SLIDING SCALE FOR GAS RATES

Seventy Cents Per 1,000 Cubic Feet Lowest.

THIS TO LARGE CONSUMERS

REDUCTION ALSO COMING IN PRICES OF ELECTRICITY.

Others Will Be Charged in Proportion to Consumption—No Rate Higher Than 80 Cents—Reduction in Electricity Rates Not Radical—Basis of Decision of Public Service Commission in Famous Gas Reduction Case—The Easement Ruling.

The basis of the decision of the Public Service Commission in the famous gas-reduction case, according to the most authentic information obtainable, will be the establishment of a sliding scale in gas rates, a system which already prevails in electricity rates.

By this scale consumers will be charged according to the amount of gas consumed. The lowest rate will be 70 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. This is what is termed a wholesale rate and will be enjoyed by the largest consumers of gas. Other consumers will be charged in proportion to gas consumed. The small householder will also be given a reduction, but this reduction will not be on the same scale as that given hotels, office buildings and other large consumers, because the small householder is not a large consumer and because the flow of gas used by him is not continuous.

It is stated there will be no rate in excess of 80 cents. The decision in detail will not be announced today.

The officials of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company will not be in position to discuss the reduction or indicate whether they will appeal to the courts until advised of full details of the decision.

While the Commission has not finally and irrevocably decided to accept the opinion of its chief counsel, W. Cabell Bruce, that the easements of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company should be included in the company's assets, there is reason to believe that the opinion will be accepted and that the sum of $5,000,000 will thus be added to the capitalization of the company.

It was pointed out yesterday that the acceptance of Mr. Bruce's ruling will not hamper the commission in arriving at its conclusions. The claim had been made that the addition of $5,000,000 to the company's assets would make it incumbent upon the commission to permit the company to earn dividends on this sum. As has been stated, the valuation of the company's assets is more or less hypothetical, as was demonstrated by the wide vergance in the testimony of experts. Thus Ford, Bacon and Davis, who took an inventory of the company's gas and electric properties for the information of stockholders, placed a total value of $45,000,000 on all the properties. In segregating these properties the values of the gas division varied, according to experts, from $10,000,000 to $25,000,000. Mr. Ritchie was willing to allow $15,000,000 as a valuation of the gas division. This was nearly $5,000,000 in excess of the physical valuation placed upon the property of him. The situation, therefore, is not changed by Mr. Bruce's opinion, in so far as it relates to the capitalization of the company for rate-making purposes.

Gas Reduction at Annapolis.

The Public Service Commission yesterday confirmed the action of the Annapolis Gas and Electric Light Company in its reduction of gas prices to consumers in the state capital. The price is reduced from $1.75 per 1,000 feet, with 25 cents per 1,000 feet discount if paid on or before the 15th day of the succeeding month, to $1.50 per 1,000 feet with the same discount.

The company at its meeting last September decided upon such action. The officers of the company are W. H. Gorman, president; J. W. Randle, vice president, and J. C. Bosley, treasurer and manager. The new scale is expected to go into effect immediately.

The commission was in receipt of a letter from the County Commissioners of Washington County asking if it had jurisdiction in the effort to have the Washington County Water Company lay larger water mains in some of the streets of Hagerstown.

BACK FROM CHINA TODAY

Captain and Mrs. Williams to Be Welcomed by Society.

Capt. Richard Peters Williams, United States Marine Corps, and Mrs. Williams, who having living in Peking, China, for the past two years, where Captain Williams has been stationed at the American Legation, are on their way to America on the steamship St. Paul and are expected to arrive in New York this morning. They will come directly to Baltimore, where they will visit Mrs. Williams parents, Mr. and Mrs. Decatur H. Miller, at the Latrobe.

Mrs. Williams was formely Miss Agnes Maude Miller, of this city, and her wedding to Captain Williams, at the Cathedral, followed by a large reception at the Belvedere three years ago, was a brilliant affair. Mrs. Williams is very popular in social circles and her return to Baltimore is eagerly looked forward to by her many friends. She is a sister of Mrs. Hugh Purviance King, Miss Lydia Miller, Mr. Lloyd Miller, Mr. L. Vernon Miller and Alfred J. Miller.

Captain and Mrs. Williams will be met on the pier by Mrs. Miller, who has gone to New York, and will return with them today. After a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Miller they will go to Washington for the remainder of the winter, where Captain Williams has been ordered for duty.

