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Mr. Charles E. Myers, residing at No. 811 H st. n.e., and employed as coal clerk with John P. Arnow & Co., corner of H st. and Delaware ave., tells the following story, which should be of interest to all whose voices are defective:

When five or six years old I fell off a big wagon and struck on my nose, and when somewhat older began to realize that there was obstruction of my nose. I never had much discharge from my nose, but it seemed to run into my throat and kept me hawking and spitting all the time. I had an awful time in the morning clearing my throat. Just as soon as I came into a warm room I was in perfect misery. My nose would stop up and I would commence spitting. Could not go to the theater or other places of amusement on that account. I have always had a great taste for music, but on account of my throat and nose could not accomplish my desire.

I commenced treatment with Dr. Jordan a few weeks ago, and since under his treatment there has been a great improvement in my voice, which now has a range of nearly two octaves, now my nose is clear and free and I am glad to say that my improvement is very marked, and I feel that it is my duty to others troubled in the same way, know where they can obtain relief.

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THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Gen. Ordway's Circular in Regard to Rifle Matches.

DATES, DISTANCES, PRIZES AND CONDITIONS IN THE SEVERAL CONTESTS TO BE SHOT THIS FALL—AN EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FINISH UP SCORES.

Circular No. 6, just issued from brigade headquarters, D. C. N. G., is as follows:

I. The following rifle matches are announced and will be shot at the rifle range at Washington barracks on the dates hereafter specified:

TAPPAN MATCH.

Open to all commissioned officers and enlisted men of the District of Columbia National Guard who have qualified as marksmen. Distances, 200 and 500 yards; five shots at each distance; positions as prescribed by Blunt's Manual for those distances respectively. The prize is a first-class target pistol presented by Mr. M. A. Tappan.

PROCTOR MATCH.

Open to all commissioned officers and enlisted men of the District of Columbia National Guard who have qualified as marksmen. Distances, 300 and 600 yards; five shots at each distance; positions as prescribed by Blunt's Manual for those distances respectively. The first prize is a gold medal presented by Hon. Redfield Proctor, Secretary of War. The second prize is a medal presented by Mr. John H. Magruder.

SUNDAY HERALD MATCH.

Open to all commissioned officers and enlisted men of the District of Columbia National Guard who have qualified as marksmen and who have never won a medal, badge or other individual emblem in any rifle match. Distances, 200, 500 and 600 yards; seven shots at each distance; positions as prescribed by Blunt's Manual for those distances respectively. The prize is a gold medal, presented by the proprietors of the *Sunday Herald.*

SENATORIAL TROPHY MATCH.

Open to all commissioned officers and enlisted men in the District of Columbia National Guard who have qualified as sharpshooters. Distances, 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards; five rounds at each distance; positions as prescribed by Blunt's Manual for those distances respectively, and twenty rounds on a skirmish run at unknown distances between 200 and 600 yards. The trophy is a large silver cup, presented by twenty-one United States Senators. The winner will be entitled to a badge designating him as the "champion rifleman of the District of Columbia."

STAR MATCH.

Open to all commissioned officers and enlisted men of the District of Columbia National Guard who have qualified as marksmen. Distances, 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards; five rounds at each distance; positions as prescribed by Blunt's Manual for those distances respectively. The prize is a gold badge presented by THE EVENING STAR Newspaper Company.

MERCHANTS' MATCH.

Open to all enlisted men who have shot the full scores prescribed for this year's practice in the gallery and on the range. Distances, 200 and 300 yards; five rounds at each distance; positions as prescribed by Blunt's Manual for those distances respectively. The prizes are a large number of valuable articles of use and ornament, presented by merchants of the District of Columbia.

The competitor making the highest total score will be entitled to first choice of prize, and the other competitors in regular order, according to the scores, until the whole number of prizes is exhausted. A leather medal will be presented to the competitor making the lowest score.

BATTALION MATCH.

Open to teams of five enlisted men from any battalion in the District of Columbia National Guard. Only one team allowed from a battalion, and it must have at least one man from each company in the battalion. Distance, 200 yards; seven rounds; position, standing. The prize is a silver-plated ice water pitcher, standard and goblets, which will become the property of the battalion winning it.

REGULATIONS.

The competitions will be conducted under the regulations prescribed in Blunt's Manual.

All competitors will be required to use the regulation Springfield rifle or carbine and the regulation service ammunition, which will be issued to them at the firing point.

