SPECIAL NOTICES.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL MARYLAND democrats will be held at Interstate Headquarters, 1328 N. Y. ave. n.w., FRIDAY EVENING, August 7, 1896, to form a permanent organization. All members of the Maryland Democratic Club especially invited. 1t*

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF POTOMAC Lodge, No. 5, F. A. A. M., will be held at Masonic Hall, Georgetown, D. C., on FRIDAY, August 7, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother William T. Payne. Members of sister lodges are invited to attend. Dark clothing. By order of the W. M.
1t FRANK THOMAS, Secretary.

MRS. EDWARDS, WHOSE FUNERAL TOOK place from Mt. Zion Church on Sunday, August 2 last, was a member of the Ancient United Order of Moses and not of the Ancient Independent Order of Moses. 1t*

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HENRY STRASBURGER,
MYER COHEN,
au4-3t Assignees of Elias Raff.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.—THE FIRM OF DURAND & Merrick, doing business at 937 and 939 B st. n.w., is this day dissolved. Ernest M. Merrick having purchased the interest of Henry A. Durand in said firm. All accounts due said firm are payable to Ernest M. Merrick, who continues the business at the old stand under his own name.
(Signed) HENRY A. DURAND,
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August 1, 1896. au3-6t*

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Office of Controller of the Currency,
Washington, June 30, 1896.
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Riggs National Bank of Washington, D. C.," in the city of Washington and District of Columbia, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;
NOW THEREFORE I, James H. Eckels, Controller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Riggs National Bank of Washington, D. C.," in the City of Washington, and District of Columbia, is authorized to commence the business of banking, as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of office this thirtieth day of June, 1896.
(Seal) JAMES H. ECKELS,
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DECOYED HER WITH MUSIC.

Two Officers Don Disguises and Circumvent a Woman.

From the Chicago News.

Officers Dorgan and Bretternitz of the Harrison street station disguised themselves in the interests of justice last night and now claim to be the first policemen who ever put on disguises without getting caught at it.

For some time the police have suspected that a woman on Michigan avenue, near 16th street, has been violating various ordinances, but have never been able to gain access to her home. She knew all the Harrison street and central station men by sight and gave them the mocking laugh whenever they came in sight, and for many moons her dwelling has veritably been her castle.

Last night Officers Dorgan and Bretternitz conspired. Two hours after the conspiracy was hatched an organ grinder, in the picturesque dress of Italy, halted in front of the suspected domicile and began to grind out strains of music that set the very tomcats of the neighborhood crazy with agony. The woman whom the sleuths pursued came out of her house helter-skelter and demanded that the Italian get off the block. At this moment a bicycle rider, in full knickerbockers, also came upon the scene and seconded the woman's demand that the Italian get off the earth. The woman, emboldened by the championship of the wheelman, ran down from her front steps and the Italian promptly seized her. She squealed with surprise and rage and called on the wheelman for protection. The latter, with a fiendish laugh, drew a warrant from his pocket, and the moon, sifting softly through the trees, illumined the face of Officer Dorgan, while the Italian, as he read another warrant from the other side, was revealed as Officer Bretternitz.

The woman—Mrs. Glossy Kretzer—was arraigned before Justice Richardson this morning on two charges of violating the city ordinances, but the case was continued.

Frances Thurman, an acrobat known as Zoe, was drowned near Baltimore yesterday while sliding down a wire cable. The tower holding the wire collapsed.

There were five fatal sunstrokes in New York yesterday.

Governor Bradley respited Anthony Alcorn Lincoln thirty days. He was to be hanged today at Frankfort, Ky., for murdering his father.

FORGING THE LINKS

Winding a Chain of Evidence Around George Matthews.

ATTORNEY POSEY'S DETECTIVE WORK

Difference in the Loads and Wads of the Gun.

MRS. IRWIN'S CONDITION

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.
COX'S STATION, Charles county, Md., August 6, 1896.

State's Attorney Adrian Posey has succeeded in doing a great piece of detective work, and last night he told The Star correspondent that he was certain he had the murderer in jail. George Matthews, he said, is beyond doubt the murderer of James J. Irwin, and the chain of circumstantial evidence has not now a missing link. But in face of all this proof the prisoner still maintains his innocence and declares that he had no criminal relations with the woman who is now a widow. He has not weakened in the slightest particular, nor has Mrs. Irwin, who is still at the house of the colored man, "Dick" Swann, at Allen's Fresh, near the scene of Sunday night's tragedy. Her condition has somewhat improved, and the doctors are now of the opinion that her hysteria was partly the result of shamming. This is certain,

Sheriff Wade.

because while the constables are in the room she keeps her eyes fixed on the ceiling, but when they leave the room and go outside and watch her they notice that she turns her head and rises from the bed, in order to see where they are and what they are doing. The constables on duty at the house are keeping close watch over her, fearing she might possibly attempt suicide, but if she has any such notion the officers are determined that she shall not put them in effect.

