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GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

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NEW BRIGADIER-GENERAL.

The President to day appointed:

Colonel Wesley Merritt, to be brigadier-general, vice General Willcox, retired; Colonel Merritt is of the Fifth Cavalry and is now superintendent of the West Point Academy.

Wm. J. Allen, District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Also the following board of visitors for the West Point Academy: General Palmer, Illinois; Anderson, Georgia; George W. Childs, Philadelphia; W. A. Courtnay, South Carolina; John Brown, New York; Charles Gwynn, Maryland; Wm. Everett, Massachusetts, and Senators Dolph and Cockrell, and Representatives Wheeler and Butterworth.

Commissioned by the President.—Joseph B. Nones of New York and Thos. J. Hunt of Pennsylvania were commissioned to-day as Commissioners of Deeds for the District of Columbia.

Adjourned Sine Die.—The Senate Committee on Revenue Evasions and Undervaluations has adjourned sine die, and Senators Allison, Aldrich and McPherson have returned to their homes. Senators Morrill and Beck will remain in the city for some time.

Resignation of a Draughtsman.—Mr. Leon E. Dessez, a draughtsman in the Ordnance Department, Navy Yard, tendered his resignation to-day. Mr. Dessez will engage in private business. He has been employed in the Yard several years and is considered a very competent architect.

The District Judgeship.—It is understood that all the candidates for the recent vacancy on the District Supreme Bench, which was filled by Judge Montgomery's appointment, will now promptly re-enter the field of applicants for the position vacated by the death of Chief-Justice Carter.

Work on the Cruiser Boston.—Work was recently discontinued on the cruiser Boston, until the trial trip of the Atlanta should demonstrate the merits of some of the mechanical devices used on the Atlanta, and also proposed for the Boston. The questions having been decided, work will now be pushed forward, and probably completed within a month.

The Navy-Yard.—The delay in the work of reconstruction and reorganization of the Washington Navy-Yard is the subject of complaint from many sources. Months have elapsed since the appropriations became available, and the delay in the selection of a foreman, the adoption of plans, etc., is complained of as very serious and very unfortunate.

Colonel Benteen's Case.—The record in the court-martial case of Colonel Frederick W. Benteen, Major Ninth Cavalry, has been returned from General Crook and is now before the President for final action. While it is definitely known that the sentence of the court-martial was dismissal, it is also certain that the splendid service of this officer in the past—during the war and on the frontier—will serve to set the sentence aside.

Interior Department Changes.—Office of the Secretary.—Appointment: Herbert N. Curtis of New York, member of board of pension appeals at $2,000, by transfer from office of Assistant Attorney-General. Office of Assistant Attorney-General.—Appointment: Robert B. Lamon of Illinois, clerk at $2,000, by transfer from board of pension appeals in office of the Secretary.

Pension Office.—Appointments: Edwin A. Gibbs, of Lexington, Va., medical examiner at $1,800 under civil-service rules.

Diplomatic Personnels.—The Chinese Minister and suite left on the 11 a. m. train to-day for New York, en route for Spain and then to South America. He will return in the fall.

General A. R. Lawton, Minister to Austria, returned to the city from New York yesterday, and left for home this morning.

Rufus Magee, United States Minister to Sweden, who has been home on leave of absence at Logansport, Ind., left for New York last night en route to Stockholm. He will only serve during Mr. Cleveland's present term, as he prefers his old profession, journalism, to that of diplomacy.

Minor and Personal.

Chief W. V. Tierner has been reinstated in the Pension Office by Commissioner Black.

A letter received at Albany reports that the health of ex-Secretary Manning is rapidly improving.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Stevenson is resting a little easier to-day than he has for the past week.

A cablegram from Berne announces that America has joined the union for the protection of industrial property.

Comptroller Trenholm is the special guest to-day at the dinner of the Bank Officers' Association of Boston.

The training squadron—the Saratoga, Jamestown and Portsmouth—has arrived at New York from the Southern cruise.

George Walker, the American Consul-General at Paris, will leave for a brief visit to the United States in about a fortnight.

The Navy Department is informed that the Galena left Aspinwall yesterday for Key West en route to Washington with the Easter Island image for the Smithsonian.

Mr. Taylor, the newly-appointed Minister of the United States to the Republic of Liberia, will leave New York for his destination on Wednesday next by the steamship Britannia.

Mr. James H. Marr, chief clerk of the First Assistant Postmaster-General's office, was somewhat better this morning, but not enough to give his friends hope of his ultimate recovery.

It is rumored in prominent official circles that Judge Montgomery will be promoted to the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court of the District and a new man selected as Associate Justice to succeed Montgomery.

