OUR PENSION POLICY.

It Is Vigorously Discussed in the Federal House.

ATTACK ON THE ADMINISTRATION.

It Is Repelled by Livingston, Enloe, and Others—One Quite Sharp Passage-at-Arms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Early in the morning hour Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, called up the deficiency bill and asked that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with, to which there was no objection. The House then went into Committee of the Whole upon the bill, with Mr. Hatch, of Missouri, in the chair.

Mr. Cannon took the floor and attacked the administration's policy of suspending pensions pending examinations for fraud. Mr. Cannon stated that the Committee of Ways and Means and various chiefs of divisions in the Pension Office had been called before the Committee on Appropriations and had many questions in regard to the business. The Committee on Appropriations stated that the actual saving resulting from the investigations for fraud since May 1st, when that ruling of Commissioner Lochren went into effect, was in round figures like $1,000,000. On cross-examination it appeared that substantially this $1,000,000 was counted for as a saving because certain claims which had been allowed and never would have been allowed because they would not have passed on special examination, were now being examined and disallowed. On further examination it appeared that the amount which was saved during the year was only $31,000.

Hinsdale asked whether the $31,000 was the reductions as well as the savings for fraud.

"Both," replied Mr. Cannon.

EXTENT OF FRAUD.

Continuing, he said that the Commissioner of Pensions had stated that in the transaction of the business of his office, involving payments from $150,000,000 to $160,000,000 to over 1,000,000 persons, there was more fraud than in the ordinary commercial business in the courts.

Enloe, of Tennessee, asked Mr. Cannon who had changed the construction of Rule No. 164.

Cannon replied that it was done by the present Commissioner of Pensions and the present Secretary of the Interior. The first-named Congress made two appropriations, certainly one—to meet the results of this law, and appropriated for pensions, a large number of claims were adjudicated under that law. When the Fifty-second Congress came in with its 140 Democratic majority in the House of Representatives, Congress appropriated the money to meet the requirements of this law, and with the approval of the Democratic House. But in the appropriation by the Fifty-second Congress was an act which revoked Rule 164, promulgated during the administration of Mr. Harrison, and which affected pensioners. The Democratic House refused to accept the amendment, and it was stricken out of the bill.

In 1893, with William Lochren Commissioner of Pensions, Hoke Smith Secretary of the Interior, and Grover Cleveland President of the United States, the Pension Office made haste to revoke Rule No. 164, thus cutting off about 30,000 pensioners, and had thus committed what was akin to a crime.

ADMINISTRATION DEFENDED.

Livingston, of Georgia, defended the action of the administration in regard to pensions. He defended in particular Secretary of the Interior, Hoke Smith, and his commissioner of Pensions, Lochren. He spoke of the numerous cases of fraud against the pension laws, instanced cases in the Arizona, New Mexico and Albany Districts. He said a Southern man opposed the immediate granting of pensions he was not acting with sinister motives; as a matter of fact, the Southern man had no objection to the granting of pensions to a Northern soldier who had served it. It had been stated by Mr. Cannon from Illinois (Mr. Cannon) that pensioners were being dropped by Smith and Lochren. How was it about? Hardly by collusion, Smith was a Southern man, it is true, but he was not a Southern soldier. He was young. The Commissioner of Pensions was a Northern soldier, and a soldier, while Cleveland was a Democrat.

Livingston was frequently interrupted by Messrs. Van Voorhis, Republican, New York; Baker, Republican, of New York; Pickler, Republican, of South Dakota, and Dingley, Republican, of Maine. The last named was so persistent in his interruptions that the debate threatened to degenerate into a personal and acrimonious dispute. The Speaker, Mr. Hatch, endeavored to restore order and clear the aisles, and forced to remind Mr. Dingley and Livingston that they were not in Committee of Appropriations. Committee-room talk the Chair would not allow any more dialogue on the floor as the gentlemen were indulging in.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Dolliver, Republican, of Iowa, made a speech in favor of the solvency of the pension system, in criticism of the administration, and challenged any gentleman on the other side, if he could, any cases in his district.

A few minutes' delay Mr. Dingley said that he knew of a case of fraud in his district.

Lacey, of Iowa, said Mr. Lacey, "We have one case—one case out of many—but what is fraud in Georgia may be a different aspect in Illinois and it is just possible that the people from Georgia might regard it as helped to put down the rebellion being guilty of fraud.

He said, "the boys went through Georgia; in 1863 Georgia went through the boys." (Laughter and applause on the Republican side.)

Referring to a simile drawn by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Cannon) was applicable to the case, and he endeavored to show that the temperature in the Pension Office was 20 degrees below zero. It was a chilly day when the boys went into the Pension Office to look after the interests of the government, said Mr. Lacey. He (Mr. Lacey) had stack of papers, and if he had time they were he would learn that they were the applications of men which had been held up while they were trying to find out whether these men were under the roof instead of paying and coming in at the gate.