Allowance will be made for carbines of

1 point in each five shots at 200 yards.				
1	"	"	"	300 "
2	"	"	"	500 "
2	"	"	"	600 "
1 point in each seven shots at 200 yards.				
2	"	"	"	300 "
3	"	"	"	500 "
4	"	"	"	600 "

Competitors who make entry for any match if not on the range at the hour designated for the match will be turned out, except that in the merchants' match any entered competitor who reports to the range officer before the firing has ceased at 200 yards will be assigned a target.

One minute will be allowed each competitor for firing each shot, and he if he does not fire his score within this limit of time it will be counted only for the points made within that time.

All entries must be addressed to the adjutant general and made before 5 o'clock p.m. of Saturday, October 31.

Battalion commanders entering teams for the battalion match must also name alternates and should so arrange their alternates that in shooting the match there may be in any event at least one man from each company.

The Tappan match will be shot at 9:30 o'clock a.m. Thursday, November 5.

The Proctor match will be shot at 11 o'clock a.m. Thursday, November 5.

The *Sunday Herald* match will be shot at 2:30 o'clock p.m. Thursday, November 5.

The senatorial trophy match will be shot at 4 o'clock p.m. Thursday, November 5.

THE STAR match will be shot at 10 o'clock a.m. Friday, November 6.

The merchants' match will be shot at 1 o'clock p.m. Friday, November 6.

The battalion match will be shot at 4 o'clock p.m. Friday, November 6.

II. Company commanders will read this circular to their companies at their first assembly it is received and at each subsequent assembly prior to October 31.

III. The battalion that wins the battalion match and all individual competitors who win matches or prizes will assemble at the Center Market Armory at 8 o'clock p.m. Friday, November 11, in undress uniform, armed and equipped, to receive the trophies and prizes.

FINISH UP YOUR SCORES.

Interest in the completion of official scores showed symptoms of awakening just about the time when the limitation expired, so it has been thought best to grant an extension, as follows:

Monday, the 19th, to Thursday, the 22d, for practice at 200 and 300 yards.

Friday and Saturday, the 23d and 24th, for practice at 500 and 600 yards.

No one will be allowed to practice at 500 and 600 yards unless qualified by a score of 80 per cent or better in the gallery and a like percentage at 200 and 300 yards on the range.

Marksman's buttons will be awarded to all making a record of 65 per cent in the gallery and at 200 and 300 yards on the range.

Sharpshooters' crosses will be awarded to all making an aggregate of 80 per cent on the complete record of the gallery and all the ranges.

The range will be open each day from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m.

Newsboys' Aid Society.

The ladies of the Newsboys' and Children's Aid Society held their first meeting after the summer recess last Monday morning at the home, 310 E street northwest. Agent Sweeney presented his report for the summer, showing that during the months of July, August and September employment has been found for ten children, 237 lodgings and 855 meals furnished, forty-eight pieces of clothing distributed and homes secured for several. Many contributions have been received in the way of furnishings for the new home. Several of the children were arrested as vagrants and turned over over to Mr. Sweeney by Judge Miller of the Police Court. One boy had walked nearly all the way from New Orleans and his feet were covered with blisters. After a few days at the home a situation was found for him in the country. Two other boys, children of a poor widow, were provided with homes in the country. A letter from one of these was read at the meeting and also a note from the lady with whom he is living, telling of his good conduct. The society is in need of cots and bedding for the home, and can always find wearers for any articles of children's clothing.

The French senate and chamber of deputies reopened on Thursday.

AMUSEMENTS.

ALBAUGH'S.—Miss Agnes Huntington will present at Albaugh's on Monday night Planquette's latest opera, "Captain Therese." It was given for the first time in America in Baltimore last Monday and scored an instantaneous success. Miss Huntington appears in this opera, first as a charming young lady just from school and afterward in the disguise of an officer of the French Huzzars. In both of these roles she is seen to great advantage, and is almost constantly upon the stage from the rise to the fall of the curtain. The music of the opera is said to be bright and pretty throughout and the words, written by F. C. Burnand and Gilbert A'Beckett, to contain a laugh in every line. Like "Paul Jones" this opera is of the purest character and without the slightest approach to vulgarity of any kind. The scenery and costumes are elaborate and beautiful and the entire production is said to be on a most magnificent scale. The company, including principals and chorus, numbers seventy people.

