LOCAL MENTION.

The Weather.

FORECAST TILL EIGHT A.M. THURSDAY.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland, fair weather today, local showers tonight; easterly to southerly winds, shifting to southwesterly; warmer.

GIVEN AWAY! GIVEN AWAY!!—A thirteenth photograph, elegantly framed, given with each dozen cabinets at ESTABROOK'S, 711 Market space.

SAVE YOUR Sight. Consult Hempler, cor. 4½

SPRING STYLES Men's Fine Felt Derbies $1.50 and $2. Extra value. A. T. LEWIS, 435 7th st.

BEFORE YOU BUY your carpets and furniture see W. H. Hoeke's stock and get his prices.

VISIT the Empire Carpet Cleaning Works, 631-635 Mass. ave. n.w. Telephone 787-2.

BUY YOUR COAL, Coke and Wood from JOHNSON BROTHERS, the leading firm in the District.

SIRLOIN STEAK, 14c.; porterhouse, 16c.; roast beef, 8c.; rib roast, 10c. and 12c.; corned, soup and stew beef, 5c.; lamb and mutton, 8c. to 15c.; rib steak, 3 lbs. 25c. JOHN N. HOOVER, 134 to 136 Center Market, 7th and B.

FINE LADIES' DRESSES (second-hand) bought and sold. JUSTH'S old stand, 619 D st. n.w.

W. S. FISHER, florist, 1425 Pa. ave. n.w.

500 ROLLS of the best ten-wire tapestry Brussels carpets, made and laid, only 65c. per yard; former price $1 per yard.
WASH. B. WILLIAMS,
315 and 317 7th st. n.w.

THE CHEAPEST FUEL in the market is Washington gas light company's coke.
JOHNSON BROS., Exclusive Agents.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!
Highest cash price paid for old feather beds. Address Box 114, Star office.

CITY AND DISTRICT.

AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

ALBAUGH'S.—Wyndham Company in "The Candidate" and "A Pretty Piece of Business."

NATIONAL.—"A Brass Monkey."

HARRIS' BIJOU.—"A Royal Pass."

KERNAN'S.—Hyde's Specialty Company.

WILLARD HALL.—Carpenter's Mesmerism.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Stoddard's Lecture, "The Rhine."

CONDENSED LOCALS.

The Capital minstrel troupe will give an entertainment this evening at McCauley's hall, 209 Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

Sarah J. Brock, colored, yesterday fell from the steps of her house, 1725 R street northwest, breaking her right leg and spraining her wrist. She was taken to the Freedman's hospital.

Real Estate Matters.

Lucy S. Doolittle has bought for $6,600 of Jesse Shreve subs 119 to 121, sq. 620, 35.10 feet by 100 on 1st between L and M streets northwest.

Jacob Childs has bought for $5,124 of Maria L. Baldwin part lot 3, sq. 868, 20 feet by 102 feet 7 inches on East Capitol between 6th and 7th streets.

S. and G. Oppenheimer have bought for $4,500 of Catherine A. Seur, lot 6, sq. 1007—90 by 100 feet at the corner of 12th and E streets northeast.

The "Pennyweight" Thief Sentenced.

Stephen Faulden, the colored "pennyweight" thief who was recently arrested by Detectives Mattingly and Wheeler, was tried in the Police Court yesterday. His game is to enter a jewelry store with bogus rings in his possession. He asks to be shown some rings and while looking at them he drops a bogus ring in the tray and takes a gold one. He performed this trick at the jewelry stores of Messrs. Karr, Goldsmith and Peterson. Judge Miller gave him eighteen months in jail.

The Coming Dog Show in Baltimore.

The Maryland kennel club will hold their first bench show of dogs under the auspices of the American kennel club at Natatorium hall, Baltimore, March 18, 19, 20 and 21. The judges are Hon. John S. Wise of Virginia, Harry Malcolm and Chas. D. Cugle of Baltimore and Jas. Mortimore of New York.

Death of Mr. Philip Pollard.

Mr. Philip Pollard, a well-known coal dealer, died at his residence, 1517 Vermont avenue, yesterday, after a long illness. The deceased was born near Baltimore in 1836, served in the eighth United States regular infantry before the war and in 1861 went into the volunteer service, serving in the third Pennsylvania cavalry and afterward on the staff of Gen. Averill, the famous cavalry officer. At the close of the war he engaged in the coal business in this city and continued in it until about a year ago, when he retired. He married Miss Mary E. Random of this city, and leaves four sons and one daughter. He was a member of Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges. The funeral will take place from his residence tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A Good Templar Installation.

