LOCAL MENTION.

The Weather.

FORECAST TILL 8 P. M. WEDNESDAY.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland fair Wednesday and Thursday; much colder; westerly winds.

For Virginia, fair; decidedly colder; west winds.

A Cold Wave Coming.

A special bulletin issued today from the office of the chief of the weather bureau says: "Hoist cold wave flag; temperature will fall about 20 degrees by 8 a.m. November 9.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 51; condition, 36. Receiving reservoir, temperature, 53. Condition at north connection, 36; condition at south connection, 36; distributing reservoir, temperature, 53; condition at effluent gate house, 36; effluent gate house, 36.

High tide.		Low tide.	
10:28 a.m.	10:50 p.m.	4:43 a.m.	4:51 p.m.

ELEGANT Port and Sherry Wine, $1.20 per gal., at H. A. SELIGSON'S, 1200 and 1202 Pa. ave.

"FRANC'S $1.00 DERBY"
"Owns the Town"—it is the best in sight!
FRANC & SON, One Price,
Cor. 7th and D.

CHR. XANDER'S Old Cal. Muscatel.

WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOU EQUAL
The pure, fresh, delicious CANDY we're selling at 25 and 35 cents per pound. All flavors.
SHEETZ, *Candy Maker*,
10th and F sts.

POWERFUL OPERA GLASSES, $5. HEMPLER'S.

CARPETS CLEANED by the EMPIRE CARPET WORKS, 631-635 Mass. ave. n. w., are made moth-proof free of charge. Telephone 435-2.

MR. W. H. LOWERRE desires to inform his lady customers that he is no longer connected with Lowerre & Evans, 815 15th street. He will be pleased to meet them at Mrs. T. B. HARRISON'S, 1329 F st.

SELIGSON'S Old California Malaga. Samples free.

THE people of the south know Minot's Dentifrice, and use it freely, and what teeth they have—because of its use—pearly and beautiful. 25c. everywhere.

FRANC'S CANTON DRAWERS.
The Heaviest and Best Made.
48c. 48c. 48c. 48c.
FRANC & SON, One Price,
Cor. 7th and D.

FOR WALL PAPER, Window Shades, Room Moldings and Interior Tinting and Decorating go to R. W. HENDERSON'S, 1113 F st. n.w.

CITY AND DISTRICT.

AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

ALBAUGH'S OPERA HOUSE.—"The Country Circus."

NEW NATIONAL THEATER.—Bronson Howard's new play "Aristocracy."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"Held in Slavery."

HARRIS' BIJOU THEATER.—Bartley Campbell's "Fate."

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.—Rose Hill English Folly Company.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.—15th street and Ohio avenue.

METZEROTT'S MUSIC HALL.—A Trip to the Moon.

WASHINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY ARMORY.—Supper by the ladies of Concordia Church.

CONDENSED LOCALS.

ABOUT 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Jefferson Perdy, colored, fell from a cable car at 7th and Pennsylvania avenue and was slightly injured about the head.

AT 7:20 this morning a fire took place at 1549 Columbia street north, occupied by Mrs. E. Shipley. It was caused by a leaky gasoline stove and was extinguished with a loss of $300.

WM. H. FROST, a driver of an express wagon, had his left arm fractured by being thrown from his wagon between M, N, 25th and 26th streets yesterday.

THE first monthly meeting of the Mutual Serial Building Association was held at St. Dominic's Hall last evening. Advances were sold on ten shares amounting to $2,000. A large number of shares of stock were taken and the association promises to be successful.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

BIDDING ON A NEW ENGINE HOUSE.

At the noon session of the board today the Commissioners opened bids for the construction of an engine house on U street between 17th and 18th streets northwest. The bidding was the closest of the year. This is the result: Jas. Hughes, $15,100; J. H. Howlett, $16,750; Columbus Thomas, $15,330; Wm. Henderson, $15,300; A. M. Sweeny, $16,150; James L. Parsons, $15,499; Halliday & Richardson, $14,827; J. R. Young, $14,797.

THE HARBORMASTER'S REPORT.

The annual report of Harbormaster Sutton has been submitted to the Commissioners. During the year, he says, the police boat has rendered much valuable aid, but the growing demands upon it make it unable to do all the work. He urges the purchase of a new iron boat at the cost of $15,000, and estimates that $4,860 will be required to do the work of his office the coming fiscal year.

