HOLIDAY GOODS.

"Little drops of printer's ink,
A little type 'displayed,'
Make our merchant princes,
And all their big parade."

Now is the time to advertise holiday goods in THE CRITIC.

The Critic is delivered for 35c. per month.

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AS YOU LIKE IT.

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts."

The part a successful Washington business man plays is to advertise in THE CRITIC.

Wants of 3 lines in The Critic 3 times 25c.

18TH YEAR—WHOLE NO. 5,418. WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22, 1885. PRICE TWO CENTS.

WOODWARD & LOTHROP.

ELEVATED CASH RAILWAY.

Surprisingly Quick Work—39 Way Stations—3 Cashiers—All Previous Records Broken.

By actual count our cashiers can make change, sixty transactions in 5 minutes, on the average of 12 per minute. Anything nearer perfection than this has not yet been attained in quickly handling a large volume of trade, and we consider them the most expert handlers of change in this city.

Not satisfied with the Elevated Cash Railway, we conceived the idea of elevating our bundle wrappers, and were more than pleased at the result, having established them in each department, and while the cashier is making the change the bundle is being wrapped, and in a few seconds the transaction is over.

No confusion, no noise, no time lost, and the above facilities coupled with others, and expert sales people, warrant us in saying that we can undoubtedly wait upon a larger number of customers in a given space of time than any house in this city.

Our establishment is ready for business at 8 o'clock a. m. and is kept open until 9 p. m. The light is the same every minute of the time; and before 10 o'clock in the morning and after 5 o'clock in the evening is the best time to shop, or rather we can then give you better attention.

We shall always be under obligations to the people of Washington for the most liberal patronage extended us the past six years, and shall endeavor to reciprocate as far as lies in our power, but we shall be under still further obligations if they will endeavor to do the major part of their shopping on

MONDAY, December 21;
TUESDAY, December 22;
WEDNESDAY, December 23,

as we can then give them the attention they deserve and that we desire to give.

SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING.

Fine Kid Gloves	In boxes
Fine Handkerchiefs	In boxes
Initial Handkerchiefs	In boxes
Lisle Thread Hosiery	In boxes
Fine Silk Hosiery	In boxes
Silk Mufflers	In boxes
Duchess Lace goods	In boxes
Silk and Satin Suspenders	In boxes
Ladies' Collars and Cuffs	In boxes

In fact, all purchases that will warrant it, or where the beauty of the article is enhanced.

Select your presents from sensible, substantial and practical stuffs, which are undoubtedly the most acceptable and most appreciated.

Christmas Dress Patterns.
Christmas Silk Fabrics.
Christmas Wraps and Gossamers.
Christmas Table Linens and Sets.
Christmas Velvets and Plushes.
Christmas Laces and Fichus.
Christmas Silk Umbrellas.
Christmas Gloves and Hosiery.
Christmas Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.
Christmas Bronzes, Figures, etc.

Make your selections NOW.

WOODWARD & LOTHROP.

Warm Walking Skirts.

Such a splendid assortment has never before been shown by us, comprising immense bargains in

Fine Worsted Knit Skirts.
Fine Colored Felt Skirts.
Fine Melton Cloth Skirts.
Fine All-wool Flannel Skirts.
Fine Italian Cloth Skirts.
Fine colored Satin Skirts.

In colors and at prices to please everybody.

(Second floor; take elevator.)

WOODWARD & LOTHROP.

Men's Xmas Neckwear.

We have opened an elegant line of Men's Christmas Scarfs, in Puffs, Tecks, Knots, Little and Big Flats, etc., in an almost indescribable array of choice colorings of the richest hues. Also White and Black Silk and Satin Dude Bows and White Lawn Ties and Bows.

Particular attention is attracted to our line of

25 and 50c Scarfs.

WOODWARD & LOTHROP,

Boston Dry Goods House,

ONE PRICE ONLY,

921 Pa. ave. 912 D st.

LANSBURGH & BRO.

