LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

INDICATIONS.

Nearly stationary or lower pressure and temperature, southerly winds and clear or partly cloudy weather.

THERMOMETRIC READINGS FOR YESTERDAY.

7 a. m.	70	5 p. m.	75
7:30 a. m.	70	11 p. m.	72
12 m.	78	Maximum	85
2 p. m.	83	Minimum	69
4:35 p. m.	85		

CITY NOTES.

—To-morrow evening a "social hop" will be given at Fort Whipple, Va.

—Mower improvements about the Capitol grounds on Saturday; in fact, a regular plantation scene.

—A boy named Roberts had one of his fingers cut off at the Centre market Saturday evening. He was attended by Dr. Flaitz.

—There are many rakes about the Capitol. However, it may be well to add reference is made only to those in the hands of the laborers there.

—During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning forty-six arrests were made by the police force, mostly for intoxication.

—A slight fire was caused in house No. 826 Ninth street, occupied by Mrs. Kate Barker, early yesterday morning, by the burning of a mattress.

—The colored thief, John Brown, who was arrested by Officer Miller for the grand larceny of clothing, worth about $90, from Mrs. Jennie Baker, has been sent to the grand jury in default of $500 bonds.

—Emma Johnson got into a quarrel with one of her admirers, Charles Thomas, Saturday night, and pitched into him. She was arrested on complaint of Charles and locked up in the Second precinct station.

—Prof. P. Baumgras, the artist, who for the last twenty years has been a resident of this city, has left for Champaign, Illinois, to accept the position of "instructor in art" at the State Industrial University, at that place.

—The Bible in the Police Court here is gilt-edged, and there is a stout elastic band about it, probably to prevent witnesses from reading that commandment, so flagrantly violated there, "Thou shalt not bear false witness," etc.

—The anniversary of Mount Tabor Lodge No. 3, Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria, working under the jurisdiction of Supreme Grand Lodge No. 1 of the District of Columbia, was held at Columbia Law building Saturday.

—Saturday night Officer Rhodes, of the Second precinct, arrested two colored roughs named G. W. Bowie and Eldred Willis for raising a row in the street. Bowie offered considerable resistance, and the officer had a hard time to get him to the station.

—A dusky maiden, named Harriet Anderson, called a female rival bad names, and was fined $3 therefor in the Police Court Saturday. "Unerry" was one of the adjectives ascribed to her, but she flatly denied its use, saying she didn't know what it meant.

—The wife of Mr. Thomas Walsh died suddenly of apoplexy at the residence of her husband, F street, near Tenth, about 1:30 yesterday morning. She died within ten minutes after she first complained, so that there was not time to secure medical attendance.

—The name of Rudolph Niedermansky was called in the Police Court Saturday to answer for the larceny of a gold pencil, but there was no one to respond to it. "He appears to have disappeared," said Mr. Miller, and the case was continued till he could be found.

—Rev. Alfred Boulden, a colored clergyman, was fined $3 in the Police Court Saturday for maintaining a nuisance on his premises. He was about to note an appeal, but when he found that $100 bond would be required in that case he altered his mind, and concluded to pay the fine.

—About 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon a horse attached to a milk wagon belonging to John Shanahan ran away at the corner of Fifteenth and L streets northwest, smashing the wagon and injuring the horse severely. It was caught by Mr. Sweeny on Sixteenth street, just in time save Mr. Shanahan from being thrown out.

—Maestro Ettore Barili, professor of vocal music, under whom many persons in this city have pursued their studies so profitably, will arrive in this city on the 20th instant, and arrange for an opening on the 27th. During the season he will give lessons in this city on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. His office will be at Marini's hall.

—The Morton House, 922 F street, is gaining in public favor every day. It is the only place where a person can get a good substantial meal for twenty-five cents. During the last week over eight hundred meals a day have been served to guests. The proprietor expects to enlarge his establishment to meet the demand that will probably be made upon him during the session of Congress.

—Sergeant Acton and Officers Pfaff and Saffel, of the Second precinct, yesterday afternoon invaded a shanty in West valley, between S and T and Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, which was used for gambling purposes. There were a number of colored men in the house playing "ante." Major Lewis, the proprietor of the house, and Lewis Johnson, one of the players, were arrested. The others got away out of a back window.

—Alfred Goblin, colored, was charged in the Police Court Saturday with the larceny of half a pound of ginger-snaps, worth seven cents. "We have missed ginger-snaps repeatedly," testified the complainant, "and suspected Goblin of being the thief. Yesterday we kept watch and saw him snatch a handful from the counter, and we caught him just as he was leaving the store." "Five dollars or thirty days," was the immediate judgment.

