GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

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Weather estimated at 1 a. m.: For the Middle States and the lower lake region, generally cloudy weather and rain, with northerly to easterly winds and slight changes in temperature, followed by clearing weather, rising barometer, and north to west winds during the night.

Thermometric readings taken August 1, 1875, at the Signal office: 8 a. m., 64°; 7:35 a. m., 65°; Noon, 72°; 2 p. m., 71°; 4:35 p. m., 69°; 9 p. m., 69°; 11 p. m., 66. Maximum, 72°; minimum, 63°.

Try the B. G. cigars. They are the best of all.

There are only five men of the police force on the sick list.

Neaves' food for infants, at the Homeopathic Pharmacy, 914 F street.

There were sixteen rainy, six cloudy, eight fair and one clear day during the month of July.

Sherman & Grant, bankers—Highest price paid for 3-65 bonds and auditor's certificates.

Ex-Governor Wells will not take charge of the District Attorney's office until September.

The warmest day during the past month was the sixth, when the thermometer reached 92°.

The colored camp-meeting at Good Hope commences on the 20th of August; Rev. B. H. Lee in charge.

Six per cent. paid on deposits, payable on demand. Special rates on time deposits. J. H. Squire & Co., bankers.

The ferryboat City of Alexandria will make a special trip to-night to permit the people of Alexandria to visit the Schuetzenfest.

H. D. Cooke, jr., & Co., F street, near the Treasury, do a general banking business, and buy and sell District securities, etc.

The morning reports of the lieutenants of the police for Sunday show twenty-six cases of drunks brought in to the station-houses the night previous.

The Potomac Fruit-Growers' Association and Woodlawn Agricultural Club give an excursion, basket picnic and exhibition on the steamer Mary Washington next Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Barker, the cigar-dealer under Willard's hotel, was thrown out of his buggy at the corner of Eighteenth and H streets Saturday evening, but fortunately received no injury.

Saturday afternoon Officer Caruthers brought to the Seventh precinct station a lost boy, three years old, named Frank Wood, who was restored to his parents, at No. 222 Third street northwest.

Albert Wheeler, colored, fell in a fit on Virginia avenue, near Second street southwest, on Saturday night about 7:30 o'clock. He was taken up by Officers Hobbs and Kearney and conveyed to his home.

An order was issued Saturday directing the Marine Band to refrain from giving its usual twelve o'clock concert on account of the death of ex-President Johnson. Quite a number of persons congregated at the President's grounds, but bore the disappointment good-naturedly.

While the genial and popular Captain Frank Hollingshead is recuperating at Piney Point the trim little Arrow will be under the command of Major Blake. The Major is an affable and accommodating gentleman, and proves an acceptable substitute for Captain Frank.

Jerry Jones, a colored man, was yesterday afternoon arrested for fast driving by Officer Hess, of the Fourth precinct. When he left the station he offered such vigorous resistance to the officer that he will be arraigned on two charges to-day—fast driving and resisting an officer.

About 6:30 o'clock last Saturday night a boy six years old, son of Mr. Wolhaupter, was knocked down and run over at the corner of Seventh and H streets northwest by a horse and buggy, driven by George Cato. The child was only slightly injured, and was taken home by Officers Miller and Dyson.

Among the Christian Brothers who arrived at Rock Hill College, Ellicott City, Md., Thursday, for the retreat that commenced yesterday, were, Brother Tobias, director of St. Matthew's Institute, in this city, with his assistants—Brothers Isador, John, Famian, Fabrician and Dosetheus.

It was rumored last Saturday that the steamer S. C. Knight, of the Merchants' Line, was lost. Telegraphic information revealed the fact that the steamer had arrived safely in New York on her last trip from Savannah, and had started back with a large cargo consigned to District merchants.

The attention of the authorities is called to the fact that the building used for a public school-house, No. 869 H street northeast, is open, and apparently without any person to look after the premises. Whoever has that duty in charge is neglecting it, to the risk of the District property in the building.

Yesterday afternoon a lot of white boys attempted to break into the school-house at the corner of Third and A streets southeast. They had clambered over the fence into the yard, and had worked their way through the shutters, breaking and plaster till the door-lock was exposed, when they were frightened away.

About ten o'clock Saturday night Geo. Davis, a butcher in the West End market, was arrested on a charge of stealing a horse from Mr. Berry. When he again saw Berry he was making off with a portion of the harness, which he had unbuckled and removed from the horse. Berry was arrested by Officer Hess and taken to the Fourth precinct station.

Saturday morning about 4:30 o'clock Mr. A. B. Palmer, residing at the corner of Eleventh and O streets northwest, reported at the Sixth precinct station-house that he was knocked down, garroted and robbed of $40 about midnight Friday night by two negro men at the corner of Eleventh street and New York avenue, and that he was left in an insensible condition for some time.

