

ings of the kind in the city. The building is of brick, the Baltimore st. front being supported by heavy brown stone columns 2 feet square and 19 feet high.

Among the principal features in the finish of the building are the immense show windows, each of which is 9 feet in width by 19 feet in height, enclosed with solid French plate glass. The following parties were employed in the erection of this fine building: J. H. & J. S. Hogg, carpenters and builders; Lishear & McCullough, stone masons; E. W. Hall, bricklayer; John Whitelaw, brown stone, granite, Matthew Gault; marble tiling, Levi Taylor; wrought iron work, George Pagles; cast iron and dumb waiters, James Bates; plastering, Dominic & Shank; painting and glazing; James E. Weaver; plate glass, King Bros.; plumbing, Knipp and Carline; tin roofer, J. G. Hetzell; vault lights, E. F. Case; freecoing, Wissart & Bro.; heating apparatus, Collins & Heath; gas fitting, Charles Kalluski; stained glass work, Herman Gerhardt; speaking tubes, Gibson & Kirk; locks and plated work, James Clark; excavating, Hugh Brady. The building was designed and the execution of the work supervised by Messrs. Keasin & Crummer, architects.

Report of the Grand Jury upon the Penitentiary and Jail.—The grand jury of the Criminal Court for the September term, George R. Berry, Esq., foreman, presented on Saturday their report to Judge Bond of the Criminal Court. The statistics accompanying the report, furnished by Mr. Mark W. C. Thompson, have already been published. The grand jurors approve of the sanitary measures adopted by the board and warden, and Dr. E. R. Baer, the physician of the institution, which has prevented the breaking out of the fever prevalent at the jail. They say also that the apartments for the confinement of the convicts are inadequate, and that the mode of incarceration at the present time is calculated to defeat the reformatory measures intended. There are an unusually large number of female convicts, and attention is called to the necessity of placing them in underground cells, and many in one cell, as calculated to originate contagious disease. The prisoners, as a general thing, attributed their unfortunate condition to the excessive use of spirituous liquors.

They also report that they have fully examined the city jail, under the care of Capt. Thos. C. James, warden. They found the buildings to be in order and cleanly kept, and the atmosphere apparently pure. They recommend that persons confined as witnesses should be allowed all possible privileges consistent with secure detention. They also recommend that the prisoners, under certain regulations, be allowed stationery to enable them to communicate with their friends. There have been 54 cases of typhus fever up to the date of the report, (January 13th.) of which 9 were fatal—two officers of the institution and seven prisoners. There have been but two cases of the fever since the 24th of December last.

Arrival of the Steamship Cuba.—The steamship Cuba, Capt. John M. Dukehart, arrived at this port on Saturday afternoon, from New Orleans, via Havana, having sailed from the latter port on the 7th instant, stopping at Key West. The Cuba brings from New Orleans 233 bales cotton, 171 bbls. molasses and 862 hides, and from Havana a cargo of sugar, fruit, &c., and the following passengers. From New Orleans to Havana: E. Leverage and friend, Miss Forbes and niece, C. O. Ryter, W. F. Buford and wife, J. Roses, Mrs. Thompson and child, Mrs. Thomson, Miss T. Jones, A. Morrison, Otto Krichauff, Mrs. A. Leblanc, Mrs. Leblanc, J. J. Leblanc, wife and three children, J. Kaper, Mrs. Kernahan, T. W. Beard, H. Quinn, Samuel Atkin, M. Marsals, G. Soloff, Capt. Brown, T. A. Bennett, Col. L. Lay. From New Orleans to Baltimore: R. H. Radout, H. L. McCrea and wife, E. M. Sheppard and wife, Miss Emma Card, Th. McBezanet, Mrs. E. Friend, Rev. A. F. Pope, Miss H. P. Smith, Mrs. Myers, D. A. Carr, G. E. Hillbound, A. M. Caper. From Havana to Baltimore: Amcis Noys, J. H. Barker and wife, D. Saures, Nicholas Aballi. The Sun office is indebted to purser Emory for late Havana papers. The Cuba sails again for New Orleans on Thursday, and has already a number of passengers and considerable freight engaged.

