LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

SKETCHES ABOUT THE CITY BY THE REPUBLICAN'S REPORTERS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The clerk of the court has issued marriage licenses to the following parties: Thos. C. Hendleson and Mary A. Byers; A. J. Hill and Ella E. Gutman; Calvin Brunnell and Annie E. Smith, both of Alexandria, Va.; James Green, jr., and Maggie E. Sims, of Alexandria, Va.; Geo. E. Wilson, jr., and Mary A. Adams, of Uniontown.

FIRE IN HOWARD UNIVERSITY HALL.—About 10 o'clock last night fire was discovered in a one-story frame stable on Wilson street, near Howard University, (colored,) owned by Elias Plummer, and occupied by Elias and Lincoln Plummer. The flames were extinguished by some officers without turning in an alarm. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Damage slight; covered by insurance.

A MINISTER'S DELIGHTFUL PARTY.—Rev. J. A. D. Green, pastor of the Mount Sinai A. M. E. church, who leaves to-day for the annual conference at Cambridge City, Md., was surprised and made happy by a visit from his congregation last night, who brought with them many of the good things of life for his benefit. Mr. W. T. Harris presented the donation on behalf of the visitors, and Rev. Dr. Green made a happy response.

A BLOODHOUND'S DISASTER.—About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while a white man named Thomas Brown, a resident of the African village of Hollinsburg, the scene of many moments of honor, was driving through Pennsylvania avenue, his horse took fright and shied off, throwing him out, and one of the wheels passed over his head, killing him instantly. William Harris, of the Seventh precinct, assisted him to the Baltimore and Ohio depot, from whence he was conveyed to his home.

THE TIBER VALLEY IMPROVEMENTS.—The District Commissioners have awarded the contracts for the improvements of the Tiber valley as follows: So much as relates to the improvement of K street, between First and Third northeast, and the work on K street culvert, to Patrick Brennan; so much as relates to the construction of sewers, to Henry Hinder, and so much as relates to the filling of 6th, 8th and First streets and the pool near Delaware avenue and the work on the K street culvert, to Charles H. Ellis & Co.

A KINDERGARTEN FESTIVAL.—The Kindergarten festival, which is to take place on Friday evening at Shelton's hall in celebration of the birthday of Prof. Froebel, the inventor of the system, will present some interesting and unique features. The little ones will exhibit their own exercises, and all the games spoken of and song are original and written for the occasion by Mrs. Pollock. All those who would understand the full meaning of the word Kindergarten will have an opportunity to do so by attending the festival.

THE NEW WORKHOUSE.—The District Commissioners have determined to reject all the bids for the construction of the new workhouse opened on Friday last, and have under consideration the project of using prison labor in the erection of the walls, and by a modification of the plan (omitting some of the cells and the public dock on the exterior) hope to be able to construct the building within the limit of the appropriation. Upon the completion of the walls and the brickwork, it is quite probable that new proposals will be invited for the wood and iron work separately, and for such other labor and material as may be necessary.

A PLAYFUL MAN WITH A "PIP."—Alex. Sherrer, a ragged, impecunious fellow, with a round head and a laughing eye, went to Wm. Brooks' house to board, promising to pay the bill when he got his pay for driving a garbage wagon. He made himself very much at home, and was quite playful with Brooks and his wife. Monday he struck her over the head with a chair, and popped at Brooks with a pistol, missing him but scared Polly, and they became quite disgusted with their new boarder. Yesterday Judge Snell sent the frisky Sherrer to jail for six months.

LITTLE BESSIE'S PARTY.—Little Bessie, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Rock, of 410 New Jersey avenue northwest, celebrated her eighth birthday anniversary yesterday afternoon. Miss Bessie is a bright, pretty and generous little demoiselle, and extremely popular among her acquaintances. The parlors of her parents' house were literally packed with her young lady friends and acquaintances, ranging from three to twelve years of age, and fun was at its height. Bessie did not send THE REPUBLICAN an invitation, but I take the liberty of unceremoniously mentioning her exceedingly little birthday party.

A CLIENT'S SUIT AGAINST AN ATTORNEY.—In the notice of the suit filed by John Campbell, as administrator of Stephen S. Springer, deceased, vs. Nathaniel Wilson, for the recovery of $2,000, unintentional mention was made of the defendant. Subsequent papers filed show that Mr. Wilson holds the money as a disinterested stakeholder, and refuses to act under either one or Mr. Wilson, which was mentioned in the interest of a third party, and which it is now claimed, was subsequently revoked. The object now is to decide which of the parties is entitled to the money, and Mr. Wilson holds the final subject to the court's decision. The plaintiff in this case is still a client of Mr. Wilson's, who has her more important matters than this in his hands.

