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Washington, July 25.—(Special)—Unsatisfactory conditions in the national banks, according to Comptroller of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray, are due, in nearly every case, to the failure of the directors to direct. In a letter to national bank examiners just made public here, Murray implored them to be more stringent in their examinations and report to him cases of laxity on the part of the directors in order that some action may be taken by the treasury department.

"For nearly two years I have been urging directors to perform their duty," Murray said, "and have endeavored to obtain the co-operation of the examiners in the matter. My most earnest efforts, reports of examinations are coming in day by day showing that the boards of directors of some banks hold two, three, or possibly four meetings a year.

"I do not understand why examiners permit those conditions to continue. When you are in a bank, that has failed to adopt proper by-laws, and you have convened the board of directors, it is a simple matter to have an approved form of by-laws, already furnished you for that purpose, adopted while you are there. This you should do in the future. If the directors object you are authorized to tell them that until the by-laws are adopted and the requirements thereof lived up to in good faith and the bank will be examined four times a year."

Washington, July 25.—Not content with a life of ease and inaction quietly munching grass on the broad lawns back of the white house, Pauline Wayne II—officially designated as the milk producer for the president and

his family—has just been housed in a brand new stable fitted up with every modern convenience.

The stable itself is situated at a convenient distance from the white house grounds, where Pauline is led to pasture, so that she will not get unduly tired traversing the distance twice a day. In addition to being constructed according to the most modern plans, Pauline's abode is fitted up with conveniences which are usually found only in dwellings for human beings.

The stable is built of brick and steel. The floors are concrete and the walls cement, so arranged that the entire structure can be flooded with water and thus kept absolutely clean. There are patent automatic filling feed and watering basins, electric lights at a shower bath. And the shower bath is expressly made for Pauline.

Every evening during the hot weather Pauline will be brought home, rubbed down and massaged by a special attendant who will see that the bovine lady does not get too fleshy from want of exercise. Following this she will be bedded in sterilized straw and fanned to sleep by an electric fan. It is thought that if she gets restless during the night a graphophone will be made for a graphophone to soothe her and aid her in falling asleep.

Washington, July 25.—Great kites are to be used by the navy department in a series of wireless tests this summer. It was announced today.

The kites, which will be about seven feet in height, will be used to elevate the antennae of ship wireless sets. By this elevation it is hoped that the range of the naval wireless will be greatly increased.

The range of wireless stations on board warships is limited by the difficulty in elevation, the antennae, as it is impossible to erect wireless masts of any considerable height. With the kites, the antennae may be elevated to a height of 1,000 feet or more. The range of wireless, providing the electrical power is increased, is proportional to the height of the wires.

The experiments with the kites will be conducted by Ensign Boynton, in command of the torpedo boat Stringham. He will operate in Chesapeake

bay and vicinity.

Washington, July 25.—Under the direction of an expert of the Smithsonian institution, an attempt is being made along the banks of the Panama canal to prevent further slides by planting grass seed. Announcement of the experiment was made today by officers of the Isthmian canal commission.

A special variety of seed, developed by the agricultural department after long study and experimentation, is being used. It is hoped that the roots of the grass will form a net work holding the soil in its position.

Most of the planting will be done in the Culebra cut, where trouble has been experienced with slides of earth into the big ditch. Engineers declare the slides due to the fact that the layer of soil is very thin and rests upon smooth rock ledges.

Washington, July 25.—In order to illustrate the tremendous impetus lately given to the nation wide movement for improved public highways the United States Office of Public Roads has just prepared a chart which shows that nearly 15,000 miles of transcontinental, interstate and trunk line roads are contemplated in various parts of the country.

This chart shows to what extent the good roads movement has taken possession of the country. North, south, west and east, the improved roads, some largely planned, others actually under construction, literally make a net-work covering the whole country.

If all the plans contemplated by the men and communities behind them, it will be possible to drive wagons or run automobiles from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast; from Vancouver, B. C. to Tijuana, Mexico; from Montreal, Canada, to Miami, Fla., and always over the modern macadamized highways.

Washington, July 25.—According to a statement issued by the navy department of the results of an economy competition among the warships of the navy, a saving of \$107,874.08 in the expenditures for ship maintenance has been effected during the six months' period in which the test has been in operation.

Definite money allotments were

made to each ship on by the various bureaus in charge of the departments of work on board ship, such as ordnance, steam engineering, construction and repair, and supplies and accounts. Large percentages of saving were made, by the great majority of the vessels, while only a very few overdraw their allotments.

Missouri led the battleships in percentage of saving, with 76.7 per cent. The North Dakota was the last in the list with a saving of 7.9 per cent.

Consecrated as Bishop.

St. John, N. F., July 25.—With all the splendor of the Roman Catholic ritual, Rev. Michael Power was consecrated bishop of Bay St. George, West Newfoundland, in the cathedral here today. He is said to be the

youngest bishop in the world and his induction into office was one of the most impressive ceremonies ever witnessed hereabouts. Mgr. Stagni, the papal delegate, was present. Archbishop Howley of St. John's was the consecrator and Archbishop McCarthy of Halifax preached the sermon.

Horses at Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 25.—All the best known horses following the big circuits this summer are at Comstock park for the opening this afternoon of the four day Grand Circuit race meeting. The feature of the week, the \$10,000 furniture manufacturers' purse for 2:12 class trotters, will be raced tomorrow and a large and high class field is expected to face the starter to contest for the rich prize.

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Good six-room house, cellar, shade and fruit trees, on Third street, for \$2,100.00. Only \$400 down, balance in stated payments at 6 per cent.

Fine 7 room two-story house, with large lot, shade and fruit trees, on Second street, for only \$2,800.00.

Five room house, modern, shade and fruit trees, on "T" avenue for only \$1,650.00.

Four room house and two lots, wood shed and city water, on North Depot and "V" avenue, for only \$1,100.00. This property can be bought with a very small payment down and balance at \$20.00 per month.

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