HARRIS' BIJOU THEATER.—Harris' Bijou has canceled the date for the attraction first announced and will instead present the Boston Howard Athenæum Company next Monday night for a week's engagement, with the usual matinees on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. This will be a genuine novelty and at the same time will be in keeping with the standard of excellence that the Bijou has established. The greatest feature of the program is the acrobatic and contortion work of Mlle. Ena Bertoldi, who is a marvelous example of muscular skill and suppleness. The simplest thing she does is to walk down stairs backward on her hands. Kara, the juggler, is one of the few really clever ones before the public, and A. O. Duncan, the ventriloquist, is another representative performer. Singing, dancing and comedy will be presented by artists each of whom has made a life study of the work which he does.

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.—An elaborate production of Simms and Pettitt's successful melodrama, "Master and Man," is promised at Kernan's Lyceum Theater next week. It will be presented with careful attention to detail, including special scenery, painted by Matt Morgan and Harley Merry, and will be interpreted by a company of well-known artists, among whom may be mentioned Dominick Murray, Walter Edwards and Marguerite Fealy. The play has made a great impression everywhere by its realistic scenes, which include the illuminated chapel, the village green and the Carlton iron works, the interior of the latter, with its tall chimneys pouring out volumes of thick smoke and its blazing furnace shooting out huge red flames, forming a weirdly picturesque scene. The plot is strong and develops a story of villany, which is, of course, ultimately thwarted and right is triumphant. Specialties enliven the play, including anvil choruses by the Workingman's Quartet, songs and dances by the Twin City trio and sparring and acrobatic exhibitions by the Martinetti brothers.

THE STODDARD LECTURES.—Mr. John L. Stoddard successfully inaugurated his thirteenth season of lecture work on Thursday evening at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn. An audience completely filling every seat and all the available standing room greeted the lecturer with rounds of enthusiastic applause as he appeared upon the stage. Mr. Stoddard acknowledged the greeting and then proceeded with his lecture, "Travels in Sunny Spain." The announcement of Mr. Stoddard's retirement from the lecture platform for a year to enable him to travel around the world undoubtedly added to the interest of the occasion and contributed to swell the audience.

GEORGETOWN ORCHESTRA.—The twelfth season of the Georgetown Amateur Orchestra promises to be the most interesting in the history of this excellent musical organization. Prof. Josef Kaspar will conduct the rehearsals and concerts, and the orchestra will have the assistance of the Wilhelmj Club, which will swell the number of string performers to eighty and make a grand force of one hundred. Among the solo performers announced are Prof. Anton Gloetzner, Miss Lotta Mills and Mr. Henry Xander, pianists; Mr. James Sauvage, baritone; Miss Leonora von Stosch, violinist, and Miss Clementine De Vere, soprano. The first concert will be given in Metzerott's New Music Hall on December 11, when the following program will be performed: Overture, "Phedre," Massenet; piano concerto in F minor, op. 16, Henselt, Mr. Anton Gloetzner; Norwegian Rhapsodie No. 3, Svendsen; "Intermezzo Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni; a "Marcietta" (for string orchestra and harp), Passard; *b* "Love's Dream After the Ball," Czibulka, Wilhelmj Club and orchestra (100 performers); "Largo," Handel, Wilhelmj Club, orchestra, 100 sopranos, and organ; waltz, "Artist's Life," Strauss. Season tickets for the entire course of three concerts are now on sale at Metzerott's music store.

A Neglected Tomb.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

During the month of July myself and several others made a tour through Virginia on horseback. On the second day of our outing we cut through "Snicker's Gap," crossed the mountain to the west side, and forded the Shenandoah at Castleman's ferry. This is a most romantic section of the state, rich in wild, picturesque scenery. It was near sundown when we reached the ferry, and feeling somewhat inclined to supper, decided to make this a stopping place. Upon making inquiry as to where we might find accommodations for the night we were directed to the Castleman farm. This proved to be an old Virginia mansion, standing some 140 feet above the road. The place at one time belonged to the Washington family and was the home of Mrs. Lewis, sister to Gen. Washington.

