

A DULL DAY IN THE DEPARTMENTS.

Head Officers—Quarters Appointed—Col. Switzer Retired.

Col. Switzer Retired—Col. Nelson B. Steiner, Second Cavalry, having served more than thirty years as a commissioned officer, was today placed upon the retired list.

Assistant Commissioners to Paris.—The President has appointed Messrs. C. Hawkins and Spencer B. Newbury, of New York, to be assistants to the Commissioner General of the United States to the Paris International Exposition of 1889.

Internal Revenue Appointments.—The following appointments have been made in the Internal Revenue Department: William Porter, gauger of the Fifth Kentucky district at Louisville; (His W. Jones, district collector and gauger, Fifth North Carolina district, at Clemmonsville).

Naval Orders.—Lieut. Robert Platt has been detached from the Navy Yard, Washington, and ordered to command the Fish Commission steamer Fish Hawk. Boatwain Woodard Carter, ordered to the Navy Yard, League Island, Pa. Boatwain John C. Thompson has been ordered from the League Island to the New York Navy Yard. Carpenter John McFarland granted sick leave from the receiving ship New Hampshire.

Minor and Personal.—The Government receipts to-day were: Internal revenue, \$750,307.47; customs, \$681,305.12.

HIS WIFE GAVE HIM AWAY.

How Charles, alias Pat Coats, Was Apprehended by the Police. Charles Coats, alias Pat Coats, who has been wanted for some time by the police, was arrested Saturday night by Officer Pearson, after a hard fight, during which he hit the policeman on the arm. He was finally locked up in the Fifth Street Station-House, charged with profanity and assaulting the policeman. He was arrested on the Fifth Street Station-House, charged with profanity and assaulting the policeman. He was arrested on the Fifth Street Station-House, charged with profanity and assaulting the policeman.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

The Osborne Case Up—The Drummer's Law. The first case called for argument in the United States Supreme court to-day was the Osborne habeas corpus case from New York. Roger Sherman appeared for the ex-warden and Assistant District Attorney Sample for the State.

HEAVY DAMAGES WANTED.

Fred Gebhard Sues the Erie Railroad for \$100,000. Seven suits for amounts aggregating \$100,000 have been brought against the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railway Company by Frederick Gebhard, five of them and Matthew Storms, a horseman.

A Settlement Expected Soon.

The grocers' complaint of the advance in the price of crackers and the discontinuance of the ten per cent. reduction of the cracker dealer has not yet been settled.

Dr. McKim Accepts.

The vestry of Epiphany Church have received the gratifying news from Rev. Dr. McKim, of New Orleans, of his acceptance of their call to become the rector of that church, and he expects to make his Christmas dinner in Washington with his new congregation.

THE COURT RECORD.

Equity Court—Justice Cox. Taylor vs. Taylor; restraining order granted. Pumphrey vs. Pumphrey; release of title in heirs by trustee ordered. McLean vs. Bentley; petition for allowance of bond granted. Eastwood vs. Gillman; dismissal of bill against Anna W. Tarkenton ordered. Hutchings vs. Hutchings; leave granted to make his Christmas dinner in Washington with his new congregation.

Real Estate Transfers.

Louis C. Moore et al. to T. J. Putnam, \$90, lots 298, 292, Chobertown. Same to T. J. Putnam, \$705, lots 203 and 206 and lot 207, Chobertown. Same to E. C. Messer, \$750, lots 208-273, Chobertown. Same to E. C. Messer, \$750, lots 208-273, Chobertown. Same to E. C. Messer, \$750, lots 208-273, Chobertown.

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A CONGRESS OF CATHOLICS.

Colored Members of That Faith to Meet in Washington.

An Occasion of Much Interest. Cardinal Gibbons Gives His Approval of the Undertaking. A colored Catholic Congress, the first of the kind ever held in the world, will assemble in this city on the 1st of next January. Since the war the Catholic hierarchy in this country has been active in extending the influence of the Church among the colored people, but so unostentatiously have they gone about the matter that attention has not been directed to it, except in isolated instances, the Protestant denominations taking little or no notice of the movement.