Following the report is an interesting table showing in detail the boats plying on the Potomac river and the nature of the cargoes landed at this port during the year. This is what was landed:

Asphalt, 10,119 tons; canned fruit, 24,059 cases; cement, 17,510 barrels; coal, hard, 77,855 tons; soft, 52,978; corn, 9,750 bushels; cedar posts, 4,350; fertilizer, 711 tons; ice, 127,880 tons; iron pipe, 400 tons; lumber, 85,601,700 feet; laths, 10,046,500; melons, 74,965; oysters, 389,200 bushels; plaster, 6,300 tons; railroad ties, 1,800; stone, 6,230 tons; shingles, 2,947,500; sweet potatoes, 392 bushels; wood, 26,650 cords; salt, 100 tons; white sand, 1,231 tons; guano, 1,115 tons; wheat, 10,400 bushels; hay, 2,000 bales, and ballasters, 32,000.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Building permits have been issued to the following: Jas. H. Grant, six brick dwellings at Nos. 328, 330, 332, 334, 336 South Carolina avenue and 511 4th street southeast; cost, $20,000. Anton Lerch, one brick store, laundry and dwelling; cost, $4,000. Pauline Pizinger, three frame dwellings on Nichols avenue, Anacostia (county); cost, $2,285. J. O. Boggs, one frame dwelling on Dower street, Brookland; cost, $1,000. Geo. G. Storz, four dwellings at 53 to 59 M street southeast; cost, $3,200. Chas. Gessford, one brick private stable in rear of 11th street, fronting on alley northeast; cost, $400. Jos. F. Bradley, three brick dwellings at 1139-41-43 New Hampshire avenue northwest; cost, $18,000. Frank Hume, one brick private stable rear of 554 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; cost, $4,000.

A Voter Stopped at the Depot.

James W. Howard, a colored republican voter who claims the right to deposit a ballot at Rockville, went to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad depot this morning to go out to his voting precinct, but before the train started he was ordered under arrest by one of the railroad detectives. Disorderly conduct was the charge preferred against him, and he openly asserted that his arrest was made at the instance of a democrat to prevent his being able to cast a republican ballot.

All he did, he said, was to shout "Hurrah for Harrison and Reid." Howard had been drinking, but was not drunk. He had a bottle of whisky in his pocket. When he reached the station he did not have money enough to deposit as collateral, but a friend went for the money in order to secure his release in time to go out on a later train and deposit his ballot.

He Was Guilty and He Didn't Care Who Knew It.

"I am guilty and I don't care who knows it!" he plead when arraigned. His offense, if such it can be called in view of the circumstances surrounding the case, was committed under strong provocation and in an endeavor to secure to his family comforts that hitherto had been beyond their reach. The man was a reformed drunkard, and being tempted to spend the savings of six months of sobriety had fallen into the trap set for him and parted with nearly every dollar he had accumulated. John Rudden, the accommodator, will tell you the rest of the story at 513 Seventh street northwest and at the same time sell you first-class furniture at low prices on "time" payments.—*Adv.*

Was Not There to Steal.

In the Criminal Court, Justice Cox, this morning the jury in the case of Ambrose Turner, charged with housebreaking, was acquitted. It was claimed that he was with two other boys engaged in breaking a window and stealing shoes, but Turner claimed that when he saw what the others were about to do he warned them and had no part in the crime.

RUTGERS ALMOST WON.

The College Boys Give the Columbia Eleven a Hard Battle.

Beef and muscle were the factors which made the Columbia Athletic Club able to fight the Rutgers College foot ball team to a tie score yesterday. In all other respects the Rutgers team played the superior game, but the lack of weight as compared with their opponents made it impossible for them to score more than once. The C. A. C. boys were weakened by the inability of some of their players to be present, but that fact was no excuse for the listless manner in which the majority of the eleven played. All the dash and spirit which was apparent in the A. C. S. N. game was wanting, and with the exception of Weaver, Church and Wells on the line and Burroughs, Sefton and Shields back of it, the remainder of the team played like a lot of school boys. Time after time yesterday they would take the ball almost to the goal line, there to lose it by a fumble, a misunderstanding of the signals or loose and lifeless work. It would seem as though the most necessary article for the success of the C. A. C. is a man with a foghorn voice and a good old blacksnake lash to put some life into the play. Weaver and Church did hard work, and aided materially in checking the advance of the college boys, while Sefton and Shields made good gains. Sefton particularly did excellent work, and has the making of a good half back. He runs with good judgment, uses his interference to advantage and is a fast runner. Shields' line work was brilliant at times.

The managers of the contesting elevens were the referee and umpire, Mr. Malvin and Sam King acting respectively in these positions. When the game began the ball was quickly worked toward the Rutgers' goal, and during the entire half of thirty minutes the ball did not get further away from that goal line than thirty yards. Back and forth it went on four downs and fumbles. Though C. A. C. had several good chances they failed to score. The brilliant playing of Gabe Ludlow called forth considerable applause. The first half came to an end without either side scoring.

When time was called for the second half it was quite dark, and before many minutes had been played it became impossible to distinguish the men. Suddenly from one of the scrimmages near the center of the field Gabe Ludlow was seen to dart, and eluding his pursuers made a long run and scored a touchdown. McKnight kicked goal.

