JACOB RIIS' LECTURE ALREADY BEARING FRUIT

More Accurate Alley Statistics Are Sought.

RECORDS FROM HOSPITALS

Chicago and Boston Furnish Ideas as to Proper Means of Treating Slum Evils.

Health Officer Woodward has istructed his subordinates in the District Health Department to ascertain the residence of all persons dying in local hospitals. This action was inspired by the recent trip of Jacob Riis through the city's slums, and the object of the order is to charge all deaths to the alleys and squares in which the fatal disease originates, thus making the vital statistics more reliable and accurate.

Subsequent to Mr. Riis' inspection it has been found that statistics do not bear out, in every instance, the contentions of the famous New York slum worker, and the secretary of the local Associated Charities. In some alleys where cases of fatal illness are known to have originated the records show no deaths, for the reason that the victims have been taken to one or another of the many hospitals in the city for treatment. When death occurred the record merely contained the name of the institution.

Records Are Obscured.

The records of the alleys are consequently obscured in many cases, when several deaths should be charged against their squalor and filth. With the promulgation of this new order Dr. Woodward hopes to make the alley vital statistics more accurate.

In discussing the legislation now requested by the Commissioners, looking to authority to condemn and demolish buildings which are unsanitary or germ-infected, Dr. Woodward said that Chicago and Boston seem to have solved the problem in a simple but effective manner.

As It Is in Chicago.

According to reports which he has on file in his office, when a house in Chicago is believed to be unsanitary, a health commission is sent to inspect the premises. If this commission reports for demolition an order is directed to the chief of the fire department to effect the desired result. The fire laddies go out on a practice run, as it were, and the objectionable house is rased with little ado.

The Boston method is more conservative. If the premises are condemned, a notice is served to that effect upon the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or anybody else who may be found on the premises. If no one can be found, a letter is mailed to the owner, at his last known address, instructing him to cause the demolition of the house within ten days.

If the structure remains standing at the expiration of that time, the destruction is effected at the cost of the property. This is essentially the law which the District Commissioners are now endeavoring to have passed by Congress.

M'CLELLAN'S SUCCESSOR ON WAYS AND MEANS

Representative Sulzer Wants Place and May Get It—Objections to Bourke Cockran.

The Democratic Representatives from New York are trying to convince John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, leader of the minority, that Representative Sulzer should succeed Mayor-elect McClellan on the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. McClellan resigned from Congress yesterday. They have not convinced him yet.

Mr. Williams wants to recommend Townsend Scudder for the place. Mr. Sulzer saw Mr. Williams last night at the Metropolitan Hotel and said the New York delegation would indorse him for the place. Representative Sullivan confirmed this later.

Mr. Sulzer is anxious to close the matter up before Bourke Cockran comes to Congress and hypnotizes the men from the South and West. Mr. Cockran will not get a particularly cordial reception in the House. Soon after leaving the House he bolted Bryan's nomination and supported McKinley. The present leader of the minority, Mr. Williams, was in the House at the time. He supported Bryan and free silver, and has never forgiven Cockran for deserting the Democracy. It is practically certain, even if the New York delegation should recommend Cockran for McClellan's place, that Williams would turn him down hard.

When Mr. Williams was seen last night he dictated the following statement:

"Mr. Williams is inclined to believe the Democracy of New York State ought to have that place. The only thing that would prevent them from getting it would be their presentation to him of the name of a man unfit in his opinion for the position. He would not recommend to the Speaker anyone not indorsed by the New York Democracy, nor would he recommend anybody so indorsed who was in his opinion intellectually or otherwise unfit to serve the country and the Democracy in that position."

"What will Cockran get?" Mr. Williams was asked.

"We'll cross the Cockran bridge when we come to it," was the reply.

DELTA TAU DELTA WILL HOLD AN INITIATION

Gamma Eta Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity will hold an initiation at 7 o'clock tonight at its chapter house, 1410 Q Street northwest.

The initiation will be followed by a banquet at the Shoreham, which will be attended by the members of the local chapter in Columbian University and of the Washington Alumni Association of the fraternity.

