LOCAL MISCELLANY.

Special for Washington, D. C.: Falling barometer, southeast winds, warmer and increasingly cloudy weather, with possibly rain in the evening.

The following was the range of the thermometer at Hempler's yesterday: 8 a. m., 63°; 10 a. m., 66°; 12 m., 69°; 2 p. m., 71°; 4 p. m., 68°; 6 p. m., 64°; 8 p. m., 59°.

The meeting at the Brightwood track to-morrow promises to be interesting.

Rev. Dr. Holmead, rector of Grace church, South Washington, is seriously ill.

There will be a pool selling at Aman's, 316 Ninth street, to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock.

A splendid game of ball may be expected this afternoon, on the Olympic grounds, between the National and Eagle clubs.

Three thousand five hundred bushels of wheat and three hundred bushels of corn were received in Georgetown yesterday. No sales reported.

Mr. Joseph Libbey, of Georgetown, arrived at his home on Saturday evening from his trip to the Pacific coast in excellent health and spirits.

At the regular monthly meeting of the First Co-operative Building Association six thousand dollars were sold at an average premium of 85 per cent.

The first monthly meeting of the Citizens' Building Company will be held on Wednesday evening, at Marini's hall. There are a few remaining shares.

The park fronting the National theatre is to be modernized by cutting walks through it, placing a fountain in the centre and iron benches at various points, &c.

The steamer Mary Washington, on her down trip yesterday morning, run ashore off Goose-egg point, between Washington and Alexandria, but was pulled off by the passing ferry-boat.

About 6 o'clock yesterday morning a frame house at the corner of Eleventh street and Maryland avenue northwest, owned by Mrs. Elliott, was destroyed by fire. Loss about $500. The house was unoccupied.

The number of cases presented before the Police Court during the week ending October 3 was 120; convictions, 110; acquittals, 5; dismissals, 5; appeals, 6; fines imposed, $777; collaterals forfeited, $153; total, $930.

A building association has been formed to improve square 563, between Ninth and Tenth and E and S streets. The new company is known as the Washington Building Association. Over 450 shares have been subscribed.

Sunday night Officer Brock found a white female infant in front of St. Ann's infant asylum. It was taken in by the Sisters in charge, who promised compliance with the request that it should be named John Bismarck Brook, for the officer who found it.

The following are the inspections of flour in Georgetown during the month of September by Inspector McCann: 3,340 barrels family, 4,926 barrels extra, 90 barrels superfine, 107 barrels fine and 41 barrels rye flour—total, 8,504 barrels. Inspector Deener reports his at 8,699 barrels family, 1,553 barrels extra, 492 barrels superfine, 37 barrels fine and 49 barrels middlings—total, 10,830 barrels. The total inspections of the month were 19,222 barrels.

Deeds conveying to the United States a title to sites for three light-houses in King George county, Virginia, have been executed by the Governor of Virginia. They are on the Potomac river, relinquishing to the same the site situated on a shoal off Mathias' Point, to be known as Mathias' Point beacon, and that in mid-channel of the Potomac to be known as the Maryland Point light-house, and the shoal lying off Matoaukin Point be known as Matomkin Point day beacon.

Messrs. Duncanson Brothers, auctioneers, sold yesterday afternoon for E. H. Laskey and Ph. May, trustees, the east twelve feet of the south half of lot No. 3, in square 791, improved by a two-story frame dwelling, situated on North Carolina avenue, between Third and Fourth streets east, to C. Schaefler, for $560. Also, adjoining house and lot, for $755, to same party; also, adjoining lot, 21 feet by 80 feet, for $425, to same; also, 650 feet of ground in rear of the same to C. Schaefler, at 25 cents a square foot.

A second course of entertainments is to be given in the First Congregational church, to open with a lecture from John B. Gough, Friday evening, October 23. Subject: "Social Responsibility." The management have a programme which comprises the finest talent in the land. The season tickets are limited in number, and will all be sold at reserved at Ellis & Co.'s, the sale to commence to-morrow morning. Every person who desires to secure a good sitting for the course should be on hand at the opening of the sale, as we have reason to believe that every reserved seat will be taken.

MR. AND MRS. FITCH AT CHURCH.

AN OVERWHELMING CROWD AT ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH.

The New York *World* of yesterday contains the following account of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Fitch to St. Bridget's church on Sunday last:

"Lieut. Fitch was brought up in the Eleventh ward, and was baptized in the church of St. Bridget, corner of Avenue B and Eighth street, which is the first church he has attended since his marriage. It seemed yesterday that every resident of the ward had turned out to witness the event, and the gathering, including over a thousand persons from other sections of the city, completely blockaded the streets adjoining the church long before the hour announced for the grand high mass—an orderly, respectable crowd that stood for two hours watching the front of the building, crowding one another in a good humored manner, and without complaint. So great was the assemblage that they crowded the church entrance, and despite the exertions of the police, prevented the call of the attendants at the 9 o'clock mass, and it was only with the aid and exhortation of Father Mooney that a narrow passage, just wide enough for one person, was made through the press.

