Your Sunday Want.

Saturday's special prices at the Palais Royal for Sunday Dress Requirements are being more and more appreciated. Tomorrow's list is unusually attractive:

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85c pair for the "Palais Royal" $1 English Dogskin Gloves—tried on at our risk.....$2.48 for the "Palais Royal" $2.98 Silk Umbrellas; recovered free of charge should they split within one year of purchase.....25c pair for the Silk Half Hose lately reduced from 50c to 35c.....48c for choice of '94 Spring Neckwear.....25c for two 15c Linen Collars, and only 15c pair for the Cuffs.

For Women.

GLOVES—First floor.

85c pair for 96c Biarritz Mousquetaires.....85c for 5-hook Foster Kid Gloves.....85c for $1.55 Suede Kid Mousquetaires.....85c for $1.85 "Palais Royal" Undressed Kid Mousquetaires..... These Gloves will be tried on at our risk, and guaranteed the same as if regular prices were asked.

VEILS—First floor.

19c for choice of the ten new styles of 25c Veils.

NECKWEAR—First floor.

25c for the new Windsors, with hemstitched ends.....50c for Liberty Silk Reefer Scarfs; $1.40 for the 1½-yard squares.....19c yd. for 4½-inch wide Embroidered Chiffon; 25c yard for 9 inches wide.....25c for the 49c Neck Bows of Black Net.

UMBRELLAS and RUBBER GOODS—First floor.

$1.75 for choice of Novelty Handle Umbrellas that sold up to $2.98.....Only $2.25 for Mackintoshes you will recognize as bargains at $2.50.

MILLINERY—Second floor.

Last of the $5, $6 and $8 Trimmed Bonnets to go at $2 each. You may give a spring-like appearance to the one you have with a bunch of these flowers, 15c to $1 bunch.

RIBBONS—First floor.

The three best bargain lots of the season are these: Best Quality Black Moire Ribbon for Alsatian bows, 9-inch wide for $1.34 yd.; 8-inch for $1.15 yd.; 7-inch for 95c yd.; 6-inch for 80c yd.; 5-inch for 65c yd. Lot 2 comprises Black Silk Moire Ribbons that are "seconds," 5 inches wide, only 37c yd., but looking like the 65c Ribbons. Lot 3 includes Moire Ribbons in all colors, 2 to 3 inches wide, for 9c yd., worth from 12c to 15c.

SHOES—First Floor.

Lowered prices for entire stock of Ladies', Misses' and Boys' Shoes. The shelves are being cleared for the coming army of summer Shoes.

$2.97 for choice of the Palais Royal's now famous $3.97 Ladies' Shoes, button and lace, common sense and opera. Ten styles to select from. All other Shoes at proportionate reductions.

JEWELRY—First Floor.

The New Snake and Gypsy Rings of sterling silver, with stone settings, only 48c each..... Stronger and better Lorgnette and Watch Chains for 68c.....Six-karat Gold Pins, for veil, collar or scarf, only 25c each.....Sterling Silver Cut Top Hair Pins, only 68c each.....The New Turquoise Link Cuff Buttons, 49c pair.....Silver Sword Lace Pins, with turquoise settings, 10c each.

CONFECTIONERY—Basement Floor.

19c pound for choice of 25c Caramels. To have sufficient for tomorrow's demand five hundred pounds are being made as this is written:—Vanilla, Chocolate, Walnut, Cocoanut, Orange and Homemade.

CHILDREN'S HOSE—First Floor.

Heavy Ribbed Fast Black Hose, in sizes 7 to 10. Only 18c, or 3 pairs for 50c. These double knee stockings have never before been sold here or elsewhere at less than 20c pair.

Wraps

Less Than

Half Prices.

$9.98 each for Ladies' Seal Plush Capes, trimmed with marten fur. Worth from $15 to $25 each.

4.98 each for Fur-trimmed Coats that sold up to $20 each.

$2.98 each for Diagonal Cloth Coats that sold up to $9.50 each.

49c for Warner's Corsets.

You know the regular prices:—$1.50 for the Health Nursing Corset, $1 for the 333 Corset, $1.35 for the R. S., etc. Besides ladies' are misses' Corsets, all at 49c pair.