—Everybody, especially the police force, knows Hamet Dancon, the celebrated Indian medicine man. His face is bronzed as a savage, his cheek adamantine, his hair long, jet black and baggy, like an artist's. His distinguished trait is a love of fire-water, which he gets after the manner of "ye heathen." He is generally found loafing around low groceries, and he was found in front of one of these Friday night in a very profane mood by a policeman. As he swore in English, and did not confine his oaths to Choctaw or Comanche, Judge Mills ordered him to pay a fine of $5.

"I am determined," said Judge Mills in the Police Court on Saturday, "that the public schools shall be protected, and that all boys who disturb them shall be punished. I would like to give the boys a lesson that they would profit by so that we shall not have many such cases here." This determination was brought about by the hearing of a case against Wm. Quigley, charged with disorderly conduct in disturbing the exercises of Miss Packard's school by yelling through the key-hole and throwing stones at the door. The boy was only fined $5 in consideration of the needy circumstances of his parents, but the Court will deal more rigorously with such cases in the future.

—Charles Moulding, Edward Clark and George Clark, three boys, were fined $2 each by Judge Mills Saturday for trespassing on the grounds of Mr. Schopler in the county. Moulding was also charged with an assault on John Schopler. This grew out of the first case. John said he was walking along the street with a girl when Moulding came up behind them and said he wanted to see him. "I didn't take any notice of him at first," continued the witness. "This made him mad, and he said he wanted to fight me. I said all right, but not then. He said he had a great mind to hit me then, and I said well you had better do it then. With that he up with his fist and struck me in the jaw." A fine of $3 was imposed by the court, who said, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "Where is Mr. C——? He would claim this was no assault at all, as the party consented to it."

—"Harry Lester!" called out the clerk of the Police Court Saturday, and an intelligent-looking boy, about ten years old, arose from a seat and stepped up to the bar. "You are charged with the larceny of eight bottles of perfumery, worth 50 cents each, and six combs, worth 75 cents each, the goods and chattels of one John W. Drew. Are you guilty or not guilty?" "Not guilty," answered the boy, promptly. His gray-headed grandfather, who sat by his side, gave him a nudge of disapprobation, and he at once changed his opinion and replied, "Guilty." The prosecuting attorney explained that it was a clear case of larceny, and could easily be proven, but that Mr. Drew did not desire to prosecute the boy. "If you let him go, your Honor, I promise to send him into the country," pleaded the boy's guardians. The court referred to his duty in the premises, which was to the effect that the boy must be punished; but, in consideration of his grandfather's promise, he would only inflict a light penalty. "The penalty is $1." "It ought to be $20," he added *sotto voce*.

BASE BALL.

THE RESULT OF A WEEK'S WORK—THE BOSTON LEADS THE PROFESSIONALS AND THE NATIONAL LEADS THE HOME CLUBS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP—PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK.

The League contestants are working hard to finish their quotas, and by the last of this month the agony regarding the possessor of the pennant will be over, although indications point to the Boston flying the coveted trophy, as they have not lost but one game in three weeks' play. Hartford has not been doing as well as was expected, having lost three games last week, so that Louisville still retains second place. The dispute regarding the Cincinnati games continues, but nothing definite can be given until the championship committee meets, two months hence. As first place is about settled, the hardest fight now will be for second honors, and the battle will be amongst Louisville, Hartford and St. Louis, as Chicago and Cincinnati are out of the race.

The following table shows the standing up to date of the different contestants:

	Boston.	Chicago.	Cincinnati.	Hartford.	Louisville.	St. Louis.	Won.
Boston	....	8	11	4	8	6	37
Chicago	2	....	6	4	2	8	22
Cincinnati	1	2	....	3	3	1	12
Hartford	5	6	7	....	6	4	28
Louisville	1	8	6	6	....	6	27
St. Louis	6	1	7	7	2	....	23
Lost	18	26	37	24	23	25	

HOME HOLDS—GAMES TO BE PLAYED.

Monday, Sept. 17—Creighton vs. Patriot.
Monday, Sept. 17—Astoria vs. Eagle.
Tuesday, Sept. 18—Astoria vs. National.
Wednesday, Sept. 19—Creighton vs. Our Boys.
Wednesday, Sept. 19—Eagle vs. Patriot.
Thursday, Sept. 20—Astoria vs. Patriot.
Friday, Sept. 21—Creighton vs. Templar.
Saturday, Sept. 22—National vs. Templar.

The games last week, owing to rain and other causes, were very unsatisfactory to the crowds who were in attendance, and it is hoped that by getting to work a little earlier during the ensuing one that as many drawn games will not occur. The days are growing short, and 3:30 o'clock is not too soon to begin a game, and it is hoped that the managers will heed the suggestion and commence early, as at the present rate not one half of the games on the schedule will be played.