When Mr. Fairchild was appointed Secretary of the Treasury two spacious parlors of his residence were filled with the flowers which were sent to him. A photograph was taken of the parlors thus adorned, and copies have been sent to the Treasury officials who sent floral tributes.

Real Estate Sales.

William F. Mattingly, trustee, and George M. Robeson to Effie H. Ober, $78,000, part of Plain Dealing and Pleasant Plains, known as "Cliffbourne."

Cornelius Devendorf to Schuyler C. Wells, Leroy, N. Y., $9,315, lot corner of Thirteenth and Harvard streets, extended, Columbia Heights.

Augusta Kroeger to Dexter A. Snow, $7,300, lot on Eighth street, between G and H

Queen Victoria acknowledges through her secretary every poem sent to her. She reads them in the same manner.—[New Haven News.

SOCIAL AND SEMI-SOCIAL.

The entertainment to be given on Wednesday at St. Rose's Industrial School will be an attractive affair. The whole building, including the new addition, will be thrown open for inspection, the girls will be seen at work, dressmaking and the kitchen and laundry will be in operation. The French market will be held on the first floor from 2 to 6 and from 7 to 10 under the patronage of the following ladies: Mme. Bonaparte, Mrs. Febiger, Mrs. Redfern, Miss Bancroft, Miss Riggs and Miss West. The young lady assistants at the various booths will wear the costumes of French peasants. Miss West will sell candies, Mrs. Sheridan, fruit; Mrs. Redfern, flowers; Mrs. Febiger, lemonade; Mme. Bonaparte, vegetables, and Mrs. A. A. Wilson, toys. The latter will be assisted by Miss Riggs, Mrs. Lamont, Miss Hudson, Miss Ricketts, Miss Vilas, Miss Courtwright, Miss Brown and Miss Withers.

Mrs. and Miss Lee gave a tea on Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lee of New York, who is now their guest. A pleasant company were entertained, and among those present were Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. and the Misses Beach, Miss Frelinghuysen, Count Sala, Admiral and Mrs. Rodgers, Justice Gray, Mr. Sidney Everett, Mrs. John Chew and Mrs. and Miss Wallach.

Mrs. Julia Gardiner Tyler, widow of the late President Tyler, who has been visiting here for some weeks, will leave for her estate, "Sherwood Forest," on the James River to-day.

Mrs. Scott Townsend, who is rapidly dismantling her father's house on K street, is not likely to return here next season with her family. Representative Scott gives up the house soon.

Miss Agnes Dolph is expected home from New York to-day. Her marriage with Mr. Richard Nixon will probably occur on the 25th of May, although the date has not been definitely decided upon.

Mrs. Keyworth has returned from Fortress Monroe.

Miss Burrows gives a lunch party on Thursday.

Judge and Mrs. Carey are still at Atlantic City.

The Misses West sail for England on April 30 with the lady companion who invariably accompanies them on their travels. Sir Lionel West will follow them early in June. They spend the summer in England and France, getting back here by September.

Miss Drexel, one of the wealthy Philadelphia sisters, has been visiting friends here lately.

The Misses Caldwell, who went away for a six weeks' visit, will return here in about a fortnight, and remain until the warm weather starts in the social tide for Newport. They have a spacious villa there, where they have spent their summers since both were children.

Mrs. Don Cameron had to have her pretty brown hair closely cropped after long illness from fever, and short hair makes her even more youthful and vivacious in appearance.

The Literary Society was entertained on Saturday by Professor Theodore Gill.

Mrs. S. J. Dempster has issued cards to the marriage ceremony of her daughter, Miss Winona Dempster, to Dr. J. Bartlett Hills, which will take place at Hamline Church, Wednesday afternoon, April 27, at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. C. W. Thorn and family left Washington on Friday for Oakland, Md., where Mr. Thorn has taken a cottage for the summer.

Dr. G. B. Thornton, one of the leading physicians of Tennessee and for a number of years president of the Board of Health of the city of Memphis, is at the Ebbitt for a few days, accompanied by Mrs. Thornton, a lady of high social standing, to whom he was married at Nashville, April 14. Mrs. Thornton was the widow of the late Colonel Gustavus A. Henry of Tennessee, and prior to her marriage Miss Winston of Tuscumbia, Ala. The newly-married couple are on their way to Philadelphia.

The ladies connected with the Washington Hospital for Foundlings give another of their lunches to-morrow at Mrs. Francis Colton's, 1817 M street, from 1 to 3 o'clock. These luncheons have become quite a feature of Washington social life, in which business men find a most pleasant relaxation from the cares of the day.

AN EVENT OF INTEREST.

Meeting of the National Academy of Sciences To-morrow.

