

Government of the City Council.—The city council yesterday afternoon, by concurrent action of both branches, adjourned until Monday, the 15th day of December. It was stated by Mr. Carter, one of the members, that the committee on Jones's falls would report by the second Monday in December to report on a bill and mature plan for the improvement of said falls, so that time would then be allowed for the preparation of such a law as would be necessary to be passed by the Legislature, which assemble in January, giving the city the authority to raise money for such internal improvement. Mr. Carter stated further that it would be necessary for the council to meet in December in order that arrangements might be made for an application to the Legislature to fund all that part of the existing unfunded debt of the city which was not funded by the ordinance passed a few days ago, and which amount is estimated to be about \$400,000. When the committee on ways and means made their report in the spring of 1869, it was proposed to provide for the said \$400,000 (and the \$300,000 which was funded by the above-mentioned ordinance) by selling Baltimore and Ohio railroad stock to the amount named, but the necessity to sell which has been avoided by funding the \$300,000 of the floating debt of the city as above stated, and by making the proposed application to the next session of the Legislature to fund the remaining \$100,000.

The committee on Jones's Falls, as at present constituted, embraces representatives of the immediate as well as of the remote interests involved in the improvement. It embraces from the first branch, Messrs. Carter, of the 12th ward; Johnson, of the 18th ward; Gill, of the 6th ward; Mills, of the 7th ward, and Ward, of the 9th ward. From the second branch, Messrs. Duvall, of the 13th and 14th wards, Duke, of the 7th and 8th wards; Cook, of the 15th and 16th wards; Vickery, of the 3d and 4th wards, and McCoy, of 9th and 10th wards. The matter is one of paramount importance, and will receive on the present committee, it is to be presumed, earnest attention, with a view to intelligent and prompt action, which it is entitled to.

Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia.—This body, known as the highest in the Masonic fraternity, commenced its session in this city on Monday. The difficulty that has existed for some time between the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia in reference to jurisdiction, was fully and amicably adjusted by the recognition of the latter by the former. On Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: Dr. Chas. H. Orr, of Allegany county, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, E. T. Schultz, Deputy Grand High Priest; George McCann, Excellent Grand High Priest; Dr. P. S. Fields, Excellent Grand Scribe; Frederick Woodworth, Excellent Grand Treasurer; Wm. A. Wentz, Excellent Grand Secretary, Rev. E. H. Schuchel, Excellent Grand Chaplain, John A. Hieber, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host. Subsequently the newly elected officers were installed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the United States, James M. Austin, of New York, assisted by Most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, John W. Simons, of New York. The sessions were attended by several high dignitaries of the fraternity from St. Louis, New York, and other cities who were shown every courtesy by their brethren whilst in the city.

Trick of a Swindler.—Between 8 and 9 o'clock Friday morning a fashionable dress and a pair of boots, representing himself as Mr. P. E. Brooke, attorney-at-law, called at the boot and shoe establishment of Mr. McLaughlin, on St. Paul street, near Baltimore, and after trying on a pair of boots, valued at \$12, requested Mr. McLaughlin to send the boots to No. 2 Courtland street, and he would settle for them. Mr. McLaughlin, knowing Mr. Brooke only by reputation, sent his boy with the boots, together with the bill, when he met the fellow standing in the door of the office. The man handed the boy a printed check on the Citizens' Bank for \$25, purporting to be signed by R. Bowman, telling the boy to bring him the change. The check was proved to be a forgery, whereupon Mr. McLaughlin called at No. 2 Courtland street, but the swindler had whisked off with the boots, leaving his old one in the entry. Mr. Brooke was not in the city at the time of the occurrence.

Arrest of More Boys for Stone-Fighting.—Mention was made in the Sun of Tuesday of the arrest of a party of boys charged with being engaged in a stone-fight on Sunday last in the vicinity of Lafayette Square, and of a fine of \$1 and costs being imposed upon each. There seems to have been a large number of boys engaged in the fight, and since then Captain Zimmerman has had warrants issued for the arrest of twenty-one more boys charged with being engaged in the same dangerous practice. Yesterday they were all arrested by Sergeant Spangler and policemen Thos. H. Gibson and Christopher, and arraigned before Justice Bristle, who imposed a fine of \$1 and costs upon each, making a total of \$21 and costs. Considerable complaint has been made by persons residing in the vicinity of the square in reference to this evil practice, and the police authorities of the western district are determined to put a quietus to it.