Standing not a hundred yards from the house is a clump of trees, eight in number, keeping guard, as it were, over a much dilapidated tomb. This tomb, inclosed by a rickety paling fence, is built of brick and stands about two feet high. On top is a large slab, broken in two. I was curious as to how so heavy a slab could have been broken, and was told that during the late war a party of raiding soldiers visited the place and, thinking the family might have hidden their valuables within this gloo my receptacle, opened it. In removing the slab they let it fall, and today it bears proof of their act. So covered with moss was the face of the slab that twas with difficulty I made out the inscription, but this is what I read: "Im memory of Mrs. Betty Carter, relict of the late Charles Carter, esq. She was born in the town of Fredericksburg on the 22d day of February, 1765, and departed this life on Good Friday, the 9th of April, 1830. Age sixty-five years.

"She was the daughter of Mrs. Betty Lewis, only sister to Gen. George Washington. In the death of this sinnable and pious lady the poor have lost a zealous friend and religion a bright example of redeeming faith."

Neglected and uncared for is the resting place of this estimable woman and near relative of Washington. Some years ago, when the property passed into the present owner's possession, the government then, instead of removing these remains, merely placed a paling fence about the tomb and has given no thought to it since.

Nature has been kinder. The eight trees that surround it have intermingled their boughs, forming a perfect bower, and, except by close inspection, no one would be the wiser of what lay hidden there.

Methinks that Mount Vernon would be a better place for those remains, or at least an iron railing might be substituted for the old wooden one which at present incloses the tomb. M. G.

Addresses to School Children.

Two delegates from the ecumenical conference, Rev. J. C. Davison and Mr. J. J. Maclaren, and also a conference visitor, Miss Gibson, made short addresses to the pupils of the Capitol Hill High School yesterday afternoon in response to invitations from Principal Sites. Mr. Maclaren is a distinguished lawyer of Canada and represents the laymen of a Canadian branch of Methodists at the conference now convening here. He spoke to the young folks about the schools of Ontario and concluded with a pleasant reference to the meeting of teachers from the United States there last summer and to the good impression which they had made. Mr. Maclaren was followed by Miss Gibson, daughter of Rev. W. Gibson, who is superintendent of Methodist missionary work in France. She gave a short talk on Paris and the French school, which was thoroughly appreciated and elicited much applause and laughter. Miss Gibson has been studying kindergarten methods for the past year in Philadelphia in order to use them in her mission work at Paris, and expects to leave shortly for her field of labor. The last speaker was Mr. Davison, a missionary from this country to Japan, which field of Methodism he represents at the conference. He spoke chiefly of those Japanese customs which differ most widely from our own, and very much amused and entertained his audience by illustrating many of the gestures peculiar to Japanese salutations, and also in their manner of eating. At the conclusion of his talk he sang a hymn and a song in the Japanese tongue.

Toledo Wednesday celebrated the centennial of the battle with the Indians at Fort Recovery, in which Gen. Arthur St. Clair was defeated. A battle monument will be erected on the site of the old fort.

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621 9th Street. Wonders for ladies and children; materials for paper flowers, lamp shades, &c. Favors, toys, scrap pictures, cards, transfer pictures, gold paint, 16 cents; cap mottoes, games, "snow," tinsel, napkins, masks, studies, fancy paper, Jap. goods, &c.

REAL ESTATE GOSSIP.

A Large Owner of F Street Property Adds to His Holdings.

THE LARGEST INDIVIDUAL OWNER OF F street property is Mr. C. C. Willard. His holdings have not been acquired by a few large purchases, but by a long series, extending from the time when F street was almost entirely a residence street to the present.

He has paid all sorts of prices. He has seen the time when $2 per square foot was regarded as a high figure and he has heard without astonishment that $65 per foot has been paid. During the years represented by the interval between these figures he has seen the city grow in population and in wealth. He has witnessed a development in the business interests of the city that is simply astonishing, especially in view of the well nigh universal opinion that has prevailed up to a comparatively recent date that the town would not support large commercial houses. He has been an eyewitness to a transformation that has turned an entire section of the city occupied by residences into a busy business center. Amid all these changes there has been one unchanging feature, and that is the prices of property have constantly been on the increase. The prices paid by Mr. Willard for his holdings would represent pretty well this development. He owns the entire south frontage of the square from 13th to 14th streets and about half way down the block on both of the above named streets. There is, however, one break in the frontage, and that is the narrow old-fashioned brick building adjoining the Ebbitt House, which belongs to Mr. Joseph Willard. Until within a few days ago there was another gap in his holdings, which is occupied by the building 1312 F street. This property belonged to a lady in Brooklyn. Recently, through her agents, Thomas J. Fisher & Co., she sold it to Mr. Willard, the consideration being $85,000. It is only a plain three-story brick house, and has been the office and home for a number of years past of Mr. E. B. Wight, the newspaper correspondent. But owing to its location this modest house brought a price which the owners of elegant residences in the fashionable section of the city would be glad to get for their property. As Mr. Willard is known as a conservative investor the price may be regarded as a pretty good indication of the value of the property. It has a frontage of 25 feet 11½ inches, the lot extending back to a depth of 100 feet. The price paid was about $250 per foot. The purchase also included an abutting back lot 59x30 feet with a 30 foot alley on the rear and side and the consideration paid for this part was about $10 per foot. It is the intention of Mr. Willard to make such changes in the property as will adapt it to business purposes.

