

# SATURDAY'S CITY NEWS.

## Death of Mr. Isaac Nevett Steele and Mr. George Small.

## NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

### Calvert Hall Bazar Opened—Meeting of Business Men Who Will Urge That Streets Be Cleaned By Contract.

Mr. I. Nevett Steele, the widely-known lawyer, died Saturday morning at his home No. 14 West Madison street, after a year of feeble health. Isaac Nevett Steele was born in Cambridge, Dorchester county, Md., on April 23, 1800. He was a son of James Steele, a prominent citizen of Dorchester, and was the ninth of a family of ten children. His mother before her marriage was Miss Mary Nevett. In 1819 the family removed to Annapolis, where Mrs. Steele had been educated. The subject of this sketch was educated at Cambridge, St. John's College, Annapolis, and Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., but ill-health prevented the completion of his studies. He began the study of law at the age of eighteen, in the office of Alexander C. Magruder, of Annapolis, and finished under David Hoffman, of Baltimore. He was admitted to the bar in 1830, and during the many years of his active practice there were few cases of note with which he was not connected. In 1839 he was appointed deputy attorney-general, and held the position until he resigned it in 1840. In 1845 he left Baltimore on a European tour, and on his return four years later he married Miss Rosa L. Nelson, a daughter of Hon. John Nelson, of the Baltimore and Frederick bar. Mr. Steele continuing in poor health, he accepted in 1849 the position of charge d'affaires to Venezuela, remaining at Caracas four years. During this time Mr. Steele narrowly escaped death in a struggle with robbers, who broke into the house occupied by the legation, expecting to find the specie which it was customary for persons to deposit for safe-keeping with their diplomatic representatives. He also secured a settlement of long pending claims of citizens of the United States against Venezuela. He returned in 1853 with his health restored and resumed the practice of his profession. Mr. Steele never had more than a passing connection with politics. At one time he was chairman of the whig State central committee, and in 1880 he was a democratic presidential elector. Among the celebrated cases with which he was connected was that of Adam Horn, in 1843. He represented the State in this trial and succeeded in convicting the accused. At the annual commencement on July 31, 1872, St. John's College conferred the degree of doctor of laws on Mr. Steele. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Steele left a family of five sons and three daughters. His sons are Rev. I. Nevett Steele, Jr., assistant rector of Trinity Church, New York; Charles Steele, a New York lawyer; John N. Steele and S. Tagart Steele, members of the Baltimore law firm of Steele, Semmes & Carey, and Henry Steele, a civil engineer. There are a number of grandchildren of the deceased. The death of I. Nevett Steele was announced in the City Court by Mr. Albert Ritchie, who moved that the court adjourn in respect to Mr. Steele's memory. Mr. Wm. Reynolds seconded the motion, and the court adjourned accordingly. Chief Judge Harlan announced that a meeting of the Supreme Bench and the bar will be called to take further action at some future day.

The funeral of Mr. Steele will take place from Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of Rev. Dr. J. H. Eccleston, rector of the church, the services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. S. B. Hodges, rector of St. Paul's Church, assisted by Rev. Wilbur F. Watkins, Jr. The interment will be private, in Greenmount Cemetery. The active pallbearers, all nephews of the deceased, will be Thomas B. Steele, Nevett Steele, John M. Steele, Billings Steele, Charles Goldsborough, J. Winfield Henry, Rider Henry and Alexander Neill. The honorary pallbearers will be John H. B. Larrobe, S. Teackle Wallis, Samuel H. Tagart, W. F. Trick, Dr. Christopher Johnston, Charles J. M. Gwinn, William Pinkney Whyte, Albert Ritchie, Reverdy Johnson, Chas. Taylor and John H. Thomas.