A meeting of this Academy will be held at the National Museum to-morrow. The meetings will continue three or four days, and will be open to the public at noon each day. The following papers have been entered to be read at this session: "Chemical integration," by Dr. T. Sterry Hunt of Montreal, Canada; "Results of the investigation of the Charleston earthquake," by Captain C. E. Dutton and Lieutenant Hayden, U. S. Geological Survey; "Some phenomena of binocular vision," by Professor Joseph Le Conte, University of California; "The vegetation of the Hot Springs of the Yellowstone Park," by Professor W. G. Farlow, Harvard University; "The forelimb and shoulder girdle of eryops and on vertebrates of the triassic," by Professor E. D. Cope of Philadelphia; "The cause of the rainless character of the Sahara," by Professor Elias Loomis, Yale University; "The color of the sun," by Professor S. P. Langley, Smithsonian Institute; "A new map of the spectrum," by Professor S. P. Langley.

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock it is expected that the Watson gold medal will be presented to Dr. B. A. Gould of Cambridge, Mass., for his work in astronomy. Biographical notices of Professor William B. Rogers, late president of the academy, and of Professor Tuckerman, late of Amherst College, will be given by General F. A. Walker of Boston, and Professor W. G. Farlow of Cambridge, Mass.

TWO CUTTING AFFRAYS.

One Terminates in Murder and the Other in Serious Injury.

On the 2d instant an affray occurred in an alley between L and M and Nineteenth and Twentieth streets northwest, in which Henry Williams was cut by William Langtry. Both were colored. Last night Williams died, and at noon to-day the Coroner held an inquest at the Sixth Precinct Station-House. The jury, after hearing the evidence, rendered a verdict that Henry Williams came to his death from a cut with a knife in the hands of William Langtry.

John Laws and Ellis Trice, colored, became involved in a dispute on Saturday night at Eleventh and P streets, when Trice stabbed the other in the stomach. Trice was arrested and the wounded man taken to his home, 1712 Tenth street. He was subsequently removed to the Freedmen's Hospital, and to-day his condition was critical.

Marriage Licenses.

Timothy J. Keppel and Bridget J. Delaney; George H. Shoulters and Fannie S Godey; Alfred D. Jackson, Laurel, Md., and Lethia Turner, Washington; Wilbur Johnson, Baltimore, and Agnes Ridley, Jacksonville, Fla.; R. J. Norton, Montgomery County, Md., and Marion E. Morton, Washington; John Longstream and Christian Casparis; Samuel Espolucci and Annie M. Clifford; W. L. Edmunds, Georgetown, and Ida Boarman.

Judge Montgomery on the Bench.

Judge Montgomery held the bench in the Criminal Court-room to-day for the first time. The adjournment in memory of Chief Justice Carter prevented him from getting down into any of the details of the work before him.

The Emmons Case.

The hearing of the Emmons case will not take place, that, with all other judicial business, having been suspended until next Wednesday.

A GLOWING TRIBUTE.

Justice Hagner's Eulogy on Chief Justice Cartter.

ALL THE COURTS ADJOURN.

The Members of the Bar to Take Action To-morrow.

Chief Justice David K. Cartter, who has presided over the Supreme Court of the District since its organization, died about 10 o'clock Saturday night of cancer of the stomach. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon from his late residence, Thirteenth and L streets. At 12 o'clock noon Tuesday there will be a meeting of the bar association, to take suitable action on the death of the Chief Justice.

THE COURTS ADJOURN.

All the courts adjourned this morning until 10 a. m. Wednesday, owing to the death of Chief Justice Cartter. At 10:30 the various judges assembled in the General Term Court-room to take some fitting action on the sad event which has cast a gloom over the District bar. District-Attorney Worthington, in making the motion for the formal observance, said that it was with regret he made the formal announcement that the man who had been Chief Justice of the District for over a quarter of a century—a man who was as full of years as he was of honor—was no more. It was fitting that Judge Hagner, as the oldest member of the bench, should speak to them of the death of the head of their judiciary family. Justice Hagner accordingly delivered the following address:

JUSTICE HAGNER'S ADDRESS.

"The announcement just made was not unexpected, for we have all known for months that the hand of death was upon the Chief Justice. His buoyant disposition and force of will contended long with the painful disease and doubtless postponed the inevitable day beyond the period when a feeble nature would have yielded to the inexorable decree. The death of a Chief Justice of this court could not, under any circumstances, be otherwise than a solemn and affecting event to us all. But in this case it possesses

A PECULIAR IMPRESSIVENESS

from the fact that Chief Justice Cartter had been its presiding officer from its establishment, now nearly a quarter of a century since. He was its oldest member at the time of its organization. He remained on the bench longer than either of his original associates, and when he died he had almost attained the four score years to which so few are strong enough to come. His strength had not yet become labor and sorrow, and except for failing health during this last year, his eye had not become dimmed, nor his vital force abated.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES.