Bowen, Democrat, of Minnesota, asked Mr. Lacey to eliminate sentiment from the discussion.

"Sentiment!" said Mr. Lacey. "As well put aside patriotism. The Pension Office was built on a basis of justice on the one hand and sentiment on the other."

PLEA FOR HONESTY.

He addressed the committee. He said he had not witnessed any more spectacle on this floor in defence of the ex-Union soldier by Mr. Lacey. He did not think there was an honest ex-Union soldier in this country who would stand up and object to investigation. He was not surprised that men receiving pensions in violation of law should object to an examination; but he was surprised that those who defended such men were the accomplices of the burglar who watched while his companion looted the house.

He said that there was dishonesty, and illegal proceedings in the Pension Office; that that office had been infested with fraud for years past, and that the ex-Commissioner of Pensions was in collusion with the pension agents throughout the country. He asserted that Rules No. 19 and 153 were put in at the instance of George Lemon, a Washington pension attorney, and that these rules had made him a year. He wanted the matter thoroughly investigated, and he wanted to see the pension roll who was not entitled to be there.

Speaking of the pension frauds unearthed in Baltimore, he said that one agent in that city had had 2,000 pensions sent to him, and had deposited them in bank to his own account, and then turned them over to the proper pensioners only on the payment of a certain percentage. He could not give all the details, because the investigation had not been completed, but the facts were as he had indicated.

And in speaking of the frauds discovered in New Mexico, in one instance, he said, the examiners had found a discrepancy of eight inches between the stature of the man who claimed the pension, and his height given in the description, while in one case in New Mexico, in which the examiner had discovered frauds, it was found that the perpetrator was a subagent of a Washington pension agency.

He also mentioned the Newby case, in which the original bearer of that name had been killed at Shiloh; yet years afterward a person who had been discharged from a penitentiary in Tennessee appeared in Newby's old home and claimed to be Newby, and the neighbors swore he was Newby. The government brought forty witnesses who swore that Newby was dead—soldiers in his own regiment who testified that they had seen him die and were present when he was buried.

In conclusion, he said that no more iniquitous law had ever been framed than the law of July 1, 1890.

CONSIDERED A LIBEL.

Mr. Morse, of Massachusetts, said that he was surprised at the statement made in the President's last message, that there were numbers of fraudulent pensioners living in every community. He considered that statement a libel on many brave men, and on the Grand Army of the Republic; and Mr. Morse repudiated the statement. He said that the Democrats were too cowardly to strike out pension legislation entirely, but knocked down one man here and another there. "They execute a pensioner first and try him afterward," was the way to put it. If a man must be a pauper before he can become a pensioner, then he was in favor of abolishing all pension laws and making the pension-paupers dependent on the various communities, and not national paupers.

Mr. Morse sent to the Clerk's desk and had read the statements and letters of a number of men whose pensions had been disallowed.

At 5:15, the committee rose, after deciding to give three hours in which to close the discussion on Monday—one and a half hours to each side—and that Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, should close the debate for the minority, and Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, for the majority. The House then adjourned.

There was no session of the Senate today.

VICTIMS OF A WRECK.

Five People Killed and Six Injured in the Dunkirk Disaster.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., December 16.—Five people were killed and six injured by the disaster on the Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad, three miles east of this city last night.

The dead are Jesse Hodges, conductor; William E. McCain, baggagemaster; Oscar Porter and his mother, Mrs. J. N. Porter, of Brookline, and George Ryman, of Fredonia.

The train went through a trestle that spans Herrick's creek. The creek is ordinarily a harmless little stream, but owing to the heavy rains, it had risen rapidly, and poured down a flood of angry waters, which washed out the supports of the trestle.

When the ill-fated train dashed on the structure, running forty miles per hour, the trestle gave way, and the cars crashed into the gorge. The engine had crossed the bridge when the latter gave way. The tender broke its coupling, and with the cars, fell twenty-five feet into the rushing torrent beneath.

MR. BLOUNT ANNOYED.

Rumors That the President Proposes to Desert Him.

NEW YORK, December 16.—A Macon (Ga.) special says: Mr. Blount is very much annoyed over reports that President Cleveland intends to throw the onus of his treatment of the Hawaiian question upon himself. Said he to-day: "It is untrue that I had any dispute with the President because I was not continued in the diplomatic service. I went to Hawaii as a commissioner representing the President. When I was appointed Minister I immediately resigned that office, and my work being done, I returned home.