WHAT "SEVERAL" MEANS IN BALTIMORE.—Charles Fine and Louis Germanhouse, two gentlemen from Baltimore, were charged in the Police Court yesterday with assaulting a hack driver named Walter Stewart. They came to this city Monday, and hired a hack at Prime's stable for two hours, to take them on a business trip to Georgetown. They kept the hack over time, and when they reached the stable refused to pay for more than two hours, and when words arose, assaulted the driver, Stewart, one of them, Fine, cutting him on the hack.

"Coming back from Georgetown," said Germanhouse, "we had several."

"Several what?" asked the attorney.

"Several drinks," said Germanhouse, looking up with a smile at the attorney's ignorance.

The Court fined Fine $25 and Germanhouse $5.

THE FRENCH GUNNER'S SUICIDAL ATTEMPT.—The case of Major Francis M. Bowie, indicted for an assault with intent to kill A. Edward Oliver, on the 21st ult., is on trial in the Circuit Court at Upper Marlboro', Md. Young Oliver himself was the first witness, and testified that during the last year he had rented lands from Major Bowie, and that the difficulty arose over the division of some shucks of fodder raised on the rented lands. Bowie accused him of stealing the fodder. Some subtle words, and subtle thing were about excitement, but apart Bowie drew a pistol and shot him in the right breast. This was corroborated by Tolver Sait and R. S. Calles. Major F. M. Bowie (as allowed by the recent act of the Maryland Legislature) was called and sworn, and agreed with the testimony of the prosecuting witnesses up to the exact moment of shooting, when he stated that Oliver, with most insulting epithets, was advancing on him, hand uplifted as if to strike, and when within four or five feet Oliver was shot. The insinuation was to shatter his right arm, but not kill him.

CITY BREVITIES.

Messrs. Dunnavan Brothers, auctioneers, sold yesterday afternoon, for James T. Stevens and Charles H. Mosher, trustees, lot 123, in square 451, be subdivided by Moses Kelly, improved by a frame dwelling fronting on North Capitol street, between F and G streets northwest, to William C. Gothard, for $810.

Taylor Fry and Lewis Johnson, two old colored thieves, have been behaving magnificently about the Centre market lately. Detectives Yates captured them yesterday, and Judge Snell sent them to the workhouse.

Mr. A. Burwell lectures on "Practical Undermining National Life" at Odeon Hall tonight.

Thomas Lawler, a white man, aged twenty-two years, had his right hand badly mashed while attempting to step on the train at Potomac City coming to Washington. He was sent to Providence hospital by Sanitary Officer Barnes.

A MURDEROUS WAR.

Mrs. Hughes Brings Her Jewels Examined into the Police Court, but Fails to Make a Case.

The persons residing in the house where Mrs. Hughes' grocery store is located, on D street, near Thirteen-and-a-half, have furnished a great deal of business to the Police Court, and yesterday they appeared again. Mrs. Ellen Hughes was the complainant, and she charged her loquacious lodger, Harriet Smith, and her eaves-dropping daughter, Emily Brown, with assaulting her. There was a look of satisfaction on Mrs. Hughes' face as she sat stiffly on the front seat and thought that the moment of her triumph was near at hand. Through Harriet and her daughter all of Mrs. Hughes' plans have been upset, and they have not been righted yet. She tried to turn a few pennies by selling a little liquor "on the sly" from a refrigerator in the rear of her store. Mrs. Smith or Brown somehow sent down and bought just a little bit, for the sole purpose, as she afterwards declared, of having Mrs. Hughes indicted. Mrs. Hughes was also being peacefully and happily with a gentleman named McGarrigan, (not McGarrahan,) and the unexpected arrival of her husband from Philadelphia caused a little unpleasant feeling, which was heightened into a bitter fight by the gossiping Mrs. Smith, and the scandalous Brown, Emily Brown.

Mrs. Hughes has suffered mental torment for her sins in the Police Court, and she, of course, had some satisfaction yesterday in aggravating against her arch enemies.

"The mother ran out with a hatchet," she said to the Court, "and cut me in the hand, so that Policeman Shea had to pull it out, and the daughter pulled a handful of hair out of my head, and I've had a headache ever since."

Policeman Shea, who was in court, was called upon to explain further about the hatchet business, and Mrs. Hughes, who didn't know before that he was present, exclaim: "Is wasn't him, sir; it wasn't him that pulled the hatchet out of my hand."

Annie Faulkner, a young girl with her hair cut squarely and rakishly across her forehead, was examined, and stated that Mrs. Hughes had nailed up the door so Mrs. Mudd's family could not get up. By her statement it appears that Mrs. Hughes had the hatchet and began the assault, and that the peaceful Mrs. Mudd had sent herself and Emily Brown to 'Squire Clark's to get permission to break in the door.

The Court did not think that any serious damage had been done on either side, and discharged the prisoners.