The Eagle-National game on Saturday afternoon was the last of the series, and resulted in favor of the National by a score of 7 to 3. It should have been 4 to 3, but in the ninth inning some of the Eagle players, being of the opinion that by not putting their opponents out the score would revert to the eighth, when it was a tie, (3 to 3,) began throwing the ball around the field, in order to compel the umpire to call game, whereas had they been cognizant of the rules such foolishness would not have been permitted, and the score and game would have been the closest of the season. At it was the National were in a tight place, and their two lucky hits in the ninth inning won the game for them.

The Our Boys and Patriot game on Saturday afternoon resulted in a tie (5 to 5) at the end of the sixth inning, and will have to be played over.

On the same day on the Eagle grounds the Astoria, although weakened by the defection of some of their best players, managed to give the Templar a good drubbing. Score, 9 to 1. Regarding the report that the Astoria was about to disband, an officer of the club says: "The rumor is false, for, although we have been treated badly by some of our best men, the Astoria has not disbanded, nor has it the slightest intention of so doing. We mean to play all our games, and to meet all our engagements."

The base ball editor of the *Capital* is not very well posted regarding imported players, or else he is not acquainted with the fact that Charley Willrow is a Washington boy and is back here simply because his engagement has expired with the Minnesota club, of which he was a member. He is playing for amusement, and was not brought here to win certain games. All his associates and family reside here, and he joined the Creighton simply because he had more friends in that organization than any other.

To-day the Creighton tackle the strong nine of the Patriot on the Olympic grounds at 3:30 o'clock p. m., and as the last game resulted in favor of the "Babies" by a score of 7 to 4 the "green legs" will endeavor to substitute a victory for a defeat.

At the same time the Astoria and Eagle will play their last game on the Eagle grounds, and all the indications point to a hard fight for the deciding game of the series.

The following carefully prepared table shows the standing of our home clubs:

	Astoria.	Creighton.	Eagle.	National.	Our Boys.	Patriot.	Templar.	Won.
Astoria	....	....	1	1	1	1	2	6
Creighton	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1
Eagle	1	....	....	....	2	1	4	8
National	1	....	2	....	3	....	....	7
Our Boys	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	2
Patriot	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
Templar	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	2
Lost	2	2	4	1	8	3	7	

*Which game, which goes to the championship contest, is in dispute.

From the above it will be seen that the National lead, closely followed by the Astoria and Eagle, the others in a bunch. The Hooley games are not counted, as they failed to play a game with each club as the rules direct. Ball thumping will be very lively this week, and some good games are promised.

TWO WOMEN'S HATRED.

In the Police Court on Saturday Mrs. Fanny Woodward told, in a very pathetic manner, with tears running down her cheeks, how Mrs. Lucy M. Langley, who was arraigned for threats to her, had been her evil genius for years, and had threatened to murder her even if she had to poison the water she drank. This is a sequel to a case tried in the same court last week, in which Mrs. Woodward was fined $10 for beating Mrs. Langley because she would not go out of her room, and persisted in calling her harsh names.

There appears to be a desperate hatred between the two women for some unknown reason—a man was hinted at as the cause at the hearing on Saturday. According to Mrs. Woodward's statement the defendant must be a kind of avenging Nemesis, following her everywhere, vilifying her name, setting everybody against her, and when not successful in this, threatening to kill her. The Court held Mrs. Langley in $100 bonds to keep the peace for six months, or, in default, thirty days in jail. As she was unable to procure the security, Mrs. Woodward will have a month's respite from her.

A BURGLARIOUS BOARDER.

Officer Riley, of the Fourth precinct, arrested a young German named Chas. Eberhart, yesterday morning about 3 o'clock, and he was locked up at the station on two serious charges, burglary and grand larceny. He had been boarding with a Mr. John Gerhold, who keeps a restaurant on Bridge street, near Potomac, Georgetown, for about two weeks up to last Friday night, when he mysteriously disappeared with a solid gold watch valued at $75, and money to the amount of about $5, the property of his landlord. He returned Saturday evening late and broke into the house, carrying away with him another watch and all the clothing he could collect together. It was while he was walking down the Avenue that he was arrested. He confessed both robberies, and will explain his reasons for committing them to Judge Mills this morning.

DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT BY THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS.

THE 3.65 DISTRICT BONDS.

ADVANCES MUST BE REFUNDED TO THE GOVERNMENT—NO EXCEPTION IN FAVOR OF SCHOOLS OR OTHER OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE.

