

IMPROVEMENT IN NATION'S CAPITOL

New Office Rooms and Many
Facilities Added—Im-
proved Building One of
Handsomest in the World
—Additions Planned.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Washington, Nov. 8.—When the congress of the United States meets on the first Monday in December it will find itself to be the best housed legislative body in the world. With the capitol, the house and the senate office buildings, the congressional library and the new building, congress will be housed in a building more than 1,000 doors, and everything else in proportion. Even the telephone service is larger than that of an American city of 10,000 inhabitants. Foreigners who are in the habit of accrediting Americans with innate vulgarity and with a disposition to consider quantities rather than qualities, are surprised to find that this huge legislative plant is known more for its artistic beauty than for its vast extent.

Immense Legislative Plant.

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When the capitol was enlarged by the building of the house and senate wings, congress fortunately employed a far-sighted and capable architect to plan the improvements. This architect, Thomas U. Walter, sympathetically studied the plans of the capitol, and evolved the concept of the capitol as it stands today. The great wings were built large enough, as it was then believed, for generations to come. Therefore each wing extended laterally beyond the front and back of the old capitol. Over the center of the old portion of the building was erected the beautiful and graceful dome which has become, in the eyes of all the world, a symbol of the great American republic. Several years later the central portion of the capitol was extended to the west front in line with the two new wings. The next improvement proposed to be made is the extension of the central portion of the east front to correspond with those of the senate and house wings.

Congressional Library Third Largest.
The extension on the west front was made for the purpose of accommodating the rapidly growing library of congress. It was never large enough adequately to serve its purpose. About 20 years ago congress authorized the erection of a separate building for the accommodation of its library. This building, erected at a cost of nearly \$7,000,000, was opened to the public 13 years ago. It is a most beautiful building as seen from its exterior, while its interior ranks with the most splendid edifices in all the world. Its book stacks were arranged to hold what was then the

entire library of congress, with provisions for receiving and storing the additions of a generation. How greatly congress underestimated the growth of the country is shown in the fact that the entire shelf space of the library is already leveled upon and new book stacks are being built. The library of congress now has the third greatest collection of books and manuscripts in the world, coming after the British museum and the national library of France.

Improving Buildings.

Although congress used all of the space in the capitol except the comparatively small portion reserved for the supreme court, there was not enough room to enable the senators and representatives properly to conduct their affairs. Each senator had a separate office, many of them in the third sub-basement of the capitol catacombs, and many in a converted office building outside the capitol grounds. Such members of the house as were not chairman of committees, were forced to hire their own offices. It was in response to this demand for more space that the two new office buildings were authorized. When congress meets next month it will find the capitol and the new buildings completed, although the house has been using its building for two years and the senate building was occupied last winter. These two buildings, standing northeast and southeast of the capitol and connected by a subway, are constructed of white marble. The four legislative buildings, taken together with the union station, form on capitol hill in Washington the most imposing group of modern buildings in the world.

Each office building affords a private office for each member of the respective houses and each building is connected with the capitol by a subway. There is some rivalry between the senate and house as to the attractions of their particular buildings. It must be conceded that the senate building is more magnificently furnished and decorated. The house has a system of shower baths. The senate countered with a complete Turkish bath outfit, and now the house is about to get bettered by the installation of a huge swimming pool. The capitol has two restaurants, one in each wing, and each office building shelters a comfortable cafe.

May Beautify Capitol.

The striking beauty of the white marble office buildings has accentuated the dingy gray of the sandstone with which the capitol is built. It is probable that some time within the next 20 years the recommendations of Superintendent Elliot Woods will be adopted and the capitol building will be resurfaced with white marble. This would be a work and disintegrates rapidly in the Washington climate. The capitol, while holding its proper domination of the architectural group in respect to its size and the beauty of its lines, leaves much to be desired in the character of its finishing material. With the central portion extended to correspond with the two wings and with the entire building clothed in immaculate white, the capitol would indeed be an edifice worthy of the great nation for which it stands.