It is well known that the Catholic religion is the only one recognized by black citizens of the republics of Haiti and Santo Domingo, the one for a long time dominated by the French and the other by the Spanish Government. The black population of Haiti and Portuguese West Indies are Catholics. The Originator of the Undertaking. The Congress was proposed by Mr. Daniel A. Rudd, of Cincinnati, the editor of the American Catholic Tribune, the only paper of its kind in the country devoted to the colored Catholic interests, owned and controlled by a colored man. Mr. Rudd has been a Catholic all his life. He is yet a very young man, thoroughly equipped for his work, and enjoying the esteem and confidence of such high Church dignitaries as Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, and Archbishop Elder, of his diocese, who have heartily endorsed his proposed congress, and an Era in History. Mr. Rudd says that this Congress promises to make an era in the history of the American negro. There are tens of thousands of colored Catholics in the South. He says: "In Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri and Maryland there are large numbers, and among them some of the best and most influential families of the colored race in the South. As he develops intellectually he will become better able to understand and appreciate the truths and the grandeur of the Catholic faith, and the colored people will be able to stand the tests of age, and in every combat has won the victory."

Washington's Colored Catholics. St. Augustine's Church in this city is one of the handsomest edifices in the District and has a large and growing membership. Colored Catholics are more numerous than one uniformed would suppose. There is one church, one school, and one orphanage in New York city; one church, one school, and one convent in New Jersey; one church and one school in Louisiana; one in Bardonia; one church, two convents and one school in St. Louis; one church, one orphanage, one school, one convent, one school in Kansas City; one church and one school in Savannah; two churches and one school in New Orleans; one church and one school in Quincy; one church and one school in St. Paul; one church and one school in St. Petersburg. Work Among the Colored People. "What effort is now being put forth by the Catholic Church among the colored people?" was asked. "Schools, orphanages, convents and seminaries are being established all over the country. Many of the old schools are making special efforts to secure colored students. There are in Baltimore three churches, three day schools, one orphanage, one convent, and one school for the colored people. All the Catholic churches there, as elsewhere in the world, are open at all hours to the colored people, and under conditions that are to other people."

A GREAT JOYIFICATION.

How Two Conquering Heroes Were Welcomed by Their Friends.

The South Washington Young Men's Beneficial and Protective Association held a jollification meeting last night in what is popularly known as "Bloody Field." The occasion was the return of two young men named Charles Crumb and Charles Page from a tour of duty in the Spanish-American war. Some time last August these young men were arrested, charged with rapping a colored girl named Julia Sims, near Fort Washington. Their trial had resulted in a verdict of guilty, and they returned home on Saturday night. They were met at the depot by their South Washington friends with a brass band.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Ranking B. & P. Cars. Superintendent Carter, of the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad Company, has written the Commissioners, in response to their complaint about the parking of cars on Virginia avenue southeast. The complaint of the Commissioners was made to President Bowie, and was to the effect that the several tracks on this avenue are usually filled with cars, and they make it exceedingly dangerous at street crossings, because they cut off the view and interfere with traffic. Mr. Carter in his letter does not promise to stop the parking of cars on Virginia avenue, but states that he has given instructions to his representative in this city to use the utmost care in the use of these tracks, and that he will do his best to prevent the view of parties going over the street crossings. He thanks the Commissioners for the courteous manner in which they brought the matter to the company's notice.

The Delaware Avenue Crossing. Evan H. Tucker, of 100 F street northeast, has written the Commissioners, asking them to request the agent of the B. & O. Railroad Company to place the crossing at Delaware avenue and F streets northeast in good condition. Stormed & Bradley have applied for a water main and sewer on F street, between F and G streets northeast, under the permit system.

Cobbles Instead of Granite Blocks. President Hurl, of the Washington & Georgetown Railroad Company, recently wrote the Commissioners that if they insisted on the laying of granite blocks between the tracks of his road on Pennsylvania avenue, between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets, it would prevent the proposed improvement in the tracks. Capt. Symons, in his report to the Commissioners, has recommended that in this question, but in view of the fact that a different motive power may be substituted for the present one he recommends that selected blocks be allowed to be put in instead of granite.

