

BOND OFFERINGS TO-DAY.—Bonds were offered up to 12 o'clock to-day, as follows: 4's, coupon, \$30,000, at 123 1/2; registered, \$50,000, at 127 1/2, ex. int.; 4's, registered, \$25,000, at 108 1/2; \$3,000, highest price offered.

DISCUSSING HAYTIAN AFFAIRS.—This was Cabinet day at the White House, and the session was an unusually long one. It is generally supposed that the subject under discussion related to the Hayti matter.

MAJOR GARDNER RETIRED.—Major Asa B. Gardner, judge advocate, having been found by an army retiring board incapacitated for active service on account of disability incident to the service, has been, by direction of the President, retired from active service.

NAVY DEPARTMENT CHANGES.—Miss Katie S. White has been appointed to a \$730 clerkship in the Naval War Record Office, Navy Department. B. K. Helmer has been appointed to a \$900 clerkship in the office of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, Navy Department.

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Wholesale—D. J. Hartigan, 1801 T st.; G. B. Lockhart, 1344 Thirty-second st.; J. L. Gochberg, 621 S. J. Newman, 317 Ninth st.; J. Smith, 1 Liberty st. northwest; J. E. Rehbert & Co., 515 Seventh st. southwest; T. Keeler, 900 Grand avenue, County. Mr. M. E. Parker has asked the Commissioners to allow the B. & P. R. I. Co. to side-track cars on Sixth street for the accommodation of organizations during the inaugural ceremonies.

A permit has been granted to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to erect one pole on New Jersey avenue. Major Raymond is going to visit Pittsburgh, Pa., to investigate the subject of underground conduits in operation there.

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THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

The Commissioners appear before the House Committee. Commissioners Webb and Wheatley appeared before the House District Committee this morning for the purpose of urging certain amendments to the bill for the creation of a board of audit, but as no quorum could be obtained nothing could be done.

It is understood that they desire that all claims for damages be settled promptly by the District courts, and are willing that a bill should be passed removing the statute of limitation on such claims. Mr. Truesdell, representing the Eckington & Soldiers' Home Railway, was also present, and requested the committee to make a trip over the new road. They will probably do so as soon as they can find time.

Senator Vest, for Senator Butler, introduced a bill in the Senate to-day, amending section 555 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the District of Columbia, and increasing the stockholders of the company referred to from nine to fifteen. A similar bill was introduced in the House yesterday.

Senator Vance introduced Mr. Hemphill's House bill of last session to amend the law relating to land titles in the District.

The Commissioners this morning transmitted to Congress the report of Major Raymond, Chief of Engineers, in regard to the best manner of putting overhead wires underground.

The President yesterday laid before the Senate a petition from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home of the District, asking for an appropriation of \$2,500, to enable the home to erect a more suitable building. It was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

WARD NOT DECIDED.

He Does Not Know Whether He Will Come to Washington. The following cablegram has been received from John M. Ward, announcing the arrival of the American ball players in New Zealand: "I am in Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 10.—The Pacific steamship Alameda, having on board the American baseball teams, arrived here to-day. Two days after leaving San Francisco there was no sickness on board. In the meantime Fargarty and Wood of the Philadelphia had suffered the most from seasickness. Every one landed here in good spirits and the boys are enthusiastic. We play a week here this month. Programme after that uncertain. I cannot say positively what answer I shall make to Washington after the season. I want time to consider. JOHN M. WARD.

Col. Bridges of South Carolina Dead. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 11.—Colonel R. D. Bridges, one of the oldest railroad men in the country, died here of apoplexy last night. He was making argument before the legislative committee when he fainted and was dead in one hour. Colonel Bridges is of Wilmington, N. C. He was for years general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line and since 1896 has been president for several of the most important roads of that system. He was one of those who introduced the bill to make a member of the Confederate Congress and was 71 years of age. He was recognized as one of the leading railroad men of the country.

A Faint Effort For Peace.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A faint attempt will be made in a few days by the committee of the engineers who went on a strike on the Burlington road last week to get the men back to work upon the old terms. The result of the conference is bound to be unfavorable, for if the men cannot get back the committee has the power to renew the efforts made last spring and declare a general boycott on the railroad.