Minnehaha lodge of Good Templars entertained many friends at an open meeting held at its lodge room in the G.A.R. building last evening. Officers for the present term were installed by Grand Chief Templar Mr. A. Kalstrom, assisted by Capt. Milstead of Independent lodge as grand marshal, and Miss Baker of Minnehaha as deputy. The following are the officers: Chief templar, Mr. Jas. A. Van Vleck; vice templar, Mrs. M. Leims; secretary, Mr. H. F. Smith; financial secretary, Mr. Milo Quackenbush; Miss Laura E. Baker, treasurer; Geo. E. Britt, chaplain; J. J. McNerhenny, marshal; Mrs. J. J. McNerhenny, deputy marshal; Mr. Thos. Hillock, guard; Mr. John J. Fainter, sent.; Miss Lily Smith, assistant secretary; Miss Sallie Baker, superintendent Juvenile templars, and Mr. Norman L. King, past chief templar.

To Settle the Cases by Arbitration.

The three law cases and one equity case between J. H. and E. K. Johnson, C. B. Church and the District, which have been in court for over eleven years past, growing out of the occupancy of wharf property, have been removed from the court calendars with the view of settling by arbitration.

Cattle Market.

At the Union stock yards 163 cattle were on the market yesterday and all sold to butchers as follows: Best sold from 4¼c. to 4½c. per pound; good sold from 3¾c. to 4c. per pound; medium sold from 3¼c. to 3½c. per pound; Common sold from 2¼c. to 3c. per pound. Two hundred and thirteen sheep and lambs on the market and sold as follows: Old sheep sold from 4½c. to 6c. per pound; lambs sold from 5½c. to 7c. per pound. Cows and calves sold from $20 to $45 each. Market for cattle was fair; market for sheep and lambs dull.

The Dartmouth Alumni.

The fifteenth annual reunion of the Dartmouth alumni association of Washington will take place at Willard's hotel February 6, at 6 p.m.

EXCURSION TO NEW ORLEANS.—For the benefit of those desiring to attend the annual Sængerfest at New Orleans, February 12-17, and the Mardi-Gras festivities, February 18, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad will sell excursion tickets, Washington to New Orleans and return, at rate of $27.50 for the round trip. Tickets will be sold for all trains February 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16 and will be valid for return passage until March 1, 1890. For information in detail call at Baltimore and Ohio ticket offices, Nos. 619 and 1351 Pennsylvania avenue, or at depot, corner New Jersey avenue and C street. *

THE DOWLING SALE TOMORROW.—Since yesterday morning a number of important additions have been made to the collection to be sold at Dowling's art auction rooms tomorrow, the most notable being in the line of old Dutch inlaid furniture, of which there are several large and fine examples, and still more are yet to be added. The collection is attracting throngs of visitors, and the prospect now is that the sale will be largely attended, and bidding probably brisk, though, as is always the case on such occasions, many of the most desirable articles will go low.

A FINE BUILDING LOT on M street between 4th and 5th northwest and having good front on a 30-foot alley, a splendid lot for building purposes, will be sold tomorrow at 4:30 o'clock. See advertisement.

RATCLIFFE, DARR & CO., auctioneers, will sell tomorrow morning, within their sales rooms, 920 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, a stock of stationery, books, &c.

LAST EVENING the Thirteenth-street Baptist church, G and H northwest, was filled with the elite of the city to hear the old hero, Father Chiniquy, the ex-priest of Rome—now eighty years old! See Special Notices for tonight. *

THE VETERAN FIREMEN.

Their Meeting Last Night—A Tribute to the Gallantry of Chief Parris.

A meeting of the Veteran volunteer firemen's association was held last evening at Meyer's hall—Mr. James H. Richards, president, and Mr. John J. Peabody, secretary. There was on exhibition handsomely engrossed and framed resolutions, which will shortly be sent to the Baltimore veterans, thanking them "for the manner in which the Washington association was "taken in" September 9 last. The manner in which the work of engrossing was done by Mr. W. F. Peabody was highly complimented, he having neatly worked in pictures of the Battle monument, the Washington national monument, representations of the old-fashioned hand engine, hose reel and hook and ladder truck, with hooks, ladders, &c., interspersed. It was decided to visit Baltimore February 22 to present the resolutions.

Mr. Geo. Kahl of the old Franklin company was elected a member.

Thanks were voted to Messrs. Robinson, Parker & Co., John Maddox (of No. 2) and W. B. Williams for courtesies in connection with the testimonial from the Brooklyn veterans and to McShane & Co. for nickel-plating pipes.

