Parker, Bridget & Co., Clothiers, 315 7th St.

From 3 to 6 p. m. THIS EVENING

——we shall place on a separate table 74 boys' short pants suits, in variety of patterns, which have been $4 and $4.50 for..... $1.95

Remember, this offer is from 3 to 6 p. m. today only.

Boys' $5 Suits, $3.50.

Take your pick of any $5 Short Pants Suit in the house for... $3.50

(These will be offered all day today.)

Parker, Bridget & Co.,
315 Seventh St. N. W.

A Columbia for Christmas.

——The ideal gift for lady or girl; man or boy. A gift that is useful and pleasing and that'll afford unlimited recreation and enjoyment. The '96 Columbia is perfection personified.

Cycling is quickly and correctly taught in our big Indoor Riding School.

District Cycle Co., "COLUMBIAS." "HARTFORDS"
J. Hart Brittain, Manager. 452 Pa. Ave.

33⅓%
Off All Clothing.

THE wonder of it is filling the whole city.

——HOW a house like ours can afford to sell fine clothing at a discount of ONE THIRD.

——WE CANNOT afford it, but we would rather do so than carry over a big stock.

——YOU GIFT-BUYERS! There's nothing a man likes or appreciates better than a useful present. How about a SILK MUFFLER, or an UMBRELLA with his name engraved on the plate, or a handsome SCARF in the newest mode? We put such things as NECKWEAR, GLOVES, SUSPENDERS in fancy boxes without extra charge.

——You are always needing Collars, Cuffs and Hosiery. We keep them.

Open till 9 p. m. Until Christmas.

LOEB & HIRSH
910 & 912 F St.
WHITE BUILDING.

Hunting Xmas gifts?

$25 $35 $45 Don't you think the boy would be grateful for a wheel? We have any number to choose from—both girls' and boys' models—perfect in every particular. Such gifts last for years.

Riding taught free to purchasers in our great indoor school.

Hadger, 1024-26 Conn. Ave. N. W.

MILWAUKEE BEER IS FAMOUS
PABST MILWAUKEE
PABST HAS MADE IT. ASK FOR PABST

Absolutely Painless Dentistry.

In a moment — and without a hint of pain—we'll relieve you of that throbbing, troublesome tooth. No danger, and no after effects, need be feared when our painless methods of dentistry are used. Every operation performed by us is perfect. Painless extraction, 50 cents.

EVANS DENTAL PARLORS,
1217 Penn. Ave. N. W.

There's nothing too large—nothing too small for us to PRINT. And we print everything perfectly.

McGILL & WALLACE, Printers.
3107 E street northwest. 'Phone 1532.

CHISWICK NOW THE IDOL

Again Lowers Fagin's Colors at the Island Track.

ASBURN TAKING CHANCES

Lands Tancred a Winner After Going Through Half a Dozen Holes and Riding a Brilliant Race—Outsiders the Order of the Day—Houlehan Wins With St. Lawrence II.

The Dixie stable's Fagin is no longer a "Hindoo" among the outlaws.

He was cock of the walk until Jack White bid defiance to the Jockey Club and deserted the board of control tracks to cast his lot with the outlaws. When White came over to the outlaw camp he brought among other horses his speedy bread-winner, Chiswick. This game little horse met Fagin twice and on both occasions lowered his colors. Both times he only gained the victory by a head.

Consequently the talent still pinned their faith to their old favorite, and when the two horses met in the fifth race yesterday, with the weights in favor of the Dixie stable's entry, they made Fagin the choice at nine to ten.

It was the same old story, however, as after running like a beam to the head of the stretch Chiswick drew away from his rival and passed under the wire an easy winner by a length and a half. From now on, therefore, Chiswick will be the acknowledged king of the outlaws until something comes along and takes him into camp.

While the Dixie people failed to land with Fagin they were more fortunate with Tancred, who closed a hot favorite in the closing race. That he won, however, was only due to the brilliant and reckless ride that little Asburn put up on him. After being apparently hopelessly beaten, the little midget got his mount up in the run from the head of the stretch, and squeezing through an almost impossible opening, got the verdict by a scanty neck.

A SPLENDID RIDE.

It was a great exhibition of jockeyship and Asburn was applauded to the echo when he returned to the judges' stand to weigh out.