AMERICAN'S SAVANS.

Session of the National Academy of Sciences—A Collection of Distinguished Investigators.

The National Academy of Sciences commenced its fifteenth annual session at the Smithsonian Institute yesterday, at noon. There was a good attendance, including a sprinkling of ladies. The academy embraces in its roll of members the leading scientists of this country, and its sessions are always attended by a rising class of philosophers thirsting for additional knowledge. Among the members in attendance yesterday were Prof. Joseph Henry, Prof. J. E. Hilgard, Gen. Meigs and Prof. Newcomb, of this city; Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, of Harvard University; Prof. Pickering, director of Harvard observatory; Prof. Barnard, of Columbia college, N. Y.; Prof. A. M. Mayer, of Stevens' Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.; Prof. O. C. Marsh, of New Haven; Prof. S. P. Langley, of Allegheny University; Dr. John L. LeConte, of Philadelphia; Prof. Alex. Agassiz, of Harvard University, and Gen. Abbott and Gen. Warren, of the United States engineers.

Prof. Henry occupied the chair and called the meeting to order without any formal address, and the society at once proceeded to the consideration of the scientific communications contributed by its members. The session lasted until 3 o'clock, during which time eight papers were read. They were all able, interesting and instructive and were listened to with admiring attention. All the papers were discussed, and the views advanced disclosed the familiarity of all the members to the subjects treated upon. Without intending any comparison it may be said that Prof. Agassiz's treatise on osseous fishes was one of the literary treats of the day. He showed in a clear lucid style, as the result of deep research and careful study, that a wonderful uniformity existed in the structure of the tail in all bony fishes. Prof. LeConte's contribution, was quite lengthy and gave rise to considerable debate.

The papers read yesterday were as follows:

"On a new measuring instrument, the Verier microscope," by Professor A. M. Mayer.

"On systematic errors in star declination," by Prof. E. C. Pickering.

"On the young stages of osseous fishes," by Prof. Alex Agassiz.

"On critical periods in the history of the earth, and their relations to evolution, and on the quarternary at such a period," by Professor Joseph LeConte, of San Francisco; read by Dr. John L. LeConte.

"On the progressive motions of storms," by Prof. Wm. Ferrel.

"On the effect produced by mixing white with colored light," by Prof. O. N. Rood.

"On Newton's use of the term 'indigo' with reference to a color of the spectrum," by Professor O. N. Rood.

"Improved method of obtaining metallic spectra," by Professor G. F. Barker.

The sessions will continue to-day and to-morrow, and are open to the public. The members will be given a reception by Professor Henry to-night.

A LITTLE MIXED.

Lively Row in the Vanderson Mansion—A Family Which Observes the Fifteenth Amendment.

The hearing of A. B. Vanderson, Esther Vanderson, Alice Jones, and David Reese, alias Jones, charged with disorderly conduct, in the Police Court yesterday morning, disclosed a rather mixed state of affairs existing in the house rented by Vanderson, on Four-and-a-half street, between Missouri and Pennsylvania avenues. Vanderson is an old man with gray whiskers and watery eyes. Esther, his wife, is a dark-brown colored woman, in the prime of her years. David Reese is a white man about thirty years of age, tall, and not bad looking, and affects a loud style of dress. His wife Alice is a shimpy, light-colored mulatto, and she came into court with a brown-haired infant in her arms.

Officer Boyle stated that he heard the cries of murder, police and fire proceeding from the house, and on running there he found a lively scrimmage in progress. Reese and Esther Vanderson were clinched on the stairway and fighting tooth and nail, the old man was clubbing at the pair with a rifle, and Mrs. Jones was standing around and screaming murder.

The Court suspended judgment until after he heard several counter charges which were pending against individuals among the four. Alice Jones was charged with keeping a bawdy house, and Mr. and Mrs. Vanderson appeared against her. Mrs. Vanderson said that Alice's business was to gather up men in the street. Father Vanderson said he saw a man with a shocking lack of clothing leave Alice's room very suddenly one day when David Jones came home unexpectedly, and ran up to his room, and his wife had to go down and get the fugitive's clothes out of Alice's room. Nancy Hazelton, a bright young yellow woman, with a saucy eye and a tarnished reputation, testified in Alice's favor, and the charge not being sustained the case was dismissed.

Old man Vanderson was then arraigned for assaulting Alice Jones, alias Reese, by striking her in the mouth. This was the cause of all the disorder in Vanderson's house. This charge was also dismissed, and the Court fined all of the four except Alice five dollars.

SHAKING WIDOW COLLINS.

Bob Wells Interrupts Her While Reading Her Prayer-Book.

Robert Wells, a tall colored man, was charged in the Police Court yesterday with assaulting Adelia Collins. Adelia is a short Irish widow of some fifty summers, and she appeared in court in widow's weeds.