The president reported that with Messrs. John T. Given, Harry Lyles, Ragan and others he had called on the Commissioners in reference to a permanent place of meeting. Up to this time, however, legal difficulties stood in the way.

Mr. B. Kilmartin referred to the bravery displayed by Chief Parris of the fire department at the recent fire in rescuing the Secretary of the Navy and moved a vote of thanks.

Mr. J. W. Thompson said that he had had the pleasure of handing Mr. Parris his commission when he was appointed a member of the paid department and he never regretted it, and moved that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions and present them.

Mr. Strobel said it was not only the individual act they desired to commemorate but a heroic act of a veteran fireman, for he was one of us. The motion was adopted and Messrs. Kilmartin, Ragan and Thompson were appointed the committee.

Mr. Peabody, from the committee on the subject, reported the draft of a circular to the surviving members of the old department, which was adopted. The association will meet again next Monday night.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

Meeting of the Executive Council in this City.

The executive council of the National board of trade is now in session in this city. One of the objects of the meeting at this time is to call the attention of Congress to a number of resolutions relating to financial and maritime matters acted upon by the board at the last annual meeting in Louisville in October. The council will also confer with representatives of boards of trade which are not now members of the national body. These boards were invited to send representatives to this session of the council for the purpose of conferring in regard to the object of the national body. An effort will be made to induce those outside boards to unite with and strengthen the national body. The National board of trade represents over twenty different boards of trade and chambers of commerce throughout the country.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Deeds in fee have been filed as follows: A. Wyhe to G. P. Davis, lot 23, block 6, Trinidad; $700. Same to G. R. and G. P. Davis, lots 1 to 3, do., do.; $4,000. B. F. Gilbert to Julia C. Patton, lot 30, block 14, Takoma; $375. Jesse Shreve to J. W. Douglas, 118, sq. 620; $2,200. Same to H. D. Shreve, sub. 282, do.; $2,700. Ann E. Rodgers to Fannie S. Bruce, sub 70, sq. 1003; $2,000. T. S. Wells to C. L. Marean, lots 15 and 16, block 20, Brookland; $—. S. R. Bond to Isaac Fishman, part Frohman's Chance; $2,750. A. D. Sterrett to same, Ryan Tract, 63 acres; $—. Alice N. Goodwin of C. H. Parker, subs 15 to 17, sq. 756, $—. J. W. Dick to C. F. Smithson lot 14, sq. 498; $2,000. T. E. Waggaman to R. E. Morris, lot 13, block 6, Cleveland Heights; $1,011.54. B. F. Gilbert to Josephine C. Warfield, lots 2 and 24, block 64, Takoma; $2,000. Same to R. H. Ward, lots 11 and 21, block 61, do.; $1,000. S. B. Merrill to H. W. Walker, lot 60, Lanier Heights; $1,500. H. Martin to B. J. Gant, part 6, sq. 1059; $562.50. Victor Anderson to C. C. Billings, lots 6 and 7, sq. 1072; $2,393.37.

Pensions for District People.

Pensions have been granted to residents of the District of Columbia as follows: Original invalid, Michael H. J. Crouch, P. S. Garretson, David S. Thomas; increase, Joudon Knight, Samuel H. Ramby, Chas. D. Hammer, Addison Wright, Bernard Moran, Wm. W. S. Bradley, Wm. J. Lee, Samuel Smith, Jas. Lyons, Jas. Wheelan, John F. Martimick, Henry J. Meakins, Geo. Dixon, Chas. Chambers, John Ryan, Francis C. Shafer, John Farraer, John Wilsens, John Clare; reissue and increase, Jos. Neurohr, Jas. M. House, York Mabrey; reissue, Edward W. Pampel, J. Hammond; widows, Helen C., widow of John B. Tanner; Meta, widow of August C. O. Herfurth.

Right of Suffrage in the District.

In the absence of the president of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred at the meeting at Grand Army hall last evening Mr. R. T. Morsell presided, with M. I. Weller as secretary. It was stated that the committee to petition Congress for an amendment to the Constitution providing for the exercise of the right of suffrage in the District had not been appointed as yet. A resolution was adopted which provided that a report from the committee should be made at the next regular meeting.

Gen. Mahone Sues W. P. Canaday.

Gen. Mahone, by Mr. Edmund Burke, filed a suit yesterday against W. P. Canaday for $2,500 on account of stock sold to him. The plaintiff states that in December, 1887, he was possessed of 10,000 shares of the Gold mining company's stock of the value of $2,500 and the defendant purchased the same at 25 cents per share and plaintiff indorsed it to him, but defendant did not receive or pay for the same.

Why a Light Sentence Was Imposed.