A few days since the District Commissioners transmitted to Mr. James Gilfillan, United States Treasurer, a statement in regard to the District finances, and showing that if the expenses for the current fiscal year were paid there would not be a sufficiency out of the revenues to reimburse the United States for advances that had been made to pay the interest on the 3.65 bonds. To this communication, under date of September 15, Mr. Gilfillan returned the following important reply:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, inclosing in response to mine of the 8th instant, a statement of the expenditures on account of the government of the District of Columbia for the year ended June 30, 1877, and an estimate of the probable revenues thereof during the current fiscal year. Your letter with its inclosures was immediately upon its receipt referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for his information, and in response thereto a communication under date of the 14th instant has been received by the Treasurer of the United States from the Secretary, conveying his decision in regard to advances which have been and may hereafter during the current fiscal year be made in pursuance of existing laws to the District of Columbia, and instructing this office to advise you of the nature and scope of his decision, which is as follows:

"The advances made under section 17, act of March 3, 1877, (19 Stats., 482,) must be refunded by the Commissioners. There is no exception made in this refund in favor of schools or other objects of expenditure. It is clear that Congress only designed that we should advance temporarily this money. You (the United States Treasurer) are therefore directed to reimburse the Treasury in full for these advances out of any revenues of the District in your possession, but at a time so as not to embarrass the Commissioners. The advances made under other provisions of the law for interest on the bonded debt are placed by Congress on a different footing, and their reimbursement to the Treasury depend upon the sufficiency of the revenues for certain assigned purposes." Under section 17, referred to, there has already been advanced the sum of $45,000 in coin, for the payment of the July (1877) interest upon the District debt. To enable compliance, therefore, with the above requirement, I trust you will, when convenient, advise this office at what time, without embarrassment to you, reimbursement, wholly or by installments, of the above sum of $45,000 in coin may be made to the Treasury of the United States out of any revenues of the District.

THE COAL CONTRACTORS

ASKING FOR AN INCREASE OVER THE CONTRACT PRICE—WHY THEY CANNOT DELIVER COAL FOR THE SUMS AGREED UPON.

Under date of September 4 Messrs. Johnson Brothers, contractors for furnishing coal to the District government, state that they have delivered about thirteen hundred tons, or more than one half of the anthracite coal that will be required, but owing to the recent strikes their shipments have been stopped, and for the time being the entire anthracite trade of the country is demoralized. Upon the resumption of work by the miners the prices were advanced—furnace, egg and nut seventy-five cents, and stove one dollar per ton, with an increase of freight of twenty-five cents per ton, thus causing the coal to cost at least one dollar per ton more than previous to the strike. The parties then asked the contractors refused to supply coal at the agreed price, and in view of this fact they ask to have their contract so amended with the Department, whereby they can receive an advance of $1 per ton. In answer the District Commissioners say:

It appearing that the coal principally used by the District government has been purchased prior to July 24 per ton, by reason of the late railroad strike, the Commissioners think it just to allow you half a dollar per ton over the price at which you contracted to furnish the coal, the excess to be the strike equally between the contractors and the District. This rule will apply to not to at exceeding seven hundred tons, and only to coal delivered subsequently to the date of the application.

AN ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION.

ONE OF THE MANY THAT COMES TO THE COMMISSIONERS—ALL ABOUT A DISABLED PUMP.

To the Honorable the Board of Commissioners for the District of Columbia—in the County of Washington:

Gentlemen this note is to inform your honors that the Pump Cornering on 12th & C sts in South Washington has been badly out of Repair for the last three weeks the last week or so broke so as to yield no water that Pump wants new Rod, spout and Sucker and we Pray your Honors that your Special order may be issued to the man having the work in charge that he shall put the same in Perfect Working order or otherwise Nuisances will be vacated and there will be no way left to Raise our Taxes for our next Payments and we further pray that a Painted notice on a board may be placed on said pump forbidding the Watering of horses by Carmen and Teamsters and Call the attention of the Police to this offence Sometimes sticking their animals noses up to the Spout of the Pump and if Remonstrance is made to the Curses and Sauce is given in Return, the Hydrant is Just a short distance below but they Say that their horses wont drink it So the only hope for good drinking Water is taken away or then that water must be used Regardless of if River water is not fit for Animals what is to become of man should be the question, examination will prove what State said is in with the bricks sunk around it letting the water in and spoiling the The same.

Yours Respectfully Yours J. P. M.,
In behalf of self and a suffering neighborhood.
P. S. This Pump is Immense Value to the neighborhood. J. P. M.

MINOR DISTRICT NOTES.

—A. E. Hazel wants a drawback on lot 17, square 732.

—W. Heine wants a drawback for excessive assessments.

—A license has been issued to F. C. Mendel for a restaurant.

—H. Maranglio, owning lot A, square 731, asks a drawback for excessive assessments.

—F. Stenile, owning part of lot 2, square 781, petitions for a reduction of assessment.

—W. H. Marche wants a drawback for excessive assessment on part of lot K, square 874.

—Lorenzo Atkins, an insane pauper, was granted a permit to enter the Government asylum.

—The auditor on Saturday disposed of eleven claims, involving $1,884.51 of District funds.

—Capt. R. R. Townsend, superintendent of property, has been granted two days' leave of absence.