Little Asburn's win with Tancred was the only thing that saved the talent from being shut out, as he was the only favorite of the day to cash. One second choice, one third, and three rank outsiders got the balance of the money.

The first race was a very open one. Jimmie Lambley closing a slight favorite over the balance of the field at 5 to 2. After the horses had gone to the post it was discovered that Martel had not shown up and all bets were declared off. In the new book Lambley still ruled favorite and closed at about the same price. He did not finish inside of the money, the winner turning up in Susie R., who led all the way and won galloping, by six lengths from Fatal, with Job third.

Nonsense was the tip in the next event and was played down from 5 to 2 to 8 to 5. He showed in front for a little distance at the head of the stretch, but quickly dropped back and was not placed at the finish. From the turn out of the chute home Wang had things all his own way and won galloping from Nobby, with Arundel, third.

BLUE BONNET'S RUNAWAY RACE.

Too Much Johnson looked to hold his field safe in the next race and the handicappers grabbed at even money. They were again doomed to disappointment. Blue Bonnet, a 20 to 1 shot, making a runaway race of it and lasting long enough to get the decision from Johnson by a short head. Hubbuna Bird was third, three lengths away.

While Perfidy ruled favorite at all times in the fifth race a big commission on Forest sent him to the post a strong second choice, at 7 to 5. Little Houlehan took the lead with St. Lawrence II at the quarter and staying in front to the end, won handily by a length, from Forest, with Perfidy third.

The talent were divided in the fifth race. The outlaw contingent following Fagin, while Jack White's money kept Chiswick's price down. These two raced out in front to the head of the stretch where Fagin dropped back, beaten, and Chiswick won easily by a length and a half. Drizzle was third, four lengths away, with Billy Boy a bad fourth. "Old Man" Stansbury did not want any part of the money with the latter, and had been under a strong pull from the drop of the flag.

The closing event went to Tancred. He trailed all the way to the head of the stretch, where he closed ground rapidly and in a beautiful finish won by a neck from Artillery, who was a half length before Jersey.

Results at Alexander Island.
Weather clear. Track good.

776—First race. Four and one-half furlongs. Selling. Purse, $100. Time, 0:57¼.

Ind.	Horse & Wt.	St.	¼	St.	Fin.	Jck'y	Bt.
740	Susie R., 107	1	1½	1½	1 6	Nelson	7-2
699	Fatal, 110	2	4	2½	2 4	Dorsey	15-5
638	Job, 105	5	6	3½	3½	Neary	7-2
461	J. L'mly, 110	4	3½	5	4	Lynch	5-2
752	Sc'twag, 108½	3	5	4	5	A. Moore	40
728	Mayor R., 110	6	2h	6	6	King	20
*689	All Night, 110	7	7	7	7	Gusst	30

Start good. Won galloping.

777—Second race. Four and one-half furlongs. Selling. Purse $100. Time 1:27¼.

Ind.	Horse & Wt.	St.	¼	St.	Fin.	Jck'y	Bt.
522	Wang, 110	5	4	1h	1½	Clare	8
767	Nobby, 105	8	3	4	2½	Baxter	8
*655	Arundel, 105	1	5	2½	3	Dorsey	15
*673	Chillon, 110	4	10	5	4	Mitchell	30
730	Nonsense, 102	7	1h	3h	5	Wash'n	8-5
746	F'e Bev'rly, 110	2	8	8	6	Stansb'y	15
*680	Gold Fly, 105	9	6	7	7	Hemish'n	50
746	Red Elm, 110	3	2h	6	8	Lynch	7
—	Stringfell'w, 110	6	9	9	9	Neary	11-5
*619	Alra, 110	10	7	10	10	Cowman	30

Start good. Won galloping.

778—Third race. Six and one-quarter furlongs. Selling. Purse, $100. Time, 1:23¼.

Ind.	Horse & Wt.	St.	¼	St.	Fin.	Jky.	Bt.
*(683)	Bl'e Bonet, 105	5	1½	1½	1h	Neary	20
*759	T.M. Joh'n, 104	4	2½	2½	2½	P McD'tt	1
773	Hum'g Bi'd, 99	6	3h	3½	3½	Manlove	5
775	J. Wynne, 107	2	6	4	4	A. Moore	5
*677	Ly Rich'd, 107½	3	4	5	5	Lynch	8
771	Rufus, 99	9	7	9	6	Co'drier	10
767	Mohawk, 101	7	8	6	7	And'rw	4
771	Dr. Reed, 106	1	5	7	8	Nelson	30
771	Balmoral, 103	10	9	8	9	Geiger	20
773	Pattie, 101	11	11	10	10	R King	30
746	Drumstick, 102	8	10	11	11	Bain	60

Start fair. Won driving.