In the Criminal Court, Chief Justice Bingham, yesterday Jas. Maher, convicted of larceny from the United States (a monkey wrench taken from the Washington navy yard), was sentenced to thirty days in jail. Maher when called up for sentence protested his innocence and insisted that he took the wrench with the intention of returning it. The court said that fortunately for him his character had been vouched for and the jury had convicted on but one count. The maximum sentence was five years in the penitentiary, but in consideration of his character the court imposed the light sentence of thirty days in jail, as mentioned above.

The Old Guard.

The monthly meeting of the Old Guard, Union Veteran corps, was held last evening. The ordnance officer announced the receipt of the swords and belts ordered for the color guard. A resolution tendering the fraternal sympathies of the membership to Comrade A. F. Dinsmore in the loss sustained by the death of his wife, who had endeared herself to the members by her active interest in the organization and her works of relief as president of the Farragut woman's relief corps, was unanimously adopted.

February 22 next being the occasion of the annual parade of the corps a committee was appointed to invite the National Rifles to participate in the same.

The corps accepted an invitation from the Burnside woman's relief corps to visit their fair on Monday night next.

Geo. E. Lemon was elected a life honorary member and Dr. Wm. R. Goodwin, Henry Floyd, Patrick G. Farrell, Julius Albrecht, Jas. B. Corridon, Dr. H. H. Howard, Geo. R. Cook, Robt. L. Fenwick, R. J. Beall and Christopher Lewis were elected honorary members.

She Became Violently Insane.

Mrs. Rebecca Hicks, No. 111 5th street southeast, was yesterday given a permit to the Washington asylum. Her friends, when they took her there, were obliged to return home with her, as she became violently insane when she learned they intended to leave her there. The alms house authorities then refused to receive her.

LOW EXCURSION RATES TO MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL AT NEW ORLEANS.—The Piedmont Air Line will sell excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip to New Orleans, good to return until March 1, 1890, on February 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Through Pullman cars to New Orleans without change. Double daily train service without break or transfer between Washington and Atlanta. Full particulars at company's office, 1300 Pennsylvania avenue, and at ticket office, Baltimore and Potomac railroad station. *

HOW THE ALARM CAME IN.

The Tracy Fire and Recollections it Awakened in Supt. Miles' Mind.

"The fire at Secretary Tracy's house had the most sorrowful results of any fire that has occurred here during the past twenty years," said Superintendent Miles of the District telegraph and fire alarm service to a STAR reporter.

"During all those years," continued Mr. Miles, "I don't think there was a fire that resulted in the loss of three lives. When the old market building burned down two lives were sacrificed. The victims were men who were sleeping in the building and failed to awake in time. Since that there have been several fires that resulted in loss of life, but in nearly every such instance the victim was a small child that was left in the house alone by its parents and was burned simply because of its helplessness.

"The alarm for the fire Monday morning was struck by Operator Welch at exactly 7 o'clock. The operator had received all the preliminary signals from the signal office for striking the 7 o'clock bell and was within three seconds of striking when the alarm came in. All he had to do was to change the dial and strike, so that there was not a second's delay in sounding the alarm.

"At the time of the market house fire," continued Mr. Miles, "I was on duty when some one shouted fire. I saw the light and on my own responsibility I sounded the alarm. Then I saw the blaze and turned in a general alarm."

During last month there were thirty-nine fires, twenty-five regular alarms being sounded and fourteen locals. Although the number of fires was greater last month than usual not one of them was a very large one. During the corresponding month of last year there were fourteen fires, twenty-five less than recorded this year. Fourteen of them were regular alarms and eleven were local. The present month has started out with a bad fire record. Thus far there has been an average of one fire a day with an additional local call.

BUT HE DIDN'T BUY IT,

Although the Dealer Tried to Convince Him it Would be Economical.

There is a clerk in the government service who takes an interest in household matters. He started out the other day to purchase a marble slab, as such an article, he had been told, is the best thing possible on which to knead dough for home-made bread. Thinking he might get a cheap slab at a marble yard he visited such a place.

"Oh yes," said the marble cutter, "here's exactly what you want," producing a broken tombstone that looked as if it might already have been used to mark the grave of a departed citizen.

"That's pretty good," said the intending purchaser. "How much is it?"

"Seven dollars."

"Pretty steep price," thought the government clerk to himself.

"Let's see the other side," he remarked to the dealer.

The latter turned the stone over and the customer read the inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Edward R——."

"Gracious goodness," he exclaimed, "that's my name."

"Then I know I can sell it to you," said the dealer, who was sorry he had not asked a higher price. "You can knead bread on the stone until you die and then use it to mark your grave."