—W. H. H. Bates wants the Commissioners to remit a fine imposed upon him in the Police Court.

—The pump at the corner of Twelfth and C streets southwest needs repair, at least so says John F. Murphy.

—The assessment bills of William T. Jones have been returned for the allowance of drawbacks for old material.

—Street-lamps are requested by J. W. Shane and others on New Jersey avenue, between E and I streets southeast.

—The Commissioners have reappointed Mr. Chas. Walter, Robert V. Hughes and Jenkin Thomas as justices of the peace.

—The repairing of Seventeenth street, between T and Roanoke, is petitioned for by a number of citizens in that locality.

—The neglect of sweeping Second street southeast is called to the attention of the Commissioners by Mr. D. A. Watterson.

—The District engineer says that lot 2, in square 501, owned by C. T. Williams, has not been assessed twice for sewerage.

—Drawbacks are asked for by Charles E. Foster and others on property on B street, between Fourth and Fifth street southeast.

—Mrs. Maria Cole desires to be refunded for work done in front of her property on Sixth street, as she claims to have paid it once.

—An expenditure of $135 on the school buildings in the county beyond Uniontown has been approved by the Commissioners.

—A request for a sidewalk and the repair of grading on Fifth street, between K and L streets southeast, has been made by John R. Adams.

—Miss Mary Goodwin asks a reduction on her special improvement bills, and promises to show the absurdity of such assessment.

—Hon. Montgomery Blair, as one of the counsel of the national banks, requests a hearing with the Commissioners in regard to the personal tax.

—Wm. H. Corkle states that the drain in front of premises No. 1224 Twelfth street is badly constructed and insufficient to carry off the water.

—The engineer states that all draw-backs for Tenth street, between N and R streets northwest, have been reported to the clerk of assessments.

—Mr. John G. Stafford asks the permission of the Commissioners to be permitted to utilize his stone-breaking machinery for sawing kindling wood.

—The property-holders and residents on Maryland avenue, between First and Second streets east, apply for the erection of three lamp-posts on that square.

—Mr. Joseph G. Waters has been appointed a commissioner of flour inspection, a resident of Georgetown, vice T. C. Wheeler, who has removed from the District.

—The sewer trap at the northeast corner of First street and Indiana avenue does not perform satisfactory service, and Mr. Thomas W. Smith asks that attention be given it.

—The shocking condition of the roadway at the intersection of O street and Virginia avenue southwest is made the subject of complaint by George A. McIlhenny and others.

—Mr. Henry McDermott notifies the Commissioners that the sewer he was permitted to construct on Vermont avenue, between Q and R streets northwest, is completed.

—Damages are claimed by Mr. John Frizell for the manner in which the work on the canal road has been done by the contractor, and placing the water traps so that his land is flooded.

—The property-holders on Twentieth street, between E street and New York avenue, ask the Commissioners to order the holes due preparatory to planting trees on that square this fall.

—Wm. H. Ellerbrook, in behalf of the property-owners and residents on D street, between Third and Four-and-a-half streets southwest, desires to know when the sidewalk will be relaid.

—Col. Timothy Lubey has energetically commenced the repair of pumps throughout the city, and proposes that the citizens shall have every advantage and enjoy the excellent well water.

—Messrs. Schwing & Clarke and others call attention to the defective sewerage in the alley in the rear of Seventh and G streets northwest, and want to pave the alley at their own expense.

—Mr. Erlett Hamilton calls attention to the miserable condition of C street, between First and Second southeast, and thinks that a man and cart in a few hours could correct all the trouble.

—Mrs. E. B. Mounts wants to know of the Commissioners if the $250 for damages due to the property of the heirs of Jacob Mounts and awarded by the Board of Public Works can now be obtained.

—The superintendent of property has been directed to furnish the school trustees with 300 feet of flagging, more or less, to make a footway to the schools at the corner of Seventh and A streets northeast.

—The Commissioners have allowed Richard Hogan, as ambulance driver at the asylum, $20 additional pay for the month of August and for each subsequent month until the completion of the work-house.

—Engineer Hoxie recommends that if the men that were on duty with that part of the chain gang turned into the work-house be still employed their names be transferred to the rolls of the Intendent of the asylum.

—A delegation of colored laborers waited upon the Commissioners for the purpose of seeing if they could not get their pay for breaking stone for a contractor named Grey. The Commissioners promised to look into the matter and see if something could not be done for them.

—Treasurer Dodge reports that only six contractors out of seventy-seven have paid their license for the present year, and some of the six complain that they have not been fairly dealt with. Only seven of the list of one hundred and seventeen claim agents have paid license.

—The charge that the District Attorney, Wm. Birney, will receive $6,000 as fees in certain District cases is untrue, for, on the contrary, he will not be paid one cent beyond his regular salary. By inquiry it will be found that all of the cases referred to are entered on the docket, without any fee being charged.

