LOCAL MENTION.

The Weather.

FORECAST TILL EIGHT P. M. SATURDAY.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, cooler, clearing weather; winds becoming northerly; considerably colder and clear Saturday and probably Sunday.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 43; condition, 36. Receiving reservoir, temperature, 41. Condition at north connection, 16; condition at south connection, 12. distributing reservoir, temperature, 43, condition at influent gate house, 13; condition at effluent gate house, 36.

High Water.	Low Water.
6:18 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	0:30 a.m. 12:47 p.m.

YOUNG MEN'S DERBIES, in English tan, mahogany, Java, beige and chocolate, for spring, from $2 to $4. R. C. LEWIS & SON, 1421 New York avenue.

SPECIAL SALE FOR SATURDAY.—Rib roast, 10c.; lamb, 12½c. to 15c.; veal, 12½c. to 15c.; sugar-cured hams, 11c.; 1 can corn, peas and tomatoes or peaches, 25c.; B. B. bacon, 10c.; 3 lbs. lard, 25c. Try our Sheaf Wheat print butter, 35c., 3 for $1; 1 bushel New York Burbank potatoes, 55c.; choice apples, 25c. peck. A large stock of vegetables of every variety constantly on hand at very low prices. Postal orders our specialty. INTERNATIONAL MARKET, S. LEMON HOOVER & Co., 1291 E st. n.w.

NEW LOCATION, new store, fresh goods. A. GUDE & BRO., Artistic Florists, 1224 F st.

SPECIAL PRICES FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 27. Best granulated sugar.....4c
Choice Burbank potatoes, per bushel.....55c
Fancy small s. c. hams.....11½c
N. A. POOLE, 944 Louisiana ave. n.w.

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BALANCE WINTER BONNETS AND HATS, handsome styles, at half price tomorrow and Monday. PALMER, Importer, 1107 F st.

ARTIFICIAL EYES, $5 up. HEMPLER'S, 453 Pa. ave.

MEN'S DERBY HATS. Latest styles. Low prices. Large stock. Leaders at $1.50, $2 and $2.50. Extra value at these prices. A. T. LEWIS, 480 7th.

CARPETS CLEANED by the Empire Carpet Works, 631-635 Mass. ave. n.w., are made moth proof free of charge. Telephone 425-2.

BAR ROOM for sale; s.w. D. P. HANNAN, 27th & K.

CITY AND DISTRICT.

AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

ALBAUGH'S.—Sadie Martinot in "Pompadour."

NATIONAL.—E. H. Sothern in "The Dancing Girl."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"Dr. Bill."

HARRIS' BIJOU.—"On the Trail; or, Daniel Boone."

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.—Williams & Orr's Meteors.

WASHINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY ARMORY.—Knights of Pythias Fair.

NATIONAL RIFLES' HALL.—Elks' Carnival of Nations.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—Cantata of the "Flower Queen."

Y. M. C. A. HALL.—Lecture on "The True Status of the Reporter," by Mr. George H. Harries.

CONDENSED LOCALS.

WM. W. HOLMES, a colored boy, was convicted in the Criminal Court yesterday of larceny from the person of a watch from F. A. Kelly on January 16 last.

MRS. D. J. GODWIN of 408 East Capitol street has, through Lieut. Heffner, contributed for the use of the poor about fifty pieces of children's clothing.

MR. S. E. CLEMENS AND WIFE of Arlington, Va., were thrown from a buggy near the National Museum and both were injured, Mrs. Clemens having an arm broken and her husband being bruised.

A CARRIER pigeon having a gold band on his right leg alighted on the roof of the piazza of 602 I street northwest Tuesday evening. It was discovered in the morning that the bird was prostrated from hunger. He was fed and remained until 2 p.m., when he departed.

Encampment No. 23, Union Veteran Legion.

This new encampment of the Union Veteran Legion of the United States, whose charter was granted last week by Gen. Joseph E. Palmer, jr., the national commander, assembled last evening at Elks' Hall. About thirty charter members were present, and these were at once mustered in by Junior Vice National Commander Brady, assisted by some of the members of the old encampment, No. 69. As the election of officers was about to be proceeded with Encampment No. 69, headed by Col. Fitch, marched into the hall in a body and were seated. The election of officers resulted as follows: G. C. Kniffin, colonel, E. B. Payne, lieutenant colonel; J. H. Fritts, major; H. F. Bonorden, officer of the day; J. P. Caslow, quartermaster; J. Brashear, chaplain; J. W. Shively, surgeon. The colonel appointed O. D. Thatcher his adjutant, and J. A. Stewart was selected for sergeant major. The trustees chosen by ballot were: C. W. Filer, for three years; A. B. C. Clement, for two years; J. J. Freeland, for one year. All the officers then took the obligation and were duly installed. The membership of the new encampment has been carefully selected, not only the war record, but also the personal character of each applicant having been closely scanned. Col. Kniffin is widely and favorably known in military circles, and under his leadership the encampment will fully maintain the high standard of excellency upon which it has been founded.