"Shortly before 10 o'clock a coupe drove up and deposited at the vestry door a lady and gentleman who were immediately admitted into the vestry. Acting on the impression that the bride and groom had entered the church a rush was made for places inside. The jam at the door was terrible. Women threw themselves into the rush with as much recklessness and disregard for their appearance and welfare of their toilets as street gamins. Rapidly the pews filled to overflowing, and getting a seat or even standing room in the aisles down stairs was an impossibility. Even the passage around the chancel was filled. The pew on the left of the altar, which was set aside for the bridal party, was with great difficulty kept clear.

"At 11 o'clock a commotion was visible at the door, and 'Here they come!' resounded on all sides. Clearing a passage in the centre aisle resulted in an indescribable crush, and it took at least full five minutes for the party, headed by Father Mooney, to reach the altar. The bridal party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, jr., Miss Patterson, Miss Lizzie Sherman, Miss Philips and Mr. Thomas Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, sr., arrived before the bridal party, and occupied a pew in their rear. The bride was attired in a light French gray silk, trimmed with deep black velvet; the skirt was plain, with a little train, the waist was cut in basque. A hat to match the dress, trimmed in heavy folds of black velvet, surmounted by a pale blue feather of great length, completed her costume.

"Just before the party's entrance the organ with Gratulla's band played Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March,' and at 11:10 o'clock the services began. Twenty-one acolytes slowly filed in from the vestry. They were followed by the masters of ceremonies, who preceded the officiating priests. The services were conducted by the Rev. Father Mooney, pastor of the church, assisted by Father John Kean, deacon, Father Lynch, sub-deacon, and Father John Salters, master of grand ceremonies. After the initiatory services peculiar to the Catholic religion, Father Mooney announced his text, in Ephesians, chapter 5, and 2: 'Then said Jesus unto his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." The Father said:

"Preparatory to beginning my sermon, allow me to welcome this young couple under the patronage of our patron saint, St. Bridget. I welcome them in the name of this vast audience which has congregated here, because I know many of them have come only that they may testify to the respect and esteem in which they hold the happy young couple now in our midst. What will not a man give in exchange for his soul? I address this question to two classes—the high and low, the rich and poor. St. Francis Xavier, the young divine and philosopher, when preaching in Europe, won the admiration of kings and courts. He was pampered and bowed to by the world, until Ignatius whispered into his ear, 'What profitech it a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' St. Francis pondered over it, revolved it in his mind, and it created such an impression that he abandoned the scene of his triumphs and the society of kings and courts to preach the Gospel among the heathen of Japan, and I hope that my words to-day will not be lost on you, that you ponder over them and cease fattening the body for the worms, and indulging in vice and wickedness.

"At the conclusion of the service the distinguished party were conducted into the vestry to await the departure of the throng. The choir was composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Signor G. Gusch, organist and leader; Mme. A. A. Jarvoska, soprano; Mmes. Gersdorff and Ghenbach, altos; Mr. Barkis and Signor Adamo, tenors; Mr. Gannon, of Washington, and A. Elsner, basses; Signor C. Cacciola, baritone, and Signor Latte, tenor. The programme consisted of Mozart's 'Twelfth Mass,' Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March,' Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus,' and Mozart's 'Veni Creator.'

"Although fifteen minutes elapsed after the conclusion of the service, thousands of people remained in the neighborhood of the church awaiting the departure of the bridal party. Seeing it useless to wait for them to disperse, Mr. and Mrs. Fitch entered their carriage and were rapidly driven away, followed by the deafening cheers of the multitude."

DISTRICT NOTES.

The contractor for improving K street northwest has been requested to repair the Belgian block pavement on that street between Rock creek and the Circle. The contractor has been ordered to repair the cobblestone pavement on Twenty-fourth street, between G and H street northwest. The contractor for laying the wood pavement on First street, between B and G streets southeast, has been notified to repair the same.

The teachers and janitors of the colored schools will be paid to-day for the month of September, at the Sumner school building, corner of Seventeenth and M streets, between 2 and 5 o'clock p. m.

GO AND SEE

D. M. Davis' large and superior stock of fall and winter boots, shoes, slippers and rubbers for ladies, gents, misses and children of the latest styles and finest quality at prices that defy competition—corner of Twelfth and F streets northwest.