"I was a-reading my prayer-book in my doorway," said she, causing a sardonic smile on the face of Well's lawyer, "and he came up, and his looks terrified me, and he took hold of my shoulder, and he shook me and called me an old cow."

"Was he ever in your store before?" asked the lawyer.

"He isn't a man of that karacter that I wanted him in the store," said the Widow Collins, testing her hand and squaring her arms defiantly; "and, besides, he never had any money."

"You didn't say, 'I'm surprised to see you with that old thief and scoundrel?'"

"No, sir," said Mrs. Collins, explosively.

"Wells' brother testified that Mrs. Collins called the prisoner names, and he went into her little store to get satisfaction, but he didn't see him shake her.

Samuel Sears, one of the neighbors, saw a portion of the difficulty, and heard Wells tell Mrs. Collins that he'd pull her head off.

The Court imposed a fine of $10 for shaking the widow.

Guy Hart's Insect Powder, and take no other, 1212 F street.

ASTHMA.

Thousands of the worst cases of asthma have been relieved by using Jonas Whitcomb's Remedy. In no case of purely asthmatic character has it failed to give relief.

Monsieur Faira, an old officer of the Royal Guard, the most devoted of royalists, and one of the kindest of old men, has just died in Paris. He was known for his loyalty to his king—his apartment was completely hung with portraits of the Comte de Chambord—for having in his youth fought six duels in one morning, and for his great benevolence. He constantly gave away everything he found in his pocket. Sometimes he has been seen getting into an omnibus and stopping to give to a beggar the money he had ready for the conductor, and so being obliged to give up his ride and walk. In spite of his venerable age he returned to military service during the last war. He has been seen in the trenches around Paris, among falling shells, paternally placing his men under shelter, and then smoking his pipe on the bastion and saying calmly, "An officer of the Royal Guard does not hide!"

Mr. Ruskin certainly practices what he preaches. He says that his father left him $500,000, besides a great deal of real estate and many valuable pictures. His mother also left him $180,000. He gave $80,000 to his poor relations—O, most excellent man!—sold the pictures, bought Brantwood, assisted a young relation in business at a cost of $75,000, spent another $75,000 on harness and stables, and has given $70,000 to St. George's Company, besides having spent $250,000 variously. He is at present worth $270,000, and announces that he intends to give his valuable Marylebone property to St. George's Company, his Herne Hill estate to his cousin, and the $80,000 which will remain to him he will invest, and live and die upon its interest.

For a cement for fixing metal letters to glass windows, take of copal varnish fifteen, drying oil one, turpentine three, oil of turpentine two, powdered marine glue five parts. Melt in a water bath, and add of dry slaked lime ten parts.

THE BROOM-HANDLE WAR.

THE TUBERS AND THEIR FOLLOWERS PAINTING THE HUBER FAMILY'S CHARACTER.

Young Ladies Enjoying the Scene and Participating in the Legal Fight—Police and Constables, Station-house and Police-court Records Produced to Show the Huber Family's Fighting Propensities.

All Capitol Hill or pretty much the female portion of it was in attendance at Chief Justice Cartter's court yesterday, intent on the progress of the trial between Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huber against Mr. and Mrs. Tuber, growing out of a case of assault and battery alleged to have been committed by Mrs. Tuber on Mrs. Huber, and for which the latter claims $10,000 damages for the injuries received. The ladies with smiling faces and decked out in bright ribbons, jaunty hats and nobby veils that kissed the tips of their little noses, gathered within the bar before the meeting of the court, made themselves comfortable and indulged in a general conversation, the theme being the trial which seems to be shaking the equilibrium of Capitol Hill society to its very centre. The same clannish spirit of sociability was observed as had been noted previously, and showing a strange undercurrent of ill feeling existing among some of the residents of that locality. They appear to have

ARRANGED THEMSELVES ON TWO SIDES.

Under the banners of Huber and Tuber respectively, a hot contest wages, and it is a disputed question as to whom belongs the victory.

The chattering in the court-room before convening time would have done justice to a bevy of magpies. Every woman had an idea, and she not only wanted to express it, but she believed that it should be adopted as the sentiment of the company, and to prove its truth laid the language down strong, loud and forcibly. When others differed, and some of them did, then there came a collusion of opinions, which resembled the meeting of a multitude of sounds, and the chamber rang with the echoes of high voices from strong lungs. Both sides were confident of the success of their cause, and they eyed each other from their reposing stations with countenances expressive of hate and scorn, and gave utterance to their thoughts in words tipped with a venom that could not be misunderstood.