TALKS ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Shelby M. Harrison Urges Need of Organization.

"The time has come when it is absolutely essential for every large city in the country to have an organized machine for examining into and improving the civic and social conditions of its people," said Shelby M. Harrison, of the Russell Sage Foundation, in his address at the Central Y. M. C. A. Building last night before an audience composed largely of members of the local Social Service Club. Mr. Harrison, who is a director of the department of surveys and exhibits of the Russell Sage Foundation and has had under his direction the important surveys of a number of our large cities, told just how these ideas are worked out in such cities as Pittsburgh, where exists probably the largest organization of this kind; Birmingham, New York, Syracuse, Buffalo, Montclair, N. J., and several other large cities.

In Pittsburgh, he said, the social service movement was organized in 1907 and 1908 at an estimated cost of $30,000, and that it had many conditions which are peculiar to that city to deal with, among them the high death rate from typhoid fever.

It also had to deal with the industrial conditions, due to the thousands of foreigners employed in the mining districts, as well as the mills and factories. He spoke of the great value of social service in advancing the health and prosperity of the city of Birmingham, which, he said, had risen in a little over 40 years from a cotton field to a city of nearly 200,000. He spoke of the inquisitive method of the organization in dealing with conditions peculiar to the workingmen, their home life, their social conditions, religious conditions and, above all, their wage scale, and deplored the conditions found in many of the large cities whereby the laboring man is paid starvation wages and forced to depend on charity.

In speaking of the needs in the State of Alabama for social service reform, he spoke of the vice that is rampant in their penal institutions, in which gambling is engaged in by the prisoners, and referred to them as nothing more nor less than schools for crime.

Mr. Harrison will remain in the city for a conference this morning with the representatives of the local social service organization.

PROF. CASTEGNIER DEAD

Lecturer and Teacher Stricken on Railroad Train.

Many persons in this city have been greatly shocked upon hearing of the death of Prof. George Castegnier, B es L. B. es S., Officier d'Academie, lecturer and teacher. He was well known here, and had many friends. Raymond D. Steele, general superintendent of the casualty department of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, is a son-in-law of Professor Castegnier. Mr. Steele lives at Catonsville, and his wife died about two years ago. Mr. Steele's brother, Charles Ransom Steele, of New York, married another daughter.

Professor Castegnier was a frequent visitor to the Steele home at Catonsville, and he had lectured in this city. On his visits here he made many friends, and they are greatly grieved on account of the death.

Professor Castegnier was taken suddenly ill on a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad train Tuesday morning, while returning from Philadelphia, where he filled a lecture engagement. He died as the train was entering Jersey City.

The funeral will be held from the Funeral Church, 241 West Twenty-third street, New York, at 8 o'clock this evening. Interment will be in Kensico Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Professor Castegnier was born in Paris on September 6, 1849, and was a survivor of the Franco-Prussian War. After his discharge he came to this country and took up teaching in the private schools of New York city. He was educated in France and England and was an experienced lecturer and a scholarly historian. He thoroughly understood every subject he treated, notwithstanding the fact that his repertoire embraced nearly 40 titles.

He was a well-known lecturer of the Alliance Francaise, the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, the Drexel Institute and the Boards of Education of New York, Newark, Jersey City and Harrison.

He taught for more than 20 years in the Cutler School, of New York, and for five years he was an instructor in the department of modern languages of the United States Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y. He moved with his family to East Orange, N. J., last September, so as to be nearer the center of his lecture field.

Professor Castegnier is survived by his widow, one daughter (Mrs. Charles R. Steele), both of East Orange, and two sisters (Mrs. B. S. Redd and Miss Cecile Castegnier), both of New York city.

OVER RIVER GIRLS TWO-STEP

Actors and Society Men Also Attend Academy Dance.

Did you ever see Eddie Foy two-step? He is the father of eight children, but last night he attended the Prowlers' Ball at the New Academy of Music and joined in the fun. He was not the only actor present. Chauncey Olcott was there and so was William Faversham. Robert W. MacBride, manager of the Auditorium Theater, also attended.

