

LOCAL MATTERS.

Improvements by the Water Board.—The board of water commissioners have recently inaugurated, and are now pushing towards completion, a series of improvements, having for their object a more abundant supply of pure water for the use of the city. Since the great lake near the **Relay House**, on the Northern Central railway has been in use, it is a well-known fact that the water supplied from that source to the city mains has, after heavy rains, become so muddy and impure as to require filtering, and even then it was scarcely fit for use. With a view of obviating this evil, the board of water commissioners have recently purchased a tract of land in the immediate vicinity of Druid Hill Park, between that favorite resort and the residence of Chauncey Brooks, Esq., and have now engaged a large force of workmen in the construction of an immense storage lake, with a dam, the foot of the latter being near the track of the Northern Central railway. The capacity of the lake will be six hundred millions of gallons, its greatest depth one hundred feet, and its width five hundred feet.

There are to be seven water mains used, each thirty inches in diameter, three of which are to supply the lake, three the city reservoirs, and the seventh to be used as an escape pipe emptying into Jones's Falls. In order to procure a proper depth to the lake a large amount of earth is to be excavated, and for this purpose a labor-saving machine called a steam shovel is in use. It is a very simple yet ingenious invention, performing on terra firma what the steam mud-machine does on water. This machine, without being pushed to its utmost capacity, readily excavates not less than sixty cubic yards of earth and soft rock per hour, equal to 600 per day, or 2,400 cart loads, and this with a motive power of an engine with the capacity of less than ten horses. The work is now progressing rapidly under the superintendence of Mr. James S. Suter, water engineer, and as the operations are carried on but a short distance from the main entrance to the Park, visitors have a fine opportunity of viewing them.

Took the Oath of Allegiance.—The following named persons took the oath of allegiance at Col. Woolley's office on Saturday last: Mrs. Hanson, Baltimore; William D. Spry, W. F. Stabby, Kent county; J. E. Griffith, Baltimore; G. E. J. Collier, Somerset county; Miss Prudence Clayland, Queen Anne's county; W. H. Hopkins, Calvert county; Miss Corrie Cole, Baltimore; Mrs. L. Belton, Kent county; Mrs. C. L. Colburn, E. H. Fleming, Somerset county; Miss Ella Brashear, South River; Misses Ann Kay and Mary McElhaney, Baltimore; E. S. Bradshaw, Dorchester county; Nicholas Phipps, Anne Arundel county; J. T. Robison, Cambridge; Matthias Merrick, Talbot county; Joseph H. Boyd, Baltimore; Mrs. Lucy and Misses Ann and Jennie Evans, Coista Millen and Miss Augusta Evans, Somerset county; William Moalan, Fairhaven; William Saddin, Queen Anne's county; E. W. Wartman and Mrs. B. Lyle, West River, Anne Arundel county; Mrs. Eliza Ford, Baltimore; Thomas Chambers, Delaware; Edward J. Wilson, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. J. W. Knowles, Baltimore; Miss Margaret Lewis, Accomac county, Va.; William Crip, Baltimore; Jas. R. Benson, Talbot county; Chas. O. Byron, Queen Anne's county; G. W. Wilhelm, Baltimore; J. O. Rooker, Accomac county, Va.; Wm. Ohelton, Eastern Shore; Robert H. Griffith, Baltimore; Margaret Crockett and Nancy Paine, Somerset county; Misses Mary Hart and A. Evans, Accomac county, Virginia; Misses Emeline Conners and E. McCready, Somerset county, Md.; W. H. and Erastus Blades, Worcester county; Mrs. Rebecca Straughn, Kent county; James Beecher and J. M. Seegar, Queen Anne's county; Thomas B. Davis and John Woller, Baltimore; A. Owens, Fair Haven, Anne Arundel county; R. Nelson and Thomas H. Miller, Chestertown, Kent county; John Dawson, Greensboro', Caroline county; William A. Stewart, Dorchester county; W. W. Littleton and daughter, Cambridge; O. Ward and Thomas Tolley, Calvert county; T. H. Hamilton, Dorchester county; Levi Mastbaum, Chestertown, Kent county; Thomas Towers and lady, Caroline county; Mrs. J. Grammer, Annapolis; J. S. Flack and lady, Baltimore; George Porter, Salisbury, Somerset county; Miss Alice Hooper, Baltimore; R. S. Bell, N. York, Franklin co.; Mrs. N. Reno, Kent co.; Wm. H. McCann, Baltimore; Miss Kate Casey, Baltimore; Oliver Perry and Richard Catlin, Anne Arundel county; Wm. Simpson and P. Williams, Anne Arundel county; J. T. Barber and J. E. Scrivner, Anne Arundel county; John T. Mills, Baltimore; J. S. Torgue, Baltimore; William Collins, Queen Anne's county; Misses M. Wheeler and Sarah Vaughan, Baltimore; F. Bowditch and W. Robison, Baltimore; Samuel Ford and W. Moore, Somerset county; Misses Leech and Meredith, Somerset county; Geo. Combs, Baltimore; Misses M. Lize, Sarah and J. J. Layard, Somerset county; Misses Mary Johnson and Mary Mills, Somerset county; Charles W. Owens, Calvert county; Susan Leonard, Dorchester county; Mrs. Diggs, Baltimore; Wm. Beeks, Cecil county; Miss Mary A. Harrison, Baltimore; J. N. Griffith, Baltimore; Mrs. C. Hunt, Baltimore; James A. Adams, Baltimore; Edward A. Price, Baltimore; John P. Rhodes, Baltimore.