The following permits were issued Saturday: George W. Fletcher, a two-story frame dwelling, 16 by 28 feet, west side of Eighteenth street southeast, between Pennsylvania avenue and Massachusetts avenue; $600. Wm. Ribnitzky, a two-story and basement brick dwelling, 20 by 27 feet, south side of L, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, northwest; $2,300.

Last night a man was brought into police headquarters suffering from fits, one hardly passing away before another came on. He was attended by Drs. Elliot and Page, but seemed to receive little relief, and to the question put to them they said that it was thought he would not survive until morning. He was unable to speak, and there were no marks or papers about his clothing to tell where he came from or what he was.

Last Friday night the boot and shoe store of Mr. Chas. W. Morgan, on Pennsylvania avenue, between Third and Fourth streets southeast, was entered by thieves and robbed of about sixty dollars worth of shoes. Several neighbors heard the breaking of glass and got up, but too late to catch the thieves. Detectives Coomes and McElfresh have the matter in hand, and will probably work it up.

Saturday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, a horse attached to a carriage, the property of Mr. George B. Smith, and driven by a colored man, took fright on Virginia avenue, near Eighth street southeast, and ran away. The horse ran around four or five blocks and was at last stopped in Sanderson's alley, near the navy-yard gate, not, however, before he had broken the carriage to pieces. The driver escaped unhurt.

James H. McGill and J. G. Bowen, appointed at a late meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Liberty Market Company to visit Cincinnati and report on the workings of the patent chariot street cars in that city, returned from their visit on Thursday evening last, and will make a favorable report at the next meeting of stockholders, which will be held to-morrow evening.

The eight-page morning stupidity, in its dying hours, need not trouble itself about this paper. The Senator can pursue his Union Pacific and Indian business, the Judge his Iowa bank business, the editor his cotton claim job, the news editor his business with the Knights of Pythias, and the ingenious foreign correspondent his pursuit of prime donne, and the "lieutenant" unmolested by us, unless they desire our help.

Among the many guests at Holly Tree No. 2, this morning, was a fine-looking gentleman, who, as he approached the desk to pay for his breakfast, remarked to the cashier that he had traveled a great deal in Boston, Chicago, Baltimore and New York, and had never yet found an eating-house that he liked so well, on account of its neatness, the good quality of the fare, and the dispatch with which he was waited upon. Try the Holly Tree.

Boating Notes.

The Analostans have, it is understood, leased the landing known as Table Rock for a number of years.

J. W. Randall, a single sculler, will represent the Potomac Club at the approaching Saratoga regatta.

It is said that Stowers, White, Brown and Cumberland have been selected as the new shell crew of the Analostans.

The Analostan Club are negotiating with Elliot, of New York, for the construction of one of his best four-oared shells.

Mr. Richard Stockton has presented the Potomac Club with a handsome large flag. It is of magenta, with the club monogram, handsomely inscribed thereon.

George Englehart, who was here last season as the trainer of the Potomac Club, is out in a challenge to James O'Neill, who made the fastest three miles on record at Saratoga last year, to row a three or five-mile race for $1,000 a side.

Larkin has just completed for Sir Edward Thornton, of the Potomac Club, one of the most peculiar crafts that have ever been seen around this part of the country. It is rigged as a pair-oared and double, the latter being between the starboard and port of the pair.

The Analostan Boat Club have completed arrangements for building a new boat-house, which for the completeness of its appointments will be second to none in the country. The site is to be at the foot of E street and New Hampshire avenue, permission having been obtained from the General Government. The architect is at work on the plan, which will soon be finished. The dimensions are to be about 60x100 feet, and is to be arranged with ladies' parlor, club-room, locker-room, bath-rooms, &c., in fact all the modern improvements, including patent boating fixtures. The whole thing is to cost in the neighborhood of $3,000, and during the last week so much interest has been manifested among the members of the club that almost that amount has already been subscribed.

Divorce.

On Saturday Henry Beard filed his bill for divorce from Elizabeth Beard. He sets forth that he married her in 1863, and lived with her until 1867, when she deserted him. The case will come on for hearing in October.

Probate Court—Register Webster.

In this court yesterday the will of George S. Bright, bequeathing his estate to his family, was filed for probate and partially proven.

The will of Elizabeth Abbott was proven.

A number of administration accounts were settled and other routine business transacted.

DEATH OF THOS. A. KENNARD.

The Coroner's Inquest and Verdict.

Last Saturday morning Dr. J. F. Hartigan, assisted by Drs. J. Ford Thompson and S. J. Radcliffe, by direction of Coroner D. C. Patterson, made a *post mortem* examination of the body of Thos. A. Kennard, who died from the effects of a wound inflicted by John Frawner, a full account of which has heretofore appeared in THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN. Sergeant Johnson summoned the following jury, and they were sworn by the coroner: Oliver P. Burdette, Jacob C. Gibson, Samuel H. Handy, George D. Taff, H. Clay Windsor, W. J. Redstrake, Joseph F. Kelley, W. F. Reamer, J. Richards Riggles, C. W. Burguely, Henry Bonitz, Josiah Essex, sr.