HEARING BEGUN ON TYNER'S DEMURRER

Hearing on the demurrers filed by Gen. James H. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, to the indictment charging them with conspiracy to defraud the Government, was begun yesterday afternoon before Justice Pritchard in Circuit Court, No. 1.

DROVE TO HIS DEATH IN EASTERN BRANCH

Michael McCormick Frozen. His Horse Drowned.

IN THREE FEET OF WATER

Last Seen Driving Washington Woman in Search of Her Missing Husband.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

HYATTSVILLE, Dec. 19.—Michael McCormick, driver of public vehicle 39, drove into the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, just below the bridge behind Casey's blacksmith shop, some time between 1 and 5 o'clock this morning. His frozen body was discovered by John E. Bowles, who informed Justice of the Peace Gus A. Dahler and Undertaker S. Gasch.

The bank at this point is abrupt, about three feet above high tide. Over this the right wheels were driven, upsetting the vehicle and dragging the horse after it into three feet of water. Nothing was broken about the carriage or harness. The horse, in struggling with his head upstream, had gotten it under the seat, and was drowned.

Unable to Reach Bank.

McCormick was found with his face upturned and partly out of the water, with its thin sheet of ice, as if he had made some effort to reach the bank, six feet away. The body was taken out and when examined showed no marks of violence except a slight cut over the right eye, evidently made by the ice.

He was dressed in a black suit and had on no overcoat. His pockets contained 50 cents, a knife, and a piece of tobacco.

The body was removed to the undertaker's office and placed in a coffin. George E. Lynch, who conducts a notion store next door to the Wirt House, identified the man as having driven past his place about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a woman passenger, coming in the direction of Hyattsville, and returning and stopping two hours later.

Searching for Husband.

Lynch went to the carriage, and the occupant introduced herself as Mrs. Carter, of 1314 B Street southwest, Washington, saying that she was searching for her husband, who was a member of the firm of Carter & Clarke, commission merchants of Tenth Street wharf, who has been missing since Tuesday, and who, she understood, had been in Bladensburg.

Miss Abigail saw the vehicle shortly afterward, Mrs. Carter still making inquiries as to her husband, but up to that time had obtained no information. The driver was next seen shortly after midnight by Edward Briscoe, a negro who conducts a lunch room. He stopped at Briscoe's and asked for a match. Briscoe said the man seemed to be much under the influence of liquor.

Vehicle Going Furiously.

Mrs. Manning, who lives on the main street of Bladensburg, says she heard a vehicle pass a few minutes past 4 this morning, going in the direction of the branch, and judging from the noise, at a terrific rate of speed. Two minutes later she heard a great crash and then all was quiet.

Constable Vincent is summoning witnesses and a jury for the inquest, which will be held before Acting Coroner Dahlen at 4 this afternoon.

Identified by Number.

Michael McCormick was twenty-eight years old and unmarried. He lived with his father, Patrick J. McCormick, owner of several cabs, at 437 N Street northwest. Since the death of his mother on October 1 he has drunk more heavily than usual.

He was drinking yesterday, but when he told his father that he had a $3 order for a fare, the latter allowed him to take out coupe No. 39, by means of which he was later identified.

CAUCUS BINDING RULE MAY NOT STAND TEST

Strong in Proclaiming Unity, But Exceptions May Kill Usefulness.

The Democratic Senatorial caucus has made public the text of the resolution, with the three exceptions limiting its enforcement, on the two-thirds majority rule on voting. It is as follows:

"That hereafter the decisions of the caucus, when made by two-thirds majority, shall be binding on all members, except when previous pledges have been made by Senators to their constituents, or instructions have been received from their State Legislatures, or when a question of constitutional construction is involved."

The extent to which the rule can be made of value to the minority is still a subject of varying comment. It is held by some Senators that the three exceptions afford such ample opportunity for any member to vote as he pleases that the effect of the rule as adopted is only to give the appearance of unity to the Democratic side.

One prominent minority Senator, who has steadfastly held to this view, declares the agreement will fail when put to any severe test, though proving effective on unimportant matters. At any rate, it is regarded as an advantage to the minority in its appearance of unity, after all the dissension of the Democratic party.

