THE GREATER PALAIS ROYAL

A. LISNER. Washington, D. C. G STREET.

Why Not Sunday

Learn the Reason Why.

The college girl can secure her Spring Suit for $16.50 that will cost $20 and up later.

The adult need invest no more than $18.50 and be assured a new Suit such as will be $25 and up later.

Snow on the ground—that's just it—that's why the makers are willing to drop prices now. They'll not do it when the sun warms this portion of Mother Earth once more. Then you'll be asking for these Suits—and they'll be making good their present losses.

Please credit the Greater Palais Royal with sharing every cent of benefit these cold days are bringing.

Hats, $3.48, $4.50, $6.50, $7.50

All New—The Latest-moment Midseason Styles.

At $3.48 is the New Black Satin Sailor, with braid facings and side cockades of velvet and satin. At $4.50, $6.50 and $7.50 are all the new small and medium size hats of satin braid, many with velvet facing, flat ribbon bows, small straight feathers and velvet ears. Black and colors. Individuality and distinctiveness to each—altogether unlike the factory made hats.

Guaranteed Diamond Rings

Tomorrow will end a sale of Real Diamond Rings that has attracted more attention than any sale of the kind in a decade. Rather flattering—the representatives of the leading jewelry stores have been included among this week's visitors.

The Remaining Rings at Reduced Prices.

Second Choice Now—But Note the Difference in Prices.

$82.50 Were $98.	$75.00 Were $90.	$50.00 Were $60.	$33.50 Were $39.	$30.00 Were $36.
$25.00 Were $30.	$21.25 Were $25.	$16.50 Were $20.	$12.25 Were $15.	$6.50 Were $7.75.

Jewelry—Platinum and Diamonds

The World's Best Imitations—From Paris.

A page full of descriptions in The Star would be less convincing than a glance at this jewelry. Those accustomed to real diamonds will best appreciate these really marvelous imitations. The platinum settings are also a revelation. Grand exposition and sale tomorrow, in "Tiffany Room"—northeast corner of first floor.

Hair Barrettes, $3.25, $4.00, $5.00, $8.00, $9.00, $10.00; Hair Bandeaux, $1.75, $5.00, $6.50, $7.50, $12.98; Lavallier Pendants, $2.00, $3.25, $4.00; Velvet Ribbon Slides, 75c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50; Slipper Buckles, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00; Hairpins, 50c, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.50, $5.00; Carved Back Combs, $4.00; Long Jabot Pins, $3.00.

See These New Neckpieces.

The greater Neckwear Department is on first floor, near G street door. Will you not select one of the new pieces told of below—and wear it when you are fitted with the corsets and dress or suit on third floor? The tout ensemble will delight you.

50c to $7.98 Best Imitation Laces.

$4.98 to $25 Real Irish Laces.

These Heavy Lace Collars are being worn today in Paris, London and New York—in conjunction with Cloth Suits and Dresses. The display here is of the latest importations and includes Point Venise, Macrame, Irish Point and Real Irish Lace Collars, with deep point, round and square sailor back, white and ecru.

$1.00, $1.50 and $1.98 for the New Shadow Net Guimpes, white, cream and black. These are both new and beautiful.

25c for New Lace Stocks, Rabats, Stocks with Jabots, Net Chemisettes and Sleeves. Also Crocheted Silk Ties looking worth 50c.

$1.00 Sample Bags, $3.00

Values, $2.00 and Up to $10.00.

At $3.00 are the various Leather, Velvet, Beaded and Fur Bags of the season, not a few being samples of $10.00 bags. At $1.00 are Velvet Bags with long cord handles, some fringe trimmed.

The New Men's Wear Shop

G Street, Two Doors East of 11th.

Tomorrow a week-end sale of "broken lots" of 25c and 35c Half Hose. Individually these little lots are undesirable, but bunch them together, and a vast variety is created, with all sizes in one style or another. These 25c and 35c Hose to be 3 pairs for 50c. Per pair.... **17c**

The "Greater Palais Royal" Suspenders, 25c

Made expressly for the new Men's Wear Shop. Contracting for a vast quantity superior material is assured—so that the name and guarantee of the Greater Palais Royal can be associated. The elastic webbing is as good as in 50c suspenders, while the kid ends are palpably best.