The new heating plant which has just been placed in commission is perhaps the most complete in existence. It was built at a cost of \$1,500,000, and it supplies heat and light for the capitol, the two office buildings and the library. It is situated at half mile away. The heat is conveyed to the buildings through non-radiating conduits. There is also an arrangement for providing cold air in the summer. The British parliament has been far ahead of the American congress in this respect. Both in London and Washington the buildings have been heated by hot air. In hot weather, however, the American congress has sweated, while the English legislature has been cooled by air driven through British parliament taken first air filtered through many layers of absorbent cotton.

Follow British Ideas.

Another improvement, also following British precedent, will be made in the wing of the capitol at the expiration of the coming session. The house of representatives chamber is situated in the center of the wing, has no direct connection with the outside air, and has defied the efforts of 50 years to provide an adequate system of ventilation. Furthermore, it is a very large chamber and it has been impossible for a member to make himself heard without shouting. Each member now has a desk before his chair and the presence of this convenience tempts men to read and write, rather than to listen, thus hampering the expedition of the public business. Now that each member has been provided with a commodious private office, there is no longer any excuse for the desks. Therefore, the coming reform. The chamber of the house of representatives will be removed to the east end of the house wing; it will be cut down to less than half its present size, and the desks will be eliminated.

The capitol and the other buildings provided for the use of congress compose the most magnificent and expensive legislative plant in the world, yet no man can say that congress has been unduly extravagant in providing for these great buildings. The United States is the richest nation in the world, and area of any nation governed by a parliament. The American who visits Washington and looks upon these symbols of national power and national autonomy goes home with a deepened patriotism and a more adequate idea of the greatness of the American people.

Tomorrow, King Edward's Birthday.

ASSESSMENT IN HOOD INCREASES

Hood River, Or., Nov. 8.—The county assessor for Hood River county has completed the assessment roll for 1909. An increase is shown of 300 per cent over the assessment of last year, which was \$2,700,000. The assessment for this year totals \$7,527,235. It is segregated as follows:

	Value.
Number acres tillable land.	22,280
Number acres in forest.	2,352,696
Land, 104,781.	1,352,185
Improvements on deeded land.	322,475
Town lots.	12
Improvements on town lots.	427,540
Improvements on land not deeded.	18,155
Number miles railroad.	43.88
Railroad rolling stock.	1,060,250
Manufacturing machinery.	85,770
Merchandise.	212,025
Farming implements.	57,038
Money, notes and accounts.	22,120
Shares of stock.	122,820
Household goods.	55,360
Horses and mules.	117,777
Little cattle.	17,418
Sheep and goats.	160
Swine.	131
Dogs.	274
Total assessment.	\$7,527,235

Hood River county has had a most prosperous year. The fruit crop sold for the highest price ever received. Improvements in the city and valley are going steadily forward and the citizens are prosperous and contented.

Trials of Night Riders.

Union City, Tenn., Nov. 8.—A special term of the Union county court convened today for the trial of the 100 men under indictment for night riding. The defendants include the eight men whose death sentences for the alleged murder of Captain Quentin Ramey were recently reversed by the supreme court.

MAYOR PLACES CORNERSTONE

Methodist Church at Sun-
nyside Will Be Ready
in July.

With ceremonies provided by the discipline of the Methodist church the cornerstone of the edifice of worship at Sunnyside was laid into place Sunday afternoon. The new building, which will be ready for dedication not later than the first of next July, will have the Rev. W. T. Euster as pastor.

Yesterday's ceremonies were conducted by Mayor Simon, who spoke at length upon the theme of a liberal religion as well as a liberal citizenship. He was followed by Rev. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette university. The latter reviewed the history of Christianity and the part taken by the Methodist organization in the evangelization of the world. Other speakers were Rev. Benjamin Young of the First church, T. S. McDaniel of the Church Extension society, and B. Lee Paget, representing the Oregon Layman's association.

BUILDING PROJECTS READY FOR WORK

Nine building permits, involving \$12,325, were issued by the building inspector, as follows:
Lowengard—Repair two story brick store, 66 Sixth street, between Oak and Pine; builder, C. Carmichael; \$50.
Kern—Repair two story brick store, Washington street, between First and Second; builder, C. Carmichael; \$250.
Lindell—Repair one story frame dwelling, Killingsworth avenue, between Patton and Concord; builder, J. Westlund; \$100.
G. Johnson—Repair one and a half story frame dwelling, Clatsop avenue, between Thirteenth and Fifteenth; builder, same; \$125.
H. E. Jaekel—Erect one story frame warehouse, Loring street, between Harding and Randolph; builder, same; \$3000.
City Land Company—Erect one story frame dwelling, East Twelfth street, between Thompson and Braze; builder, F. E. Bowman; \$4500.