This cold weather before Christmas compels people to buy heavy goods if they need them. So, why not buy something that would make a nice present, both for appearance and warmth. There are a good many people up to this time that have not yet bought presents for those intending to give them to, and a great many people, as late as it is, have not yet decided what to buy. So let us advise you that all this season of the year, with the cold weather that is promised us, nothing would make a more welcome present than a

BLANKET.

We have a large supply on hand, from a very cheap one to a very fine California Blanket.

We have a 10-4 White Blanket for $1.00.

We have a 10-4 White Blanket for $2.25.

This is a very good Blanket for that money, and just reduced from $2.65.

We have a 10-4 White Blanket, for $3.25.

This is a Lamb's Wool Blanket, and has been selling for more money.

We have a 11-4 White Blanket for $3.50.

This is an elegant heavy blanket.

We have a 11-4 White Blanket for $4.00

that has been selling for $5.00. These have lovely Grecian borders.

We have a 11-4 White Blanket for $5.00.

This is extra heavy and full size in straight stripes and Grecian borders.

We have a 12-4 White Blanket as low as $4.00.

This is a rare bargain if you take in consideration the size.

We have a 12-4 Lamb's Wool Blanket for $5.50.

We have a few more of those large extra heavy full-sized Blankets that we have been selling for $6.00.

We have a 12-4 Wool Blanket we are selling for $7.00.

We have a 11-4 California Blanket for $7.50.

A 11-4 California Blanket, extra heavy, for $9.50.

A 12-4 California Blanket for $9.00.

A 12-4 California Blanket, extra heavy, pretty borders, for $11.00.

A 13-4 California Blanket for $13.50.

A 13-4 California Blanket, extra heavy, for $15.00.

Also California Blanket for $16.50

that we sold for $20, and are worth that today.

BLANKETS FOR THE BABY.

A Crib Blanket for $1.50.

An extra heavy Crib Blanket for $2.00.

An extra large Crib Blanket for $2.75.

A 12-4 Crib Blanket, very heavy, splendid quality, for $3.50.

Crib Blankets, with Grecian borders, in red or blue, for $4.00.

Embroidered Crib Blankets, the word Baby embroidered in the centre, for $2.75.

Handsomer Embroidered for $3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50 and 6.00.

Bed Comforts.

These also make such nice presents.

We have them as low as 75c.

Full size Red Comforts for $1.00.

Much better for $1.20, 1.50, 1.75.

Turkey Red and Red and Black for $2.00.

Turkey Red Comforts, heavy quilted centre, for $2.50.

Large size heavy Comforts, Turkey Red on one side, Cretonne on the other, for $2.75.

Satteen Bed Comforts for $3.75. Plain Pink and Blue Satteen Bed Comforts, heavily quilted, for $4.25.

Bed Spreads make nice presents. We have some very fine imported Bed Spreads, especially gotton for Christmas presents.

Cloaks. Cloaks. Cloaks.

Buy one of these for a present. If it does not suit the receiver of the present we will exchange it.

We have a choice selection of Seal Skin Sacques which we warrant.

KID GLOVES. KID GLOVES.

A real Jouvin Kid Glove, in 4-but., for 68c. In 6 but. for 98c.

These are the genuine Jouvin make, and are worth $1.75 and $2.25 a pair. We will promise to exchange these if the size chosen should not prove correct. Gloves make estimable presents.

DRESS ROBES, nicely done up in boxes, suitable for Christmas presents, in different styles.

Handkerchiefs Handkerchiefs

In Silk and Linen, all conceivable styles and prices, nicely done up in fancy boxes.

1,000 different kinds of Brass and Plush articles for Christmas presents.

Books & Cards for Christmas Presents

Take a last look at these. We won't have any after the holidays; selling them out rapidly.

Bisque Figures very cheap. Only a limited quantity of these. You must come at once to make your selections, as these are only sample lots, and sold at less than half of their appraised value.

Stacks of all kinds of goods for Christmas presents, we are unable to mention.

LANSBURGH & BRO.,

STRICTLY ONE PRICE.

420-422-424-426 Seventh St.

Store open until 10 p. m. this week.

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

Can Appointments Be Made During the Holiday Recess?

THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT.

Another Claim Disallowed by the First Comptroller.

