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**THE LOTTERY CASES UP**

**REARGUED BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.**

Power of the Government to Suppress the Traffic Involved—Mr. Beck's Argument.

The so-called lottery cases were reargued yesterday in the Supreme Court. They were first argued in October, 1901, and a reargument was had in April, 1902. On account of Justice Gray's death a further reargument was ordered, which was begun yesterday. The cases are important ones, as the ability to prevent lotteries in this country may depend upon the final decision.

Under this act two arrests were made, one for conveying lottery matter by the Wells-Fargo Express Company from Texas to California, and in the other case the defendant was arrested for carrying a lottery ticket from Newport, Ky., to Cincinnati, Ohio. The validity of these arrests is the point involved in these cases, and apart from the ability to suppress lotteries the cases are believed to be very important as defining the nature and extent of the federal power over interstate commerce.

Mr. Beck's Contention. Assistant Attorney General James M. Beck, who represented the government, argued that the carriage of these tickets was commerce. He contended that commerce meant intercourse in its broadest significance, and that, therefore, the mere transit of individuals from state to state is interstate commerce. In any event, he contended, that the carriage or conveyance of things from state to state by any means of transportation is itself commerce.

For Dissolution of Partnership. James W. Phelps, through Attorney Hayden Frank, has filed proceedings in equity against Frank K. Saylor, the court being asked to dissolve a partnership existing between the parties to the suit for the conduct of a plastering business. It is asserted that by reason of unfriendly relations that now exist between the complainant and defendant it is impossible for them to further continue in partnership.

**ON THE RIVER FRONT**

**FUEL ON HAND FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY STATIONS.**

Wood-Laden Schooner Goes Ashore—Digging Sand at Mt. Vernon—General News.

**IN THE SUPREME COURT.**

**Justice Clark of Tasmania Spectator of the Proceedings.**

Justice Clark of the supreme court of Tasmania was among the spectators of the proceedings of the United States Supreme Court yesterday. He was escorted to the Capitol by Chief Justice Fuller and occupied a seat among the members of the bar.

The chief justice replied that the application would have consideration, and said that in the meantime the testimony could be filed. The case involved the validity of a railroad bond, which was guaranteed by North Carolina, and which has been acquired by the school fund of South Dakota.

Not What It Was Supposed to Be. "Here's something for you," said a man who called at the third police station Sunday night and left a basket on the floor. Desk Sergeant Hinkie left his seat and walked to where the man had deposited the basket, thinking it probably contained a contribution for the poor. Lifting a newspaper covering, he saw what he supposed was the body of an infant. To find the man was the next thing in order, and the officers on duty tried to do, but without success.

Along the Wharves. The two-masted schooner Wm. McDaniel, bound to this city with a cargo of cord wood, went ashore on the flats on the Maryland side of the river, between Nottley Hill and Jones' Point light, yesterday morning, and remained hard aground for several hours until the rising tide was high enough to float her. She arrived here this morning.

**PHARMACY PRACTICE**

**BILL TO AMEND THE LAW IN DISTRICT.**

Provision for Appointment of Two Additional Members of Board of Pharmacy.

The Registered Drug Clerks' Association, No. 240, has prepared a bill to amend an act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the District of Columbia, which it will have submitted to Congress during the present session.

Additional Members of Board. "Section 2. That immediately after the passage of this act, and annually thereafter, or as often as necessary, the commissioners of the District of Columbia shall appoint two registered drug clerks to be additional members of the board of pharmacy for the District of Columbia; said additional commissioners of pharmacy shall render their services without compensation and shall hold office for the term of one year, and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Christian's Defense of Smoking. One of Melbourne's historic buildings, Bishop's court, the official residence of the Anglican prelate, is about to be demolished and to give place to a more up-to-date structure. In its garden is the oldest gum tree in Australia, declared by the late eminent botanist, Sir Ferdinand von Mueller, to date from the sixteenth century.

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Petition in Bankruptcy. A petition in voluntary bankruptcy has been filed by Isaac Israel, trading as "Israel & Co.," and also as the "Standard Tailors." The petitioner, who is represented by Attorneys Michael J. Colbert and R. Newton Donaldson, states his summary of debts to be \$3,900.00, and his assets \$3,000.

**REMOVAL OF TREES**

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE CONDITIONS IN DISTRICT.**

Losses Occasioned by Horses Gnawing the Bark—Other Causes Assigned—Number Destroyed.

Col. John Biddle, the Engineer Commissioner of the District, recently set on foot an inquiry into the cause of the numerous removals of trees from the city streets. Following out the instructions of the Commissioner the superintendent of the parking commission, Truman Lanham, has submitted a report of an investigation covering two months just passed.

Wills Filed for Probate. Wills have been filed for probate as follows: That of Julia Hammond Rea, dated April 9, 1902, and naming her son-in-law, Hazard Griffith, executor. Her estate is left to her children and grandchildren in stipulated portions.

Father and Son Victims of Accident. Mr. William Hensley of 631 I street southeast returned Sunday evening from Smith Hill, Va., where he attended the funeral of his father-in-law, Mr. Thomas Deatur, who was crushed to death by a car in the Cabin Branch ore mines, a few days ago.

Funeral of Samuel F. Edwards. Funeral services over the remains of Samuel F. Edwards, who died Thursday, were held at his home, No. 615 9th street northeast, Saturday at 2 o'clock p.m.

Explanatory Statement. Referring to the measure the clerks have issued the following statement: "The Registered Drug Clerks' Association of the District of Columbia, who are affiliated with the National Retail Clerks' Association and the American Federation of Labor, have prepared a bill to amend the pharmacy law of the District of Columbia.

Total Number of Trees Planted. The report to Col. Biddle also contains for the first time a statement of the total number of the various kinds of trees planted in the streets of Washington and the suburbs. The grand total of street trees in the District is 84,457. These are divided as follows: American ash, 735; catalpa (in parkings), 600; cypress (in parkings), 28; alms, 7,765; horse chestnut, 250; Kentucky coffee, 1,055; lindens, 6,880; honey locusts, 1,000; silver or soft maples, 25,390; Norway maples, 7,080; red maples, 625; sycamore maples, 375; sugar maples, 7,680; negundo, 1,800; pin oaks, 680; red oaks, 417; swamp white oaks, 50; upright English oaks, 82; willow-leaf oaks, 24; Carolina poplars, 6,540; Albanian poplars, 760; Turkestan poplars, 42; mixed poplars, 1,200; sycamores, 11,065; sweet gums, 230; Salisburias, 640; tulip trees, 2,620; miscellaneous, 300.