TILTING FOR A BUGGY.

THE TOURNAMENT AT THE NATIONAL COURSE.

Considerable interest has been manifested for the past week by the young men who have figured in the tournaments around Washington during the summer, many of whom have gained a reputation for superior riding, as to who would be the fortunate winner of the prize, a fine no-top buggy, offered for the successful knight in a tournament to take place at the National course, the mile track across the Eastern branch and a short distance beyond the Insane asylum. Such a tempting offer had the effect of arousing the spirits of many gentlemen who have during the year retired from the tilting arena, but desiring to possess the handsome vehicle they resolved to re-enter the list and contend for it. The reappearance of some of the former riders participating in the recent tilts can thus be accounted for, as they wished to receive the benefit of some practice and put themselves in condition for the important event of yesterday. The buggy is valued at $300, entirely new, and weighs about 180 pounds, and was put up to be ridden for by Mr. A. Moffatt. No finer day for the sport could have been wished, and by two o'clock, the hour fixed for the beginning of the contest, there was fully 300 persons present to witness and enjoy it. This number was considerably increased ere the riding was over. The track was in fine condition and everything so well arranged that the spectators could obtain a view from almost any point.

Some little time was consumed in the selection of judges, but finally the following gentlemen were selected to act in that capacity: Colonel C. M. Alexander, Mr. P. H. Hill, M. H. Fry, J. F. Young and Dr. John H. Bayne.

It required some time to complete the list of knights participating, allow them to secure the height they desired the ring suspended and order in which they were to ride, which was accomplished after some trivial delays, and then the fun commenced. Much interest was shown in the riders, some having more friends than others on the ground, but there was none standing alone and having no one to wish him success. As the tilting progressed the prospects of victory narrowed down between a few; so in proportion did the excitement increase, and it became a disputed question as to who would be the lucky knight, which was finally settled in favor of T. M. Jackson, Knight of Virginia. The following were the riders and their titles, with the score made, a cypher indicating a miss and the figure 1 a successful tilt.

H. D. Otterback, Knight of Chanoe	0	0	1
J. Jarboe, Knight of Marlboro'	1	1	1
T. Fenwick, Knight of Hope	0	1	1
C. C. Langley, Kt. of Dist. of Columbia	0	0	0
T. T. Thomas, Knight of Argyle	0	0	1
H. H. Bailey, Knight of Old Dominion	0	0	1
L. Heiskell, Knight of Baltimore County	1	1	0
Henry Bailey, Knight of Turf	1	1	0
J. W. Jones, Knight of Evergreen	0	0	0
Dr. C. A. Fox, Knight of Stick-in	1	1	1
T. M. Jackson, Knight of Virginia	1	1	1
W. I. Brooke, Knight of Valley	0	0	0
T. Joy, Knight of Le Droit Park	0	0	0
C. Brown, Knight of Will if I Can	1	1	1
M. Vance, Knight of Stick-out	0	0	0
J. Young, Knight of Cat Bird Hill	0	0	1
R. W. Hereford, Knight of Maryland	1	1	1
J. H. Hill, Knight of Hills	0	1	0

At the close the score stood a tie, because it became evident five of the knights had tied, and it would necessitate a second ride to decide the winner. It was announced that the Knights of Marlboro', Old Dominion, Argyle, Will if I Can and Maryland being even in taking the ring, they would ride again, which was done, but finally five was required before the victor could be declared, which was the Knight of Virginia. He was also entitled to crown the queen; Knight of Stick in, first maid of honor; Marlboro', second, and Maryland third. The coronation exercises took place in the evening, and were followed with a ball.

VAGABONDAGE.

THE LOAFERS AND BUMMERS OF L STREET.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: I beg space in your valuable paper for the following: Is there to your knowledge a vagrant act in force in this District? If there is such an act, who has the power to enforce it? Now, Mr. Editor, if such an act exists, then in the name of law and order and good government let it be enforced by the proper authority; and by all means let the commencement be made in that part of our capital city bounded by K and M and Sixth and Ninth streets northwest. But on L street, between Sixth and Seventh, seems to be the stamping ground par excellence of the worst set of vagrants, bummers, loafers, blackleg, thief and thieves that the city and any other city can produce. They congregate on the corners and along L and Seventh streets, lounge on people's steps, stand in groups before their doors, perch on the fence, spit on the sidewalk, beg money, squirt tobacco juice, curse and swear, and utter the most obscene language in the hearing of innocent children and the mature of either sex. They are especially fond of so insulting the ladies, because in passing your loafer has a lewd remark to make, or a gesture or grimace of some kind, and it has actually caused ladies to go out of their way to avoid them.