CLEVER SWINDLER AS LITRARY MAN

Messrs. Houghton Mifflin company wish to warn their friends against a clever swindler who has been for two or three years operating among literary people, particularly those having books upon the list of this house. His favorite story is that he is Mr. Ferris Greenleaf, or Mr. Greenleaf's brother, Mr. Bliss Perry, of Mr. Perry's nephew.
Usually he exhibits a draft which, through some technicality, he is unable to have cashed, and asks for a small loan to enable his sister and himself to finish some journey that they are upon. He is described as of medium height and complexion, of pleasant address and great affability, and as possessing minute special knowledge of matters connected with Houghton Mifflin company and their books.

Although Mr. Greenleaf and Mr. Perry and their alleged relatives are among his favorite impersonations, he has been known to operate as a kinsman of Richard Watson Gilder, Owen Wister, Roy Rolfe Gilson, E. S. Martin and other well known men of letters.

PASTOR CONFESSES HE IS BIGAMIST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Marion, Ind., Nov. 8.—Rev. Harlan White, 56, confessed bigamist, with three living wives, is in jail here tonight, following his arrest today on the instigation of Mrs. Jennie Fifield White, wife No. 3, who followed him from Michigan, where he is alleged to have deserted her two weeks ago. Following his desertion, White went to wife No. 2, Mrs. Rosa Hudson, at Orford, Ind., and endeavored to make peace with her, but being unsuccessful, he came here. When confronted by wife No. 3 today, White admitted being the possessor of more than one wife, and he will be returned to Michigan, where he will face a charge of bigamy.

TWO SEEK PRETTY STENOGRAPHER'S LOVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Oakland, Cal., Nov. 8.—Charles M. Knapp, motor boat designer, and Frank W. Benney, Pacific coast representative of Hart Bros. New York, silk importers, have been playing see-saw with the affections of Mrs. Catherine Clark, a handsome stenographer, and the divorced wife of George Clark, and at 6 o'clock today Knapp, aided by his sonal friend, Edward Bliven, filed suit against Mrs. Clark for \$20,000 for alleged breach of promise to marry.
Benney was first in the field, according to Bliven, the having been engaged to Mrs. Clark and having the misfortune to introduce her to Knapp. Shortly afterward Benney was jilted and Knapp advanced to the coveted position as accepted.

MANY NEW BOOKS AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The public library has added a number of sets of the Underwood stereoscopic tours. These include stereoscopic views of Egypt, England, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Palestine, Spain, Canada, United States.

WHISKEY FOR LAME BACK

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States, China, India and Switzerland. Guide books are furnished for a considerable number of the tours, written by authorities. These sets may be obtained in the circulating department on the usual readers card and they will be found not only of aid to home study but will be useful to clubs, schools and Sunday schools.

The art reference room will now be open daily except at the noon hour. This will be of great convenience to architects and students of art who wish to consult the books of reference and the following of plates which are kept in this department.

At the library will be found books that will tell you what to have, how to cook, how to serve it, and books that will suggest table decorations and give an idea for the entertainment of the day. If making Christmas presents the Home needlework magazine may be drawn for home use, and there are many books in the circulating department on lace making, embroidery, china painting, stenciling, copper work, photography, design, leather work, lettering, wood carving, jewelry and water color painting. If buying presents, books on rugs, pictures, furniture, china, book plates, Indian baskets and precious stones, and, moreover, books of all kinds and descriptions on all subjects and for all prices to fit every age, need, occupation and taste are to be found.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS MEET IN GEORGIA

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 8.—Masons of high degree from all sections of the country assembled in Savannah today for the tenth triennial assembly of the general grand council, Royal Arch and Select Masters of the United States, and the thirty-fourth triennial convocation of the general grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the United States. In honor of the visitors public buildings and business houses have been gaily decorated with flags and Masonic emblems. The gathering is to continue its sessions four days and will come to a close Friday night with a great banquet at Tybee island.

