LOCAL MENTION.

The Weather.

FORECAST TILL 8 P.M. FRIDAY.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, generally fair, except probably showers on the Virginia coast; easterly winds.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 74; condition, 1. Receiving reservoir, temperature, 76. Condition at north connection, 3; condition at south connection, 32; distributing reservoir, temperature, 77; condition at influent gate house, 5; effluent gate house, 15.

High tide.		Low tide.	
8:07 a.m.	2:29 p.m.	8:42 a.m.	9:02 p.m.

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CITY AND DISTRICT.

AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

ALBAUGH'S OPERA HOUSE.—Dickson's Summer Opera Company in "The Mascotte."

NEW NATIONAL THEATER.—Summer Comedy Season—"Betsy."

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.—Female Walking Match.

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

FITZSIMMONS' AUDITORIUM (7th street near Pennsylvania avenue).—Continuous performance from noon until 10:30 p.m.

EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

COLUMBIA DIVISION, No. 3, U.R.K. of P., excursion to River View. Steamer leaves 9:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

MARSHALL HALL.—River Queen at 9:30 a.m.; Macalester, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. sharp.

MT. VERNON.—Steamer Macalester, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The Commencement Exercises This Year of Unusual Interest.

The commencement exercises of the Maryland Agricultural College promise to be of more than usual interest.

The exercises will begin Sunday, the 11th, with a baccalaureate address by Rev. Father Russell of Hyattsville and will end Wednesday, June 14, with the annual cadet ball. For the first time for years the alumni will take a prominent part in the exercises, and their public meeting, which is to take place at 11 o'clock on the 14th, will be a prominent feature of the week's program. There will be addresses by two prominent members of the association, Mr. A. C. Tolson of Baltimore and Mr. John B. Gray of Prince Frederick, Md.

Mr. M. C. Hazen, '88, president of the association, has called a special meeting for 10 o'clock on the 14th, at which important business will be transacted. He has also appointed a reception committee, one member from each class since 1888. Capt. Silvester, president of the college, will provide a banquet for all members of the association.

Bought More Than a Hat.

Anacostia and Prince George's county, on the other side of the Anacostia river, were represented in the Police Court today by a young man named Jas. Wilson. Habitual drunkard under the vagrancy act was the charge against him.

"I have known this defendant for seven or eight years," said Policeman Marr. "I see him from four to six times a month, and it is seldom that I see him sober."

"I haven't been drunk since the circus," said the prisoner. "I went down the country on April 29, and have been working there on my father's farm. Yesterday I came up from the country and came over to town and bought a hat."

"And then what?"

"I got drunk."

The officer said he could not say that he had seen Wilson during the month of May, and he also said that this was the first time such a charge had been made against him.

Judge Kimball told the young man to keep sober and released him on his personal bonds.

A Washington Student Wins.

The oratorical contest and soiree of the New Windsor College and Windsor Female College at New Windsor, Md., last Tuesday attracted a number of people from this city. The president's prize for the best oration out of nine competitors was unanimously awarded to Mr. B. Brice Blackford of Washington, D.C. Among the others on the program were the following from this city and vicinity: Piano solo, "Tarantelli," Miss Lora Harper, Washington, D. C.; declamation, "King Robert of Sicily," Mr. Aubrey H. Staples, Washington, D. C.; piano duet, "Grand Duke," Miss Lora Harper, Washington, D. C.; Miss Addie Woodall, Georgetown; oration, "Flowers," Mr. B. Brice Blackford, Washington, D. C.

A Lovely Quartet.

Four men, whose conditions rendered them a rough-looking quartet, answered the names John Joy, James Downs, Richard Clements and George Mardust when called in Judge Kimball's court this morning to answer a charge of being habitual drunkards.

"Guilty," answered the first man arraigned, and two others entered a similar plea.

"Guilty of being drunk," replied the fourth member of the quartet, "but I ain't no vag."

"None of us are vags," chorused the others.

Policeman Murphy was sworn, and he told of a long acquaintance he had with the defendants.

"They are all the time drunk," he said, "and they sleep about in vacant houses and lumber yards. Last night they were sleeping on a vacant lot and I arrested them."

"I was drunk, that's all," said one of the prisoners.

"Isn't that bad enough?" asked the court.

"It's pretty bad, I guess," was the drunk's reply.

"How long have you been drunk?"

"Three days."