GEN. FLAGLER'S PURCHASE.

During the past week a deed was placed on record transfering to Gen. D. W. Flagler, U. S. A., a building site on California avenue, Washington Heights. Gen. Flagler has recently made his home in this city, having been appointed chief of ordnance. Like other men who know anything about Washington real estate he has decided to own his own home, and in the near future he contemplates building a handsome house on the ground which he has just purchased. The location is beyond the bounds of the city and is in what may be called the suburbs. But it is so near the city that the residents enjoy all the conveniences of a city and do not consider that they live in the country. The spacious lots afford plenty of room about the house for lawns and in this respect they regard themselves as more fortunately located than the residents of the city. Gen. Flagler's lot has a frontage of 92 feet and a depth of 180 feet, and as he paid $16,900 for the lot the rate per square foot was not quite $1.

HOLMEAD MANOR ADDITION.

A new subdivision has recently been recorded. It comprises some fourteen acres, which will be an addition to the subdivision known as Holmead Manor. This latter property fronts on Whitney avenue just east of 14th street and is being built up. The addition extends the subdivision from Whitney avenue back to Spring road. The trustees of the property have donated a strip of land fifteen feet in width for the purpose of widening Spring road, the intention being to make it a boulevard between the Soldiers' Home and the Rock Creek Park.

A NEW HOTEL BUILDING.

The work of laying the foundation of a large hotel has begun. The new building will be located on the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Takoma. It will be a three-story, attic and basement structure of handsome design, having a frontage of 200 feet. A tower projection at the corner will extend to a height of 75 feet. This enterprise has been undertaken by the Takoma Springs Company, and the new building will be located in a tract of ten acres near the springs.

FOR THE LAND OWNERS.

Mr. McKenney Concludes His Argument and Mr. Abert Talks Briefly.

Yesterday in the Rock Creek Park hearing Mr. McKenney read numerous extracts from the testimony of Messrs. Stellwagen, Paul, Truesdell and Saunders, devoting the greater part of the afternoon session to these extracts and to his comments thereon. Concluding an argument which had occupied eight hours in its delivery, Mr. McKenney said the land owners must of necessity take what the appraisers declared to be right. In that light he trusted that they would remember that the government was a purchaser anxious to buy, well able to pay and the land owners under no necessity for selling. There had been, there still was, in some quarters, an apprehension felt that the park scheme might fail should the decision of the appraiser aggregate a total value greater than the appropriation. Such fears were groundless. The park project could not, would not fail. No one doubted the fairness of the valuation which would be made. That valuation might exceed the appropriation, but no one imagined it would fail to receive the President's approval. Once approved a claim upon the government was established, and should the coming Congress fail to appropriate the difference between the findings of the appraisers and the amount originally appropriated the land owners would resort to the Court of Claims for their redress.

As sustaining in a great measure the claim of the land owners Mr. McKenney said that taking Thomas Circle as a center of values and from that center drawing radical circles one mile apart a careful computation based upon all sales made within the respective segments of the circle between the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on one side and the Potomac river on the other, during the past six years, shows the average value per acre paid for these lands to be as follows:

Between the two and three-mile circles	$1,954
" " three and four " "	1,115
" " four and five " "	679
" " five and six " "	510

The average price per acre paid by the California syndicate within the District was $1,011, and without the District $400.

MR. WM. STONE ABERT.