The dance was given in honor of the Over the River company. Manager Tunis F. Dean spared neither expense nor pains to make the ball a success. A number of theater parties and dinners were given before the dance. Chorus girls, as a rule, do not like to go to dances. They say that they do enough of it on the stage, but last night, at Mr. Dean's request, they all put on their best and attended the ball. Many of the girls wore the costumes that they are seen in Mr. Foy's company. Not the abbreviated skirts that the chappies of the front row love so much, but the ones that they wear in the ballroom scene. The dance began with a two-step, and at an early hour this morning the Over the River Girls were still two-stepping. A number of well-known society men were present, the Baltimore, Maryland and university clubs being well represented. A number of the staid and quiet old members of the club took Eddie Foy's advice and joined the dancers.

A buffet luncheon was served in Mr. Dean's private office. Edward Johnson, who had been at the Academy of Music for nearly 20 years, had charge of the tables. Billy Doyle, the light man, decorated the hall, and Thomas Martin looked after the refreshments.

The dance was such a great success that Manager Dean says he will soon have another one.

Mr. Hayes Talks at Howard Park.

Former Mayor Thomas G. Hayes delivered an interesting discourse on his Baraca Bible Class and methods of teaching before the Adult Bible Class of Howard Park Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday school, at the Engine House Hall, last night. So interested were his hearers that after Mr. Hayes had completed his talk his audience insisted that he again take the floor and explain further details.

Besides the lecture an interesting and entertaining literary and musical program was given. Piano solos were rendered by Miss Erma Von Los Berg and Miss Doris Berry, a piano duet was given by the Misses Berry, and vocal solos were rendered by Miss Margaret Durgin. Pleasing recitations were given by Miss Amelia Spear and Mrs. Hatter. Refreshments were served.

The class has just been reorganized, and temporary officers and committees have been appointed until a formal election can be held. Prof. Ernest Race is president of the class, and D. S. Hickman is teacher. Members of the church are now holding services in the engine-house until the handsome edifice which is being erected for them is completed. Rev. Dr. Robert D. Williams is pastor of the church, and it is largely due to his efforts that the new church is being erected under such favorable auspices.

Potomac Co. Must Show Cause.

Judge Rose, in the United States District Court yesterday, signed an order requiring the Potomac Refining Company to show cause by January 22 why it should not be declared bankrupt. The order was signed upon the petition of Henry H. Meyer Company and the James F. Hughes Company, who claim to be creditors of the defendant company. Receivers have already been appointed for the Potomac Refining Company, an order having been signed on Wednesday by Judge Rose appointing J. Craig McLanahan and Morris A. Soper permanent receivers for the concern.

LOCAL MENTION.

Coal—E. Stabler, Jr., Coal Co.—Wood. Highest Grades Coal. Lowest Market Prices and Full Weight. Office, Cor. Eutaw and Madison Sts. Yard, Cor. Oliver St. and Maryland Ave.

Lorrimer's Hair Tonic has often been imitated, but never successfully, for nothing else produces the same result. A 25c. bottle will convince.

ROBERT GARRETT B. & O. DIRECTOR

ELECTED AT BOARD MEETING IN NEW YORK.

DIVIDENDS ARE DECLARED

Baltimore Countian Succeeds Samuel Rea, Who Resigned Because of Duties as President of Pennsylvania Railroad—Two Per Cent. Dividend on Preferred and Three Per Cent. on Common — New Financing Plan.

Robert Garrett, of Baltimore county, was elected a director of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at the monthly meeting of directors in New York city yesterday. Mr. Garrett succeeds Samuel Rea, who had been a director of the company for the past 12 years, but who, because of his recent elevation to the presidency of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with the consequent tax upon his time and attention, felt called upon to tender his resignation to the board yesterday. Mr. Rea was chosen president of the Pennsylvania Railroad last November to succeed James McCrea, resigned. Mr. Garrett is a representative of the interest which the Garret family retains in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The regular semiannual dividends of 2 per cent. on preferred stock and 3 per cent. on common stock were declared, based on operations for the six months ended December 31, 1912. The dividends are payable on March 1 to stockholders of record January 24, 1913.

Issue of Bonds.

Authority was given by the directors for the issue of not to exceed $63,250,000 20-year 4½ per cent. convertible gold bonds, dated March 1, 1913, to run for 20 years, to be convertible at the option of the holder at any time after issue and on or prior to February 28, 1923, into the common stock of the company at $110 per share. The privilege to subscribe to the issue to be tendered to the holders of the preferred and common stock of the company at 95½ and accrued interest, to the extent of 30 per cent. of their respective holdings.

