

**LOCAL MATTERS.**

**Meeting of the School Board.**—The board of school commissioners held its regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon. Thos. I. Pitt, Esq., president, in the chair. The committee on accounts presented bills to the amount of \$6,284 02, which were ordered to be paid. Applications for positions as teachers were received from Miss Rebecca Smith, Miss Sade J. Jenness and Mrs. H. M. Simmons, which were referred. A communication was received from Wm. H. Samuel, in reference to his application for the position of teacher of phonography in the high schools of the city, which was referred. The committee on the Baltimore City College reported the following as suitable candidates for admission: Jonathan R. Smith, Jos. T. Smith and Ch. Erskine S. Wood, from private schools; Wm. J. McDowell from male grammar school No. 9. Thomas F. Murray from No. 1. Upton H. Torbert from No. 2, and Isaac Parker Veazey re-admitted, he not being able to attend during the past year from indisposition. The candidates were all admitted. A communication was received from Messrs. Cushings & Bailey, complaining of the manner in which the contract for books and stationery had been awarded, which was referred to the special committee on the subject. Miss Kate Seimering was nominated by Mr. Arthur as principal of female primary school No. 11, and Mr. Hoopes nominated Miss Fanny Martin as assistant in the same school. Mr. Daiger nominated Miss Emma Armstrong as assistant in male primary school No. 5. The resignation of Miss Jane H. Allen as principal of female primary school No. 11 was received and accepted. On motion of Mr. Lowry, Miss Marian Moore was transferred from male primary No. 5 to male grammar school No. 3. After the transaction of some further unimportant business the board adjourned.

**Fire on Light Street Wharf.**—The alarm last night, about eight o'clock, from box No. 6, corner of Charles and Camden streets, was caused by the discovery of flames issuing from the third story of the canned fruit store and warehouse of J. Storm & Sons, No. 73 Light Street wharf, a few doors south of Pratt Street. The fire department soon repaired to the spot, and after an hour's labor succeeded in extinguishing the flames, confining them to the building in which the fire had originated. The house is a four-story, and had a stock of canned fruits and vegetables, together with a lot of tin, tools, &c., all of which, valued at from \$15,000 to \$20,000, were destroyed or rendered worthless. The books and safe of the firm were saved.

The origin of the fire is attributed to the overheating of the boiler during the day, though at 7 o'clock, when the building was closed, everything appeared to be perfectly safe. Messrs. Storm & Sons have policies of insurance to the amount of \$10,000 on their stock, \$5,000 of which is in the Associated and \$5,000 in the Peabody Insurance Companies of this city. The building, which it is learned belongs to the Patterson estate, sustained a damage, as estimated, to the amount of \$3,000, and is said to be fully insured in city offices. Mr. A. H. Thoerner, tobacconist, occupied a part of the ground floor of the building, and had his stock insured to the amount of \$300, upon which there is no insurance. The hardware store of W. D. McMillan & Co., adjoining on the north, and John W. Harris, Penn & Dyer and J. H. S. Gibbons, commission merchants, on the south, sustained no serious loss.

**Probably Fatal Shooting Case.**—On Monday night a shooting affray occurred in South Baltimore, which, it is feared, may result in the death of a young man named William Freedy. The facts appear to be that about twelve o'clock on Monday night a party of young men, among whom was Freedy, were sitting on a door-step on Light street, near Brown, eating cantaloupes, and, upon a man named Jacob Chandler passing by, a rind thrown by one of the party struck him; Chandler made some remark, and an altercation arose, ending in the shooting of Freedy in the neck by Chandler, who, it is alleged, in the melee drew a pistol. Chandler ran off, but was shortly afterwards arrested by officer Bradekamp, and, upon a hearing before Justice Jarden yesterday morning, was committed to jail to await the result of Freedy's wounds. The wounded man was removed to his home, on Light street, near Gittings, where Dr. G. W. Benson was summoned. Upon examination it was found that the ball had passed through the neck and lodged in the throat, producing partial paralysis. Yesterday afternoon it was thought he was somewhat improving.

**Foreign Exports and Imports.**—The foreign clearances yesterday were the Norwegian bark Lkjold, for Liverpool, with 107 hds tobacco, 85 bbls. rosin, 3,000 bags bark, 2 boxes mandarin, 345 pieces lard, 75 bbls. lard oil, 75 boxes flavine and 24,000 treenails; and the British brig Unicorn, for Port Spain, with 700 bbls. flour, 100 bbls. corn meal, 50 bbls. pork, 200 bushels corn, 100 bbls. bread, 50 bbls. crackers, 3,110 lbs. hams, 542 lbs. cheese, 2,500 lbs. lard, 2,000 lbs. candles, 625 lbs. butter, 10 quarter bbls. tongues, 25 bbls. peas, 10 hds. tobacco, 425 shooks and 12,000 staves. The foreign entries were the British bark J. R. Pattello, from Rodenda, with 300 tons guano; and the schooner George W. Grice, from Antigua, with 38 tierces old iron, 1,040 do. copper, 7,112 do. lead, 1,162 do. brass, 958 do. rope, 34 do. canvass, 914 goat skins and 5 bbls. tamarinds.