"I became acquainted with Chief-Justice Cartter eight years ago, when I took my place on this bench. He had then nearly attained his sixty-seventh year, and naturally passed his prime, but I saw enough of him during our association to give ample assurances that the traditions of his former ability were well founded.

NOT A MAN OF BOOKS.

"He was accustomed to say of himself that he had not been a professed student of the law, and he never was deeply trained in the learning of books. But he possessed a mind of great breadth and vigor and of rare acuteness with the faculty of perceiving with rapidity and clearness those points in a cause which he considered decisive of the real questions involved. His study of causes heard before him, as a general thing, was confined to his animated discussion with counsel during the argument and with his brethren in the consultation room. He seemed to have mastered the general principles of correct legal judgment, and his natural powers of reasoning enabled him to apply them to the questions involved as by a species of intuition.

HIS OPINIONS INTERESTING.

"His opinions, which were always pronounced extemporaneously, were couched in language peculiarly characteristic of the qualities of his mind and disposition. Original in style, frequently sententious and epigrammatic; always striking, sometimes abounding in quaint humor, there was rarely absent from his deliverances one sentence or expression that would fix itself upon the attention and be carried away in the memory of those who listened, and whatever he said was delivered in a voice and with a manner so dominated and impressive that communicated an interest to discussions that might otherwise have been dull and unattractive. Nature had bestowed upon him a massive frame and a striking physiognomy, a highly expressive countenance and an aspect intelligent and almost leonine in its strength.

LIFE OUTSIDE THE COURT.

"It is with Chief-Justice Cartter, in his sphere as a member of this court that we may appropriately speak here. There were other relations in which, as a public man, the country at large knew him well. As a lawyer long in full practice, as a legislator in the halls of Congress, as holding a high diplomatic position and as the associate of prominent men in trying times, he filled a conspicuous place in the history of his time. He will long be remembered in this community where he lived so long, and especially by the members of the bar, who knew him so well and could best appreciate his mental endowments and his great natural gifts. Of the five justices who were here eight years ago two have left this bench by voluntary retirement and three have yielded to the hand of death; so that, as the only member of the court of that day, I find myself called upon, in behalf of the court, to respond to the impressive announcement by the District Attorney, that reminds us we may never more see the face of our venerable and distinguished colleague. In behalf of my colleagues I express our sympathy with the sentiments so eloquently uttered in our hearing, and we direct that the portrait of the Chief-Justice that looks upon us from these walls (how imperfect a representation of him as he was in his best estate!) be draped in mourning, and that this court stand adjourned until Wednesday morning, until after the celebration of the funeral service of the deceased.

THE MAXWELL GRANT.

The Decision Establishing the Title of 1,700,000 Acres of Land.

A decision was rendered in the Supreme Court of the United States to-day in what is known as the Maxwell land-grant case, which settles finally a matter that has been pending before the Interior Department and the courts for nearly twenty years. The Court, in its decision to day, confirms a decree of the United States Circuit Court, thus establishing the validity of the grant for 1,700,000 acres of land located in Colorado and New Mexico.

Policemen as Trespassers.

On Sunday, the 10th inst., Officer J. C. Daly was cut on the hand with a knife by Mrs. Emma Mueller of Q street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. It was shown that Mrs. Mueller did not know who he was, and that he tried to force his way in. Judge Snell decided on Saturday that, under the circumstances, he was a trespasser, and the charge of assault would have to be dismissed.

An Indian's Suicide.

FORT ASSINIBOINE, MON., April 18.—Two Fox, a Piegan Indian of the Blackfoot Agency, who was suspected of the murder of Caldwell, the Englishman found dead near the Morris River recently, shot himself dead the other day rather than submit to arrest. It is believed that his partners in the crime were some British Blood Indians.

JEDGE WAXEM PROTESTS.

The Trouble Caused by the Lack of a One-Cent Postage-Stamp.

Through an inadvertency in the mailing department, a package of CRITICS addressed to Jedge Waxem, M. C., of Wayback, was detained in the postoffice here for want of proper prepayment, there being but a two cent stamp affixed when the weight called for three cents. The Jedge being informed of the detention, as usual in such cases, addressed the following stirring protest to Postmaster Conger, which, in view of the prominence of the writer, Mr. Conger has handed us, thinking that it might be deemed worthy of publication:

WAYBACK CENTER, ON HELLER-SARTIN, April 15.