"The statement that Minister Willis found the Dole government much stronger than I reported it is nothing strange when you recollect that I left Honolulu in August, and Willis did not reach there until November. Dole thus had over three months in which to strengthen himself, and it is only reasonable to suppose that he made good use of his time. I parted with President Cleveland on the best of terms, and am now completely out of public life."

THE M'KANE CASE.

An Order Signed Looking to a Stay of Proceedings.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., December 16.—Judge Cullen, of the Supreme Court, on application of George W. Roderick, has signed an order to show cause why a stay should not be granted in the case of John Y. McKane and his associates, adjudged guilty by Judge Barnard, and fined $250 each and sentenced to thirty days in jail. The order is returnable Monday.

DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE.

An Augusta Young Lady Commits Suicide in Public.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 16.—Cora Miller, about 21 years of age, committed suicide this morning in front of the exposition building by shooting herself through the heart with a 32-calibre pistol. Disappointed love was the cause.

Bosbyshell Takes the Hint.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—In response to the request of the President, O. C. Bosbyshell, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has tendered his resignation.

Sup't of Indian Schools.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—William N. Hallman, of Indiana, has been decided upon as the successor of Dr. Dorchester as Superintendent of Indian Schools.

Congressman Cobb "Solid."

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—The Committee on Elections has decided the Alabama case of Whatley against Cobb unanimously in favor of Cobb, the sitting member.

Telegraphic Tersities.

Hon. James Black, of Lancaster, Pa., died yesterday of pneumonia, aged 70. He was a candidate for President on the Prohibition ticket in 1872.

James J. Corbett, the American pugilist, has moved to Maxport, Fla., for training, and expresses himself as more than pleased with his temporary quarters.

The programme of the Italian Cabinet includes 10 per cent decrease in the land-tax and a tax on houses, and it is doubtful whether the Ministry will survive it.

After a warm struggle last night Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor, receiving 1,314 votes against 1,222 for John McBride.

The acquittal of Patrick Meehan of the charge of the murder of Robert McBride yesterday in the Fulton County Supreme Court, in Atlanta, concluded one of the most exciting trials that have been held in Georgia for a long time.

Advices received at Buenos Ayres confirm the report that the port of Santos, Brazil, is completely blockaded by rebel gun-boats, and that the insurgents have thus cut off customs revenues which were of great value to President Peixoto.

The employees of the blanket and cloth departments of John and James Dobson's mills at the Falls of Schuylkill, Pa., have been notified that there will be no more work for them, as the two branches of the mills mentioned will be closed for an indefinite period.

The coroner's juries of Louisville, Ky., and Jeffersonville, Ind., will make a rigid investigation of the Louisville and Jeffersonville bridge accident. The inquests will not be held until all the bodies have been recovered. None of these were found yesterday.

The lecture of General Gordon on the "Last Days of the Confederacy" is attracting attention over the whole country. Invitations to deliver it are coming to the General from the Pacific coast, as well as from Eastern and Northwestern cities, and he has already made engagements covering the holiday recess of Congress.

The Brazilian legation in London has received a telegram from Rio de Janeiro saying that the government troops there have recaptured Governor's Island from the insurgents. It is added at the Legation that this is considered a most important victory for President Peixoto, owing to the strategic position which the island occupies. The Brazilian name of the island is Ilha de Governador.

The Oakland, Cal., Enquirer says the Hawaiian Minister, Thurston, who sailed Friday for Honolulu, is going to Hawaii to assist in another revolution; that is to say, to aid in substituting for the present provisional government or temporary government a permanent government, with a written constitution, which shall make Hawaii a republic and a free and independent nation of the earth. All idea of seeking annexation is to be abandoned, for the present at least, and the Republic of Hawaii is to be established, thus ending monarchy in the Islands.

BALTIMORE SOCIETY.

Chances Against the Season of '93-'94 Being a Brilliant One.

PROMINENT LADIES IN MOURNING.

Debutantes Introduced at the Bachelors' Cotillon Club—Teas, Dinners, and Receptions—Paint-and-Powder Club.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, MD., December 16.—The season of '93—'94 has opened most auspiciously, and yet the chances are that it will not be a brilliant one. First of all, some of the most prominent families in the social world are in mourning, including Mrs. John Moncure Robinson and Mrs. Raleigh Gildersleeve, both of whom have always played prominent parts in all entertainments, public and private. Mrs. Jesse Tyson, too, is still in mourning. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett have decided to spend the winter quietly at their country home, "Uplands," and will not open their town house at all.

Mrs. Wilson Patterson, however, has returned from her two years' stay abroad, and she always takes a leading part in the entertaining.

Mrs. James M. Thompson is still in the North. Her new house is nearly ready for occupancy, and she will give a large ball in January as a housewarming and to introduce her youngest daughter, Maud, to Monumental society.