Firemen as Special Police. Foreman John Pittgrard and Assistant Foreman Daniel Costello and John Maguire of the Water Department have been commissioned as special policemen on the recommendation of Captain Lusk, with power to arrest for disorderly conduct persons who insist on trespassing inside the lines where mains are being laid. Captain Lusk says that he referred to the Commissioners that it has been necessary on recent occasions to call upon the regular police to remove trespassers who were on the mains, and that it was in danger of being a danger of being in.

Testing the New Fire Engine. Chief Engineer Harris tested his new second-class Clapp & Jones engine at the east front of the Capitol last Saturday afternoon. The test was very satisfactory. There were eleven tests made, nozzles varying from two inch down to one inch. The longest stream was 280 feet and three-inch nozzle, and the shortest one and one-half inch nozzle was 100 feet.

Various Local Matters. The Commissioners have approved the request of G. Waster and others to have the alley in square 413 graded provided it can be done for ten cents per cubic yard. This is the only way by which the District can bear any part of the expense of doing the work at present.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has been granted a permit to erect one pole at the southeast corner of Pennsylvania and F streets to support a wire for the telegraph. It has been alleged by an employee of the District that one of Col. John M. Wilson's foremen drove him away from the gravel pits on the Carroll estate, as heretofore printed in this paper.

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Issuing Liquor Licenses. The license of every salaroon and other place where liquor is sold in Washington will expire at midnight on Wednesday.

A Suit Over a War Claim. Samuel A. Pugh, with Gen. S. S. Henkle as counsel, has filed a bill in equity against James Millinger, Camden County, N. J., seeking to be retrained from drawing from the Treasury a part of \$10,800, awarded by the government on a war claim.

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A Bill in Equity was filed to-day by George Taylor against Richard W. Tyler and Robert E. Rutherford for an accounting of the sums due and to be paid in a certain note given to the General Insurance Company for \$90,000, which was issued to the company by the note and interest, and for the security of which Taylor and his wife executed a deed of trust to the defendants, the agents of the Insurance Company.

Bishop Paret's Trip. Bishop Paret, of the Maryland diocese of the Episcopal Church, on November 5 begins his winter visitation of the diocese. Starting at Cumberland, Md., he will visit the churches in the western part of the State, and then the churches on the Eastern Shore. During the winter he will visit churches in Baltimore.

Church Trustees Elected. A certificate of the election of the following trustees of the Union M. E. Church was read to-day: George Ribbsch, A. S. Taylor, B. F. Moffatt, F. C. Luger, W. L. Ward, Alexander Ashley, Edward S. Westcott, S. G. Hunter and Arthur W. Fairfax.

THE PRESIDENT AMUSED.

He is Disposed to Laugh at the Sackville Letter Incident.

Another Trick Soon to Be Played. Mr. Cleveland to be Chained as a Golden Club Free Trader.

New York, Oct. 29.—The World's Washington correspondent telegraphs an interview with President Cleveland at Oak View last evening. The President's attention was called to the published statement that while in New York he had assured Gen. P. H. Collins and John Boyle O'Reilly that if Lord Sackville was not recalled within three days he would give his passports. The President said that that statement was entirely wrong. He had a conversation with Messrs. Collins and O'Reilly, but it was almost wholly devoted to the subject of the Extradition treaty, and was postponed by the recent action of the Senate.

The letter from Lord Sackville was only briefly referred to, said the President. "I brought the matter up myself, and took occasion to assure them that they would have no fault to find with what had been done and the future course to be pursued. I thought that the people of this Nation would feel satisfied with the course of the State Department. The subject was then dropped."

The Extradition Treaty Discussed. The President was then asked what point of the extradition treaty was discussed. He replied: "It was represented to me by these gentlemen that it has been persistently asserted that the extradition treaty with Great Britain which has been published, contemptuously called you a Free Trader, and that it was a political offense. I do not understand how it is possible to so distort language. Anybody reading the treaty would plainly see that it contained no such thing."

The treaty, as at first drawn, provided for the extradition of persons charged with injury to property, whereby the life of any person is endangered, or the life of any person is made malicious injury by the use of explosives also contained in such treaty.