Hospital Statistics.—The following statistics of the condition of the various hospitals within the middle department, eighth army corps, up to yesterday, have been prepared by Mr. Charles Moseman, general hospital steward: There are six hospitals in this city, three in Annapolis, one at Annapolis Junction, and one at Wilmington—the total capacity of which is 6,752, and the number of beds now occupied 4,706, leaving 2,046 beds vacant. A fact unprecedented in the annals of the hospitals of the middle department was noticeable last week. Out of the 4,706 sick and wounded patients, there was but one death, and that at Newton University, of a member of a New Jersey cavalry regiment. Orders have been issued for the immediate examination of all the slightly wounded in this city, with the view of their early removal to Annapolis, where immense barracks, capable of accommodating 8,000 patients, are being erected. All of these hospitals are under the direction of Surgeon Josiah Simpson, U. S. A.

The Draft to Take Place on Wednesday.—The draft to fill up the deficiency in the quota of this State, under all the late calls for troops by the President, will be again commenced on Wednesday morning next. It is estimated that there will be from 1,200 to 1,400 drawn for in this city, as only about 25 per cent. of the quota was obtained at the last drawings. The drawing will be commenced in the first, second and third congressional districts on Wednesday. The first at Salisbury, the second at Capt. Oathcart's headquarters, Exeter street, near Baltimore, and the third at Major Blumenberg's headquarters, on Holliday street. The quotas for the various wards or sub-districts have not yet been regulated.—The 100-days State militia are liable to this draft.

Condition of Wounded Officers.—Col. Andrew W. Denison, of the 8th Maryland Regiment, who was severely wounded at the battle of Spottsylvania, Va., and who has since suffered the amputation of his right arm, still continues at the residence of his father, on South Gay street, and is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Capt. Frederick Coleman, of the 151st New York, wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, remains with his father, Col. Coleman, of the Eutaw House. Under the skillful treatment of his physician, Prof. N. R. Smith, he has sufficiently recovered to enable him to move about with the aid of crutches.

Released from Military Custody.—Cornelius McCullen, who has been in prison for several weeks past, charged with disloyalty, was released on Saturday, after taking the oath of allegiance. John P. Rhodes, arrested about five weeks since, and imprisoned on the charge of disloyalty, was released on Saturday by Col. Woolley, after taking the oath of allegiance, and giving \$3,000 bond not to violate the oath. J. J. White, who has been in Fort McHenry for nearly two months, charged with disloyalty, was released on Saturday last after taking the oath of allegiance, and giving \$1,000 bond to keep the same.