But, notwithstanding the dealer's delicate and ingenious way of stating the advantages of his offer, the clerk did not buy.

THE COLORED CONVENTION.

The Delegates Vote to Form a National Organization.

The evening session of the colored convention last night was again distinguished by scenes of noise and disorder. The church was crowded when, a little after 8 o'clock, the chairman made a desperate attempt to bring order out of the existing chaos. He succeeded to a certain extent and Rev. R. D. Wynn of New York had a chance to open the session with prayer. Soon after he was through Morton post, No. 4, G.A.R., entered the church and received a hearty welcome from the delegates. Commander George Graham was invited to a seat on the platform and also made a short speech of welcome. Mr. J. M. Townsend of the general land office replied in an address eulogistic of the Grand Army.

A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

A motion to go into a national organization prevailed, and a committee was appointed with one representative from each of the states. They were instructed to report this evening. From this point on for a time there was nothing but the wildest disorder, and no attempt was made for fully five minutes to transact any sort of business. By this time W. F. Foster of Pennsylvania was on his feet and trying to be heard in a speech denouncing the whole convention and complaining of the treatment his delegation had had at the hands of the chairman.

H. C. C. Astwood of New York read a paper on "The negro problem; or, is it a problem?" He was constantly interrupted by cries and cat calls from every part of the room, but seemed to pay no attention to this, and his voice kept steadily on, rising clear above all the uproar.

A SPEECH BY MR. BRUCE.

Rev. Andrew J. Chambers of North Carolina spoke and ex-Senator B. K. Bruce made a short speech in answer to the calls made upon him. Mr. Bruce discussed the needs of education in the south and spoke in favor of the Blair bill, urging the convention to petition Congress for its passage and to keep at it until they had gained their point. It was 11 o'clock when the meeting adjourned to meet again today at noon.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Mr. John M. Langston when he entered the church yesterday was received with loud applause and escorted to a seat on the platform.

Mrs. Roberts, a fine-looking young colored woman, occupied a seat of honor at the convention yesterday. She is the widow of a former president of Liberia.

Mr. C. H. J. Taylor of Atlanta, Ga., one of the prominent delegates to the convention, was consul general to Liberia under President Cleveland's administration.

Mr. Martinez of New Orleans, another delegate, is the editor of the Crusader. He is a creole and a man of means. He was a representative in the state legislature for a number of terms.

E. A. Randolph of Virginia is a lawyer and an ardent democrat. He owns a large farm near Richmond.

Dr. J. C. Price, the president of Livingstone college, North Carolina, is a member of the convention.

"Broad Axe" Smith is a representative from Pennsylvania. He is an editor and runs a newspaper called "Smith's Broad Axe." He claims to be the only colored humorist in the world and runs a funny column in his paper. He has published a comic book called "Chips from the Broad Axe."

THE LIQUOR LICENSE DELAY.

Another Case in the Police Court Has to be Postponed.

This morning in the Police Court Mr. Jos. Shillington called Judge Miller's attention to the oft-continued case of Nicholas Lochboehler of the Washington city garden, against whom a charge of keeping an unlicensed bar has been pending for some weeks.

Mr. Shillington said that a number of lawyers interested in the question had an appointment with the Commissioners yesterday, but on account of the change in the board of Commissioners there was a postponement had for one week. He asked that his client's case be continued for ten days.

The judge said that this case presents another phase of the mixed-up question and defined the law as laid down in the cases Saturday.

Mr. Dumont said that the defendant was not licensed last year.

"No," said Mr. Shillington, "but he conducted his business during the entire license year and was not prosecuted. He had his $100 deposited and it was never returned."

Judge Miller in speaking of the matter said that these saloon keepers did not want to conduct business without a license, and say so by their applications. The court did not think that where a new saloon was started the proprietor had a right to conduct the business on the strength of the $100 deposit.

Mr. Shillington said that Mr. Lochboehler has the requisite number of signatures and is only waiting for the Commissioners to act on his application.

Judge Miller thought it only fair that the case go over and granted Mr. Shillington's request.

Mr. Dumont acquiesced in the court's action.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

TO PUT THE WIRES UNDER GROUND.

Superintendent Miles of the District telephone and telegraph service has written to the Commissioners recommending that the trunk lines of the service starting from the central office of his department and running westward through Washington and Georgetown be placed under ground. The rapidly growing trees now interfere with the workings of the wires, and the poles are rotting and liable to be blown down in a severe gale. He suggests that the extension of the patrol system to Georgetown be postponed until this matter is considered, and that the appropriation of $10,000 for the police signal and telephone system in the fifth and eighth police precincts be increased to a sum sufficient to put the wires under ground. He estimates the cost of putting the trunk lines under ground at $42,309.62.