Mr. McKenney concluded his argument at 3:40 and was followed by Mr. Wm. Stone Abert in the shortest argument so far delivered, one of but twenty minutes. Brief though it was, Mr. Abert's argument was remarkable for its clear, effective conciseness, and was devoted mainly to the presentation of most carefully prepared statistics, based upon the testimony introduced by both sides. Mr. Abert concluded his remarks by quoting that sentence found in the bill in equity filed by the Rock Creek Park commission, wherein the commission recites that the land to be taken is most available for park purposes, agricultural use, and for subdivision into villa sites. An adjournment to Monday at 10 a.m. was then announced.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Deeds in fee have been filed as follows: D. Strauss to J. A. Repetti, lots 15 and 18, sq. 1067; $—. J. A. Baker to Martha G. Brooke, pt. 5, sq. 378; pt. 4, sq. 361, lot on Congress and Water sts., Georgetown; pt. 76, do.; pt. 61, do.; pt. 12, sq. 5, do.; 22 and 23, blk. 21; 17, blk. 6; 9 and 10, blk. 10, Naylor Farm; third interest in pt. 4, sq. 381; half interest pts. 18 and 14, sq. 5, old Georgetown; pt. 12, sq. 378; pt. 2, sq. 350; pt. 5, sq. 378; pt. 4, sq. 356; pts. 9 and 10, do.; s. ½ 21, sq. 369; $—. D. B. Groff to W. Thomas, lot 28, blk. 8 Brightwood Park; $3,200. Arlington Fire Insurance Co. to A. R. Williams, sub 22, sq. 368; $—. J. F. Waggaman to K. J. Wilsie, lots 6 and 9, blk. 14, Wesley Heights; $1,600. A. A. Lipscomb et al. to P. Flynn, lot 26, blk. 43, Holmead Manor; $2,362.50. J. C. Hesse to Maddie D. Lynham, pts. 5 and 6, sq. 798; $900. M. D. Hensey to C. Bussey, in trust, lots 11 to 13, blk. 12, Le Droit Park; $—. J. C. Ingersoll to S. Maddox, pt. 9, blk. 6, Washington Heights; $—.

Mr. John T. Given Much Improved.

Mr. John T. Given, whose serious illness for the past three months from typho-complicating fever caused much anxiety to his friends, is much improved. Mr. Given was prostrated by a most acute nervous affection, necessitating his removal to Atlantic City. The change proved most beneficial to the invalid. He is expected home within the next ten days almost if not entirely restored to his wonted vigor.

THE TRAGEDY AT GEN. BEALE'S FARM.

Nathan Robinson Put on Trial for Killing George C. Durno.

Nathan Robinson, charged with the murder of Geo. C. Durno, September 1, on the stock farm of Gen. Beale, near Hyattsville, Prince George's county, began yesterday at Upper Marlboro', Md.

Ex-Sheriff N. C. Darnall, who was present at the time of the affray, testified as follows: "On the morning when the two men met at the stable on Gen. Beale's stock farm the prisoner said to Durno that he came to take away a colt which was in the stable. Durno refused to let him take the colt until pasturage for the same was paid. The prisoner then approached Durno, slapped him a severe blow on the cheek, and said he would show him if he wouldn't take the colt. The effect of the blow staggered Durno, and as he arose the men clinched, but soon separated. Immediately both men drew pistols and I can't say who shot the first shot, but about ten shots were exchanged. At the first firing Durno partly fell into one of the stalls, one of his hands grasping the stable door. Robinson approached and continued to shoot. Five shots were fired before Durno fell and he fell with his pistol in his hand. I saw three wounds on the murdered man, one in the right breast, one near the left nipple and one in the thumb."

Both pistols were shown to the witness, and he recognized the smaller one as the property of Durno, in which only one chamber is empty. Robinson's pistol is filled with cartridges.

The witness, continuing, said: "Robinson then left the stable, carrying both pistols with him, and went to his room. Durno was a middle-aged man and had a defect in one eye." George W. Coldenstroth, who was also present on the occasion, having gone over to the Beale farm to get his horse, corroborated the testimony of Mr. Darnall.

GEORGETOWN.

DEATH OF H. G. RITTER.

In the death of Mr. Horatio G. Ritter, which occurred last evening, the District has lost one of its oldest and most esteemed citizens. He was born in Georgetown, D. C., June 11, 1817, and at the college of his birthplace received his education. For many years prior to and during the war he and his brother, the late W. W. Ritter, conducted the largest business enterprise on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. The deceased was a man of a genial disposition and made friends with all with whom he came in contact. His funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence, 2825 Olive avenue.

DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES.

At 3:30 this afternoon the following delegates of I. O. U. M. to the state council of Virginia will go by special train over the Baltimore and Ohio route to Roanoke: J. D. Kolb, A. W. Shunk, G. J. Stockman of No. 10, A. W. Ward and C. O. Tavenner of No. 20, J. W. Lucas and Harvard Mitchell of 23, C. F. Blundon and C. E. Richard of 32, Edw. Lyles and Otto Hopkins of 33, J. M. Cunningham, Wm. L. Boyden, Geo. E. Howard, J. D. Schofield of 39, Edw. A. Reid, J. D. Avery of 43, and John L. Baker and H. A. Myer of 47. At the council, which remains in session from October 19 to 23, the good of the lodges will be discussed and advisable new measures adopted.

REAL ESTATE SALES.

John A. Baker and wife have sold to Martha G. Cooke an undivided one-third interest in part original lot 5, square 378, and part of lot 4, square 381; lot at the northeast corner of Congress and Water streets; part of lot 76 in old Georgetown; lot, with ware house and wharf, lying on the south side of Water street near High; lots 22 and 23, block 2; lots 16 and 17, block 6; lots 9 and 10 of sub of part of land of Henry Naylor; also undivided one-third interest of Baker in part of lot 4, square 361; undivided half interest in lot 18 in block 3, 10, 13 and 14, square 5, in old Georgetown; part of lot 12, square 378; part of lot 2, square 350; parts of lot 5, square 378 (three parcels); part of lot 9, square 50; parts of lots 9 and 10, square 350; south half lot 21 in sub of square 369, and Martha G. Cooke conveys all her interest in the same property to Jno. A. Baker.

COVENANT LODGE FAIR.

The members of Covenant Lodge are enthusiastic over the success of their fair. Many Washington merchants have donated costly articles, which are tastily displayed, and tickets conspicuously attached to them show who are helping the lodge along. Every night at 10 o'clock the music strikes up and dancing is indulged in until 12. The please-give-me-a-vote girls are noticeably absent and if a young man has only 10 cents he is as welcome almost as the millionaire, though the latter's attendance is preferred.

PARTIALLY PETRIFIED.

A partly petrified body has been unearthed in the old Presbyterian graveyard. While the trunk and face had lost their form and naturalness, the lower limbs were as shapely and perfect in appearance as on the day of their interment. But that life-like softness had slowly given way under the solidifying properties of the soil and a hard, stony feeling met the touch. The veins were distinctly visible and prominent. Other bodies have been removed from graves close by, but this is the only one that has been so affected. It had been beneath the ground's surface for thirty years.

A QUIET WEDDING.

A few nights ago the Rev. Mr. Graham, at his residence on 31st street, read the marriage service and made one of Mr. S. F. Tippett and Miss Laura M. Braun. The wedding, owing to the recent death of the bride's mother, was a private one, only the immediate friends and necessary witnesses being present.

RECEPTION TO THE DELEGATES.

The reception tendered the delegates of the ecumenical conference Thursday evening at Mt. Zion M. E. Church was a very pleasant affair and almost every member of the congregation was there to do honor to the distinguished Methodists. The church was brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated with flowers and flags. Rev. P. J. Ryder, P. E., presided. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Bishop Walden, Cincinnati, Ohio; Revs. C. O. Fisher, D. D., Georgia; E. W. S. Hammond, D. D., Kentucky; I. B. Scott, Texas; J. S. Cooper, Alexandria; J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., Benj. Brown and J. W. Hughes, Missouri. A handsome table was set for the invited guests. The ladies who looked after the wants of all were Miss Katie Brice, Miss Hattie Beason, Miss Lilly Smith, Lucy Millstead, Mrs. T. O. Carroll and Mrs. Annie Boyd.

TO IMPROVE MASONIC HALL.

The stockholders of the Masonic Hall Association met Thursday night in pursuance to a call and authorized the issue of $7,000 worth of new stock. The money raised is to be used in making the much-talked-of improvements, consisting of a large banquet hall and the enlargement of the rear part of the building.

NOTES.

Mr. John Magruder of New Mexico is the guest of Mrs. Gov. Cooke of Stoddart street.