Funeral of George Peabody.—The funeral services of the late George Peabody will be performed to-day, in Westminster Abbey, in the city of London, by order of the Queen of Great Britain. In accordance with the resolutions of the city council of Baltimore, the corporate authorities will mark the occasion with proper observances in honor of the memory of the deceased. The bells of the fire department will be tolled from 12 o'clock to 2 P. M., and the pastors of the various churches are requested to have the bells of their respective churches tolled at the same time. The citizens and merchants are also requested to display flags at half-mast from their houses and from the shipping in the harbor. Every one will no doubt cheerfully unite in paying this fitting mark of respect to the memory of the great philanthropist and the city's benefactor.

The Late George Peabody.—At a special meeting of the board of officers and directors of the Corn and Flour Exchange, held on Wednesday last, Mr. C. W. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Wm. H. Corner, presented a preamble and resolutions, which were adopted, on the death of George Peabody. The resolutions speak of the deceased as a man whose noble deeds and charities have endeared his name to the people of two hemispheres, and whose character is the admiration of the whole civilized world; that the death of such a man should not be passed without some tribute to his memory and exalted worth; mingling the voice of the Corn and Flour Exchange of Baltimore in the expression of the common sorrow at the death of Mr. Peabody, and ordering the expressions of regret to be entered on the journal of the association.

Foreign Exports and Imports.—The only clearances yesterday were the British bark Penbrooke, for Montevideo, and the schooner Pisanaqua, for Nassau, the former with 1,500 boxes staves, 17,700 gallons petroleum, 25,514 lbs. manufactured tobacco, 49 bbls. flour, 315,000 feet lumber and 3 boxes preserves, and the latter with 251 bbls. flour, 71 bbls. meal, 10 bbls broad, 55 bushels corn, 40 bushels peas, 30 bushels potatoes, 1,532 lbs. butter, 577 lbs. cheese, 1,000 lbs. candles, 140 gallons kerosene, 213 lbs. hams, 250 lbs. lard, 40 reams paper, 5 bbls. pork, 20 bbls. onions, 20 kits mackerel, 5 bbls. rosin, 10 bbls. pitch, 5 bbls. tar, 1,000 cabbage and 31 packages sundries. There were no entries from foreign ports yesterday.

A Magnificent New Church.—The Wharfedale station of the Methodist Episcopal Church have broken ground at the southwest corner of Preseman and Stricker streets, with the design to erect a grand church edifice which will likely be one of the largest buildings of that sect in this city. The proceeds of the sale of the burial ground on Madison avenue extended is to be devoted to this use. It is designed to have a spire with a chimes. The lot is 75 by 140 feet. Its location is two hundred feet above water level, being the most elevated church site within the city limits. The building will be of the most imposing architectural character. Mr. John W. Logg is the architect.

The Maryland Institute Fair.—The following awards of premiums were omitted in the list published yesterday: Class No. 1—Shirting muslin, J. T. Smith, silver medal, carpeting, Calverton Company, diploma; 12g carpet, Mrs. Briggs, set of casters; Mrs. J. J. No. 2—Sash balance, J. G. Jones, silver medal. Class No. 3—Bricks, H. F. Stickney, diploma. In class 18 the medal awarded to W. Sauter was given to William Seyper. E. S. Riley, Jr., agent, Baltimore, instead of Degeuer & Weller, deposited the Liberty Press, and, therefore, will receive the silver medal awarded it.

Serious Accident.—About 8 o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. John Caldwell, of Baltimore county, was driving a heavily loaded four-horse team in the vicinity of Pratt and Albemarle streets, when he accidentally stumbled and fell, the wheel of the wagon passing over one of his feet, crushing it badly. He was removed to the office of Dr. Shierlock, who amputated the foot above the toes. Mr. Caldwell was then placed in a carriage and conveyed to his residence, near the Great Gunpowder river.