Mr. Harrison and Mrs. McKee are having a goodly number of callers to meet their guests, Mrs. R. M. G. Brown, wife of Lieut. Brown, and her daughter, daughter of Capt. Davy, of West Virginia, and Mrs. Bergland, wife of Capt. Eric Bergland, of the United States Engineer Corps. Mrs. Bergland has the unique distinction of being related to two Presidential families. Her mother was a Scott, of Lexington, Ky. Her father was Mr. Harrison. She is also related to Mrs. Hayes, and was her guest at the White House.

Many stories are being printed about the contemplated visit of Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, and his coming is eagerly looked for. It is probable that he may visit the President-elect before many days, but it cannot be learned that any particular date has been fixed upon for his visit.

The Gray's Ferry Bridge. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 11.—Argument was heard yesterday on the application of certain tug boat owners to compel the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to take down its new bridge over the Schuylkill at Gray's Ferry. The company's decision is that it is in accordance with the agreement, on the faith of which city councils authorized its construction, and that the bridge is in many ways an improvement. The company's application is adhered to the original agreement faithfully in building the bridge, which is not a bridge to traffic. The Court reserved its decision.

McCaffrey Believes Sullivan Will Win. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 11.—Dominick McCaffrey and Jack Fogarty were in this city for a short time yesterday. They were in East. McCaffrey looked as though he was in good condition and said he never felt better in his life.

"What do you think the result of a meeting between Sullivan and Kiran would be?" "If Sullivan is his old-time form he will be better, but it will be a hard battle, although Kiran's powers as a fighter have been greatly exaggerated."

Last Week's Eastbound Freight. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The eastbound shipments of flour, grain and provisions by the roads in the Central Traffic Association last week aggregated 59,125 tons, against 65,560 for the preceding week, an increase of 23,253 tons, and against 61,288 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 13,333 tons. The Vanderbilt lines carried 47.7 per cent of the business; the Pennsylvania lines, 23.5; Grand Trunk, 23.9; Baltimore and Ohio, 11.7.

The Punishment for Firing. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11.—Mr. William Simebinger, who lives at 290 Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, yesterday cowhided the Hon. C. O. Lappe, in front of her house, inflicting a number of welts across his shoulders and a deep cut on his forehead. Mr. Lappe had for some time annoyed the woman by offensive attentions, trying to flirt with her. Mr. Lappe is an ex-member of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Before the Commission. LONDON, Dec. 11.—Before the Parnell Commission to-day Police Inspector Ards testified that outrages had increased in number in County Mayo after the arrest of James Connolly. He had been in examination, the witness said that he did not know if the Government supported a secret society in Ireland as a counter force to the National League.

The Fotheringham Case Settled. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—The celebrated case of Fotheringham vs. the Adams Express Company, for illegal imprisonment, was settled yesterday by the company paying Fotheringham \$8,300. David S. Fotheringham was the express messenger who J. J. Fotheringham, now living in St. Louis, had committed the \$80,000 robbery on the St. Louis and San Francisco road.

Phil Dally's Assaults. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The grand jury of the Court of General Sessions to-day found indictments against Henry Hermann, Edward Meredith, Ella Hammond and Adelle Stanton, the assaults of Phil Dally, the gambler.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Stock and Money Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Money loaned at 2 1/2 per cent. Exchange quiet; posted rates, 485 1/2; actual rates, 484 1/2 for sixty days and 483 1/2 for ninety days. Government quiet; currency 65, 118 bid; 44, coupon, 128 bid; 44, do., 108 bid.

The stock market opened strong at an advance ranging from 1/4 to 3/4 per cent. The bulls' figures were weakened under some selling by the room traders, and by 11 o'clock prices had declined 1/4 to 1 per cent from the top figures. D. & H. was an exception. This stock was very strong and active, advancing from 122 to 130. This advance was said to be the result of a rumor that the stock's figures were being put on the market to squeeze a prominent short. It was subsequently stated that a settlement had been privately made, the short paying 100 for the stock. Since 11 o'clock the general market has been unsettled and irregular, with the coners firm and grangers weak.