WHITE HOUSE CALLERS TO-DAY.

An Old Report Revived About Mr. Higgins' Successor.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

An Old Report Revived. — The report is revived that Mr. Albright will succeed Mr. Higgins as Treasury appointment clerk early in January and Mr. Higgins will be provided for elsewhere in the Treasury.

The Fisheries. — Assistant Secretary Fairchild has directed customs officials to collect and transmit to the Treasury Department statistics concerning the fishery interests, and bearing upon the subject of the negotiation of of a fishery treaty.

The Cabinet Meeting.—The Cabinet met this afternoon with all of the members present except Secretary Whitney, who is out of the city. The Secretaries of War and Interior were late in arriving. The session lasted until 2:45 p. m.

After Christmas Trees.—The workmen in the public grounds are now busy trimming the evergreens in the various reservations, and their work is closely followed by many people who want the cast-off boughs to utilize for Christmas trees.

Department Christmas Holidays.—It was decided at the Cabinet meeting this afternoon to close the Executive Departments at noon on Thursday, and arrangements will be made to allow the employes at least half the time off during the week ending New Year's.

Another Claim Disallowed.—The First Comptroller of the Treasury has disallowed an item of $1,800 in the account of Mr. Colman, Commissioner of Agriculture. The expenditure was similar to those for which Mr. Loring's account was disallowed. Commissioner Colman claims that the payments were made during his absence.

Holiday Recess Appointments.—A very high law officer of the Government said to-day that in his opinion the adjournment of Congress from yesterday until January 5 is a "recess" of Congress, under the statutes, and that the President has the same right to appoint officials at this time that he undoubtedly had during the period from the adjournment of the special session of the Senate last April until the convening of Congress this month. No appointments have been made heretofore during a holiday recess.

Suspended Land Entries.—Of 216 final homestead cases in Dakota and Nebraska, the board of examiners appointed by Commissioner Sparks has recommended 126 for approval for patent; the others are held for further evidence and investigation. In 35 pre-emption cases in Dakota, one is approved, eight rejected and twenty-six held for special inquiry. The board consists of Assistant Commissioner Stockslager, Chief Clerk Walker and Law Clerk Le Barnes.

Rules on Railroad Reports. — The Secretary of the Interior has issued the following order in connection with the system of rules recently prescribed for railroad reports: The several reports embraced in the system prescribed under 27th of Nov., 1885, with reference to the subsidized and land grant railroads from number five to and including number thirteen will be kept strictly in your personal charge and subjected to and inspection or scrutiny of no one except yourself, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior and his assistant secretaries The rules referred to go into effect December 31 and the first report is due from the railroads on February 15.

The President's Callers.—Among the President's callers this morning were Senator Voorhees and ex-Senator McDonald of Indiana and Senator Cullom; Representatives Beach, Reagan, Hanback, Peters, Lowry, Ward of Indiana, Cox, O'Neill of Missouri, O'Neill of Pennsylvania, Thompson, Scott, Le Fevre and Farquhar. Representative Springer of Illinois called to introduce James B. Ricks of Chicago, who wanted to talk with the President. Representative Ward introduced several Chicago friends. Among other callers were S. A. Merritt of Utah, Charles Gibson of St. Louis and the venerable Joseph Francis, inventor of live-saving cars. The President had a talk with the latter, who is 85 years of age. Mr. Gibson also had an interview lasting some minutes. It is thought that his business was in connection with the Austrian matter.

Minor and Personal.

Reuben A. Allen, agent for the Blackfeet Indians in Montana, has resigned.

W. E. Sebree of this city is the lowest bidder for furnishing mail tags for the Postoffice Department.

Charles M. McKenzie was to-day appointed postmaster at Brady, Md., vice Richard F. Bunce, removed.

Tholas Penn was appointed postmaster at Penn's Store, Patrick County, Va., vice Ella V. Busick, resigned.

Miss H. L. Burke was to-day appointed to a $720 clerkship in the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General. This is a civil-service appointment.

Assistant Secretary Fairchild has recommended that consular agents be required to certify one invoice for the entire amount of merchandise of the same description sent in the same vessel.