"Three years," interrupted the officer, who added that he once prevented Clements from going into the canal when he was drunk.

Judge Kimball gave the prisoners thirty days each in default of bonds.

Popular Bay Ridge on the Chesapeake.

Season opens Saturday, June 10. Trains leave B. and O. station at 9:15 a.m., 1:30 and 4:28 p.m. week days and at 9:35 a.m. and 1:30 and 3:15 p.m. Sundays. $1 for round trip. *

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KILLED WITH A PICK HANDLE.

The Fatal Accident at Benning, Followed By a Homicide.

A QUARREL AMONG WORKINGMEN WITH A TRAGIC ENDING—THE RESULT OF THROWING PEBBLES—A DEATH THIS MORNING AT THE HOSPITAL—AN INVESTIGATION TODAY.

William Johnson, the colored man killed at Benning yesterday, as published in yesterday's STAR, was a member of a gang of laborers with a work train. The men were ballasting the tracks near Deanwood station at the time the fatal accident happened. The gang of men discussed Johnson's sad end for awhile, but there was one man in the party who did not believe in carrying the sorrowful burden all day. He was Elijah Barton, and he broke the gloom when he threw several pebbles at another member of the gang named Thomas Brown.

Brown was in a position which rendered it impossible to see the man who was making a target of him, and finally he asked: "What——is throwing at me?"

The epithet angered Barton, who was standing in a box car at the time, and he left the car.

Going over to Brown he asked the latter if he meant what he had said, and being told that he did Barton took his pick from the handle and used the handle on Brown's head. One blow was all that was necessary to lay low his victim, and after he had inflicted the blow he was the first and one of the most earnest workers in an effort to restore the victim to consciousness. In this attempt the men failed, and finally Policeman Kenny was summoned and took charge of both the injured man and Barton.

When the city was reached the injured man was taken to the hospital and the prisoner locked up at the fifth precinct station. The injury to Brown's head was such that recovery was impossible and this morning he died. The deceased was about thirty-five years old and leaves a wife and four children. Barton is not yet thirty years old. Both men lived in Anne Arundel county, Md.

Coronor Patterson was notified of the affair and Deputy Coroner Schaeffer made an autopsy at noon. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the inquest was begun at the sixth precinct station, where the witnesses, railroad men and members of the gang of laborers related their version of the affair.

AFTER THE DAIRY FARMERS.

Dr. Hammett Wants a Law That Will Require Them to Register.

Health Officer Hammett has made another move in the direction of procuring better milk for the people of this city. The prosecutions for the sale of watered, skimmed or adulterated milk have all been against the local dealers, and Dr. Hammett is satisfied that many of them dispose of the milk as they receive it, and are not therefore guilty of tampering with the milk. The doctor thinks, therefore, the producers should be proceeded against instead of the local dealers. In order to get some hold on the producers Dr. Hammett thinks there ought to be a law compelling them to register, if such a law could be made and enforced.

In a letter to the Commissioners Dr. Hammett transmits the report of Prof. Hird, the chemist who had charge of the prosecutions.

DR. HAMMETT'S LETTER.

In the letter Dr. Hammett says:

"I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of milk analyses made by Prof. Hird, chemist of this department, and to state in connection therewith that the Police Court has decided that this department has no ordinance under which dealers in skimmed or dirty milk, or milk that may be contaminated, can be prosecuted. I would, therefore, suggest that an order be issued by the Commissioners requiring that all dealers in dairy products who sell one or more gallons of milk daily shall be licensed as such dealers, and shall also be registered in a book kept by the health officer, and that such dealers shall also furnish the names, locations and addresses of the producers who furnish the milk; also that the following regulations be adopted and promulgated by the Commissioners, viz:

"No milk which has been watered, adulterated, reduced or changed in any respect by the addition of water or other substances, or by the removal of cream, shall be brought into, held, kept or offered for sale at any place in the District of Columbia; nor shall any dealer or other person keep, have or offer for sale in the said District of Columbia any such milk.

"With such a regulation in force many cases that are now thrown out upon technicalities could be successfully prosecuted and the public would be protected."

PROF. HIRD'S REPORT.

Prof. Hird's report, accompanying the health officer's letter, is as follows:

"I submit herewith a report of the milk analyses for the month ending May 31, 1893:

Number of analyses of samples collected	157
Number of analyses of samples from private parties	9
Partial analyses	38
Total milk analyses	204

"Of the 157 first mentioned 54, or over 34 per cent, were below the 3 per cent of fat and 12 per cent solids and bore direct evidence of having been either skimmed or watered.