Only 25c for Dr. Warner's Baby Waists.

65c for "Sonnette" Corsets.

The makers of the "C. P." could not produce an inferior corset. The "Sonnette" at 65c pair is like offering United States treasury notes at a reduced price.

49c for "P. D." Corsets.

Misses' sizes are the only ones that could be secured, so misses may be fitted with $1.75 Corsets for only 49c.

39c for "Double Ve."

These celebrated Corsets in sizes for ladies, misses and children. Here are the Ladies' Black Italian Cloth Corsets at 39c instead of $1.65 pair, here the Misses' $1 Corsets for 39c. All "Double Ve" Corsets at 39c a pair. When before? When again?

Fourth Floor Bargains.

98c pair for choice of 150 pairs of Lace Curtains in Brussels effects, 54 inches wide, 3½ yards long. None worth less than $1.50 a pair. 29c for Opaque Shades, with spring rollers, worth 45c. 48c for 4-4 Chenille Table Covers, with heavy knotted fringe. 7c yd. for 12c quality Figured Silkaline, and 2½c yd. for 6c quality Curtain Scrim.

CHOICE OF NINETEEN CARARAGH RUGS, USUALLY SOLD FROM $18 TO $25, AT ONLY $13.50.

The greatest surprise for those who are not connoisseurs will be the Japanese Rugs, which, while possessing much of the marvelous color-beauty of Turkish Rugs, are at absurdly little prices, as follows:

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White and Gray Fur Rugs.....$1.88

Japanese Screens, in infinite variety, at all prices. The Star readers learn of the best bargains in the four-fold Black Cloth Screens at $3.38. They are 5½ feet high, richly hand embroidered in gold.

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THE WEATHER KEEPS ONE DODGing around—first into the winter stock—and then again to looking thoughtfully on the new arrivals of spring. Luckily the store is in that happy condition of being able to meet all wants of all weathers. There is just enough of the old left to choose from to bridge you over. Enough of the new in place to supply the advance calls.

If you have got a new pair of GLOVES to buy—which shall it be—winter or spring styles?

Some reductions in price will tempt you to the former.

The winning shades of the latter entice you toward them.

We are ready to turn whichever way you say.

Reductions Take Precedence.

8-button MOUSQUETAIRE SUEDES, in Tan, Brown, Gray, White and fancy tints—reduced from $1.50 and $2 to $1 a pair.

4-button BLACK GLACE—size 5½ only—reduced from $1 to 29c. a pair.

A few pairs of the 49c. special lot are still left.

MEN'S JOUVIN SUEDE—reduced from $1.75 to $1 a pair.

MEN'S BLACK GLACE—reduced from $1.50 to $1 a pair.

The Early Arrivals.

Naturally you are looking longingly for the new ideas. We can begin the pleasant duty of enlightenment at once. Fitting you, too, if you are ready.

BIARRITZ, in Tan, Mode, Brown, Red, Gray and Black—98c. a pair.

BIARRITZ, in Pearl, White and Light Tan, with Black or self-stitching—$1 a pair.

PIQUE BIARRITZ—$1.25 a pair.

4-button GLACE, in Pearl and White, with self brode—$2 a pair.

4-button GLACE, in Pearl, with Black brode—$1.50 a pair.

REYNIER'S 4-button GLACE, in Light Tan, Cream, Buff, Pearl, Lavender, Reseda, Emerald and Heliotrope—$2 a pair.

4-button GLACE, in Tan, Brown and Primrose, with colored stitching—$1.50 a pair.

4-button BLACK GLACE, with colored stitching—$1.75 a pair.

8-button WHITE GLACE, with Black stitching—$2 a pair.

8-button SUEDE, with Primrose or Black stitching—$2 a pair.

4-button SUEDE, in Tan and Pearl, with Kid trimmings—$1.50 a pair.

4-button SUEDES, in all shades, with Black stitching—$1.75 a pair.

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4-button GLACE, in Tan, Gray and Black—$1, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 and $2 a pair.

4-button SUEDES, in Tan, Gray and Black—$1.25, $1.50, $1.65 and $1.75 a pair.