Commenting upon the issue an officer of the company stated that it seemed desirable for the road to take advantage of the present market to recoup the treasury for sums expended for construction and equipment and to provide for the further requirements of the company of this character. Whether these funds will also be used in connection with the retirement of the company's $50,000,000 notes in June, next, will depend on circumstances and conditions at that time.

It is understood that subscriptions may be paid in full on March 3, 1913, or in installments, as follows: 30 per cent on March 3, 1913; 30 per cent. on April 15, 1913 and 40 per cent. on May 15, 1913.

Six Months' Report.

Following is a summary of the six months' income to December 31, 1912, five months actual and one month partly estimated:

Gross revenue	$52,446,910	Inc.	$1,524,526
Expenses	36,432,492	Inc.	4,373,702
Net revenue	$16,014,418	Inc.	$1,150,824
Outside operations — Net revenue (loss)	423,484	Dec.	98,367
Net operating revenue	$15,590,934	Inc.	$1,052,457
Taxes	1,377,250	Inc.	43,774
Operating income	$14,213,684	Inc.	$1,008,683
Other income	1,832,682	Dec.	75,949
Gross corporate income	$16,045,766	Inc.	$932,734
Deductions	7,402,070	Dec.	154,893
Net corporate income	$8,643,696	Inc.	$1,087,627

Deducting the preferred dividend of $1,200,000 leaves over $7,400,000, or nearly five per cent., on the common stock. The dividend on the common stock requires approximately $4,500,000, leaving approximately $3,000,000 surplus over and above dividend requirements for the six-month period. While the first six months of the fiscal year are customarily the more profitable, with reasonably active traffic this surplus should be substantially increased in the second period.

Peculiar interest attaches to the election of Robert Garrett, as he is a grandson of the late John W. Garrett, for many years one of the most prominent railroad financiers in this city, and for a quarter of a century president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

John W. Garrett's first official connection with the Baltimore and Ohio was in the fall of 1854, when he was appointed chairman of a special committee of shareholders appointed to reorganize the finances of the company, and was subsequently, July 11, 1855, elected a member of the board. It was in the early summer of the second year following—1857—that the great celebration occurred in Cincinnati and St. Louis, marking the opening of the through all-rail line from the Ohio, at Marietta, to the Mississippi, at St. Louis. In other words, the opening of the Marietta and Cincinnati and the Ohio and Mississippi. In both these undertakings the banking-house of Robt. Garrett & Sons had financial interests, such ensuing from the large holdings of the firm in Baltimore and Ohio securities, which naturally were affected by the important Western connections the new roads would constitute. The Parkersburg Branch, from Grafton to the Ohio, at Parkersburg, had been completed just before the final work on the Marietta and Cincinnati and the Ohio and Mississippi, but there was no bridge at Parkersburg, as there was none at Benwood, to enable direct connection, the latter with the Central Ohio, river transfers having to be resorted to in both instances.

John W. Garrett and B. & O.

Mr. Garrett's elevation to the presidency occurred November 17, 1858, at which time the company's mileage totalled 519 miles at a cost approximating $31,000,000. The gross earnings for the fiscal year, 1858, approximated $4,500,000 and expenses $3,000,000. In his first report Mr. Garrett advocated the establishment of a line of steamships from the city of Baltimore to European ports and in the following year the board assisted towards such project to the extent of $60,000. In 1865 the company arranged for the organization of a company to run a line of steamships between Baltimore and European ports. Four steamers were purchased and named the Allegheny, Carroll, Somerset and Worcester. Subsequently, in 1867, an agreement was effected with the North German Lloyd Steamship Company which assured the first line of steamers between Baltimore and Bremen, the Baltimore and Ohio subscribing one-half of the capital then required.

During Mr. Garrett's administration the lines to Winchester and Strasburg and also to Hagerstown were acquired. The lines in Ohio were extended to Sandusky and in 1871, through the co-operation of the Baltimore and Ohio, the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad was finished from Cumberland to Pittsburgh. Meantime, in 1870, with the completion of the Parkersburg bridge, there was consummated a direct rail connection from Baltimore to Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis. Having thus reached one pet ambition the ensuing determination was to realize another—that of the through line to Chicago—the Chicago Division, the two hundred and sixty-odd miles of which were opened for business in November, 1874. In May of the previous year the Metropolitan Branch, from Washington to the intersection with the old line just east of Point of Rocks, had been opened for traffic.