The New Accordion "Onyx" Half Hose, 50c

Accordion—the word is suggestive and creates undefined stripes in black and white, black and blue, black and green, black and purple. The man who keeps in touch with fashion's dictates has to wear these accordion half hose, and, of course, they are a feature of the new Men's Wear Shop.

The New "Vindex" Shirt Is First Here.

Told you the other day of the $1.00 "Vindex" Shirt, of madras, etc. You remember the guarantee—purchase money refunded if not proving satisfactory after wearing? Now comes the newer "Vindex"—of woven pongee, showing stripes. An extra soft collar is included with this newest "Vindex." The price, only $1.35. No risk—you wear this shirt, and if you think there's a fault you bring it back, and your $1.35 is immediately returned you.

Midseason Shirts and Drawers, 50c.

Not to be worn for long—you don't think it worth while to pay a full price. These Medium-weight White and Gray Merino Shirts and Drawers are just the thing. All sizes to 50—small, medium and big men can be accurately fitted.

15c "DANDERINE" 15c

Note the Price Surprise.

Williams' New Shaving Sticks, each, 19c
Best Badger Shaving Brushes, each, 50c
All Bristle Hair Brushes, celluloid backs 69c
Best Rubber Dressing Combs, each 19c
"Odol," the great tooth wash, bottle, 50c
Kolynos Tooth Paste, tube..... 21c
Best Bristle Tooth Brushes, each..19c
Payan's Violet Extract, ounce..... 39c
Freeman's Face Powder, all shades, 25c
Pinaud's Brilliantine, bottle..... 25c
Best Witch Hazel, bottle..... 15c
Evanola Cream, jar..... 15c
Best Nail Pumice, each..... 8c
Murray & Lanman's Florida Water, 50c
Mme. Young's Face Tint, bottle.... 39c
Colgate's Fine Toilet Soaps, box... 20c
Williams' Talcum Powder, box..... 15c
Emery Boards, dozen..... 5c
Imperial Cement, bottle..... 10c
"Steero" Bouillon Cubes, box..... 25c
Vaucaire Galega Tablets, white..... 79c

Waists, $1 & $2

Values to $5.00.

The new Semi-tailored Waists are now here in both white and black, really tailor-made, fitting to perfection. Those will be found on the $1.00 table. At $2.00 are lingerie effects which include samples worth to $5.00.

See tables on first and second floors.

Come prepared to buy half a dozen of these Waists—you will later thank the writer for the suggestion.

The Only Shoes for Children.

All Sizes. Little Wonder All Ages.

The spring styles of 1912 are here—for infants, children, misses and growing girls. The "Hold-up" arch, with best of materials and careful bench work assure comfort, style and durability.

Infants', 2 to 6, $1.00 to $1.35 pair.
Child's, 5 to 8, $1.50 to $2.50 pair.
Child's, 8½ to 11, $1.75 to $3.50 pair.
Misses', 11½ to 2, $2.00 to $4.00 pair.
Growing girls', 2½ to 6, $3.00 to $4.50 pair.

Boys' $3.00 Shoes, $1.95.

Special for Tomorrow—Saturday—Only.

Patent colt, gun metal calf and tan Russian calf, with welt soles. Button and blucher styles. On second floor—where is the Boys' Shop for Clothing.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats

—In All Sizes Up to 17 Years.

"Sampeck Clothes"—the standard of America—are a guarantee as to style and quality. The Greater Palais Royal Clearing Sale is an assurance of prices reduced to make the distribution quick and sure. Easier for us and fairest for you—to allow the price tickets to remain on all garments and give you a list of the reductions.

$10.00 Marked $15.	$8.00 Marked $12.	$6.50 Marked $10.	$6.00 Marked $9.

The Famous $7.50 Suits and O'Coats, $5

$4.00 Marked $6.	$3.50 Marked $5.	$2.65 Marked $4.	$2.00 Marked $3.

Boys' Caps, Shirts and Blouses, 50c.

The caps are made of "mill ends" of high-grade cloths, and are really $1.00 quality. The Shirts and Blouses have attached and detached collars, plain white and colors, in stripes and figures. Blouses in sizes 4 to 16 years; shirts, 12 to 14 years.