**Police Appointments.**—The police board yesterday made the following appointments: John W. Owen, to be a policeman of the southern district, vice E. F. Lutz, dismissed; John W. McMahon, policeman of the western district, vice George C. Addison, resigned, and Joseph B. Thompson, policeman same district, vice George W. Pittman, resigned.

**The Nicolson Pavement.**—A number of property holders on Holliday street have sent a petition to the city council, asking that authority be granted for laying the Nicolson pavement on Holliday street, between Baltimore and Fayette.

**Baltimore County Teachers' Institute.**—In accordance with the provisions of the new school law, which provide that the teachers of each county in the State shall assemble once a year and hold what is termed a Teachers' Institute, the object of which is to better qualify those engaged in the arduous duties of teaching, the teachers of the Baltimore county public schools met on Monday afternoon, at two o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, at Towson town, and will remain in session until Friday. The Institute is under the immediate supervision of Prof. M. A. Newell, principal of the State Normal School. Prayer was offered at the opening by Rev. Dr. Van Bokkelen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The roll was called by R. C. McGinn, Esq., president of the county school board, when it was ascertained that about one hundred teachers were present. The exercises were then commenced by an address by Dr. Van Bokkelen upon the advantages of institutes such as the one now being held. His remarks were closely listened to by the audience. Essays upon the word-method of teaching reading were read from Mr. James Torrington, Miss Ida Hush, (read by Mr. Wm. M. Soper,) and Miss Sallie E. Ebaugh. The subject was further discussed by Prof. Newell and Messrs. McGinn and Foy. The exercises for the day were then closed by some well-timed remarks by Prof. Newell upon the subject of teaching reading.

The Institute assembled again yesterday morning, at ten o'clock, and, after prayer, the exercises were opened with an address on "School Records and Statistics" by R. C. McGinn, Esq. The individual reports of the committee on "teaching spelling by writing" were then read and elaborately discussed.

The remainder of the morning session was occupied by Professor Newell in the discussion of "The Metrical System of Weights and Measures." At the reassembling of the Institute at 2 P. M., an interesting lecture upon the subject of "Music in the School" was delivered by Rev. J. H. Kaufman, pastor of the Govanstown Presbyterian Church. The reverend gentleman very much interested the audience with his remarks. The remainder of the afternoon session was occupied in debating, "What is the Value of School Exhibitions and Examinations, and how should they be conducted?" The Institute meets again this morning, at 10 o'clock, and during the day a lecture will be delivered by W. S. Keech, Esq., upon "Scripture and Geology."

**Found Dead in the County.**—On Sunday morning an unknown white man was found dead in the meadow of Mr. John Burzan, residing four miles from the city, on the Belair road. The body was found lying in a small stream of water known as Black Branch, with scarcely sufficient water in it to have drowned any one. Justice J. S. Biddison held an inquest on the body, which had become much decomposed, the jury rendering a verdict of death from causes unknown. It was in evidence that the deceased was seen by several persons working on the farm during Monday, the 26th ultimo; he acted rather strangely, walking about, and occasionally taking a drink from a spring; no more was seen of him until the body was found nearly a week afterwards. The deceased had sandy hair and whiskers, and was genteely dressed. On his person was found \$53 in money, a new blank book, new lead pencil, two hair combs, and several business cards of parties in Philadelphia. One of these was the card of Wm. Gelzer, grocer, No. 353 North Second street, Philadelphia, and another of Wm. J. Holt, grocer, No. 541, on the same street. His effects are in possession of Justice Biddison, at whose instance Mr. Geo. C. Rodeumayer, undertaker, prepared the body for burial, and placed it in a vault to await identification.

**The Friends' New Meeting House.**—The Society of Friends having sold their meeting-house on the southwest corner of Saratoga and Courtland streets to the association for the education and improvement of colored people, the building is being raised one story and enlarged for the purpose of being used as a colored normal school. The Society of Friends have removed to their neat and substantial meeting-house, recently built, on the northeast corner of Monument and Eutaw streets. The new meeting-house is 55 feet front, 70 feet deep and 35 feet high. It is built of fine pressed brick, with granite base. The seats are of walnut, and the room is without the usual partition. The "first-day room" for the use of the Sabbath school, is 45 by 52 feet. There is a lot adjoining as large as the church, for the use of vehicles, with a shed for shelter. The building committee were Francis T. King, Jesse Tyson, Galloway Cheston, Richard Janney, James Carey and Dr. James C. Thomas. Architect, G. A. Fredrick; builder, John Haswell. The cost of the building alone was about \$30,000, towards which Johns Hopkins, Esq., donated \$3,000.