In connection with this matter I will relate to you an occurrence that happened yesterday (the blessed Sabbath) in broad daylight, about 12 o'clock noon, of which I was an eye-witness. It so happened that some of this same gang of vagabonds had been drinking at the bar shop on L street, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, which shop by the way does a larger business on Sunday than any week day, and nobody pretends to trouble the proprietor. After the gang came out, however, they commenced to beat in an unmerciful manner the smaller one of the party for some cause or other, and after rendering him insensible left him to his fate reeling in the gutter, and in a bleeding condition until a gentleman in the immediate vicinity came to his rescue and carried him into his house. Now Mr. Editor, is there no law to compel the authorities act in this matter, and rid us of this intolerable nuisance, and in return they will receive the heartfelt thanks of many residents of L STREET.

C. C. BRYAN.

FINE GROCERIES AT THE WEST END.

Since the inauguration of the splendid improvements at the "West End," (as that portion of the city is now called which lies north and west of the Lafayette square,) by which many of the finest residences in America have been erected there, almost as if by magic, the necessity for the establishment of a fine grocery and fruit store of the first-class in every respect has been severely felt. The demand for household supplies has increased more than one or three hundred fold in that vicinity during the last three years, and this demand is, also, for first-class goods. We congratulate the people of that quarter, therefore, upon their good luck in having such a store as they need to select from by Mr. C. C. Bryan, (of the late firm of Bryan Bros.,) at King place, corner of Vermont avenue and I street. The reputation of Mr. Bryan for fair business is a sufficient guaranty that whatever he may offer to his customers will be of the best quality which can be obtained in the country.

His store has been thoroughly refitted and his stock most carefully selected. The latter comprises every variety of household supplies appertaining to the business, such as sugars of all grades, coffees, teas, flours, butter, cheese, smoked provisions, canned fruits, potted meats, fish and delicacies, vegetables, mustards, spices of all kinds, mushrooms, peas, pate de foi gras, truffles, pickles and sauces, preserves, fruits and jellies, Mediterranean and domestic fruits, chocolates, cocoas, nuts of all kinds, crackers, syrups, and sundry other articles of housekeepers' necessities which cannot be enumerated here. In addition to his stock of dry groceries and provisions Mr. Bryan has an unrivaled selection of wines, whiskies, brandies, liquors and cordials suitable either for medicinal or table use. In short, he prides himself upon being able to supply everything in his line necessary to the table of the most fastidious epicure or gourmand, of superior quality and at the lowest market rates, and which he engages to deliver promptly and guarantees to afford entire satisfaction. Citizens of the West End will do well to give him a trial.

ARCHITECTURE.

ROCHESTER CITY SAVINGS BANK.

Mr. H. R. Searle, the accomplished architect who designed and erected the new NATIONAL REPUBLICAN building, has just completed a design for the Rochester City savings bank of Rochester, N. Y. It is a pleasure to know that this merit torious artist is still appreciated, and that his fame is cherished among the friends of his youth. Some years since, in connection with his father, Mr. Searle, who was at that time a resident of Rochester, made the designs and superintended the erection of the structure now occupied by the same bank. It is a substantial edifice of two stories, after the pure Grecian style of architecture. But, as the city has rapidly increased in population, and modern buildings of greater height have been reared in its vicinity, somewhat overshadowing the banking-house, Mr. Searle has been applied to by the president, Mr. George E. Mumford, for a design of an improvement which will modernize the appearance of the structure, and at the same time preserve the purity of its style. This has been most happily accomplished by the proposed addition of a third story, twenty-six feet in height, of bronzed iron, surmounted by a plain slate roof, with an ornamented cap or square cupola for an outlook or observatory, which will make the entire structure upward of eighty feet in height from the street. The whole forms a beautiful edifice of modern appearance that will rival, if it does not surpass, in elegance the numerous handsome buildings for which Rochester is becoming noted, while the design reflects new and additional lustre upon the fame of a Washington architect.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

The Philharmonic Society met last night at their rehearsal room, at the Congregational church, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were unanimously chosen: President, C. C. Ewer; vice president, E. H. Taylor; secretary, N. J. Rockwood; treasurer, O. Storr; conductor, Dr. J. P. Caulfield; librarian, M. H. Cushman; executive committee, N. P. Gage, T. T. Stewart, G. W. Gray. The society never, since its formation, began a year under such favorable circumstances as it does the present, being entirely out of debt, and having a large surplus in the treasury. It proposes to take up either "Eli" or "Samson" for rehearsal for the coming season, has already received a proposition from the musical committee of the Congregational church to give an oratorio in the course of concerts to be given the coming winter by that society, and also will probably follow the custom in vogue in our Northern cities, and give the "Messiah" on Christmas night.