p. m. prices.—W. U. C., 124 1/2; 1002; N. J. C., 93 1/2; B. C., 82 1/2; M. C., 102; S. C., 94 1/2; C. C., 102; M. C., 102; Tex., 102; C. S., 93 1/2; D. & H., 128; D. & W., 124 1/2; Erie, 95 1/2; do., 96; K. & T., 102; L. S., 104 1/2; L. S., 104 1/2; M. C., 102; M. C., 102; Reading, 45 1/2; M. C., 102; M. C., 102; do., 97; St. Paul, 92; do., 92; M. L. S. & W., 97; Wab., 123; do., 123; B. & O., 104 1/2; Man., 97; O. & T., 28 1/2; O. & M., 104.

The Chicago Market. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Opening, 9:30 a. m.: Wheat—Dec., 1.04 1/2; Jan., 1.03; May, 1.02. Corn—Dec., 47 1/2; Jan., 47 1/2; May, 47 1/2. Oct., Dec., 20 1/2; May, 20 1/2. Pork—Jan., 63.85; May, 62.75; Lard—Dec., 57.75; Jan., 57.00; Feb., 57.50; May, 58.00. Short Hides—Jan., 60.00; Feb., 60.00; May, 57.00.

The Washington Stocks.—W. & G. R. I., 111; Masonic Light, 100; Wash. Market Co., 125; Wash. Light, 125; Wash. Market Co., Light Infantry, 25; Wash. Gas Light Co., 125; Wash. Gas Light Co., 125. National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 100; Bank of Metropolitan, 100; Central, 200; Second, 150; Farmers and Mechanics, 150; Citizens, 150; Columbia, 150.

Railroad Stocks.—Washington and Georgetown, 200; Metropolitan, 100; Columbia, 300; Cap. & North O., 15; Anacostia, 10. Insurance Stocks.—Fireman's, 284; Franklin, 80; Metropolitan, 75; National, 100; 19; Arlington, 150; Governor, 100; Columbia, 100; German American, 150; Potomac, 90; Riggs, 80.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 40; Georgetown Gas, 44 1/2; U. S. Electric Light, 64. Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake & Potomac, 70.

Miscellaneous Stocks.—Washington Market Co., 15; Washington Brick Machine Co., 100; National Fire Brick Co., 100; Great Falls Ice Co., 15; Bull Run Panorama Co., 10; Real Estate, 100; Columbia, 100; Columbia Title Insurance Co., 50; National Safe Deposit Co., 50; American Graphophone Co., 100.

Local Weather Indications. Colder; northwesterly winds, high on the coast.

Proposed Evictions Postponed. DUBLIN, Dec. 11.—The proposed evictions at Douglas have been postponed.

All Bulet at Birmingham. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.—Troops in front of an enemy in time of war were never under more rigid discipline than are the State troops here guarding the county jail.

No one is allowed to pass through the lines without a passport from Colonel Wason. The coroner's inquest on the body of one of the men killed yesterday night has been adjourned until to-morrow.

There are no new developments in the Hayes murder mystery.

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Changes Among Railway Officials. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 11.—It is reported that J. T. Harahan, general manager of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, has resigned to take the position of assistant general manager of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.

E. Gallop, deceased. Louisville & Nashville officials refuse to affirm or deny the report. It is generally believed to be true.

The Maryland Navy Wins. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 11.—There was a decisive battle fought on the Chesapeake Bay last night between the oyster pirates and the Maryland navy. The latter were victorious.

Slight Fire in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—John F. Mungler's furniture store, No. 131 Essex street, was damaged by fire this morning to the extent of \$10,000, fully insured.

Sales at Drover's Rest. One hundred and fifty-eight cattle up and sold: Best, 46 1/4; good, 34 1/4; medium, 36 1/4; common, 21 1/4. A few extra cattle sold at 25 per pound.

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IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

THE TARIFF BILL OCCUPIES THE SENATE'S ATTENTION. The Direct Tax Bill Taken Up in the House.—Mr. Cockerill Asks About the Expense For Entertaining the French Officers at Yorktown.

In the Senate to-day the Secretary of the Treasury submitted the report of the progress of the Geological Survey. A petition was presented by Mr. Chandler, from colored citizens of South Carolina, setting forth allegations of their not being allowed to vote as Republicans in the recent elections.

