

Congressman Jefferis Secures Compensation For Omaha Resident

Successfully Follows Up Action of Former Congressman Lobeck Who Introduced Measure to Grant Deserved Compensation to Rudolph L. Desdunes Who Lost Eyesight in Government Service.

LOBECK ACTED UPON REQUEST OF MONITOR EDITOR

Washington, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The house passed the bill introduced by Congressman Jefferis giving Rudolph L. Desdunes, colored resident of Omaha, \$1,200 in full compensation for the loss of eyesight while in the discharge of his duties as assistant weigher in the United States customs house in New Orleans.

Rudolph Desdunes, the father of Daniel Desdunes, bandmaster and an attaché of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, while weighing a cargo of sugar on a wharf at New Orleans in the winter of 1910 fell from his stool on account of an attack of dizziness and struck his forehead, from which accident he became incurably blind. As compensation for his suffering and deprivation of income the committee on claims fixed the amount as equivalent to one year's pay.

Former Congressman Lobeck introduced the bill originally, but nothing coming of it in the Sixty-fifth congress, Congressman Jefferis took hold of the bill at the beginning of the Sixty-sixth congress and yesterday secured its passage without opposition.

In connection with the above news dispatch the following letters will prove of interest:

House of Representatives, U. S. Washington, D. C., Jan. 2, 1918. Rev. John Albert Williams, Omaha, Neb.

Rev. and Dear Father: This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date in the interest of Rudolph L. Desdunes. I have introduced a bill for a year's salary for the services rendered while in New Orleans. The bill was referred to the committee on claims and I hope to get action during this session of congress.

Thanking you for your letter, I am, yours very truly,
C. O. LOBECK.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 5, 1918. The Hon. Charles O. Lobeck, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Congressman: Thank you for your letter of January 2, just received, acknowledging receipt of mine in the interest of Rudolph L. Desdunes and advising me of your appreciated action in introducing bill for his merited relief by asking for a year's salary for services rendered while in New Orleans.

Knowing your usual promptness I was becoming anxious over delay in hearing from you, I am sure we can count on you to see that the matter is not allowed to slumber with the committee on claims.

With best wishes, believe me, cordially and gratefully yours,
JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS.

FORMER PRESIDENT'S SON AGREES TO GO ON HOWARD'S TRUSTEE BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard university, announces that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, son of the former president of the United States, has accepted the suggestion of Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, president of Howard university, that his name be proposed for election as a member of the Howard university board of trustees at the meeting of the board to be held in February.

President Roosevelt, in speaking of Howard university some years ago, said: "It is from this institution that are graduated those who will lead and teach their less fortunate fellows. Upon their leading and teaching much depends for their race and their country. I have a peculiar interest in Howard university because of having seen the effects of their work close at hand."

The former president's son has something of the same "peculiar interest in Howard university," and is planning to co-operate in every way possible with the officials of the university in putting under way the great reconstruction and reorganization program of the university, which has assumed a new leadership and has attained, as has been aptly said, a new conception of her mission, through aiming practically and deliberately at meeting the national demand in race leadership, and thus fulfilling her proper duty and mission as the national institution for the higher and professional education of colored youth.

Spoiling Her Case.

Teacher was warning to her subject, and, laying down her book, said: "Now you all understand that the trunk is the middle part of the body, don't you?"

"Yes, ma'am," chorused the class, with one exception.

"You understand it, too?" asked the teacher of the boy who had not answered.

"No, ma'am, because it isn't so."

"Why, my dear boy, what do you mean?"

"Well," replied the boy, "you ought to go to the circus and see the elephant."

Composers Heavy Eaters.

Many great musical composers had exceptionally large appetites. When Handel dined alone at a restaurant he usually took the precaution of ordering a meal for three. Haydn, yet more voracious, was known to consume a meal that would have satisfied five ordinary appetites.

LOW-CUT DRESS AND HEALTH

Chest and Back Exposure Does Not Cause Colds and Pneumonia, Expert Declares.

If any objection can be urged against the low-cut dress it is not on the score of injury to health, in the opinion of a medical authority, but on the contrary, no better design could be chosen for the dress of the upper part of the body than one which gives free play to the muscles of the neck and shoulders and permits free circulation of the blood to and from the head, says the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Women do not catch colds or get pneumonia from exposing the chest and back, even in chilly weather," continues this same authority. "This fallacy has been exploded long ago. Looseness of the garments everywhere is what doctors have always been calling for, and if women who find benefit from this fashion in the region of the shoulders will use their reasoning powers and loosen the coverings of the waist, the feet and the hands they will not only feel in better health and lighter spirits, but they will find a marked increase of their general beauty."

"From tight neck and shoulder wear many evils follow. What good results may be expected from the low-backed dress? Firstly, it will stimulate women to develop their arms and shoulders and, by allowing a freer carriage of the head, will give them more grace and dignity."

"But one of the most gratifying results will be the effect on the face. There is no doubt whatever that many of the skin troubles endured by women have been caused by tight and warm clothing round the neck. When the blood is permitted to circulate freely the complexion will improve, wrinkles and pimples will disappear and other conditions being favorable, the face will become plumper, clearer and of better color."

"The looseness about the neck should also have a beneficial influence on the hair. Probably much of the baldness of at least the earlier years of middle age is due to want of a sufficient supply of blood to the scalp."

"Obviously the unpleasant effects of heat will be reduced, for the coolness of the bare upper part will cool the whole blood stream and body. The good influence on the nervous system is perhaps the most important factor. The coolness and ease and the free circulation of pure blood to the brain are bound to reduce the number and severity of headaches, prevent irritability and make a woman in every way more cheerful and better tempered."

Each Had a Wife.

His flivver was out of gas. And it was out of gas on a country road seven miles from town, and the rain was falling in sheets.

Leaving his wife in the protection of the machine he dashed out into the middle of the road, holding high in the air an undersized umbrella that it might protect his new, neatly pressed spring suit, while he shouted at a motorist whose headlights came dimly through the rain.

"Stop, I've got my wife—"
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