MRS. FRAWNER'S TESTIMONY.

The first witness called was Mrs. Emma Frawner, wife of the man who did the shooting, and mistress of the deceased. On being sworn she testified that she was at home on Tuesday, and received a message from her sister, Mrs. Taylor, to call at the house (Fifth street) came up, and on the corner of E and Seventh streets saw Kennard from a car, and he nodding for her to get out she did so; they then came up to this house, arriving about 8 o'clock; Mrs. Taylor and family were on the back porch, and they sat there with her until 8:50 o'clock, when Kennard proposed that they go home; witness got up to go, and they all went to the front porch; Mr. Taylor said Frawner was coming across the street, and went inside the door; Frawner came up and said: "What are you doing with this man?" and witness answered, "I'll go with you if you please; you don't support me now." Kennard said to him, "Go down from this porch;" Frawner stepped back and said: "Haven't I told you time and time again about going with my wife?" Kennard remarked, "Go to hell;" Frawner repeated his remark, and Kennard said, "I don't want any fuss with you; I'll have you arrested; you had me arrested, and now is my time;" Frawner stepped down and walked toward Ninth street, and Kennard followed; Frawner ordered him to go back, saying: "If you don't go back I'll put your light out; I have warned you about going with my wife the last time;" Kennard still followed, and Frawner pushed him back, or put out his hand to do so, and fired the pistol; witness called to Kennard not to go that way or he might get hurt, and he answered by telling her to go in and shut the door; the next she knew Kennard came back, saying, "I'm shot."

Mr. Robert Hodgkin, residing opposite to the scene of the tragedy, testified to seeing two persons leave the steps and go towards Ninth street, but heard no words. Saw one man throw his hand up and saw the flash of a pistol. The man who was nearest to Ninth street fired; could not say that the other was following him up; but as soon as the pistol went off one man went to the house and the other went on towards Ninth street. The shooting was about twenty-five feet from Ninth street.

Detective Wedevitt testified to making the arrest, assisted by Officer Saffell, and to the statement made by Frawner, which was published in THE REPUBLICAN.

Dr. Henry A. Duncanson testified that he was present at the post *mortem*; found that the bowels had been perforated and the prevalence of a disease called peritonitis, which resulted from the wound. Wounds of this character, he thought at first that the bowels had not been perforated, and if inflammation did not follow he would recover. Having succeeded in getting the ball, he did not make any unnecessary probing.

Dr. J. F. Hartigan corroborated the last witness' evidence.

A DENIAL.

Mr. James Taylor testified that he went to the door with Mrs. Kennard and Mrs. Frawner; did not see Mr. Frawner, nor did he tell her that her husband was coming; heard F.'s voice making some remark about his wife, but did not know what it was; witness was in the habit of going to the door, and thinks that Mrs. Frawner was in the house when the shooting took place. Had been acquainted with Kennard for two or three weeks, and his conduct was good; saw him for thirteen years; did not personally know of Kennard and Frawner having had any difficulty.

THE VERDICT.

The jury found a verdict that Thomas A. Kennard came to his death about 7 o'clock p. m., on the night of Tuesday, from a wound in the abdomen, inflicted July 27, by John Frawner.

The remains were then turned over to J. W. Plant, undertaker, and in the afternoon sent to Baltimore, accompanied by two sisters of the deceased. At the close of the inquest, Mrs. Frawner, who had previously been arrested, was discharged from custody. It is a noticable fact that in all this affair the sympathy of the public as per the newspaper representatives and her sworn evidence before the coroner's jury no two accounts are alike. She seems to have a different version to give every time that she is called upon to say anything concerning the unfortunate affair. Which of the many is the true tale it is difficult to tell, and she only knows. By the time the case of Frawner is called for trial she will probably have another manufactured that differs wholly or in part from those she has already given out.

SUICIDE.

An Overdose of Laudanum While Intoxicated—Death of a Department Messenger.

An enlisted man in the United States service named Jas. M. Lyons, and detailed as a messenger in the Surgeon General's office, on Tenth street northwest, committed suicide last Saturday afternoon, at his residence, on I, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets northwest, by taking a large dose of laudanum. He lived a little more than an hour after taking the fatal drug. The deceased was twenty-two years of age, and a steady drinker, but for three or four days previous to his death indulged more freely than usual; in fact, was constantly under the influence of alcoholic spirits. Last Friday he made a sudden resolution to visit Baltimore, for what purpose is unknown, as he had neither relatives nor business in that place. While there he purchased the morphine, but as the vial in which it was contained would hold three ounces, and the bottle was almost full, it is thought that he made purchases in several places in small quantities and then poured them into the one vial. He returned home about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon intoxicated, and, arriving at the front yard, seemed bothered in getting the gate open. His wife went to his assistance, but before she had implicitly so what she succeeded in opening the gate he proceeded round to the rear of the premises and climbed over the fence. On entering the house he asked for food, and was told by his wife that there was nothing to eat, and she had no money with which she could purchase it.