Stockings for Both Boys and Girls.

"Fay" Hose for boys and girls, buttoning to the waist; black, white and tan; sizes 5 to 9. 25c to..... **45c**

"Eton," a fine ribbed double knee hose, for boys, extra long and elastic, fast black and tan; sizes 6 to 10..... **25c**

"Onyx," a special silk mercerized hose for the girls, in black, white, tan; sizes 4 to 9½.... **25c**

"Veribest" Hose for boys and girls, black and tan; sizes 6 to 10..... **15c**

Candy, Toys, Games and Books.

Peanut and Cocoanut Brittle. Warranted 100 per cent pure. Pound..... **10c**

Chocolate and Strawberry Taffy—being made today. Pound **20c**

Chocolates, 20 different kinds, being made today. Pound.... **25c**

Chocolates, hand made, finest quality; no better sold at 60c. Pound **39c**

Huyler's Genuine Old-fashioned Molasses Candy, large boxes **10c**

Children's Rocking Chairs, with arms strongly made; worth 50c **29c**

Boys' Iron Wagons, with iron wheels, strongly made and worth 79c..... **48c**

China Toy Tea Sets, 24 pieces, large size, handsomely decorated. $1 value..... **79c**

Boys' and Girls' Latest Books, hundreds of best titles. Choice for **25c**

The Palais Royal,

A. LISNER. 8:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. G STREET.

PROBE REORGANIZATION OF THE STANDARD OIL

Action Is Outcome of Election of Waters-Pierce Company Yesterday.

ST. LOUIS, February 16.—Attorneys and representatives of the Standard Oil-Rockefeler interests who attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company have been served, it was announced today, with subpoenas to appear Monday and give depositions regarding the methods employed by the Rockefeller interests in the reorganization of the Standard Oil Company.

The subpoenas were served on M. M. Vanburen and Walter Taylor of New York, R. W. Stewart of Chicago and George N. Mayer of Kansas City. It is believed the taking of depositions will serve to stay the mandamus proceedings before Circuit Judge Kinsey tomorrow.

The mandamus proceedings are to force H. Clay Pierce and his associates, owners of the minority stock in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, to certify the votes of the Rockefeller stockholders in the Missouri corporation.

Barred Standard Oil Votes.

Yesterday the Pierce faction refused to permit John D. Rockefeller and his standard oil associates to vote their $2,780,300 worth of stock in the Waters-Pierce on the grounds that their effort to obtain control of the Waters-Pierce company was an attempt at continuance of the oil trust in a new form and to corner the oil output in Mexico.

Pierce charged the Rockefeller interests, in voting the election of Robert W. Stewart, George W. Meyer and Charles M. Adams as three of the five directors, with attempting to place officials of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in sole control of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

Following the announcement of the result of the election the new board elected H. Clay Pierce, chairman; C. Arthur Pierce, president; C. F. Lydon, secretary-treasurer, and E. H. Avery, assistant treasurer.

River Steamers Being Overhauled.

The steamer Three Rivers, of the Washington-Baltimore line of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, is at a Baltimore shipyard receiving her annual overhauling and cleaning up in preparation for resuming service on her route as soon as weather conditions will allow. The steamer Northumberland, which is being overhauled, it is stated, will resume service on the route from Baltimore to lower river points in a few days.

Salt Rheum

Comes in itching, burning, oozing, drying and scaling patches, on the face, head, hands, arms, legs or body, and the itching is commonly worse at night, sometimes almost intolerable.

In the treatment of Salt Rheum, which depends on impure blood, a wonderfully successful medicine is the great blood purifier,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which has given entire satisfaction in thousands of cases.

Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today, in liquid or tablets called SARSATABS.

ROOSEVELT DISCUSSES "INDUSTRIAL JUSTICE"

Editorially Commends Suggestion by President Taft for a Federal Commission.

NEW YORK, February 16.—Theodore Roosevelt has an editorial article in the current issue of the Outlook on a phase of "Industrial justice."