Conference of Appraisers.

New York, Nov. 8.—Collectors and surveyors of customs from every port of importance in the United States met in this city today for their annual conference. These conferences are held annually to discuss classification and like questions, but the meeting this year promises to be unusually important because of the new tariff law. The discussions, which will last through the greater part of the week, will be based upon the observations of the appraisers concerning the operation of the new tariff law during a period of three months.

Houston Carnival Week.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 8.—The week of the No-Tau-Oh carnival opened today with a large number of visitors arriving from all sections of Texas. The festivities this year are to be on a more elaborate scale than ever before and will include parades, athletic contests, band concerts, fireworks and many open air carnival attractions.

NATIONAL HORSE SHOW IS OPEN

New Features at America's
Greatest Equine Tour-
nament.

New York, Nov. 8.—The annual period when New York society pays tribute to man's friend, the horse, had its beginning auspiciously when the twenty-fifth annual exhibition of the National Horse Show association opened in Madison Square garden today, to continue through the week. The show this year is larger than ever before and is expected to go a long way toward restoring the event to the high popularity it enjoyed before the advent of the automobile. The entries number 1500, 200 in excess of last year's figures.

There are many new features this year. The one which is attracting most attention is the initial appearance in America of Great Britain's crack military riders, her huskars from Aldershot, who are to compete against the pack of America's cavalrymen—rough riders from Fort Riley, Kan.
Then there are the stallions, the pick of the national shows in France, Belgium and Great Britain, shown here for the first time. Another new feature is the splendid showing of work horses, for which the board of directors has offered \$10,000 in special prizes. The old familiar types of show horses, the cream of the equine world, will all be in the ring and looking down from the boxes will sit the leading lights of society, only this year the exhibition has an international significance, and society is expected to turn out in greater force than ever before.

SWEDEN HONORS GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)
Stockholm, Sweden, Nov. 8.—Flags were flying today throughout the city in honor of the victory of Gustavus Adolphus in the battle of Lutzen and in memory of his death November 6, 1632. The singing societies of Stockholm gathered in front of the Rickdag building and marched to the Gustaf Adolph market, where, before the statue of the hero, they sang his war songs and hymns. Traffic in all the streets of the neighborhood was forbidden.

WAITS TEN YEARS, THEN GETS REVENGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 8.—After waiting for 10 years to get revenge because Pat Lyons, a wealthy farmer in the foothill district, would not sell him 30 acres to complete his section, Jacob Kibler today got revenge, making Lyons pay \$2500 for land appraised at \$2400. At a sale of school land today

Lyons was forced to pay \$2500 an acre for land appraised at \$90. This is common wheat land, at best worth but \$30 an acre.
The trouble began 10 years ago, when Kibler wanted 30 acres of land belonging to Lyons to fill out his section. Lyons would not sell. Kibler vowed vengeance, and his chance came today at the sale of school land.

CROOK COUNTY IMPROVES ROADS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Prineville, Or., Nov. 8.—The importance of good roads has impressed itself upon the citizens of Crook county and the county court. While Crook has better roads for more months in the year than 80 per cent of the other counties of the state, but little money has been spent upon the maintenance of the roads until the past three years.
During the past season considerable time and money has been expended in making many of the most important highways of the county passable. At Trail Crossing, on Crooked river, there started.

is building an excellent improvement in the nature of a new five per cent grade to replace the 10 per cent trail that was formerly used.

A crew of road workers is moving about the county removing the loose stones from the roads and doing light work that improves the efficiency of the road.

DOUGLAS PLANS MORE GOOD ROADS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Roseburg, Or., Nov. 8.—This year Douglas county spent \$100,000 in good road building. That the work is to be continued, only on a larger scale, proven by the purchases recently made by the county court. Several weeks ago the court purchased the rock quarry and hunkers vacated by the Warren Construction company, upon the completion of this company's paving contract in this city. This included all crushed rock that had been left by the company.
This week the court purchased a large rotary rock crusher costing \$2500 and also several rock wagons. Besides these, it purchased a carload of corrugated iron pipe at a cost of \$3200, to be used for culverts on the county roads. It is thought that another heavy road tax will be voted next year for a continuation of the good work already started.

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