Frank H. Conger, esqier, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: I send herewith a postle card received from yere office about a paper of sum kind for me, on which the postidge is not pade. As a Congressman, a nashunal legislater, a representative man, I may say, this is the fust time I have been ast to pay postidge out of my own pocket. Why in thunder didn't you make out the bil and send it up to the sarjent at arms of the House and let it go on my account for April? A nashunal statesman has got sumthin else to do than to be foolin away his valuable time payin postidge. Ide like to kno what relashun postmasters bares to nashunal legislaters which works them in of we air expected to pay small bils when they come up in this unbeknownst manner. I inclos you the one cent you demand, by the public means insidentle to a posie kard, and I wisht you would be more perticular next time. Send the doggone paper to the keer of Col. Hallet Kilbarn of the DAILY CRITIC, and he call thar and git it. One sent.

Great God, has it come to this that a American statesman, breathin the free air of Heven, is run down by a postle card for sitch a mizzable, pittyble sum? What does this Administration mean? Is Grover Cleveland bound to split the American Egle up the back and tare Libberty from her proud place amongst the stars? Aint the rights of statesmen to be respected by none of the hated minions of theraistic laws? What is patriotism? What is the self-sacrifis that makes heros of them that loves freedom? Words fails me, and I rant say no more, but I never thought that I would be called on to say this much!

Hopin you will take these few crate fundimentle and constitutional truths to heart, I am yore obt. servant,

W. Q. WAXEM,
M. C. from Wayback.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

There are nearly two hundred establishments in this city that will be required at an early day to put up water meters at their own expense. These comprehend hotels, breweries, livery stables, certain classes of factories, &c. The Commissioners, with a view of making the cost in these cases as little as possible, have invited proposals for furnishing such meters. All the water-meter companies of the Union have put in bids to supply the District with the 199 meters for which bids were invited, and this week a decision as to the meters to be used will be reached.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

The Renovation About to Begin at the Executive Mansion.

The worn-out carpet of the East Room of the White House is soon to be replaced, says the Baltimore *Sun* correspondent. It has served during several administrations and it is no exaggeration to place the number of feet that have helped to fray the old carpet during the two years of the Cleveland administration up among the hundreds of thousands. The carpet is worn to the floor in places. A new carpet, with a cream ground, relieved by a bewildering profusion of woven flowers and vines, rich in color, has already been purchased for the East Room. It was bought with a portion of the $10,000 allowed by Congress for keeping the White House in condition during the present fiscal year. It is possible that this summer will bring many welcome changes in the White House. The annual appropriation of $10,000 is not large enough for any sweeping changes, but new carpets and new furniture will be placed in many of the rooms.

There has been no attempt made as yet to map out a programme for the repairs and improvements to be made while the President and Mrs. Cleveland are away this summer, but it is thought that, besides a new carpet for the East Room, there may be new furniture, and certainly new carpets will be placed on the public hallway and staircase. The White House is now in better repair than ever before. The Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds has, with only $10,000 a year, done more towards improving and keeping the house in good repair than was accomplished previous to his assuming charge with an appropriation of $45,000 to $50,000. The ventilation has been improved, the sewerage system has been changed, and the conservatory reconstructed in parts.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

When Interest on Special Improvement Taxes Begins.

The Commissioners this afternoon approved the opinion of Attorney Riddle to the effect that interest on special improvement taxes does not begin until the liens were issued against property. The question was raised by John F. Olmstead on some property owned by Mr. Hallett Kilbourn. The District may lose about $25,000.

Dr. Burchard in Washington.

Rev. Dr. Burchard of New York occupied the pulpit of Dr. Newman at the Metropolitan M. E. Church yesterday and delivered a manuscript sermon at the morning service from II. Peter, iii, 11. In the evening he preached an extemporaneous discourse from the text in Matthew xiv.: "And they took up the body and went and told Jesus."

Death of Jacob Rich.

Mr. Jacob Rich, the banker, died at his residence, corner of Sixth and O streets, this morning, from consumption, with which he had been afflicted for some time. Mr. Rich was over 40 years of age, a well-known business man and had lived for years in the District. He formerly was a member of the firm of Rich & Bro.

A Tender Subject for the Senator.

"How about the Rhode Island election, Mr. Aldrich?" asked a *Tribune* interviewer.

"Well, we have had an election."

"Will the Democrats extend the franchise in the hope of retaining control of the State?"

"It would hardly be presumed that I could answer that question. I am not in the confidence of the Democratic leaders in the State."

The Florida Senatorship.

The last ballot taken by the Democratic legislative caucus at Tallahassee stood as follows: Ex-Governor Bloxham, 37; Governor Perry, 20; scattering, 18. The caucus then adjourned to meet again this (Monday) evening.

Carlisle Certain About It.

Said ex-Speaker Carlisle to an interviewer at St. Louis: "The Democrats will certainly carry the country at the next Presidential election."

"Who will be the nominee?"

"Oh, Mr. Cleveland, I suppose. I don't think there's much doubt about that."

"He is your choice?"

"Yes; I think he ought to be renominated."