SOME OF THE YOUNGAR FEMALES

evidently thought it a jolly occasion, and sipped the society scandal with a relish inexpressibly sweet. They looked their prettiest, put on a winsome smile and were preparing to take the bar and audience by storm on the presentation of their charms when they met a rebuff not anticipated. Mr. Merrick, immersed in the interest of his clients, made a move that was a death blow the ladies' diplomacy, and upset all the little tableaus that they had planned. He thought it advisable that the witnesses should be banished from the court-room when not testifying, and his Honor sustained that motion. They were dismissed to the ante-room to remain until called. This was a dangerous huddling together of the two clans in a small space, and serious results were anticipated, but fortunately level temperament ruled and controversies were averted. They colonized in the little room and each set observed complete indifference to the presence of the other. The suit went on in the court, and the first witnesses examined were the physicians attendant on Mrs. Huber, who gave testimony as to the nature of her injuries and her present prostrated condition.

THEN CAME THE OTHER SIDE

of the story, and many a witness the defense had there to tell it. It was a democratic crowd, and the German, Irish, negro and American element were well represented. A fine character they painted for the Huber family. Some had been tenants in the same house, and professed to be thoroughly posted on the subject. Policemen, constables and other guardians of the peace were present in strong numbers, and the station-house records had also been brought in to contribute their mite in building up a bad record for the plaintiffs.

It was the intention of the counsel to show that both Mr. and Mrs. Huber were "a bad crowd," and that they kept their names and faces familiar at the Police Court in making visits to answer the multiplicity of charges that had been made against them from time to time. The record was there to show that at eighteen different times had blue coat and brass buttons, with his baton as a persuader, entered their domicil and done them escort duty to Judge Snell's receptions, but his Honor concluded not to admit it, and made them rely on their oral proof. Then they shot the witnesses at the jury in exciting rapidity, and piled case after case of brutality and beating up for their digestion, until his Honor was willing to cry a halt.

Some of the witnesses swore all they knew, and how much more cannot be told, but if Huber pounded his wife as frequently and severely as they testified to, then it is a wonder she don't have two sticks to support her instead of one, or, stranger still, that any stamina is left in the back bone to hammer upon. He evidently mistook his calling, as nature intended him for a blacksmith, and provided him with an abundance of muscle and lungs. In his leisure moments he must have practiced on Mrs. Huber just to keep his arm in trim for weightier work. The testimony is not yet concluded, and another delegation from East Washington will confront the court this morning to give testimony as to the quarrelsome disposition of the parties, and repeated scrimmages that have occurred in the Huber mansion.

OUR SANITARY SYSTEM.

Weekly Report of the Health Officer—Nuisances Condemned.

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held last night.

The health officer presented a report of the operations of his office for the week ending April 14, as follows: Nuisances reported, 355; referred, 128; abated, 278; causes of death investigated, 7; pecuniary conditions investigated, 4; burials at public expense, 3; causes of zymotic diseases investigated, 12; tons of garbage removed, 62; dead animals removed, 72. Marine products inspected—920 bunches of fish; 1,676 bushels oysters; 15,400 shad; 51,600 herring. Condemned—179 bunches fish; 334 bushels oysters. Unwholesome food condemned—49 pounds beef; 22 pounds bacon; 21 mutton; 87 pounds veal; 5 chickens; 15 bushels kale; 3 bushels potatoes and 3 bushels apples. Found report—animals impounded, 10; redeemed, 9; killed, 2; amount realized, $22.25.

On the recommendation of the health officer the court yard or space between the two wings of the Centre market, between Ninth and Tenth streets and H street and Pennsylvania avenue, in consequence of the broken pavement and the constant accumulation of decomposing animal and vegetable matter, was declared a nuisance injurious to health, and its abatement ordered.

A TENNESSEE MOTHER.

Being Out of Funds and in Whisky, She Gives Her Little Boy a Public Beating.

Last evening, about twilight, Policeman McNamara, of the First precinct, arrested a female in the Smithsonian grounds, who gave her name as Mrs. J. A. Jenkins, on the charge of vagrancy. The circumstances of the case are as follows: Mrs. Jenkins hails from the State of Tennessee, and was on her way North. She arrived in the city on Monday afternoon, and, being short of funds, concluded she could not afford the luxury of a hotel, and so remained in the Baltimore and Ohio depot all night. Yesterday morning she, accompanied by her little son, a youth of about seven summers, commenced a tour of the city.

She visited the various public grounds, but remained longer in the Monument lot than at any of the other parks. Prior to visiting the last-named ground she procured a bottle of whisky at a drug store, but refused to give the name of the druggist from whom she obtained it. She imbibed pretty freely of the ardent, and while passing through the Smithsonian grounds the spirits commenced to work upon her brain, when she imagined that her little son was misbehaving, and commenced to trounce him soundly. This attracted the attention of quite a crowd, among whom was the officer, who marched her off to the station-house. She will be heard in the Police Court this morning.

