

A SAFE AND SANE FOURTH ASSURED

Ordinance Drafted by Physicians Passed by Council Last Night.

WHAT WILL THE MAYOR DO?

SUPT. JOHNSON OF THE LIGHT PLANT SUBMITS HIS APRIL REPORT—OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

Richmond is to have a sane and safe celebration of Independence day this year.

At the council meeting last evening an ordinance was introduced by Councilman Bartel, and passed on suspension of the rules. It prohibits the dangerous varieties of fireworks. The ordinance is identically the same as the one which was killed two weeks ago, with the exception that in the one passed last evening, sky rockets are not included in the list which are excluded from use this year.

Mayor Zimmerman's attitude towards the ordinance is much like it has been. He believes in allowing the boys to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content. He did not state that he would veto the bill, but the general impression was that he would. He said, however, that he believed the measure should not have been passed on suspension of the rules.

Johnson Makes Report

Nimrod Johnson, superintendent of the municipal light plant, made his report for April last evening. The report shows that the earnings of the plant, not deducting the building and equipment expense, was \$3827.31 and that the amount now in the municipal fund was \$22,803.14. The report also shows: Receipts from lighting streets and public buildings, \$1982.29; from light and power, \$6679.15; total receipts, \$8661.44. Disbursements: Operating expense, \$4834.13; building and equipment, \$1183.42; total expenses, \$6017.55.

Attention of the streets and alleys committee was called to the bad condition of South C street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth. Councilman Waldele made a complaint about water filling cellars in residences near Richmond avenue and Northwest Second street. The board of works and street department will investigate.

Wants Trees Trimmed

Councilman Kauffman asked that the trees be trimmed on South Nineteenth street. He stated that many of the limbs hung very low and required attention. The matter was referred to the board of works.

Councilman King complained of the tree boxes on North Seventeenth and E streets, declaring that the rods were badly bent in many places and the defect should be remedied. The board of works was instructed to investigate the matter.

The ordinance providing a fine for the throwing of tacks, nails, etc. on

the streets was brought up for second reading. The ordinance, also pertaining to the improvement of North Fifth street, by placing of cement sidewalks was likewise brought up on second reading, but was not commented upon.

At Local Theaters

The Asahi Troupe. The appearance of this great troupe at the Murray this week have been startling and surprising as nothing of such great excellence has ever appeared in Richmond. Every one should attend the Murray this week to see the beautiful stage setting, the marvelous feats of mystery and acrobatic skill. Besides this act Goforth and Doyle present the minstrel which is a scream. Jack Lewis as a German comedian puts on a monologue that always takes. Eythe Stanley, the piano girl, renders both instrumental and vocal selections. The motion pictures are of the best and are changed every Monday and Thursday.

THE MILKY WAY.

A Hundred Million Stars Gleam in That Silvery Scarf.

The census of the starry sky is concerned almost entirely with the Milky way. The number of stars not connected with it is negligible. But when you look at the Milky way the idea of numbering its stars seems the dream of a madman. It stretches all around the sky. Its extent is so unthinkably immense that science has never undertaken to measure it, and the imagination could not grasp the figures that such a measurement, if it was possible to make it, would involve.

Yet that whole enormous expanse of space occupied by the Milky way is so crowded with stars that they make upon the eye the impression of a silvery scarf wound round the brow of the universe.

It requires a telescope to see them as a broad zone of glittering points instead of an almost uniform band of whiteness in the firmament.

In some places they are more thinly scattered, so that, as you gaze through the glass, you almost think that, with infinite patience, you might count the number included in a space as large as the face of the moon.

But in other places they seem to be packed together like the sands of the seashore. They stretch away over thousands of square degrees of space, hanging in great festoons, spreading out in vast banners, where billions upon billions of cubic miles seem to be filled with stars thicker than the flakes in a driving snowstorm!

There are begemmed knots in that starry scarf so rich that the eye is dazzled and the mind confused by the spectacle which they present.