—Claims for drawbacks have been presented by A. Kirby, Thomas J. A. Clements, John Freeman, Henry Isaman, A. Feldrose, M. McCormick, N. May, Wm. Rothwell, H. Reindt, Wm. Gunton, J. S. Watz, F. Hitz, T. F. Scarff, T. T. Scarff, F. Ihlse, Lizzie B. Bates, R. B. Fergusson, Mary A. Devlin, J. V. Ferguson, N. Brenan, J. G. Bates and Sarah Whatley.

—The inspector of buildings has issued the following permits: H. K. Fox, one-story brick house, Pennsylvania avenue, between Twenty-second and Thirteenth streets northwest; $2,500. A. Coffin, two-story brick, on Fourth, between K and L streets northwest; $800. M. Jones, two-story brick, on Twelfth, between U and V streets northwest; $1,350. W. R. Shelton, repair, No. 503 H street northeast; $25.

—The contractor, Mr. D. W. Bailey, has finished resurfacing G street, between Third and Fifth northwest, and done an excellent piece of work. This was reported on one of those tedious pavements, laid by Messrs. Cranford & Hoffman, guaranteed to stand for a term of years, but which remained in good condition only long enough for them to get paid for the job. More of this work on the same street needs repairing. So much for pet contractors.

THE DISTRICT COURTS

OPENING OF THE FALL TERM—CASES BEFORE THE GRAND JURY—OTTMAN'S THIRD TRIAL.

The courts of the District will resume business this morning, and the City Hall will again resound with the echo of the quick step of the anxious client and thrifty attorney, after having been closed since the 15th of last July. During the interval our judges have severally taken themselves to the seaside and watering place resorts, in order to gain that strength and recuperation rendered necessary after the labors of the year, and to fit them for the business of the next ten months.

In the coming season of law suits and criminal prosecution the attention of the public will undoubtedly centre upon the proceedings of the Criminal Court, with Judge MacArthur presiding, as there will be a number of prominent cases coming before that court for a hearing. Among others, and the first assigned for trial, is that of Mr. Frederick A. Sawyer, ex-Senator and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Wm. F. Harris, Frank W. Brooks, Phillip A. Rodey and Wm. H. Barston, who were indicted some time ago for presenting and passing a fraudulent claim against the Government. This is a charge of conspiracy on the part of the above named defendants, and embraces two claims for cotton amounting respectively to $24,315.75 and $33,997.28. This case has been adjourned many times, but it is understood that it will be disposed of at the present term of the court.

The trial of G. W. Bryan and Wm. Craig, who are charged with obtaining money from the Government on fraudulent vouchers for mules alleged to have been lost in the Federal service. This case is set down on the calendar for the 21st instant.

The third important case fixed for a hearing is that of Julius Witruski, indicted for presenting fraudulent land claims, and set down for trial October 1.

Then will come the third trial of Wm. H. Ottman, charged with complicity in the robbery of $47,097.65 from the United States Treasurer in April, 1875. On both of the previous trials the jury disagreed.

There remains to be heard the case of Richard Harrington, of safe burglary, and that of the Hon. A. R. Williams, charged with accepting bribes in the case of Hope H. Slatter, convicted of murder and sentenced to be hung, when seeking a new trial, for the murder of Michael Hussey.

In addition to those mentioned above there remains the following cases for a second hearing: Fred. W. Welrick, manslaughter, new trial granted; James Dishman, George Baltimore and Henry Jackson, murder; Anthony Brooks and J. R. Brooks, forgery; James H. Whitten, false pretenses, and Frank Ferguson, rape.

Below will be found the names of persons whose cases have been sent to the grand jury by the Police Court and upon which action will be taken, so that it can readily be perceived that the business of the Criminal Court will be sufficient to keep His Honor, Judge MacArthur, busy from now until New Year.

AT THE CITY HALL.

NO COURTS ON SATURDAY—ONE SUIT ENTERED AND FOUR MARRIAGE LICENSES GRANTED—THE DAY'S WORK IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE.

None of the Civil Courts of the District of Columbia were in session on Saturday.

SUITS ENTERED.

But one suit was entered in the Supreme Court of the District on Saturday:

James M. Willier vs. Jasper W. Johnson, bill for specific performance.

On the law side the value of goods to be replevied in the suit of District of Columbia vs. Forsythe was changed from $20,000 to one thousand dollars.

MARRIAGE LICENCES.

The following marriages licenses were issued on Saturday: George W. Thomas and Kate Stewart, Alex. Reed, of Mobile, and Martha Brown, of Fairfax, Va.; John H. Gould and Mary F. Beatty, Leo is Queen, of Anne Arundel, Md., and Lucy A. Nickson, of the same place.

DEEDS REGISTERED.

