

LOCAL MATTERS.

Death of Col. Jacob G. Davies.—At about one o'clock yesterday morning Col. Jacob G. Davies, an old and highly respectable citizen, died at the residence of his son, Solomon B. Davies, No. 155 St. Paul street, in the 62d year of his age. Colonel Davies was born in the city of Baltimore, on the 29th day of May, 1796. When quite a youth, and before having arrived at the age to bear arms, the late war with England took place, and, fired with zeal for the defense of his country, he volunteered in the company commanded by Captain (since Judge) Magruder, and was engaged in the battle of Bladensburg. Soon after that battle he received a commission as lieutenant of cavalry in the United States army, during the administration of President Madison. Shortly after that peace was declared, and there was no other service. As soon as he attained his majority he made a tour of the continent of Europe, and on his return engaged in mercantile business, which he pursued for many years, and always had a high character for strict integrity and probity. Having a love for military affairs, he joined the citizen soldiery and was made brigade major. He was subsequently promoted to the colonelcy of the second regiment of cavalry. After serving several years in that capacity he retired and did not engage in the military service until the breaking out of the mob of 1835. He was then appointed to the command of a troop of horse attached to the City Guards. He was next elected to the colonelcy of the fifty-third regiment of volunteer militia, which post he held until 1851, when he resigned, but still held an honorary membership in the regiment. Throughout his whole life he took a deep interest in military affairs, and it was owing in a great measure to his energy that the fifty-third regiment rose to its high position. In 1846 Col. Davies was elected mayor of the city, and again in 1848, and retired from the office with an unusual popularity in 1850. In 1853 he was appointed postmaster of the city of Baltimore under the administration of President Pierce, and conducted its affairs to the general satisfaction of the citizens. For a year or two past the health of Col. D. rapidly declined, and for some months past he was confined almost entirely to his room. His career was useful and honorable, and his death will be regretted by a large circle of sincere friends.

The funeral will take place at one o'clock tomorrow afternoon, from his late residence, and will be attended by all the commissioned officers of the light division, under Gen. Steuart; the fifty-third regiment, under the command of Lieut. Col. S. S. Mills. The Law Grays, from the command of Col. J. W. Watkins, will also join in the tribute of respect. The line of procession will form on St. Paul streets, and pass through Madison, Cathedral, Saratoga, Green, German and Fremont street to St. Paul's cemetery, where the body will be deposited in the family vault.

Death of Col. J. Mabury Turner.—Yesterday evening at six o'clock Col. J. Mabury Turner died, after a protracted illness, in the 51th year of his age. Col. T. was well and favorably known for many years as one of the most prominent butchers of the city. He was born on the old Belair road, and has spent his whole life in the city of his nativity. As a friend, he possessed warm and generous impulses, while to the poor he ever dealt with a bountiful hand. He was seriously injured about a year and a half ago, since which time his health has steadily declined. He leaves a large family and many friends to mourn their loss.

Accident from Firearms.—Wm. Shaffer, a lad about twelve years of age, was accidentally shot on Sunday afternoon, on Light street, near Williamson, by the discharge of a pistol in the hands of one of a party of young men who were tussling for the possession of the weapon. The ball struck in the arm of the lad, inflicting a wound which may result in amputation.

Another.—A young man named Wills was badly shot yesterday morning, at the dwelling of his father on Pennsylvania avenue, near Dolphin st. In removing some clothing from a wardrobe in his chamber, a loaded pistol was dragged from the shelf and fell upon the floor, exploding one of the barrels and lodging a ball in the calf of his left leg. A surgeon was called, who extracted the ball and dressed his wound.

Fire.—On Sunday night an attempt was made to kindle a fire under the back shedding of a dwelling on Carey street, near Pratt. A bucket of tar, similar to that used for oiling cars, was placed therein and set on fire. The incendiary attempt was discovered by the inmates, and frustrated by the application of several buckets of water.

A fire broke out shortly after 11 o'clock on Sunday night, in the house of Patrick Connelly, on Block street, by which a bedstead and two beds were destroyed. It originated from a spark from a candle falling into a basket of shavings. It was extinguished by the police without raising an alarm.

Condition of the Wounded.—The condition of William Bodman, an account of the dastardly shooting of whom in his own house, on Fort avenue, by a party of men on the morning of Sunday appeared in our last issue, was yesterday represented to be more hopeful by his attending physician, Prof. N. R. Smith, although no definite result can as yet be foretold. The ball yet remains in the wound, the instruments having failed to reach it. Charles Hagan, who was shot at the new city-gas works by the same party about an hour after the perpetration of the above, is easier, and his physician, Dr. McKew, anticipates a full recovery. Nothing has been learned of the guilty parties, and they will in all probability escape the punishment due them for their crimes.

Health of the City.—The report of the health commissioner for the week ending yesterday morning shows a total mortality in the city of 94. Of that number 28 were under one year; 9 were between one and two years; 10 were between two and five years, and 8 were between five and ten years—making a total of 55 under ten years of age. There were 13 deaths from consumption; 9 from scarlet fever; 9 from small-pox; 5 from old age; 3 from dropsy, and 15 infantile unknown.—Of the sexes there were 51 males and 43 females. The whole adult mortality was only 39, being about the weekly average for the past two years. The ratio is one to every 2,560 of the whole population, showing a remarkable degree of good health, notwithstanding the many and sudden changes in the weather.

