

Rev. Mr. Murkland and Gen. McClellan.—The Rev. Dr. W. U. Murkland, pastor of Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, has returned home from Trenton, N. J., where he read the funeral service on Monday at the grave of Gen. George B. McClellan. Dr. Murkland was an intimate friend of the General. Their first meeting took place during the civil war. Dr. Murkland was a student at Hampden-Sidney College, Prince Edward county, Va., when the war broke out. With his fellow-students he took up arms in behalf of the Confederacy. They were captured and released on parole by Gen. McClellan, who advised them to return to their studies. The General was very kind and the students were grateful for the consideration he showed them. About nine years ago, when Gen. McClellan came to Baltimore to live he attended Mr. Murkland's church. On the occasion of the opening of Johns Hopkins University the two gentlemen became acquainted. When introduced Gen. McClellan said: "I have seen you before, Doctor; I have been attending your church." Dr. Murkland replied: "And I have seen you before, General." He then described their meeting during the war, and the General remembered the incident. They became very dear friends, and when Gen. McClellan's mother-in-law, Mrs. Gen. Marcy, died in this city, Dr. Murkland was requested to officiate at the funeral. On Saturday last he received a telegram from Mrs. McClellan asking him to come see her and take part in the funeral.

A Handsome Sailing Vessel.—The new schooner *William E. Downes*, of New Haven, now unloading ice at the Cochran-Oler ice-houses, Canton, is one of the handsomest vessels added to our coal fleet in several years. The vessel is 180 feet long over all, 37 feet 4 inches beam, and 18 feet depth of hold, and has a carrying capacity of 1,200 tons. The cabin and fore-castle are heated by steam, which is a new feature in sailing vessels, and an engine on board is to hoist sail and cargo, pump ship, etc. The cabin is a new innovation on the conventional style heretofore employed on all classes of vessels. Instead of being a narrow fore-and-aft room, flanked on both sides with staterooms, it runs thwartships and is lighted directly from the upper deck on each side. Handsome alcoves are on each side under the deck. The whole is finished in ash, walnut, mahogany, bird's eye maple and Hungarian ash. Captain J. W. Haskell, late of the schooner *Harry Prescott* is master and part owner of the *Downes*. By energy and push he gathered subscribers to build the vessel in a very short time, and with \$37,000 built one of the ablest vessels now trading to this port. George Hawley, of Bath, built the *Downes*, which is rated 41 for fourteen years.

Plumbers' Permits.—Dr. Stewart, commissioner of health, has given his decision on the question whether it was necessary for a plumber who finished a job of work begun by another plumber to obtain a special permit. The health commissioner does not think it necessary to obtain a special permit where one plumber finishes a job under the circumstances mentioned, but if a plumber gives up a piece of plumbing from other causes than sickness, such as finding that he has made a bad bargain, &c., then it will be necessary for the plumber who takes up the job to procure another permit, even if the original plumber did have one. In the case in question the health commissioner found that the plumber who finished the work did not comply with section 8 of the regulations governing plumbing, &c., which requires that all connections with sewers must be inspected by the inspector of plumbing before the trench is filled, to ascertain whether the service pipes have been run to the building line or not.

Charged with Bigamy.—Ernest Conrades was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Broderick on a warrant by Mrs. Mary Conrades, charging him with bigamy. He waived a hearing before Justice Hobbs, at the southwestern station, and was committed for court. It was alleged that Conrades married his first wife about ten years ago, Rev. Chas. Frincke performing the ceremony. It is charged that he lived with her some time, but left her, claiming that he could not get on with his mother-in-law. On the 27th of last October he was married to Miss Ida Krueger by the Rev. John C. Hauser. He says he told Miss Krueger that he had another wife living, but that he had been separated from her more than seven years, and that he was consequently divorced from her. He has been living with his second wife at No. 60 Sassafras street. Mrs. Mary Conrades lives at No. 57 Conway street, and has one son.