Mr. Garrett, the new director, is a member of one of the most noted families in Maryland, prominent for years in financial and business circles. He is a son of the late T. Harrison Garrett. His brother, Hon. John W. Garrett, is United States minister to the Argentine Republic.

Hurt in Fall From Car.

While attempting to alight from a southbound Harford avenue car, at Ostend and Race streets, yesterday afternoon, Morris Blivers, 62 years old, 83 West West street, fell to the street, and badly bruised his left knee. He was able to go to his home unassisted.

THE OPERATING TABLE

FIRST COMES THE TARIFF HEARING, THEN THE CUTTING.

DR. WELCH TAKES STAND AT TOWSON

HEAD OF HEALTH BOARD GOOD WITNESS FOR PLAINTIFFS.

DID NOT APPROVE PURCHASE

Declares Body of Which He Is President Had Legal Right to Consider Cost of Mount Washington Plant—Dr. Price's Letter Not to Be Considered as Voice of Board, He Says—Asked for His Opinion of Fuller.

Judge Frank I. Duncan, by a ruling yesterday in the Circuit Court at Towson, succeeded in holding down to some extent hostilities betwen counsel at the trial of the suit filed by Major John I. Yellott and others to have set aside the sale of the disposal plant of the Baltimore Suburban Sewerage Company to the Baltimore County Commissioners.

Judge Duncan said that when an exception was made to the admission of testimony he did not want to have argument by counsel unless he so requested.

Dr. William H. Welch, president of the State Board of Health, who was called to the stand after the testimony of Dr. Frederick Beiter was concluded, proved to be quite a strong witness for the plaintiffs.

Dr. Welch stated that the State Board of Health had never formally approved the plans of the sewage disposal plant. He said that a bas-relief map of the plant had been exhibited at the International Hygienic Congress in Washington, simply to illustrate what was being done in the way of sanitary improvement in Maryland. He said he considered the report of R. B. Morse, the sanitary engineer of the board, a warning for the county commissioners not to proceed with the sale. Dr. Welch also stated that he considered the State Board had, under the law, the right to consider the cost when passing on the approval of any plan of sewage disposal. He testified that while the State Board had not specifically disapproved of the purchase of the Mount Washington plant it had disapproved of the county commissioners using any plant on which the board had not passed.

Dr. Welch said that Dr. Marshal L. Price was not authorized to act for the whole state board in the matter and he regarded a letter from Dr. Price, which was offered as evidence in the case, as only endeavoring to encourage the building of a sewerage plant in the Jones Falls Valley. The witness said that Dr. Price is ill and will not be able to testify in the case.

When asked by Frances King Carey, counsel to the Sewerage Company, what he thought of George W. Fuller, the sanitary expert, who will testify for the defense, Dr. Welsh said that he held Mr. Fuller in high esteem, but in placing an estimate on the value of his opinion he would take in consideration the fact that he was giving expert testimony. This statement was greeted with laughter. In explanation Dr. Welch said that he believed in the French system of allowing the court to select the experts to testify in cases.

Dr. Welch said that the state board had never approved or disapproved the Mount Washington plant as a means of disposing of local sewage, but the building of a plant for the whole Jones Falls Valley was a different and more serious question.

The examination of Dr. Welch will be continued today.

SHIP REPORTED FOUNDERED

Thomas S. Dennison Had 2,145 Tons Steel Rails Aboard.

Reports were received in Baltimore yesterday to the effect that the four-masted schooner Thomas S. Dennison, which left Sparrows Point about two weeks ago for Texas City, Tex., had foundered about 100 miles southeast of Pensacola, Fla. It is said that the captain, G. P. Brown, of Pennants Harbor, Me., and his crew of 10 men had been saved.

The schooner carried 2,145 tons of rails of 75 pounds to the foot. They were going to the Southern Engineering and Contracting Company of Texas City, Tex. The vessel's brokers are Gray, Ireland & Co., of Baltimore.

Tompkins Is Technically Guilty.