BAGGAGEMAN SMILED; WON A SOCIETY GIRL

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—Margaret Shannon, a society girl of Sewickley, whose grandfather, Robert Shannon, was a pioneer of the Ohio Valley, and who is the daughter of Robert Shannon, a Pittsburg business man, yesterday announced to her friends that on December 10 she had been married to Harold E. Hannibal, at a little parsonage at Baden. Hannibal is a baggagemaster on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad. Miss Shannon, who was a debutante this season, saw him daily as the train dashed past the Shannon summer home. She told her friends she admired the handsome baggagemaster, became acquainted and fell in love with him.

MANY CITIES WANT FREDERICK HEISMAN

First Warrant for Alleged Swindler Arrives.

CLAIMED BY PHILADELPHIA

Charged That He "Cleared Up $15,000 There"—His Past Record a Bad One.

The claims for the custody of Frederick Heisman, arrested here for Boston for false pretenses, it being alleged that he obtained $4,000 from a Miss Comb, have begun to come in, and the police are confident that Heisman's own statement, that he was wanted wherever he had been, is true.

Last night a telephone message was received from a private detective agency of Philadelphia, stating that Heisman was wanted there for false pretenses, the amount charged against him on this score being set at $15,000. This morning a warrant arrived from Philadelphia, sworn out by Ana Schied, 2704 Poplar Street, which alleges that on November 25 he obtained from her, by means of his "graft," the sum of $500. At that time Heisman had a handsome suite of rooms at 1419 Arch Street, and figured under the name of Prof. Spheiro. It is understood that other warrants will follow.

A Bad Record.

Heisman's record is rapidly coming to light. It is learned that he attended Mount St. Joseph's College, in Baltimore, where he figured in some crooked work toward the last of his course, and left under a cloud. He learned the rudiments early in life. The fine points, however, which enabled him to fleece the public so successfully, were learned in an apprenticeship in Salt Lake City, under the tutelage of "Prof. Turner," otherwise Fred Tuttle. It is said that at this time there was a woman in the case, and that when the trio left Salt Lake beween two days, the woman had six trunks of sealskins, and many diamonds.

Now graduated, Heisman came to Washington, where he figured as hitherto published. Then came the Providence game, which he says netted him $8,000 in nine months. Boston paid $10,000 in the same length of time. Philadelphia was equally profitable. It is supposed that all these and other cities will put in a claim for him.

Not His Grandfather.

Major Theodore Hausmann, a civil war veteran, one of the first mounted police of the city, and now employed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and who lives at 3227 Brightwood Avenue, and whom Heisman claims as his grandfather, was a caller at Police Headquarters this afternoon, and stated that Heisman was not his legitimate grandson. He claims the records of St. Aloysius Church will prove this, and that Heisman's birth is credited to a bricklayer named Sutton. He admitted, however, that Theodore Hausmann, or Heisman, jr., had taken his name, and that on the death of the latter no less than six women put in a claim for a share of his estate, as common law wives.

Heisman's mother now goes by the name of Wade, and was recently at the same hotel where Heisman was stopping here, and figured in the divorce proceedings now pending against Heisman by his wife.

LADY DURAND ARRIVES ABOARD THE LUCANIA

British Ambassador Goes to New York to Escort His Wife to the Capital City.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Among the passengers who arrived here today on the Cunard Line steamer Lucania from Liverpool was Lady Durand, wife of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the new British ambassador.

Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, went to New York last evening to meet Lady Durand and Miss Durand. They will remain in New York until Monday, possibly later, at least until Lady Durand recovers from the fatigue of travel. Though not strong, she is certainly not an invalid, as has often been said, much to the amusement of Sir Mortimer, who says her present frail health is entirely due to her long residence in India, from which she is rapidly rallying. Miss Durand will be an acquisition to diplomatic and social circles here, but having made her debut in Madrid will not be numbered among the "buds" of the winter.

TIMES' WORD CONTEST CLOSES THIS EVENING

Answers Mailed Not Later Than 11 o'Clock Will Be Entered in the Competition.

The Times' word contest will be concluded at 11 o'clock this evening.

Solutions of the puzzle will be received at The Times office until that hour. Answers mailed not later than 11 o'clock this evening will be entered in the competition, provided they are received not later than Monday morning, at which time examination of the solutions will be taken up and completed as soon as possible.