Accidents.—Mr. Wm. Groscup, aged 36 years, residing at 52 Harlem avenue, while working on a roof at the corner of Harlem avenue and Fremont street, fell yesterday a distance of twenty feet and received internal injuries.

Yesterday afternoon a horse attached to a buggy belonging to Mr. Wm. E. Hooper, and driven by Jacob Hogg, of Woodberry, ran away from the corner of Madison avenue and Eutaw street to Biddle street. Mr. Hogg was thrown to the ground and cut badly about the head and face. Dr. Keyser attended him, and had him removed to the Maryland University Hospital.

Logan Briskew, aged seven years, had his left leg bruised badly yesterday by being run over in front of his home, 325 North Stricker street, by a wagon driven by Chas. E. Mercer.

Chrysanthemum Show.—This afternoon the annual chrysanthemum show of the Horticultural Society opens at Oratorio Hall. Many fine displays are expected, as the chrysanthemum has gained within the last few years the highest degree of popularity all over the country, and the shows are largely patronized wherever held. The display will not be limited to these flowers exclusively, but will comprise groups of stove and greenhouse plants, ferns, palms, marantids and other effective foliage and flowering plants, and also floral designs, collections of cut flowers, &c. The Horticultural Society is co-operating with the lady managers of the Presbyterian Eye and Ear Charity Hospital in this exhibition.

The Mellon Case.—An Associated Press dispatch received from Boston last night reads as follows: "It is said that a flaw has been detected in the indictment found by the grand jury on Monday afternoon against A. L. Mellon and Emma Coolidge, charging them with conspiracy to cause the murder of Mary J. Mellon, of Baltimore. The indictment then found is said to be not comprehensive enough, as well as faulty in one or two other points. It is understood the case was reheard today by the grand jury, for the purpose of entering a bill which will be sufficiently comprehensive in detail and strong in the points which were regarded as weak in the original indictment. This is probably the reason why no application was made for extradition papers yesterday."

John Hebrew's Condition.—The condition of John Hebrew, the colored man who was shot Tuesday by "Sheep" Brown, colored, on Chesnut street, and seriously wounded, the ball having passed through the lung, was not improved last night. Dr. Hood at the City Hospital, where Hebrew lies, did not consider him in any immediate danger, though he is a very badly wounded man. Hebrew was not encouraged to talk, owing to the strain on his chest from speaking. He has been a democrat for years and incurred some enmity on account of the decided manner in which he sometimes maintained his sentiments.

Fires.—A coal-oil still in the yard of the works of Read Brothers & Co, corner Pratt and Eighth streets, Highlandtown, caught fire yesterday morning and was extinguished by the county fire department. The loss, not covered by insurance, is about \$200.

The alarm from box 418, at 8:57 o'clock last night, was caused by fire in the mattress factory of Dr. Lowenthal, No. 145 Lexington street. The fire originated in a pile of straw under a stairway on the second floor. Damage \$200 on building, \$100 on stock; insured.

Twice Buried.—Osco Johnson, colored, was buried yesterday under a heavy bank of falling earth at Stony Run, Baltimore county, where he was digging. He was quickly dug out of his perilous position, apparently dead. He revived, however, and, casting his eyes about, said: "This is the second time I've been buried. The rebels buried me once before in old Virginia, and I came out of the grave alive." He was not seriously hurt by his latest experience.

Red Legion.—The Red Eagle Council, No. 2, Legion of the Red Cross, was instituted last night at Damon Hall, 75 West Fayette street, with a membership of 81. Supreme Commander John D. Trebler, Jr., of Wilmington, D. C., installed the following officers: Messrs. J. Kennedy, Dr. C. B. Ziegler, G. L. Brown, T. C. Potts, J. E. S. Cony, Dr. D. J. Coffroth, A. Sternberg, G. Schissenger, C. F. Warrenton, J. K. Meeks, J. E. Barbage, W. H. Hobbs, G. L. Boraun.