It is thought she might make an effort to end her life by running down as far as the stream and jumping in the water, and this she might do if she could slip out the back door and get a short start on the constables. Then, too, it is thought she wanted to cut her throat or take poison, for she continued all day yesterday and the day before to ask for her valise. In the valise was a peculiarly-shaped knife and a bottle containing some fluid, but what the fluid was is not known. The knife was taken from the valise, as was the bottle, and then she did not want it.

Mrs. Irwin's Father Sees Her.

Her condition was so much improved yesterday that her father, John Jackson, was permitted to see her and converse with her. So long as the conversation did not bear upon the awful tragedy the patient appeared almost as well as she did last Sunday, when she went with her husband to Lower Cedar Point to give the children as well as herself an outing. But when the subject of the murder was mentioned she became almost frantic.

"I know you are guilty of figuring in this murder, and that George Matthews shot Jim," her father said to her; "and I want you to tell the truth."

"Murdered Jim?" she muttered. "Oh, no," and then she was apparently unconscious. The father remained at her bedside a while, but was unable to get anything in the nature of a confession from her. Mrs. Irwin thought she should have better quarters than she has at Swann's. This was heard by State's Attorney Posey, and he offered to have her taken to a hotel and cared for; but, evidently realizing that she might be sent to jail, she declined the offer and said she preferred to remain where she was.

Matthews in Jail.

While she has comfortable quarters in the colored man's house, her love letter writing friend Matthews is languishing in the jail here. Most of his time is spent in the new jail in solitary confinement, for Wash. Burch, the colored jailer, spends but little of his time in the new prison. The alleged murderer being the first prisoner in the new building, the structure has been christened "Matthews' Prison." Last night when The Star's representative visited the prison all was in darkness, and the only sound to be heard from the outside was the rattling of a tin cup, from which the alleged murderer was taking a drink of water. Yesterday morning he was asked how he felt. He responded: "As well as a man could feel under the circumstances."

"Well, if you're a guilty man, I guess you feel rather bad."

"I'm innocent of the charge, but I was bothered very much during the night."

The prisoner takes proper nourishment now, and is holding up well, although when the new evidence is given before him tomorrow morning it is thought he may weaken and tell something of the crime. While some of the officers are laboring under this delusion, others believe he will maintain his innocence to the last.

His Whereabouts Sunday Night.

When the hearing before the coroner's jury Tuesday was closed, and the prisoner had made a full statement of his side of the case, State's Attorney Posey and Constable Joe Howard made a start for Rock Point, down in Cobb's Neck, the home of the prisoner, to follow up the investigation, and it was during this trip that the important evidence mentioned was obtained. In the statement of the prisoner he said he had been on the water Sunday night, and returned home about 10 o'clock. His claim was that he went as far as "Stoddard's Bar" to meet Alton Hayden for the sake of his company home, but he failed to see him. He left home two hours before sundown, he said, and reached the "Bar" just about dusk. It is certain, however, that he did not reach the "Bar," for he was seen sculling away at a lively rate up the river on the St. Mary's side, going in the direction of Chaptico.

On that side of the river the sun was behind the trees, and in the shadow, where it was rather dark, he evidently thought he would not be recognized by the other boatmen on the river, but in this he was mistaken, for he was seen and fully recognized. Then he was at a point beyond "Stoddard's Bar" farther up the river than he had admitted he had gone. Judging from the time he was seen at this point it is thought he must have reached Allen's Fresh about 8:30 o'clock.

The Theory Now.

The theory is that he hid about the house until after 9 o'clock, when the Irwins returned home, and then he went near the house. Although Mrs. Irwin has stated that the children were in the room asleep at the time the crime was committed, it is certain to the minds of those engaged in the investigation that they were really in the

Deputy Barbour.

back room, and were probably under a heavy covering when the fatal shot was fired. Be that as it may, it is now known that instead of returning home at 10 o'clock that night, as he said he did, Matthews really returned a little after 3 o'clock in the morning, giving him just about the time necessary to go from Allen's Fresh to Rock Point. At the former place he could have landed within fifty yards of the house, and under cover of darkness he could never have been seen, much less recognized.