THE ONLY BALL.

The only ball so far this season was the one given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morton Stewart to introduce their daughter, Miss Priscilla Pinckney Stewart. The ball was given at their country house "Cliffeholme," and the 400 guests were carried out from town in a special train. Union Depot before the starting of the train was a scene of brilliancy never before seen at that railway station, and seldom at any other.

The first german of the Bachelors' Cotillon Club formally opened the season and introduced the debutantes. There are among these debutantes several notable ones, on account of their family, their beauty, or their wealth, many of them this year, being the possessor of one, two, or all of these attributes. The more prominent are Miss Mary Washington Keyser, Miss Nannie Reeves, Miss Lucile Polk, Miss Priscilla Stewart, Miss Arizella Potter, Miss Anne George, Miss E. Braxton Hopkins, and others.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Many teas, luncheons, dinners, and receptions have been given to and for them, last year's debutantes being seldom heard from as yet; for, as I said in a letter last season, the reign of the debutante is brilliant but short. The King is dead, long live the King.

The Friday evening dances this year are in charge of a committee of ladies including Mrs. Ross Winans, Mrs. Irvine Keyser, Mrs. John B. Morris, Mrs. George Reuling, and Mrs. Edward Johnson, secretary. To these dances the girls subscribe and the men are invited, thus reversing the usual order of things. The first one was given last Friday and was especially brilliant. They are very popular in spite of two innovations, namely there is no cotillion and no flowers are allowed to be worn or carried in the ballroom. If a girl should bring any flowers she is obliged to leave them in the dressing-room.

UP TO THE STANDARD.

The german last Monday night, while not so crowded as might have been expected, and the music not being all that it should be, was, nevertheless, about up to the high standard of Baltimore's famed "Monday germans." Among those present were General and Mrs. John Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Munnikhuysen, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Whistler, Miss Charlotte Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Hollins McKim, Miss McKim, Miss Laura Jenkins, Mr. George Snowden Andrews, Messrs. Robert and Will Lehr, John J. Jackson, Jr., Frank Harvey, Sherlock Swann, Robert Riddell Brown, John C. B. Pendleton, and Colonel Charles Winder, Mr. Roger Brooke Hopkins led the german. Miss Louise Morris was also present and danced with Mr. Freddie Gebhard, of New York. She carried a bouquet of violets which, without exaggeration, was about the size of the top of a flour-barrel. She was gowned in black satin, with long black gloves, which only emphasized the dazzling whiteness of her matchless neck and arms. Her only ornaments were enamelled violet-pins.

ON THE WAY TO NEW YORK.

Miss Irene Langhorne was in town on Monday, but she did not stay over for the german, as she left in the afternoon for New York for the Patriarchs' ball on Wednesday night. Her father was with her. The principal item of gossip is the Paint-and-Powder Club, an organization composed of a number of young society men in town and modelled somewhat on the plan of the Mask-and-Wig Club of Philadelphia. They propose presenting early in February, for the benefit of a prominent charity, the comic opera "Mustapha." "Mustapha" was composed by Mr. Alfred Baldwin Sloane, one of the members of the club, who also wrote the libretto and will play the title-role. Mustapha IV., the Sultan of Turkey. His Grand Vizier, who practically rules the realm, will be acted by Mr. Randolph Mordecai, Jr., a prominent young amateur, who has done much clever work in the past. The principal female parts will be taken by Mr. Harry Lehr, as Marie a young French girl, and by Mr. Harry Price as a fin-de-siecle American girl, both of whom are visiting the daughters of the Sultan in Constantinople. Others who will take leading parts are Messrs. Roland West, Talbot Smith, John B. Morris, G. Frank Sloane, Faris C. Pitt, Jr., and Reese Cassard, the latter being the premiere danseuse of the grand ballet. Dr. Nathan Ryno Smith is the president of the Paint-and-Powder Club, and they have arranged to play in Washington for the Home for Incurables, and also hope to play for some charity in Richmond later.

ENGAGEMENTS.

There have been several recently-announced engagements, among them being those of Miss Marie Sterling to Mr. Lee Tailer, of New York; Miss Elizabeth Eccleston Shoemaker to Mr. Thomas Whitridge, Miss Katharine Goldsborough to Mr. Adolph Farber, and Miss Anna Gilmor to Mr. Gustav Stewart. Several others are rumored, but the actual announcements have not yet been made.

A painful accident occurred last week to Mrs. Charles P. Montague, formerly Mrs. Meredith, of Richmond. She was riding around the country near her summer home at Ellicott City, when suddenly her horse shied, and being thrown, her foot caught in the stirrup. She was dragged some distance and also trampled on by her horse. She finally managed to disengage herself, however, and had strength enough to make her way to a neighboring farmhouse, when a doctor was sent for. It was found that beyond a number of bruises and the displacement of a rib, she had not been seriously hurt.