779—Fourth race. Five furlongs. Selling. Purse, $100. Time, 1:02¼.

Ind.	Horse & Wt.	St.	¼	St.	Fin.	Jck'y.	Bt.
*697	St. Lawn'll, 99	5	1½	1	1	Ho'lah'n	15
764	Forest, 122	3	3½	2½	2½	Young	7-5
(773)	Perfidy, 104	1	2h	3½	3	P. McDt	6-5
756	Columbus, 122	2	4	5	4	Nelson	50
766	Miss El'z'b'h, 99	4	5	4	5	Cowman	10
*676	Pon'a B'lle, 122	6	6	6	6	Fi'zsim's	15

Start good. Won handily.

780—Fifth race. One mile. Selling. Purse, $100. Time, 1:45¼.

Ind.	Horse & Wt.	St.	¼	St.	Fin.	Jky.	Bt.
(774)	Chiswick, 112	1	2½	1h	1½	Wash'n	13-10
(768)	Fagin, 109	3	1h	2h	2 n	As'b'rn	9-10
774	Drizzle, 112	2	3h	3½	3 15	Dorsey	50
771	Billy Boy, 104	5	4	4	4	St'nsb'ry	20
148	Saunterer, 112	4	6	6	5	Gar'g'n	250
732	Primus, 99	6	5	5	6	Ho'l'h'n	250

Start good. Won easily.

781—Sixth race—Six and one-quarter furlongs. Selling. Purse, $100. Time, 1:21.

Ind.	Horse & Wt.	St.	¼	St.	Fin.	Jck'y	Bt.
(765)	Tancred, 107	7	5	3½	1h	Asburn	3
*(680)	Artillery, 105	6	4	1n	2½	Lynch	3
755	Jersey, 101	1	1½	2d	3d	P. McDt	10
761	His Grace, 105½	4	7	6	4	Dorsey	50
771	La Prentis, 98	2	2d	5	5	Bain	100
*(672)	Little Joe, 98	8	3n	4	6	Gleason	50
768	Berwyn, 105	3	8	7	7	Taylor	12
*683	Granger, 93	5	6	8	8	H'Than	100
765	Walcott, 110		Left at post			Wash'n	7

Start poor. Won driving.
*Refers to St. Asaph series.

Today's Entries at St. Asaph.

First race—Three-year-olds; selling; five and a half furlongs.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
689	Tartuffe	108	695	Cody	105
*(237)	Taconey	108	655	Flakew'd	105
*767	Bal'nsloe	105	346	Mac Hunt	105
*764	Countess	105	655	Goldspec	105
*767	Bob Miller	105	*759	Jewsharp	105
*754	Dama	105	471	Stanley M.	105

Second race—Two-year-old maidens; selling; one-half mile.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
675	Vincent	105	687	Genesee II.	102
—	Orator	105	675	Austina	102
*766	Yoeman	105	—	Oak	102
—	Millie L.	102	—	Collusion	102
675	Hands Off	102	692	Gascogne	102
657	M's Bl'ch R.	102	—	Milton	102

Third race—Four-year-olds and up; selling; five furlongs.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
655	Zamacraw	105	694	Devisee	105
665	Gov. Fifer	105	459	Sentinel II.	105
673	Criterion	105	673	Lucille	105
673	Lady May	105	637	Beckton	105
696	Westover	105	682	L. Richards	105
477	Salisbury	105			

Fourth race—All ages; selling; six and a half furlongs.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
688	P. deLeon	112	694	Claurece	107
*779	P's'a B'le	112	*(743)	Harris	107
*773	Wildfire	107	684	Gorman	102
694	Remorse	107	694	Staffa	102
(685)	Juanita	107	(687)	Hallie Gay	98

Fifth race—Three-year-olds and up; one-half mile.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
693	Hernion	112	*780	Primus	112
684	Nemo	112	*754	Lura	107
693	Hyaway	112	691	Gretta McG.	107
693	Briscoe	112	—	Ajan	107
*756	Deceitful	112	506	Crown	107
*764	Eclipse, jr.	112	*773	Wheeloski	107

Sixth race—Four-year-olds and up; selling; seven furlongs.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
—	Seamarket	110	696	Van Dyke	106
674	Kerry Gow	110	—	Red Jim	106
696	Leigh	106	696	Ch'f Justice	106
674	Pink H.	106	*774	Pr. K'math	106
*680	Some More	106	696	Romeo	106
—	Lakota	106	581	Baylor	106

*Refers to Alexander Island series.