8-button SUEDES—same shades—$1, $1.50, $2 and $2.25 a pair.

8-button GLACE, in Tan, Brown and Black—$1.50 and $2 a pair.

Strictly for the Street.

4-button ENGLISH WALKING GLOVES—fancy shades and Black—$1.50, $2 and $2.25 a pair.

4-button "ENGLISH REDS"—$1.25 and $1.50 a pair.

4-button ELK TANS—$2 a pair.

4-button CASTOR MOCHAS, in Tan, Brown, Gray and Black—$1.75.

FRENCH KID GAUNTLETS—$1.50 a pair.

DRIVING GAUNTLETS—$1.50 a pair.

Men's Gloves.

REYNIER PIQUE—$2.25 a pair.

REYNIER OVERSEAM GLOVES—$2 a pair.

PERRIN'S ELK TANS—$2 a pair.

PERRIN'S CAPE SUEDES—$1.50 a pair.

FAURE'S DOGSKINS—$1.50 a pair.

FOWNES' CRAVEN TANS—$2.25 a pair.

FOWNES' CAPE COACHING GLOVES—$2 a pair.

Children's Gloves.

MISSES' 4-button SUEDE and GLACE—$1 a pair.

MISSES' 6-button MOUSQUETAIRE SUEDES—$1 a pair.

MISSES' BIARRITZ GLOVES—98c. a pair.

MISSES' ENGLISH WALKING GLOVES—$1 a pair.

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Important Test Indian Case.

Wm. B. Matthews of the bar of this city filed an appeal today in the Supreme Court of the United States from the decision of the United States Court of Claims in the now celebrated case of Marks and Wollenberg vs. the United States and the Bannock and Piute tribes of Indians, growing out of depredations committed in Oregon June, 1878, by said Indians. This is a case of great interest, as it has been made the test case by the Attorney General of the United States to settle the meaning of the words "in amity," as they appear in the act of March 3, 1891, "to provide for the adjudication and payment of Indian depredation claims." It is said that of the ten thousand claims now pending in the Court of Claims under said act, at least six thousand will be practically settled by the decision of the Supreme Court in this case. Owing to the large interests which depend upon this case, it is the intention of the Attorney General and of the counsel for the claimants to move for a speedy trial.

National Law School Alumni.

A call has been issued by the post graduate class of the National University Law School inviting all alumni of that institution to meet at the hall of the university on Saturday evening, February 17, for the purpose of forming an alumni association. A constitution has been prepared, and this will be submitted to the meeting tomorrow evening. It is expected that a large attendance of graduates of the school will be had.

Special presents tomorrow. Page 4.—Advt.

IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

Diversions That Believe the Somberness of Lent.

Club Meetings and Musicales—Notes of Interest About Well-Known People.

Mrs. and the Misses Brice are off to New York today to remain a fortnight.

Gen. and Mrs. Greely gave a dinner party Wednesday night in honor of the Secretary of the Navy. The other guests were Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Doe, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Manning, Gen. and Mrs. Ruggles, Senator and Miss White, Commodore Dewey and Mr. D. R. McKee.

Mrs. Langhorne gave a luncheon yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Justice Shiras have left the city, and Mrs. Shiras will not return for four or five weeks.

An enjoyable bal-poudre and calico ball was given Wednesday evening at 3333 P street northwest, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. Gheen. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Talbert, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gheen, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gheen, Mr. and Mrs. Beall, Dr. and Mrs. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Oetzel, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Pointon, Misses Fearsons, Johnson, Lena Corbett, Hannah Draney, Smith, Pullman, Austin, Moore, Tomlinson, Burnham, Turner, Maddex, Sophie Gheen of Baltimore, Elsie Corbett, Messrs. Gardner, Goddard, Geo. and John Gheen, Champlin, Skeen, Menchine, Maddex, Hainey, Altemus, Snyder, Causey, Joachum, Buckingham, Polkinhorn, Cook, Fugitt, Burnham, Gardner, Gensler, Cook, Oliver, Smith and Sterling.