Yet science, although it shrinks from trying to estimate the space which they occupy, has succeeded in forming a fairly correct enumeration of the stars of the Milky way.

The most extravagant estimates do not put the number at more than 300,000,000, and the most trustworthy and probable make them a third less.

A hundred million stars, then, is the total population of the glittering universe, and when we see what a marvelous effect of innumerable stars produce we begin to appreciate what a hundred millions mean.—Garrett P. Serviss in New York American.

PREPARE TO FEED VERY LARGE ARMY

Quartermaster's Department Faces Problem in the Maneuvers.

UNDER WAR CONDITIONS

THE REGULARS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN WILL CAMP IN TEN CENTERS AND SOLVE PROBLEMS OF ACTUAL BATTLES.

(American News Service)

New York, May 17.—The quartermaster's subsistence, and engineering departments of the army are now preparing plans for the transportation and encampment of 100,000 regulars and militiamen this summer. The troops that are to participate in these exercises, which are to be the most extensive ever held in the United States, will consist of about 65,000 National guardsmen, from practically every state in the Union, and all of the regulars now in the United States.

Ten encampments will be held, under the direction of generals of the regular army. Two of the most important will be in the Department of the East, of which Governors Island is the headquarters. The sites of these maneuvers will be Pine Plains, Jefferson County, N. Y., and Gettysburg, Pa. Major General Fred D. Grant will command at Pine Plains, where the troops from New York will take part, while Brig. General W. W. Worthington will be in command at Gettysburg.

Strength of Militia.

The 65,000 militiamen include 82 regiments of infantry, 34 troops of cavalry, 20 batteries of field artillery, signal, hospital, and engineering corps. The regular army will furnish 21 regiments of infantry, 9 of cavalry, 27 field batteries, six companies of signal, and nine companies of engineers, with hospital detachments for each of the ten encampments.

The encampments will cover every section of the country, the most western being at Atascadero, Cal. Besides those in the Eastern department the others will be at Chickamauga Park, Ga.; American Lake, Washington; Leon Springs, Texas; Fort Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis; Sparta, Wis.; Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., and Fort Riley, Kan.

It was said on Governors Island yesterday that the maneuvers will be the most thorough ever held in this country and that the battle and other problems that will be submitted to the army and National guardsmen for solution will be unusually instructive, being worked out to give every arm of the service an opportunity to demonstrate what the country may expect should they be called into actual service.

More Than 40 States.

More than forty states will be represented in the maneuvers, the troops being assigned to the encampments in the military departments in which they are located. New England makes the poorest showing of any of the states, New Hampshire and Connecticut, will not be represented at all. Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts will furnish one regiment of infantry each, while Rhode Island will send 171 cavalrymen.

New York will be represented at Pine Plains by five regiments of infantry, six troops of cavalry, one battalion of engineers, one battery of field artillery, and one company of the signal corps. The Fourteenth regiment of Brooklyn was to have gone, but asked to be excused. The men of that command, it was said, thought they were entitled to a real vacation after their strenuous experience in Massachusetts last summer. Squadron A took the place of this regiment.

In addition to these encampments the officers on Governors Island are also preparing for exercises of the coast artillery in the Department of the East, which will take place this summer and which will be on a most comprehensive scale. Similar exercises will take place at all of the important forts between Norfolk, Va., and Portland, Me.

The Missing Word. Fair Visitor—What did they put you in prison for? No. 999—I'm here as a result of a missing word contest, mum. Fair Visitor—What do you mean? No. 999—I couldn't give a name that would satisfy the police.—Fuck.