Selections.

First Race—Tartuffe, Cody, Countess.
Second Race—Austina, Vincent, Gascogne.
Third Race—Gov. Fifer, Lucille, Luke Richards.
Fourth Race—Ponce de Leon, Ponoma Belle, Remorse.
Fifth Race—Deceitful, Eclipse, jr., Wheeloski.
Sixth Race—Leigh, Romeo, Van Dyke.

SUSPENSIONS LIFTED.

Action of the Governors of Amateur Athletic Union.

New York, Dec. 17.—The board of governors of the Amateur Athletic Union at their recent annual meeting suspended all those who were directly or indirectly connected with the annual boxing and wrestling championship meeting, held in Pittsburg last March.

It was understood, however, that all of those who were suspended, who forwarded to the Amateur Athletic Union a statement showing they were not financially interested in the tournament would have their suspensions lifted.

The following gentlemen have forwarded the necessary evidence to clear them of improper connection with the tournament, and their suspensions have been lifted: Messrs. John M. Welsh, Pittsburg; A. R. Cratty, Pittsburg; Charles B. Power, Pittsburg; Joseph Welischek, Philadelphia, and Frank P. Mitchell, Philadelphia.

GOING INTO TRAINING.

Fitzsimmons and Maher Both Going to Paso Del Norte.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 17.—D. A. Stuart returned this morning from Houston. He says he is sure Fitzsimmons and Maher will stick to their agreement and fight on February 14.

At the last moment last night Fitzsimmons concluded to abandon his intention to train at Galveston. He will go at once to Paso del Norte, Mexico, and go in training.

Peter Maher telegraphs that he will start in a few days for El Paso and train near that city.

WOULD NOT SELL McDERMOTT.

Louisville Refused Von Der Ahe's Offer for Her Pitcher.

(Special to The Times.)

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17.—Von der Ahe of St. Louis, was in town today and offered Louisville Kissinge and Miller for Pitcher McDermott. That being refused, he asked Louisville to set a price on McDermott. Mr. Stockey said McDermott, or any other player on the team, could not be purchased. The Louisville club purchased the release of Miller from St. Louis for a cash consideration.

Athletic Club Notes.

A league game of basketball will be played tonight in the Light Infantry Armory the home team and the military cyclists, game will be called at 7:45 o'clock sharp.

An adjourned meeting of the District Basketball League will be held tonight in the armory of the Light Infantry immediately after the league game. A new playing schedule, which is to go into effect after January 1, will be adopted, and a full attendance of delegates is expected.

A set of ten pin games in the Bowling League series was bowled last night in the alleys of the Young Men's Catholic Club between the home team and Carroll Institute. Both games were won by the institute team, whose bowling was remarkably strong and steady throughout. The first game was won by 22 pins and the second and last by 133 pins. Armstrong of the Institute led his team and the evening with a 201 game.

MR. STODDARD ON HAWAII.

Interesting Afternoon Lecture at Holy Cross Academy.

Yesterday afternoon a select audience gathered at Holy Cross Academy, where Charles Warren Stoddard of the Catholic University, delivered a most interesting lecture on "Hawaii, Old and New."

In a charming, conversational style, Mr. Stoddard gave a brief sketch of the island, from the time of its discovery by Captain Cook in 1778, down to the present day. He spoke of the conversion of the natives to Christianity, first through the instrumentality of Protestant missionaries, who landed on the island in 1820, and later on by French Catholic priests, who worked so zealously that now about one half the population is Catholic. Here the lecturer referred to Father Damien, whose labors in behalf of the lepers of Molokai, have won for him a world-wide reputation.

Mr. Stoddard gave a glowing description of Honolulu and its environs.

The lecturer concluded with a word picture of bungalow life in Hawaii, which made many of his hearers long to enjoy the "dolce far niente" Mr. Stoddard has evidently experienced.