Cyclops the Victor.

In the contest of strength last night at Kernan's Theater between Cyclops and Sebastian Miller Cyclops came off victor. Miller acquitted himself creditably, however, and fully sustained his reputation. Both are wonderfully strong men and seemed at the opening of the contest to be about equally matched. It was considered a good test of Cyclops' capacity, for in Miller he had no mean adversary. In fact, at no time since he has claimed the championship has Cyclops met a stronger man than the Bavarian Hercules. Miller kept pace with him in many of the feats performed last night. He lifted 56-pound bells in each hand and repeated the same feat with 75-pound bells. It was not without an effort that Miller lifted a 209-pound bell which Cyclops held up with ease. Miller failed when he attempted to follow Cyclops in the feat of lifting a 130-pound bell in each hand. But he took his defeat graciously, and the audience felt that he had lost nothing by the comparison. Miller will meet Sandowe tonight.

The Elks' Carnival.

Over one hundred members of the Baltimore Lodge of Elks visited the Elks' carnival at Rifles' Hall last evening and spent a social hour with their brother Elks, and at the same time contributed largely to the success of the affair. One of the visitors, Thomas McNulty, sang several songs, Miss Ella B. Gleeson recited and John Hazel performed on the cornet. The voting for the various articles is going briskly on. For the police lieutenant's uniform the vote last night was: Amiss, 1,260; Kelly, 906; Gessford, 872; Heffner, 731; Hollinberger, 649; Swindells, 641; Temple, 719 and Guy, 723.

This evening will be devoted to France, and the Washington Light Infantry Corps will attend in uniform. There will be a grand march of all nations, with France in the lead. The "Marseillaise" will be played and the "Boulanger March" will follow. On Saturday evening Representative Asher Caruth, a member of the Louisville lodge, and other members of Congress who are Elks will make addresses.

Congressional Temperance Society.

At a meeting of the Congressional Temperance Society, in the room of the committee on appropriations, the following officers were re-elected: President, Hon. N. Dingley; vice presidents, Senators Dawes, Colquitt and Wilson, Representatives O'Donnell, Morse, Pickler, Lewis and J. D. Taylor; secretary, F. D. Power. The fifty-eighth anniversary of the society will be held on the evening of Sunday, March 6, in the Congregational Church.

Sentenced to the Penitentiary.

In the Criminal Court yesterday afternoon Mary Stewart, the colored servant girl convicted of the larceny of a scarf pin and dresses, was sentenced by Judge Bradley to two years in the Albany penitentiary.

Wm. W. Holmes, a colored boy, convicted of larceny from the person, was given eighteen months. Although in the trial he asserted he had found the watch he admitted to the judge that the watch was hanging from the young man's pocket when he took it.

TURKISH COMPASSIONATE FUND.

Madame Zacaroff will be found at the Arlington Hotel during Friday and Saturday with a marvelous collection of beautiful art embroideries from the Turkish compassionate fund.—*Adv.*

FOR STARVING RUSSIANS.

Washington Must Promptly Contribute to Relieve Their Sufferings.

THE INITIAL MOVE TAKEN LAST NIGHT AT A CONFERENCE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AUXILIARY RED CROSS ASSOCIATION—EARNEST SPEECHES MADE BY MANY WORKERS.

Washington will be called upon to put its hand into its pocket and contribute to the relief of the starving people in famine-stricken Russia.

The initial move in this direction was made last night at a conference of the District of Columbia Auxiliary Red Cross Association, the organization that furnished such substantial aid to the yellow fever sufferers in 1878 and to the victims of the Johnstown disaster.

A resolution was adopted directing President Warner to appoint a committee to call a mass meeting of citizens which will be presided over by the President of the United States. The District of Columbia Auxiliary Red Cross Association is a branch of and directly responsible to the American National Red Cross, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia October 1, 1881, for the relief of all calamities of sufficient magnitude to be deemed national in extent. The organization acts under the operations of the treaty of the international convention held at Geneva August 22, 1864, and since signed by nearly all civilized nations. The Congress of the United States bound this government to compliance with the treaty by act of March 1, 1882, and proclaimed by President Arthur July 26, 1882.

The officers of the District Auxiliary are: B. H. Warner, president; James C. Welling, vice president; E. Francis Riggs, treasurer; Mrs. Sarah A. Spencer, secretary.

A SMALL ATTENDANCE.

Last night's meeting was held in the hall of the Spencerian Business College, corner 7th and D streets northwest. The attendance was very small, but those present were enthusiastic and very much in earnest. The object of the meeting was to devise ways and means to arouse the people of the District to a proper understanding of the work of charity which is before them.