After describing a visit to a model factory and dwelling on certain phases of the relations between employer and employe, Mr. Roosevelt says:

"The President in a recent message has recommended the creation by Congress of a commission to look into industrial conditions in this country. It is earnestly to be hoped that republicans and democrats, wise progressives and wise conservatives, will all alike back up this action. Such a commission could not but do good.

Should Satisfy Both Sides.

"If properly made up, it would approach the matter of industrial relations without prejudice as between employers' associations and labor unions. It would look at the matter from the point of view of the public interest witn concern to work for the prevention of unnecessary labor disputes, and for settling those that do arise on a just and permanent basis. Such a commission of wise, public-spirited, and well informed citizens would look carefully and without prejudice into the existing grievances of labor, and would examine the means which are available for fighting them, and the plans which are being tried in this country or abroad for preventing and settling disputes.

Function and Efficiency of Bureaus.

"It would examine into the function and efficiency of state and federal labor bureaus, and would report as to existing labor laws, so that we might know whether they are adequate and correspond to our present needs as a people.

"It would work along any line of profitable inquiry which might be suggested. Surely there is now a widespread and deep public interest in this vital subject and an earnest desire to know whether our existing mechanism for preventing and settling labor disputes and for helping the cause of social justice as regards both employer and wage worker cannot be improved.

Necessity for Federal Action.

"Undoubtedly the remedy must in large part be found in the action of the several states rather than in the feedral government, and undoubtedly it must also in large part be found in voluntary arrangements between employers and employes, and in a higher general recognition of the need of justice and fair dealing. But only an inquiry by the federal government can be really authoritative and satisfactory and can really cover all the different sides of the matter and throw full light upon all the puzzling, baffling, complicated and vitally important questions involved."

Home Rule for Ireland?

"I don't blame th' jooks, an' th' marqueses an' th' earls f'r gein' cross about home rule," says "Mr. Dooley," in the special features section of The Sunday Star. "Business in their line has been bad f'r some time an' manny iv th' Irish peers has had to go to wurruk selin' wine or marryin' American heiresses. But y'd wondher why a hero that's calkin' seams or forgin' bolts in a Belfast shipyard wud care who ruled Ireland."

ESTATE TO BE SOLD.

Bequests Made in Will of Eminel P. Halstead.

The will of Eminel P. Halstead, dated June 9, 1910, and modified by codical of September 9, 1911, has been filed for probate. After designating Thomas W. Sidwell and Erskine Gordon as executors and requesting his interment at Worcester, Mass., Mr. Halstead directs the executors to convert his estate into cash. They are then to pay $750 to Mrs. Bessie B. Mulford, if living; $50 each to his nephews, William L., John B., James L. and Eminel P. Halstead of San Francisco, and $500 to a niece, Emma Grover of Santa Cruz, Cal. The balance of the money goes to his brother, George W. Halstead, of Guthrie, Okla.

By the codicil the bequest to Mrs. Mulford is revoked.

By the terms of the will of Lucy Lomax, dated February 13, 1912, a bequest of $100 is made to her niece, Daisy Williams. The remaining estate is devised to William Lomax and Laura Lomax, brother and sister of the deceased. The brother is also named as executor.

DOUBLE BILL AT Y. M. C. A.

Basket Ball and Base Ball to Be Played Tomorrow.

Two games will be featured in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Saturday night. A basket ball game between the Memorial team and the Regulars of the association, starting at 8 p.m. will come first. The line-up

Y. M. C. A. Regulars.		Memorial.
Hall, Miller	L.C.	Murphy
Frazier	R.C.	McHale
Vaik	C.	Wade
McKay	L.G.	Donahue
Allwine, McDonald	R.G.	Dixon

The second game will be an indoor base ball game, starting at 9 p.m. between the Ingram nine and the association team.

The Ingram team has improved very much in its playing since the first of the season, and maintains that it is going to put one over on the Y. M. C. A. boys this time sure.

The association fellows say "never a look in," so the question now is, who's who, and the game Saturday will have to tell the story. The line-up:

Y. M. C. A.		Ingram.
Gregory	1B.	Brewer
Krch	C.	Handiboe
Hanna, Goggin	L.S.	Miller
Lockie	3B.	Cassidy
King	2B.	Browne
Borchard	R.S.	Walters
Orne	P.	Collins
Herbert	L.F.	Ketler
Foster	R.F.	Tipton

Umpires—Shurtleff and Peet.