Mrs. Koch and daughter, Hortense, from New York, are visiting Mrs. Koch's sister, Mrs. J. Sondheimer, 509 7th street southwest.

The Shakespeare class met last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dupre-Sinclair, 1312 S street northwest. Scenes from Macbeth and the Merchant of Venice were read and interestingly discussed. These meetings, which have proved enjoyable to all concerned, will be continued until the summer season. The Misses Barnes, Clabaugh, Pecus and St. Clair and Messrs. Sinclair, Exner, McNulty and Peterson took the prominent parts in the recital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Shomo of No. 1220 New Jersey avenue northwest gave a little dinner party in honor of Dr. Frank J. Bloedefield of Tacoma, state of Washington, who is visiting the national capital for a short stay. Among those present, besides the host and hostess and the guest of honor, were Col. D. A. Key, the Misses Shomo and Arbuckle, Mr. Walter Shomo and others.

Miss Eva Samstag has left for New York.

Der Deutsch-Amerikanisher Club was entertained last Wednesday evening at the residence of Miss Alma Ebert, daughter of Mr. Chas. Ebert, 2108 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. The large parlors were thronged to their fullest capacity. Miss Ebert wore a very becoming pink gown, and was ably assisted by Mrs. Giles C. Rush and her sister, Miss Ottilie Ebert, both of whom looked charming in full evening dresses of pure white silk. The program was one of exceptional musical merit. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. von Hartleben, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. Rush, Mr. and Mrs. Danl. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Feldhouse, Mrs. Dr. Daw, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Kaiser, Mrs. George, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Wm. Spelshouse, Miss Spelshouse, Miss X. Hancock, Misses Flora and Bertha Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pulsifer, Chicago; Mr. Theo. Burns, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Bishop, Mr. T. Frank Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Baker, Langdon; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Hall, Mrs. R. D. Mussey, Miss Mussey, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Heilbrin, Dr. Jas. E. Bliss, Miss Tanner, Miss Edna Tune, Miss Agnes Peugh, Dr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Jones, Mrs. T. W. Mitchel, Mrs. Chas. E. Stuart, Misses Julia and Minona Maedel, Mr. J. A. Heydler, Miss Proctor, Miss Baar, Mr. Wm. King, Langdon; Mrs. Proctor, Misses Clara, Lottie and Wilma Willenbucher, Miss Rakeman, Miss Amelia Rakeman, Mrs. A. Shoenecker, Mr. and Mrs. Hazard, Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel, Miss Hayden, Mr. W. Tefft Johnson, Dr. G. R. Lee Cole, Mr. J. Mohler Gwin, Mr. Geo. Hale, Misses McCreary and the Misses Ebert.

The Potomac Literary Club held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening last at the residence of Dr. Wm. H. Daw, 2301 H street northwest, with Dr. D. S. Lamb in the chair. During the business exercises several new members were elected, and the treasurer, F. B. Taylor, esq., sent in his resignation, on account of illness. The essay of the evening, entitled "The Untraveled Ways of Mexico," was delivered by Col. Edward Daniels, illustrated with the lantern by Mr. E. J. Pullman. After a brief recess the exercises were continued with a song by Mrs. Wm. H. Daw, entitled "Since First I Met Thee;" a select reading by Miss F. A. Doughty, "A Sketch of the Parliament of Religions in Chicago;" piano solo, by Miss Alma Ebert; trio, entitled "Down in the Dewy Dell," by Miss McKee, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Daw, concluding with the song, "Oh, Promise Me," by Mrs. D. P. Morgan.

Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Daw, Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. J. Orville Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson, Mrs. Maria Stierlin, Mrs. M. A. Austin and daughter, Miss Mattie M. Stickell, Miss Lamb, Dr. L. R. Klemm, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Morgan, Capt. Charles Ebert and daughter, Mrs. J. L. McCreery and daughter, Miss Ella Johnson, Mrs. Morrell, Miss McKee, Miss Facius, Miss Florence Solger, Mr. Giles Rush, Mr. Jos. Striker, Mr. Will Stierlin, Mr. Wilbur Goss, Mr. J. M. Given, Mr. Geo. C. Gwynne, Mrs. Leavitt, Mr. E. J. Pullman, Judge Wood, Mrs. J. V. Clarke, Mrs. Helen M. Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Neale, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lothrop, W. H. B. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Norris, Mrs. M. T. O'Donoghue, Mrs. D. T. Voorhis, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Geo. Pryor, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Croissant, Dr. V. D. Collins and Miss Collins, Mrs. M. A. Browne, Miss Bessie Gilmore, T. A. Ritchie, Miss D. Tune, Miss A. M. Chamberlain, Mr. B. A. P. Pool, Mrs. W. H. Parnsey, Mr. E. P. Champlin, Dr. and Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Watkins, Mr. J. B. Philp, Miss Doughty, Col. Daniels, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Baker, Mrs. Pulsifer, Mrs. Leavison, Miss Haslip, R. A. Phillips, Mr. E. W. Fitzer, Miss Olive Pullman, Miss R. F. Kercheval, Miss B. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. R. Grant Barnwell, Mrs. A. McLean and Miss Kefanner.

Invitations have been issued by the Young Eckington Socials for a dancing reception, to be given February 28 at Kremb's Hall on 7th street between S and T streets northwest. This club is composed of young ladies and gentlemen of Eckington and vicinity.

Mrs. Cushman K. Davis is going to give her musical friends a rare treat by inviting them the afternoons of next week from 3 to 4 to hear a celebrated harpist perform.

Devoted to Statistics.

America's Statistical Society was organized in this city last night. The object of this organization is collecting, arranging and publishing facts calculated to illustrate the condition and prospects of all industries, especially facts that can be stated numerically and compared in tables, viz: The collection of new statistical materials, the condensation, arrangement and publication of all official figures, home and foreign, wherever published or unpublished. The officers are as follows: Amos J. Cummings of New York, president; William Lawrence, Ohio, first vice president; John F. Hanson, Georgia, second vice president; Mr. George Wilson, New York, third vice president; Mr. Charles S. Hill, Washington, national secretary. Vice presidents of the various sections of industry: H. A. Brown, Massachusetts, sugar industry; H. M. Swank, Philadelphia, iron industry; H. E. Hester, Louisiana, cotton industry; Francis E. Warren, Wyoming wool industry; J. Richards Dodge, Washington, agriculture; Charles Felton, Rhode Island, manufactures; E. R. Squibb, New York, chemistry; James F. Du Bois, Pennsylvania, invention; William F. McLennan, Washington, finance; J. W. Whiting, Washington, commerce; Charles B. Morton, Maine, shipping, and Marshall McDonald, Virginia, forestries.

Mrs. Holmead's Will.

The will of Sophia C. Holmead, leaving her estate to C. H. Holmead, her brother (who is named executor), in trust for C. H. Holmead, jr., was filed yesterday.

The city council of Hammond, Ind., has granted a five years' franchise to the Roby Racing Association to operate a race course at Roby, which is now in the Hammond city limits. The association is to pay $75 a month for the privilege.

The famous old hostelry, the Washington Hotel, at Philadelphia, has passed to the control of John G. Grady, as receiver.

IN HOTEL CORRIDORS.