President B. H. Warner called the meeting to order and there were with him on the stage Commissioner Douglass, Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross; ex-Gov. John W. Hoyt, chairman of the Russian famine relief committee of the United States, and Mrs. Sarah Spencer, secretary of the District Auxiliary.

Mr. Warner said the people of Washington are now called upon to consider a question which has enlisted the attention of this entire country and of the world, a question affecting one-sixth of the area of the globe and one-fourteenth of the inhabitants thereof. The calamity affects not only the people of the country where it exists, but all humanity. There is no question as to the existence of the trouble. The United States ministers abroad have testified to it, and the diplomats of other nations have witnessed it. The people of this country have already begun to move in the matter of relief. Philadelphia, that city which is always taunted with being slow of action and lacking charity, was the first city to dispatch a ship load of food. Washington must not be a laggard. It is true Congress has refused to help, but there is an economy that is mean, and there may be a lack of activity on the part of the representatives of the people that is criminal. A nation which fails to take cognizance of such a frightful calamity as now stares the nations of the earth in the face deserves the censure of the whole world. Mr. Warner said that while he was sorry to see such a small attendance at the conference he was glad to find that the few there represented a spirit of charity in this District which has been weighed in the past and not found wanting, and he felt assured that the same old spirit would rouse the city to action in this instance.

MRS. SPENCER'S REMARKS.

Mrs. Spencer spoke of the difficulty of Americans to realize the horrors of a famine. They have never seen anything like it in this country. Americans spend the larger part of every year over-eating, over-drinking and over-living. Then the church tells us at Lenten tide to do without luxuries for a time—luxuries, not necessaries—and that is as near famine as the average American approaches.

"Now, do without food for one day," she said. "Then for another and a third. Not only this, but make the baby do without it for the same time. Don't go away and leave the baby, but stay and watch it suffer, your baby. Witness its sufferings as hunger closes its grip upon it, tighter and tighter, hour after hour, while the small voice grows weaker in its wailing.

"Then perhaps you will get a faint idea of a famine."

Mrs. Spencer said the action of the District of Columbia in the matter of relief for the starving Russians is important. In a measure the District is the representative of the United States. It must not be allowed to go on record that twenty million people are crying for food and the District of Columbia does not raise a hand. Mrs. Spencer referred to the results of about one hour's work which she made this week in a preliminary skirmish for funds. She received promises from business men which insure a substantial nucleus around which to gather a fund.

THE WORK NOW IN PROGRESS.

Miss Clara Barton, president of the National Red Cross, detailed in her modest way the work which is now in progress in this country for the relief of the famine sufferers.

It is the duty of the Red Cross, she said, to discover national calamities, inform the people of them and point out the mode of relief. The Red Cross does not beg. When the Red Cross became assured of the extent of the famine, when the Russian legation at this capital testified to its prevalence, the Red Cross informed the people. Minnesota was first to act. Iowa came next. Philadelphia sent the first shipload of food across the water. There are now in New York 100 carloads of Iowa corn awaiting shipment to Russia. Within ten days 100,000 bushels of corn will be stacked up in New York warehouses. Money is required to transport this food to the hungry peasants. Out of the abundance of their harvests the west has unstintingly given food. It is now in order for the east to furnish money to move it.

Miss Barton said she could not find one banker in New York city who had confidence enough in the charity of the east to permit the use of his bank as a depository for funds to be raised. Then she came to Washington and Riggs & Co. offered their bank at once.

Miss Barton referred in complimentary terms to the service which the District of Columbia Auxiliary rendered the Red Cross during the last yellow fever scourge.

DR. HOYT TELLS OF THE STRICKEN DISTRICT.

Dr. John W. Hoyt, ex-governor of Wyoming, was then introduced. Dr. Hoyt has represented the United States at various foreign expositions: at London in 1862, at Paris in 1867 and was executive officer of the United States commission at Vienna in 1873. He has traveled over all Europe collecting statistics of education and labor for this government. He is now chairman of the Russian famine relief committee of the United States.

Dr. Hoyt said he is familiar with that section of country which is famine stricken. He has spent days in the rude huts of the peasants, studying their modes of life, and being acquainted with their condition when times are considered good, he is able to feel more keenly their present condition of want.

Dr. Hoyt said there has not been a famine in the world since 1769 which threatened such dire results as this one. In that year 9,000,000 people perished in China. During a famine in India 3,000,000 people starved to death. Another one in Bengal swept 1,500,000 people into eternity. "In Russia tonight," said he, "20,000,000 people, the majority in a state of famine, are sitting in loneliness and desolation in their huts, suffering from hunger and wasted with fever, which attends starvation. They are holding out their hands to the world, pleading for bread. Russians? To be sure. Foreigners, aliens? Yes, but brothers after all. It is sorrow that makes the whole world akin."