IONA STONE FOR CATHEDRAL NOW IN WASHINGTON

The Iona stone from the ancient cathedral at Iona on which Saint Columba, the great Irish missionary of the sixth century, preached the Gospel over sixteen hundred years ago, has arrived in Washington and will soon be placed in the Cathedral Close. The Memorial Font will probably be in place by Christmas Day, but not dedicated until spring, possibly on Ascension Day. The Jordan stones are en route to Washington and are awaited with interest.

GILMER VINDICATED BY INVESTIGATORS

Bonaparte and Conrad Exonerate Treasury Expert.

NOT GUILTY OF DISCOURTESY

Many Inconsistencies and Discrepancies Found in Statements of His Accusers and Detractors.

One of the results of the report of Charles J. Bonaparte and J. Holmes Conrad upon the charges of Seymour W. Tulloch against the Washington postoffice, was the complete vindication of Thomas W. Gilmer. Mr. Gilmer was the Treasury expert who was ordered to examine the accounts of the Postoffice Department. He did his work in thorough manner, would not permit any evasion or indirectness in the answers of the officials whom he interrogated, and the consequence was, he was reduced in salary and transferred to a subordinate position.

Mr. Gilmer recognized the truth of many of the charges afterward made by Mr. Tulloch that money had been expended for which there was no warrant in law, and insisted that the errors should be rectified. His actions angered Perry Heath, First Assistant Postmaster General, who complained to the Treasury. The influence of Heath prevailed, and Gilmer was taken off that work.

Tracewell's Poor Judgment.

Messrs. Bonaparte and Conrad say that many inconsistencies and discrepancies appear in the statements of Auditor Castle, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip, Comptroller Tracewell, ex-Attorney General Griggs, and Mr. Heath. They think Mr. Tracewell was inconsistent, and showed poor judgment when he did not allow the Washington postoffice to be investigated by Mr. Gilmer, as the very fact that the transaction of the Porto Rican postal business through the office and the complications of the Spanish war justified an expert's examination, no matter if the office had been examined only a few months before.

Mr. Gilmer appeared before the two investigators and denied the charge that he had been abrupt and had used discourteous language in making his examination. He said some of the people whose accounts he was looking over found his duty obnoxious and were highly discourteous and rude to him. Occupying an official position he could not take the same notice of this treatment that he would have taken had he been in private life. The two attorneys take the view that the rough treatment was against Mr. Gilmer instead of by him and quote the opinions of others who dealt with him to show that they are right in their judgment.

Compelled to Ask Transfer.

Mr. Gilmer told them how he was compelled to request a transfer to another office and declared that the letter which Comptroller Tracewell accused him of stealing was not stolen, but was a letter to him and he had a right to keep it. A letter of A. L. Lawshe, acting auditor for the Postoffice Department, is quoted as showing that Mr. Tracewell wrote the letter to Gilmer, and it was intended that he he should keep it as a justification of his course in ceasing his investigation into the Washington Postoffice.

The charge that Gilmer spent four months in the examination of the accounts for one quarter in the Washington Postoffice is discredited by the attorneys. They say that the four months were consumed by Heath, Machen, Beavers, and others to Comptroller Tracewell with oral explanations of the conditions which Gilmer's industry had unearthed. Auditor Castle is rebuked for saying that Gilmer received copious hints from Mr. Tulloch in making his investigation, as Mr. Tulloch was not removed for two months after Mr. Gilmer had finished his work in Washington.

"In our opinion," say the attorneys, "this treatment of Gilmer constitutes one of the most serious and significant features of the situation developed by the papers laid before us."

ARGUMENT FOR TYNER WAS RESUMED TODAY

Argument was resumed this morning before Justice Pritchard on the demurrer filed by Gen. James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, to the indictments against them charging them with conspiracy to defraud the Government, in connection with the Postoffice investigation.

It is alleged in the demurrers that the indictments are defective because they do not set out specifically the crimes which the defendants are accused of committing.

Arguments were made yesterday afternoon by A. S. Worthington, on behalf of the defendants, and Assistant District Attorney Hugh T. Taggart, in support of the validity of the indictments.