He ransacked his pockets and produced seventy cents, which he gave her and told her to send out and buy something. He then took off his coat, and after hanging it up sat down on the sofa. As the wife was about leaving the room he reached to a pocket in his coat and took out a bottle; then turning to her said that he was in debt and had no money; that he would either kill himself or leave the city, and asked her which she preferred that he should do. She replied that matters were so bad as that, then he had better leave the city. He meditated for a few moments, and broke the silence by saying he be d—d if he would; that he was of no use or good to anybody in this world, and he might as well be out of it as in it. Immediately after uttering these words, and telling her that he was going to take laudanum, he drew the cork out of the bottle, and, placing the vial to his lips, proceeded to swallow the contents. About two-thirds of it had passed down his throat when she knocked the bottle from his hand, spilling a small quantity of the drug on the bosom of his shirt, and leaving a little remaining in the vial. She would have been more active in preventing the rash deed had she not thought that he was not in earnest, but fooling her. Several times previously he had threatened to cut his throat, and deceived her by telling her that he was taking laudanum, but which proved to be colored water, and was done, as he said, only to frighten her.

This time he was in earnest and actually swallowed the poison, but she, thinking it another of his tricks, apprehended no danger, and did not hasten to prevent him taking the colored water, as it was supposed to be. When, however, she discovered that he had taken the fatal drug she became alarmed and hastened to the neighbors for relief. Medical attendance was immediately summoned, but on the arrival of the physician he decided that his help was of no avail, and the man died shortly after his arrival. The doctor stated that he had taken a very large dose of the morphine, and if taken in hand immediately after swallowing it there would have been chances of restoring life. He leaves a wife and three children in very destitute circumstances, the wife also a cripple, and with no prospect as to how she will obtain support for her little ones. When sober he was a kind husband and indulgent parent, but when under the influence of liquor he would become morose, worrying about debts and expenses and being unable to meet his indebtedness. At such times he would repeat the threat of destroying himself, which he has now accomplished, and left unprovided his family, who are helpless and in need. The coroner was notified, and yesterday morning proceeded to the house where Officer Amiss had a jury in waiting. It was not thought requisite to make a *post-mortem* examination, and after hearing the evidence, which was substantially the same as the statement above given, the jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death from an overdose of laudanum taken while intoxicated.

FALSE AND CRUEL RUMOR.

Reported Loss of the Steamer Lady of the Lake.

There was a rumor on the street last evening, which gained strength as the night advanced, that the Lady of the Lake, which left the city Saturday for a trip down the river to Fortress Monroe, Vue de l'Eau and the capes, had foundered. The Lady of the Lake is due here this morning at six o'clock. About eleven o'clock last evening a dispatch was sent to Norfolk, asking if anything had been heard of the steamer, and the answer was that nothing had been heard. The telegraph offices at Fortress Monroe and Vue de l'Eau were closed, but had any news of disaster reached either of those points it would certainly have been telegraphed to this city immediately.

The excitement on the street at midnight was so intense that groups grthered about the telegraph office, the hotel-steps, and the corners to discuss the probability of a disaster. That no such accident could have occurred is evidenced by the running time of the steamer. She was to leave Fort Monroe yesterday afternoon about three o'clock for the trip to the capes, and was due back there at no later than seven o'clock. If any accident had occurred prior to this hour it would have been known both at Norfolk and the Fort, and would necessarily have been at once telegraphed to this city. If by any possibility an accident occurred subsequent to her leaving the Fort it was impossible for the news to have reached here at the time the cruel rumor was on the street. Several newspaper men are on board, and if even a minor accident had occurred they would have deemed it of sufficient importance to have it sent to their respective journals.

APOPLEXY.

Sudden Death of a Baker.

George Copenhaver, 54 years of age, and employed at the bakery of Mr. Havenner, on C, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets northwest, fell dead last Saturday, at 1 o'clock, while at work. The coroner was notified and viewed the body, but deemed an inquest unnecessary, giving his opinion that death was caused by apoplexy. The body was placed in charge of Anthony Buchly, esq., undertaker, and taken to Mr. Copenhaver's late residence, No. 508 K street northwest. The funeral takes place at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WASHINGTON DRIVING ASSOCIATION.

The Expulsion of A. A. Dodge and W. McMahon Confirmed.