Samuel W. Tompkins, of Owensboro, Ky., one time heir to $250,000, was before Judge Willett in the Criminal Court yesterday on charges of defrauding the Hotel Caswell and Hotel Emerson out of board bills. Judge Elliott, while finding the man technically guilty, took the matter of sentence under advisement. Tompkins declared that the drug habit had been his undoing. He wanted to go back to Kentucky. Tompkins denied any intention of defrauding the hotels, and claimed that he was making efforts to have friends tide him over his financial difficulties. From investigations made by the detectives it was learned that Tompkins was at one time the head of a family. When he separated from his wife he settled $100,000 on her.

CAPT. AND MRS. RICHARD P. WILLIAMS

They are expected to return today from China, where Captain Williams has been stationed for the past two years.

DR. GORTER MAY BE APPOINTED

AS HEALTH COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE.

VISITS MAYOR AT CITY HALL

If Dr. Gorter Should Be Eliminated the Selection Will Narrow Down to Drs. Fulton, Reynolds, Welch, Blake, Gilroy, Linthicum and Heller—A Vigorous Fight Being Made for Position as Successor to Dr. Bosley.

After seeing nearly 100 callers yesterday who came to indorse various physicians for the important position of Commissioner of Health, made vacant by the death of Dr. James Bosley, Mayor Preston last night admitted that "he was having a hard time selecting a suitable man." The Mayor said that his task was anything but an enviable one, and that he appreciated the fact that, no matter who will be finally chosen, he will leave many sore spots among the many friends and admirers of the 18 physicians whose claims have been presented.

After carefully going over the qualifications of the different physicians, Mayor Preston admitted that he had selected the following list of men from which to choose:

Dr. Nathan R. Gorter,
Dr. John S. Fulton,
Dr. George B. Reynolds,
Dr. William H. Welch,
Dr. John D. Blake,
Dr. William S. Gilroy,
Dr. G. Milton Linthicum,
Dr. George Heller.

A Vigorous Contest.

The Mayor has never considered the name of Acting Health Commissioner Jones, because, he says, "this is a Democratic administration." The Mayor is a warm personal friend of the physician, and under no circumstances would he embarrass the latter by having the doctor's name rejected by the Second Branch of the City Council.

It has been a long time since there has waged such a vigorous and bitter fight for a city position. Never before in the history of the city government has a contest awakened such wide interest. Not only physicians but business and professional men, as well as laborers and womenfolk, are manifesting deep interest in the choosing of a health officer. The people generally feel that, in a certain sense, the position is the most important in the city government, as an active and energetic official can do much to preserve the health and life of the city. The Mayor, it is said, realizes these facts and hence wants to go slow about the matter.

Of all the physicians so far mentioned for the position, Dr. Reynolds is the closest to the Mayor. "Dr. Reynolds is a dear friend of mine and I have known him for many years," said the Mayor last night. "I also know the other physicians. Several of them are also intimate friends of mine."

The City Hall, figuratively, was taken by surprise yesterday when the Women's Civic League jumped into the fight. A delegation of civic-spirited ladies, headed by Mrs. Francis K. Carey, asked the Mayor to appoint either Dr. John S. Fulton, Dr. Nathan R. Gorter, or Dr. C. Hampson Jones. The Mayor told the women that his mind was open as to the man to be selected, and assured them that he would give the names of the physicians submitted by them serious consideration.

Before the City Hall gossipers had hardly recovered their breath, Dr. Blake hove in sight. He remained closeted with the Mayor for some time and appeared unusually happy when he came out of the city executive's private office. Shortly thereafter Dr. Nathan R. Gorter created astonishment by entering the Mayor's office. With him was Mrs. Gorter, who sat in the reception room while her husband talked to the Mayor.

Dr. Gorter to Consider It.

When seen as he was leaving the City Hall, Dr. Gorter, in his characteristic, frank manner, said that he had not been offered the post of Commissioner of Health by the Mayor. Asked whether he would accept the place, the distinguished physician replied "that he would consider it." Dr. Gorter's candid reply apparently indicated that he thought the berth an unusually important one and would likely accept it. After learning Dr. Gorter's position the political wiseacres agreed that he stood the best chance of landing the prize.

There was much talk in political circles yesterday about the possible appointment of Dr. Heller, who appears to have considerable medical, business and political backing from the territory east of Jones' Falls. His friends claim that East Baltimore should be represented in the Mayor's cabinet. Answering this argument, Mayor Preston's close friends pointed out that $2,000,000 had been spent by the administration the past year in paving streets of that section, and that the majority of subordinate officeholders reside there.