NICARAGUA THIS TIME.

Torres' Reinstatement May Call Action From Cleveland.

Information has been received here that Francisco Torres, who was dismissed by the government of Nicaragua from the position of governor of Rama because of his alleged complicity in the escape of the murderer of an American citizen named Wilson, during the Mosquito difficulty, has been appointed sub-inspector or vice governor and intendent for the whole district of Zelaya, the new name given to the Mosquito territory. That this section of Nicaragua may call for some representations from Secretary Olney is extremely probable.

The complicity of Torres in the escape of the murderer was commented on by Secretary Gresham in his letter to the President concerning affairs at Bluefields, dated January 2 last.

Torres was removed under strong representations made by President Cleveland for "instant and effective redress," and a "demand for the immediate removal of Gov. Torres."

To Remove Without Investigation.

Mr. Taylor has introduced in the House a bill providing that no postal, mail, railway clerks or letter-carriers shall be removed without being given a hearing based upon written charges. They may be suspended pending such investigation.

Lambert Must Hang.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 17.—Gov. Werts today refused to grant a reprieve to Theodore Lambert, the Camden negro now under sentence to hang on Thursday. This ends the case, Lawyer Semple says, and Lambert will surely hang on Thursday.

Would like you to get into the habit of buying your hats here.
See them at MAYER'S!
9 Pennsylvania Avenue, Gloves, Hats, Neckwear, etc.

TODAY IS THE TIME

To Avail Yourself of Dr. Walker's Unparalleled Offer

Don't suffer another day with disease. Don't experiment with drugs. Don't continue the useless—and dangerous—remedies—that afford no relief. Cast off prejudice and come to Dr. Walker, as thousands have done before you. All doubt of this great physician's power—has passed away. His cures have been so marvelous that scoffers have been forced to acknowledge the truth—that he can and does cure any and every disease that "flesh is heir to."

This is not egotism—only a plain statement of facts. Thousands attest it. Hundreds are daily visitors at Dr. Walker's private sanitarium, 1411 Pennsylvania avenue—being made well and happy. For this GUARANTEED CURE—for treatment medicines and appliances—all Dr. Walker charges—is $5 A MONTH. If you suffer from Deafness, Catarrh, Asthma, Bronchitis, Piles, Neuralgia, Constipation, Indigestion, Rheumatism, Diseases of Women, Private and Delicate Diseases, Varicocele, Strictures, and all diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Lungs, Stomach, Heart, Liver, Kidney, Bowels, Bladder, Rectum, Blood or Skin and Lost Manhood see Dr. Walker at once. He can be consulted daily from 10 to 5. Those who can't call during these hours can see him on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7 to 8 p. m., or on Sundays from 10 to 12.

BUY AND TAKE CHANCES

Annual Government Sale of Dead Letter Packages.

NO GUARANTEE IS GIVEN

Many Women Attend the Auction and Some Amusing Incidents Occur. Scenes in the Room as the Good-Natured Auctioneer Cries Off His Wares—What They Get.

"What! Have you bought a Saratoga trunk today?"

It was at the auction sale of dead letter packages on E street, and a woman was forcing her way through the crowd to the front rank with a large canvas telescope.

"Yes, indeed, I have," she answered, cheerfully, as she squashed herself down in very snug quarters. "Yesterday I bought myself rich."

"How far did they get yesterday?" asked a plain, wholesome-looking German woman. "To page twenty. Now, Mandy, don't you bid on nothing but what's practical. No cheap jewelry and ribbons."

TABLES OF BOXES.

The long low room had a table made of dry-goods boxes placed end to end, stretching the length of the apartment. Upon it were piled neatly done up packages of all sizes. Across the room more boxes made the platform. Another box on the platform made the desk.

The ladies who came early received camp chairs, and they drew close together, as though they were attending a sea drinking. Behind them crowded men and boys and some heated women.

"Now, then we begins," said the grey-bearded auctioneer. A peasant youth sat at the desk and opened his big ledger, another brisk young man and two colored youths acted as purveyors, with cigar boxes fastened on the end of mop handles. These collection boxes all but made one feel pious.

"We begin, and remember, ladies, nothing is guaranteed. The government does not guarantee."

The ladies and men scanned their catalogues. Each package had a number and a brief description of the contents after the number. Little marks were made by the experienced after the number they meant to bid on.