Mr. Vance introduced a bill similar to the one introduced in the House last session by Mr. Hemphill, amending laws relating to land titles in the District. The tariff bill was then taken up, and Mr. Vance addressed the Senate. He gave notice he would vigorously oppose every clause he disagreed with.

Mr. Gorman made a short speech, and said he wished to explain why he would vote for certain amendments to the bill which he did not wholly indorse, but which he would vote for simply because the amendments to the bill were better than the bill itself, and he would be voting for the lesser of two evils.

Mr. Allison made a vigorous attack upon the Democratic Senators for their efforts to delay the tariff bill. He said he could stay here as long as they could, however, and wished to give notice that he would bring the bill up every day until it was voted upon.

HOUSE. In the House to-day, directly after the reading of the Journal, the Direct Tax bill was brought up in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. McCrory in the chair.

Mr. Hopkins was the first speaker. He directed his attention to the discussion of Mr. Oates' amendment to refund the cotton tax. Mr. Hopkins said the arguments in favor of this amendment failed in conclusiveness sufficient to warrant the House in adopting it.

Mr. Hopkins was followed by Mr. Allen of Mississippi, who favored the cotton tax and incidentally produced some merriment in the course of his remarks.

Mr. Seney and Mr. Buckalew also spoke in favor of the bill.

HOUSE. The House Judiciary Committee to-day directed a favorable report to the House on the Rogers resolution inquiring of the Attorney-General whether, in his opinion, any delay would be caused by the law by the provision attached to the appropriation for payment of fees and expenses of United States marshals.

The report reads: "That not exceeding \$300,000 may be advanced to marshals, to be accounted for in the usual way, the residue to remain in the Treasury, to be paid, if at all, out of the accounts of marshals in the manner provided in section 585, Revised Statutes."

A favorable report was also ordered on the bill to amend the act providing for the term of court at Quincy, Ill.; and upon the bill to amend section 2505, Revised Statutes, so as to allow suits to be administered by notaries public.

Denied the Right of Suffrage. Senator Chandler presented to the Senate to-day a petition and letter from E. A. Webster of Orangeburg, S. C., including the petition of 120 citizens of Seigler Orangeburg County, saying that they had presented themselves at the polls on November 6, and that they were denied the right to vote for Presidential electors, and upon the bill to amend section 2505, Revised Statutes, so as to allow suits to be administered by notaries public.

Senator Cameron to-day introduced a joint resolution authorizing Captain George S. Anderson of the Sixth Cavalry to accept, from the President of the Republic, a decoration conferring the decoration of the National Order of the Legion of Honor.

Building at South Bend. The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has authorized a favorable report on a bill for the erection of a public building at South Bend, Ind., to cost \$60,000.

The River and Harbor Bill. The River and Harbor Committee was busy at work to-day preparing their bill, which they expect to report this afternoon. It appropriates about \$12,000,000.

No appropriation is made for the Potomac basin.

Capitol Notes. A favorable report will be made on the bill granting a pension of \$3,500 to Gen. Sheridan's widow.

The General Pension bill was passed by the House yesterday.

The District Appropriation bill was passed yesterday by the House with the following changes: Appropriating \$10,000 to grade and regulate Fourth street east to Bunker Hill.

Providing that no part of the appropriation for street lighting shall be for electric lighting.

Appropriating \$5,000 to complete additional accommodations for the use of St. Rose's Industrial School.

Increasing to \$2,500 the appropriation for the National Temperance House.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Miss Vilas receives her friends on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Ramsey-Hill gave a dokey party last evening in honor of her birthday. A large party of friends were present.

Mr. George R. B. Cokerham, member of the Doughton House of Commons, with his wife, daughter and son, have returned from their tour to Europe, and are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Harnden Zane at 1215 Nineteenth street.

Mrs. Alex. Davis has returned from the North.

Mrs. Chief Justice Fuller gave a delightful informal reception yesterday afternoon. She was assisted by her three daughters, Misses Grace, Mary and Maude.

Mrs. Field, Mrs. Harlan and Mrs. Blatchford held pleasant informal receptions yesterday afternoon.