Practically all of the physicians of Johns Hopkins Hospital have lined up behind Dr. Fulton, who was formerly secretary of the State Board of Health, and is now secretary to the Congress of Hygiene and Demography of Washington. The name of Dr. Welch was suggested to the Mayor yesterday by several prominent doctors.

From a political standpoint Dr. Heller appears to have the best chance. He has the indorsement of John J. Mahon, Robert J. Padgett, and the members of the City Council. John S. ("Frank") Kelly would like to see Dr. Linthicum land the plum. Congressman Linthicum, too, is pushing hard the claims of his brother, and is of the opinion that he ought to win the race.

Although his stock appeared to fluctuate more than any one man the early part of the week, Dr. Blake's chances appeared to be about par yesterday.

"UNCLE BOB" SHOCKED

Young Miss Makes Love to Him at Big Dance.

"Uncle Bob" McCuen, the city's official bachelor, wishes he had never gone to the first entertainment and dance given by the Shield of Honor, at Hazazer's Hall, last night. Not that he didn't have a good time—exactly like 1,199 other men, women and children who were there—but to use his own words, "daggit, maybe I wasn't embarrassed." At least, these are the words two sturdy patrolman claim "Uncle Bob" muttered as he fled from the hall.

The cause of "Uncle Bob's" embarrassment was brought about because one vivacious, rosy-cheeked, blue-eyed maiden insisted on making love to the official. Mr. McCuen, when seen late last night, said that he "wouldn't have minded so much if the pretty maiden had recited Juliet's lines in a low tone." No, she didn't do that, according to several hundred delighted onlookers, but persisted in sitting close to him and kissing his forehead and expressing her great admiration for his famous chin whiskers.

To make matters worse, according to "Uncle Bob," several other maidens, whose eyes sparkled like diamonds, also persisted in telling him how much they liked him. One daring girl stretched her arms appealingly to the bachelor and begged that "Uncle Bob" elope to Ellicott City at once. When Mr. McCuen got his breath he told the girl in gallant tones that "he had his buggy outside." While "Uncle Bob" was trying to extricate himself from the clutches of the maiden he looked suspiciously at the men gathered around him. He said later he was looking for "Bill" Larkins and "Dick" Johns, the two city officials whom, he claims, might have had something to do with urging the girls on to make love to him. They were not to be found. Then "Uncle Bob" looked longingly at a policeman stationed near the doorway. It was useless. The City Hall bachelor, with a mighty effort, then made for the doorway.

"How I ever got out of that place is beyond me," sighed Uncle Bob, when he breathed the fresh air of Franklin street. "Did you see them? They wouldn't let me go. Why, that light-haired girl wanted to sit in my lap!" And Uncle Bob looked as if he was really shocked.

"But, say," confided Uncle Bob to a friend, "wasn't she an angel? I got away without asking her name and address."

The dance of the Shield of Honor was a big success. There were a number of prominent Baltimoreans present. An entertainment preceded the speechmaking, which was followed by a dance. J. R. Richardson was the main speaker. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of A. George, James E. Dunn, S. Ford, J. T. Peregoy, T. S. Dilloway, Peter Nebel, Andrew George and A. Kirschenhofer.

MR. GOTTLIEB RE-ELECTED

To Remain President of the Charcoal Club.

At the annual meeting of the Charcoal Club, held last night at the clubrooms, Franklin and Howard streets, Frederick H. Gottlieb was re-elected president.

The following other officers were elected: Ephraim Keyser, vice president; James S. Reese, treasurer; Henry H. Wiegand, secretary; Thomas C. Corner, J. E. Sperry, W. R. C. Woods, Edward Berger, Everett L. Bryant, Irving Ward, Charles F. Roth and Kirckland C. Buck.