THE ARREARS OF TAXES.

The District Commissioners have written to Chairman Grout in relation to House bill 5179, "fixing the rate of interest to be charged on arrearages of general and special taxes, &c.," saying: "While the Commissioners would be pleased to have adopted any measure that would aid in the reduction of the very large amount of arrears of taxes due the District, they think the effect of the passage of this bill as now worded would be disastrous. But if the bill could be amended as suggested and passed at once it would, it is thought, facilitate the collection of taxes in arrears." They suggest that it be amended so as not to include taxes of 1889.

WILL WAIT FOR THE NEW BOARD.

The Commissioners yesterday afternoon gave a hearing to Messrs. H. E. Davis, Leon Tobriner, Chris. Heurich, F. O. Madigan, Jos. Shillington, J. A. Clarke and R. C. Gwynne, who called to have a consultation in the matter of liquor licenses. The matter was postponed until February 11, so that the arguments can be heard by the entire new board.

BILLS FAVORABLY REPORTED.

The Commissioners have reported favorably House bill 5178, "for the redemption of the outstanding certificates of the board of audit, District of Columbia, and of sewerage certificates authorized by the legislative assembly," and bill 5401, "for the relief of holders of District of Columbia special assessment certificates and for other purposes."

A COMPLAINT ABOUT FIREMEN.

The Commissioners today received a letter from Mr. A. S. Solomons of 1205 K street in which he calls attention to the fact that on the morning of Secretary Tracy's fire a hook and ladder company passed his house at such a slow pace that it was the subject of remark. He says that there were enough men riding upon it to have drawn it faster.

THE CHANGE OF ENGINEER COMMISSIONER.

Just when Major Raymond will leave for his new post of duty is not known. Every preparation has been made for the new engineer officer and the signs on the door designating the Engineer Commissioners' room have been removed and new ones bearing Col. Robert's name ordered. There is a stagnation of business in the engineers' department, and reports are banked up on the assistant's desk, for now there is no one to act upon them. Some question has been raised as to whether the acts of Major Raymond during the interim from the time of the issue of the order relieving him to the date of his being officially notified of it are legal. The Commissioners are inclined to believe that they are, in view of the fact that he had not been notified, and therefore acted in good faith.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Commissioners have exempted from taxation the Children's country home.

Steam engineers' licenses have been granted to B. D. Adelsberger, F. M. Diggs and T. Silcott.

The Commissioners have accepted the resignation of Frank Lahna, a private on the metropolitan police force.

The Commissioners have notified the police not to allow any one to occupy the banks of the Washington canal without a formal permit.

Plumbing Inspector Robinson, who has been confined to his home with a severe case of the grip, was at his desk today.

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

At the annual meeting of the humane society recently held the attention of the organization was called to cases where drivers of private teams overdrive and unnecessarily whip their horses. The society also received complaints concerning the street cars that are drawn up the 14th-street hill without the assistance of an extra or "hill horse." Both complaints were referred to Agent Key with instructions to properly attend to them.

Sues for $10,000 Damages.

Wm. Brown, by James Coleman, has entered suit against the Baltimore and Potomac railroad company to recover $10,000 damages by reason of injuries received by a train running into a wagon near Bennings on the 14th of December last by which four persons were killed.

THE COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT—*Judge Montgomery.*

Yesterday—Gross agt. Steinle et al.; discontinued as to Mr. Breitbarth; verdict for plaintiff. Hutchinson agt. District of Columbia; on trial. Thompson agt. Barber & Ross; order prolonging case to settle bill of exceptions.

CRIMINAL COURT—*Chief Justice Bingham.*

Yesterday—James Maher, larceny from the United States; guilty in one case and not guilty as to the remaining two; thirty days in jail. Ada Tinney, convicted of receiving stolen property; bill of exceptions signed.

ANACOSTIA.

BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—The fourth annual meeting of the Anacostia building association was held in the office of Secretary Green last night for the election of officers. Mr. H. A. Linger was re-elected president, Judge Fernald was made vice president, Dr. A. M. Green secretary and J. F. Walson treasurer. A board of directors was also elected. About twenty members, representing over two-thirds of the stock, were present. A new series of stock has been opened. The association has met with quite remarkable success and is planning for the erection of a large number of cottages this season.

NOTES.—The Y.W.C.T.U. met last night with Miss Corie Etzler, nearly a score of the young women of the village being present, and held a very interesting session. Preliminary steps were taken for the opening of a reading room. ——There are still a large number of cases of grip in the village, but none seem serious and thus far none have been fatal.