The board of appeals of the National Association for the Promotion of the Interests of the American Trotting Turf have concluded a session at the Grand Union hotel, Saratoga, N. Y., and acted upon a number of cases that came before them, brought up on appeal from the decisions rendered at different racing meetings during the past fall and spring. Among the cases decided upon were that of Wm. McMahon and others which occurred at the meeting of the Washington Driving Association of this District. Those enjoying the sport and attending the races will remember that an attempt was made by certain New York and Baltimore parties, abetted and assisted, it was then and is still believed, by one or two horsemen in this city, to make a fraudulent entry of a horse both as to name and time, and thereby capture the purses from those disposed to participate honestly in the races. A gray gelding named Pollock, but afterward changed to that of Fulton, was brought to this city from New York by Wm. McMahon, of Parkville, L. I., and A. A. Dodge, of Baltimore, Md., to take part in the spring meeting of the Washington Driving Association. The horse was known to have a record below 40, but that he should be eligible for all classes of races it was given out that he was green and had no record. A former driver of Pollock alias Fulton discovering the trick of the two horse shanks, and determining to frustrate their purpose, came on here, and while there was trotting to the race made known his true standing and identity, which was substantiated by affidavit before the judges in the race. Further evidence was adduced confirmed the charge, and the board of association very promptly fined Dodge $300 for his part of the conspiracy to defraud and expelled McMahon from all tracks. From this decision an appeal was taken to the board of appeals, which has just rendered the following opinion, not only sustaining the Washington Driving Association, but going still further and expelling McMahon from all courses over which the association exercises control.

THE APPEAL AND DECISION.

448. William McMahon, Parkville, L. I., vs. Washington Driving Association, Washington, D. C.—Application for removal of penalty of expulsion imposed on him.

From the evidence and the record it is shown that at the spring meeting, 1875, of the respondents, the gray gelding Pollock was fraudulently entered, under the assumed name of Fulton, in the 2:40 and 3:00 classes, notwithstanding he had a prior record below 2:40, acquired under the said name of Pollock. The entry at the spring meeting aforesaid was made by A. A. Dodge, of Baltimore, who assumed to be the owner of the horse, while it was shown that the horse in fact belonged to William H. Beard, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Said horse was entered in said classes wherein he was driven by J. V. Carroll, residence unknown. Said entry aforesaid was made by A. A. Dodge, of Baltimore, who assumed to be the owner of the horse, while it was shown that the horse in fact belonged to William H. Beard, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Said horse was entered in said classes wherein he was driven by J. V. Carroll, residence unknown. Said William McMahon was shown to have been in conspiracy and co-operation with the parties aforesaid, and thus to have been concerned in the fraudulent transaction in relation to said entries. Under date of May 7, 1875, the respondents excluded the parties aforesaid, including McMahon, with the imposition of a fine of $300 on said Dodge, the expulsion being imposed under rules 6 and 14, and the fine imposed under rule 15. At a present meeting of the board said McMahon personally appeared and applied for the removal of said penalty of expulsion as to himself, offering on his behalf the testimony of himself and another. After duly considering all the evidence before them the board confirmed the action of the respondents.

Upon the foregoing state of facts, it was considered incumbent upon the board to take action respecting the standing of said McMahon as proprietor of the Deerfoot park, when the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas William McMahon, who is proprietor of the Deerfoot park, Parkville, L. I., has been expelled by the Washington Driving Association, Washington city, D. C., for participation in a fraud committed in a public race, on the grounds of said association, which expulsion has been confirmed by this board,

Ordered, That said William McMahon, proprietor, be, and he is hereby, expelled, as being an unfit person to hold the relation of proprietor of any park or course in connection with the National Association.

THE APPROACHING CAMP-MEETING.

Some New Developments.

The Washington Grove camp-meeting was much talked of about the several Methodist churches yesterday. It is currently reported that an unexpected delay in the shipment of some sixty-six tents from Baltimore will seriously inconvenience some folks who will go to camp on Wednesday morning expecting to find their canvas homes all ready to receive the house-keeping articles. The delay in the shipment of these tents is acknowledged fact, but whether they will not be pitched and ready for occupation on Wednesday morning is a matter which can only be determined by the action of the tent committee having the erection of the tabernacle in charge. The delayed tents will in all probability be delivered at the camp-ground to-day, and should the necessary number of laborers be put to work, without regard to hours, the tents can all be in readiness on the morning of the 4th, the time set for the commencement of camp. This is the contract of the association with every individual tent-renter, and if it is not complied with through extraordinary exertions, the association can expect the grumbling of a previous year on this account repeated. If two men can pitch ten tents in a day of ten hours, twenty men can pitch one hundred tents, and double this force should be provided, if necessary.