"23.5 per cent ranged from 3 to 3.5 per cent of butter fat.

"22.9 per cent ranged from 3.5 to 4 per cent of butter fat.

"13.8 per cent ranged from 4 to 4½ per cent of butter fat.

"5.7 per cent ranged from 4.5 up.

"No artificial coloring matter has been found during the month in any of the samples.

"I desire to again call attention to the large amount of foreign matter, stable manure, sand, dust, &c., which is almost invariably found associated with the milk.

"Undoubtedly the producers in the country are responsible for this state of affairs, but as this office has no means of knowing the names or addresses of those producers, I would recommend that all dairymen be required to register their own names and addresses and that of their shippers at this office. Such registry would also greatly facilitate the work of this office in the line of collecting samples and would reduce the same to a system.

"I am of the opinion that such contamination as that spoken of might readily be the means of communicating disease, and that every effort should be made to eliminate the same from the milk supply of this city."

The Commissioners will probably act upon the suggestions of the health office at an early day, and the matter will probably be referred to Attorney Thomas for an opinion as to the legality of the proposed regulation.

WON BY MISS DEAN.

The First Davis Prize at Columbian College Carried Off by a Girl Graduate.

Thirty years ago Mr. Isaac Davis, a philanthropic citizen of Massachusetts, donated a fund to the Columbian College of this city for the purchase of gold medals for annual competition in composition and eloquence by the graduating class of the university. This year's competition took place last night in the college chapel, and was witnessed by a large audience, which included many ladies. There were eight competitors, five ladies and three gentlemen, and they gave a most creditable exhibition of their accomplishments in the field of literature and oratory. Dr. Wefling, president of the university, presided, and Messrs. J. J. Darlington, A. B. Duvall, Wm. Aylotte and Jos. Shillington composed the jury of award.

The essays for the evening were as follows: "Democracy," Charles G. Cogley; "Artificiality," Sarah E. Mason; "Atoms," Annie L. Pierce; "The Utility of History," Lucy E. Cogley; "Teachings on the Street Corners," Mary C. Priest; "Woman in Scientific Work," Edna A. Clark; "The American Citizen Who and What He is," F. Estelle Throckmorton; "A Page of the Century," J. Herbert Ford; "The Municipalization of Natural Monopolies," Henry R. Pyne; and "Francis Bacon—a Character Study," by Mary O. Dean. All of these competed for the prizes except Misses Mason and Priest. The contest derived its greatest interest from the fact that it was the first time that ladies had competed for these prizes. The innovation was a decided success and will be followed in the future. Miss Dean took the first prize and hers was a most popular victory. The second prize was justly awarded to Mr. Ford, and honorable mention was made of the essay read by Mr. Pyne. The exercises were closed with a benediction by Rev. Mr. Stakely of the First Baptist Church. Prof. S. M. Shute of the faculty had general charge of the arrangements and announced the awards.

Sunday at Bay Ridge.

Boating, bathing, fishing, sailing. Delightful breezes. Trains leave B. and O. station at 9:35 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. $1.00 for round trip. *

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SHEEPSKINS FOR GIRL GRADUATES.

Commencement Exercises of the McDonald-Ellis School at the Universalist Church.

'Tis but a step from charming girlhood into beautiful womanhood, from the school room to the social world or the struggle for existence, but in the exercises which form the bridge there is beneath the veneering of enjoyment a deeper feeling of regret that the happy, joyous days when the firmest friendships are begun and everything is sunshine are forever over. Ten sweet young ladies walked across that bridge of sighs last night at the Universalist Church bearing with them as one of the evidences of years of study a diploma from the McDonald-Ellis School, but each of them seemed fairly contented when that "sheepskin" was firmly in their hands. Scarcely room enough in the church could be found to accommodate the crowd of friends of the school and graduates who wished to be present, and even the gallery was more than filled.

The decorations, which were arranged by the undergraduates, were tasteful and profuse. Over the white covered platform, which was trimmed with flowers, was the motto of the class, "Plus Lucis," and "'93" worked in foliage. Each of the graduates had some part in the program, and the flowers which were presented to each were more than one could carry. The young ladies placed the flowers at their feet so that the effect was as though they were surrounded with a hedge of beautiful roses, sweet peas and carnations. The exercises were varied in their character.