Can't Tell What Will Be Done. In reply to a question as to whether or not a demand has been made upon the British Government for the recall of Lord Sackville, and if not, whether any assurances have been received that the British Government will order him to leave Washington, the President said: "I have not received any such assurance, and I do not know what will be done. This is a matter of the greatest delicacy. It concerns our relations with a foreign government, and I have to take these things into due dignity and in accordance with the amenities that must prevail between two Governments on friendly terms without any such thing."

IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE? Mr. and Mrs. House Agree that It Was Not a Success in Their Case.

Eliza M. House, with Irving Williamson as counsel, today filed her answer to William House's petition for a divorce. She says that she has no reason for any suspicion of unfaithfulness on her part and denies his charges against her of adultery with Capt. Field. It is absolutely untrue, she says, that she was in adultery with James H. Herbert, or that she was ever guilty of such relations with him. The only foundation for the attack made upon her is the fact that she was seen at the house of her neighbors at vegetable gardens.

Another Campaign Trick. "By the way," said the President, laughingly, "I have received an intimation that another campaign trick is being prepared with the intention of springing it on the voters of the country at the election of next year. I do not give much credence to the rumor, yet it would be as well to head it off in advance."

Moses Brent to Answer for Killing Charles Parker. Murder hangs in the atmosphere of the Criminal Court, the case of Moses Brent, charged with killing Charles Parker on June 2, being the first placed on trial this morning. Brent is a colored youth, about nineteen or twenty years of age. On the day mentioned, after some words passed between them, near the jail, Brent struck Parker with a piece of brick, causing a fracture of the skull.

Another Murder Trial. The defendant claims that what he did was in self defense and without any intent to kill. Messrs. Lipscomb and Malloway represent the Government against Mr. Taylor. A panel was not obtained from the regular jurors, and fifty names were ordered to be drawn from the jury box.

German Envoys Murdered. Zambror, Oct. 29.—It is reported here that the Italians and Somalis are fighting at Kiama. Three German messengers have been murdered on the coast while en route to the steamer. A naval garrison has been established at Bagamoyo by the German admiral.

Governmental Action on Slavery. London, Oct. 29.—A Berlin dispatch to the Standard states that negotiations in relation to African matters have been opened by England with Germany, and that the two governments have agreed to take similar action against slavery.

Marriage Licenses. Frank C. Sharp, of Jackson, Mich., and Mary B. Certe, city; Wm. H. Haystack and Mary Ayres; Edward W. Hilditch and Rose V. Richmond; V. A. Trumbull and Irene Philadelphia, Pa.; and Vena B. Decker, city.

Beating the Negroes. At a meeting of the Young Men's Club this morning it was decided to continue the racing tomorrow. With the advent of the sun and the drying winds of yesterday and to-day the track should be in condition by that time.

A Question of Jurisdiction. In the case of Edward Green, charged with violating the Police law, and who claimed that the Police Court had original jurisdiction in his case, Judge Montgomery to-day decided that as Green had applied for a jury trial the case was not triable in the Police Court.

A Warning for a Lawyer. A warrant was issued out by Frank Ward today against Charles A. Walter, a lawyer, charging him with giving Ward a worthless check for \$10, which he cashed.

Deaths of St. Vincent. The Knights of St. Vincent have held a certificate of incorporation. A. J. Stewart, J. G. Dorey, E. N. Colburn, O. Kelly and A. Thomas are the trustees.

A Body-Snatcher Punished. Tom Bowie was sent to jail for ten months today for robbing a grave at Harmonia Cemetery.

Sued for Slander. Gustenburger & Beuter have sued LeRoy B. Willett for \$10,000 damages for slander.

WAITING FOR THE PAPERS.

The Court of Inquiry Meets, But Does Nothing.

The Congressional Committee. They Decide to Appoint an Investigating Board of Engineers.

The Military Court to Investigate the Construction of the Washington Aqueduct Tunnel commenced its third day's session at 10:30 o'clock this morning, all the members being present. The journal of the preceding meeting was read and approved. The reading of the journal occupied all the papers and reports submitted at the previous meeting occupied some time. The court then made inquiry if its order made at the last meeting requesting copies of all contracts and specifications for work on the tunnel had been complied with, and if the papers had been transmitted in accordance.