When the court convened this morning Mr. Hirshey, of the law firm of Hirshey & Crane, of Baltimore, Md., began the closing argument on behalf of the defendants.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS TAKEN IN SAN FRANCISCO

Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service, received word this morning of the breaking up of a gang of counterfeiters at San Francisco by Thomas Foster and Thomas R. McManus, Secret Service agents. Four men were arrested—Charles Callan, Charles Sutcliffe, John Atridge, and George Tighe.

In Callan's room were found 115 counterfeit coins, in metal dollars and in smaller denominations. Twelve molds for making coins were also found in the room.

So far as can be learned, the amount of the counterfeit money circulated was not large.

DIED.

FAWCETT—At Glencarlyn, Va., Thursday, Dec. 17, 1903, THOMAS R., beloved husband of Isabella D. Fawcett, aged sixty-three years.

Funeral from Glencarlyn Mission, Sunday, Dec. 20, 1903, at 1 o'clock. Interment at Arlington.

Father, in thy gracious keeping
Leave we now thy servant, sleeping.

Dixon (Ill.), Canton (Ohio), and Cedar Rapids (Iowa) papers please copy. 1t

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BIG APARTMENT HOUSE DESTROYED IN CHICAGO

Fifty-six Families Homeless and Many Narrowly Escape Death in the Blazing Structure.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Fifty-six families, comprising 200 persons, were made homeless last night when fire destroyed the Victoria Apartment Building, Forty-ninth Street and Calumet. The property loss was estimated at $75,000.

A number of the occupants narrowly escaped death, women, children and even men being carried down ice-coated fire escapes by the firemen and policemen. Driven to the roof by the flames that surged in the floors below, several women became desperate and were about to jump when rescuers reached them.

The building was one of the oldest of the World's Fair structures, and was formerly known as the Marlboro. It was four stories high and the apartments were mostly two and four rooms. The flames swept through the building from the base ment to the roof in a few minutes, and before any of the tenants could save their belongings.

What caused the fire is not known. It started in a part of the building far removed from the boiler room.

BUTLER CASE MAY GO TO JURY IN FEW HOURS

Man Accused of Killing His Stepfather on the Stand in His Own Behalf.

The hearing of testimony in the case of James Butler, who is on trial for murder in Criminal Court, No. 2, was resumed this morning. The case will be submitted to the jury late this afternoon.

The greater part of the session of court yesterday was taken up in the direct and cross-examination of the defendant, who testified in his own behalf. At the close of the afternoon session the jury was permitted by Justice Wright to visit the scene of the killing of Joseph Green by Butler. The man who was killed resided in King's Alley southeast.

Butler made a good witness. He was deliberate in making his statements, and, although put through a severe cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney Gordon, his evidence was not shaken. His story of the circumstances which led to the tragedy is substantially to the effect that on June 23 his stepfather, Joseph Green, before leaving home in the morning, gave his mother, Nettie Green, permission to sell some rags in order to obtain money to pay her expenses on an excursion. This, Mrs. Green did. Green, however, came home late in the afternoon. He was under the influence of drink, and quarreled with his wife because she sold the rags. Green demanded that his wife give him the money she received for the rags. This she refused to do, and a quarrel ensued, which ended in Green beating his wife, first with the handle of a broom, and next with a barrel stave. Butler said Green knocked his mother down with the barrel stave, and commenced to kick her, at the same time threatening that he would "clean out all the niggers in the house." Butler said when Green persisted in beating his mother he picked up an ax and struck him a blow on the head, and felled him to the ground. Green was taken to the hospital, but did not recover from the effects of the injury he received.

DROPS DEAD, DRESSING TO ATTEND FUNERAL

James W. Hunter Dies of Heart Disease in His Home.

James W. Hunter, a citizen of Georgetown, dropped dead shortly after noon yesterday, at his home, 1220 Potomac Street northwest, as the result of an attack of heart failure. He was preparing to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Baker, when stricken.

Mr. Hunter for a number of years had conducted a butcher business in the Center Market. He was fifty-four years of age, and is survived by a widow, Mrs. Eliza Hunter, and several children. He was a brother of Mrs. Edward P. Rhodes and Mrs. Alice Rabbitt, of Georgetown.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been arranged.

CHURCH NOTICES.