When the sale began it proceeded so rapidly that one could not keep up with it who was new to the performance.

One of the purveyors would call out the number and the auctioneer would shout:

HOW IT IS DONE.

"What am I offered, 30 on a bid, 30 on a bid, 40, 40, 50 on a bid, going at 50, 70, 70, and sold. Lady over there."

"I wish the men wouldn't run things up so," peevishly exclaimed a young woman in a seal cape. And then she opened a package purchased for sixty cents and displayed a moth-eaten baby's hood and some woolen wristers; but in the bottom of the package was a pair of silver tablets with ivory leaves. She held them up elated.

A new woman, with a soft felt hat, waistcoat and jacket, and swagger air, bought a nickel-plated revolver at seventy cents. Everybody laughed. Gloves slightly worn and handkerchiefs and scarfs were numerous. Good underclothing, baby's shoes, aprons and pocketbooks were in the assortment.

In the rear of the room fortunate buyers among the men resold their trophies. A

"Twenty, Twenty; Make It Thirty!"

man displayed black kid gloves at 50 cents, a set of account books neatly bound in black leather, buttons, trings, necklaces, silk scarfs.

In the general excitement people bought things they didn't want, and then laughed at themselves. The sale promises to last several days.

Down at Ratcliffe's, when the articles confiscated by the police were being sold, a similar scene was being enacted.

AT THE POLICE SALE.

The readiest bidders were the shrewd dealers who had gone over the catalogue to ascertain what was to be sold. Early they began to arrive and scan the well-filled shelves ascertaining as near as is possible the condition and value of the articles.

The readiest bidders were the shrewd dealers gain but seldom are first bidders. This is left to the little woman or inexperienced man who attends expecting to purchase for next to nothing. Each person holds in his hand the white catalogue sheets and scans the paper for the article the number of which has been called out.

An umbrella rolled up and tied is being sold when a bidder at ten cents asks that it be hoisted. Mr. Radcliffe hastily informs him it is bad luck to do so and it goes for a quarter. When unrolled the expected rent and broken ribs do not appear; it was indeed a bargain.

What is known on the catalogue as a dress suit proved, however, to be but remnants of the combination. Ill-smelling underclothing brought nearly a dollar while pocketknives and pipes brought only a penny each. The first gold watch sold for eight dollars, and a dealer invested

What "Cholly" Bought

one dollar for a baby carriage in good condition. Books brought a fair price and some jewelry went above $15.

The shelves were loaded with knives of every description, short bladed swords, muskets, trusses, tools, clothing of all kinds, two bottles of whisky, empty demijohns, and a demijohn half filled with the fire water which the auctioneer declined to allow to be sampled; eight lace curtains which looked as if they had been washed in the Potomac but sold for a quarter of a dollar, an empty beer keg with spigot, a bottle of gin, and several bicycles.

Compared with former sales the quality of the goods this year fell behind. These articles are the result of the efforts of the police department and represent goods stolen and recovered but unclaimed, goods lost, and article taken from prisoners when searched, but uncalled for. The money received from the sale goes to replenish the police pension fund.

Old Unity Club.

The "Old Unity Club," Mr. D. C. Haywood, president, will be entertained this evening by Mrs. Abbie Gillet in the parlors of the Litchfield. The well-known writer, Rev. Dr. J. N. Luccock, will read a paper entitled "Heredity," to be followed by one of the finest programs of the season. Among the popular favorites who will contribute are Mr. John Tweedale, Mrs. M. T. Haywood, Miss Mary Helen Howe, Miss Helen Nye, Mr. Jack Dywer, Miss Marie Howe, Miss Florence King, and one of Washington's leading musical organizations, the Imperial Mandolin and Guitar Club, Mr. Clarence Jones, director.

The best, the most exquisite, the daintiest in the world; sold in large size bottles, 50c, only by

Mertz's Modern Pharmacy,
11th and F Streets.

COMPLETED THE ESTIMATES

Total Increase of More Than $20,000,000 Is Looked For

Results Arrived at by Comparison of Figures Submitted and Former Appropriations.

The yearly statement prepared by the clerks of the Senate and house committees on Appropriations, comparing, by bills, estimates of regular annual appropriations for the fiscal year, 1896, with those for 1897, with the estimates for 1897, and showing the aggregate of estimated regular annual and permanent appropriations and amount of estimated revenues for 1897, has been made public.