Charged with Horse-Stealing.—A man named John McNamara was arrested on Friday night last, by detective Cassel, of this city, and detective McDevitt, of Washington city, charged with stealing government horses. It was stated that there had been sixteen horses stolen in Washington about one week since, and the detectives named above caught McNamara with one of the stolen animals. The accused was taken to Washington to await the action of the Government authorities.

Selling Citizens' Clothing to Soldiers.—Frederick Debrinz was arrested on Saturday last, charged with selling citizens' clothing to soldiers. He was held for trial. Yesterday morning a government detective arrested A. Sonnebaum, proprietor of a clothing store on Pratt street, near Howard, charged with selling citizens' clothing to soldiers. Col. Woolley released the accused on parole to report today for trial.

Charged with Defrauding Sailors.—Geo. Smith, keeper of a saloon boarding sailors in the eastern section of the city, was arrested by a government detective on Saturday last, charged with defrauding sailors who had enlisted in the U. S. naval service. It was alleged that he had obtained the bounty belonging to several of them. Col. Woolley ordered him to be locked up to await trial.

Paroled.—Dr. W. Jones, of Somerset county, Maryland, who was arrested some time since, charged with violating the oath of allegiance, which he had subscribed to, was released from Fort McHenry on Saturday, on his parole to report to the military authorities at any time when called upon so to do.

Arrested on a Serious Charge.—Serg't Stuek, of the central station, on Saturday arrested Patrick Garvey, on the charge of paying, on the night of the 23d of May, in company with others, committed an outrage on the person of Mrs. Mary Kelly, in a drinking-saloon, on East Baltimore street, near Front. Justice Dryden committed him to jail to await the action of the grand jury. Several others charged with the same offense are already in jail.

Change of Time Tables.—Yesterday several important changes went into effect in the running of the cars between Baltimore and Washington, in order to meet similar changes noticed as having been made on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore road. The trains now run as follows. Leave this city at 3.45, 7, 9 and 10 A. M., and 3.30, 4.40 and 7.25 P. M.; on Sundays at 3.45 and 9 A. M. and 3.30 P. M. Leave Washington at 6.30, 7.30 and 11.15 A. M., and 4.45, 7.20 and 8.30 P. M.; on Sundays at 7.30 A. M., 3 and 8.30 P. M.

Gambling on Sunday.—D. Hogan was arrested by officer Eldridge at an early hour yesterday morning, charged with allowing colored persons to gamble in his house on Sunday. Justice Spicer fined him \$10 and costs, Samuel Day, Wm. Henry and Wm. Reet, all colored, were arrested by officers Morgan and Owens, charged with gambling on Sunday in the house of Hogan. They were each fined \$1 and costs by the same Justice.

Funeral of Wm. N. Tuttle, Esq.—The funeral of the late Mr. Tuttle took place from his residence, West Saratoga street, on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended by his male friends and acquaintances, including a numerous delegation from the Baltimore Typographical Union No. 12. The remains were interred in the family lot in Greenmount Cemetery, the Rev. Dr. Fuller, of the Baptist church, officiating.

Change of Owners.—The bark Indus, now under the British flag, but formerly of Baltimore, has been sold to parties in New York on private terms. The bark Undine, of Bath, Me., 532 tons, twelve years old, has been purchased by parties in Baltimore for \$16,000. The brig A. B. Patterson, under the flag of Denmark, but formerly of Baltimore, 225 tons, four years and six months old, has been sold to parties in Philadelphia for \$18,000.

Rearrested.—Some time since Benj. Amos, of the 10th Virginia rebel cavalry, was arrested in this city, and upon taking the oath of allegiance and giving his parole to go north as far as Philadelphia, and remain there during the war, unless he returned in the government service, was arrested in this city on Saturday night last, having violated his parole by returning. Col. Woolley locked him up in the military prison to await trial.

New Telegraph Line.—A new company has been recently organized, under the name of the "Baltimore and Eastern Shore Telegraph Company," for the purpose of constructing a line of telegraph from this city, through Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester and Somerset counties, to Snow Hill.

Closing of the Mails.—The mails for Philadelphia and New York will hereafter close at the Baltimore postoffice at 7 o'clock in the evening, instead of 6 o'clock.