Charged with Gambling.—At a late hour on Saturday night, Captain Joseph Mitchell and Lieutenant Wright, of the central police station, with a posse of policemen, made a descent on a colored gambling house, No. 24 Davis street, near Pleasant street, kept by James E. Cook, colored, where a number of colored men were engaged in a game of faro. Cook and twelve others were taken into custody, and the officers seized a dealing box, three packs of cards, and a set of checks. At an examination before Justice Dryden yesterday morning, Cook was held to bail for court on the charge of keeping a gambling house, and the following held to bail to appear as witnesses against him: Wm. Stewart, Oliver Scott, Nicholas Howard, Wm. Golden, Wm. Jackson, Wm. McGill, Charles Johnston, Wm. J. Crew, Richard Jones, Geo. Gregg, Theodore Vencey, James Jackson and Abraham Trusty. James Jackson was also held to bail for robbing Abraham Trusty of \$24 whilst gambling at the same house, and Trusty held to bail to appear against him.

Foreign Exports and Imports.—The foreign clearances on Saturday were the Bremen ship Leccadia, for Bremen, with 404 hhds. tobacco, 284 hhds tobacco stems, 9 boxes Florida tobacco, 2 cases merchandise, and 3,280 lbs. sassafras; and the British brig Cleta, for St. Johns, P. R., with 100 bbls. pork, 15,030 lbs. lard, 1,760 lbs. butter, 1,700 lbs. cheese, 500 bags rice, 5,434 lbs. hams, 120 bbls. potatoes, 104 bbls. and 20 puncheons corn meal, 4,250 lbs. candles, 1,841 gallons kerosene, 50 dozen brooms, 2 hhds. tobacco, 25 bags pepper, 30 bbls. bread, 200 kegs crackers, 50 boxes salt and 312 shooks and heads. The foreign arrivals were the steamship Cuba, from Havana, and the Bremen bark Gutenberg, from Bremen, the former with sugar and fruit, and the latter with general merchandise.

New Police Regulations.—The board of police has resolved to so arrange the beats of the policemen on certain streets as to add to the efficiency of the guardianship in important localities. Six men are to be detailed to patrol Baltimore street, during the day from High to Howard street, two of them to take both sides of Baltimore street, from High to Gay, two from Gay to St. Paul street, and two from St. Paul to Howard. There is also to be a regular patrol on Lombard street, from South to Charles, and two men are to patrol Pratt street, from the bridge to Charles street, more particularly along the oyster wharf at Pratt street, from Bowly's wharf to Light street. The object of this arrangement is especially to guard and secure the points named, which are active and crowded marts. It goes into effect to-day, and it is understood that in order to make it as effective as possible, picked men from the central police force will be assigned to the new duties. For the purpose of filling the places of these officers on the old beats, the police board on Saturday appointed the following additional officers on the force:—E. C. Little, Frederick Abridge, Charles J. Kershner, Martin Schimp, John H. Sleymaker, John M. Lightner, George C. Sanders and John Moylan, who will enter on duty to-night. The new arrangement, it is thought, will work beneficially both to citizens and strangers.

Sales of Property.—It is well known that the greater portion of the property sold in the city is offered on the premises, and consists generally of the more ordinary class of houses. A reference to the books at the Exchange salesrooms, for 1866, will discover that of real and leasehold property four hundred and seventy-eight pieces were offered, of which three hundred and eighteen were sold at prices ranging from three hundred dollars up to seventy-six thousand dollars. In the sales are comprised a number of valuable farms and country seats, and the aggregate sales will reach beyond a million of dollars. One hundred and sixty pieces of property were offered and withdrawn because the bids were not satisfactory to the owners or the persons offering for sale. During the year there were forty-nine ground-rents sold, but they were generally small, and three steamboats and one sailing vessel were sold. Among the real and leasehold property sold were forty-five houses sold by the city collector for arrears of taxes.