Building Permits Issued.

The following building permits were issued today:

To J. P. Smith to build two-story brick store and dwelling at 1369 C street southwest; architect, A. H. Jouvenal; builder, J. P. Smith; estimated cost, $2,750.

To George and Edith Dugdale to build dwelling at 3908 Huntington street northwest; architect, George P. Hales; builder, C. C. Lightbown; estimated cost, $5,000.

To Frank A. Munsey to repair business property at 1329 E street northwest; architects, McKim, Mead & White; contractor, George C. Fuller Company; estimated cost $100,000.

Navy Ships to Celebrate Mardi Gras.

Two naval vessels have been ordered to take part in Mardi Gras celebrations in southern cities this spring. The gunboat Wheeling has been ordered to Mobile, Ala., for that purpose, and the troopship Prairie to New Orleans.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

ADVANCE IS ANNOUNCED OF POSTAL OFFICIALS

George G. Thomson Promoted to Be Chief Clerk of the Department.

George G. Thomson of Michigan was today announced by Postmaster General Hitchcock as chief clerk of the Post Office Department, at $4,000 a year, to succeed Theodore L. Weed, recently made director of the postal savings system. George L. Wood of Maryland was promoted to be superintendent of rural mails, at $3,000 a year, vice Thomson, and William J. Satterfield of West Virginia was made chief clerk of the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general, at $2,500 a year, vice Wood, promoted.

Mr. Thomson's Rise in the Service.

George G. Thomson entered the postal service in 1896 by transfer from a clerical position in the patent office of the Department of the Interior. After three and one-half years as stenographer to the general superintendent of the railway mail service he was transferred to the bureau of the third assistant postmaster general, where he was acting chief clerk for some time. Subsequently he was transferred to the division of classification, in the same bureau, and assigned to the section handling the applications of publications for entry as second-class matter. He was promoted to assistant chief clerk of the Post Office Department in October, 1905, which position he filled until February, 1908, when he was made superintendent of the division of supplies. After serving in the latter position until October, 1910, he was transferred and promoted to the position of inspector-in-charge, with headquarters at Austin, Tex., serving until April 1, 1911, when he became superintendent of the division of rural mails.

Mr. Thomson was born at London, Ontario, Canada, April 26, 1869, and moved to Detroit, Mich., early in life, where he received his education in the graded and high schools.

During Mr. Thomson's career in the postal service he has been selected by the Postmaster General at various times to serve on important committees—such as those created to revise the money order system and work out a plan for the establishment of the postal savings banks. Before he was transferred to Texas he was a member of the committee appointed to co-operate with Dr. Frederic Cleveland in investigating the business methods of the various executive departments.

Two Other Promotions.

George L. Wood entered the government service from Baltimore, Md., as stenographer in the office of the Postmaster General, March, 1897. He served in various grades until 1906, when he was made assistant superintendent, division of salaries and allowances, at $2,000, which later, February, 1908, was increased to $2,250 a year.

Since October, 1910, he has been chief clerk of the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general at a salary of $2,500 a year.

William J. Satterfield entered the Post Office Department by transfer from the railway mail service May 29, 1901, as clerk at $900. He was rapidly promoted through the various grades to an eighteen-hundred-dollar clerkship July 1, 1907. He was born January 14, 1870, at White Day, W. Va. His legal residence is now Parkersburg, W. Va.

CHINESE ARE PREPARING TO OBSERVE NEW YEAR

Little Work, But Much Visiting and Feasting on Program for Tomorrow.

Pictures of great men of the Chinese empire, bright red visiting cards, peacock feathers and good things to eat and drink will be in evidence in China town tomorrow, it being Chinese New Year. In every laundry and Chinese store or place of abode an effort will be made to display evidences of good cheer, and the Chinaman who is unable to settle his bills today and be at peace with all the world will be a miserable creature.

Some of the Chinamen will display the new flag of the Chinese republic and pictures of the new president to show their patriotism. Today all the celestials are cleaning house, and early tomorrow morning they will begin making calls.