Dr. Hoyt said the gathering which he was addressing had assembled in answer to the signal of the Red Cross that help is needed. Aid must be given to Miss Clara Barton, that noble woman whose heart is as great as the heart of whole humanity, but whose efforts must be reinforced. The question is, what part will the city of Washington take in the work of relief?

Dr. Hoyt spoke of Washington as the future great scientific, literary and educational center of the world. He hoped within his lifetime to see a national university established here which will be the fountain head of learning from which will descend rills of learning to fertilize the intellect of the country. He had come to Washington in behalf of such an institution, but had temporarily abandoned work to lend his aid to the relief of the starving.

"I want to see Washington set an example of charity that will kindle the fire of emulation in every other city of this country. Washington should take the lead in the organization of great meetings which will arouse the people. How many people there are in this city who are giving banquets while thousands are starving in Russia."

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Rev. Dr. Cuthbert read an original poem, in which he likened the recent display of the aurora to a rocket signal for help sent up by the famishing people of Russia.

Gen. Hussey made a severe criticism upon this Congress for its failure to provide relief. The Congress that failed to act for charity's sake may yet regret it when the deadly typhus, which follows famine, fastens upon the people of this country.

Rev. Dr. Corey said the time for speeches was past and the time for action come. Our acts of charity in this case should be predicated only upon the condition that Russia needs help; that the United States can give it, and therefore should give it. He was sorry and disgusted to see the Congress of the United States raising the question of a constitutional limit to charity. However, Washington will not be found lacking in charity.

Commissioner Douglass said he had always entertained a tender feeling for Russia since that incident of the late civil war in which Russia had figured. It was at a time when the United States government was threatened with a foreign as well as a domestic foe. One day there slipped into New York harbor one, two, three, five Russian corvettes—powerful modern war vessels. No word was spoken, no threat made, but the guns were there. Russia sent us what she thought we needed. Now, why not send Russia what we know she needs. Let's slip a few ship loads of food into her harbors as sincerely, as unostentatiously as she sent guns to us.

After adopting the resolution for calling a mass meeting the conference adjourned.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The chairman has announced the following as the executive committee Auxiliary Association of the Red Cross: B. H. Warner, chairman; Commissioner J. W. Douglass, vice chairman; E. Francis Riggs, treasurer; Myron M. Parker, E. Kurtz Johnson, Simon Wolf, Gen. R. D. Mussey, Mrs. Jno. A. Logan; Mrs. Sara A. Spencer, secretary. This committee will report the subcommittees to solicit and receive subscriptions to the District of Columbia Russian famine relief fund. All committees will be urged to immediate action that results may be reported to a mass meeting to be called within ten days by the executive committee.

Contributions to the relief fund were received yesterday as follows: Henry Franc, $5; Franline Agnes Burchard, $10; Wm. H. Armstrong, $5; little Minnie Williams of Annandale, Va., $1; Jos. P. Stephenson, $1; Spencerian College, $25.

DEATH OF A. K. BROWNE.

A Gentleman Who Had Held Many Prominent Positions in the District.

Mr. A. K. Browne, who since the war has been a well-known practicing lawyer here, died this morning at 6:15 o'clock at his residence, No. 505 Massachusetts avenue northwest. Mr. Browne had an attack of grip a few weeks ago, from which it was supposed he had entirely recovered, and he returned to his office. On Thursday morning, the 18th instant, he was again taken ill with pneumonia and a complication of other diseases. On Sunday he had become unconscious and he lingered till 6:15 o'clock this morning. Mr Browne was born at Gilbertsville, Otsego county, N. Y., and was sixty-three years old yesterday. He was educated at the academy of his native town and for some years was a school teacher at Pottsville, Pa., and while teaching studied law. He was appointed superintendent of public schools of Clinton county, Pa., in 1856. He was admitted to the bar of that county December 17, 1858, and practiced at Lock Haven and Williamsport a few years. He came here in the early part of the war, served several years on the Christian commission and was attached to the staff of Gen. O. O. Howard. He was admitted to the bar here February 4, 1864, and the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States February 23 following, and was for some years attached to the bureau of refugees and freedmen. He lived for a time on Capitol Hill and for some years was prominently connected with the Young Men's Christian Association and served as president. In July, 1868, he was appointed a member of the board of trustees of the public schools and servtd some time. In April, 1871, he was appointed a member of the council under the territorial government, serving two terms. In 1872 he was elected attorney for the board of health. For a number of years he had been in active practice at the bar and among the cases in which he appeared was that of Miller Gaines, tried for murder in 1869, who was acquitted on the ground of insanity by the first mixed jury. In this he was associated with Mr. A. G. Riddle. He was also counsel for James Madison Wyatt Stone, who was decapitated by the rope when hung at the jail. Mr. Browne was married twice, his first wife dying in 1879, and by her he leaves two children, Mr. Marcus Browne and Mrs. J. W. Boggs, jr., of New York. His second wife survives him. He was a member of Lafayette Lodge and Chapter of Masons and the Masonic Veterans and was prominent as a member of a number of republican associations of the District.