A piano solo by Miss Agnes Peters preceded an essay by Miss Nannie Krebs on the significance of the class motto, "Plus Lucis." Misses Maude Bremond and Mary Waite rendered with splendid execution Moszkowski's Spanish dance. Miss Ruth Miles received a hearty welcome after her recitation of "Urashima," as did Miss Anna Fry upon the conclusion of a well-written essay on "The First American Book." A meritorious piece of verse was a class prophecy written by Miss Jennie Hunt. It forecasted the life of each of the graduates in a bright, happy vein that was particularly pleasing. Misses Meta Munson and Catherine Craig played a piano duet before Miss Nellie Thorn recited "The Organ Builder." An original story with not a little literary merit was Miss Daisy Mullett's portion of the exercises. The story was well constructed and very prettily written. Her efforts were much appreciated. "A Fable for Critics" was the topic of an excellent essay by Miss Evelyn Smith. Miss Miles was heartily encored for her rendition of the "Angels' Serenade" and responded with De Koven's "Past and Future." "Lady Geraldine's Courtship" afforded Miss Florence Platt an opportunity to prove herself capable of reciting a difficult piece with good effect. A piano solo by Heloise Ingersoll was a prelude to an essay on "Leaders" by Miss Hazel Henderson. There was evidence of a clear, strong mind in the composition, with the ability to put thoughts into pleasing language. The essay was much above the average. To Miss Meta Boynton was allotted the honor of valedictorian. In its simplicity her farewell to teachers, schoolmates and classmates was indeed a farewell given from the heart. She spoke in a clear voice and in a tone that carried with it the sincerity of her remarks. The valedictory was couched in pretty language and was delivered in excellent taste.

Dr. Aspinwall preceded the presentation of the diplomas to the following graduates with a few appropriate words: Meta Boynton, Hazel Henderson, Nannie Lou Krebs, Daisy C. Mullett, Evelyn Elise Smith, Anna C. Fry, Jennie B. Hunt, Ruth G. Miles, Florence C. Platt and Nellie Thorn.

After the exercises at the church the graduates gave a reception to their friends in the parlors of the seminary.

SETTLING DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

Judge Miller Has Two Interesting Cases Before Him This Morning.

Judge Miller in the Police Court heard a sad story of drunkenness and brutality this morning. The prisoner, Richard Cullen, is a clerk in the War Department and lives on Carroll street southeast near the corner of 2d street. He was in an extremely nervous condition, and unlike most victims of rum he was ready to admit his fault and make promises of reform.

Mrs. Cullen appeared as the prosecuting witness, and told the court how a happy home had been wrecked.

"All the winter," she said, "I have been afraid of him."

"Is he a good man when he is sober?" the court asked.

"Yes, sir," was her reply, "but he is seldom sober."

The wife then told of the trouble she had with her husband last night, but she made no complaint, thinking she could keep him quiet over night. He assaulted her, but she was able to defend herself, and finally she got him to bed.

This morning shortly after 6 o'clock he got up and renewed the trouble. Then he assaulted her, and her cries attracted Policeman Anderson, who arrested him.

The prisoner in his own defense said that his wife had struck him, but the latter said that she only defended herself.

"If your honor will let me go," he said, "I will go to White Plains, N. Y., where I have two sons, and take the Keeley gold cure."

"But," said the judge, "if I let you go you will get drunk as soon as you get out."

"No, your honor," said Cullen. "I will go to New York this afternoon."

Judge Miller said he wanted to do what was best for the family. The wife, he said, was entitled to protection, and he was going to give her the protection. If there is any show to reform the husband the judge said he certainly would not stand in the way.

"I am going to take the gold cure," said Mr. Cullen, "I have got to do it. I can't stand this thing much longer."

The judge took his personal bonds and he left the court with the intention of going to New York.

A LIVELY FAMILY ROW.

Thomas Babbington's domestic troubles were also ventilated. The defendant, who was the most interested person in the case, is the proprietor of a licensed saloon at the corner of 1st and H streets northeast. Day before yesterday was not their first unpleasantness, nor was it the first time the husband and wife have separated.

Over the bar room is the residence of the Babbington family, while the dining room and kitchen are on the first floor.

