was printed the following program of music, which was rendered by the Hamburg's orchestra while the guests were eating and drinking in honor of the hunt:

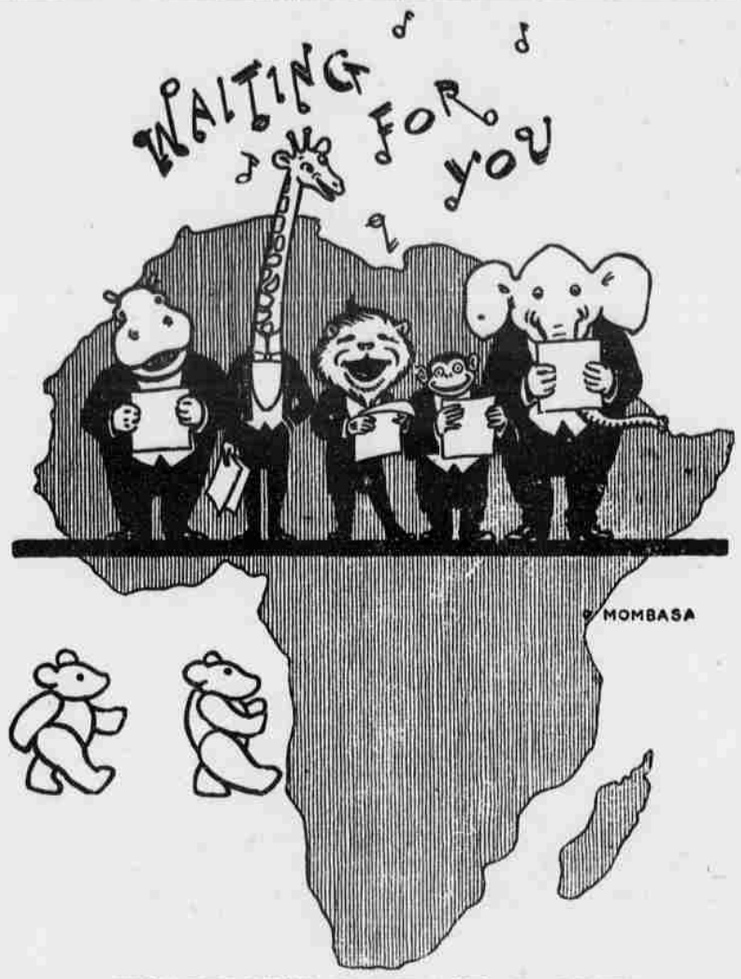
"The Presidents," "Merry Wives of Windsor," "Dollar Princess," "Poppies," "I'm Afraid to Come Home In the Dark," "American National Airs," "Cocoanut Dance," "Down in Jungle Town."

The choicest viands, delicacies and drinkables were stowed away before the Hamburg left New York, and the chief steward and chef got up a collection of gastronomical attractions which included the following, the wording of the bill of fare being in both German and English:

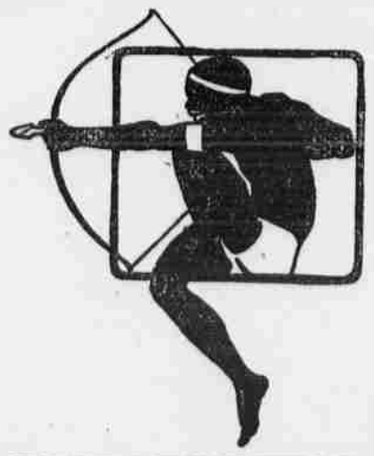
Caviare and Oyster in Ice.
Cream of Chicken a la Reine Hortense.
Pompano a l'Americaine.
Saddle of Lamb a la Printanniere.
Poularde.
Reine Claudes. Lettuce.
Asparagus, Sauce Mousseline.
Peches Melba. Pastry.
Cheese. Fruit. Coffee.

The book of the menu as a whole was a fine example of the printer's art and contained on the first page of the cover a portrait of Colonel Roosevelt with his signature in facsimile and on the first inside page a reproduction of the steamer Hamburg leaving port, printed in duo-tone ink. The title page was printed in gold, and the card was bound with a ribbon showing the German colors, the whole making a most attractive souvenir.

Not only are the animals in Africa waiting for Mr. Roosevelt, but the entire native and foreign population are expectant. All the nabobs want to entertain him. The dusky inhabitants of the interior are preparing to do all the stunts characteristic of savage life for his edification, and after his arrival at Mombasa, where he is due the latter part of April, he would have no trouble in keeping busy for the next six months going to the kind of social doings popular in that part of the world if he wanted to spend his time that way. But he is anxious to get right into the depths of the jungle, where the lions roar and the monkeys scream and other wild creatures make night gay or hideous, as you will, so there is little doubt that when he leaves the steamer Admiral, on which he sailed from Naples en route to Mombasa, he will cut the African welcoming ceremonies as short as the courtesies of the occasion will permit.



FROM THE MENU OF THE CAPTAIN'S DINNER.



THE NATIVES HAVE DRAWN THEIR BOWS.

WITH OPEN MOUTH.

The Fate of Foglio.