Commissioner Black has decided upon the application for a pension of an ex-veteran, who deserted and never rejoined his command, that his discharge from his first enlistment contract perfected his rights thereunder, which were not forfeited by his failure to comply with the terms of a subsequent contract.

The personal effects of Joseph Heldesberger, who died at Cuba, including a watch and chain, a bank book showing $340 to his credit in a New Orleans bank, and over $10 in money were forwarded to the State Department by the consul-general at Havana. The Treasury officials will endeavor to find the heir or heirs through the bank.

The Excursion to New Orleans.

The Senators, Representatives and newspaper correspondents who wish to leave Washington on Christmas night on the Baltimore & Ohio excursion to the New Orleans Exposition should notify Major Pangborn, in Baltimore. That company has tendered the courtesies of its lines, including sleeping coaches. The party will leave the B. & O. Depot at 10 p. m.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

Matters Under Consideration by the Commissioners.

The teachers of the public schools will be paid to-morrow, at the Franklin and Sumner school buildings, at 2:30 p. m.

Fire Marshal Drew has called the attention of the Commissioners to the danger from fire in house No. 520 Fourth street.

The Commissioners have received from Major of Police Dye his report for the quarter ending September 30, 1885. The total number of arrests was 7,473, 1,281 of the persons arrested being colored.

The Commissioners have notified Messrs. S. G. Arnold and others, who petitioned for the extension of School street at Mount Pleasant, that they find no sufficient reason for involving the District in this expense at present.

The number of applicants for bar-room licenses has increased over last year about 15 per cent. The number of applications filed for such licenses is 687, while this time last year the number was in the neighborhood of 600.

In the controversy between the District Commissioners and Treasurer Jordan relative to the appointment of Miss Mott to a position in the Sinking Fund office, the Treasurer replies to the recent letter of the Commissioners. He states that he does not admit that the Sinking Fund office is under the control or jurisdiction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. As yet the Commissioners have not responded.

AT THE CAPITOL.

Various Matters Under Consideration by Both Branches of Congress.

There was scarcely a member of either house of Congress to be seen at the Capitol today, and the committee rooms, like the legislative chambers, were deserted. The statements of Congressional employes and of hotel clerks indicate that there has never been a smaller Congressional representation in Washington during the holidays than will be the case this year. The Speaker will remain here most of the time, and Colonel Morrison will not go away. The other leaders of the House will all be missing. Very few of the Senators will remain. The important Senate committees will hold no holiday sessions, it being generally agreed to postpone the contests over the nominations until Congress reconvenes.

Of the nominations sent to the Senate yesterday the following were new, in addition to the postmasters: Receivers of public moneys—R. W. Hutchins, at Humboldt, Col.; F. M. Siebach, at Yankton, Dak.; William O. Mills, at Eureka, Nev. Registers of the Land Office—Thomas H. Davis, at Lincoln, Neb.; David R. Ball, at Eureka, Nev.

The Senate bills regulating railroad tracks in this city, appropriating $210,000 for a lighthouse board building, and incorporating the cable railroad company were introduced in the House yesterday.

The petition of citizens of Washington for better and cheaper gas has been withdrawn from the files of the Senate and referred to the District of Columbia Committee.

Senator Van Wyck and Representative Weaver have introduced bills providing for a territorial government of Oklahoma and No Man's land, and opening them to settlement.

At the conclusion of Senator Beck's arraignment of the financial policy of the Administration, yesterday, Senator Morrill expressed regret that the Senate Chamber should be the scene of such an expression of lack of confidence in the President and Secretary of the Treasury, but as no Republican Senator was prepared to take up the defense at that time, he moved that the Senate should go into executive session. The executive session was not a long one. John Bigelow, assistant treasurer at New York, was the only person confirmed, and at its conclusion the Senate adjourned for the holidays.

The Senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the nomination of John Bigelow to be assistant treasurer of the United States at New York.

Senator Logan yesterday introduced a bill to regulate appointments in the Marine Hospital Service, which authorizes the President to appoint applicants after they have passed an examination in medicine, surgery and hygiene. After four years' service applicants shall be promoted to passed assistant surgeons. He also introduced a bill to place on the pension rolls the names of all soldiers and sailors who, while in the service of the United States, were taken prisoners and confined in so-called Confederate prisons.