All the witnesses agreed as to the origin of the latest combat. Mrs. Babbington called upon her husband for some cash, as she needed it in the house, but the husband thought that his better half should remain in her part of the house and he would stay in the bar.

The door between the house and the saloon was closed, but the wife held the key and the husband could not keep it closed. During the progress of the difficulty Mrs. Babbington hurled a plate at her husband's head.

"She picked up the plate and threw it at me," he said, "and at the same time she called me a——"

"I didn't call him anything of the kind," interrupted the wife.

But it was the wife's black eye that was under discussion, and the statements as to how it was inflicted differed.

"My husband struck me," said Kate.

"She struck herself when she fell against the sideboard," was Thomas' explanation.

When the defendant had made his statement Mr. Mullowney took a hand in the cross-examination. He asked: "How many times have you struck your wife?"

"I never struck her in my life."

"Why, didn't she have to leave you?"

"No, I left her."

"Five or six times?"

"Yes, sir."

"On account of her violent temper, I suppose?"

"Yes, sir."

Then Mrs. Babbington had something to say of the separations. She said she had to do the leaving and not her husband. When she left she returned to her father's home.

Lieut. Kelley was called and he told the court that he had known Mrs. Babbington all her life and she was a hard-working, industrious woman. He thought she did not have a violent temper.

Lawyer Shillington argued the case for the defendant and Judge Miller disposed of it. The judge thought that the throwing of the plate was the beginning of the trouble, but he also thought that the husband went too far.

For the assault a fine of $25 was imposed and he was also required to give a bond in the sum of $100 to keep the peace.

The Female Pedestrians.

The score in the walking match at Kernan's at 12 o'clock last night was as follows: Mollie Harvey, 70 miles 5 laps; Aggie Harvey, 82 miles 19 laps; Rose Tremont, 82 miles 18 laps; Mamie Hewitt, 75 miles 12 laps; Mamie Taylor, 54 miles 13 laps; May Gaffney, 78 miles. Mollie Harvey was sick and retired shortly after 11 o'clock. She is better this afternoon.

IF you have goods to sell at auction send them to Sloan's, 1407 G street, for their Saturday's sale.—*Adv.*

THE COURTS.

EQUITY COURT—*Chief Justice Bingham and Judge Hagner.*

Yesterday — Walker agt. Walker; divorce granted. Brown agt. Hall; sale decreed; E. F. Arnold and L. C. Williamson, trustees. Rollings agt. Presbrey; auditor's report modified and confirmed. Clark agt. Rich's heirs; pro confesso. Stroud agt. Stroud; do. Lee agt. Lee; testimony ordered taken by N. Dumont. Downs agt. Downs; do. by R. Wallach. Gambrill agt. Leonard; sale ratified nisi. Arnold agt. Padgett; sale decreed; E. F. Arnold and D. W. Glassie, trustees. Strain agt. Farquhar, do.; T. L. Houston, trustee. Bell Electric Gas Light Company agt. Gilbert; commission issued.

CIRCUIT COURT, DISTRICT 1—*Judge Bradley.*

Yesterday—Williams agt. Baden; *ft. fa.* quashed. Taylor agt. Ritchie; first on *sci. fa.* Myers agt. Walker, Diamond Glass Company agt. Samuel, Bank of Toronto agt. Ough, Trogan S. and C. Company agt. Douglass, Continental Brewing Company agt. Samuel, Smith Worthington & Co. agt. Chambers, Martin agt. Kilmartin, Brown, exr., agt. Cooke, Drury agt. Aidrich, Sullivan agt. Chadley, Young agt. Miller, Dresche agt. Prall, Lewis J. Kendall agt. Chambers, Armage agt. Peake and Bauer Brewing Company agt. Conner; judgment by default.

CIRCUIT COURT, DISTRICT 2—*Judge Cox.*

Yesterday—McInerney's administrators agt. United Brethren Aid Society; verdict for plaintiff, $2,000.

BROOKLAND.

Mrs. Staley of New Brunswick, N. J., is visiting her son, Mr. William Staley, and his family.

Some malicious person visited the premises of Mr. William Dryer, sr., of Sargeant road and took the clothing of the weekly wash, which was soaking outside the house, and tore many pieces into shreds, hanging the fragments upon trees and fences.

Miss Fannie Feaga and Miss Jessie Snoots have been visiting Mrs. and the Misses Padgett at Woodside.