Cases Before Commissioner Rogers.—Charles W. Dimmock was held for a further hearing by Commissioner Rogers yesterday on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. John H. Hamilton, colored, steward of the brigantine *O. B. Stellman*, was committed for the grand jury, charge with conspiracy to cast away the vessel. The mate, George W. Brown, made the same statement as in a former hearing, of his being found in the *Stellman* and being knocked off.

University Scholarships.—According to a circular of the Johns Hopkins University, lately issued, nine students at present hold honorary scholarships. Six of these are graduates of Baltimore City College, viz: G. P. Dreyer, E. C. Applegarth, W. Howard Miller, William F. Smith, W. L. C. Gorton and J. H. T. McPherson. The scholarships are awarded on competitive examinations and yield \$250 per annum.

Municipal Matters.—Mayor Hodges was engaged yesterday attending to the routine work of the mayoralty and receiving friends, who still crowd upon him. Mr. Hodges has not determined the appointments to fill existing vacancies in some of the city offices.

Both branches of the city council will meet this afternoon and complete their organization. A caucus of the regular democratic members was held yesterday afternoon. Chas. S. Moran, Jr., presided over the first branch members, with John F. Doyle secretary. The following officers were agreed upon and will be elected at the session today: Chief clerk, John Kelly, of the fourth ward, assistant clerk of the last council; assistant or reading clerk, M. N. Packard, of the eighteenth ward; committee clerk, Henry A. Schultz, of the sixteenth ward, who held the same position under the last council; sergeant-at-arms, John McManon, of the thirteenth ward; doorkeepers, James Mulligan, of the eighth ward, page of the last first branch council, and Jesse Hall, of the fifth ward; page, John S. Murphy, who was page of the last second branch.

The caucus of the second branch was presided over by Mr. Terry, with Dr. Pennington secretary. The officers selected were as follows: Chief clerk, John M. Travers, of the tenth ward, an attaché of the tax department and formerly a member of the Legislature; assistant clerk, Geo. W. Green, of the second ward; committee clerk, Capt. Jas. Hall, of the thirteenth ward; sergeant-at-arms, Michael Farrell, of the ninth ward; doorkeeper, Jos. H. Kruser, who has been a council officer since 1875, and page, Chas. E. Foxall, of the first ward.

St. James Home for Boys.—A dedicatory entertainment was given Tuesday at St. James Boys' Home, High and Low streets. The new building (130 by 30 feet) was finished last July, at a cost of \$14,000. The Home has been in operation several years, and is a city branch of St. Mary's Industrial School, under the same government as that of the Xaverian Brothers, who care for 57 boys now in the Home. There is a library and the various conveniences of a pleasant home for industrious boys in need of fatherly care. Archbishop Gibbons blessed the building and made some kindly remarks full of good counsel for the boys. The programme of exercises consisted of music by the band of St. Mary's Industrial School, chorus by a choir of the Home, salutatory by H. Hanson, declamation, &c., by G. Griggs, G. C. Council, H. Scott, M. Agen and T. Higginson. Among those present were Monsignor McColgan, Revs. E. Didier and J. A. Galien, of St. Vincent's, O. B. Corrigan, Peter McCoy, Brother Joseph, of Mt. St. Joseph's College, Brother Boniface and Brothers of the Passionist Monastery, Dr. R. H. Goldsmith, A. W. Duke and Mr. Dugan, of the board of managers. Brother Hubert is superintendent of the Home.

Death of a Veteran of Three Wars.—Gen. Jas. Lowry Donaldson died yesterday at his residence, No. 82 West Preston street, corner of St. Paul street. Gen. Donaldson had lately returned from Europe, and was not aware until within the past few weeks that his health was seriously affected. The cause of his death was Bright's disease. He was 72 years of age. He was a graduate of West Point, and was an officer in the regular army until a few years ago, when he resigned. He had seen a great deal of active service. He was in the Seminole war in Florida, was an officer in a battery of artillery in the Mexican war, and was chief quartermaster in Gen. Sherman's army during the late war. After the war he spent some years at the North and in Europe. A few years ago he built the house in which he died. He leaves a widow, but no children. Gen. Donaldson was a son of J. Lowry Donaldson, adjutant of the Twenty-seventh Regiment in the battle of North Point, in which he was killed. He was a distinguished lawyer and a member of the Legislature. The late Grafon L. Dulaney, a prominent member of the bar, was a brother-in-law of Gen. Donaldson.