Lexington Street Business Improvement.—That portion of Lexington street west of Charles, has, within a few years past, made rapid strides towards becoming a first-class business thoroughfare. Improvements have been made of such a character as to make it no mean rival to Charles street. Among the most recent erections is the handsome store on the south side of Lexington street, just finished for the owner, Mr. Arthur McCafferty, and designed as a piano salesroom. The building is twenty-five feet front by eighty feet deep, full three stories, the front being tastefully finished in imitation of brown stone. The main show-room is well lighted through two windows of French plate glass, the dimensions of each being six by eleven feet. The building has been taken possession of by Wm. Colton, agent for Bradbury's pianos, Prince & Co's and Smith's American organs.

The Weather.—This region was yesterday again visited by a considerable fall of snow. The indications on Saturday evening were that a change was about taking place, and about four o'clock yesterday morning the snow began to fall, and continued up to about nine o'clock, making a depth of about three inches. The day was an exceedingly disagreeable one for pedestrians, and but few comparatively were on the streets. The churches were consequently but thinly attended. The ground was in excellent condition for sleighing, and the merry tinkling of the bells was heard on all sides, especially in the evening. Appearances indicated last night that there would be more falling weather. For the present the skaters will have to suspend their sport.

A General Melee.—On Saturday night a general row or fight occurred in a dwelling 130 Eastern avenue, near Bond street, occupied by some four or five families. It resulted in the arrest yesterday morning, by policeman Durkee, of Henry Felter and John Miller, on the charge of assaulting and beating Martin Rogh and Dorothy Rogh; also in the arrest of Martin Rogh and Dorothy Rogh, charged with assaulting and threatening John Miller and Henry Felter.—Justice Duncan held all the parties to bail to appear at court, where the difficulty may be settled.

Theft.—On Friday night policeman Swearer brought to the station house a colored boy, named John Thomas, on the charge of stealing a set of harness, worth \$50, the property of Jno. W. Smith, from his stable, near the corner of Bond and Bank streets. The boy had offered the harness for sale to Mr. William Giddens, No. 223 South Caroline street, who, having his suspicions, handed him over to the police. An examination Saturday, before Justice Duncan, the accused was committed to jail for the action of the grand jury.

Increase of Trade with Norfolk.—The trade between Baltimore and Norfolk has recently increased to such an extent that the Bay Line of steamers has been compelled to employ schooners to carry the freight, these vessels being towed down and up the bay. On Saturday the steamer Thos. A. Moigan, having a large schooner in tow, sailed for Norfolk, both loaded heavily with freight. The Louisiana and Thos. Kelso, of this line, now undergoing thorough repair, will soon be ready for service, but in the meantime the company have made arrangements to carry all the freight that may offer in the most expeditious manner.

Accident.—About five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, two horses attached to a buggy ran away from the corner of Calvert and Lexington streets, and threw the occupant, Mr. Edward Johnson, violently to the ground. His head struck the pavement, causing quite a severe wound. The injured man was carried into the drug-store of Mr. Wm. T. Ely, corner of Calvert and Saratoga streets, where he was attended by Dr. Shuman. He was subsequently removed to his residence.

Amputation.—Mr. John Peacock, residing on South Poppleton street, who for some time past has been suffering from an extensive and incurable disease of the left knee joint, for relief was on Saturday obliged to undergo amputation of the limb. The operation was performed through the middle of the thigh by Dr. J. H. Butler, assisted by Dr. J. J. Holland, and last evening Mr. Peacock was doing well.

Committed as Vagrants.—Henry Alberts, John M. Evans and Ellen O'Brien were arrested on Saturday by officers McClellan, Welsh and Eli Smith, as vagrants, without homes or means of support. Justice Brice committed them to the almshouse for sixty days each.

Charged with False Pretences.—Antona A. De Mequira was arrested on Saturday by policeman Maguire, on the charge of obtaining money from J. D. Murawski and others, under false pretences. Justice Dryden committed him for the action of the grand jury.

Theft.—The dwelling of Mr. J. H. Giese, corner of Calvert and Esager streets, was entered by burglars on Friday night, and robbed of silverware, overcoats, &c., valued in all at over \$200. The thief made good his escape with his plunder.

Building Sold.—The materials in the building of Mr. Geo. H. C. Neal, lying on the bed of Holliday street, and which is to be removed forthwith, were on Saturday purchased by Mr. E. Corbett, for the sum of \$3,000.