AMUSEMENTS.

NATIONAL THEATER.—"The Dancing Girl" was seen at the New National Theater last night for the first time in this city. That it is a performance of great interest was fully evidenced by the attention it attracted elsewhere. It deals with the problems which arise from a contemplation of man's moral nature, and while the views of human nature are not optimistic they are interesting and forceful. The dramatic development of the theme—the love of a nobleman for a theater dancer—shows great artistic finish, and the strength of the play was heightened by the merits of the cast that presented it. In the roll of the *Duke of Guisebury* Mr. Sothern combines depth of feeling with delicacy of expression in the manner that is characteristic of him. Although a young man he is a recognized leader in his profession. Good work is expected in all that he undertakes, and he has never as yet disappointed his admirers. Miss Virginia Harved was attractive and efficient in the role of the dancing girl. The entire cast was good, the work presenting numerous points of more than ordinary merit. The crowded house attested the confidence of the public of Sothern's ability to please in all that he may choose to undertake.

BUILDERS' EXCHANGE HALL.—There will be an entertainment at the Builders' Exchange Hall this evening under the auspices of the People's Church, at which an attractive program will be presented. This will be followed by dancing, and an enjoyable evening may be anticipated.

MASONIC TEMPLE.—On March 1 there will be given a concert at Masonic Temple under the auspices of Burnside W. R. C., at which the Philharmonic Quartet and other well-known talent will appear. The object of the entertainment is a worthy one and the program will be attractive.

THE ORIENT MUSICAL.—The musical of the Orient Athletic Club occurred last night. The audience was large and the applause generous and deserved. The Philharmonic Quartet, Misses Hattie Meads, Amy Law, Lena Shepherd and Florence Stidham, opened with the "Hunting Song." Solos were subsequently rendered by these ladies and by Miss Annie F. Craig, Mr. Charles F. Roberts and Mr. W. D. McFarland. Miss Dorothy Byrde Rogers, with Prof. Bischoff as accompanist, earned an encore with the "Flower Girl." Lizzie Macnichole-Vetta, accompanied by Mr. Edward Droop, sang "Alas, Those Chimes," from "Martiana," and won an emphatic recall. The duett, "Estudiantina," from the "Jolly Students," by Lizzie Macnichole-Vetta and Marie Macnichole was redemanded. A violin solo was played by Miss Pauline Isenman. The floor was then cleared for dancing. The executive committee were Charles F. Roberts, chairman; Arthur Copeland, Frank A. Carpenter, Lee F. Miller and B. T. Welch, jr.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—The "Flower Queen" will be given at the Universalist Church tonight by the young ladies of Unity Presbyterian Church. The cantata has been in rehearsal for some time and both solos and choruses will be well sung. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the benefit of the building fund.

Coming Concert at Laurel.

A concert and recital will be given at the Academy of Music, Laurel, Md., Monday evening, under the direction of L.E. Gannon of this city and Thomas F. McNulty of Baltimore. The following well-known singers and musicians will take part: Mrs. J. E. Daly, Miss Blanch Mattingly, Mrs. B. Whitesell, Mrs. D. I. Murphy, Messrs. Wm. F. McFarland, Frank Baxter, Frank Reeside, J. F. Nolan, J. J. Costello of Toronto, Canada, Jno. C. Weidman, Mr. Robt. Paul, Emil Kuebel, violinist; Misses Jennie Glenman, Lulu Boone, Prof. E. G. Hill, Bernard Ryan, Dr. Jno. P. Daly, Al. Fennell, Mrs. Kittie Thompson Berry.

Claim That He is Insane.

This morning in the Criminal Court, Judge Bradley, a motion for a new trial was filed by Mr. James L. Pugh, jr., in the case of Joseph Hicks, jr., convicted on Tuesday of housebreaking. Hicks, it will be remembered, hurled a cane at the witness Henry P. Shafer during the trial, and his counsel, Mr. Martin, suggested then that he was of unsound mind. The grounds for the present motion are that the verdict was contrary to the evidence and that a new and material fact has come to light since, viz., the unsound condition of his mental faculties, rendering him a fit subject for the insane asylum. A copy of the order for the admission of Hicks to the asylum September 29, 1887, is appended, as also the certificate of Drs. J. Wesley Bovee and John E. Walsh of the Washington Asylum, made on the 24th instant, stating their belief that he is insane and is a fit subject for treatment at the government insane asylum.

PRODUCE DEALERS COMPLAIN.

They Allege That There is Discrimination in Enforcing the License Tax.

A number of licensed dealers in the markets met in the Nationalists' Hall on F street last evening and held what they termed an anti-license tax meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Scammell, and Mr. R. B. Youngs was chosen chairman.