Scientific Association.—A large number of students were present last evening at the first meeting for the year of the Johns Hopkins University Scientific Association. After the election of Prof. Remsen, president, and Dr. W. H. Howell, secretary, Dr. Donaldson presented a paper on "Motor Sensations of the Skin," exhibiting an apparatus for testing the time taken for a judgment to be formed of an impression made by a moving point. Prof. Remsen followed with a paper on the "Space Relations of Atoms," showing that there may be "rings" in the arrangement of atoms as well as polities. Mr. Jastrow explained the new method of composite portraiture, by which, from a number of pictures of a person—Shakespeare, for instance—a type may be formed of the points of similarity in all without the points of difference. Dr. Brooks exhibited several specimens of delicate sea animals reserved by the novel method, found valuable of late, of poisoning with tobacco dissolved in alcohol from the inside of an old meerschaum pipe.

A Compliment to Mr. Flederman.—Mr. H. G. Flederman, sheriff elect, was given a complimentary banquet last night at Adler's, on West Fayette street. Among those who participated were Councilman Thomas W. Terry, Frank Harrison, Joseph A. Kuhn, Charles Eichler, John M. Travers, the new chief clerk of the second branch city council, Elias Rosenbaum, H. J. Ford, John Y. Slater, Chr. Leutbecher, Nathan Rohr, Jacob Wechsler, S. L. Auerbach, Sigmund Adler, Frank J. Murphy, Joseph H. Kraver, Wm. Herlich and others. Sheriff-elect Flederman occupied the post of honor at the head of the table, and in response to a toast made an address thanking the gentlemen who rendered the banquet heartily for the compliment paid him, and promising to discharge the duties of the office to which he had just been elected with fidelity, and without fear, favor or partiality to any one. Complimentary remarks were made by Elias Rosenbaum, John M. Travers, Councilman Terry, H. J. Ford and others.

Officers of the Schuetzen Society.—The annual election of the Baltimore Schuetzen Society was held last night at Leutbecher's Hall, on Postoffice avenue, near Baltimore street. The regular ticket nominated at the meeting on October 7 was elected, as follows: President, Adolph Martini; vice-president, Frederick Kramer; target masters, Charles Struth and Geo. Schwinn; secretaries, Chas. Myohl and George Bunnecke; treasurer, H. H. Vonderheide, and comptroller, J. J. Requaard; directors, Gebhard Leimbach, Fred. Brandau, Wm. Heise, Fred. Decker and H. H. Kuhlmann. Messrs. John Lorz, Philip Hermann and John C. Distler were the judges of election. The election was very close, the opposition ticket polling a very large vote.

New Avenue to Lake Roland.—The city and private property-owners are constructing a road to connect Lake avenue with Charles-street avenue by way of the keeper's house and the southern borders of Lake Roland, coming out on the avenue which goes past the residences of Messrs. Thomas Deford, John E. Hurst and W. H. Perot. In connection with the road now passing over the bridge by the dam, and rounding the point at Hollins Station, N. C. R. R., it will form one of the most beautiful drives out of the city. The new avenue is well under way, the culverts only remaining uncompleted.

Matrimonial.—At Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, yesterday morning at half-past nine o'clock, Mr. W. B. Addington, of St. Louis, Mo., was married to Miss Clara E. Gorsuch, daughter of Mr. L. M. Gorsuch, formerly of Harford county, but now of this city. The pastor of the church, Rev. A. M. Courtenay, performed the ceremony, and the ushers were Messrs. W. H. Cochran, H. H. Wiegand, Thomas G. Cranwell and W. H. Gorsuch. The couple took an early train for Washington, D. C., whence they will go to St. Louis.