Foreign Notes of Real Interest.

One woman was killed and four persons wounded in a socialist riot at Strassfurt.

The London authorities have put a stop to the holding of lotteries for the benefit of charitable institutions, which have heretofore been winked at when quietly conducted.

French senators are quarreling over a bill to prosecute bankers who caused the collapse of several financial institutions.

The London *Times* says it compromised Mr. Parnell's libel suit because there was no other way out of it.

Portugal, the dispatch says, is willing to submit the questions in dispute to the Congo conference, now sitting at Brussels, but would prefer a special conference.

An indication of the spread of English as a language is given by the fact that it has just been chosen for use in the recording of important treaty engagements between Russia and China.

An English scientific man claims to have discovered a substance so nearly like gold that even acid will not tarnish it, and which can be manufactured very cheaply. He is going to put it on the market.

A testimonial banquet will be given to Henry M. Stanley on his return to London by American citizens. He will be presented at the same time with a silk American flag and a silver shield.

The Morocco *Times* of Tangier prints a story told by a poor Moor to the effect that he purchased, through Jews, from Consul Lewis a protection, agreeing to pay $85 in five annual installments; that after he got the paper the agent who negotiated it insisted on immediate payment and he got no protection from any one.

The Paris *Temps* denies that there is a cabinet crisis or any material divergence of opinion between ministers. The addition of extra estimates has added $20,000,000 to the deficiency in the budget.

Alma Tadema has taken again to painting small pictures. One of his latest shows a Roman soldier dropping a bunch of roses into the lap of his lady love. It is said to be finer than the average of his paintings.

They attach the prefix "Church of England" to all sorts of societies in Great Britain, and the latest is a "Church of England society" for the purchase of pianos and American organs by payments of a shilling a week.

Prince Bismarck gave a banquet to Emperor William last night.

In the Spanish chamber of deputies yesterday attention was called to the continued presence of a British squadron at the Canary Islands.

The czar has declared that he will not recognize the Brazilian republic during Dom Pedro's lifetime.

WEST VIRGINIA'S NEW GOVERNOR

The Old One Has Held Over for a Year and a Half.

Judge A. Brooke Fleming will be inaugurated governor of West Virginia tomorrow. His title to the office rests on a resolution adopted by a vote of 43 to 40 for Gen. Goff in the legislature. The majority report in his favor was not adopted, nor were the merits of the election in November, 1888, gone into in the final action. Gov. Wilson has held over beyond the term for which he was elected a year and a half.

The new governor, A. Brooke Fleming, was born in Marion county, Va. (now West Virginia), October 13, 1839. Until the age of twenty years he worked on his father's farm, attending school winters. He entered the law department of the University of Virginia in 1859, and upon being admitted to the bar he began practice at Glenville, Gilmer county, Va., returning to his native town in 1862, where he has since resided. In 1871 and 1875 he was in the legislature. In 1878, when Judge Lewis died, he was appointed to fill the term, and later he was elected to the position. In October, 1880, he was elected judge of the second judicial circuit. He ran as a democrat, and his enormous vote in a republican district attested his popularity at the time in his own section of the state. His term expired with the close of 1888, and in August of that year he was made the democratic candidate for governor. Besides attending to his judicial duties he has been extensively engaged with his father-in-law, Hon. James O. Watson, in mining and farming.

The Country He Was Looking For.

It is a difficult matter to impress upon the mind of the rural man of Arkansas the necessity of paying immediate attention to the heathen, says the *Arkansaw Traveler*. During a camp meeting in Saline county a preacher from Little Rock made an eloquent appeal in favor of the poor wretch who eats harmless missionary instead of eating hurtful bulk pork. When the preacher had concluded an old exhorter arose and said:

"Brethren, I've been might'ly interested in this 'lectioneerin' fur the heathen, an' I would now like to know something about him."

Then, addressing the minister who had just taken his seat, the exhorter said:

"Brother, I would like to ask you a few questions. The boys all say that they are waitin' to see what stand I take, so you won't object to a few questions, will you?"

"Certainly not."

"Thankee. Wall, now, how's politeness in the heathen's country?"

"He know's nothing of politeness."

"Ah, hah. Well, how is the question of capital and labor?"

"There is no capital—no labor."

"No strikes?"

"No."

"Got no canderdates?"

"No candidates."

"Don't have to wear no clothes, if I understand the situation?"

"They have no cloth."

"No lawyers there, I reckon?"

"No lawyers."

"Wall, parson, that's the country I'm lookin' fur, an' ef a emergration agent wuz to come here he'd ketch every sensible man in Saline county. Boys, I don't think we ken give Mr. Heathen anything. It would be as foolish as haulin' water an' pourin' it in the river."