It was explained that the meeting was called to protest against the unjust, discriminating and unequal tax of $25 per year now imposed upon butter and cheese dealers and fruit and vegetable dealers in the markets.

Mr. Scammell offered resolutions together with a bill, the latter to be introduced in Congress, and they were adopted. The resolutions read: "That we protest against the license tax of $25 per year imposed against the dealers in fruits, vegetables, butter, cheese and other farmers' produce in the markets of this District, while dealers in other articles of merchandise pay no license tax whatever, as not only unjust, but a discrimination against the products of the farmers of the country, and we demand as a right the immediate repeal of this discriminating and outrageously unjust license tax.

"That we call upon the farmers of the country and their representatives in Congress to take notice that at the capital of the United States, over which Congress exercises exclusive legislative jurisdiction, dealers in honest butter are required to pay a corporation license tax of $25 per year, while dealers in oleomargarine and butterine are exempt from any corporation license tax whatever.

"That to continue this unjust discrimination is to place a premium upon bogus articles of food against genuine articles of honest production, and we respectfully ask Congress to apply the proper remedy."

The proposed bill provides that "No license tax shall be imposed upon any retail dealer doing business in the markets of the District of Columbia, except dealers in intoxicating liquors."

A COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION.

Mr. Kidwell then spoke of the actions of the courts in regard to the license tax question. He did not object to paying the license if all dealers were treated alike, but when there is any discrimination then he thought it time to complain. He said he could not understand why a grocery store could attach the produce business to that of groceries and not pay an additional tax. Unless something is done in the matter he proposed to put in some articles, such as tea, coffee and other goods in the grocery line, and then declare himself a grocer in the market.

MR. CRANE'S STATEMENT.

Mr. John H. Crane said he had given the matter some consideration; that he had been acquainted with the market business for many years and he understood something of the license tax. In hopes that he might be of some assistance he had prepared a statement which he read. This statement reviewed the legislation regarding licenses in the District and said "the Commissioners seem to have let up on one class of dealers after another, though the law remains the same, until now no one but liquor sellers and dealers in butter and cheese, vegetables and green fruit, poultry and eggs are required to take out a license.

"I am unable to see where the Commissioners get the authority to discriminate in the application of the license law in the way they do. Certain dealers are exempt this year, who were required to pay $25 license tax last year, while the law remains unchanged."

Mr. Crane complained that those who purchased stands in the market twenty years ago had bought under a pledge that no license tax would be required of them. "I have," Mr. Crane's statement continued, "corresponded with several northern cities, and not one that I have heard from imposes a license tax upon either wholesale or retail produce dealers.

"A friend connected with the city government of Boston writes as follows:

"'You ask if there is a license tax imposed upon dealers in our markets. In reply I would say that there is nothing of the kind. The only license tax here is upon liquor sellers and peddlers who go about the country peddling tin. It sounds funny to hear that people in Washington, the capital of the United States, are required to pay a tax for the privilege of working to get a living. The dealers in Faneuil Hall Market not only pay no license, but the city lets them the stalls at a very low rate, less than one-half what the stalls would bring if put up at auction. So long as a man pays his rent he is not molested, and if he wants to sell out he can do so at a big bonus, or in case of death the good will of the stand is sold for the benefit of his family.'

"That is as it should be. It was once so here, and continued until the non-resident stockholders of the Washington Market Company wrested the good will of the stands from the dealers in violation of the second section of its charter.

"Chicago writes that no license tax is imposed upon any but liquor dealers there, except a tax of $200, lately imposed upon non-residents selling from cars at the depots. Cincinnati has recently enacted the same law to protect resident dealers. Here it is exactly the reverse. The resident dealers are required to pay a license, while the non-resident dealer pays nothing.

"These outrageously unjust discriminations are the natural outgrowth of a government where the people have no voice.

"I believe it is only necessary to bring this matter to the attention of Congress to cause the repeal of this unjust city ordinance. No fair-minded man will vote to continue our unjust license practice. I say 'practice,' for I cannot call it law where the licenses are imposed according to the caprice of the Commissioners or assessor—one year imposing a tax and the next year none, while the law remains unchanged."

Other remarks were made upon the question before the meeting, and it was decided to have a committee of ten wait upon the Commissioners in the matter and then go to Congress.

NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE.

The Fair Ground Track to Be Used for Training Purposes—General Notes.

Correspondence of The Evening Star.

ROCKVILLE, Feb. 24, 1892.

The large dwelling house of Mr. Everett Brown, a farmer living near Brighton, this county, was destroyed by fire early on the morning of Saturday last, together with a large out house and dairy and other out buildings. When first discovered by a son of Mr. Brown the fire was confined to the dairy building, but was soon communicated to the dwelling house. An attempt was made to rouse the neighborhood by ringing the farm bell, but the rope attached to the same had been cut off, and this leads to the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin. The entire loss is estimated at over $5,000, but partly covered by insurance.