Captain Thomson of the Hanoverian.—The London Board of Trade, in consideration of the good conduct of Captain Thomson at the time he lost the Allan Line steamship *Hanoverian* at Portugal Cove, September 2, decided not to draw his certificate, notwithstanding the board charge the wrecking of the vessel as his fault. Captain Thomson has many friends in this city.

Drowning Case.—The body of an unknown colored man, which had been in the water some time, was found floating in the harbor off the Maryland Ferriizer Company's wharf, Canton, yesterday morning. Justice J. P. Dorsey held an inquest and rendered a verdict of supposed accidental drowning, and the body was buried at the expense of the county.

Anniversary Services.—The congregation of St. Mark's English Lutheran Church on Eutaw street, near Mulberry street, celebrated the completion of its twenty-fifth year last night by a service of prayer and confession, led by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Albert. Mr. Albert delivered a discourse. Rev. J. G. Morris will speak tonight on the past, present and future of the English Lutheran Church in Baltimore.

Foot Race.—At Oriole Park yesterday a foot race, 25 miles, for \$100 a side and gate money, took place between William J. McCullough, of Baltimore, and Dave Byrn, of Providence, R. I. The match was won by young McCullough, who is known as the messenger boy. He ran 13 miles and Byrn gave up at 9 miles. McCullough made 9 miles in 57 minutes and 13 miles in 1 hour 43 min.

Slander Suit Between Sisters.—In the City Court yesterday Carrie Schaeffer, by her father, Charles Schaeffer, sought to recover damages against her sister, Mrs. Justis Lomp, and husband, for alleged slander spoken of Miss Schaeffer by her sister impugning her chastity in charging improper relations with her brother-in-law, Mr. Justis Lomp. The jury found a verdict for Mr. and Mrs. Lomp.

An Election Bean.—A large California bean, grown in the yard of Gustave Brude, 508 North Fremont street, has been sent to THE SUN office. The length of the bean is 4 feet 3 1/2 inches and greatest circumference 12 inches. Mr. Brude thinks the product is about as surprising in its way as the late election result.

Marine Matters.—The schooner *Mary Bowman*, from Baltimore for Mosquito Inlet, has put into Charleston, S. C., to obtain new sails. The captain reports having met heavy southwest gales off Hunting Island on Sunday, during which the fore and mainsails were carried away.

New Buildings.—J. W. Parks has obtained a permit to erect 11 two-story houses on the west side of Marshall street, between Fort and Randall, and J. W. Sindall a permit to erect two three-story houses on the west side of McKim street, between Biddle and Chase.

Personal.—Gen. E. B. Tyler received a dispatch yesterday from William K. Leeds, president of the Philadelphia campaign committee, saying: "Quay's majority in city fifteen thousand, in State over thirty-five thousand. Accept our thanks for your assistance."

John Russell, aged 77 years, a well-known dealer in antique articles at 54 South Charles street, died yesterday at his home, No. 31 Camden street. He had been sick four weeks of malaria and Bright's disease. He leaves one son.

Brief Locals.
Mr. John E. Owens, who has been sick for some time with an affection of the liver, causing his friends much anxiety, was yesterday so much improved as to bear without fatigue a ride from his country residence to Woodberry and back.

Dr. W. L. Mitchell, who has recently returned from a sojourn in South America, made an address last night in the lecture-room of Lafayette Square Presbyterian Church on "Missions in South America."

Mr. F. W. Elder, of Baltimore, yesterday learned that a cablegram had been received from Archbishop Elder announcing his safe arrival at Bremen on Tuesday, 3d inst., per steamship *America*.
Archbishop Gibbons, Rev. A. Magnien, Rev. B. J. McManus and Rev. John Foley attended the celebration ceremonies yesterday at St. Charles College, Howard county, in honor of the patron saint of the institution.
On Saturday Police Commissioners Ferguson and Colton, Marshal Frey and Secretary George Savage will go to Philadelphia, on invitation, to witness the annual review of the police force of that city.
The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad have just completed a handsome ticket office and passenger waiting-room at Calverton Station.
Coasting vessels yesterday brought 832 bales of cotton.