A CHURCH DIFFICULTY SETTLED.

The difficulty existing between Rev. Henry Baily, ex-pastor of the Fourth Baptist church, (now of the Abyssinia Baptist) church, and the Baptist society was amicably settled Friday evening, both parties confessing their faults The Abyssinia and Fourth Baptist societies were both represented, two hundred and fifty persons being present, and a full exoneration was granted Rev. H. Baily, the parties mutually agreeing to bury all animosities and bridge over their grievances, striking hands in union for the prosperity of the two societies, agreeing to reciprocate and exchange pulpits in the labor of the Lord. Thus Rev. Robert Johnson and Rev. Henry Baily will in future have an extended work.

A SUCCESSFUL SALE.

Messrs. Latimer & Cleary had a most satisfactory sale for Gen. Morgan L. Smith yesterday. Amongst the elegant audience we noticed several parties of substantial means from Baltimore, who, knowing the makers, took this opportunity to secure his elegant furniture.

THE POTOMAC REGATTA.

THE TWO YACHT RACES TO GLYMONT YESTERDAY.

A GOOD DAY AND A SPANKING BREEZE—A GOOD START AND FINISH—THE TREADWELL AND COLUMBIA WIN THE PRIZES—SCENES ON THE RIVER.

The second grand regatta on the Potomac, open to all yachts of two classes, for which a prize was offered by Capt. George Sheckells, took place yesterday, and in many respects proved a success Capt. Sheckells, who has been known to the river men for years, in order to create a spirit of generous rivalry among the owners of the yachts, offered a purse of $80, $50 of which was to go to the winner of the first class race, and $30 to the successful one of the second, the course to be from Seventh-street wharf to Glymont.

The offer created considerable interest among the owners of the yachts, and for the past two weeks they have been busy in preparing for the event, and their friends have been careful in saving money to bet on their favorites.

The entries were as follows:

First class—Ella Treadwell, entered by the Washington Yacht Club, sailed by Captain Edward Tasker; Americus, entered by Mr. H. S. Hudson, sailed by Captain Weit Davis; Brewster, Captain William Tucker; Fannie Bell, Captain Jas. Bell.

Second class—Witch of the Wave, Captain Smithson; Columbia, Captain Raphnell Brown; Mary Jane, Captain Charles Smithson; Dauntless, Captain Polly.

The time set for the start of the second-class boats was 9:30 a. m., and the first class for 10 a. m., but owing to some accident, the start was slightly delayed.

AT THE WHARF.

It had been arranged that an excursion on the steamer Columbia should follow the race, and by the time appointed the staunch steamer was crowded with the members of the several clubs and those interested in the result of the two races. Mr. Charles Haight, president of the Washington club, and Mr. William Dickson, president of the Americus, being among the most prominent, although the rank and file of both associations was well represented. While the crews in the respective boats were busy with notes of preparation the partisans on shore were busy in reciting the merits of their favorites, and, as is usual in such cases, backing their opinion with money. For the first-class race the bone of contention was between the Americus and the Treadwell; and for the second-class between the Columbia and Mary Jane, and for awhile even bets on both races were freely offered and taken. From a general observation it is safe to say that before the signal to start had been given fully five thousand dollars had been wagered.

THE START.

The judges selected for the occasion were Messrs. C. S. Bates, Jacob Miller and Harry Kurtz. Under the agreement the boats were to have a flying start, and after the preliminary examinations had been made the first-class boats was fired, quickly followed by the signal to go, and in response to the last summons the second-class boats passed the line in the following order: Columbia, Dauntless, Witch-of-the-Wave, Mary Jane. The Americus, 9:48:30; Treadwell, 9:48:45. The start was a pretty one, the fresh northwest wind giving them a good send-off, which all took advantage of to the fullest extent, as subsequently will be seen. As an account of the change of wind will be given below, the following time of the conclusion of the race is only given, which shows that the positions were in no way changed. They crossed the line at Glymont as follows: Columbia, 1:23:45; Witch-of-the-Wave, 1:30:45; Mary Jane, 1:33; Dauntless, 1:42:30.

THE FIRST CLASS

were then ordered to get ready, and soon their canvas was spread, and they were waiting the signal to start. Meanwhile a very large fleet of spectators who lined the wharves and crowded the deck of the steamer. Shortly after ten the first gun was fired, and as the canvas caught the fresh breeze they started out, and ere the second report was heard headed gallantly for the score, which was passed in the following order: Fannie Bell, 10:14:45; Americus, 10:15:45; Brewster, 10:16:30; Ella Treadwell, 10:17:45. The wind was good, but no too strong, and both the Treadwell and Americus started with main and topsail, jib and flying-jib set, to which was soon added a square sail, just before this spread of canvas took effect. Soon after leaving the Anacostia the Treadwell gaining so well that off the wharf of the ancient burgh she lapped the Americus, to the intense delight of her friends and admirers.