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, cor. Seward square and 5th st. se.—11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., sermon by the pastor, Dr. J. C. Nicholson; 9:15 a.m., Sunday school; 6:30 p.m., Epworth League. Special music. Prayer meeting Christmas morning, 6:30. 1t

THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH has moved to Concordia Club Hall, 536 6th st. nw. Rev. Alex Kent, pastor, will speak at 11:15 of "The Origin and Meaning of Christmas Customs." Prof. Newburgh's class at 10:15. Seats free. All welcome. 1t

MT. VERNON PLACE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, 9th and K sts. nw., Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman, pastor—Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. by the pastor; subject of evening sermon, "The Bible as the Infidel Textbook;" Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Junior League, 3:30 p.m.; Senior League, 6:30 p.m.; prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p.m. 1t

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—At 3 p.m., in the lecture room of the Halls of the Ancients, on New York ave., bet. 13th and 14th sts. nw.,

BISHOP OLIVER C. SABIN

will deliver the eighth of a series of twelve lectures, teaching "How to Heal the Sick Through Divine Methods." These lectures are absolutely free and will be the only series delivered during the year. All who desire to learn should come. Quiz meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Hall commodious and comfortable; surroundings elegant. 1t

COLORED EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—At 8 p.m., at Odd Fellows' Hall, on M st., bet. 16th and 17th sts., Elder Roland B. Hazard will deliver a free lecture on the subject of "Divine Healing." All invited. 1t

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Georgetown, O st., bet. 32d and 33d, Rev. Frederick B. Howden, rector; Rev. G. E. Knollmeyer, assistant—Services tomorrow: 7:30 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon; 4:30 p.m., evening prayer (plain); 7:30 p.m., evening service, with sermon. Services Christmas Day: Holy communion, 7:30 a.m.; morning prayer and sermon, 10:30 a.m. 1t

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS—"Great Nations of Today in Prophecy." Address by Prof. Prescott, editor of Seventh Day Adventist Church paper, Sunday, December 20, at 7:30 p. m., at the Masonic Temple; questions answered. All are invited. de18-2t

MEASURES OF INTEREST INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

Representative Shafroth of Colorado Presents Resolution in Favor of Extending Suffrage to Women.

Representative Shafroth (Dem., Col.) has introduced in the House a joint resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution stipulating that the right of suffrage shall not be denied on account of sex.

Representative Morrell (Rep., Pa.) has introduced a bill to promote the American merchant marine by allowing goods brought to and from the Philippines in American vessels a discriminating duty of 15 per cent.

Representative Cooper (Rep., Wis.) chairman of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, has presented two memorials from the house of delegates of Porto Rico. One asks that the Constitution of the United States in its entirety be extended to the island, and the other asks for the separation, both as to personnel and functions, of the executive and legislative power of the island.

Mr. Cooper has also a resolution directing that 600 public school teachers of Porto Rico be brought to the United States upon Government transports for the purpose of attending summer schools in the United States.

WASHINGTON MAN LOSES CASE AGAINST RAILWAY

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides No Discrimination Was Shown Against Passenger.

In opinions by Commissioner Yeomans, the Interstate Commerce Commission announced today decisions in the cases of W. H. H. Macloon vs. Boston and Maine Railroad Company and others, and Samuel K. Behrend vs. Washington Southern Railway Company and others.

In the Behrend case the complainant was charged a through passenger fare of $4.65 from Washington, D. C., to Moseley, Va., passing through Richmond, Va., although the sum of the fares from Washington to Richmond and from Richmond to Moseley was 50 cents less, but it appeared that the local fares to and from Richmond applied to and from different stations, and that the extra 50 cents covered a transfer charge. The Commission holds in this case, that as the complainant was not subjected to unjust discrimination, and the reasonableness of the transfer charge was not attacked, the complaint must be dismissed.

POLICEMAN OSTERMAN FACING DISMISSAL

If Corporation Counsel Finds Evidence Properly Admitted "Peeping Tom" Will Leave the Force.

The trial papers of Policeman C. F. Osterman have been forwarded to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion as to the admissibility of certain evidence.