Mr. Joseph W. Yates is more than sixty years of age and stoop-shouldered. His face is seamed with the wear of time, but in its features, as plain to be read as an open book, is the fact that he is a business man of sagacity, boldness and long experience. Mr. Yates is the senior member of the firm of Yates & Porterfield of New York, who since 1854 have run a line of freight steamers from that port to Liberia. If any man knows the African republic of the west coast, Mr. Yates is the man. He is the Liberian consul to the United States and lives at Plainfield, N. J., when not at his New York desk, which, by the by, is many hours a day. He came to Washington Thursday morning and slipped out again at 11 o'clock last night. His wealth is estimated at anything between ten and twenty millions of dollars. He paced up and down the corridors of the National last night, evidently anxious to be gone. "Yes," he said, in a high-pitched and somewhat peevish voice, "I know all about Liberia. What do you know about it? It has an area of 800,000 square miles, one-third of which is arable. The rest is timber land and mountains. Some of the ground will grow anything, and some of it is so poor that you couldn't raise a row on forty acres of it. It's population is 120,000; and very few of the people are white. Of these people, 28,000 are American negroes. They came mostly from Arkansas, Georgia and South Carolina, but every part of the south is represented. The remainder are natives. The products are coffee, palm oil, gum copaiba, ivory, woods that are used for dyeing the finest silken fabrics, and pickaninnies. Despite the latter, population is not increasing. It is about at a standstill. The country is developing slowly. Of course it has much improved since the United States took hold of it in 1820. It grew a good deal after the close of our civil war, but it lacks much of being a first rank power even in 1894. The temperature is remarkable. Spring, summer, autumn and winter the thermometer ranges from 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit in the daytime, never higher and never lower. Liberia is but eight degrees north of the equator, and there is not much room for variation. There is always a land breeze or a sea breeze, and the nights are cool. The college at Monrovia is doing well. The country has six missionaries, who devote most of their time to the natives, the American blacks being, of course, already Christianized. We carry in our ships about 120 emigrants a year. You can see for yourself that the outpouring tide is not heavy enough to seriously deplete the southern plantations. Sometimes a western editor, having nothing better to do, gets hysterically funny, says that our business is to carry rum and missionaries. I feel grateful, but you can say for me that not a drop of rum or any other intoxicant has ever been carried to Africa in one of my ships. We take such emigrants as wish to go and bring back the vegetable products of the country, notably the Liberian coffee, which is the finest in the world. So fine is it that the British government has made many efforts to grow the tree in Ceylon. It is still trying, but with little success. It has also been tried in Brazil, but failure has followed there also.

"You may say for me, too," said Mr. Yates, rising from the chair into which he had dropped, "that while it is a part of my business to transport African emigrants from the United States to Africa, I tell them to stay at home. They are never satisfied over there. They are miserable. The self-expatriated negro suffers with nostalgia as keenly as a Laplander. Let him stay where he is. I don't want his money. This may shock some of my southern friends, who want to get rid of him so badly, even though they have no idea of how they would get along without him, but it is a matter of my own knowledge, and is honestly stated."

Registered at the Ebbitt is Mrs. Ira D. Sankey of Brooklyn. She has come to Washington to see how the sweet singer of Israel whose name she bears is prospering with his revival work. She is seemingly not over thirty years old, of fair skin and with plenty of soft brown hair. The face is placid and kindly, and there is something in it which bespeaks the minister's wife, although she carries herself with the air of the traveled woman of the world, and dresses quietly but with extreme elegance.

Surrounded last night by congratulatory friends and newspaper men was Senator-elect McLaurin from Mississippi. He is a southerner, looks the southerner, and, consequently, puts up at the Metropolitan. He talked freely and with that rare tact which enables a man to use a great many words without saying anything. Upon the subject as to whether he would or would not vote for the confirmation of Mr. Peckham, he was as dumb as an oyster with the laryngitis.

For some days the hotels of Washington have shown little variety in the character of their guests. The usual quota of commercial travelers and sightseers are on hand, of course, but the others are all manufacturers or miners or large producers of one kind or another. They are brought by the transference of the tariff bill to the Senate end of the Capitol, and are all engaged in a last desperate rally to get what they want themselves, whether anybody else gets anything or not. Iron men, coal men, tobacco men, sugar men, lead-ore men, cloth men, boot and shoe men, all sorts and conditions of rich men are on the ground. In their rooms, in the parlors and in the dining halls talk upon this, that or the other schedule falls upon the ear, and around the cigar stands and above the long mahogany counters in the basements arguments that are sulphuric turn the air blue.

Mr. Edward B. Bartlett, now at the Ebbitt, is a fair sample of what horse-sense, honesty and industry may do in America. He is in the neighborhood of fifty, and would be picked out for a man of strong mentality in any company. Not many years ago he was managing editor and literary director of a junk shop in New York, and had a very big one at that. He conceived the idea of organizing a vast warehousing company, seeing the need of such a thing, and went to work. Today he is president of the Empire Warehouse Company of New York, possibly the largest concern of its kind in the world, employs hundreds of men, handles millions of dollars' worth of property yearly, and will die enormously rich. He is indefatigably industrious, and a sound and pleasant talker.