This, however, did not at all interfere with the interest in the race, for until Fort Washington was reached the members of the Americus did not give up the fight. Then, however, they were compelled to, and the boats crossed the score in the following order: Ella Treadwell, 1:29:45; Americus, 1:35:06; Fannie Bell, 1:37; the Brewster coming in so late that her time was not taken. Then there was some excitement. On the last regatta the Americus won the down race and accommodated one of the members of the Treadwell with a match boat for a purse of $50, and by way of getting even a race home for the same amount was suggested yesterday. This was, however, declined and then began some tall boat talk. The afternoon men were in earnest, and they bantered their opponents for a race just for fun, for a pair of kid gloves, for a bottle of wine, for a basket of wine or for anything from $100 to $500. Still the gentlemen of the white yacht declined, and finding that the Americus intended to lay for them anyhow, secured a tow from a steam launch, which had brought down a party of gentlemen, and started off.

It is more than probable, however, that the result will be a match race at an early day between the two yachts from the city to Glymont and return, as they claim that this is the only true mode of testing the capacity of the yachts.

ANOTHER RACE.

Nothing daunted by the failure to make a race up between the big boats, the gentlemen talked awhile, and soon concluded a match from Glymont up between the Columbia owned by Mary Jane for $100 a side. The start was a good one, but as there were new captains in each boat, it soon became evident that the Mary Jane had the best of it, and bets of three to one were offered without takers. The Mary Jane came in the winner at 11:24, the wind having completely died out before they reached Fort Foote.

ABOARD THE STEAMER

there were the usual scenes incident to sporting events. A large bar-room had been improvised on the forward part of the boat, and near it, in full operation, were a wheel of fortune and sweatable, the three attracting many visitors during the day, who just stopped to try their luck, but most of whom stayed until they had nothing to try their luck with.

After the arrival of the steamer at the wharf the members of the Columbia club repaired to the residence of Mr. Henry S. Hudson, corner of Four-and-a-half and N streets southwest, where they sought and found consolation for their defeat in an excellent bird and wine supper, to which they did ample justice.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN A NEW PHASE.

DR. PURVIS CHARGED WITH PERJURY BY GEO. W. HARVEY.

A warrant was sworn out in the Police Court yesterday, by George W. Harvey, charging Dr. Charles B. Purvis with having committed perjury in his testimony at the recent trial of Harvey & Holden for an infringement of the civil rights law of the District. The hearing will take place to-day before Judge Snell. Mr. Purvis has retained Gen. Birney as counsel.

The information sets forth that in the Police Court, before Judge Wm. B. Snell, George W. Harvey and Thomas Holden were tried on the 29th of September, 1874, on an information under oath, then and there pending against them, wherein they were charged with refusing, on the 23d of September, 1874, to accommodate in their restaurant, located at 417 Seventh street, respectable persons, namely: Charles B. Purvis and John M. Langston, although then and there requested by said persons to accommodate them with a lunch; and at the same time Dr. C. B. Purvis appeared as a witness for and in behalf of the District of Columbia, and took his oath before one Luther G. Dawson, the clerk of the court, on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth concerning the matter then and there depending; whereupon it then and there became a material inquiry as to the truth of what was or not the said Harvey & Holden refused to serve said Purvis and Langston at the same prices as other well-behaved and respectable persons were served; and the said Charles B. Purvis, wickedly, corruptly and intending to cause the said Harvey & Holden unjustly to be convicted of said misdemeanor, did then and there, knowingly, falsely, corruptly, willfully and feloniously say, depose and give in evidence, before the court as aforesaid, that Myers did not say that he (Myers) would serve him (Purvis,) but not at that table; and that he (Purvis) was positive that nothing was said about not serving him (Purvis) at that table; and that he (Purvis) did not reply to said Myers that if he (Purvis) could not be served at that table he would not be served at all and that said Myers did not offer to serve him (Purvis,) and that he (Purvis) as he turned to go away, and whilst walking away heard something said about not serving him at that table but he made no reply, and that he made no reply; and that he was positive that he did not say that if he would not be served at that table he would not be served at all; whereas in truth and in fact the said Myers did say to said Purvis that he (Myers) would serve him, (Purvis,) but not at that table; that the said Purvis did reply that if he could not be served there he would not be served at all, and he was turned to go away did say to some one that if he could not be served at that table he would not be served at all; whereas in truth said Myers did offer to serve him (Purvis) in said restaurant.

SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A MAN INSTANTLY KILLED.

Saturday night about ten o'clock an accident occured on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad which resulted in the death of a man named James B. Porter, who resides at Bowie, on the line of the road. It appears as the through freight train south on this road was passing Frederick road station, Porter, who is a brakeman, fell from a car load of lumber and was instantly killed. The hands on the Richmond express south picked him up a few minutes afterwards, and found that the back of his head was mashed in and one leg broken. He was brought to his father's house at Bowie, and yesterday morning his remains were taken to Milford, Pa., for interment. The deceased was a young man highly esteemed on the road, and but nineteen years of age. It is supposed that he was knocked off by the bridge at that point.

PURE COUNTRY CIDER,

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FINE OMNIBUSSES

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THE COURTS.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

In this court yesterday, Chief Justice Cartter and Justices Wylie and MacArthur sat for the hearing of appeals and other business.

A. A. Lipscomb, jr., was admitted to the bar of this court, on the recommendation of the committee.

Thos. C. Fullerton, of Alabama, was admitted to the bar, on the motion of Gen. Henkle.

E. D. Copp vs. James W. Campbell et al. This case comes up on the exceptions of the defendant, John H. Nash, assignee, &c., to the auditor's report. The defendant excepts to so much of said report as gives preference or priority to the claims or judgments of the plaintiff Copp and the defendant Campbell.

"The auditor's report on the distribution of the fund having been filed on the 24 day of June, A. D. 1874, and no exceptions thereto having been filed, so far as the distribution made thereby to Frank G. Davidson is concerned: It is by the court, this 15th day of July, A. D. 1874, ordered that the said auditor's report, so far as it makes distribution to the said Frank G. Davidson, be, and the same is hereby, ratified and confirmed; and the said assignee (defendant Sullivan) is required hereby to pay to said Frank G. Davidson, or his solicitor, the amount distributed in said report to him: and the said Davidson may have execution for said sum and costs."

From this order the defendant, Nash, ordered an appeal to this court.

The main question to be settled is, whether or not the exceptions filed in this cause to the auditor's report, cover, refer to, and embrace the claim of said Davidson, and object to the allowance of the same by the auditor. To convince the court that they do, will only be necessary to refer to the sixth and seventh exceptions of said Nash to said report.

Moore & Newman appear for Nash, and Mr. Jones for the appellees. The judgment of the court below is affirmed.

The next case is Kate E. Merriman vs. William T. Holtzman et al. In this case the bill was filed January 27, 1864, against Holtzman, setting forth that about the 30th of April, 1872, complainant, who was the owner of a house, lot and furniture, negotiated for a loan of money with defendant Holtzman, and gave three notes, bearing date April 20, 1872; one for $1,000 at one year, one for $2,000 at two years and one at three years for $5,000, each drawing interest from date at the rate of ten per cent. Interest, payable semi-annually, which notes were made payable to and indorsed by Franklin Mace; also indorsed by A. Felctier and A. J. Rogers, all of which indorsements were at the request of defendant and for the accommodation of complainant; which notes were secured by a deed of trust for the three notes on the real estate described, and that in order to secure the trust upon the furniture to secure the two notes first mentioned. That the notes were antedated, in order that the defendant should receive extra interest. That defendant also deducted from said sum $150, nominally for his commission; also about $360 for a note of one Mattison, indorsed by complainant's husband, which note was given simply as security for a loan of $150 from defendant to Mattison, and for which he received an assignment of an interest in a claim against the United States pending in the Court of Claims, which reservations were made for the purpose of evading the usury laws.

The first and second instalments of interest were paid as they became due; also the first note. On the 29th of October, 1873, demand was made for the six months on the two notes to become due; and complainant having become embarrassed by the suspension of Fant, Washington & Co., placed in the hands of defendant two notes of said firm for $191.73 each, dated October 20, 1873, and payable in six and eighteen months, indorsed by Charles Ewing, and payable with interest at three and four months from date, with the agreement that sufficient of the proceeds of said notes when collected should be applied toward said interest. That the first note becoming due, defendant, without notice of its non-payment, advertised the property for sale. The prayer is for an injunction and account and offer to pay whatever may be found to be due.

Defendant Holtzman answers, admitting the notes and deed of trust; denies that the indorsements were made at his request, but that complainant undertook to furnish a good and responsible indorser; denies that the notes were antedated for the purpose of obtaining extra interest or "usury;" denies that he was an agent in said transaction and attorney for the parties advancing the money; that the agreement for the loan was on the 20th April, and the papers made out and the money placed in bank for the purpose, but that complainant delayed in executing the papers; that the parties advancing the money were Mrs. P. W. Page and Dr. H. Lindsly, who advanced the entire sum of $6,000; denies receiving $150, but that he did receive $100 for his services in the matter, and a note of $50 of Franklin Mace; denies the invalidity of the Mattison note; admits the payment of the two instalments of interest and the first note.