Those who have male children will take their offspring with them to pay their respects to their friends, the older children knowing they will be given cash presents and good things to eat.

New Year's day is a great day for the Chinese children. The more prosperous Chinamen wrap money in small pieces of paper and have them where the children can easily reach them and take one, and those who have accompanied their parents before realize there is more money to be expected in the larger packages, and that it is not a case of "the best goods coming in small packages."

Very few Chinamen will labor tomorrow. At night most of the celestials in business in the outlying sections will gather in Chinatown with their friends to participate in the celebration of the holiday.

NAVIGATION AIDS DISPLACED.

Mariners Notified of Changes in Fifth Lighthouse District.

A notice to mariners regarding aids to navigation in Chesapeake bay and other waters of the fifth lighthouse district has been issued, as follows:

Virginia—Chesapeake bay, westerly side—Piankatank river—Cherry point light—The structure supporting this light was overturned by the ice February 10, and the light will be temporarily discontinued.

Hampton roads—Newport News, middle ground—Thirty-foot channel gas buoy, No. 2, found out of position and extinguished, has been replaced and relighted.

Chesapeake bay—Main channel to Baltimore—Thirty-five-foot channel gas buoy, No. 1A, reported damaged and showing fixed light February 3, has been relieved by a buoy showing proper characteristic.

North Carolina — Seacoast — Diamond shoal light vessel, reported three miles south by west of station February 12, resumed her station the same day.

Religion and Politics.

"Reillijon is a quare thing. Be itsilf it's all right. But sprinkle a little pollyticks into it an' dimynite is bran flour compared with it. Alone it prepares a man f'r a bether life. Combined with pollyticks it hurries him to it." So says "Mr. Dooley" in his article "On the Orange Revolution" in the special features section of The Sunday Star.

SCHOONERS DISPLACED.

Steam Vessels Being Used in Coastwise Coal Trade.

Steam vessels continue to displace coasting schooners in the coal-carrying trade between Atlantic coast ports. Already there are about eight steamers in the coastwise trade, carrying anywhere from 2,500 to 6,000 tons of the fuel each trip from Chesapeake bay coal points. Each of these vessels does the work of three schooners of ordinary size and can make trips much more rapidly.

The Coastwise Transportation Company of Boston, which was formerly one of the largest owners of sailing vessels in the Atlantic coastwise trade, has gone in for steam, and has had three steamers built in the past two or three years. It now proposes to add another big steam coal carrier to this fleet, and the order for its construction was placed recently with the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, N. J., which will lay the keel of the new ship in a short time. The new vessel is to be the largest of the fleet, having a carrying capacity of 7,500 tons. She is to cost, according to the contract price, $375,000.

PERFORMANCE AT PLAYHOUSE.

Two One-Act Plays Will Be Presented Tonight.

Two one-act plays will be given at the Playhouse tonight by the young sons and daughters of persons socially prominent in Washington. Preston Gibson has the direction of the plays under his charge.

The first of the plays, called "The Case of Roderick Howard," was written by Robert Bell, seventeen years old, who also plays the principal part, while the second, "The Matrimonial Agency," was written by Miss Charlotte E. Morland. The action of both is supposed to take place in Washington.

Among those who will take part in the productions are Miss Caroline Ogden Jones, Alfred Harding, Howard Garber, Miss Lucy Howard, Miss Frances Moore, Miss Juliette Crosby, James Herron, Richard Chew, Llewellyn Griffith, Henry Dickson, Miss Mabel Updegraff, Miss Cora Barry, Miss Harriett McKee and Miss Georgina Schofield.

SUPPLIES FOR ALMSHOUSE.

They Will Be Taken by Lighters Through New Channel in River.

In spite of the heavy ice covering the river flats for many miles, work is to be started on the digging of a channel through the flats opposite Alexandria to the District almshouse, a short distance from Shepherds, D. C., by the little clam shell dredge Dixon, belonging to the Washington Stone Company of this city. A force of hands has been employed in breaking the ice and making ready for the dredge to begin its work this afternoon. The new channel, which is to be sixty feet wide and seven feet deep on low water, is being constructed so that the almshouse can be reached by water from this city. Heretofore the shoal water has prevented lighters from going to the almshouse shore, and all comunication with the settlement was by team, a drive of four or five miles from this city. The mud excavated by the Dixon will be deposited on the flats, and will be placed so as not to wash back into the new channel. It is stated to be the intention of the District authorities to use lighters and tugs in sending supplies to the almshouse settlement, and to do away with the long haul by road.