This is only one link in the strong chain of circumstantial evidence, and the fact that he returned home after 3 a.m. cannot be disputed, for he was seen, and not only identified, but Mr. Stein, one of his neighbors, also a crabber, not only saw him, but conversed with him. In the Stein house the alarm clock had been set for 3:30 o'clock, Mr. Stein wanting to make an early start in order to get one of the best positions in the cove. Mrs. Stein had the early waking on her mind, and, consequently, she did not sleep soundly. The noise of some one sculling a boat aroused her, and seeing a man in a boat going in the direction of the choicest crabbing place, she called to her husband, "Get up; there's a man in the cove ahead of you."

He got up, as his wife had advised, and looking out the window, saw the boat go directly to the spot where he had thought of going.

"There," he said to his wife, "the man has my place in the cove."

He watched the boat closely and was happily surprised when he discovered that the man in the boat did not stop and make fast, as he had supposed he would, but continued over toward Lancaster's wharf and landed in front of Matthews' shanty. Soon afterward Mr. Stein went out and talked to the man, who proved to be Matthews. The conversation was a general one, and there was nothing about it to excite suspicion that there was anything wrong.

Wore His Oil Coat.

It is now believed by the state's attorney that Matthews wore his oil coat when, as he believes, he committed the crime. This was because he could wash off any stains of blood which might get on it. To the shanty was searched for this coat, as well as for the clothing worn by Matthews Sunday night, and which he had not had an opportunity to get rid of between the time of his return home and his arrest by Constable Joe Howard.

They were all found and were all soaking wet, showing that they had been dipped in the river recently, if not actually washed. Even the oil coat was wet, and upon it were two spots which State's Attorney Posey thinks are pieces of human flesh. The coat had evidently been washed in the dark of the night, as had the trousers and coat, and these two spots had been overlooked. In the pockets of one of the other garments two rags were found. These rags the prisoner had said he left in the boat, and that he had used them while washing the boat. Because of the wet condition of the coat and vest State's Attorney Posey found it useless to examine them for blood stains, although when they get dry they may show such stains.

An Examination of the Gun.

Having gotten possession of these garments the state's attorney and Constable Howard then made search for the gun and hatchet, but the latter instrument was not to be found. If one had been used and Matthews is the real murderer, then, it is thought, he dropped it in the river on his return trip homeward after the deadly work had been done.

The gun was found, and its condition assured the attorney that its recent use had taken the life of Jim Irwin, the inoffensive oysterman. Both barrels of the ancient weapon were loaded, but one of them had been loaded only a short time, and the condition of the load showed that it had been put in the gun in a hurry, for there was scarcely powder enough in it to send the shot from it. This barrel, however, had been fired recently, and the paper used as a wad was an old piece of greasy paper, as Matthews had said he used. But he had failed to fix the other barrel, however, for the wad in this was of a piece of the populist publication heretofore referred to, and a piece of the same paper was found in the pocket of the prisoner. It was a piece of this paper, too, that was taken from the brain of the dead man. These connecting links, the state's attorney thinks, are enough to fasten the crime upon the man in jail. But to make it even more certain that the gun had been used recently the cap on the reloaded barrel was new and shining, while that on the other barrel was old and had corroded.

In addition to all this the shot taken from the barrel that had been loaded for some time were of the mixture of the shot taken from the dead man's head, and a tin box of the same mixture was also found in the house.

Poison Found.

Besides this, a bottle of strychnine was found in the house, and some small balls, supposed to be poison, were in the pocket of the wet trousers. This bottle of poison, it is thought, was intended for use on Emma Irwin's husband, "Jim," but the woman, it is thought, weakened and preferred that Matthews should do the deed which would make her eligible to his heart and hand. If the man was secreted in the house when the husband returned home, which is not at all likely, he must have been in the garret, but it is generally supposed that he was outside and was told to climb in the side window when "Jim" was asleep and in good condition to fall a victim to the midnight assassin.

Mrs. Irwin during the course of her first complaint told of a noise made by the slamming of a door, and this, it is thought, was true. The noise was made by the door being slammed by the escaping murderer as he went down the steps and made his escape through the dining room window, which was kept raised by means of one of the tobacco sticks.

The gun which now plays so important a part in the case is the property of Charles Goode, and was borrowed on Monday of last week. It is known that Matthews had not been in the habit of using a gun, for there had been a gun in his house for a number of months prior to a few weeks ago, and he had never even handled it.