The statement gives the net increase, estimates of regular annual appropriations for 1897 over same for 1896 as $4,561,503, and the increase, estimates of permanent annual appropriations for 1897 over same for 1896 $6,959,204, making a total increase estimates for 1897 over 1896, $10,441,707.

The net increase, estimates of regular annual appropriations for 1897 over regular annual appropriations for 1896, is placed at $15,918,512, and the increase, estimates of permanent annual appropriations for 1897 over permanent annual appropriations for 1896, at $5,959,234, and the total increase estimates for 1897 over appropriations for 1896, exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous, $20,998,715.

The amount of estimates of regular annual appropriations for 1897 is $.88,830,634, and the amount of estimates of permanent annual appropriations for 1897 $119,054,160; the total estimates of regular and permanent annual appropriations for 1897 being $207,884,194.

The amount of estimated revenue for 1897 is $375,000,000, and amount of estimated postal revenues for 1897 is $89,793,120; making a total estimated revenue of 1897, $464,793,120.

Excess of estimated appropriations (exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous) over estimated revenues for 1897 is $43,091,073, and excess of estimated revenues over estimated appropriations (exclusive of $50,000,000 for sinking fund and exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous) for 1897, $6,908,926.

AFTER A CATTLE THIEF.

Virginia Farmers Here Looking for Their Missing Cows.

W. B. Rucker, a farmer who lives at Delaplain, Farquier county, Va., visited police headquarters yesterday and stated to the detectives that he and two neighbors had been robbed of twenty-five head of cattle by a colored man, who is described as having a bald head.

This colored man started from Virginia with a bunch of cows belonging to his employer, a man named Cross, and during his trip through Fauquier county he absorbed the stock of other farmers. He disposed of the cattle at the Arlington stock yards at public auction, several of the District butchers being among the purchasers.

The losers by the theft with their friends are after the evildoer. Mr. Loeb and Mr. Loeffler thought from the description which Ruckergave of the cows that had been stolen from him, that they had bought several of the animals, and invited Rucker out to their farms to identify his property.

ISSUES FRAMED ARE THREE.

Terence McCarthy's Will to Be Contested by His Granddaughter.

The contest over the will of Terence McCaffrey, deceased, progressed yesterday to the stage of framing the issues, the caveat of his granddaughter, Mary Estelle McCaffrey, having been previously filed in the probate court.

The suit is brought by the granddaughter's next friend, Kate Estelle McCaffrey, and raises the question as to the validity of the instrument upon the following points: First, whether or not it was properly attested; whether or not it was procured by fraud or by the exercise of undue influence by Ellen McCaffrey, or others, and whether or not the testator was of sound and disposing memory.

The complainant was left but $25 under the will.

ITS VALIDITY CHALLENGED.

Contest in Circuit Court No. 1 Over Thomas Turner's Will.

The trial of the cause of Maria A. and Wm. W. Jordan in proceedings to contest the alleged last will of Thos. B. Turner, drawn in favor of local Odd Fellow organizations, was begun yesterday in circuit court, No. 1, Justice Bradley presiding.

The will was dated October 19, 1894, and bequeathed the estate to Washington Lodge, No. 6, and Mount Nebo Encampment, No. 6, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mrs. Jordan, claiming to be the beneficiary under a prior will, attacks the validity of the present instrument upon the grounds that the testator was mentally unable to make a will at the time it was said to have been executed. The property involved consists of part of lot 2 in square 785.

Attorney R. Claughton appears for the caveators, and Gould & Woodard for the caveatees.

REMISSION OF FINES.

Secretary of the Treasury May Act on Less Than $1,000.

Attorney General Harmon has rendered an opinion, widening the immediate jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Treasury over the remission of fines, penalties, and forfeitures in custom cases.

The opinion is to the effect that when the penalty accruing upon any one invoice in an entry is less than $1,000, the matter may be disposed of by the Secretary of the Treasury without the intervention of the United States courts, although the aggregate penalties accruing upon the entry may exceed $1,000.

The opinion was drawn out by certain sugar entries, but applies to all kinds of goods. It is regarded as important.

Good things for your Xmas fare.

We guarantee qualities and quantities of everything we sell.