An inviting luncheon was given last evening by Mrs. Mullan, in honor of Miss Coleman and her daughter, Miss May, of California, who have lately come here to reside. The luncheon was enjoyed by a select number of our most prominent society ladies.

A tea for young people was given yesterday afternoon by the Misses Preston in honor of Miss Nash of Baltimore.

A movement is on foot in the East to present Mrs. Harrison with a gift in the form of a bracelet made from a green tourmaline stone.

Mrs. Guzman has gone to Philadelphia on a visit. She will continue her Tuesday informal receptions on her return until the last of January.

UNDERGROUND WIRES. Report of the District Commissioners Sent to Congress. The Commissioners' report to Congress on the subject of underground electrical wires has been finished and transmitted.

The report was prepared by Engineer Commissioner Charles W. Raymond, who states that he had obtained a large amount of information by correspondence and expects to receive much more in the near future, especially from foreign countries. This report is necessarily incomplete, owing to unavoidable delays in collecting the information and a supplementary report will soon be made. In regard to placing the telegraph wires underground he says: "The practicability of maintaining and operating such buried wires appears to me to be thoroughly established by practical experience in many places."

He maintains that the practicability of maintaining and operating telephone wires underground is fully established by experience in Washington and other places, and that by proper methods of arrangement and construction, all difficulties may be overcome. He says in regard to electric light wires: "There is, in my opinion, no reason why every electric light current in Washington should not be conducted underground within a year from this date."

With reference to the current operating electric railways, Maj. Raymond says: "There are no electrical difficulties in maintaining this current underground, but there is not as yet sufficient experience to warrant the assertion that these railways, which are connected with underground conduits, are mechanically successful, although very promising results have already been obtained."

The various methods of burying electric wires are explained and classified, and a number of systems which have been practically tested are described, most of which are illustrated in the appendix.

The conditions required for the general Government should be constructed and maintained at the expense of the United States. His project contemplated the use of the Waring incandescent cables in a box and embedded in pitch, which method has been already employed with great success both by the General and District Governments. He estimates the cost of this system at \$60,054.91. The estimated cost of the underground system for the District is \$180,000.

As regards the construction and control of the conduits to be occupied by the wires of private corporations, either of these methods may be followed: First, A private company may be authorized to construct, own and control the conduits and rent them to the electrical companies.

Second, The conduits may be constructed, owned, controlled and rented to the electrical companies by the District Government.

Third, The electrical companies may be authorized or required to construct and maintain their conduits themselves, under suitable conditions, and subject to the proper control of the District Government.

Congress, however, can give the District government control over the operations of all these companies and can reserve the right to terminate their privileges without compensation, and the establishment of anything in the nature of a vested right in the public highways should not be permitted.

Major Raymond recommends that steps be taken to order the burial at once of all overhead wires. To accomplish this several plans are suggested, one being that the companies at present having overhead wires be ordered to place them underground within a reasonable time, either a year or two, according to the refusal to comply with the order being punished by the imposition of a fine of \$25 per annum for every pole left standing at the end of the time. Fifteen miles of conduit, he states, will easily accommodate the wires now strung overhead in Washington.

The third method appears to the Major to be the most satisfactory. The Commissioners should be authorized to locate these underground conduits wherever they may deem it best for the public interests, between the building lines of the streets and the space between the property of the United States; and all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this provision should be repealed.

He does not think any charge should be made for the use of the streets.

He thinks the time has arrived when it is desirable to charge the District Government with the whole business of electric lighting in this District. An electric light department might in the future be operated like the Water Department by the local government with great benefit to the public.

In conclusion Maj. Raymond says that it is unnecessary to make any provision for the removal of overhead wires for electric tramsways as these can only exist by the directly expressed authority of Congress.

CONGRESS. The House Committee on the subject of the new Eckington Railroad should be placed underground. "They can be removed," he says, in the final sentence of his report, "and horse power can be substituted for electricity if Congress considers such a change desirable."

THREE HOURS TO PHILADELPHIA.