Death of a South Carolinian.—General William E. Martin, of Charleston, South Carolina, died at the residence of a relative in this city yesterday, in the 55th year of his age. Previous to the late war the deceased was clerk to the Senate of South Carolina. During the war he was prominently connected with the Confederate army. His funeral takes place from Mount Calvary Church this afternoon.

Accidentally Cut with an Axe.—Saml. T. Henry, employed at Mount Clara depot as a lumber inspector, was badly cut in the back part of the head yesterday morning by an axe used by one of the workmen flying from the handle and striking him. The cut extended through the skull, and Dr. Butler, who is in attendance, regards Mr. Henry as being in a critical condition. He lives at No 13 South Oregon street.

Melancholy Death of Two Boys.—Yesterday afternoon, about 5 1/2 o'clock, an accident occurred at the sand bank of Hugh Brady, on John street, near Charles, by which John Bell, fourteen years of age, and John Burer, colored, twelve years of age, were instantly killed, by the caving in of a bank. A large party of men immediately went to work to recover the bodies, but up to 6 o'clock had not succeeded.

The National Board of Trade.—Messrs. Israel M. Parr, William Crichton and James R. Herbert have been chosen to represent the Corn and Flour Exchange of this city in the National Board of Trade, to meet in Richmond, Virginia, December 1st proximo; The Board of Trade delegates are Messrs. Robert R. Kirkland, Francis B. Loney and John R. Seemiller.

Sailed for Europe.—Mrs. G. Clarke and child, Miss Clarke and servant, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Richards, and T. J. Wedd, of Baltimore, sailed from New York on Wednesday, in the steamship Cuba, for Liverpool.

The Maryland Club Park Races.—The third day of the Maryland Club Park races was much better attended than on any previous occasion, a number of ladies being among those who witnessed the contests of speed. The first race called by the judges was the trot not decided on Wednesday, between John H. Bradley, Hoop, Fanny Allen and Star of the West. Both Bradley and Hoop had won a heat on Wednesday, the other two being decided as dead heats. At the call yesterday Star of the West was withdrawn, and the other three, after several false starts, got off in good style. Four heats were trotted, with the following result:

Bradley.....	3	1	3	1
Hoop.....	2	2	1	2
Fanny Allen.....	1	3	2	3

Time—2 3/4, 2 3/4, 2 3/4, 2 3/4.

The regular race of the day was for all horses, for a purse of \$2,000. The entries were as follows: Budd Doble, New York, entered Goldsmith Maid; Wm. H. Borat, New York, br. s. Geo. Wilkes; A. F. Fawcett, c. s. Bashaw, Jr.; John E. Turner, Philadelphia, b. m. Fanny Allex; Wm. H. Doble, Philadelphia, b. g. Hoopspur. Bashaw and Fanny Allen were withdrawn, the latter having already trotted four heats. Goldsmith Maid, Geo. Wilkes and Hoopspur came up on call, each looking the very perfection of horseflesh. The Maid was by long odds the favorite, although in the three heats trotted, her competitors managed to keep pretty close to her. The result was as follows:

Goldsmith Maid.....	3	1	2
Hoopspur.....	2	3	3
Geo. Wilkes.....	2	2	2

Time—2 27/4, 2 26/4, 2 26.

An exciting match is announced for this afternoon between Budd Doble's gelding Dot and A. Johnson's horse Patchen, for \$1,000. Both steeds are fast, and a good race may be anticipated. Yesterday afternoon, between the heats, there was a race between a gentleman on a velocipede to go a mile against Mr. D. Bishop Jr.'s horse Butcher Boy, in wagon, two miles. There was a fair start, but the velocipede gave out before reaching the first quarter pole. Mr. Bishop, however, drove the Butcher Boy the two miles, making excellent time for a green horse.

Funeral of Ex-Governor Pratt.—Funeral services were held at No. 35 St. Paul street, yesterday morning, over the remains of ex-Governor Thomas G. Pratt, the prayers being read by Rev. Dr. Mahan, of St. Paul's Church. In addition to the friends and relatives of the deceased, the general staff of Governor Bowie were present in citizens' dress, and accompanied the remains to the Camden station, where a special car was furnished by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to convey the remains to Annapolis. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Hon. Edward Johnson, Governor Oden Bowie, Hon. George Brent, Volcan Poc, Esq., Wm. H. Gatchell, Esq., Horatio L. Whitridge, Esq., James G. Berret, Esq. and Wm. H. Bruce, Esq. On the arrival of the remains at Annapolis they were conveyed to St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church, at which was assembled the numerous friends of the deceased. After the solemn funeral services of the Episcopal Church had been performed, the remains were conveyed to the cemetery.