C. A. R. ENCAMPMENT ECHO.

Scandal Touching Two Indianapolis Business Men.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 16.—An echo of the G. A. R. encampment has sprung into prominence here. The Commercial Club, composed of all the most substantial business-men in this city and throughout the State, was the prime factor in securing the big encampment for this city, and William Fortune was made executive director of the undertaking. It now comes to light that President Lilly of the club has allowed the director $5,000 for his services, which were supposed to have been gratuitous.

Grand Army men are indignant, and the members of the club are resigning in droves. Both the director, who is also secretary of the club, and President Lilly may be asked to resign.

SERGEANT GRIFFIN ON TRIAL.

Mayor Trout Reserves His Decision—Memorial to the Legislature.

ROANOKE, VA., December 16.—(Special.)—The investigation of the charges against Police-Sergeant A. H. Griffin of conduct unbecoming an officer on the night of the September riot began this morning before Mayor Trout and lasted till nearly 7 o'clock this evening. About ten witnesses were examined, among them Officer Dakin, who recounted in detail the capture of the negro Smith by the mob from him, Sergeant Griffin, and Officer Austin. He said they were covered by the guns of the lynchers, and told to walk, which they did.

Ex-Chief Sayre testified that Griffin advised him to give the negro up to the mob, but he would not consent to it. Mayor Trout reserved his decision until Monday morning.

The citizens' memorial to the Legislature asking certain amendments to the new charter prepared by the City Council, has been completed. The amendments asked for are: First, of section 53, in regard to the passage of an ordinance over the Mayor's veto, by striking out the words "three fifths" and inserting "four-fifths" as applied to the vote.

Section 58, relating to the impeachment of the Mayor, is stricken out.

The sections relating to the salary of the Mayor and the letting of contracts, in which the new charter makes the power of the Council absolute, are also amended so as to confine the power of that body.

Moses Dennis (colored) was arrested at 4 P. M. to-day on the charge of breaking into the house of Philip Sonn, in the eastern part of the city this morning and stealing a gold watch, an ivory-handle pistol, and a gold ring. Dennis broke open a back window and entered the house while Mrs. Sonn was at market and her husband at work. He will have a hearing before Police-Justice Turner Monday.

THE AMERICAN TURF.

Trouble at Washington—Postponement of Events at Ivy City.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—Every since the plan of winter racing at the Ivy City track was spoken of the authorities of Washington have had under consideration the possibility of preventing the carrying out of the schema of President Engemen and his associates. The racing began on Thursday of this week, under a license issued by the Board of Commissioners. This license was issued by advice of Attorney Thomas. The district attorney then made inquiry and caused surveys to be made showing that the greater part of the track, including the grand-stand, pool-lawn, and book-makers' enclosures, were inside a mile of the city limits, in which book-making, pool-selling, and betting are prohibited by act of Congress.

The District authorities showed such a determined front that the horsemen put up a tent on the opposite side of the track, outside the mile limit, and the book-makers did business there yesterday under these adverse conditions. A request for a liquor license was unacted upon in the absence of one of the District commissioners, and the police had orders to prevent liquor-selling, which orders were obeyed, and only "soft" drinks were dispensed.

To-day the races were postponed, and no trains were run to the track. It is hardly possible, in the face of the determined opposition of the authorities, that winter racing will be a success in the District of Columbia.

George H. Engeman, who is the lessee of the track, said to-night that he would not resume racing until he had ascertained whether there was any violation of the law. Legal talent has been engaged, and the question will be submitted to the courts.

THE FRISCO TRACK.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—Weather clear and fine. Track slow.

First race—six furlongs, selling—Grafton won, Gussie second, Conde third. Time, 1:17 1-4.

Second race—six furlongs—Romir won, Motto second, Imp. Candid third. Time, 1:17.

Third race—one mile, Norfolk stakes, 3-year-olds and upwards—Wildwood won, Charmion second, Marcelle third. Time, 1:48.

Fourth race—short course, handicap steeplechase—Ballarat won, Templedore second, Longwell third. Time, 3:42.

Fifth race—five furlongs, maidens—Leo won, Gordius second, Miss Fletcher third. Time, 1:05 1-2.

CRESCENT CITY COURSE.

NEW ORLEANS, December 16.—Three favorites managed to pull through to-day on muddy track before a crowd of 1,500.

First race—five eighths of a mile, selling—Wigwam won Rouser second, Zingara third. Time, 1:05 3-4.

Second race—five and a half furlongs, selling, 3-year-olds—Arizona won, Poor Abe second, Morse third. Time, 1:13 1-2.