Harry Lindsly and Priscilla W. Page, upon application to the court, were admitted as defendants, and answer; admit the deeds of trust and notes; deny that complainant negotiated with Holtzman for a loan from him, but that she negotiated for the loan through her husband, Messrs. Felctier and Rogers, and Holtzman, who were well known as procurers of loans for a commission; that Holtzman did not advance any part of the loan, but that respondents advanced $6,000 upon Holtzman's application; that Dr. Lindsly and $2,000 by Page; that Holtzman, on the 15th of April, 1872, called upon respondents, representing that he was agent for complainant, and desired a loan of $6,000; that the money was deposited in bank on the 20th of April for that purpose, and there remained without interest until the notes and deed of trust were executed; and respondents knowledge of the amounts reserved by Holtzman from said sum of $6,000.

The case was not decided. Adjourned.

CRIMINAL COURT—MR. JUSTICE HUMPHREYS.

This court was engaged as follows yesterday:

Wm. Johnson and Albert Davis were placed on trial, charged with stealing a saddle and harness belonging to H. W. Thompson, and setting fire to Thompson's house, on the 26 of August last. Judge Fisher appeared for the United States, and Mr. Garnett for the defence. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. Adjourned.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

By B. H. Warner:

At 12 o'clock, beautiful building lots at Mount Pleasant.

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By Latimer & Cleary:

At 5 o'clock, valuable improved and unimproved real estate on H street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets northwest.

By Wash B. Williams:

At 5 o'clock, valuable unimproved property on north A, between Sixth and Seventh streets east.

RUSH OF INFURIATED STEERS.

TEXAS CATTLE SHOT IN THE STREETS—MANY PERSONS KNOCKED DOWN AND GORED.

We take the following from the New York *Tribune* of yesterday: "While a small drove of Texas cattle were quietly plodding through Bleecker street, between Broadway and the Bowery, Sunday evening, about 7 o'clock, Officer Wayne, of the Fourteenth precinct, on post at the corner of Elizabeth and Bleecker streets, observed that that they were without a driver. At the corner of Elizabeth streets something startled the steers, and two of them ran down Elizabeth street. Immediately a crowd of men and boys started in pursuit of them, shouting and gesticulating vigiently. Others made similar demonstrations toward the rest of the herd, which had continued their way toward the Bowery, and they, too, became excited and wild. At the Bowery, where another noisy demonstration met them, they scattered in all directions, each pursuing his career with uplifted tail, plunging head and fiery eyes. The crowds increased behind each one as his antics became more exciting. Policemen and citizens with an armory of weapons sprang at once to the front, and began plying the luckless steers with lead and steel. Some persons even attacked them with bayonets and swords. But their tough hides seemed to be impervious to such onslaughts, and, thoroughly maddened by so vigorous and unprovoked an attack, they began tossing and goring all who opposed them, and for a time rendered the precincts which they invaded remarkably lively. Two took their way up the Bowery and into Fourth avenue, being smartly chased by a demonstrative crowd; one turned on his pursuers about Fourteenth street, and after receiving four shots from Officer Broderick, rushed toward East river. Two others turned out at East Houston street, dashed through that narrow thoroughfare to East river, broke through the gate of Williamson's ferry house, plunged together off the pier and were drowned.

"At the corner of Reade street one of the animals tossed Officer Ryan, who was trying to shoot him. The other in charging up Centre street knocked Irving Grace, an orderly of Park hospital, down into the basement of a lager-beer saloon, under the *Staats Zeitung* office, breaking his arm and thigh. Ann Gallagher, an old woman, was knocked down and bruised in the head by a kick at the corner of Elm and Worth streets. At Grand and Baxter streets Morris McGonnigle, aged twenty-four, was gored in the neck, receiving a severe wound, and Eugene O'Hara, aged fourteen, was severely injured by this same animal. Another of the infuriated brutes, after spending an hour on the pasturage of the City Hall park, continued his mad course toward West Broadway, and was killed in West street by Officer Henchy, of the Twenty-seventh precinct. On the route he badly bruised Alice Crawford, aged fifty, and John Quinlan, aged twenty. Foster, while in pursuit of him, was shot in the hip by a ball intended for the steer. Officer Donovan recklessly attempted to take one of the bulls by the horns, and was tossed high in the air and severely injured, but Sergeant Moloney, who had chased the bull from the Bowery, succeeded in cutting his hamstrings, and subsequently killing him. The sergeant was knocked down once and