Sales of Real Estate.—Messrs. J. B. Cannon & Co., auctioneers, sold yesterday afternoon, on the premises, a lot of ground fronting 18 feet 6 inches on the west side of South Emlaw street, near the Baltimore and Ohio railroad depot, with a depth of 123 feet 10 inches to China street, subject to an annual ground rent of \$120; improved by a three-story brick dwelling and store, and on China street by a new brick dwelling house; purchased by Henry Bergman for \$3,000. Messrs. Gibson & Co. auctioneers, sold yesterday, on the premises, the unexpired leasehold estates in six lots of ground and premises on the west side of Scott street, near St. Peter's alley, each lot 12 feet 1 1/2 inches front, with depths of 80 feet; each lot subject to a yearly ground rent of \$45 3/4, and improved by an unfinished building, built to the first floor of joists; the first sold for \$75, the second for \$50, and the other four for \$10 each; purchased by Edward W. Warner.

Larcenies.—Casper Kaufman was arraigned before Justice Bone yesterday, by policeman West, charged with stealing one meat block and one meat tray from the Hanover market, the property of Nicholas Trump and Andrew Wolf. He was released for the action of the grand jury. Elizabeth Thompson, colored, was arrested by policeman Ward, upon the charge of stealing a pocket-book, the property of Eliza Lee, No. 248 Hughes street, and was committed for the action of the grand jury.

Arm Broken.—Yesterday morning as John Brent, a brakeman employed on the Northern Central railroad, was engaged in coupling cars on North street, he had his left arm broken between the wrist and elbow. He was removed to his home, No. 188 East street, where the fracture was reduced by Dr. J. D. Thompson.

Without the Proper License.—David Wolf was arrested on Wednesday by policeman Rae, charged with selling merchandise and provisions without obtaining the license required by the 23d and 24th sections of article 56, of the code of public general laws. Justice Bone fined him \$20 and costs.

School Commissioner.—The city council in convention yesterday appointed Dr. Wm. T. Arnold a commissioner of the public schools from the fourteenth ward, in place of Dr. T. E. Kirby, who resigned.

Fast Driving.—Braxton Lynch was arrested yesterday by policeman Meushaw for driving at an immoderate rate of speed. He was fined \$3 and costs by Justice Haerert.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Prisoners' Aid Association.—The regular monthly meeting of the Prisoners' Aid Association was held last night at the Friends' Meeting House on Fatawastreet, G. S. Griffith, Esq., president, in the chair, and John Wm. Kines, secretary. The prison agent, Rev. P. H. Doll, made his monthly report. He stated that the association is rendering acceptable service to strangers who come to the city and get into trouble. Daily visits are made to the jail. During the month the cases of 24 of the prisoners have been inquired into, and six have been released. One old man was sent to Bayview Asylum. In visiting different cells, he was a little surprised to meet with one whose appearance indicated a superior position in society. He was from New York, and was a teacher of languages, giving references to several responsible parties as his friends. He came to Baltimore about the 2d of September, commenced drinking excessively, lost his clothing, was committed to jail, and soon after was seized with mania potu. He suffered intolerable agony, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Houck, physician to the city jail, he finally recovered. He was supplied with necessary clothing, released from jail, and sent to his friends in New York. The man expressed his surprise and gratitude for the timely relief. Another case was that of a young woman, about 22 years of age, who was committed as a vagrant, from pinching want. She came to Baltimore to get work, but failed. At her request she was sent home to New York. Another case was that of a young woman, from South Carolina, had just been released from jail. She had the appearance of a lady. Failing to find employment, and overcome with trouble, she was induced to drink, and in that condition was arrested and imprisoned. She said that but for the timely aid rendered by the association she would have committed suicide. Not being able to find employment, she was induced to accept a home at Bayview Asylum, where she is now a dissatisfied inmate. Five of the persons discharged from the penitentiary during the month received pecuniary aid. The inmates of the hospital are visited every Sunday, and religious conversation held with them. Two sermons are preached every week by the different ministers of the city. The male and female Sunday schools are kept up with decided interest and success.