Bad Reputation as to Women.

George Matthews did not enjoy a good reputation so far as women were concerned, and has been in trouble before because of his breaking up a family in this way, with the exception of the taking of life. He has a child living at his house, and this child, it is said, is his own, the mother having died in a Washington hospital. He is another Cocking, so the people here think, and no one has any sympathy to waste on him. Mrs. Irwin comes in for her share of the censure also, the feeling against her being worse than that against the man. All the good citizens about here are advising that the law be allowed to take its course, although the people generally are loud in their denunciation of the law's delay. Under ordinary circumstances the grand jury will not meet here until October, but a numerously signed petition has been sent to Chief Judge Briscoe asking that the grand jury be convened next week in order that a speedy trial may be had. If the judge finds that he can grant this request he will also convene the Prince George's grand jury to try the colored man "Jim" Smith, who so foully murdered Miss Marguerite Drown at the Seat Pleasant house last week.

State's Attorney Posey Congratulated

State's Attorney Posey is receiving congratulations on all sides for the ability he has displayed in the investigation of this case. He now has plenty of circumstantial evidence upon which to hold the prisoner for the grand jury, and it is also believed that the woman will be held with him as a co-defendant. The attorney is only about thirty-five years old, and is an able lawyer, who has represented the county in both branches of the legislature. To him belongs the credit of the investigation of the Cocking murder case, in which evidence of guilt was obtained which would dispel any doubt of the guilt of the man who was afterward lynched.

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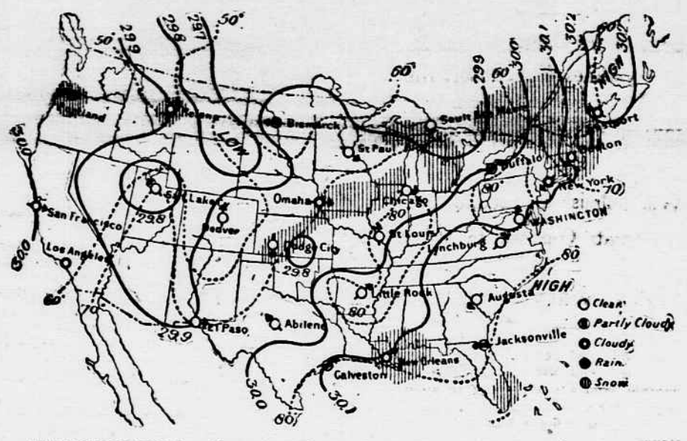

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are isobars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

WARM WAVE TO CONTINUE.

But There May Be Cooler With Showers Tomorrow Night.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Friday—For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, fair and warm weather will continue tonight and Friday; slightly cooler, with showers Friday night or Saturday; southerly winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, fair tonight and Friday, followed by local thunder-storms near the coast; variable winds; not so warm Friday afternoon.

Weather conditions and general forecast—The barometer has risen throughout the region east of the Rocky mountains; it is highest northeast of New England and high on the Atlantic coast and it is lowest in Montana.

The temperature has risen slightly from the lower lake region southward to the gulf states; it is cooler in New England and from Minnesota southward to Texas.

Local showers are reported this morning from the New England and gulf coasts, from the upper lake region, Iowa, Indiana and Kansas.

Generally fair and warm weather will continue in the south and middle Atlantic states, except local showers on the gulf coast. Conditions are favorable for local showers in the Ohio valley and lower lake region, with a slight fall in temperature Friday.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 82; condition, 35; receiving reservoir, temperature, 85; condition at north connection, 26; condition at south connection, 29; distributing reservoir, temperature, 83; condition at influent gate house, 29; effluent gate house, 20.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide, 11:50 a.m.; high tide, 5:05 a.m. and 5:32 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 12 midnight and 12:40 p.m.; high tide, 6 a.m. and 6:26 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Sun rises, 5:05; sun sets, 7:05. Moon rises, 2:58 a.m. tomorrow.

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 8:03 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 4:21 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. Arc lamps lighted at 7:58 p.m.; extinguished at 4:30 a.m.

Range of the Thermometer.

The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau today: 8 a.m., 80; 2 p.m., 97; maximum, 97; minimum, 80.

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LIGHTING THE PARKS

Public Streets Cannot Be Used to Secure Connections.

ANOTHER OPINION OF MR. THOMAS

He Again Defines the Powers of the Commissioners.