This scoring was the first thing that happened to take the sand out of the eyes of the C. A. C. men and awakened them. When they started from center they went in for blood, and by hard, vigorous rushes they never released the ball until Sefton by a clever run scored a touchdown and Shields kicked a goal, tying the score. During the remainder of the half C. A. C. tried hard to score, but Rutgers held them back until time was called on account of darkness. George Ludlow and Wells were injured during the game, their places being taken by Gever and Van Arsdale.

The teams were as follows:

Rutgers.	Position.	C. A. C.
Lowd	Right end	Darby.
Gabe Ludlow	Right tackle	Wells.
Parson	Right guard	Wade.
Fanney	Center	Johnson.
Tierney	Left guard	Ranier.
Townsley	Left tackle	W. Church.
Van Hee	Left end	Weaver.
Tracey	Quarter back	Burroughs.
Wills	Half back	Sefton.
Geo. Ludlow	Half back	Wilson.
McKnight	Full back	Shields.

A MISPLACED SWITCH.

A Collision This Morning on the B. and P. Road in Southeast Washington.

At 6:40 o'clock this morning a collision took place on K between 1st and 2d streets southeast on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, caused by the switch at 2d and K streets being left open. The accommodation train, of which Capt. Miles was the conductor and Jacob Fry the engineer, was on the way in when in consequence of the misplaced switch it dashed off the main track and struck shifting engine No. 91, which was running on the switch. They came together with such force as to badly wreck the fronts of both engines. The passengers were badly shaken up, but with one exception were not injured. The exception was Mr. R. Chaney of Anne Arundel county, Md., who was thrown against the seat in front of him and received a cut over the left eye.

MAGNIFICENT CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Rare Beauties and Novel Floral Effects at Small's Exhibition.

Thirty years ago the cultivated chrysanthemum was unknown to America; ten years ago it was a stranger to a vast majority of the people; today it is the most popular of the flowers that come to add their beauty to the crimson and gold tints of autumn. Testimony to this effect is apparent every minute in the day to any one who is in the vicinity of 14th and G streets. Thousands of flower-loving people have stopped to admire the magnificent display in the windows of that home of rare horticultural specimens—the establishment of J. H. Small & Sons—and nearly as many more have entered the great store room to breathe the fragrance and absorb the esthetic influences.

In the 14th street window a dozen choice varieties of chrysanthemums compete for popular favor and are subjects of great admiration. Most prominent, perhaps, and looking especially attractive in contrast with the tastefully papered background of maidenhair fern and asparagus vine, is the Vivian Morell, a pink chrysanthemum of the prettiest shade. Two banks of orchids secure a large share of attention.

The windows on G street are no less popular than the window on 14th. They are filled with chrysanthemums—the old-fashioned chrysanthemums our grandmothers knew; pretty and wildly luxuriant, but lacking the size and delicate tints which careful cultivation have brought forth.

In the center of the room is a huge cone—green as to its base and background by reason of a profuse display of palms, asparagus vine and ferns, but brilliant with clusters of the fashionable flower in all its hues, ranging from a rich crimson lake to the purest white. A beautiful yellow is the Eldorado, most fitly named. An odd and pleasing novelty is the Ed Hatch, which has petals that are pink streaked over a ground of cream and white. At the apex of the cone is a splendid variety of the Sago palm.

Banked along the southern wall are a score of new creations—the Harry Widner, best of the yellow chrysanthemums; the Minnie Wanamaker, largest of all the cultivated pure white flowers; the violet rose, a perfect pink, and the Ruth Cleveland, one of the handsomest of the Japanese pink variety, a delicately shaded production.

Throughout the store are huge vases of chrysanthemums in which the combinations of nature and art are nothing less than wonderful. On the walls there are a number of clever decorative effects, graceful in the arrangement of buds and tendrils and most refreshing to the eye.

In one spot there is always a group of spectators—right in front of a gigantic basket of the rarest orchids. Of itself the basket and its contents would attract attention, but arranged as it is it commands every one who sees it to halt for awhile. Surrounding it and so placed as to bring out every beauty is a wondrous assortment of palms, violets, ferns and lilies of the valley.

At night Messner's electric lights, a display of themselves, make the scene one of extraordinary brilliance.

One of the things that most of the visitors look at is a large photograph of the exhibit made by the Smalls' last week at Madison Square Garden, New York, where they won first prize for the best arranged vase of chrysanthemums. The entire exhibit was ninety feet long. In the center was an arch draped in white and covered with asparagus vines and chrysanthemums. On the left was a specimen of what could be done in the way of florally decorating an apartment for a wedding, the sample being similar to what was done here a couple of years ago when Gov. Flower's daughter was married. On the right was a model of the United States Capitol, composed of white cape flowers and illuminated from within by tiny incandescent electric lights. It was to this that Mrs. Gen. Grant was especially attracted, for she remained in front of it for more than an hour. Many Washington people were among the callers at the garden.