The Thursday visitations to Bayview Asylum are continued, aided by Messrs. Bradford and Watta, members of the board.

The report was adopted, and the agent instructed to visit one or two of the counties during the next month. The meeting adjourned.

"The Inebriate Fair."—The meeting yesterday of the ladies connected with the fair for the benefit of the Inebriate Asylum was of more than usual interest. The attendance was perhaps larger than upon any former occasion. The principal business was the drawing for tables. Mr. Woodward Abrahams, from the committee of the hall, reported that they were ready to arrange the tables and would have the Institute duly prepared for their reception upon the morning of the 23d, when they could decorate their stands. The architect, Mr. Thomas Dixon, presented a drawing of the floor of the hall, with such specifications as exhibiting the whole plan, including sketches for the arches over the tables.

One lady was selected from each table to draw, and places were allotted by the number drawn. The ladies from the counties who notified the association that they would take tables were registered in the drawing by Mr. Dixon, who acted for them and selected their numbers. From the indications everything will be in readiness in time. A great variety of articles has been donated, and the tables in the main hall will be elegantly furnished, while the lunch room will be abundantly supplied with delicacies as well as the substantial.

Two of the best bands in the city are engaged during the season of the fair, occupying the hall alternate nights. The beautiful soda water font of Mr. Williams, which has been on exhibition during the mechanical fair, will remain, that gentleman very kindly donating the proceeds arising from the sale of mineral water to the asylum.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rhinehart, of Westminster, who presides over an auxiliary association, and contributes a table; also a communication from Mr. S. K. Davies, proposing to give two large concerts at the Masonic Temple during the winter, in connection with the fair. A notice was given that the tickets were ready and the ladies could be supplied by Mrs. Wm. G. Taylor, one of the secretaries, No. 240 North Howard street.

Presentation to the Maryland Institute.—On the occasion of the closing of the fair, on Wednesday night, the depositors representing houses out of the city presented to the Institute a beautifully framed photograph likeness of each. The presentation was made by Mr. Wm. Heath, of Bath, Maine, in some appropriate remarks. He dwelt upon various topics, and among others the number of hours which shall constitute a day's labor; the relation which labor sustains to the capital or moneyed interests of the country; of the mechanical and agricultural improvements, their application for the development of the resources of the country, and of the relation of the resources to their master and master to apprentices. He then spoke in terms of praise of the school of design, the lecture department, the library, and the educational and musical departments of the Institute.

Mr. James Young, president of the Institute responded. He said: "While we do not wish to detract from the fair same of similar institutions of other cities, we are proud of what the Maryland Institute is doing, not only in exhibiting to the world the ability and skill of our mechanics and artisans, but we are proud of our schools of design—of our school of writing and bookkeeping—of our singing school—of our popular, and chemical lectures—of our library—and last, though not least, we are proud of the estimation in which the Maryland Institute for the Promotion of the Mechanical Arts is held by the citizens of other States, as is proved by the handsome and artistic display of beautiful and useful articles exhibited at its twenty-second annual fair by other than our own citizens." The company afterwards partook of a sumptuous repast, gotten up by Mr. P. Maguire, on North Gaynt.

No spirituous or mist liquors were drunk on the occasion, and the affair closed with speeches, in which the foreign depositors expressed great gratification, and their intention to be present next year.

Another Merchant Dead.—John W. Pitts, of the firm of Pitts, Graham & Co., wholesale grocers of this city, died at the residence of his daughter, Accome county, Virginia, on the 8th instant. Mr. Pitts, although only 29 years of age, had shown great capacities, having conducted a large business with much success.

Stealing Jewellery.—Peter Miles, colored, was arrested yesterday, by policeman Kild, charged with entering the premises of Seth H. Lucas colored, No. 136 Clear alley, and stealing therefrom a lot of jewelry, valued at \$30. Justice Wubeler committed him for the action of the grand jury.

Sent to the House of Refuge.—Harmar Workman was arrested yesterday, by policeman Bick, on the complaint of his mother, she being unable to control him. He was sent to the house of refuge by Justice Gorsuch.