Third race—five eighths of a mile, selling, 2-year-olds—Florence P. won, Selma second, Bill McKenzie third. Time, 1:19.

Fourth race—five and a half furlongs, selling, 3-year-olds—Rouser won, Carmen second, Joe Hardy third. Time, 1:18.

Fifth race—seven eighths of a mile, selling, 3-year-olds—Outcry won, Harry Weldon second, Silverado third. Time, 1:42.

MOUND CITY WINNERS.

EAST ST. LOUIS, December 16.—The attendance to-day numbered over 4,000.

First race—five eighths of a mile—Little Phil won, Censor second, Hoodoo third. Time, 1:07.

Second race—selling, three quarters of a mile—Zander won, Judge Hughes second, George W. third. Time, 1:23 1-2.

Third race—five eighths of a mile, selling—Pluto won, High Tariff second, Merge third. Time, 1:07.

Fourth race—selling, five eighths of a mile—Paddy Flynn won, Bessie Lee second, Bold Hardy third. Time, 1:06.

Fifth race, three quarters of a mile, handicap sweepstakes—Eagle Bird won, Luke Richards second, Ed. Gartland third. Time, 1:21.

HABEAS CORPUS OF NO AVAIL.

Dr. Louis Mattheze Turned Over to Wisconsin Officials—For Postmaster.

NORFOLK, VA., December 16.—(Special.)—Dr. Lewis Mattheze was before the court this afternoon, but the writ of habeas corpus was denied by Judge Brooke, and the Doctor turned over to the Wisconsin officers. The party left tonight for the West.

Congressman Tyler, it is said, has placed the papers of W. W. Degge before the Post-Office Department for postmaster at Norfolk.

Filled With Bullets.

HENDERSON, KY., December 16.—Henry G. Givens (colored) was lynched near Nebo, Foster county, early this morning. Givens was accused of poisoning stock, and of an intention to poison a school well. Last night he was ordered to leave, but drew a pistol on the self-appointed committee. This morning his body was found tied to a tree and filled with bullets.

Anti-Lottery Decision.

FRANKFORT, KY., December 16.—The Court of Appeals to-day decided against the Henry county and Frankfort lottery companies, holding that the Legislature can pass a law to revoke charters. The lotteries will appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Assignment of a Grocer.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., December 16.—J. M. Baily, Jr., a Market-Square grocer, made a general assignment to-day. Liabilities, nearly $8,000; assets not exactly known, but more than the liabilities.

The Hustings Court.

In the Hustings Court yesterday Edward Jones (colored), charged with unlawful assault upon Jane Terry, was sent to jail for thirty days and fined one cent.

John Norman (colored), charged with petit larceny, was acquitted.

Charles Lucas, alias Charles Lewis (colored), was acquitted on the charge of assaulting Maggie, a negro girl.

The Church and Labor.

The Literary meeting of the McGill Catholic Union to-morrow night will be unusually interesting. Mr. James O'Connell will read a paper on "The Church and Labor." Mr. O'Connell is the head of the International Association of Machinists, and from his position is necessarily familiar with all phases of this great question.

Italian Ball and Concert.

To-morrow evening that splendid new musical organization, the Christopher Columbus Brass Band, will give a grand ball and concert at Sanger Hall. The floor-managers of the occasion will be Messrs. C. F. Cucci, N. Somma, and A. Equi. A splendid programme has been arranged.

One Woman Cuts Another.

In a difficulty that occurred in Fish alley last night between Carry Scott and Grace Tyler the former used a knife on the latter, inflicting one deep cut on the back and another on the breast below the collarbone. Both women were taken to the station-house, one as a prisoner and the other to have her wounds dressed.

Another Cold Wave.

The following telegram was received at 11:20 A. M. yesterday:

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16, 1893.

R. A. Dunlop, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Richmond, Va.:

Cold wave. Twenty or more degrees Sunday morning. DUNWOOD.

Virginia News Items.

Judge Chichester has appointed Egbert Thompson supervisor of Mount Vernon district, Fairfax county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Walter Walton.

Judge Alpheus F. Haymond, for fifteen years on the supreme bench of West Virginia, died at Fairmont on Friday evening, of Bright's disease; aged 70 years. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge, organized in 1864.

FREE TOYS WITH SHOES.

With every purchase from our store during this week we will present a novel toy. You will have Shoes to buy anyhow, so why not buy them where the prices are the lowest and toys are free.

97c. TABLE FOR MONDAY.

That lot of LADIES' SHOES from $1.12, $1.22, and some from the $1.49 table of fine values, worth from $1.50 to $2.50, will be sold at 97c. commencing Monday, December 18th, and until sold. Come early.