Printed notices to the several churches yesterday announced an important

CHANGE OF FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS,

as previously promulgated. The supply committee, having charge of the shipment of freight, have determined to charter the cars from the railroad company, and they will be placed in position at a point on the Metropolitan branch of the road at Ninth street, between G and H streets, from 8 a. m. till 4 p. m. to-morrow, Tuesday. At this point and between these hours all camp baggage must be delivered for shipment. There will be no pre-payment on the freight as previously announced. Every package must be distinctly marked with the name of the owner and name of station to which he or she belongs. The several city passenger will have separate cars for these tracks plainly labeled, and it is expected some duly authorized man from each church will be present during the day to superintend the loading of the baggage of his particular church.

It is but due to Messrs. E. F. Simpson and R. T. Willett, of the tent committee, to suppose that their characteristic energy and interest in the camp matters will guarantee that all the tents will be in readiness for occupation on Wednesday morning, if it is within the line of possibility.

BELLIGERENT THIEVES.

A Fight in the Capitol Grounds.

John Connors alias Knox, and Frank Brown alias Hugh Brown, two notorious thieves, have amused themselves lately by loafing in the Capitol grounds and hatching out projects for plying their nefarious business. Last Saturday morning while laying plans for some new depredations they got into a dispute which terminated in a fight. Officer Babcock, of the Capitol police force, seeing them, and thinking the exhibition unbecoming the place, went after them, intending to take both into custody. But, noticing his approach, which had the effect of putting a quietus on the fight and the participants into a footrace, he followed after, but was losing ground, and finding them fleet of foot drew his pistol and fired, but failed to fetch either of the two to terms. The report of the pistol brought to the spot Policemen Lawlor and Lewis, of the regular force, who succeeded in capturing the parties. They were taken before Judge Snell, who let them off by paying a moderate fine.

Discriminating Tariffs.

Such notices as the following, if true, and we have reason to think this is entirely so, will not prove of advantage to the Baltimore and Ohio railway. Mr. Garrett should know almost better than any one else that the local trade of a road is its surest strength, and its first object should be to so encourage it by low rates as to compel increase and at the same time ward off competition. The *Shenandoah Democrat*, of Charlestown, West Va., says:

Can the records of railroad rascality with a fine tooth comb for the counterpart of this: Messrs. Kagey & Miller were shipping their flour to New York by one hundred barrels at rates as follows: To Baltimore, 9c; from thence to New York for 42c—making 51c. The Shriver line reduced the tariff between Baltimore and New York to $18, and the Baltimore and Ohio water line followed suit; but they immediately telegraphed their agent to add $6 to the freight on this part of the line, so that we should pay $54 to Baltimore. Competition went bravely on. They knocked off $8 for the benefit of the Great West, and added $8 on Valley flour.

Reliable Fire Insurance.

Prudence at all times should be observed by those who desire to insure their property against losses, through the ravages of fire, to be sure and select the best and most reliable companies, and obtain insurance at consistent, reasonable terms. As the Arlington Fire Insurance Company for the District of Columbia, office 1423 G street northwest, is certainly to be recommended for its reliability, efficiency and integrity of its officers and directors, successful always in the honorable adjustment of insurance and prompt payment of money in case policy holders sustain losses, and possessing a paid up capital of $200,000, we opine very readily that all in need of insurance will consult their own interest by patronizing the above-named popular company.

Assault.

Thomas Burke, a huckster in the West End market, on Saturday afternoon made an unprovoked assault upon a German, August Unger, a farmer, who happened to be in the market, knocking him down and kicking him several times about the body. Officer Hawkins arrested Burke, who was last evening released on bail.

Specialties and Recent Additions.

Blue Yacht Cloth Suits.
Bathing Suits.
Swimming Suits and Trunks.
Perfectly Fitting Shirts, White and Colored.
Paris Suspenders.
Yachting Shirts and Pants.
Hunting and Fishing Suits to order.
Fine Jean and L'nen Drawers.
Bordered Handkerchiefs.
Outfits for Travelers.

GEO. C. HENNING, 410 Seventh street.

Auction Sales To-day.

By J. T. Wormley:

At 6 o'clock, valuable property fronting on Tenth street, between U and V streets northwest, improved with a neat two-story and attic brick house.

By E. J. Sweet:

At 6 o'clock, a three-story frame dwelling on the south side of M street, (No. 620,) between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest.

By Thomas Dowling:

At 10 and 7:30 o'clock, an extensive assortment of unredeemed pledges.

By W. L. Wall & Co.:

At 10 o'clock, balance of furniture remaining on hand.

By R. N. Cox:

At 10 o'clock, at No. 639 G street northwest, a lot of household furniture.

By Thomas E. Waggaman:

At 6 o'clock, improved property on Union street, between M and N southwest.

By R. H. Warner:

At 6 o'clock, lot No. 62 in square No. 509.

By Duncanson Bros.:

At 6:30 o'clock, at S. Goldstein & Co.'s, a lot of unredeemed pledges.

EPISCOPAL CANONICAL LAW.

The Trial of Bishop Whittingham.