All the members of the juvenile "Pinafore" opera company, of which Miss Marie H. Howe was the leading lady, have been photographed together and separately.

Master Emmerson Golliday, who has been attending school at Front Royal, Va., has returned to his Brookland home for vacation.

Col. Juan Lewis has lately become the possessor of some rare and valuable old books, among which are "The Proceedings of the Council of Trent," printed the 8th of May, 1570, which was once in the collection of Lord Somers, Baron of Evesham, England, and an original edition of "Paradise Lost," dedicated to John, Lord Somers, also a rare and finely bound volume written in Latin and Greek and printed in 1541.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman last evening attended the wedding of their sister, Miss Newman of Washington, to Mr. Edward Shultz.

American Legion of Honor.

The best attended meeting of Capital City Council, No. 406, American Legion of Honor, was held at their hall last evening. A pleasant entertainment in the form of a "smoker" was arranged by a committee composed of Messrs. E. L. Harvey, George Wright and Thos. Pepper. Among those present were Grand Commander Geo. E. Dunster, Grand Vice Commander J. Weed Corey and Grand Treasurer Aaron Brunn. Grand Commander Dunster made the opening address and at its conclusion presented to Companion Carrier a commission as past commander.

The following program was carried out: A monologue, Victor L. Poesche; duet, piano and cornet, Caurana and Reynolds; recitation, Mr. Hardy; banjo solo, Mr. Cullen; mandolin and piano accompaniment, Mr. Holmes and Mr. McEnary; comic song, Mr. Charles S. West; solo, Mr. Green; a lecture on "Science," Prof. Poesche, and some good stories by Maj. MacMichael. The official visitation of the grand officers occurs on July 5.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Deeds in fee have been filed as follows: I. B. Linton to W. D. Smith, sub. 81, sq. 276; $3,925. R. Susannah Marian to Ariadne Marian, sub. 67, sq. 628; $1,000. A. W. Ogden to E. C. Marian, lot 17, sq. 567; $—. W. E. Poulton to S. Winters, sub. 26, sq. 866, $3,950. M. J. Keane to W. M. Drury, lot 8, sq. 120; $4,500. Caroline Scholl to E. A. Sellhausen, lot 3, sq. 457; $—. H. G. Stewart, jr., to C. D. Collins et al., seb. 27, sq. 143; $2,494.74. E. Nauck to Ellen Yates, sub. 32, blk. 28, Le Droit Park; $475. C. H. Tenney et al. to Frances Colton, pt. 73, sq. 111; $—. G. Y. Worthington to A. F. Waldsaur, sub 63, sq. 1023; $—. Margaret J. Baker to J. J. Reed, pt. 28, sec. 7, Barry Farm; $—. E. J. Stellwagen et al. to H. S. Woodward, in trust, pt. Pleasant Plains; $—. W. H. Manogue to Hattie Enge, sub 88, sq. 57, Georgetown; $4,000. Elizabeth W. Harris to M. White, pt. 28, blk. 3, T. & B.'s sub Mt. Pleasant; $4,600. W. J. Miller et al. to E. F. Buckley, sub 9, sq. 566; $4,000. F. S. Collins to H. A. Hazen, lots 10 and 11, blk. 11, South Brookland; $—. W. I. Boswell to Mary F. Danenhower, subs 53 to 58, 96 to 98, sq. 104; $—. H. A. Mangum to Ellen Plant, sub 31, sq. 988; $3,500. Job Barnard et al. to L. N. Jesunowsky, pt. 10, sq. 950; $—. L. S. Fristoe to E. J. Hannan, subs 68 to 75, sq. 754; $—. L. E. Waring to G. G. Ringwalt et al., pt. 1, sq. 880; $—.

The Judicial Decision of the General Assembly in the Briggs Case.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

In *entertaining* the appeal from the judgment of the Presbytery of New York the Assembly decided:

1. That it was in the interest of justice to both the original parties that there should be no unnecessary delay in the final adjudication of the case.

2. That the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in a case of a trial for heresy, cannot be excluded as an appellant from its own superior courts, on the plea of the previous acquittal of the accused by the Presbytery appealed from, because (*a*) this would operate as a bar to the exercise of its constitutional functions as the supreme judicatory of the church, and (*b*) the ordination vow of every minister in said church makes it obligatory upon him to submit to the provisions of the Book of Discipline—that this is part of his contract with said church in entering its ministry.