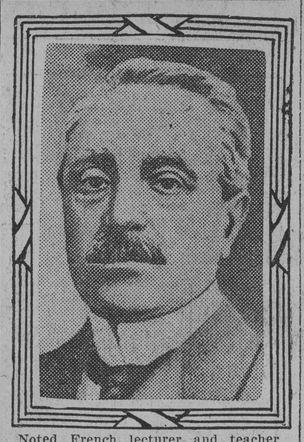
Regarding the future of the Charcoal Club President Gottlieb pictures the answer in the following well-defined lines in his report, which was delivered last night:

"It may be a dream—a dream which we earnestly pray may eventually materialize as a concrete, tangible reality. The dream that some day, some generous, big-hearted, art-loving individuals, recognizing our courageous efforts and understanding the difficulties and disadvantages under which we labor and have labored, will come and say:

"'Boys, you deserve our recognition and liberal support. You have toiled and striven and planned, impeded by handicaps and restricted by conditions. Your quarters are inadequate for your work. You need aid. Tell us in what way we can help you, who for years have been, perhaps unconsciously, helping others by the good work you have been doing in elevating the taste for the artistic, and establishing ideals calculated to ennoble the mind, and so inspire a higher conception of individual obligation in our community.'"

Continuing for one month, the Charcoal Club will hold its fourth annual exhibition of contemporary American art in the Peabody Institute galleries, beginning February 10.

Prof. George Castegnier



Noted French lecturer and teacher and well known in this city, who died last Tuesday morning on a Baltimore and Ohio train as it was entering Jersey City.

FOR LEAGUE OF MARYLAND CITIES

COMMENDABLE PLAN OF THE MAYOR'S SECRETARY.

SUGGESTIONS OF MR. LEE

Closer Co-operation of the Cities and Towns of the State With Baltimore Will Be Mutually Advantageous, and Eventually May Bring About Home Rule for Our City—Organization to Be in Conformity With League

An important step in the much-discussed plan of bringing the counties and the city together in a bond of close relationship will be taken tomorrow by Mayor's Secretary Robert E. Lee, when he will send out letters to the officials of every town and city in the state suggesting the formation of a state league of municipalities. Mr. Lee, who was recently honored by the election as secretary to the League of American Municipalities, will pattern the state body after the larger organization, which covers the whole North American Continent.

Secretary Lee unfolded his plan at the City Hall yesterday to municipal officials. They told him that it was a splendid idea, and that its realization will have far-reaching effects. It will be, they declared, the most important step taken in the state in the past 50 years, and will probably be the agency by which the taxpayers of Baltimore will eventually obtain home rule. "Come, let us reason together," will be the motto of the state organization, according to Mr. Lee.

For a State League.

An excerpt of the letter that Mr. Lee will send to all the towns and cities of the state tomorrow follows:

I am writing you to suggest the advisability of organizing a League of State Municipalities. As you may know, I was recently elected secretary of the League of American Municipalities at the convention held at Buffalo, N. Y.

In associating with the delegates, composed of city officials from every section of this country and Canada, I learned that many states have state leagues, which are materially aiding in solving municipal problems. The thought came to me that we could do the same in Maryland.

There are many things in which our interests and endeavors are identical. By co-operaitng we can, in my judgment, do much to bring a better understanding between our people. If you think well of this suggestion, I am willing to tender my service, as it will be in line with my duties as secretary of the League of American Municipalities to try and organize a state league.

Mr. Lee said yesterday that the general proposition that there was necessity for close relationship among those governing cities was too well known to admit of argument. Those who govern cities, he said, should feel the necessity of closer relationship; that individuality, in so far as cities are concerned, should cease and that some united and concerted efforts should be made to bind themselves together for the purpose of interchanging ideas. Simplification of methods, Mr. Lee believes, can be effected in the handling of all municipal problems.

Baltimore, Mr. Lee believes, can help her sister cities of the counties, and in return can also be materially benefited.

Many Problems to Solve.

"The problems of our cities and towns are common," said Mr. Lee, "because they reflect the conditions of present-day life. The police and fire protection, pure water, garbage and sewer disposal, street paving and cleaning, building ordinances, transportation, light and telephone service, schools, playgrounds, amusements, charities and corrections are some of the matters that have to be determined in every city, and they all press for solution, whether in a greater or lesser degree. Bear this in mind: that the city is a great central feature of this age of progress, and thoughtful men believe that no phase of public administration makes such a demand upon intelligent citizenship as that of the city. Hence, it occurs to my mind the deep conviction that no organization in this state would have a greater field for public service than a Maryland League of Municipalities."

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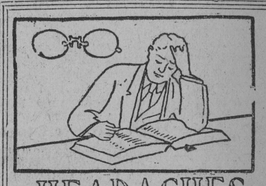

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