Best N.Y. Burbank Potatoes 37½c per bush.
5 lbs. Large California Raisins for.....25c
4 lbs. Cleaned Currants for.....25c
2 lbs. Leghorn Citron for.....25c
Fancy Clustsr Raisins.....75c per box
New Layer Dates....7c per lb., 4 lbs. for 25c
2 lbs. Choice Layer Figs for.....25c
French Mixed Candy.....7c per lb.
Pyles' Nixture.....10c per lb.
Chocolate Drops.....12c per lb.

Mixed Nuts..12 1-2c; 9 lbs for $1.00
Cal. Paper Shell Almonds....15c lb
Grenoble Walnuts.....12 1-2c lb
Brazil Nuts.....10c lb

"Star of the East" Flour, $4.50 per bbl; $1.20 per 1-4 sack; 30c trial sack.
"Old Time Family" Flour, $4 per bbl; $1 per 1-4 sack; 25c trial sack.

10 lbs Pure Buckwheat for.....25c
10 lbs Rolled Oats for.....25c
3 pkgs. Friend's Oats for.....25c
2 pkgs. Breakfast Hominy for.....25c
Bread Soda....5c per lb; 6 for 25c
6 lbs New Rice for.....25c
5 lbs Dried Lima Beans for.....25c
4 qts Black-eyed Peas for.....25c
4 qts New Beans for.....25c
7 qts New Hominy for.....25c

4 pkgs. Macaroni for.....25c
Dunham's Cocoanut.....7 c per pkg
Brazil Cocoanut.....4c per pkg
Wilbur's Chocolate.....17c per cake
Wilbur's Breakfast Cocoa.....19c box
Royal Chocolate.....17c cake
Royal Cocoa.....19c box
3 large bottles Extract Vanilla or Lemon for.....23c
3 small bottles Extract Vanilla or Lemon for.....10c

OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK P. M.

J. T. D. PYLES,
STORES—412 Fourth Street Southeast,
Cor. Third and Md. Ave. Northeast,
18 Seventh Street Northeast,
1904 Seventh Street Northwest,
Cor. Washington and Monroe Sts., Anacostia.

Let us cover your feet

With the kind of shoes that you expect to get in exchange for good money. If they do not give you good wear we will replace them with pleasure. You will do us a favor by letting us know of any imperfections, that we may have them corrected.

A fine grade of Men's PATENT LEATHERS — in the prevailing styles of toes..... $1.50

CALF SHOES—the kind you willingly pay $4.00 for anywhere else, and they are worth it..... $1.73

FINEST SELECTED CALF Balmorals and Congress, shoes that will wear excellently and always keep their shape..... $2.23

HAND WELTS in Calf and Patent Leather; neat and stylish shoes, look well and wear well..... $2.48

A FINE CALF SHOE, one that it would be hard to improve on—hand welts—the latest toes—pointed, medium or broad..... $2.98

STOLL'S
"810" Seventh St. N.W.

ALEXANDRIA HAPPENINGS.

It is understood that the actual construction of the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Electric Railway will begin in the early spring, and that before the middle of summer, the line, which goes through one of the thickest populated portions of Fairfax and Alexandria counties, will be running.

The committee of R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans are making arrangements for the banquet in honor of Gen. Lee's birthday next month.

Thieves attempted to break into the keeper's lodge at Ivy Hill Cemetery early yesterday morning, but the barking of a little dog awakened Mr. Taylor Arnold, the keeper, who jumped out of bed and shot at the men through a window, just as they went over the fence.

Misses Annie and May Uhler have gone to Martinsburg, W. Va., to visit relatives.

Little Hortense Leterman of Charlottesville, is in the city on a visit to her grandparents, ex-Mayor and Mrs. Strauss.

James M. Owens, the postmaster at Waterfall, Prince William county, has been found short in his accounts by Postoffice Inspector Waddell, and a warrant for his arrest has been issued. He has left home and his present whereabouts are unknown.

The United States postoffice and customhouse here is to be thoroughly repaired, and bids for the work have been asked for by Mr. Thomas W. Robinson, the collector of the port.

The Alexandria German Club will give a german in McBurney's Hall on Friday night next, and guests are expected to be present from Washington, Baltimore and elsewhere.

The body of Mrs. Elizabeth Danster, wife of Mr. William Danster, who died in Washington on Sunday, was brought to this city on the 1:30 boat yesterday and laid at rest in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Deputy United States Marshal J. Glover has libeled the schooner