The Knights of St. Augustine, the newly organized beneficial order, will turn out on Sunday afternoon with thirty men in line, in command of Captain General Neal, to assist in the demonstration attending the laying of the corner stone of the Church of the Holy Name, corner 11th and R streets.

The ladies of the Congress Street Church gave a supper last night in the Sunday school room, and scores of hungry boys and girls sat down to bountifully spread tables and ate until they were satisfied.

Dr. Reid has left town for a short vacation.

Mr. John O'Brien, a well-known citizen, died this morning at his home, 1632 32d street. The funeral will take place on Monday at 9 o'clock, when a requiem mass will be said at Trinity Church.

A Prisoner Gets Away.

Yesterday as the prisoners were being introduced at the Police Court one of them—Henry Williams, a colored boy of sixteen years, arrested by Officer Sanford yesterday morning for an assault—made a break and ran, succeeding in getting away.

TO SMOKERS.

Accumulations of mucus are especially well marked in the morning, after smoking during the evening hours, when the gastric walls are covered with a thick, tenacious layer. Food entering the stomach at this time will become covered with this tenacious coating, which for a time prevents the action of the gastric ferments, and so hinders proper digestion. One or two of the Soden Mineral Pastilles taken in the morning before breakfast will clear the throat and stomach of all these accumulations of mucus. These Pastilles are also an excellent remedy for sore throat, colds and all catarrhal affections.

THE COURTS.

PROBATE COURT—*Judge Cox.*

Yesterday—Estate of Christian Puppert; consent to probate of will withdrawn. Estate of James Toomey; will partially proven. In re children of Wm. H. Killmon; Emily E. Killmon appointed guardian; bond $500. Estate of W. H. Killmon; Emily R. Killmon do.; bond $1,000. Estate of John W. Branson; Lillie F. Branson do.; bond $200. Estate of Nicholas Klopfenstein; Mary E. Carter do.; bond $300. Estate of D. H. Cooper; order directing administratrix to report and revoking order of October 12. In re Chas. Bowsky; order to pay counsel fees. Estate of F. W. Jones; order authorizing compromise. Estate of W. W. Farr; inventory returned. Estate of E. Magruder; administrator directed to pay to guardian. Estate of Talbot C. Murray; letters of administration to Susan E. Murray; bond $1,500. In re Richard T. Bell; Daniel bell appointed guardian; bond $200. In re Caroline R. Gurly; R. R. Gurly do.; bond $1,400. In re Thaddeus Beans; order for discharge as guardian. Estate of Bridget Flynn; order of sale of personal property to Nora Johnson. In re children of W. T. Johnson; Wash B. Williams appointed guardian; bond $2,000.

COURT IN GENERAL TERM—*Chief Justice Bingham and Judges Cox and James.*

Yesterday—Hopkins agt. Grinnan; argued and submitted. Dr. Geoffrey agt. Riggs; order on mandate of Supreme Court of United States. United States ex rel. G. M. Book agt. Tracy; application for mandamus submitted. B. & P. R. R. Co. agt. Brent et al.; order of publication.

CIRCUIT COURT—*Judge Hagner.*

Yesterday—Fuller agt Gessford; garnishee judgment of condemnation. Mann agt. Cooper; time extended to plaintiff to file replication. Ramsey & Bisbee agt. C. Ressouer; judgment by default. A. F. Fox agt. W. P. Wood; jury respited.

EQUITY COURT—*Judge Cox.*

Hume agt. Reid; J. B. Henderson admitted party complainant. Miller agt. Hume's administrators; J. Holdsworth Gordon appointed guardian ad litem. Bohrer agt. Otterback; final distribution by trustees ordered. Davis agt. Davis; commission to get testimony at Thomasville, Ga., ordered to issue. Cake agt. Woodbury; National Metropolitan Bank allowed to levy and sell.

District Politics Quiet.

"There is precious little doing in District politics just now," said Street Inspector Perry Carson this morning. "That is, so far as the republicans are concerned. And I believe it is the same with the democrats. At present we are waiting until after the meeting of the executive committee here next month, when the time for holding the nominating convention next spring will be fixed. Until that is done we, of course, can do nothing. One thing, however, which we propose doing at once will be to publish the boundaries of the old legislative districts. We shall do that so that hereafter every man in this District will know to just which precinct he belongs and we will see then that no doubling up is done. This matter will be published in THE STAR, so that there can be no doubt in the mind of any one interested."

Mrs. Nathaniel McNames