At a meeting of the board of management of the Agricultural Society, held here today, a request of the horse owners of this vicinity for the use of the track for training purposes was granted, provided the track is used at proper times and kept in good condition. A committee of ladies, consisting of Mrs. E. W. Baggerly, Mrs. Chas. Abert and Miss Belle Viers, was appointed to revise the ladies' department of the premium list.

At a meeting of the county commissioners yesterday the order rejecting the road petitioned for by Alfred Ray and others was revoked and the road granted, provided the petitioners bear the expense of opening the same. A resolution was adopted ordering the clerk to notify the delegates in the legislature that it would be advisable to limit the term of the present board to two years from the date of their election and that the terms after that date be extended to four years, the governor to fix by lot the terms of the five commissioners then elected, so that two shall serve for two years and three for four years, and so on alternately.

In the orphans' court yesterday the will of Rachel Waring was filed for probate. Nathan and Jos. M. Burdette, executors of James W. Burdette, filed lists of sales of personal property and list of debts due deceased. Frank H. Jones, executor of Arabella Jones, passed his first and final account. Michael W. Beveridge, executor of Wm. S. Harrison, passed first and final account.

Mr. Wm. M. Canby, member of the house of delegates from this county, is confined to his home near Colesville by severe illness.

Miss Mary Estep of West River, Anne Arundel county, is at present visiting the family of Dr. C. J. Maddox at this place.

Mr. O. O. Baker and Miss Jennie Johnson of Comus, this county, were married last week, and upon their return home were the recipients of a number of dinner parties and receptions.

A large number of witnesses left here this evening to attend the trial of Edwards at Hagerstown, to which place the trial was removed from this county. Edwards is an old soldier and is charged with committing a felonious assault on the person of his daughter some months ago. Among the witnesses is the daughter, who has been detained at the jail, this place, since the preliminary hearing of the case before a justice of the peace.

A few days ago one of the largest eagles ever seen in this section was killed on the farm of Mr. Jas. P. Gott, near Boyd's station. It measured seven feet six inches from tip to tip of wings, three feet from tail to beak and weighed ten pounds. S.A.M.

THE ILLINOIS RECEPTION.

A Large Gathering and an Enjoyable Evening at Willard Hall.

It was Illinois night at Willard Hall last night, and upward of 600 people turned out, notwithstanding the unpleasant weather, to be present at the social reunion given under the auspices of the Illinois Republican Association. The hall was hung with flags and an orchestra rendered a number of musical selections, and later in the evening furnished the inspiration for the merry dancers who kept the floor until a late hour.

There were pretty girls by the score and they did not lack for partners. There was no set program for the musical and literary part of the evening, but a number of interesting addresses were made, full of clever points and appropriate allusions.

PLEASANT SPEECHES MADE.

Mr. D. A. Ray, chairman of the association, named Mr. A. C. Matthews, first controller of the treasury, as the presiding officer, and the first speaker was Senator Cullom, who was introduced, amid much applause, as Illinois' choice for President.

In the course of his address the Senator spoke of the close relationship between a protective tariff and reciprocity. He declared that both were republican policies, planned and designed for the upbuilding of the material interests of the country. He believed that with those two distinctive ideas in the platform the party was bound to win the next presidential contest.

Senator Cullom was followed by Judge Chaney of Indiana, who was a guest of the evening, and by Commissioner Green B. Raum. This concluded the speechmaking, and the chairs were moved back and the hall was cleared for dancing, which lasted for several hours.

The officers of the association are as follows: D. A. Ray, president; Mrs. E. E. Smith, Clayton C. Mason, J. M. Peyton, vice presidents; Oscar J. Ricketts, secretary; Howard K. Sherfy, financial secretary; S. J. Leech, treasurer; Sydney Robinson, sergeant-at-arms.

SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

Among those present were R. M. Bell, T. T. Bean, Wm. M. King, W. A. Mitchell, Miss Daisy Hill of Bloomington, Mrs. Avery, Miss Lowell, Mrs. Venable, Mrs. Franklin, Miss Jacobs, Mrs. Brown, J. L. Baldwin, Jesse Heylin, W. T. Vandercar, J. L. Gilbert, Mr. Peter McGirr and the Misses Della and Pauline McGirr, Chas. S. Peters, Capt. and Mrs. B. M. Elliott, Miss Zella E. Elliott, Mrs. M. E. Griffith, Mrs. Jos. Giles, Fred. Dennett, J. M. Labold, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Fagan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cromwell, Mrs. Thomas S. Nesbitt, Miss Lewis, J. D. King, Mrs. Eunice Stewart of Boston, Mrs. H. O. Wilson, D. E. Buckingham, Gilpin Buckingham, J. Tyler Powell, Mrs. India P. Hennage, O. H. Gilman, Josiah Willard, the Misses Willard, Mrs. L. L. Hack, Barney Platt, Jas. Batch, Mr. Lehman, Mrs. Levi P. Luckey, Miss Harper, J. D. Venay, Harry A. King, T. S. Taylor, A. M. Condra, Mr. T. N. Phillips, Jas. F. Moriarty.