Competent judges who have watched Small's floral displays here for many years have declared that his chrysanthemum display this year is more beautiful than any of its predecessors.

To Enforce a Sale.

Martha Reily has, by Jas. N. Saunders, filed a bill against Martin Altschuh to enforce the performance of a contract made by him to purchase parts 16 and 17, square 924, made on September 20 last. She alleges that defendant questions her title, derived, as she claims, from her husband, who by his will left her all his personal property and all that belonged to him.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE NEW NATIONAL THEATER.—It is a recognition of the high culture and critical judgment of Washington people that theatrical managers and play writers have begun to present new works in this city and to submit them to the verdict of a Washington audience. Mr. Chas. Frohman recognized the value of an opinion here when he gave the initial performance of Gillette's "Wilkinson's Widows" at the National Theater, and he then promised that the first representation of his important productions should be given here. This promise was fulfilled when "Settled Out of Court" was given its first representation here and again last night when "Aristocracy," a new play by Bronson Howard, was given for the first time on any stage at the New National Theater. The interest in the production of this new play was sufficient to fill the theater with an audience that was thoroughly representative in its character, and while it was kindly disposed to both play and players it showed by its discriminating applause that both were viewed from a critical standpoint. The author's reputation as the first of American dramatists justifies the expectation of a work of more than ordinary merit, but it is doubtful if Mr. Howard's warmest admirers were prepared for the excellent comedy that was developed before them last night. It is not a play simply to amuse and entertain, but it has an underlying purpose of deep earnestness, based upon the text in Washington's farewell address to "beware of all foreign alliances." The ladies and gentlemen who interpreted "Aristocracy" caught not only the spirit of the author's lines but realized his purpose in writing them, and their work fully justified the compliment Mr. Howard paid them in the neat little speech he made at the close of the second act, as well as the spontaneous and emphatic applause of the audience. At the head of the cast was Mr. Wilton Lackaye, whose portrayal of *Jefferson Stockton* was clean-cut, natural, graceful and finished. It was the work of an accomplished artist and Mr. Lackaye has added another to the long list of parts he has successfully created during his career. From his first entrance he gives an impression of the self-contained business man who has been the architect of his own fortune, who has obtained a certain polish by travel and contact with men of the world and who has an abundance of reserved power sufficient for all emergencies. In no instance is there any straining for effect, and even in the third act, in his struggle with the prince, it is as natural as an occurrence in real life. To go through the cast and apply to each member a fitting comment would be to pretty nearly exhaust the vocabulary of encomiums. The conspicuousness of the part of *Prince von Haldenwald* makes the excellent acting of Wm. Faversham especially remembered. He is the ideal and not the typical stage villain. There is not a cheap effect in his characterization, or for that matter in the whole play. Miss Blanche Walsh as *Diana*, the young wife, whose momet of weakness is the keynote upon which Mr. Howard developed his theme of warring against European influence, is a capable actress. Anything but a competent presentation of the role of the French nobleman by Frederic Bond would have been a surprise. Of Viola Allen, Paul Arthur, W. H. Thompson, Helen Tracy, Josephine Hall, S. Miller Kent, J. W. Piggott, Bruce McRae, Henry W. Montgomery and Edwin Mordant there is no space to say no more than that they are worthy members of a company whose strength as a whole could be attained only through the highest standard of individual merit.

ALBAUGH'S.—"Here's your peanuts. Get 'em while they're hot," sang the old fellow in front of Albaugh's last night as the people were flocking in. "We don't want any peanuts," said a couple of young men. "Oh, yes you do," retorted the old fellow. "You've got to have 'em. You're going to the circus." And the old man was right. Jefferson, Klaw & Erlanger's "Country Circus" was about to open and the peanut was on the boom. This is the first stand of the season for this megatherian aggregation of equine paradoxes and diascubelian divertisements and its first appearance in Washington, and it was a vociferous success. The "Country Circus" is in four acts, the first two containing the plot, in which the girl falls in love with the hero, who is a circus man, and runs away with him, and the last two taking in the parade and the circus. The acting cast includes Mr. Nat Jones, Mr. Frank Tannehill, Jr., Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Lynn, Master Leon Morris, Miss Lottie Alter, Miss Crowell and Mrs. W. A. Sands, all types of the usual Yankee species except Miss Alter, Mr. Tannehill and Leon Morris, and all good people. The great parade takes place in the third act and nothing will describe it short of a circus bill. How they can get so many people and horses and wagons and strange beasts under one roof is a wonder. The circus takes up this whole fourth act, and there is fine bareback riding by William DeMotte, a pretty act by Miss Halloway in the saddle, Leon Morris with a delightful pony show, Prof. Conrad and his trained terrier, George Holland and his mule, the six Gilliserettis in a beautiful acrobatic exhibition, Marlow and Dunham on the bars, Banner, the wrestling pony and the "coon," the "rassles," and a lot of incidentals, including the time-tried and fire-tested circus clown. Mr. Tannerhill as a ringmaster has it down fine and Miss Ather as a $10,000 beauty ought to raise the price to $100,000. Taking the "Country Circus," big and large, Washington never had such a show under one roof and the crowd last night is only a sample of what it will be before the week is over, and nearly every seat was taken last night.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"Held in Slavery," a play in which the author, Martin Hayden, appears as star, was given at the Academy of Music last night with good results. It meets the modern demand for realism in a very satisfactory and artistic manner. The scenery is very elaborate and the mechanical effects are novel and in some instances surprisingly pretentious. Mr. Hayden appears as *Julian*, a young sailor, and the tale of maritime adventure in which he figures as the hero is given with an ingenuity of development as to plot that sustains the interest throughout the performance. Mr. Hayden was very favorably received by the audience, as also was Miss Emma Boyle. Harry Barrymore enacted the role of the villain in a way that was impressive without being unnatural. There is a vein of comedy that is presented in a way which made the audience receive it with every evidence of appreciation. "Held in Slavery" may be expected to meet with favor among the admirers of melodrama in this city.