Police Appointment.—Mr. E. H. Price, late deputy warden of the city jail, has been appointed by the police commissioners as sergeant of police in the southern district, in place of Wm. B. Davis, removed.

Violating City Ordinances.—David Carson was arrested on Saturday by officer Beebe, charged with violating ordinance 18, sec. 35, relating to nauseous liquors flowing from his premises.—Justice Brice imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

Sailing of Ocean Steamships.—The steamships North Point, for Savannah; Adell, for Charleston and Galorama, for New York, all sailed on Saturday afternoon, carrying out full cargoes.

Gone to Europe.—Among the passengers on the steamship Perire, which sailed from New York on Saturday, for Brest and Havre, was Mr. W. Evans, of Baltimore.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The New Hotel Project.—The recently started project looking to the erection of a new mammoth hotel in the city, concerning which the public mind has been exercised, appears now to have assumed proportions that can scarcely fail to warrant success. The meeting of the committee having the matter in hand was noticed in The Sun last week, and the probable selection of one of two sites announced. Arrangements, it is understood, have been made with all the property-holders and tenants on both locations, with but one or two exceptions, for the possession of the property, all parties acting with a commendable public spirit in order to accommodate on the fairest terms. As previously stated, one of these sites takes in the entire square bounded by Baltimore, Holliday, Fayette and North sts., which gives ample room for hotel purposes, restaurant, billiard saloon, and a number of streets on the four streets, which will always be in demand and cannot fail to command good rents. The other site is the northeast corner of Charles and Lexington streets, presenting two fronts, one on each street—a very pleasant location, but having the disadvantage of not being on the main thoroughfare of the city. The committee will shortly hold another meeting for the purpose of deciding on the location, and in the meantime the bill now before the General Assembly chartering the company, it is presumed will pass into a law. It will then only remain for the citizens to come forward and subscribe liberally to the stock, and as there is said to be more private wealth in Baltimore at the present time than at any former period of her history, there can be but little doubt that the entire sum will be subscribed without delay. The hotels of Baltimore have long been the boast of her citizens, and they now stand equal if not superior to any other establishments of the kind in the country, but what the city now especially needs is a building that for size, elegance, architectural beauty, and other arrangements, will be in no way behind similar establishments in this or any other country. Within the past few years Baltimore has grown in commerce, in manufactures, and in everything else that can conduce towards building up a mighty metropolis, which will exceed half a million of people before the new project is completed, and there are now a much larger number of persons to entertain and amuse than ever before, many of whom have heretofore merely passed through the city on their way North. The man of business of a few years ago has had his ideas enlarged, and as the old times have changed so have the minds of people changed with them. Most of what are now known as modern hotels were unknown, even in New York and Philadelphia, within the past quarter of a century, but scarcely had the St. Nicholas and Metropolitan, of New York, been erected, before others, larger and more magnificent, were projected, speedily completed, and all are now filled during most of the entire year.—What has been done in New York and other cities may be done here, of course to a more limited extent. One improvement, it is well known, begets others, and once the new hotel be commenced, and other imposing buildings will soon follow. The heavy commerce of the city is all gradually going eastward to deep water, and what is now particularly wanted is a first-class commercial hotel, as near the centre of the city as possible, and easy of access to every section, for unlike most other cities the growth of Baltimore is steady in every direction stretching from her water front. The man of business who visits the city would of course prefer being quartered on Baltimore street, (with passenger cars leading from the door to every part of the city,) where he could be convenient to every branch of trade, and where, when the business of the day is over, he will be in close proximity to the different places of amusement, and where also his friends and acquaintances will have the least possible trouble in finding him.

Baltimore Street Improvement.—The edifice for Mr. George H. C. Neal, dry goods dealer, which has been for some time in course of construction, on the corner of Baltimore and Holliday streets, has been completed, and is now to be occupied. The building has a frontage of 86 feet on Baltimore street, with a depth of 173 feet on Holliday street, and is five stories high, including basement. The main floor will be devoted to retail custom, and the basement and second stories to wholesale trade. The building is well lighted from all four sides, as well as from a large skylight in the roof, which renders it one of the best lighted and most comfortably ventilated build-