The High Street Homicide.—The case of John Clagett, charged with the willful murder of Jerome B. White, at the "High Street Hotel," on the 26th of October, occupied the Criminal Court yesterday, it being the seventh day since its commencement. The instructions proposed on the part of the State to the jury were withdrawn, and the facts and the law were argued before the jury by Mr. J. L. Thomas for the prosecution, and the Hon. Henry Winter Davis for the defense. The case will be closed to-day by Mr. Wallis for the defense and Mr. Whitney for the State. The court-room yesterday was more densely packed, if such a thing is possible, than previously, and the interest in the result is greater than in any case tried here for several years.

Youthful Incendiarists.—About noon on Saturday the dwelling No. 100 Cider alley, and occupied by a colored man named Hiram Tate, was set on fire by a gang of boys, who threw some lighted combustibles into a window where several bed-quilts were hanging for an airing. The goods ignited, and for a moment threatened the destruction of the house. Several of the officers of the western district were soon on the spot, and put out the flames before an alarm was caused thereby. These bold juvenile beginners will give the corporation some trouble as they grow older, if this operation be a sample of the sports they indulge in.

Wholesale Suspension of Officers.—The chief marshal of police seems to be acting with stern energy in his efforts to obtain a strict conformity on the part of the officers to the rules and regulations governing the department. Yesterday he summoned before him ten men of the eastern district force, six of the middle, and two sergeants of police of the middle and two of the western district, on charges preferred against them. They were all suspended from service. This was only done after the marshal had satisfied himself personally of the truth of the several charges. The charges against the officers were for refusing to perform against the officers their beats unprotected.

Mysterious Disappearance.—Mr. John McCambridge, a man of family, and living at No. 100 St. Howard street, left his residence on the morning of Friday last, since which time nothing has been heard of him or his whereabouts. It is stated that he arose from his bed on the morning of his disappearance at two o'clock and left the house, and it is supposed wandered away or met with some mishap. He is about fifty years of age and carried one arm, which was recently broken, in a sling. His friends and family are greatly distressed on account of his absence.

Appointment of an Assistant Pastor.—The Most Rev. Archbishop of Baltimore has appointed the Rev. Mr. Byrne, late of St. Matthew's church, Washington, D. C., to the office of assistant pastor of St. Vincent's church of this city. The announcement was publicly made on Sunday last by Rev. Mr. Obermeyer, pastor of that church. The new incumbent enters upon his sacred duties at once.

Sale of Property.—Messrs. Adreon & Co., auctioneers, sold yesterday afternoon, at the Exchange, a lot of ground on the north side of German street, near Eutaw, having a front of 23 feet and a depth of 87 feet. It is improved by a large new two-story factory building, and was purchased by Franklin Wilson for \$950, subject to an annual ground rent of \$176.

The Weather.—There was quite an agreeable change in the weather yesterday, the temperature having been like that of spring. Throughout the whole day the sky was cloudless, and the close was as beautiful as the morning had been. The streets dried considerably, which made pedestrianism more agreeable.

A Crash.—On Sunday afternoon a portion of the third floor of the warehouse of Messrs. Whitelock & Co., at the corner of Gay and High streets, fell with a crash. A large quantity of guano had been stored on the floor, under the weight of which it fell. The damage was of little consequence.

Dancing on Sunday.—Owen Dougherty and Peter McKurley were arrested by officers Casson and Work of the southern district, while dancing on Sunday night in a house on Hughes st. They were arraigned before Justice Boyd, who fined them \$2.50 and let them go.

Full Work Resumed.—On and after to-day we understand the workmen at the Mount Clare shops of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company will be put on full time. A large amount of freight is now passing over the road, which requires a large force for the necessary repairs to the locomotives and cars.

Whipped Her Husband.—Officer Males, of the middle district police, yesterday arrested a woman named Mary Devine on the charge of assaulting and beating her husband, Francis Devine. She was held for trial by Justice Mearis.

Pocket Picked.—On Saturday Mr. Washington Shipley, proprietor of the Maryland House, had his pocket picked of a port monnaie containing \$20 50, whilst attending the sale at Patmore's public house, West Baltimore street.

Violating Ordinances.—D. Root and R. Lester, for conjointly firing off a pistol in the street, were arraigned before Justice Jams of the western district, who fined each \$1 with costs and discharged them.

Inquest.—Coroner Chalmers yesterday morning held an inquest over the body of a female colored infant found on a vacant lot in the northwestern part of the city. A verdict of still-born was rendered.

Theft of a Gold Chain.—Sergeant McComas yesterday arrested two men named Robert Mason and Charles Hubbard on the charge of stealing a gold chain from a colored woman. They were committed for trial by Justice McKinley.

Governor Hicks.—Hon. Thomas H. Hicks, Governor elect, is now in the city and stopping at the Fountain Hotel. He is looking well and his health is almost entirely restored.

Appointment.—The mayor has appointed Conrad Souder constable, in place of Wm. Richardson, resigned.