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

Says the New York *Herald*: "Much fault is found with giving a base hit as a penalty for a base on balls. This is certainly one of the most objectional features of all the changes that have been made in the shape of improvements. Indifferent batters stand just as good a chance of having a fine batting record as the free batters. The pitcher is compelled to put the ball over the plate all the time, and to do this he has very little margin for deceptive pitching, as it is always difficult to place the ball directly over the plate and not go outside the line."

A petition is being widely circulated and signed by nine-tenths of the poorer class of horsemen in New York, asking the National Jockey Club to reinstate P. Lynch, who was ruled off here last fall, charged with pulling Disturbance in a steeplechase. The case is a peculiar one. Mr. Garson, the owner of Disturbance, complained that Lynch had sent a telegram to a personal friend, telling him to back another horse in the same race. Mr. Garson knew this before the race, and if he had thought there was anything wrong, he should have put some other jockey up, but he didn't do this, but simply made a complaint when Rushbrook carried his horse out at the second jump. In the interest of fair play the case should at least be heard by the executive committee and Lynch given a chance to make a statement.

There has been a movement on foot for some time to try to raise some money for the almost exhausted pension fund of the police force. One scheme after another has been proposed, but of the lot two were selected as the most feasible, and now the police are unable to decide between these two—a day's racing or an excursion down the river. If they give the races, no doubt the Jockey Club would be glad to tender the use of their grounds, and probably the expenses of the day could be covered with $500 or $600, while the receipts should be that many thousand. An excursion is something that occurs almost every day during the summer, and if $1,500 were added to the fund in this way, it would be a surprise. Many people could hardly be expected to lend their encouragement or presence to a river excursion who would attend the races. Let us have the races.

Mrs. George Lorillard goes thoroughly into personal supervision of her racing establishment. She engages trainers, jockeys and help, watches the turf closely all round, buys her own oats and forage and decides her own entries.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Action of the Commission in Regard to Petitions for Relief.

In the matter of numerous applications and petitions received from various sources as to what railway companies may or may not do under the new law, the Commissioners announce that only two sections of the law confer power upon them to entertain and decide such applications. These are the fourth, relative to the long and short haul, and the thirteenth, authorizing complaints in certain cases.

The applications received relate to free transportation for families of conductors, reduced transportation to associations of employes or others temporarily out of railway employment, and to free baggage for commercial travelers; but it is only complaints against the companies and not inquiries as to the scope of the law that can properly be heard.

The Commissioners have also notified all applicants for relief against the short haul clause that their petitions must in all cases be properly verified, unless facts are shown which make a particular case clearly exceptional. The commission can grant no general suspension as to any road, but gives relief only as to traffic between specific points.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of District Slaves' Freedom.

The 25th anniversary of the emancipation of the slaves of the District is being celebrated by a parade by the colored military and civic societies. The day broke rainy and disagreeable, and at first it was thought that it would be necessary to abandon the parade, but later the rain ceased falling and orders were given to form on Rhode Island avenue, right resting on Thirteenth street.

The procession was made up of four divisions, the chief marshal and his staff of 100 men leading. Then came the Monumental Band of Baltimore and following the Butler Zouaves. Then the Washington Cadets, Capital City Guards, Union Guards, South Washington Rifles. The second division was headed by the National Band; the third division by the West Washington Band and the fourth division by the East Washington Band, the procession closing with twenty-five mounted men from Falls Church, Va. About 3,500 they passed the White House and were reviewed by the President. About 6,000 men were in line and they presented a creditable appearance.

MR. YOECKELL'S ARREST.

He is Charged With Embezzling Nearly $3,000.

John L. Yoeckell, a ticket agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company on the Avenue, near Sixth street, was arrested on Saturday evening, charged with embezzling $2,900 from the company. The auditors of the road found his accounts to be short to this amount, and the company notified the American Guarantee Company, who were responsible for Yoeckell's accounts, and Wm. E. Chisolm, who represents the Guarantee Company, swore out a warrant for the arrest of the defaulting ticket agent. He has been in the custody of the police since his arrest.

In the Police Court to-day the bail was fixed at $2,000, but up to a late hour he had not furnished a bondsman. He denies that he has been guilty of any wrong, and claims that if any mistakes have been made in his office they were made by others. He stands high in the estimation of those who know him, and they are slow to believe the charges.

Henry C. Mann came in later and gave the required bond and the accused was released.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—EX-UNITED STATES TREASURER CONRAD N. JORDAN is in Paris.

—MR. GEORGE PRICE of Washington will occupy the Bowie cottage at Asbury Park this summer.

—A CABLEGRAM was received from Mr. Stilson Hutchins this morning announcing his arrival in France.