The meadows on fire at Crisfield, Md., have lighted the heavens for miles back on the peninsula. The blaze was started by men cleaning up for the railroad, and may melt the ice. It has caused no damage.

BUSINESS MEN UNITE IN PLEA FOR HOSPITAL

Monster Petition for Retention of Emergency Is Sent to Senate Committee.

Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate District committee and Senate subcommittee on District appropriations, received a monster petition in behalf of the Emergency Hospital today. It is signed by many business men along Pennsylvania avenue, F street and intersecting streets in the business section. It would appear that those circulating the petitions went up one side of the business streets and down the other, stopping at each store and gathering a signature at practically every stop.

"This institution," the petition says, "has for many years had the care and maintenance of indigent sick and wounded emergency patients brought from every portion of the District of Columbia, and by means of its efficient equipment and able staff of leading physicians it has rendered efficient and valuable service at a cost which, we are credibly informed, is below that of many similar institutions throughout the United States.

Institution's Work Commended.

"We earnestly commend the work of the institution, and we hope that you may deem it wise to continue the liberal support you have heretofore given it, in order that it may continue its usefuiness and that indigent patients may have prompt and skillful treatment."

This petition is regarded as the answer of many business men of Washington to the board of charities' recommendations for the discontinuance of the Emergency Hospital, and it is taken to indicate that the fight in behalf of the Emergency Hospital will be waged as strenuously as that in behalf of Columbia Hospital.

Senator Gallinger probably will present the monster petition to the Senate Monday, and it will be referred to the Senate committee on appropriations, before which will come up the question of continuing the federal support of the hospital.

DAMAGING TO WHARVES.

River Points Suffer From the Floating Ice Near Shore.

The heavy ice drifting in the river below Indian Head is getting in its destructive work on the wharves, although the main body of ice from the upper Potomac is not yet in the current. According to reports received from river points, the Virginia side of the river from Potomac creek to Colonial Beach has suffered the most. Smith's wharf, a short distance below Potomac creek, it is stated, has so far been the chief sufferer, a large portion of the pier having been carried away. At Somerset Beach wharf the ice is piled against the structure and it is ready to leave its moorings. Stuart's wharf is also damaged and at Colonial Beach the piling under the freight wharf has been partially carried away, but at last reports the bridge was still standing and could be used for foot passengers.

The new pier at Classic Shore is said to be a thing of the past and but little is left of the government wharf at Wakefield, Va. This last-named wharf is not on the steamboat schedule and is seldom used even by sailing vessels, so that its absence will not be greatly missed.

It is thought that few if any of the wharves on the Potomac river will escape damage when the thaw comes and the ice begins to move.

RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR IMPERIAL THEATER

Bill Filed in Alexandria Says That Place Is Being Operated at a Loss.

A bill was filed in the circuit court for Alexandria this afternoon by Attorney Crandal Mackey asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Imperial Theater Company, Inc., of Washington. The complainant is Eugene L. Koneke. The bill prays for the receiver and asks for an injunction against the officers and also asks for an accounting. According to the bill filed, it is alleged that the total indebtedness on the property is $250,000 and the value of the assets is $150,000. It is also charged that the place is being operated at a loss at the present time.

Proceedings for an injunction and specific performance were instituted today in the District Supreme Court against the Imperial Theater Company, some of its officers and S. Galeski of Richmond, who is said to be in possession of the theater under a lease from the company. The plaintiffs are Pliny P. Craft and Arthur Lucas, who claim they were given an option to lease the property January 25 last for fifteen days and availed themselves of the option.

When they made tender of the rent, it is alleged, it was refused and a formal lease of the property denied to them. Since, it is claimed, the company has executed a lease to Galeki, who i now said to be in possession of the property.

Attorney Crandal Mackey appears for the plaintiffs.

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(Signed affidavit.) "A. C. BETTERSWORTH."

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