As the case now stands, Osterman has been found guilty of being a "Peeping Tom," and has been recommended by Major Sylvester for removal from the force. This recommendation has been approved by Commissioners West and Macfarland, and if no portion of the evidence was improperly admitted, Osterman will be removed forthwith.

MANY TROUBLES HAS GEORGE BAKER, COLORED

George Baker, a negro, was sent to jail for eleven months and twenty-nine days on two charges of larceny and also held in $500 bonds for the action of the grand jury on a charge of attempted housebreaking, by Judge Scott, in the Police Court, today.

GOVERNOR NASH AFTER RUHLIN.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 19.—Governor Nash ordered Attorney General Sheets yesterday to begin legal proceedings to punish the principals, promoters, and witnesses of two prizefights held at Akron Thursday night. The principals were Gus Ruhlin and Charles M. Green, and Frank Cassidy and Artie Sims. Ruhlin won easily.

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WILL REFUND TAXES PAID IN DUPLICATE

But Statute of Limitations Still Applies to Those Erroneously Advanced by Owners.

From an indorsement placed on certain papers yesterday afternoon by Commissioner West, the policy of the District authorities is established in so far as the statute of limitations is concerned with the erroneous payment of taxes. Hereafter the statute will not be taken advantage of when taxes have been paid in duplicate, and it will be taken advantage of when taxes have been erroneously paid.

Mr. West's argument is that when a man pays taxes for his property, and his agent makes a duplicate payment, the District is receiving money twice for the same thing, and therefore the duplicate payment should be refunded, whether two years or ten years have elapsed since the error was made. In regard to erroneous payments, the Commissioner thinks when a man is taxed for three and one-half acres of land and he has only two acres, it rests with the owner to call the attention of the District authorities to the error.

The case in point was that of Holland Manley, who wanted refund of taxes erroneously paid on a piece of property in Brookland. The first erroneous payment was made in 1893. Commissioner West recommends he be refunded the amount of erroneous payment since 1901, but that the remainder be denied, on the ground that it is barred by the statute of limitations.

CORONER TO INQUIRE INTO DEATH OF BERON

Painter Dies After Having Been Knocked Down by Bicyclist.

William Beron, a painter, of 332 Eighth Street southeast, who was run into by Joseph Smith, a negro, on a bicycle Tuesday, died at his home last night as a result of the injuries received. Acting Coroner Glazebrook was notified, and had the body removed to Scott's undertaking establishment, where it will be held until the return tomorrow of Coroner Nevitt. It is probable that an inquest will be held on Monday morning.

Beron, who was eighty-six years old, was crossing Pennsylvania Avenue near his home when he was run down by Smith. He was picked up unconscious and taken to his home. Dr. L. L. Friedrich was called and found that he was suffering from a fractured skull. Smith was arrested and is in jail awaiting the result of the inquiry.

LITIGATION BEGUN OVER PATENT RIGHTS

Charles E. Wood today instituted proceedings in equity against John P. Martin and four others for an injunction, the cancellation of certain promissory notes and the payment of $7,000 with interest. The litigation is the outgrowth of a transaction between the parties relative to interests in the patent for a receipt or device for improvements in the process of making artificial stone. Henry E. Davis is named as counsel for the complainant.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

SPECIAL NOTICE—On January 18, 1904, the meeting of stockholders will be held at our office, 423 Tenth Street northwest, at 3 p. m. THE C. J. McCUBBIN COMPANY. It

SPECIAL NOTICE—Licenses to practice medicine and midwifery. Physicians and midwives desiring to enter the January examination of applicants for licenses to practice medicine, and to practice midwifery, respectively, in the District of Columbia, should file their applications with the undersigned, on or before the 30th instant. WILLIAM C. WOODWARD, Secretary Board of Medical Supervisors, 464 Louisiana Avenue northwest. It

SPECIAL NOTICE—Just arrived three cars fancy spruce and fir Xmas trees. For select trees get your orders in early. STONNELL & HARRISON, 943 B Street northwest. 'Phone, M-1460.

SPECIAL NOTICE—A meeting of the Firemen's Insurance Company, of Washington and Georgetown will be held, at its office, on MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1904, at 12 O'CLOCK, M., for the election of thirteen directors. Polls open at 11 a. m. C. W. HOWARD, Secretary. de17-18t.

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