GENTS' low shoes, from $2 up, at
H. L. STRASBURGER'S,
306 and 308 Seventh street.

SALE OF SUPERIOR FURNITURE.

Thomas Dowling, auctioneer, will sell this morning, at 10 o'clock, a superior collection of household goods, at No. 814 Seventeenth street northwest, comprising fine walnut parlor and chamber furniture, china and glass ware, and silver-plated goods of superior quality. This furniture is in fine condition, and should command the attention of parties in search of first-class goods.

INVESTING IN FLORIDA ORANGES.

Land Office Clerks Combining to Purchase a Grove.

A meeting of the Florida Orange Growing Association was held last evening in the parlors of the Metropolitan hotel, at which H. F. Smith, esq., of the General Land Office, was elected president, and Mr. D. Kohr, of the same department, secretary.

A. C. Maxwell, esq., was appointed a committeeman to visit Florida and purchase for the association a suitable tract of land in Orange county.

Mr. Miller, of Orange county, Fla., was present, and made remarks touching orange culture, the question of location, the price of lands, climate, &c., and read a beautiful description of a wonderful spring and river in Orange county that outrivals the famous Silver spring of Marion county.

A resolution expressing the thanks of the organization to Colonel F. W. Coleman, manager of the Metropolitan hotel, for his courtesy, was passed, and the meeting, after transacting other business, adjourned.

It is the purpose of the association to plant an orange grove of forty acres, the expense of which will be met by assessments upon the stock from time to time, everything to be done in the most substantial manner, and there are men in the association who mean business, and who will carry the project to a successful termination. Mr. Smith has had charge of Government lands in Florida for twelve years, and has an extensive and intimate acquaintance with parties who have made splendid investments there in orange groves, and in this way was attracted to the subject. With one or two exceptions all the parties interested are connected with the General Land Office.

BASE BALL.

The Printers Waxing the Binders at the Government Printing Office.

A game of base ball was played yesterday afternoon, on the grounds at the corner of Eighth and I streets northeast, between two nines composed of employees respectively of the bindery and printing department of the Government printing office, Axe and Richardson, on the part of the printers, making clean home-runs, and Smith, on the part of the binders. The following is the score:

PRINTERS.	O.	R.	BINDERS.	O.	R.
Shively, 1st b	3	2	Smith, 2d b	2	2
Post, s. s	1	4	Reilly, 1st b	1	3
Conolly, 2d b	1	3	Datcher, s. s	0	3
Woolvine, p	2	6	Rutherford, c	2	2
Axe, c	0	4	Wood, 2d b	2	2
Topham, c. f	3	2	McCauley, p	0	4
Conaty, 3d b	2	1	Leitch, r. f	1	3
Martin, l. f	1	3	Quirk, c. f	4	0
Richardson, r. f	1	3	Lewis, l. f	2	1
	15	25		15	20

Innings:	1	2	3	4	5	
Printers	0	10	1	3	11	25
Binders	5	5	7	1	2	20

THE COURTS.

Equity Court.
Before Justice Wylie.

Crandall vs. District of Columbia; decree by consent directing and vesting title. Jacques vs. Chronicle Publishing Company; marshal's fees ordered paid and reference to auditor to state receiver's account. Roy vs. Roy; appearance of absent defendant ordered. Hebert vs. Fields; dismissal of bill. Bryan & Bros. vs. Sanderson; *pro confesso* against defendant. Lewis, trustee, vs. Coyle et al; modification of terms of trustee's consent. Coyle vs. Bradley; ratification of auditor's report. Hoffman et al. vs. Washington Market Company; receiver authorized to pay to defendant fund on hand less commission. Burnstine vs. Plant; balance directed to be paid to Lewis R. Dye. Elliot vs. Walker; bond of trustee approved. Boteler vs. Langley; trustee directed to rent certain property. Flood vs. Connell; Mr. L. G. Hine substituted as trustee. Van Riswick vs. Garfield; injunction continued, answer allowed to be filed and fixing time to take proof.

Probate Court.
Before Judge Otis.

In the matter of Andrew J. Borland, guardian, a decree was passed confirming the reporter's report. The account of J. W. Angur, deceased; letters of administration granted to the wife; bond $600. Estate of Anthony Best; order of sale. John Brannon, deceased; lists of debts and inventory returned. Estate of John Wilson; decree directing certain claims to be paid in full. John Moran, guardian; sale finally ratified. The will of Ann Eliza Gardener fully proven and admitted to probate. The will of Augustus Dorsey, of Philadelphia, admitted to record. The will of Bridget O'Day proved by her witnesses. The estate of Thomas Lyndall; distribution ordered. Mary A. Caldwell was appointed guardian to the orphans of T. B. Caldwell; bond $1,000. Adjourned until to-day at 11 a. m.