METZEROTT HALL.—To give an accurate idea of the entertainment at Metzerott Hall last night, "A Trip to the Moon," would be to present an elaborate scientific treatise. The "Urania" management has succeeded in producing results that appeal to the popular mind with material that has heretofore been more or less associated with the idea of dusty volumes and midnight oil. "A Trip to the Moon" is the outcome of numerous discoveries, which have focussed themselves into an entertainment of a few hours' length in a way that brings before the spectator facts of the wildest scientific range and of the greatest interest. The events upon our terrestrial orb ordinarily absorb the interest of mankind to a degree that makes such a presentation of new facts, or facts that have been learned and forgotten thoroughly refreshing. "Urania" will be repeated tomorrow night, Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Among the audience at the performance last night was Superintendent Powell of the public schools, who was so much pleased with the entertainment and impressed with its importance as an educational force that he made an arrangement for a special performance on Saturday evening for the pupils of the High School and the advanced grades. Tickets will be placed in the hands of the principals to be sold to the pupils at the uniform price of twenty-five cents. To accommodate the large number who were unable to see "From Chaos to Man" a special request performance will be given on Thursday.

HARRIS' BIJOU THEATER.—Bartley Campbell's comedy drama "Fate" is a great success and proved just the thing the patrons of the Bijou wanted. There is ample scope in the play for clever work, and it may be said that there was no opportunity lost. The company is a good one in all respects and the scenery of the highest class. Miss Cora Van Tassell as *Sally* was very clever and her performance stamps her as a soubrette of merit. George W. Larsen as *M. T. Blaise*, the actor, was very funny. *Juno Temple*, the adventuress, was interpreted by Lillian Chambers, and she was fully equal to the situation, throwing a zest into the performance that was refreshing. The election returns will be read from the stage tonight.

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.—The Rose Hill English Folly Company, headed by those sterling comedians, Rice and Barton, pleased a large audience at Kernan's Theater last night. A musical extravaganza entitled "The Mountebank" proved an excellent means of displaying the strength of the company. Miss Madeline Franks sang sweetly; Carr and Tourjee were very funny in a military skit entitled "In Camp," and Clayton and Prescott gave an excellent song and dance. Crawford and Bowers are not only comedians, but clever gymnasts, and their part of the entertainment was greatly enjoyed. Frankie Haines rendered several new topical sons. Mullen and Dunn contributed a sketch and Edwina in her original Hi Hi dance jumped into popular favor. The second act of "The Mountebank" closed the performance. There will be a midnight show tonight and the full election returns will be read from the stage.

WASHINGTON OPERA COMPANY.—A reorganization of the Washington Amateur Opera Company, which proved so successful here a few seasons ago, has been effected by several of the original members of that company. The managers of the company have sent circulars to several people well known in Washington musical circles and an excellent cast will undoubtedly be secured. The management is in the hands of several experienced people, among whom are Emile E. Mori, musical director; Will F. Mahoney, who was manager of the former organization, manager, and Thomas F. Draney, secretary of the Washington Jockey Club, treasurer.

THE COURTS.

COURT IN GENERAL TERM—*Judges Hagner and James.*

Today—Battielee agt. Denason; submitted. LeArtiste Publishing Company agt. Lodge; judgment below affirmed. Moses & Son agt. Fitts; appeal dismissed. Wormley agt. Harvey; submitted on motion to dismiss.