—REPRESENTATIVES HEARD of Missouri and Butterworth of Ohio were registered yesterday at the Victoria Hotel, New York.

—FRED. DOUGLASS, who is now in Naples, is exciting a great deal of public attention. The Italian papers allude to him as "Il Douglass."

—CAPTAIN SAM. C. REID of this city leaves to-day for San Francisco, via New Orleans, and will be absent on the Pacific Coast six or eight weeks, prospecting for news, health and recreation.

—Mr. John Ambler Smith has joined issue with the plaintiff in the case of Elizabeth Jordan vs. the Franklin Benefit Association. The suit is for $700, which Mrs. Jordan claims is due her on a policy left by her husband.

—MR. GEORGE BANCROFT attended the First Presbyterian Church at Nashville yesterday and took lunch with Mrs. Polk. He will visit the Vanderbilt University to-day and be tendered a reception at the Polk place this evening.

—SAYS the Philadelphia *Press*: "Congressman Randall has been suffering from his familiar trouble, the gout, ever since the America's Club dinner in this city some two weeks ago. Mr. Randall's friends advise him that the wearing of a dress suit nearly always brings on the gout, and say he should quit it."

SUNDAY CLOSING.

How Major Moore's Order was Observed Yesterday.

A FEW TEST CASES MADE.

A General Observance of the Law—The Druggists' Position.

When the lieutenants of the eight police precincts reported to Major Moore this morning the principal subject under discussion was the observance of the Sunday law yesterday. A CRITIC reporter inquired of the Major if the lieutenants' reports were satisfactory. He said there were comparatively few cases made against store keepers, and the few that were made were invited by the dealers for the purpose of having the law tested, and getting the construction of the court on various points that will be raised.

There was only one case of alleged Sunday bar, and that was against Camil Solari, and the warrant will be issued to-morrow. This is a test case, and comes under the head of "clubs"—the Empire Club.

WARRANTS FOR SELLING CIGARS.

Lieutenant Amiss will to-morrow take out warrants against three persons for selling cigars. Each of these cases comes under a different category. George W. Cochran & Co. of Willard's; Mr. Standiford, the druggist at Ninth and F streets, and James B. Williams, who keeps a regular cigar store on Ninth street, near the Avenue, will be prosecuted against.

Mr. Queen, who keeps the cigar store in the National Hotel, sold cigars, and will be prosecuted.

Three cases were made against druggists in East Washington for selling cigars. They are: Theo. DeMoll, Ninth and East Capitol streets; F. X. Dooley, Third street and Pennsylvania avenue, and Mr. Scholl, Pennsylvania avenue, near Seventh street.

Lieutenant Kelly made the only case against a grocer. James Holmes, doing business at First and E streets, kept his store open and said he invited a prosecution to have the matter tested.

Mr. Charles S. Moore appeared in the Police Court to-day to look after some of the druggists' cases, but was informed that the papers would not be made out until to-morrow. He said he would endeavor to have the cases certioraried up to the General Term to get an early decision on the law.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ARRESTS.

The number of arrests made yesterday was slightly below the number usually made on Sunday. The number of persons arrested for "splain drunk" was about the same. The following figures will show the entire number of arrests and the number arrested for being drunk on the last five Sundays.

	ARRESTS.	DRUNK.
March 20	28	7
March 27	22	5
April 3	30	1
April 10	24	1
April 17	21	4

The lieutenants in the centre of the city admit that there was some liquor sold, but it was very quietly done.

There were large numbers of men who went across the Aqueduct bridge to Virginia, and others went up the river to get their drinks. Some of the hotels served wine and beer to their regular guests with their meals, as usual, as the Commissioners say they have a right to do. At the Riggs, National, Ebbitt and Metropolitan it was understood that the guests could not get liquors with their meals. The down-town druggists sold soda water and were not molested for this.

THE LAW IN GEORGETOWN.

Lieutenant Redway has found this old law among the ordinances of the corporation of Georgetown and says that it will be enforced in the future:

"Resolved, by the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council of the Corporation of Georgetown, That from and after the passage of this resolution, it shall not be lawful for any person within the limits of this corporation to sell any cakes, beer, lemonade, or any spirituous, vinous or medicated liquors, sparkling drinks and mixed drinks and fruit syrups during the ensuing season, under a penalty of $10 for the first offence and $20 for every offence, to be recovered as other fines usually are.

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About ten years ago a man named Hughes, who kept a restaurant, claimed that under the fish clause of this act he had a right to serve oysters on Sunday. He did so, was arrested, and the court decided that oysters were fish and Hughes could not be held. The following Sunday half the restaurants in Georgetown threw open their doors and served oysters to the public.

MAJOR BLAINE DYING.