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT

The attorney for the District, as stated several days ago in The Star, decided, in an opinion to the Commissioners, that they had no power to grant a permit to the Potomac Electric Light and Power Company to make connections for the purpose of lighting the parks.

His opinion was given out by the Commissioners today, and is as follows:

The Opinion of the Attorney.

"I have considered the letter of Col. John M. Wilson, U. S. A., in charge of public buildings and grounds, suggesting that he has received proposals from the United States Electric Lighting Company and the Potomac Light and Power Company to light Lafayette, Franklin, Judiciary and Lincoln Parks with electric lights, and desiring to know if the contract is awarded to either of the bidders the Commissioners will permit the opening of the streets for the reception of the necessary underground wires to furnish the lights, which you referred to me for opinion.

"The item in the current sundry civil bill, approved June 11, 1896, for lighting the Executive Mansion and public grounds provides:

"For electric lights for three hundred and sixty-five nights for not exceeding thirty-two posts in Lafayette, Franklin, Judiciary and Lincoln parks, at 28 cents per light per night, $3,270.40: Provided, That all wires shall be placed underground, and that the conduits, wires, lamp posts, complete shall be furnished by the electric light company, without expense to the United States, and that 28 cents per lamp per night shall cover the entire cost to the United States of lighting and maintaining in good order each electric light in the parks mentioned."

As it will be observed, that $3,270.40 is appropriated to pay for such lighting, for 365 nights, and that the conduits, wires, lamps and posts complete shall be furnished by the electric lighting company, without expense to the United States, and that neither of the electric lighting companies submitting bids is named in the act. This being so, the question is whether Colonel Wilson may award a contract for lighting to the lowest bidder, if such bidder has no electric light system in Washington city, east of Rock creek.

Quoting the Laws.

"On the same day the sundry civil bill was also approved. The item in the District bill in reference to electric arc lighting provides that the Commissioners may, under reasonable restrictions, authorize any existing electric light company having overhead wires to maintain and use for the period of eight months and no longer its existing poles and overhead wires west of Rock creek in places outside of the fire limits of the District, and that such existing electric light company may construct and use, under such regulations as the Commissioners may fix, conduits for the reception of its existing overhead wires within the territory formerly known as Georgetown, and to extend the same by an aggregate of not more than one and one-fourth miles of conduit in the same territory. And that the United States Electric Lighting Company may extend its underground conduits and wires east of Rock creek and within the said fire limits to Mt. Pleasant and Washington and Columbia Heights, also under such regulations as the Commissioners may prescribe. The clauses in the two bills being upon the same subject are to be construed together.

"Congress in contemplation of law must be supposed to have known that there were two electric lighting companies operating in this District—the United States Electric Lighting Company, operating both in the city of Washington east of Rock creek, and in that part of the city formerly Georgetown, and that it had both an underground and overhead system, and the Potomac Light and Power Company, operating in the territory formerly known as Georgetown.

Definite Action by Congress.

"The history of the clause in the District appropriation bill, in reference to electric lighting, as appears by the Congressional Record, shows that the Potomac Light and Power Company sought recognition by Congress, at its last session, and succeeded so far in getting it as to be able to maintain its existing poles and overhead wires in Georgetown for the period of eight months, and to construct and use, under such regulations as the Commissioners may fix, conduits for the reception of its overhead wires, or an aggregate length of not more than one and one-fourth miles, in that territory, but a provision intended to give the Commissioners authority to let the entire service of electric lighting to the lowest responsible bidder, after having passed the House failed in the Senate.

"It will be observed that the item in the sundry civil bill, in reference to the lighting of the parks referred to, does not authorize the officer in charge to let the service to the lowest bidder, and the question is whether the lowest bidder for the service, not having a plant or system in Washington city east of Rock creek, may be awarded a contract for lighting those parks.

Analogous to Arc Light Question.

"The question is analogous to that involved in the controversy between the two electric lighting companies in reference to furnishing the additional electric arc lights provided for in the current District appropriation bill, in respect to which I gave you an opinion on the 29th ultimo.

"The policy of Congress, as shown by its act of June 11, 1896 (the District appropriation bill), in reference to electric lighting is evidently not to duplicate in the streets and avenues of Washington, east of Rock creek, the electric wires and conduits of different electric lighting companies.

"It is a general principle of law, well settled in this District, by the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of District agt. Baltimore and Potomac R. R. Co., 114 U. S., 453, that the streets of this city cannot be used for telegraph, telephone, electric light or railroad purposes without express permission of Congress.

Geographical Limits Fixed.