The following account of the proceedings of the board of inquiry into the charges made against Bishop Whittingham is taken from Saturday's Baltimore *American*:

The board of inquiry appointed by Presiding Bishop Smith to investigate the charges against Bishop Whittingham, of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, reassembled yesterday morning in the lecture-room of Grace church. At on the first day of the session of the board, there were thirteen of the sixteen members present, the two absentees from the Diocese of Pittsburg and the one from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania not putting in an appearance. The same reticence observed by members of the board on Thursday as to what transpired during the session was observed yesterday. Before the commencement of the regular proceedings there was a discussion as to whether it would not be better for the board to communicate a portion of what took place to the press, and thus prevent the papers from relying on mere rumor. After due deliberation it was determined that nothing whatever should be communicated by the board to the press. Notwithstanding this strict secrecy enjoined as what connected with the meeting of the board, the report in yesterday's *American* was recognised as accurate. The following facts are not based on mere rumor, but are believed to be substantially correct. As heretofore announced, Rev. Charles Breck, D. D., of Willsboro', Pa., was, on the organization of the board, elected chairman. E. Wyatt Blanchard, esq., of Baltimore, was appointed secretary. One of the gentlemen connected with the board was asked by a reporter who the secretary was, and he replied that he was a very efficient one, but he could not recall his name. It was afterwards positively ascertained that Mr. Blanchard had been appointed secretary. After the appointment of the president and secretary the board of inquiry, on motion of a Church advocate, who, in the language of the canon, "must be a lay communicant of this Church and of the profession of the law, and who thereafterward shall, in all stages of the proceedings, if a trial be ordered, represent the Church and be the party on the one hand, while the accused is the party on the other." The canon also states that the Church advocate shall not attend the sessions of the board as prosecuting counsel, "but shall be at all times on hand and in readiness to give his advice on all questions submitted to him by the board." There was considerable debate before the board decided on its choice of the person to fill this most important position. Hon. Dan. Clarke, of Prince George's county, was finally selected. Mr. Clarke is a prominent member of the bar, and will be remembered as being a candidate before the late Democratic convention for the Attorney Generalship of Maryland. He attended the sessions of the board of inquiry yesterday. If a majority finally conclude that there are sufficient grounds to put Bishop Whittingham upon his trial, they will direct Mr. Clarke to prepare a presentment, which presentment will be signed by such of the board as agree thereto. The presentment will be transmitted to Bishop Whittingham by Mr. Clarke to Presiding Bishop B. B. Smith; also a copy to Bishop Whittingham.

THE PRESENTORS.

Five of the seven presentors were present at the meeting of the board yesterday, viz: Rev. Alfred M. Randolph, D. D., Rev. Dr. Breck, Hon. Isaac R. Trimble, General Isaac R. Trimble, William Woodward, and Fendall Marbury, esq. Among the witnesses present were Rev. Dr. George Leeds, Rev. Dr. John F. Hoff, and Rev. Dr. George A. Leakin. It has been reported that the latter gentleman was elected secretary of the board of inquiry, which was, of course, incorrect, as he is not a member of the board. He is in attendance as witness only. Rev. Augustus P. Stryker, who was summoned as a witness, has not responded yet.

At the morning and afternoon session Rev. Dr. Randolph, one of the parties to the presentors, continued the reading of the documentary evidence, which consists mainly of the correspondence which took place between Bishop Whittingham and the standing committee of the diocese in relation to him of the Rev. Joseph Richey and the Rev. C. B. Perry, the rector and assistant rector of Mount Calvary church. Rev. Dr. Randolph also examined and cross-examined the witnesses in precisely the manner a lawyer would in a trial in court. Witnesses were examined as to their knowledge of the facts set forth in the documentary evidence. Daniel Clarke was called upon, in his capacity of Church advocate, to decide several points of law which arose. At 4 p. m. the board adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

It reassembled at the latter hour, with a full attendance of members and witnesses. It is understood that Rev. Dr. Leeds was one of the witnesses examined at the night session. About half past 10 o'clock, while the board was still in session, Rev. Dr. Leakin, of Prince George's county, Calvert county, and a member from the Diocese of Maryland, startled all present by asserting that some one was attempting to gain an entrance into the room by forcing the door. Mr. Magruder immediately made for the door, and directed the gentleman who is kept there constantly on guard to search the alleys in the rear and on the outside of the room, to see if there was any one prowling around. No one was found, however, and the board resumed its session, which was continued up to 11 o'clock, when it adjourned to meet again this morning at 10 o'clock.

A Brief Statement of the Case Which is Now the Subject of Inquiry.