EQUITY COURT—*Judge Bradley.*

Today—Adrisans agt. Lyon; sale ratified nisi. Elliott agt. Webb; testimony ordered taken. Mayer agt. Meyer; pro confesso. Misser agt. Misser; appearance ordered. Russell agt. Russell; do. In re Henry Raff; reference to auditor.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the clerk of the court to the following: Wm. S. Hance and Viola K. Eacritt; Donald McC. Wallace and Jessie Forbes; Wm. D. West and Kate Putnam; W. A. D. Edmunds and Lucia A. Robinson.

Supposed to be the Same Shoplifters.

Two women, professional shoplifters, appeared here last week, secured two valuable sealskin sacques from a store on 7th street and left. They are undoubtedly the same women who were here two years ago, as the police have an accurate description of them. They made their appearance first in one store, but were detected and sent out of the establishment. Thinking they would go elsewhere the proprietor of that store sent word to neighboring stores, but the words of warning were soon forgotten and the shoplifters, with their made accomplice, paid an early visit to another store. So far as is known they made no purchases and it was not until evening that the sacques were missed.

Private Detective McDevitt was called in and the police were also notified, but the women had too much start on the officers and thus far they have escaped arrest.

Christ Church's Anniversary.

Full arrangements have now been made at Christ Church, Georgetown, for the observance, on the 10th instant, of the seventy-fifth anniversary of its organization. Former rectors and the families of such rectors as may have died have been invited, such invitations having been sent to Maryland, Virginia, Kansas and California, and it is thought that at least forty of the clergy will attend and be seated in the chancel.

The bishop of Maryland will preach the sermon and the rector, Rev. A. R. Stuart, D. D., will present the facts and circumstances of the organization in 1817.

The ladies of the parish will entertain the visiting clergy at luncheon, at 2 p. m., at Linthicum Hall, on O street. When it is remembered that Christ Church, Georgetown, is the fourth church organized within the cities of the District of Columbia by the P. E. Church, the occasion of its "commemoration day" cannot but be interesting and pleasant.

Real Estate Matters.

A. S. Wilson has bought for $5,500 of J. J. G. McShane parts 20 and 21, square 693, on alley between New Jersey avenue and South Capitol, C and D streets northwest.

E. F. Gaddis has purchased of C. B. Parkman for $5,000 sub 28, square 989, 18 ft ½ in. on 11th between Lincoln Park and B street southeast.

C. F. Norment et al. have bought for $7,250 of C. G. Ringwalt subs 206 and 207, square 1004, each 15 by 65.25 feet on Warner street between 13th and 14th streets northeast.

James Fraser has purchased of F. T. Rawlings, trustee, for $14,500 sub A, square 452, 51½ feet on I and 46 feet on 6th street northwest.

E. J. Hill has bought for $7,000 of C. F. Norment sub 50, sq. 14—15 feet front on 25th between L and M streets northwest.

L. Gardner has purchased for $13,750 of W. H. Barnes subs 163 to 165, square 721, 16 feet each on 2d between E and California streets northeast.

Gone to Albany.

Last evening Capt. Peacock and Dr. McWilliams left for Albany, having in charge the following prisoners sentenced to the penitentiary at that place: Harry Ages, convicted of housebreaking, ten years; Rebecca Wheeler, Thomas Rose, Wm. E. Jones, housebreaking three years each; Joseph Purcell, larceny; Joseph Williams, alias Hiram Perry, housebreaking, each three years; George H. Williams, larceny, and Harry Thomas, alias Hart, housebreaking, two years; Wm. Leman, assault with intent to kill, two years.

Woods & Co., bankers, pay interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum on certificates of deposit, payable on demand. Special rates for time deposits.—*Adv.*

Cat and Hawk Fight.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"Talk about your cat and dog stories," said Zeke Smith, as he slowly wabbled his cigar stump from the right to the left corner, "I can give you straight goods about a fight I once saw between a cat and a chicken hawk. It was some time ago, and before I was reduced to drumming, but I was all there, and swinging as pretty a scythe blade as ever flashed in a summer sun. It was a small meadow I was at work in, about five acres, I reckon, and the timothy that morning stood up and bowed gracefully to the gentle breeze which played across the valley. I'm something of a poet myself, and couldn't help thinking that Maud Muller and the judge might have had that little passage right there. But along toward noon, while I was laying a beautiful swath somewhere about the middle of a field, there came a sudden swish in the air close to my face. A quick glance showed me a big chicken hawk on a swoop for a black and white cat that had been lying low in the tall grass for rabbits, and was now in a series of up and down jumps making for the fence. The hawk evidently had taken the cat for a rabbit, and he was obliged to have his meat. He missed his first pass, but after a circle or two in the air pounced down again, and remained so long in the grass I was puzzled to think what had taken place, and ran to see. When within about twenty feet I saw the hawk had fastened on the cat, but not by the back—bless you, no!—by the belly! The cat, you know, is quicker than lightning in its movements, and the very instant he was struck must have turned on his back for fight. The hawk was a big fellow, but he had great difficulty in rising with the cat. He beat the grass with his wings half a minute before he got under way. I stood still to see the fun. As the big bird began to circle around I noticed there was some embarrassment in the case, and the cat was getting in some very lively work with his claws. The feathers began to fly and there was quite a cloud of them in the air. The hawk, altogether surprised by the nature of his quarry, flew round and round just over the field, but at last concluded he didn't want that kind of a rabbit, and dropped it. The cat came down with a dull thud, but managed to get away before I could reach it. The chicken hawk took to the woods without delay, and, I suppose, from the top of some dead tree in the clearing sadly contemplated his denuded condition and speculated upon the nature of the new kind of rabbits with such short ears, long tails and sharp claws."