**Violations of Ordinances.**—Joshua Horner was yesterday fined \$20 and costs by Justice Gorsuch for violating section 1, of ordinance 50, by allowing decomposed matter to remain on his premises. He took an appeal from the decision of the justice. John Samden was fined \$5 and costs by Justice Spicer for a violation of revised ordinance No. 13, in reference to preserving the health of the city. W. C. Miller was yesterday arraigned before Justice Bride by officer Gaitner, charged with violating section 9, ordinance 33, by fast driving. He was fined \$5 and costs. George Hensen, colored, was arrested on a similar charge by Captain Frey, and on being arraigned before Justice Jarden a similar fine was imposed. Hugh Gelaton, upon the charge of neglecting to comply with an order from the board of health, was fined \$20 and costs by Justice Bride. George Jacobs, arrested by officer Lerp, on the charge of depositing a nuisance upon an open lot, was fined \$5 and costs by Justice Jarden.

**The Registration of Voters.**—The offices of registration in most of the wards opened on Monday, but there has been as yet but few persons who availed themselves of the privilege. On Monday the offices in the 12th and 13th wards were not opened, and reports were not received from the 7th, 15th, 16th and 17th wards. The number registered in the remaining wards foot up 94, viz: In 2d ward 9, 3d 6, 4th 8, 5th 7, 6th 5, 8th 4, 9th 3, 10th 10, 11th 7, 14th 8, 18th 15, 19th 6, and 20th 8. Yesterday there were no returns from the 1st, 2d, 3d, 6th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th wards. In the remaining wards the number registered amounted to 88, as follows: 4th ward 6, 5th 10, 7th 11, 8th 11, 9th 4, 10th 13, 11th 2, 12th 1, 13th 8, 18th 7, 19th 8, and 20th 6.

**Cutting Affray.**—About one o'clock yesterday morning an affray occurred in the public house of Philip Schwind, on Chapel street, near Pennsylvania avenue, where a dance was in progress among some of the inmates, resulting in a man named Boston Deer being seriously cut in the left arm and shoulder with a knife in the hands, as alleged, of a woman named Ellen Martindale, and another named John Winyard being cut in the right breast by Bellina Chester. The women were arrested by Sergeants Lepson and Newhamer, and upon a hearing before Justice Bride were committed for court. James Rider was also arrested by officer Burke on the charge of assaulting Boston Deer with a billy at the above house. He was also committed for trial.

**The Gateway of the Druid Hill Park.**—The last cargo of stone for the gateway at the entrance of the Druid Hill Park, designed by G. A. Frederick, has arrived from Nova Scotia. The stone has to be cut by the contractor, John Wuttelaw, and the gate will probably be completed by next spring. The blocks are the largest ever quarried from the Nova Scotia quarry, and are the largest freestone blocks ever imported into this city. This cargo supplies the place of the cargo which was lost about two years ago, the vessel containing which was never heard from after sailing, all on board having perished.

**Rather Cool.**—On Thursday last Mr. W. W. Berry, residing at the corner of Hanover and Barre streets, whilst attending the Hanover market, had his pocket picked of a gold watch, prized more as a family relic than for its intrinsic value. He had given up all hope of ever seeing it again, when, on Monday afternoon, it was left in a small box at his residence, with a note, signed "Stranger Friend," stating in effect, that the watch was returned because out of repair, and notifying Mr. Berry that the next time the writer "went down" on him, he expected more valuable plunder.

**Postoffice Avenue.**—Both branches of the city council have passed an ordinance, changing the name of Foreman street (formerly Tripolett's alley) to Postoffice avenue, by which title it will hereafter be known. It runs from Baltimore street, between Holliday and Gay, to Second street, almost directly to the entrance to the postoffice and custom-house. The second branch rejected the ordinance to increase the width of the footways on Foreman street, from eight to ten feet, by a tie vote.

**A Foundling.**—Policeman Thomas E. Roe about 1 o'clock yesterday morning found a white female child on North street, in the rear of Calvert station. He carried it to the middle police station, and after a brief interval it was taken charge of by a humane colored woman residing on Holliday street, near the station-house, who signified her willingness to provide for it until otherwise disposed of by the authorities.

**Sale of Property.**—Mr. Samuel H. Gover, auctioneer, sold yesterday afternoon, on the premises, a lot of ground fronting 13 feet 8 inches on Canton avenue, with a depth of 50 feet, subject to an annual ground rent of \$37.50; improved by a three-story brick dwelling and large back building; purchased by Mrs. Margaret Mueller, for \$2,337.

**Military Matters.**—Major General Bowerman has appointed Captain T. Spicer Curlett and Captain W. Sanders Carr to be aids on his staff, with the rank of Major. These gentlemen lately commanded companies I and D, first regiment, Maryland National Guard.

**Stealing Tobacco.**—Wm. Dahl was arrested on Monday night by detective Mitchell, charged with stealing a lot of tobacco, valued at \$5, from on board the steamship Fannie. Justice Robinson committed him for the action of the grand jury.

**Charged with Robbery.**—Detective Pontier yesterday arrested a man named John Kelly, on the charge of stealing a watch, valued at \$150, from Henry Eames. He was taken before Justice A. D. Evans, who released him on security to await the action of the grand jury.