$1.49, $1.95, $2.48 Ladies' Shoes,

arranged on tables, each size to itself, so you have no trouble to find just what you want. Price plainly marked on each shoe. 500 pairs HAND-MADE SHOES put on for $1.49.

LADIES' SUEDE TIES, in black, gray, and tan, worth from $2 to $3 at any other time, now 69c.—all sizes.

69c.

TURKISH SLIPPERS, fancy imported at in black and tan, gilt embroidered on toe. 75c.

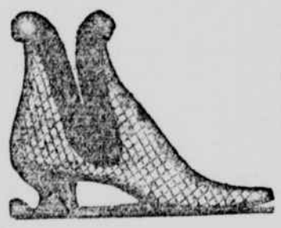
LADIES' Plain, American make, all colors, nicely made, $1.

RUBBER DEPARTMENT.

CHILDREN'S, MISSES', BOYS', LADIES', MEN'S RUBBER BOOTS, best quality only, $1, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.50, and $3, according to size.

LADIES' STORM RUBBERS, 50c. sold at 75c. everywhere else.

FANCY DEPARTMENT.



Infants' Fancy Kid Bootees.

Ladies' Hand-Worked Room Slippers, all colors, 98c.

Quilted Satin Half Slips or Mules, made on slipper sole, fleece-lined, at $1.

The new 6-Button Shoe in $2.48 lot the latest style and a $4 value.

FREE TOYS. With every purchase you receive a toy—something useful and something nice. Bring the little one and see what we give away.

FIRE SALE OF SHOES CONTINUES — It Means Bargains FOR EVERYBODY.

97c. TABLE FOR MONDAY.

That lot of Men's Shoes from the $1.12, $1.21, and some from the $1.41 lot will go on Monday at 97c. and until sold. Come early.

MEN'S SHOES.

$1.75 for Reed's $3 Shoe not damaged in the least | $2.21 for Reed's $3.50 hand-sewed, warranted calf.

Arranged on tables in rear of store.

The manager of this department has a number of competent helpers. You will find no trouble to get suited.

$1.41 FIRE PRICE, Real value $2.50. | $2.50 lot, worth $5 any other time or place.

DOLL SHOES.

25c.

Full regular made, in high and low cut—all colors.

MEN'S SLIPPERS. 1 lot 49c., embroidered velvet; another lot 75c., embroidered on fine velvet.

NULLIFIERS. $1 GOAT House Slippers for men's wear, worth $1.50.

Tan, high cut in front and back, the new style, at $1.50, worth $2.50.

$2 line of Russia Calf Slippers hard to beat.

98c. SPECIAL LOT of $2 and $3 Gentlemen's Calf Suede Slippers, in tan, black, and gray.

INFANTS' SHOES, 10, 25, 50, and 75c.

CHILDREN'S Spring Heel, sizes up to 11, 49, 75, and 98c., worth double.

MISSES' Dongola Spring Heel Button Patent Tip, regular $2 Shoe, at 97c. Size 13 to 2, all solid, at 75c.

BOYS' SHOES.

Boys' Calf Shoes, sizes 3 to 5, $1.25.

All size $1.50 Shoes at 98c.

Boys' Wadwill Sewed Calf Shoes, all solid and well made, $1.49.

1,000 pairs LADIES' SHOES, all solid leather, pebble goat and dongola, common sense, at 63c.

1 lot, 300 pairs, at 75c. Ladies' Patent-Leather Tip Button Tips, slightly run on account of intense heat at the fire, otherwise solid.

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CHRISTMAS BARGAINS AT MITTELDORFERS',

217 EAST BROAD STREET.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY PRESENTS AT PANIC PRICES.

THE LARGEST, MOST COMPLETE, AND LOWEST-PRICED STOCK OF HOLIDAY GOODS IN THE CITY—ALL NEW GOODS.

Our store will be kept open every night until 10 o'clock.

Remember, we close on Saturday, consequently our stock must be sold. Low prices will tell.

Everything for the Baby, Child, Misses, Ladies, and Gentlemen.

OUR TOY DEPARTMENT,

on first floor. Good light, large force of clerks to wait on the trade. Call early to avoid the rush.

DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS.

Dolls of every description.

Kid-Body Dolls, Jointed Dolls, Bisque Dolls, Negro Dolls, Boy Dolls, Indestructible Dolls, China Dolls.

Dolls at 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50c., and up to $10.

A very large Alma Doll at $1.25. Sold last season at $2.25.

Doll Shoes and Stockings at 5, 10, 15, and 25c.

Doll Hammocks complete for 25c. Regular price 50c.

Tea Sets, Wash Sets, Dinner Sets, at 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75c., up to $3.50.

