

Citizens Ask Police To Stop Stone Battles

Small Boy Killed While on the Retreat.

RACE WAR BETWEEN YOUTHS

Policeman in Citizen Clothes Now Patrols Locality to Prevent Further Hostilities.

"Stone battles" between white boys attending Hayes School, and negro boys attending the Logan School, in the vicinity of I and Fourth Streets north-east, was the subject discussed by Major Sylvester yesterday afternoon in a comprehensive report submitted to the District Commissioners.

On December 3 last, while retreating in one of these "stone battles," the small son of D. J. Edwards, of 315 M Street northeast, was killed by an engine on the Baltimore and Ohio tracks.

A communication, signed by the parents of the boy and many other residents in the vicinity, was forwarded to the District Commissioners, calling attention to the stone battles, and urging the authorities to put a stop to the practice immediately. The communication set forth that the white boys were wont to attack the negro boys with stones, subjecting not only the boys but passers-by to danger.

"An Isolated Case."

Policeman Brown, of the Ninth precinct, made an investigation and reports the battles are not of frequent occurrence. He says he visited the schools several times and observed no disorder. The policeman further reports that last September white and negro boys were engaged in a stone battle in Patterson field, near Sixth Street and Florida Avenue northeast. The trouble, he learned, was precipitated by a negro youth about fourteen years of age, who overturned a wheelbarrow full of wood in charge of a white boy of about the same age. Since that time, the officer reports, a feeling has existed which led up to the stone battle of December 3.

Lieutenant Daley in reporting to Major Sylvester says that the point where the stone battle occurred is more than two

squares distant from the nearest school building, and is out of view of any school, and, consequently, out of the jurisdiction of the janitors of the schools. "The heads of the patrolmen in this precinct," says the lieutenant, "are large, and on each day's beat there are at least two schools which require the attention of the policemen in order to carry out the instructions of the major and superintendent to have a policeman present before the taking in of school, during recess, and at the closing of the session. Consequently, the officer is obliged to divide his time among the schools."

Has Names of Boys.

"I have obtained the names of all the boys who were engaged in the stone battle of December 3, but have taken no further action than to notify the parents of the boys who participated, so that they could caution them not to engage in the dangerous practice of throwing missiles, particularly at the place where the Edwards boy was killed."

Lieutenant Daley says that he has instructed the officers to give as much attention as possible to the neighborhood, where the stone battles occurred, in order to prevent a recurrence of the fight. In accordance with an indorsement on the papers by Commissioner West the petitioners will be informed that their complaint has been given careful attention by the police department; that an officer in citizen dress has been detailed to patrol the locality where the missile throwing occurred, and that every effort will be made in the future to prevent a recurrence of this dangerous sport.

NO "JAIL" CASES.

No "jail" cases are set for trial in either branch of the District Criminal Court next week. Justice Pritchard will be occupied in Division No. 1 with the trial of the first of the Postoffice cases, and Justice Wright, who is assigned to Criminal Court No. 2, will take up the trial of cases appealed from justices of the peace.

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Board of Charities May Be Relieved of Supervision Over Three Important Institutions.

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It is intended to give the Secretary of the Interior exclusive supervision over all the institutions named, and the disbursement of all appropriations for them, subject to the laws of Congress. The Commissioners of the District are authorized by the proposed bill to enter into contract with the Secretary of the Interior for the care, at a reasonable rate per capita, of all persons from the District of Columbia to be treated in the Freedman's Hospital and Asylum.

DESERT PLANTS SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER

"Desert Plants as a Source of Drinking Water," by F. W. Coville, was the subject of the principal lecture before the Biological Society of Washington, at the Cosmos Club, last night. Mr. Coville is an expert on submarine plants, as well as those of the desert. He described an interesting list of desert plants which store up water, and illustrated the most important species with lantern slides.

Death Gulch in the Yellowstone Park was the subject of an illustrated paper by V. K. Chestnut. An Exogenous Palm From Guatemala was the subject of O. F. Cook, in which he gave illustrations of a new plant from that country.

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Three-quarter length coats and some jackets of high-grade Chevots and Kersey Cloths, full satin lined and man-tailored, are reduced from \$25.00, and a few at \$20.00 to **\$15.00**

THE FIRST OF THE GREAT SALES PLANNED FOR 1904.

Notions and Dressmakers' Findings.

PRACTICALLY EVERY KIND AT SURPRISING ECONOMY.

We've planned to make it the most talked of sale ever held in Washington. We've been buying for this one sale ever since last summer. We're offering greater values and more of them than you ever had spread out before you for acceptance. No woman who has dresses and home sewing to do can ignore this sale and do justice to her economical tendencies. It's a sale where it would be wise to anticipate the needs of a year and fill the bureau and sewing machine drawers to overflowing.

Everything offered is of sterling worth. We've barred the cheap, trashy stuff, of which many sales are "made." We're offering things satisfactory to buy at usual prices. Dressmakers are advised that this sale is worthy of their earnest attention and liberal patronage.

Dress Shields. Sateen-covered Dress Shields, sizes 2 or 3; pair sale price, 15c Light-weight Dress Shields; weight Dress Shields; sizes 2 3 4 Pair.....5c 8c 10c Nainsook-covered Dress Shields, rubber-lined, sizes 2 or 4, pair.....7c Kann's light-weight Silk Shields; sizes 2 3 4 Pair.....15c 21c 24c Dozen.....\$1.50 \$1.80 \$2.00 Kann's Mottre-covered Dress Shields, all warranted; sizes 2 3 4 Pair.....15c 17c 19c Dozen.....\$1.50 \$1.80 \$2.00 These Granger Hooks and Eyes cannot be had elsewhere in Washington. Regular 5c a card; sale price.....3c Pearl and turquoise lace pins, regular 5c a dozen; sale price.....3c Silk chiffon collar foundations; all silk; round and pointed fronts; sale price, each.....2c Needle book, complete, for.....5c These Sandow Pins, regular 5c a card; sale price.....3c The Famous Dexter's Knitting Cotton, three balls.....10c Our own "Luxus" Dress Shields; anti-septic; no rubber; washable; may be ironed: Regular, Sale.....12c Size 1.....15c Size 2.....18c Size 3.....21c Size 4.....24c Size 5.....28c Silk-finish Brush Skirt Binding, regularly 5c and 7c a yard; sale price, a yard.....3c Pen Knives.....10c Waist Bestabone, in white, black, drab; sale price, a doz. yards.....47c Kinsey & Kinsey Oxfords, Waist Formers—1903 style, sale price, 15c 1904 style, sale price, 15c Zinc Machine Oxfords, regular 5c; sale price.....4c	Sewing Silk, Thread and Crochet Cotton. 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