The following deeds were registered in this District on Saturday:

BARGAIN AND SALE.

John Hay et ux. to John Sullivan, E. J. Stillwagon to Mary V. Burton. Wm. T. Hutchinson to Elizabeth Masters. Philander C. Riley to Wm. M. Dorkman. Sarah A. Johnson to Josephine Cooper. A. A. Birney and wife to Wm. Birney. St. Mary's Academy to St. Cecelia's Academy.

DEEDS OF TRUST.

Caroline A. Dalcar to White & Warner. Maurice Fitzgerald to Carroll Schaefer. James Hughes to trustees of Oriental Building Association. John Spaet to same. Geo. H. Lascombe to Washington Building Association. Richard W. Carter et ux. to A. A. Birney. Eli Beers, trustee, to J. E. Fitch and R. C. Fox.

DEEDS OF RELEASE.

Fitch & Fox to James L. Ewin. Abner B. Keeny to Caroline A. Dalbcar. Ockstadt and Hitz to Elizabeth Wilstaff. James S. Robison et al. to Sarah A. Johnson. Johnson and Cull to Buchanan Beale. Geo. Baner et. al. to John Hughes. Geo. Baner to John Spaet. Annie G. Burgwyn to Lucy R. Reid et al.—quit claim deed. Lyndon H. Stevens to Wilson D. Palmer. Walter S. Cox et al. to Jesse V. N. Huyck. J. E. Fitch to Eli Beers, trustee. W. B. Sawyer and J. E. Fitch to Eli Beers, trustee.

GRAND JURY CASES.

The following will come before the grand jury which meets to-day: Archer, Mary, receiving stolen property; Beall, Joseph, et al., grand larceny; Dudlin, Johnson, petit larceny, second offense; Brooks, John, alias George Williams, grand larceny; Brown, John, grand larceny; Buchanan, Robert, assault with intent to kill; Burnett, Richard, petit larceny, second offense; Butler, Philip, petit larceny, second offense alleged; Carr, George, petit larceny, second offense; Chrismond, Moses, petit larceny, second offense alleged; Davis, Charles, petit larceny, second offense alleged; Deaton, John, petit larceny, second offense alleged; Dudley, John, petit larceny, second offense alleged; Douglas, alias Lewis, Frank, petit larceny, second offense; Downey, Joseph, petit larceny, second offense; Edwards, Robert, grand larceny; Edwards, John B., alias John G., petit larceny, second offense; Evans, Wm. T., false pretense, two charges; Gassway, Frank, robbery; Gray, Fielding, alias Williams, petit larceny, second offense. Howard, Edward, petit larceny, second offense alleged; Hungerford, Walter, assault with intent to kill; Johnson, James, petit larceny, second offense alleged; Johnson, Julia, grand larceny; Jordan, Frank, petit larceny, second offense alleged; Lawrence, John, grand larceny. Lee, Charles, petit larceny, second offense alleged. Lewis, Walter, grand larceny; Mason William, assault with intent to kill; Matthews, George, grand larceny; Mickens, Thomas, burglary; Neary, Sarah, grand larceny; Palmer Louisa, alias Hackett, petit larceny, second offense. Poole, Victoria, petit larceny, second offense. Phillips, James A., grand larceny; Richardson, Wm., assault with intent to kill. Smith, Albert, petit larceny, second offense alleged. Smith, Garrett D., gaming table. Smith, James, petit larceny, second offense. Smith, Thomas, assault with intent to commit a rape. Solomon, Cyrus, perjury; Stephenson, Joseph, forgery; Stewart, John, assault with intent to kill, two charges; Thomas, Robert, et al., grand larceny; Turner, Henry, alias John, petit larceny, second offense alleged. Van Ryswick, Eugene, petit larceny, second offense; two charges; Waldron, Louis, assault with intent to kill; Watson, Georgetta, alias Ward, William, assault with intent to kill; Wesley, John, petit larceny, second offense alleged; White, Kate, assault with intent to kill; Wilbur, James M., grand larceny; Williams, Charles, alias Fox, alias Wm. Fox, petit larceny, second offense; Williams, Edward, false pretense; Williams, Henry, grand larceny; Williams, John F., grand larceny; Williams, Leonard E., forgery; Willner, Paul, alias Gaggowski, grand larceny; Williams, Robert, petit larceny, second offense. Wood, Washington, assault with intent to kill; Wilson, Stewart, grand larceny.

RECAPITULATION.

Petit larceny, second offense, twenty-eight; grand larceny, sixteen; assault with intent to kill, ten; false pretense and forgery, three each; arson, burglary, gambling, perjury, rape, receiving stolen property, and robbery, one each; total, sixty-seven.

WAS IT PERJURY?