A BUSINESS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK BY HENRY CLEWS

New York, May 17.—The stock market has had a number of adverse influences against which to contend. The disturbed political outlook, the frequent legislative attacks upon capital, the prospect of tariff revision, the Tobacco and Oil cases before the supreme court, the death of King Edward, the constitutional crisis in England, the increase of from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in railroad wages, the high cost of commodities, the unfavorable balance in our foreign trade, the rapid multiplication of new securities, the growing conservatism among bankers at the west, the land boom in that section of the country, the curtailment of pig iron production and the shutting down of the cotton mills. These and other adverse influences which exerted a depressing effect upon the stock market were well understood by the large holders of securities and have been unquestionably discounted by the shrinkage in values which has taken place since the opening of the year. As a result of these tendencies a bear party of considerable influence was created and its success stimulated resistance to all upward reactions. It should be recognized, however, that the conditions of this sort have probably exerted their full effect, and that other and more favorable factors are counteracting them. A sharp decline in exchange emphasized the fact that gold shipments are over. It must be admitted that our gold, having gone where it was most needed, has much improved the situation in London and the continent. The death of the king is now an affair of the past; and there is no doubt but that the British subjects will loyally support the new king. The death of King Edward has more over tended to soften political asperities, and through postponement of the election, which is practically decided upon, time will be afforded for settlement of the grave problems of state with less excitement than had the crisis come to a head during the ap-

proaching summer. This elimination of bitterness from British politics will inevitably have a favorable effect upon financial affairs in London. It is quite likely that the young king, though at present naturally less popular than his royal father, will give the British nation a wise administration; and the German emperor will doubtless be less jealous of his young cousin than he seems to have been of his influential uncle, who did so much to fortify the British foreign relations. The outlook in this country depends chiefly upon the crops. Thus far the outlook in this respect is satisfactory. Some damage was done by recent unfavorable weather, but only in spots, and the injury was much exaggerated. Should the results of the crops reach \$8,500,000,000 to \$9,000,000,000, as is now predicted, good times for the United States will be continued. Possibly our farmers may not secure quite as large profits in 1910 as in 1909, owing to the decline in commodities; but their margin has been unusually wide and a moderate recession will still yield the agriculturist good returns at the time affording some relief to the consumer who has been compelled to pay inordinately high prices during the past year. It is true that western bankers show a more conservative spirit than was anticipated a month ago and somewhat higher rates of money are expected to prevail in the west in consequence. Nevertheless, money will be fairly abundant and easy until the new crops begin to move, which will be about September 1. As already stated stocks have had a very considerable decline from the high mark, and it is evident that powerful financial interests are under the market; their support being rendered necessary by the issue of large amounts of new bonds and short term notes during the current month. At present the outlook is comparatively free of breakers ahead.

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HE LEAPS TO DEATH

Prominent Chicago Business Man Suicides in Chamber of Commerce.

DEATH SENSATIONAL ONE

Chicago, May 17.—John Albert Ryerson, aged 44, member of one of the most prominent families in Chicago, committed suicide last evening by hurling himself from the thirteenth floor of the Chamber of Commerce to the marble floor, being crushed to a shapeless mass by the terrible impact.

Fortunately the corridor was comparatively empty at the time and no other person was endangered.

Ryerson was famous as a tennis player. He was a member of the most exclusive clubs and president of the Ideal Electric Automobile company. He married a daughter of Rev. James K. Stone, the latter being rector of St. James's Episcopal church, the largest sanctuary of that denomination in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson moved in the most exclusive society circles. They had one child 1½ years old and were expecting another next month.

Mrs. Ryerson is prostrated and in a very serious condition as a result of the tragedy.

The only reason that can be assigned for the suicide is worry over financial matters. Mr. Ryerson became president of the automobile manufacturing concern last fall. Its factory is running night and day, but he seemed perplexed by the finances of the concern. There were some theories last night that he did not commit suicide, but became dizzy looking over the railing in the Chamber of Commerce and threw himself over under the impulse that

sometimes attacks persons under similar circumstances.

This is the third tragedy of the same kind in the building. The first victim shot himself as he leaped over the balcony. The second, a year or so ago, sped down the area and fell upon a heavy cast iron steam radiator, smashing it to pieces. Mr. Ryerson fell upon the marble floor, crushing it to powder. Dr. and Mrs. Stone, parents of Mrs. Ryerson, are in Europe. Other relatives said they had last seen and talked with Ryerson shortly after noon and that he was complaining about slow collections.

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