"In view of the clause in the District appropriation bill fixing geographically the limits for the operations of the two electric lighting companies in this District, and the fact that the item in the sundry civil bill referred to by Col. Wilson does not authorize him to let the service of lighting the parks to the lowest responsible bidder, it results that the Commissioners, in the event the bid of the Potomac Light and Power Company should be accepted by Col. Wilson, would not be legally authorized to permit that company to open the streets for the purpose of putting down the underground wires necessary to furnish the service.

"The streets, avenues and alleys of the city of Washington and its suburbs, and the roads of the District outside of the city and suburbs, have been placed, by Congress, under the control and supervision of the Commissioners, but this control does not confer the right to impose extraordinary servitudes upon them, without express authority from Congress, unless such authority results by necessary implication from some act of Congress.

Disposition of Congress.

"As showing the disposition of Congress in reference to the use of the streets the act of May 19, 1896, to permit the Pintsch Compressing Company to lay pipe lines in the city of Washington, may be referred to. That act authorized the Commissioners to grant the Pintsch Compressing Company, a corporation of New Jersey, having a plant in square 269 in this city, permission to lay pipes in the streets for the distribution of its gas for the purpose of furnishing light to railroad cars and the gas buoys of the United States light house board, but it carefully defined the route of such pipe line to the Potomac river, and required the company to give bond to insure the complete restoration of all pavements and other private or public property disturbed in laying said pipe line, etc.

"Col. Wilson's letter is herewith returned."

THE SURVIVORS OF HEROES

Apportionment of the Fund for the Families of Dead Firemen.

Sums Received by the Widows and Children of Men Who Bravely Lost Their Lives.

The committee appointed by the Commissioners to apportion the fund collected in aid of the families of the firemen who lost their lives in the fire on Louisiana avenue on the night of May 11, 1896, today made its report. The committee was composed of the secretary of the Commissioners, Dr. Wm. Tindall; the auditor of the District, Mr. J. T. Petty, and the chief of the fire department, Mr. Joseph Parris.

There was a total of $9,313.79 collected, which will be distributed as follows:

Mrs. G. H. Giles, $1,241.84.
Mrs. T. A. Griffin, $1,241.84.
Mrs. G. W. Kettler, $1,241.84.
Mrs. Conway, $1,241.84.
Mrs. Joseph Mulhall, $1,241.84.
John Mulhall, Mary Mulhall, Catherine Mulhall, Ella Mulhall and Maggie T. Mulhall, children of Fireman Joseph Mulhall, each receive $620.92.

Among the big receipts may be mentioned:
Proceeds from firemen's excursion, $4,472.
Collected by The Evening Star, $2,316.09.
Collected by Washington Post, $52.
Collected by Washington Times, $63.23.
Proceeds from lecture on Ben Hur by Dr. A. G. Rogers, $177.35.
Proceeds of game of base ball by employes of government printing office, $133.
Proceeds mail equipment shop, $354.
Proceeds of entertainment by Col. J. A. Joyce and Goldwin Patten, $505.
Proceeds from raffle of horse and trap donated by National Fencibles, $236.75.

Masonic Bodies Incorporated.

The Grand Commandery of Masonic Knights Templar for the District of Columbia and jurisdiction was incorporated today by articles filed by D. F. Seville, W. F. Lee, Geo. W. Phillips, Geo. R. Rhone, W. H. Johnson, J. H. McDowell, James O. Holmes, O. R. King, Geo. W. Simms, J. N. Adams, A. Lincoln Howard, A. J. Dyer, Peter Lucas and W. P. Gray.

The same persons today also filed articles incorporating the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Ancient Rite for the District of Columbia and jurisdiction.

Too Warm to Bring Out a Child.

Judge Cole today overruled the motion of James F. Glenn, who is suing for divorce, to compel Mrs. Mary E. Glenn, his wife, to produce her infant child in court. The judge explained that the weather was much too warm to bring out a little child.

Must Pay the Money.

In the divorce case of Eudora McLaflin against Edward McLaflin, Judge Cole today ordered the marshal to arrest the defendant and retain him in custody until he shall pay to Messrs. Needham & Cotton, Mrs. McLaflin's counsel, the sum of $25, being one-half of the amount of counsel fees ordered to be paid June 15, 1896, as for contempt of court. The court also ordered Mr. McLaflin to pay the counsel $25 the 1st of September.

Ex-Consul to Porto Rico Rawleigh Haydon was married at Warsaw, Va., to Mary Quilen.

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