How He Got Rid of His Rats.

A writer in The Nautical Magazine tells a story of how a Yankee skipper contrived to free his ship from rats. While he lay in port he discovered that one of the British ships then in the harbor had among her cargo a great quantity of cheese. He thereupon found an excuse for hauling over to her and mooring his own packet alongside. The next step was to procure a plank, smear it well with an odoriferous preparation of red herrings, and place it so as to lead through one of the ports on board the Englishman. The immediate result was a wholesale emigration of the rats from the American's ship's hold to the cheese-laden vessel alongside.

What About the Rest?

The announcement that the Crowley manor estate, Cheltenham, is still in the market reminds a correspondent of a quaint story told in connection with Chosen, a small village lying at the fringe of the property. A worthy locum tenens thought to please the good people of the village, and gave out as his text: "And make all Thy Chosen people joyful." A horny-handed swain, however, who had wandered from a distant parish, interpolated the ejaculation, to the no small consternation of the said locum tenens and the amusement of the Chosen people themselves: "And what about we poor Hucklecut folk?"

WRITTEN TO ANOTHER WOMAN.

A Young Widow Charged With Opening a Letter That Did Not Belong to Her.

Mrs. Lena Davis, a young widow, residing at No. 467 G street northwest, was arrested last evening by Deputy Joyce of the marshal's office on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Mills, charging her with violating the postal regulations by opening a special delivery letter addressed by M. J. Scanneil at Canton, N. Y., to Rosena Dye, a white girl employed in the house. This morning Mrs. Davis was taken before the Commissioner, and after a hearing gave bail for the action of the grand jury. It is alleged that Mrs. Davis is engaged to be married to Mr. Scannell, who has boarded at the house for a year. Miss Dye has been a servant there for a month or two. Mr. Scannell went home to vote and wrote to the girl, and Mrs. Davis, recognizing the handwriting, opened the letter, but she claims that it was by mistake. It was testified that when the post office people went to see Mrs. Davis in relation to the letter she admitted that she had it and would give it to the girl after she had made a copy of it.

ALEXANDRIA.

JACKSON CITY GAMBLERS INDICTED AND BAILED.

At the county court, Judge Meredith, yesterday afternoon, the grand jury, with Harvey Baily as foreman, returned true bills for violation of the gaming laws of the state of Virginia at Jackson City and its neighborhood, in Alexandria county, against Mark Alexander, Wayman Brookes, Wm. Carter, Frank Porter, John A. Mills, Hugh Murphy, John Nelson and Charles Willis, and each of the parties named appeared in court and gave bail to appear at the December term of the court and answer the indictment.

SPECIAL RAILWAY POLICEMEN.

The Arlington electric railway counsel has applied to Judge Chichester for proper facilities for securing the safety and peace of passengers on that road. Messrs. George Farmer, F. E. Kerby, J. W. Sclosser and William Williams, electric railway men, have been appointed by the judge special peace officers on that road. As there has recently been some bad conduct on the Mount Vernon electric cars it is thought that special officers will be appointed also on that road. Under the Virginia law the Virginia railroad presidents have the right to appoint, with the consent of the county court, police agents, who have power to exercise all the powers which can lawfully be exercised by any constable for the preservation of the peace, &c. Conductors of railroad trains, station or depot agents are also made by law conservators of the peace, with the power to make arrests on railroad trains or at stations.

NOTES.

Judge Keith will open the circuit court for Alexandria county at the Columbus street court house tomorrow.

The Alexandria Light Infantry will hold a fair at their armory during the coming season. The armory is now paid for, and when the improvements now in progress are completed will be the best-arranged armory in the state.

The only civil cause on which the county court acted was that of Boswell agt. Duncan, which was ordered to be docketed.

Mr. B. F. Penn has resigned his place as register of the third ward. He has been in office many years.

ELECTRIC TORPEDO BOATS.

Upon Their Use Success in the Next War Will Largely Depend.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

The torpedo boat is one of the weapons upon which we are to rely in the next great naval war, and men-of-war are provided with second-class torpedo boats, which are to be hoisted out and detached when occasion arises. It is obvious that one of the great requirements for boats built for this service is that they should be always ready for work. With a steam launch some delay must be incurred in raising full pressure of steam, even if the launch boiler be fed with live steam from the main boilers. The electric torpedo boat can be charged from the dynamo, which is now a necessary part of any steamship's outfit, during times when there is slackness in the demand for steam and when few lamps are switched on.