His Condition so Critical that All Hope is Relinquished.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., April 18.—Major John E. Blaine, paymaster in the United States Army, and brother of James G Blaine, is lying at the point of death at the United States Army and Navy Hospital here. His condition is so precarious that there is no hope of recovery.

[Major Blaine is well known here in Washington, where he came to spend his leaves until his health failed so much that he was obliged to go to other places. He is married and has children.]

The Western Rains.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Specials to the *Times* from Springfield, Bloomington, Vandalia and Decatur report heavy rains yesterday and last night, the first for many weeks in these respective sections, and that it will prove of incalculable value to the farmers, whose crops have been suffering severely from drouth. Reports from other portions of the State indicate an improved condition of crops caused by recent showers.

KANSAS CITY, MO., April 18.—A heavy rain, lasting from early morning until about 5 o'clock in the evening, fell in Kansas, Nebraska and Western Missouri yesterday, but was succeeded in the Missouri Valley at about 7 o'clock by snow, which covered the earth to a depth of two inches, and which threatens great damage to the wheat crops and budding fruit trees.

PARKERSTON, IA., April 18.—A light rain began falling here about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, increasing toward nightfall, and promised to continue during the night. The protracted drouth is finally at an end.

Epidemic Among Students.

WAYLAND, IND., April 18.—A serious epidemic is raging among the students at the Normal College at Valparaiso. A few days since the body of Charles Reddy, an estimable young man from this county, was brought home from the Normal School for burial. He had died from cerebro-spinal meningitis. Thirteen of the students at the college are down with the disease, and the closing of the school seems inevitable.

Rich Pickings for Lawyers.

NEWAUNEE, MICH., April 18.—Edward Breitung died recently, leaving an estate worth $7,000,000, but, it would now appear, no will. The only heirs to this great property are the widow of the dead millionaire and a 10-year old son. It is probable that the matter will have to be thrown into the Probate Court before a settlement can be reached, in which case there will be rich pickings for the lawyers.

A MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

The Missing Body of a Chicago Man Found.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 18.—The body of Frederick Wirth, whose mysterious disappearance about a month ago has been the subject of police investigation and for the alleged murder of whom Jacob Knobler was arrested and confined for some time, was discovered this morning in "Jack-Knife Slip," which is immediately in the rear of Schoenemann's packing house, where Wirth was employed. It will be remembered that while in the custody of the police Jacob Knobler talked wildly about Wirth having been thrown into the river at the Rail Bridge, on Archer avenue, and described the spot where the corpse could be found. The police made a search there, but instead of finding Wirth they brought to the surface the body of Peter Hansen, an old man living on Ashland avenue, who mysteriously disappeared from his home about a month ago. No explanation of how Hansen came to his death has been made.

A couple of weeks before the discovery of Hansen's body the mutilated trunk of a man was found in the canal at Lockport. It was at once thought that this was Wirth's body, and Mrs. Wirth went to Lockport for the purpose of viewing it. She failed to identify the body then, but last week went again to Lockport and said that she thought the remains were her husband's. They were buried by her last Friday.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS.

Examinations for Entrance to the University of Virginia.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 18.—The local examination for entrance to the University of Virginia will be held in this city three days beginning April 28. St. John's Academy presents eight candidates, and Washington School but three. Students from Virginia passing this examination are admitted to the University free of charge. This has for some years put been the graduating examination of St. John's, which last year took three out of the five gold medals offered for the best papers presented in the United States.

Rev. W. F. Graham of the Third Baptist Church, baptized fifty-six converts in the canal basin yesterday.

The Mayor had but five cases this morning for trial, three being for drunkenness and the others for minor offenses. The order issued some time ago to arrest all persons seen on the street drunk on Sunday is being rigidly enforced.

Mr. George Morton will present "His Sin" at the Opera-House to-night.

St. Paul's Church has been presented with two hymnal tablets by the little children of the congregation.

The tug E. D. Hartley is at the ship-yard for repairs.

The Bishop of Virginia will visit this city on the 15th of May and deliver the rite of confirmation in the different Episcopal churches.

The one-eighth interest in the schooner James B. Ogden, which was built in this city a few years ago, has been purchased by Mr. Isaac Richberg for $1,700.

It is understood that the crew which the Old Dominions will enter for the gig race will consist of Messrs. Edward Burke, Frank Lambert, James Black and J. Morton, the two former being of last year's crew. As yet it has not been determined who will be the stroke.

Rev. J. L. French occupied the pulpit at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday in place of Rev. Mr. Mouse, who supplied the pulpit at Falls Church.

The work on the building recently purchased by the Young Men's Christian Association is being pushed forward as rapidly as the weather will permit.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The Pope approves the course of Cardinal Gibbons.

The suspension of Mr. Healy is to be rescinded today.

Admiral Franklin, U. S. Navy