The Joint Committee Meets. The joint committee appointed by the House and Senate to investigate the aqueduct scandal met this morning, a little after ten o'clock, in the room of the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

The first thing done was to elect Senator Edmunds chairman. Mr. T. D. Barst was made clerk to the committee, and Mr. Johns secretary.

In response to the request of the House Committee made last Monday the War Department furnished the committee with copies of a number of the contracts and bills relating to the tunnel. All the documentary evidence asked for will be furnished as soon as copies can be made at the War Department.

The committee was in session about three hours. An examination of the papers furnished by the War Department was had and a general talk indulged in. It was determined to appoint a board of three engineers to make an investigation of the tunnel. Mr. Joseph W. McMillin, chief engineer of the Potomac and Annapolis, was appointed and he will begin work at once.

The other two have not yet been decided upon, but will be appointed this week. Messrs. Clements and Ryan will remain here a few days and arrange some little matters. They will appoint the other engineers.

Mr. McMillin, before the meeting adjourned, he goes this afternoon to Indiana. Senator Edmunds will return to his home to-night.

The committee will meet again on the 14th of November when it is expected that the examination of witnesses will begin.

Senator Edmunds stated to the Ross Parry that it was possible that the examination of witnesses would begin before the 14th of November, but not probable. Mr. Lucas, one of the members of the committee, stated that Hunter were there, wanting to learn the action of the committee.

ALL ON BOARD LOST.

A Schooner Sunk in a Terrible Gale on Wednesday.

Bangor, Me., Oct. 29.—A special to the Commercial says: Capt. Tufts, of the schooner E. H. Foster, of and for St. John, N. B., from New York, October 16, put into Southwest Harbor October 20 and reports that on Wednesday the 24th he fell in with a schooner off Jeffrey's Bank about 8 a. m.

The schooner was struck and accompanied by snow and rain. The captain of the Foster noticed that the strange schooner was steering badly and was falling astern. He watched for signals of distress, and was prepared to render assistance.

A little later, being then about one and a half miles in the rear, the unknown schooner was seen to be pitching and rolling in a tremendous oscillation were felt, followed by a violent movement.

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THOMAS J. FISHER'S FUNERAL.

A Large Number of the Deceased's Friends Witness the Services.

The funeral ceremonies over the remains of the late Thomas Fisher were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Episcopal Church of Epiphany. A large number of the social friends of Mr. Fisher's family and his former business associates attended the church. There were a great many of the oldest citizens of Washington in the church. Such a large assemblage of sorrowing friends has probably not gathered in the Episcopal Church for years.

A little after 2 o'clock the funeral party entered the church. At the inner door of the vestibule stood the Rev. Dr. Hall and Rev. Dr. Holt, assisted by Mr. Fisher's family and his former business associates. The Rev. Dr. Hall read the prayer book service and stood with bowed heads as the cortege proceeded slowly up the centre aisle, preceded by the two ministers.

Following them came the honorary pallbearers, William H. Gaget, C. J. Hillier, Dr. T. O. Hill, M. W. Severidge, W. H. Thompson, Charles Ball, C. C. Grier and C. C. Wilbur. The bier upon which rested the coffin was borne by the young gentlemen of Mr. Fisher's office.

When the immediate members of the family, his three daughters, Mrs. McKnew, Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Steiwager, leaning on the arms of the Rev. Dr. Hill, followed the bier, were more distant members of the family and their nearer friends.

Delegations from the various corporations and charitable societies of which Mr. Fisher was a member were present and occupied seats in the center of the church.

By the time the service had commenced there was a vast number of the church and ladies and gentlemen were standing up in the rear of the church. The beautiful and touching Episcopal burial service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hall and Rev. Dr. Holt, and the full choir sang appropriate hymns.

The Rev. Dr. Hall, an old friend of Mr. Fisher's, delivered a short but very eloquent eulogistic oration. Mr. Fisher was a man of noble and generous nature. Internment was made at Glenwood Cemetery.

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