THE COMMISSIONERS' CALLERS.

Little Time Left to Them for Considering Business.

The present unusual pressure for employment, and the daily demand of liquor applicants for consideration of their liquor licenses, interfere seriously with the regular work at the District building. Commissioner Ross could easily get along and keep the wheels of government moving if he were allowed to have a certain time to himself for the transaction of municipal affairs. But all day long he is besieged in respect to offices and licenses. Foremost among the visitors of the Commissioners are the Congressmen. They come at all hours, and have no respect for the rules of the office, which provide that the building shall be closed to the public at 2 o'clock each day. Were this rule respected the situation would be greatly relieved. These Congressmen, however, have no regard for rules, and demand admittance. The citizens profit by the example, and they insist upon sending their cards to the Commissioners. The result can easily be imagined. Owing to the peculiar form of the local government, the Commissioners do not like to refuse anyone admittance. Once the rule is broken, infractions become more frequent, until it is almost a dead letter.

Commissioner Ross asked The Star reporter to suggest to those who desire to see him to call in the morning.

For Specific Performance.

A bill for the specific performance of agreement to sell was filed today by Mr. Leon Tobriner for Joseph Kummer against George Menke. He claims to have received on November 21 last a deposit for the purchase of No. 20 K street northwest for $6,000 of defendant and the defendant agreed to comply with the terms and has neglected to do so.

Alienating a Wife's Affections.

In the Court of Appeals yesterday Justice Shepard handed down the opinion in the case of Cleland Lindsley against J. S. Natsant for damages in alienating a wife's affection, affirming the court below in overruling the defendant's motion for a bill of particulars.

Street Railroads Sued.

Margaret Hamilton, by her next friend, John A. Hamilton, has entered suit against the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company and the Rock Creek Railway Company for $10,000 damages for injuries claimed to have been sustained in the collision at 14th and U streets northwest on April 16 last.

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ABOUT GEORGETOWN.

The Arguments at the Canal Hearing at Hagerstown, Md., Yesterday.

The City, It is Thought, Will Be Benefited in Any Event—Removal of a Cemetery.

The question of the extension of the rule of the trustees now in power over the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, was discussed yesterday before Judge Stake at Hagerstown. Messrs. Hugh L. Bond, jr., J. K. Cowen and J. Clarence Lane, the latter representing the newly organized transportation company, who are desirous of introducing electricity on the waterway, represented the petitioners. It was stated by Mr. Cowen that the canal trustees were in favor of keeping mule power on the canal. Should the right to introduce electricity be given to the Transportation Company, and the system turn out failure, the loss would in no way fall upon the trustees, but upon the experimenting company, who were abundantly able to stand it.

Attorney General Poe's answer to the petition embraced six reasons why the state should not grant the request of the trustees. It stated that the trustees have not complied with Judge Alvey's decree in not keeping the court informed of the canal's condition at the end of each boating season; that the application is premature by one year; that no case is made by the application which calls for its exercise; that the canal is now operated at a great loss; that the Transportation Company's scheme is visionary; that the canal is being operated at a loss and the state's holdings are imperiled thereby, and that a sale of the canal should be ordered at once.

Of the Erie canal experiments Mr. Poe said: "They are believed to have failed entirely." Judge Stake will give his decision in the case in about three weeks.

Georgetown Will Be Benefited.

In speaking of the hearing yesterday it was stated this morning by one who has kept himself posted that either the success or failure of the effort of the trustees to retain possession of the canal will work to Georgetown's advantage. If the trustees have their petition favorably acted upon and electricity is introduced (which the Scientific American says has proved a practical success on the Erie canal) Georgetown's trade will become greatly increased and transportation facilitated, and if unfavorably acted upon the existing charter granted the West Virginia Railroad Company and giving them the right of way over the Chesapeake and Ohio canal becomes effective, in which case a railroad will be operated along the canal and Georgetown will be made the terminus.

An Old-Time Sunday School.

A committee has been appointed to search the records of Dumbarton Avenue Church in order to find the names of the old superintendents and Sunday school pupils, so that those who are living may be