3. That in a case involving the doctrines of the standards of the church an appeal may lie directly from a Presbytery to the General Assembly and that it is within the discretionary power of the Assembly to entertain the appeal or refer it to the synod.

4. That the Assembly, having decided to entertain the appeal, took equitable jurisdiction of the entire case, including all interlocutory complaints made to the Synod of New York, so that the rights of both parties were fully secured before this court, representing the whole church.

In *sustaining* the appeal:

1. The Assembly reversed the judgment of the Presbytery of New York acquitting the accused.

2. It entered judgment that the appellee had violated his ordination vow, by teaching in his "inaugural address" as a professor in a theological seminary for the training of young men for the ministry of said church, doctrines contrary to and subversive of its standards; and in the statement accompanying said judgment it sets out the errors of doctrine, which it declares to be the facts found, on which the defendant is adjudged guilty.

3. The defendant, persisting in his determination to teach these errors, as stated in the finding of the court, the Assembly had no alternative but to suspend him from the exercise of his official functions as a minister in the Presbyterian Church.

4. That while it is the constitutional right of Presbyteries to formulate and settle the standards of the church, it is the constitutional prerogative of the General Assembly, as the highest appellate court, to construe those standards and to judicially declare their meaning and application in a case properly brought before it on appeal.

Such, in brief, was the decision (by a vote of 383 to 116) of the General Assembly, and it declares, as we believe, the judgment of four-fifths of the entire membership of the Presbyterian Church—that the teachings of Dr. Briggs and the course pursued by him are subversive of the constitution of his church and in disregard of the decree of its highest court.

COMMISSIONER.

Crushed While Coupling Cars.

Michael Berry, a brakeman on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, was badly crushed yesterday afternoon while coupling cars in the New Jersey avenue yards, and it is thought he is internally injured. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital. He is twenty years of age and resides at 317 4th street southeast.

Where Refreshing Bay Breezes Blow.

At Bay Ridge on the Chesapeake. Trains leave Baltimore and Ohio station at 9:15 a.m., 1:30 and 4:28 p.m. week days and at 9:35 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Sundays. $1 for round trip. *

MR. E. T. DROOP has received the following cablegram from the American Packet Company: Steamer Furst Bismarck passed Hurst Castle 11:25 this morning (June 8, 1893).

KEE MAR COLLEGE.

The Hagerstown College Graduates a Number of Washingtonians.

The forty-second commencement of Kee Mar College, held at the academy at Hagerstown, Md., yesterday, was a success in every way and drew a large attendance, many being from this city and vicinity. Among the graduates were several young ladies from close around this city.

The following is a full list of the graduates: Salutatory, Carrie J. Shreve, Clinton, Md.; Charlotte M. Rowe, Pauline E. Bishop and Mattie A. Ray, Brightwood, D. C.; Eleanore R. Ramsey, Washington; Miriam A. Bishop, Smithsburg, Md.; Floy A. Smith and Ora Marion Fairplay, Md.; Eva B. Yake, Marion, Ohio; Madie White, Brightwood, D. C.; Catherine E. Dornblaser, Lamar, Pa.; Essie G. Wyse, South Carolina; Annie F. Beck and Beulah L. Wright, North Carolina, and Flora V. Shimer, Pennsylvania. Valedictory, Ella M. Henderson, Sandy Spring, Md.

NEW HOPE FOR THE INDIANS.

A Pottawattamie Brave Tells of the Promise Offered by a New Society.

"A new hope has dawned for the Indian race," said John Wadsworth to a STAR reporter today. Mr. Wadsworth is an Indian himself, a descendant of the famous Pottawattamie tribe that used to occupy the site of Chicago. Mr. Wadsworth has just returned from New York city.

"While in New York," added Mr. Wadsworth, "I met a number of people who have organized a new movement, which promises more for the Indians than any other movement begun in their behalf in the history of the nation. It is based on the declaration that the land question is at the root of the Indian problem and that if the lands are divided on the proper basis the Indian question will settle itself. The movement is called the Indian Land Adjustment League. Here is what its platform declares, and I don't know an Indian who will not support it:

1. The treatment of the Indians has long been a national disgrace. The opening of Indian lands to the whites is fast becoming another national disgrace. "Oklahoma" is associated with the most ruthless display of brutality, cupidity and greed.

2. The best system of distributing land among the whites and the Indians is one that would place all land seekers on a common basis of equality.