Supreme Court of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Assistant Attorney General Smith, Alfred D. Chandler, esq., of Brookline, Mass., was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

No. 229. The New Jersey Mutual Life Insurance Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Anson M. Baker. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. D. McMahon, of counsel for the plaintiff in error. The court declined to hear further argument.

No. 280. Wm. Glenny, appellant, vs. S. and M. Langdon et al. The motion to rescind order dismissing this cause was further argued by Mr. J. L. Miner in support of the same, and by Mr. Stanley Matthews in opposition thereto.

No. 380. Henry C. Hyde, assignee, &c., plaintiff in error, vs. F. H. Wright et al. This cause was argued by Mr. E. H. Merrill, of counsel for the plaintiff in error, no counsel appearing for the defendants in error.

No. 97. Eliza Jane Hall, administratrix, &c., plaintiff in error, vs. Josephine De Muir. This cause was submitted on printed arguments by Mr. R. H. Marr, of counsel for the plaintiff in error, and by Mr. E. K. Washington for the defendant in error.

No. 232. Frank Davey et al., claimants, appellants, vs. Joseph Good. The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. Arthur George Brown, of counsel for the appellants.

Law Summary.

The case against Michael Fitzgerald, charged with keeping an unlicensed bar, was *nolle prosequied*.

The District Court, Justice Humphreys presiding, met yesterday, and without transacting any business adjourned until the 24th inst.

Court Calendar for To-day.

EQUITY COURT, before Judge Wylie.—Nos. 26, Gray vs. Reiss; 40, Gordon vs. McPherson; 48, Adams vs. Hudson; 46, Howey vs. McDonald; 47, Bartlett vs. Murtaugh; 48, Wise vs. Willis; 49, Williams vs. Tucker; 50, Brown vs. District of Columbia; 51, Green vs. Quackenbery.

CRIMINAL COURT, before Justice MacArthur.—Peter Garrett, alias Peter Garnett, petit larceny, second offense; George Humphreys, petit larceny, second offense; Michael Monohan, assault with intent to kill; William McCoy, larceny; John Skillman, larceny; Elijah Williams, alias George Johnson, robbery; Edward Bailey, larceny; Fred W. Gullowy, assault.

GRAY and mixed Derby Hats, for spring wear, just received, at Stinemets', 1237 Penna. ave.

THE ATTENDANCE

of all gentlemen interested in racing matters in the District is requested at the Arlington hotel on Thursday evening, the 19th instant, at 8 o'clock, to take preliminary steps for the formation of a joint stock company, to continue permanently the National Jockey Club.

By the committee National Jockey Club.

HART'S Insect Powder has the trade-mark of the roach on every box, 1212 F street.

ALL-WOOL SUITS, $10.
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Corner Seventh and E.

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$18.50 suits to order are made and finished on the premises.
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$5 pantaloons, made and finished on the premises.
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FOR moths and roaches get Hart's Insect Powder, 1212 F street.

LADIES' Sun Umbrellas, all grades, lowest prices. STINEMETS, 1237 Pennsylvania avenue.

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LADIES' gaiters, with or without box toes, from $2 up, at
H. L. STRASBURGER'S,
306 and 308 Seventh street.

HART'S Insect Powder is not sold loose by the pound; sold in boxes with the trade-mark on.

Ten Murderers Respited.

[By Telegraph to the National Republican.]

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 17.—The ten Lowndesville murderers, colored, sentenced to be hanged on next Friday, have been reprieved by Governor Hampton for two weeks. It is thought that some of them may be commuted to imprisonment for life. There are no developments to-day in the case of the State officers.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

Dr. Hartley cures catarrh—722 Tenth street northwest.

Interest paid on deposits by J. H. Squier & Co., bankers, 1410 Pennsylvania avenue.

At Lee, 615 Seventh street, opposite the Patent Office, is selling coal at $4.75 and up.

Left-off clothing, watches, pistols, etc., bought at Herzog's, 919 D street. Orders attended to.

All kinds of trunks made to order, repaired and covered at Murray's, 805 Pennsylvania avenue, Market Space.

A LARGE SELECTION of Spring Overcoats.
EISEMAN BROS.,
Corner Seventh and E.

CITY ITEMS

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

Wilbor's Cod Liver Oil and Lime has now been before the public for ten years, and has steadily grown into favor and appreciation. This could not be the case unless the preparation was of high intrinsic value. The combination of the phosphate of lime with pure cod liver oil, as prepared by Dr. Wilbor, has produced a new phase in the treatment of consumption and all diseases of the lungs. This article can be taken by the most delicate invalid without creating the disgusting nausea which is such a prominent objection to the cod liver oil when taken without lime. This preparation is prescribed by the regular faculty. Sold by the proprietor, A. B. WILBOR, Chemist, Boston, and druggists generally.