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The reception committee consisted of the following members of the society: A. C. Matthews, Green B. Raum, Jas. E. White, Robt. F. Palmer, L. M. Kelley, L. C. Ferrell, Geo. Ferguson, A. McArthur, Jas. K. Magie, B. F. Brackett, W. C. Allen, I. C. Stockton, G. A. Gihlland, Geo. C. Ross, J. M. Peyton, A. J. Alden, Clayton C. Mason, O. J. Ricketts, C. W. Summers, R. L. Ewing, H. L. Bruce, M. M. Bane, E. P. Rhoderick, John E. Poe, T. B. Crisp, John A. Lachman, John L. Nichols, John Coker, W. H. Howell, O. H. Gilmore, A. L. Barger, A. D. Richards, W. P. Campbell, J. B. Lichty, Thos. J. Donovan, D. A. Ray, H. S. Walter, W. T. Cathcart, S. J. Leech, A. W. Bowen, L. B. Cutter, Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. A. C. Matthews, Mrs. Robt. F. Palmer, Mrs. L. C. Ferrell, Mrs. Clayton C. Mason, Mrs. Jas. E. White, Mrs. L. M. Kelley, Mrs. Geo. Ferguson, Mrs. A. McArthur, Mrs. K. H. Lyman, Mrs. John L. Nichols, Mrs. John Coker, Mrs. W. P. White, Mrs. B. F. Brackett, Mrs. Jas. K. Magie, Mrs. Electa E. Smith, Mrs. B. W. Bonney, Mrs. W. T. Cathcart, Miss Fannie Raum and Miss Lizzie Magie.

ANACOSTIA.

A PLEASANT EUCHRE PARTY.

Last evening passed with speed and pleasure at the residence of William P. Dorsey. Euchre supplied the fun and refreshments were served. The guests were Mr. T. B. Howard, Mr. Edward Hart, Mr. Crook, Mr. Wood, Mr. E. Franklin Dorsey and Mr. Maurice Dorsey. A large part of the hospitality was dispensed by Mrs. Dorsey.

NOTES.

John Poates is back.

George O. Walson has returned from Baltimore.

Prof. August Miller is convalescing.

Mrs. Wm. H. Abbott is ill.

Dr. W. W. Godding has returned.

Three lost colored children, Frank Jones, aged nine, Mollie Brooks, aged six, and Irene Brooks, aged four, were found on the bridge last night by Frederick Oyterman and turned over to the police.

Dr. G. W. Fisher has returned from Pennsylvania.

James McGirr left for Philadelphia last night.

Mr. James H. Powell of Harrison street died Wednesday and was buried this afternoon.

Mrs. Martha A. Williams of Jackson street, who has been dangerously ill, is convalescing.

Charles Nicholson reports to the police that his hen roost was raided last night and eight fowls taken.

George B. Starkweather yesterday swore out a warrant against John Miller of Minnesota avenue charging him with threats.

Insurance Men Still in Session.

The insurance men, officers and managers of companies, who have been in session at the Arlington since Wednesday evening, continued their labors today. The meetings were held in the banquet room behind closed doors and all outsiders were politely but firmly requested to stay outside. The matters considered at these semi-annual meetings are of a great deal of importance and questions of rates, risks and losses are discussed, to the interest of all parties concerned. Among those who are present, in addition to the list of members as printed in last night's STAR, are Holger de Roode and Fred S. James, Chicago; A. F. Wilmarth and Thos. F. Goodrich, New York; Geo. W. Law, Cincinnati, and A. J. Wright, Springfield, Ill.

A Contest in the Rifle Gallery.

Nine members of the Columbia Athletic Club and a team of nine from the sixth battalion competed for supremacy in the National Guard rifle gallery last night. Each man fired ten rounds at 200 yards. The sixth battalion team piled up a total of 347; the Columbia athletes made 336.

THE GRIP

AND PNEUMONIA.

Physicians say that the most serious form of the Grip is when it is complicated with pneumonia. The following from Mr. Henry Jersey, a very extensive farmer in Swanton, Vt., shows how well Hood's Sarsaparilla works in such cases:

"During the fall of '89 I took the whooping cough and got over it just in time to have THE GRIP catch me. This was followed by pneumonia. I finally pulled through, but was a wreck mentally as well as physically. My mind was gone and I was virtually

AN INSANE MAN.

The doctors called it nervous prostration. Everything irritated me, my bones ached and it is a wonder I ever lived. I have little recollection of it, save that I was very sick.