For the first time in the experience of the Episcopal Church a bishop is charged with violating canon law and preliminary steps taken to place him on trial. There are circumstances surrounding this case which, grouped together, make it one of the most serious and lamentable in the history of the Episcopal Church in this country. The bishop thus arraigned is not a young man, but venerable in years and in the Episcopate. He has long been respected for his learning, impartibility and forbearance, giving ample evidence of maturity of thought, executive ability and decision of character, essential to the exalted position he occupies. It does not surprise us, therefore, that at the diocesan convention in Baltimore last May Bishop Whittingham, referring to the impending trial, should take occasion to utter those sad, impressive words which are pregnant with weighty thoughts, deserving careful consideration, indicating, as they do, a condition of things which all thinkers of diocesan and general conventions should therefore be unable or unwilling to remedy. In substance, his address was an acknowledgment that apparently his life-long labor as a bishop was a failure. "There was a time," he said, "when my opinions and wishes were deemed worthy of respect." Here is the secret of the present deplorable state of things in the Episcopal Church. The ever-increasing tendency to individualism, so-called liberty and freedom of action has been the curse of the Church.

There seems to be no fixed, well defined standard of faith or ritual; but on the contrary, a manifest design of each party, the high and the low, and of individuals in each party independent of one another, to act upon a purely individual basis. Hence, on the one hand, we have seen low churchmen affiliating with other Protestant denominations in direct violation of canon law. In the case of Bishop Cummins the question was settled logically by his quietly withdrawing with a few kindred minds and establishing a new church, the Reformed Episcopal. On the other hand, the ritualistic wing of the high-church party has often stirred the ecclesiastical air into a breeze of excitement on account of gay and fantastic colors, which are repudiated as plumage borrowed from the fight and the participants into a footrace, he followed after, but was losing ground, and finding them fleet of foot drew his pistol and fired, but failed to fetch either of the two to terms. The report of the pistol brought to the spot Officers Lawlor and Lewis, of the regular force, who succeeded in capturing the parties. They were taken before Judge Snell, who let them off by paying a moderate fine.

Discriminating Tariffs.

Such notices as the following, if true, and we have reason to think this is entirely so, will not prove of advantage to the Baltimore and Ohio railway. Mr. Garrett should know almost better than any one else that the local trade of a road is its surest strength, and its first object should be to so encourage it by low rates as to compel increase and at the same time ward off competition. The *Shenandoah Democrat*, of Charlestown, West Va., says:

Can the records of railroad rascality with a fine tooth comb for the counterpart of this: Messrs. Kagey & Miller were shipping their flour to New York by one hundred barrels at rates as follows: To Baltimore, 9c; from thence to New York for 42c—making 51c. The Shriver line reduced the tariff between Baltimore and New York to $18, and the Baltimore and Ohio water line followed suit; but they immediately telegraphed their agent to add $6 to the freight on this part of the line, so that we should pay $54 to Baltimore. Competition went bravely on. They knocked off $8 for the benefit of the Great West, and added $8 on Valley flour.

Reliable Fire Insurance.

Prudence at all times should be observed by those who desire to insure their property against losses, through the ravages of fire, to be sure and select the best and most reliable companies, and obtain insurance at consistent, reasonable terms. As the Arlington Fire Insurance Company for the District of Columbia, office 1423 G street northwest, is certainly to be recommended for its reliability, efficiency and integrity of its officers and directors, successful always in the honorable adjustment of insurance and prompt payment of money in case policy holders sustain losses, and possessing a paid up capital of $200,000, we opine very readily that all in need of insurance will consult their own interest by patronizing the above-named popular company.

Assault.

Thomas Burke, a huckster in the West End market, on Saturday afternoon made an unprovoked assault upon a German, August Unger, a farmer, who happened to be in the market, knocking him down and kicking him several times about the body. Officer Hawkins arrested Burke, who was last evening released on bail.

Specialties and Recent Additions.

Blue Yacht Cloth Suits.
Bathing Suits.
Swimming Suits and Trunks.
Perfectly Fitting Shirts, White and Colored.
Paris Suspenders.
Yachting Shirts and Pants.
Hunting and Fishing Suits to order.
Fine Jean and L'nen Drawers.
Bordered Handkerchiefs.
Outfits for Travelers.

GEO. C. HENNING, 410 Seventh street.

Auction Sales To-day.

By J. T. Wormley:

At 6 o'clock, valuable property fronting on Tenth street, between U and V streets northwest, improved with a neat two-story and attic brick house.

By E. J. Sweet:

At 6 o'clock, a three-story frame dwelling on the south side of M street, (No. 620,) between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest.

By Thomas Dowling:

At 10 and 7:30 o'clock, an extensive assortment of unredeemed pledges.

By W. L. Wall & Co.:

At 10 o'clock, balance of furniture remaining on hand.

By R. N. Cox:

At 10 o'clock, at No. 639 G street northwest, a lot of household furniture.

By Thomas E. Waggaman:

At 6 o'clock, improved property on Union street, between M and N southwest.

By R. H. Warner:

At 6 o'clock, lot No. 62 in square No. 509.

By Duncanson Bros.:

At 6:30