3. Allotment does not satisfy the Indians' ideas of justice. They need some system that will equalize the differences in desirableness between the various pieces of land.

4. The opening of Indian lands to settlement by the present method of scrambling gives every advantage to the brutal and the unscrupulous.

5. There can be no solution of the Indian problem until a just division of lands is secured.

6. A system based upon the lease principle would insure a quiet, orderly selection of lands in place of the disgraceful seizures of today.

Therefore, we aim to secure the adoption of a system which, in assuring the equal rights of all in the lands, will remove the most powerful element of discord between the two races.

AN OPEN LETTER.

"This platform and league are the outgrowth of an open letter to President Cleveland by William E. Hicks of New York in the Illustrated American of May 13. In this Mr. Hicks declared that the present land openings are 'worked' by an immense ring of land speculators and that the real home seeker has no chance as against the speculator. The open letter has caused much comment among the Indians in the west, as I learn by letters from home. So far as I have heard our people heartily indorse the position taken by Mr. Hicks.

"The league is against allotment in severalty, and that is why it promises so much for both Indians and whites. There have been delegations from the Indian nations in Washington since March 4, protesting against allotment. Allotment is against the Indian's idea of justice, and to civilize him the whites must not run counter to his ideas of justice. An Indian can see only injustice in parcelling out land. He can understand the division of property produced by human labor, but land is to him the gift of the Great Spirit to mankind and cannot be divided without impairing the equal rights of all in it. Any system which would insure the possession and use of portions of land by individual Indians without destroying the rights of all in the lands would secure the Indians' support. In other words, they carry out to a logical conclusion the whites' principle of eminent domain by the state.

"Allotment in severalty has been accepted as the best means of dividing lands among the Indians, simply because hitherto the opponents of it have been able to offer no substitute for it. The Adjustment League offers this substitute in the application of the rental principle to the lands.

"I tell you," said Mr. Wadsworth, growing enthusiastic and emphatic, "if the government will but adopt the suggestions of the Adjustment League, they will end the Indian problem forever."

ANACOSTIA.

The yacht club project has fallen through. It was proposed to get a steam launch, and it is stated that the officers who were to run the craft had been elected. The gentlemen whom it was given out had been chosen captain, mates and engineer did not hold the necessary licenses and one of the disappointed candidates threatened to report these things to the inspectors should the amateur mariners touch the lever or the wheel.

Real Estate Matters.

J. A. Keenan and C. R. Morgan, trustees, have purchased for $14,900 of W. H. Manogue lots 85 and 86, square 57, 32 by 65 feet on O street near 35th street northwest, Georgetown.

Mary H. Myers has purchased for $6,150, of E. J. Stellwagen, subs 144 and 145, square 151 41 by 100 feet on U between 17th and 18th streets northwest.

J. E. Beall has purchased for $8,225 part of the Gift tract, on the Linnean Hill road, of M. Ashford et al.

Michael Freely has bought for $7,750, of Margaret Calwin, part 1, square 28, 27.25 feet on 1 and 56.45 on New Hampshire avenue northwest.

Crushed Under His Cart.

Washington Fry, a laborer living on N street southwest, was fatally injured about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the city garbage dump. He was engaged in hauling coal and the cart fell on him, inflicting internal injuries, which, it is thought, will cause death. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital.

Thrown From a Grip Car.

As Mrs. A. Horton of 1226 16th street was leaving a grip car at 14th and Q streets about 5 o'clock yesterday she was thrown violently to the ground by the too sudden starting of the car and badly hurt. She was attended by Dr. G. N. Perry.

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TERRIBLE CASE OF SCROFULA IN THE FACE—BLIND AT TIMES.

"I have been a very great sufferer from scrofula. First, a large bunch came in my neck, growing as big as a good-sized apple. The doctor lanced it, and for two years it was

"A RUNNING SORE.

"Then we succeeded in healing it up, but the disease began to appear in my face, which would swell up and affect my eyes. Every morning they were so inflamed and swollen that

"I WAS BLIND.

"I was in this condition for about a year. I went to every physician in my town, all of whom failed to help me and said nothing could be done to cure me. But I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and when I

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had used a bottle and a half the swelling in my face had entirely gone down. I kept on taking the medicine, and gained 33 pounds in weight. I have been perfectly cured—am now in good health, and confidently say Hood's Sarsaparilla saved me from the grave."

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