A CLEAR CASE FOR THE GRAND JURY—WON'T DISTRICT ATTORNEY WELLS INVESTIGATE THESE FACTS AND LEND HIS INVALUABLE AID TOWARD BRINGING PERJURERS TO JUSTICE.

The following is a *verbatim* phonographic report of an opinion delivered in the Police Court last week in the case of a woman charged with having sold liquor without a license. It will be observed that here is a fine field for the arrest and conviction of these of the defendant's witnesses who evidently committed perjury, and an opportunity to severely punish some of the many witnesses in that court who violate the laws of God and man in the most willful and unconcerned manner rendering nugatory in many instances the most sincere efforts of the ablest police officers to secure the conviction of chronic violators of the statutes:

The first three days—Saturday, Sunday and Monday—there is no testimony on the part of the defense, and the testimony of the witnesses for the Government upon those three days. He got whisky so cheap for a quart of them three days, and on the fourth, Tuesday, the only time the defense undertakes to show any testimony whatever rebutting or denying the statement made by the prosecuting witness, Butler, he admitted he was there that night and that he did drink, as the defendant claims, of bitters, which were not spirituous liquor. The Government witness, Butler, testifies he asked the defendant, "Sally, that he drank whisky, and that he paid ten cents for it. Lieut. Vernon, who was standing outside, immediately in the vicinity, and who was probably an interested spectator looking directly at him, swears positively and unequivocally that he saw two bottles handed up and the man pour from the contents of the two bottles into the glass and drink the contents of the glass; and he saw a silver ten-cent piece paid for it.

Now, the witnesses for the defense, three of them, swear that they were present; that the call was simply for tasty bitters, and that the person who applied for the bitters said he was sick, and then there was no money paid, and they described their respective positions. Lieut. Gessford identifies one of the witnesses for the defense as being personally present on that occasion but he hesitated about the personal identity of the other two witnesses. He saw men standing in the back of the store, however. He did not see them distinctly. Now, it does not seem to me that the testimony of these three witnesses that the man did not pay ought to outweigh the positive testimony of the witness that he did pay; of Lieut. Vernon that he actually saw the money pass, and that Butler drank from the contents of two bottles. The case would be made out upon the three first days without going into the fourth. Lieut. Vernon certainly could not have been mistaken about what he saw.

A VIRGINIA WELCOME.

A WASHINGTON PARTY IS SURPRISED BY BEING FIRED UPON BY A SHERIFF'S POSSE.

A number of Sunday pleasure-seekers from the District, who landed on the Virginia shore, near the Arlington estate, yesterday afternoon, were surprised by a very warm reception. There were two separate parties of Washington men, numbering together about a dozen. They stopped at a point on the shore where there is a spring to get some drinking water. While they were loitering on the shore a volley of shot was poured into them from the ridge of a neighboring hill. Some of the Washington party ran, and the rest were too much frightened.

The enemy, consisting of about forty colored men, armed with guns and pistols, then showed themselves and rushed after the retreating Washingtonians with a yell. They succeeded in capturing the whole party, although one of them escaped as far as the Long bridge, and another dived under the water and tried to stay there until the black regiment had swept by. The secret of the sudden attack was then made known. The colored men formed a sheriff's posse.

An effort has been made by the county authorities to keep city roughs from disturbing the peace on the Sabbath. Crowds very frequently go over there from the city to fight or engage in pastimes unsuited to the day. The sheriff thought he would break the thing up. It is customary for officers in the city to try to make arrests before firing upon a crowd. The action of the sheriff's crowd seems rather strange. Fortunately nobody was seriously injured, the only person wounded having received two shots in the cheek. The arrested party was taken before a neighboring magistrate and nearly all of them were released.

DISTRICT PRISON NOTES.

HOW THE BABIES OF FEMALE PRISONERS THRIVE IN JAIL—THE REFORM SCHOOL FOR BOYS OVERFLOWING—STATISTICS.

There should be a separate department for women, and it is hoped an appropriation will be made to effect that object. The women there now are occupying cells intended for witnesses, and three have babies with them. The jail is no place for infants. Almost all of the infants become sick as soon as they enter, and their health is probably impaired for life when compelled to remain in such a place for a long time. Besides, it is a rule of the prison to confine two women in a cell, so that no slanders can be circulated against the male guards. The jail has no matron, nor can it have any under existing circumstances. Women approaching *accouchment* have to be discharged.

—An opium eater has been cured of the habit.

—The prisoners find solitary confinement so irksome that they beg for work.

—Thirty-six thousand persons visit the jail per annum, on business or pleasure.

—The percentage of the death rate is not one quarter of one per cent. per annum.

—About ten boys occupy cells at the prison in consequence of the Reform School being full.

TO ORDER.
Cassimere Pants at $5 and Suits at $20.
EISEMAN BROS.,
Tailors and Clothiers,
Corner Seventh and E.

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