GOOD ADVICE.

Now is the time of year for pneumonia, lung fever, &c. Every family should have a bottle of Boschee's German Syrup. Don't allow for one moment that cough to take hold of your child, your family or yourself. Consumption, asthma, pneumonia, croup, hemorrhages and other fatal diseases may set in. Although it is true German Syrup is curing thousands of these dreadful diseases, yet it is much better to have it at hand when three doses will cure you. One bottle will last your whole family a winter and keep you safe from danger. If you are consumptive do not rest until you have tried this remedy. Sample bottles, 10 cents. Regular size, 75 cents. Sold by your druggist. Charles Stott & Co., wholesale agents.

QUIRK'S IRISH TEA.

This popular remedy for dyspepsia, biliousness, sick headache, sour stomach, vertigo, constipation and all diseases arising from disordered stomach or liver, is sold by all druggists, 25 cents per package—making a quart of medicine.

TEETH RUINED BY NEGLECT

cannot be restored. Young people remember this. Use daily Thompson's Ivory Pearl Tooth Powder. It will preserve your teeth from decay, and keep them sound, clean and white through life. 25 and 50 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

EVERY PERSONS HAIR

needs occasionally some cleansing application to prevent its becoming dry and harsh. Thompson's Pomade Optima is specially suitable; it keeps the hair soft and glossy, and imparts to it strength and vitality. 25 and 50 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

JUDICIOUS ECONOMY

is now absolutely necessary. Throw not aside your soiled gloves, but renovate them with Jouven's Inodorous Kid Glove Cleaner. It will cleanse them thoroughly, easily and quickly. Sold at drug and fancy stores. 25 cents per bottle.

BRADY'S.

The historical portraits of distinguished representative men, lately on exhibition at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, are now ready for the inspection of the public at "Brady's National Gallery," 625 Pennsylvania avenue. This collection embraces the eminent men of America. In addition to the medals received in New York for many years, and in London in 1851, it awarded *the highest award medal* at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, 1876.

WILBOR'S COMPOUND OF PURE COD LIVER OIL AND LIME.

The advantage of this compound over the plain Oil is that the nauseating taste of the Oil is entirely removed, and the whole rendered entirely palatable. The offensive taste of the Oil has long acted as a prominent objection to its use; but in this form the trouble is entirely obviated. A host of certificates might be given here to testify to the excellence and success of "*Wilbor's Cod Liver Oil and Lime.*" But the fact that it is regularly prescribed by the medical faculty is sufficient. For sale by A. B. Wilbor, Chemist, Boston, and by all druggists.

VEGETINE.

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WILL CURE RHEUMATISM.

MR. ALBERT CROOKER, the well-known druggist and apothecary, of Springvale, Me., always advises every one troubled with Rheumatism to try VEGETINE.

READ HIS STATEMENT.

SPRINGVALE, ME., Oct. 12, 1876.

H. R. Stevens, esq.:

DEAR SIR: Fifteen years last fall I was taken sick with rheumatism, was unable to move until the next April. From that time until three years ago this fall I suffered everything with rheumatism. Sometimes there would be weeks at a time that I could not rise one step; these attacks were quite often. I suffered everything that a man could. Over three years ago last spring I commenced taking VEGETINE and followed it up until I had taken seven bottles; have had no rheumatism since that time. I always advise every one that is troubled with rheumatism to try VEGETINE, and not suffer for years, as I have done. This statement is gratuitous as far as Mr. Stevens is concerned.

Yours, &c., ALBERT CROOKER,
Firm of A. Crooker & Co.,
Druggists and Apothecaries.

VEGETINE

HAS ENTIRELY CURED ME.

BOSTON, October, 1876.

Mr. H. R. Stevens:

DEAR SIR: My daughter, after having a severe attack of Whooping Cough, was left in a feeble state of health. Being advised by a friend, she tried the VEGETINE, and after using a few bottles was fully restored to health.

I have been a great sufferer from Rheumatism. I have taken several bottles of the VEGETINE for this complaint, and am happy to say it has entirely cured me. I have recommended the VEGETINE to others with the same good results. It is a great cleanser and purifier of the blood; it is pleasant to take, and I can cheerfully recommend it.

JAMES MORSE, 364 Athens street.

RHEUMATISM IS A DISEASE OF THE BLOOD.

The blood in this disease is found to contain an excess of fibrin. VEGETINE acts by converting the blood from its diseased condition to a healthy circulation. VEGETINE regulates the bowels, which is very important in this complaint. One bottle of VEGETINE will give relief, but to effect a permanent cure it must be taken regularly, and may take several bottles, especially in cases of long standing. VEGETINE is sold by all druggists. Try it, and your verdict will be the same as that of thousands before you, who say, "I never found so much relief as from the use of VEG