Young at Seventy-five Years Old.

From the New York Star.

"Well," said Emigration Commissioner Starr to me, "I don't think men grow old in appearance so early in life as they did fifty years ago, and I attribute it to the marvelous advances made in the art of dentistry and the science of medicine. Formerly, when men lost their teeth there was nothing to take their place, but now the artificial teeth which a man has are so perfect that it is difficult to tell the difference, and he is handsomer sometimes than he was before. The advances made in medical science have also contributed to generally improve man's outward appearance. I was looking at some pictures the other day showing how a man looks when he is old. Now, I was born on the day before the battle of Waterloo, about seventy-five years ago, but I'm young yet, and I have not yet decided how I will look when I get old."

A Dress of Rattlesnake Skins.

From the Tampa (Fla.) News.

We promised a description of the "rattlesnake dress" today. Mrs. Donaldson, who is making the dress, is really an artist in her line of business, such as you seldom find in a place of this size. The dress is Eiffel shade, a rich shade of brown, fine and beautiful in texture. It is a tailor-made gown, strictly on the severe English style; a perfectly plain skirt, with a panel about seven inches wide of the tanned skin of the rattlesnake. The skin is a beautiful specimen of its kind. A polonaise, also severely plain, closed at the sides with straps of snakeskin and buckles. A vest, V-shape, of the skin, and collar and cuffs of the same. With it will be worn a helmet-shaped hat, trimmed with material to match the dress, but the visor will be covered with snakeskin. The shoes, the uppers made of material the same as the dress and tipped with snakeskin, complete this unique costume. It will be wonderfully pretty and effective and an object of envy to some of our fair dames who delight in original and charming costumes. The lady for whom the costume is made is from Ocala, and came to Tampa especially to secure Mrs. Donaldson's work for her dressmaking.

An Enterprising Collector.

From the Detroit Free Press.

A bill collector came down the stairway of a Griswold street block the other day with a bloody nose, the collar ripped off his coat, his hat gone and his shirt front torn out, and when asked to explain his condition he said:

"I had a bill for $26 against a man up there."

"And he wouldn't pay and you went for him?"

"Well, he refused to pay and I said something about licking him. He offered me half the bill to do it."

"And you pitched in?"

"I did. It was an account four years old and I thought it a good thing to even get half of it."

"But where is the debtor?"

"Oh, he's up stairs. He gave me $13 after I got through and then fainted away, but he will come to after a while and go home in a carriage. If you will be so kind as to run over and telephone for the ambulance I'll go up to the hospital and be patched up."

James A. Garfield, son of ex-President Garfield, is the guest of Charles MacVeagh, son of ex-Attorney General MacVeagh, at his cottage at Lakewood, Pa.

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GEO. B. SMITH,
Att'y-at-Law and Ex-Pros. Att'y, Ashland, O.

BOY COVERED WITH SCABS.

My boy, aged nine years, has been troubled all his life with a very bad humor, which appeared all over his body in small red blotches, with a dry, white scab on them. Last year he was worse than ever, being covered with scabs from the top of his head to his feet, and continually growing worse, although he had been treated by two physicians. As a last resort I determined to try the CUTICURA REMEDIES; they did all that I could wish. The humor rapidly disappeared, leaving the skin fair and smooth and performing a thorough cure.

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The Mary Washington Law Suit Again.

Special to the Baltimore American.

Counsel for Messrs. Coldbert & Kirtley, the plaintiffs in the late libel suit at Fredericksburg, Va., over the grave and tomb of Mary Washington, have been preparing bills of exceptions which they will present to the court at its opening on the 14th instant, asking for a new trial on new evidence just discovered. They will also renew the damage suit, which was thrown out of court on a demurrer, and will ask for a trial of the case before a jury. Judge McLaughlin of the thirteenth district will again preside.

How It Feels to Have a Limb Cut Off.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

Col. H. C. Hamilton, clerk of the United States district court, was telling yesterday how it felt to have a limb cut off. He was perfectly conscious when his arm was cut off in a field hospital and says of it: "It really doesn't hurt except when the first cut around the limb is made, cutting the skin. That's because the nerves are all situated just under the skin, and after they are cut there is nothing to convey the sensation of pain. Cutting through the flesh was like cutting a nail or a bit of dead skin—a dead feeling. Even sawing the bone is only a dull feeling. The real pain is over when the knives get into the flesh."

Disappointed Lovers Form a Society.

From the Boston Journal.

A society of disappointed lovers has been formed at Wilmington