What is said to be the most extraordinary feat of criminal vengeance on record happened at Algiers in 1899. A man named Foglio was arrested by the French police at the instance of the Italian government. He was suspected of complicity in a Sicilian murder crime, and it was known that he was a member of the Mafia. In jail he weakened and promised to tell the whole story on condition that his life was spared. Two mornings later his jailer, visiting the cell, found Foglio on the floor, stabbed to the heart. The dagger was still in the wound, and on the body lay a scrap of paper with the words, "So perish traitors," in Italian. To this day the mystery of that death wound has never been solved.

A Tomato Experiment.

An experiment with tomatoes was conducted at the Wisconsin experiment station to determine the relative earliness of fruiting and the amount of fruit produced by plants grown from cuttings and those grown from seed. The results thus far indicate that it is very hard to choose between cuttings and seedlings for use in the forcing house.

By Degrees.

A maiden at college named Breeze,
Weighed down by B. A.s and M. D.s,
Collapsed from the strain.
Said her doctor, "'Tis plain
You are killing yourself by degrees."

THE CITIZEN Has made arrangements for

A FIVE MILE FOOT RACE

AFTER THE

MARATHON PLAN

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON

Decoration Day MAY 31

5 Handsome Gold and Silver Medals will be Awarded the Winners!

ENTRANCE FREE

To all competitors living in the county, exclusive of professionals; entries to be made at any time prior to April 15th.

ALL CONTESTANTS will be required to submit to a physical examination by competent physicians, to insure proper endurance condition for race.

FURTHER DETAILS including instructions for proper training, will appear in succeeding issues of THE CITIZEN.

CITIZEN'S 5 MILE RACE

How to Train.

For all who may contemplate entering this race, the following suggestions are important:

Long walks and slow jogging should always be given a course of training for distant running. Whenever a difficulty in breathing is felt, the athlete should walk until his powers of respiration have recovered. He should never sit or stand around uncovered, but as soon as his work is done, cover up warmly until an opportunity to be rubbed down is given him, and then dry, warm clothes should follow.

While running, the athlete should stop just as soon as he feels a pain in his side, or the front part of his lower leg becomes sore.

The diet should be simple, sleep abundant. Omit tobacco, all alcoholic liquors, tea, coffee, pickles, pastry, dumplings and the like.

The time to start to prepare for the run is now. Do not wait, but pitch in an[illegible] the winter's stiffness out of the mu[illegible]

Fu[illegible]r advice will be given from time to ti[illegible] within the next few weeks.

Fo[illegible]ditional information watch the colu[illegible] of this paper. In a few days deta[illegible] announcement of the necessary step[illegible]nter will be made. In the mea[illegible] those desiring to enter can do so b[illegible]municating with THE CITIZEN.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

The approaching completion of the High School buildings will soon necessitate the grading and arrangement of the school property grounds. No one is more interested in having this work properly done than the pupils who are to use them, and no landscape gardener should attempt the task without consulting them. In order to stimulate suggestion on this point THE CITIZEN offers the scholars of the Public School two prizes of $1.00 each for the best two essays on "The Best Way to Arrange the New School House Grounds," the competition to close April 15th. The articles, which must not exceed four hundred words in length, are not to be signed, but the name of the writer must be written on a separate slip, and enclosed in an envelope with the essay. The contributions will be numbered and submitted to competent judges who will decide on their respective merits. The winning essays with the names of the authors will appear in the first number of THE CITIZEN following the award.

CITIZEN JOB PRINT means STYLE, QUALITY, and PROMPTNESS. Try it.

STATEMENT OF

HONESDALE BOROUGH ACCOUNTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1908.

GEORGE W. PENWARDEN, Treasurer, in account with the Borough of Honesdale,

DR.

From G. M. Genung, Treasurer,	$1,109 61
From County Treas., license fees, 1908,	2,040 00
T. J. Ham, Burgess, fines and license fees,	125 00
State Treasurer, from foreign Fire Insurance Companies,	294 36
From A. T. Voigt, to apply on tax, 1907,	192 43
From A. T. Voigt, Collector, to apply on taxes, 1908,	8,308 50
From Dr. Schermerhorn,	3 00
From dog tax,	123 70
From Dime Bank, demand note,	100 00
From Wayne County Savings Bank, demand note,	3,200 00
From West Street Sewer Company,	200 00
From subscriptions, residents of Texas, toward dam,	45 00
David Fisher, refund,	2 76
Honesdale Electric Light, Heat and Power Co., for lumber,	15 75
Leonard Guckenberger, for lumber,	4 38
	$15,764 69

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By disbursements as follows:

To Honesdale Con. L. H. & P. Co.	$ 2672 57	
To Kraft & Conger, coal and cartage,	299 19	
Police Service,	900 00	
Street Work,	1,843 46	
Firemen's Salary, extra watching etc.,	288 02	
J. M. Lyons, note,	1,000 00	
T. & J. Finnerty on note,	500 00	
Paid interest on notes and bonds,	677 67	
G. H. Whitney, team for Fire D'p't,	100 00	
O. M. Spettigue,	26 17	
Building Dam at foot of Church st.,	857 98	
Dr. Schermerhorn, Salary as Secretary of Board of Health,	50 00	
Dr. Schermerhorn, placarding and fumigating,	41 75	
Richard H. Brown,	2 45	
Rena S. Edgett, notary fees,	2 00	
H. Hermann, repairing truck,	9 55	
R. K. Young, Treasurer, State tax,	49 59	
Kreitner Bros., wood for Fire D'p't,	3 50	
Honesdale Garage, repairs,	3 00	
Graham Watts, supplies,	5 30	
G. J. Mueller, Fire Department, Fireman's Relief Fund,	294 36	
Kreitner Bros., lumber,	65 81	
Durland, Thompson Co., gong service,	10 50	
Frank McMullen, gong service,	5 00	
P. Murtha, gong service,	5 00	
Clark & Bullock, dynamite, etc.,	24 61	
Citizen Pub. Co., printing,	8 50	
Herald Press Association, printing,	23 50	
B. F. Haines, new order book,	9 50	
B. F. Holbert, damage to horse,	75 00	
P. H. Igo, carting,	60	
Philip Miller, stone,	25 45	
Wayne Co. Savings Bank, note and in.,	3,214 11	
Henry Freund, supplies Fire D'p't,	4 26	
C. C. Jadwin, supplies,	3 68	
Honesdale Consolidated Water Co.,	105 00	
Premium on Treasurer's Bond,	10 00	
T. J. Ham, Burgess, salary from Dec. 1 1907, to March 1, 1908,	62 50	
T. Moran, tramp, care and clothing,	39 75	
F. E. Alberty, work on ice,	11 00	
F. E. Alberty, cleaning fire plugs,	10 00	
Murray & Co., supplies for street work,	12 79	
Menner & Co., sundries,	4 70	
L. S. Collins, surveying,	12 40	
G. A. R. Post, donation for Memorial Day,	15 00	
J. J. Canlvan, sundries,	22 00	
George P. Ross, making duplicate,	5 00	
Erk Brothers, supplies,	27 81	
Katz Brothers, sundries,	50	
C. A. Cortright, sprinkling bridge, '07-'08,	10 00	
N. B. Spencer, special police,	10 00	
T. M. Fuller, auditor,	4 00	
F. J. Vareoe, auditor,	4 00	
Frank Schuerholz, auditor,	4 00	
Geo. C. Hale, fire hydrants,	17 00	
R. M. McClure, closet,	12 00	
John H. Igo, repairs on Town Hall,	35 00	
David Fisher, old iron,	19 20	
G. W. Penwarden, salary, treasurer,	50 00	
F. P. Kimble, salary, secretary,	50 00	
H. Wilson, attorney for one year,	25 00	
Honesdale Dime Bank, note and int.,	100 50	
Harry Deck, work on City Hall,	26 00	
		$13,747 06

INDEBTEDNESS.

DEMAND NOTES:

T. & J. Finnerty, dated Feb. 10, 1898 at 5 per cent.,		$2,000 00
John M. Lyons, dated Aug. 12, 1892, at 5 per cent.,		1,000 00
John Page Estate, at 4½ per cent.,		1,800 00
		$4,800 00
BONDS—4%		
Nathan Houck Est.,	$ 250 00	
John L. Miller,	1,500 00	
John Watts,	500 00	
Jos. Watts,	500 00	
John M. Lyons,	500 00	
Jos. M. Lyons,	500 00	
John M. Lyons,	500 00	
Mrs. Chas. Guckenberger,	500 00	
Louis Dein Est.,	500 00	
Louis Dein Est.,	500 00	
Louis Dein Estate	500 000	
J. D. Houck,	1,000 00	
John L. Miller,	1,000 00	$8,250 00
		$14,550 00

Interest paid to Sept. 7, 1908.

STATEMENT OF BOROUGH TAX, 1907.

Balance due from Collector March 1, 1908,		$1,009 77
Paid G. W. Penwarden,	$192 43	
Scrip redeemed,	27 36	
5 per cent. allowed on amt., paid before Sep. 28, '07,	417 96	
2 per cent. Collector's fee on same,	138 83	
5 per cent. collector's fee on balance,	42 98	
Exonerations,	27 23	866 79
Balance due March 1, 1909,		$ 142 98

STATEMENT OF BOROUGH TAX—1908.

Amount of duplicate,		$ 9,437 26
Paid G. W. Penwarden,	$ 400 00	
" " "	2,000 00	
" " "	4,400 00	
" " "	236 26	
" " "	472 44	
Borough scrip redeemed,	86 78	
Less 5 per cent. allowed on amt. paid before Sep. 25, 1908,	409 00	
2 per cent. fees on same,	156 00	
5 per cent. collection fees on balance,	24 87	8,976 35
Balance due, subject to exonerations etc., Mch. 1, 1909,		$460 91

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct and true account of the receipts and expenditures for the Borough of Honesdale, for the year ending March 1, 1909. Also of the liabilities.

GEO. W. PENWARDEN, Treasurer.

T. M. FULLER, T. FRANK HAM, F. W. SCHUERHOLZ, } Auditors.

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