Fast-Time and Splendid Accommodation on the B. & O. "I never saw such admirable traveling arrangements as those provided for the party that went over on the B. & O. to Philadelphia last Sunday," said Mr. H. C. Burch, the manager of the Ebbit House, last night. "We made the trip over in three hours easily, and had time to spare, besides. Why, a few years ago, it took five hours to go Philadelphia. Now we can go in less than three. And such cars! I have traveled all over the United States, but I never saw such elegant cars there."

"The meals served are superb, and all the arrangements seem to be absolutely perfect. I don't see how travel could be made more of a luxury. I am told these Pullman buffet coaches were made expressly for this run, and going to Philadelphia in the morning at 8:15, and one returning on the train leaving there at 4. Both these trains make the run in three hours. The coaches ride so easily that you do not realize at all that you are going at a rapid rate. I was also much impressed with the B. & O. station building at Philadelphia. It is a beautiful structure, made of brick and iron and entirely fire-proof. The track between here and Philadelphia seems to be absolutely perfect, and I don't see how travel could be made more nearly reduced to a positive luxury. Our party on Sunday was in charge of Mr. Percy G. Smith, city passenger agent of the B. & O., and we had every reason to be obliged to him for a most delightful trip. We were most handsomely entertained by Mr. Smith and his associates at the Aldino Hotel in Philadelphia."

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NO CASES YET MADE. THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE SALOON KEEPERS. No Further Steps Taken in the Matter.—The Police Told to Wait While Before Making Arrests.—The Authorities Arranging Their Plans.

Four days ago, counting Sunday—which should be counted in speaking of saloons matters—the flat went forth that the hundred or so saloon keepers who were refused licenses must close their places. In the very probable event of their not doing so, the police were given a list of them and instructed to arrest the saloonists.

But the saloons are all wide open this afternoon as they ever were. The reason is that the Commissioners decided to wait until they were sure they were right before they went ahead. So the saloonists have another more or less lengthy lease of life, and they are properly thankful, though in an uncertain sort of way, as if they expected to see a policeman bring in a warrant at any moment.

They are all wide open, though, and no one who got a drink at one of the handsome bar-rooms that boast every modern convenience and luxury but a license would think for an instant that the place might possibly be closed up by the police to-morrow.

The trouble is this: The Commissioners are not real sure of their ground. They seem to fear that if they have the saloonists, to whom they refused to give licenses, arrested, the courts will not sustain them, and so they have waited for the District Attorney to make sure of his "points."

The absolute closing up of a hundred or so places of business and the making of a hundred or so business men criminals if they continue their business all in a single day is a serious matter, and yesterday the Commissioner told Major of Police Moore to "hold on" until he got further instructions before he began work on his "little list" of recreant saloonists.

The Mayor told his lieutenants to "hold on," and this morning he went down to see the Commissioners about it. They held a board meeting and spent a goodly share of the day considering the vexed problem. The saloonists have discovered a possibly new avenue of escape from their dilemma. They have petitioned the Commissioners for a new set of license regulations to supersede the old ones then in force. Under the old rules two infractions of the law which closed the saloons on Sunday—or tried to—subjected the culprit, if he was found out, to having his license revoked.

Under the new rules that went into effect last October one offense of this sort was sufficient to cause the refusal of an application for a license. Now the saloonists think that they cannot be punished under the new law for offenses committed under the old one. And they deny that any conviction in a court of having sold on Sunday, before the new rules went into effect, is any reason why they should be refused licenses under the new rules, which differ from the old ones in that they do not punish the offender for a second offense.

The turned-down saloonists also seem to find some cause for self-congratulation in the fact that there are going to be some new Commissioners before many moons, and that maybe these new ones will not be so hard to get along with.

ILLICIT LOVE AND MURDER.

The Terrible Acts of a Farm Hand in Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11.—Near New Albany, Ind., Jacob Mottweiler was found murdered on his farm and his wife lying unconscious in the stable yard. Mottweiler had been shot through the head, while his wife had been stung by a blow with an axe. Mrs. Mottweiler died to-day. William Benson, a farm hand, and Sallie Snyder, his servant girl, were at once arrested. Benson was indicted in the murder, and he said he was engaged to marry Miss Snyder. She was in a delicate condition and this gave rise to a quarrel between himself and the Mottweilers. As he returned from hunting yesterday he met Mottweiler