The cost of charging is therefore reduced to a minimum, but this recommendation is one of the least important, because in estimates for war purposes economy is a very secondary consideration. The great recommendation is that she is always ready. Once charged she remains on duty, and when the call comes she has to be put afloat and the starting lever put over. She is thus enabled to go full speed ahead on touching the water, and this is a very great consideration. The difficulty at present in the way is that of speed. The data available to the public respecting small steam vessels is very meager. We can easily find out particulars of the engines, consumption and bunker capacity of ocean steamships, although sometimes the figures are more approximative, but the builders of little boats keep the particulars of weight of machinery and amount of consumption of coal very much to themselves. Then, too, the electric launches hitherto built have not gone in for great speed.

Those built for Thames pleasure purposes, for instance, are very much limited in speed by the rules of the Thames Conservancy, and the builders of craft for this traffic are therefore obliged to find an outlet for their ingenuity by trying to decrease the weight of their machinery and increasing the length of time during which a vessel may run before her charge is exhausted. Thus at present we cannot pretend to give any accurate details regarding the weight of electric machinery to drive a second-class torpedo boat at the speed where her steam engines now take her. This, however, seems certain, she could be driven at her present speed in the present state of electrical science, though her endurance would be less with electricity than with steam. This is, of course, a disadvantage, but it must be remembered that in an attack by a boat of this kind, detached from a man-of-war, the time during which she would be required to be under way would be very short.

The attack would probably consist of a rush forward and a rapid retreat to the shelter of her convoy. Against this disadvantage must be placed the constant readiness to which we have already alluded and also another advantage which is scarcely of less importance, viz: the absence of smoke and glare. During the recent naval maneuvers it was a constant complaint that when pressed to full speed a flame appeared above the funnels of the torpedo boats in spite of all efforts to prevent it and that this, of course, gave fatal indication of their whereabouts. The whole value of an attack would be lost if such a warning were given inactual warfare, and the electric launch could give no such sign. The Liverpool *Journal of Commerce* understands that data as to the endurance of electrically propelled torpedo boats will soon be available.

How She Bought a Horse.

From the Detroit Free Press.

She was an independent sort of a girl, recently in possession of quite a fortune, and she concluded a horse was a necessity in her new establishment, so she sent for a dealer and had a talk with him. What she didn't know about horses would fill a livery stable, but she tried to make the dealer believe she was a judge and told him to bring her something to look at. The dealer came and she went out to pass judgment. She walked all around the animal critically, as professionals do.

"Is he well trained?" she inquired with the air of a jockey.

"Certainly, miss," replied the dealer. "She is well gaited and fine in harness."

"Um—um," said the girl. "Is she all right in the botts?"

"Yes, miss," gasped the dealer, "but you see I've only got shoes on her fore feet."

He said that because, really, he didn't know what else to say.

The girl laughed merrily.

"I noticed that, but you couldn't very well have them on her five feet, could you?" she gurgled.

"I mean, miss," stammered the dealer, "that she is shod only on the fore feet."

"I understand," she said, seriously, "but that can be cured without any difficulty, can't it?"

"Very easily, indeed, miss," assented the dealer, with a great sense of relief.

"She seems to be all right in the fore shoulders, but her hind shoulders don't seem to be quite right," suggested the girl.

"There's nothing the matter with her there," asserted the dealer. "She is perfectly sound."

"There's no danger of her withers being spavined, is there?" she inquired, carefully. "I've seen horses like that, and they always make me nervous."

"No danger in the world, miss," the dealer assured her.

"How old is she?" inquired the girl.

By this time the dealer knew his man, and was confident.

"Being a lady, miss," he smiled, "I'd rather not tell her age."

"How considerate of you!" she said, earnestly. "I'll take her." And the dealer sent in a bill for $250, representing a net profit to him of $100.

UPPER MARLBORO'.

A New Move Made in the Litigation Over the Railroad.

Correspondence of The Evening Star.

UPPER MARLBORO', MD., November 8, 1892.

Another sensation was brought to light in court yesterday when an order was signed by Judge Brooke preventing the receiver, Sydney E. Mudd, from using in any way any part of the locomotive and tender which was formerly in use by the Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company. While Mr. Mudd was served with an order or petition signed by Judge Brooke on Saturday night preventing him from operating the road and compelling him to give a new bond, yet this order, signed yesterday, is a separate one and prays for relief by Frederick Bill of Groton, Conn., who claims that the locomotive and tender belong to him. Mr. Bill claims that the locomotive and tender were taken from the tracks of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company at Brandywine station, where they had been placed for shipment; that