Doll-Carriages at 15, 25, 35, 50, 75c., $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3, $4, $5, $6, and $7 for a Baby Cleveland Carriage—something new and very handsome.

Tables at 10, 25, 50, 75c., $1, $1.50, and $1.75 for a large Extension-Table.

Chairs, and Rockers at 10, 15, 25, 50, 75, and 98c. for a large, strong, and well-made Rocker or Chair.

Horns, Trumpets, Cornets at 5, 10, 15, 25, and 50c.

Soldier Suits at 30, 40, 50, 60, 75c., $1, and $1.25.

Firemen's Suits, Policemen's Suits at $1.23, worth $2.50.

Ten-Pins at 10, 15, and 25c.

Billiard- and Pool-Tables.

Tool-Chests at 15, 25, 40, 50, 69, 85c., $1, $1.25, up to $4.50. These are very cheap.

Foot-Balls at 45, 60, 75, 85, and $1.25 for the largest size—No. 6.

Rubber Balls at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, and 75c.

Rubber Toys of all kinds from 15c. to $2.50.

Skin Horses at 25, 50, 75c., $1, and $2.25 for a very large Horse, worth $5.

Magic Lanterns—a very large stock of manufacturers' samples at 25, 50, 75c., $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2, $2.50, and $3—all worth double the money.

DRUMS, DRUMS, DRUMS.

Drums at 18, 23, 30, 45, 58, 69, 82, and 98c. These are 33⅓ per cent. less than former prices.

Games of all kinds—everything in games—from 10c. to $2.50. Parcheesi at 44c.

Iron Stoves at 48, 97c., $1.75, and $2.63 for the Baby, a large and pretty one.

Tin Stoves and Kitchens at 25, 50, and 75c.

Iron Toys of all kinds at low, panic prices.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS.

Books at 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, and 50c—all holiday books, and half price.

Toy Trunks at 45, 65, 75c., and $1 for a beauty.

Pianos at 40, 60, 75c., $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, and $3.75 for a large upright, well tuned.

Guns, Swords, and Garden Tools at 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 60, 75c., and $1.

Bedsteads and Cradles in wooden- and willow-ware at 25, 50, 75c., $1, up to $3.

Bucks and Saws at 45, 65, and 98c.

Toy Castors at 20, 25, 30, and 40c.

Christmas-Tree Ornaments and Candles—a large supply and low prices.

BISQUE FIGURES AND ORNAMENTS.

Bisque Ornaments at 15, 25, 50, 75c., $1, and up to $10.

Candelabras at 25, 50, 75c., $1, up to $5.

Dressing-Cases, Shaving-Cases, Manicure Sets, Glove-Boxes, Handkerchief-Boxes, Albums, Card-Cases, Pocket-Books, Smokers' Sets—all at panic prices.

Bronze and Silver Statuettes at mark-down low prices.

Perfumeries, Extracts, and Soaps of all kinds.

WAGONS, SLEIGHS, CARTS, TRICYCLES, BICYCLES, WHEELBARROWS, ROCKING-BOARDS, VELOCIPEDES, HOBBY-HORSES, SHOOFLYS, SWINGING HORSES.

Express Wagons at 25, 50, 75, 85c., $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2, $2.50 to $4.

See our Iron-Axle Express Wagon (large size) at 75c. worth $1.50.

Iron Wagons at $1.25, $1.75, and $2.

Wheelbarrows at 10, 15, 25, 40, 60, 75c., $1 and $1.25 for a very large one.

Sleighs and Clippers for boys and girls at 45, 55, 75c., $1, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2, and up to $5. These are panic prices.

Velocipedes at $1.50, $2, $2.25, and $3.

Tricycles at $4.25, $5.25, $6.25, $7.25, $8.25, and $9.25 worth $6.50, $7.50, $8.50, $9.50, $10.50, and $15.

Rockers at $3.50 and $4.50.

Hobby-Horses at $1, $1.25, $1.50, and $2.

Shoofys at $1.25, $1.50, $2, and $2.25.

Swinging Horses at $2.50, $3, $4, $5, $6, $8, and $9 for a very large one.

Chiffoniers, Writing-Desks, School-Desks, Secretary's Desk, Stools—at low-down panic prices.

LAMPS, TABLES, BASKETS.

Lamps in all the new and useful styles at 25, 50, 75c., $1, $1.50, $2, $3, and up to $15.

See our new $12 Lamp for $5.

Baby Cleveland Lamp, a beauty, for 65c. worth $2.50.

Tables with onyx tops from $4 to $25.

Our stock of Tables and Lamps are all new and just received. Prices the lowest—qualities the best.

HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES.

Hosiery and Notions of all kinds.

Handkerchiefs in silk and linen, plain and initial.

Ladies' Silk Initial Handker