Congressman Gibson of Maryland yesterday filed the petition of the First Reformed Church of Sharpsburg, Washington County, for payment of a bill of $808.22 for rent of that church for a hospital in 1861.

Mr. Henderson intends to introduce in the House the Senate bill for the removal of the Rawlins statue, and also a bill exempting from execution the property of widows and orphans in the District to the amount of $800.

Mr. McComas introduced in the House today a bill to regulate the insurance business in the District of Columbia, and one to revise the criminal code of the District. These are the same bills introduced by him last session.

Mr. Weaver introduced a bill to defray the liabilities of the District of Columbia under certain executed contracts.

Mr. Lawler introduced in the House yesterday, a bill for the erection of a monument at Bunkhill, Ill., to the memory of the late Thomas A. Hendricks.

Mr. Henley of California yesterday introduced a bill to repay to the several States and Territories and to the District of Columbia the money collected under the direct tax levied by Congress in 1861.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Orders, Details, Leaves, Furloughs and Other Matters of Interest.

Fifty recruits are ordered to the Third Cavalry.

First Lieutenant Louis P. Brant, First Infantry, will proceed to join his company (F, Captain Leopold O. Parker's) at Fort Lowell, Arizona, when the recruiting station at Geneva, N. Y., (which he is commanding) is closed.

First Lieutenant Wm. H. Hamner, Twentieth Infantry, reported at Fort Leavenworth last Friday from Fort Assiniboine, Montana, for duty at the military prison. Mrs. Hamner remained at St. Paul to spend the holidays with relatives there.

The young officers on duty at the Fort Leavenworth Army School are scattering to their various homes on short leaves to spend the holidays. Lieutenant William S. Scott, First Cavalry, goes to Texas; Lieutenant Francis G. Irwin, jr., to Tennessee; Lieutenant Hugh J. McGrath, Fourth Cavalry, to Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Lieutenant Omar Bundy, Third Infantry, at Evansville, Indiana, and Lieutenant Charles D. Clay, Seventeenth Infantry, at Lexington, Kentucky.

Army Leaves Granted—Captain Alpheus H. Bowman, Ninth Infantry, Fort David A. Russell, fifteen days. First Lieutenant Robert T. Emmet, Ninth Cavalry, Fort Niobrara, Nebraska, twenty-one days. Lieutenant William J. Pardee, Eighteenth Infantry, Fort Leavenworth, eleven days. Major Henry G. Thomas, paymaster, six months further extension of sick leave. Major Blencoe E. Fryer, surgeon, six months' extension of sick leave. Captain Walter Read, assistant surgeon, one month extension. Captain Hiram H. Ketcham, Twenty-second Infantry, three months' extension.

Brigadier-General John Gibbon, commanding the Department of the Columbia, recently disapproved the findings and sentence of a man convicted by a general court-martial of drunkenness on guard, sentenced the court (of which a lieutenant-colonel was president) as follows: "The department commander regrets to find that in a court composed of thirteen members some influence or prejudice, not apparent by the record, should be permitted to have such sway as to induce it to sentence one man to dishonorable discharge, the forfeiture of all pay and confinement at hard labor for six months, and on the same day sentence another for identically the same offense to a sentence which a garrison court could impose. Such inconsistency cannot be permitted to pass without the severest condemnation. Courts-martial are for the administration of justice to all alike, and justice demands that all like offenses should receive something like the same punishment. But for the impracticability of reconvening the court, it would be ordered to reconsider its sentence in this case."

ALLEGED PERJURERS.

Efforts to Prove the Falsity of Statements at the Belt Divorce Suit.

The charges of perjury growing out of the Belt divorce case were resumed in the Police Court to-day. The case of ex-Policeman Wm. T. Benton, which was begun several days ago, was taken up. Benton is charged with falsely swearing before the commissioners appointed by the Baltimore courts. The alleged false testimony was to the effect that he was a policeman on the beat which took in No. 1708 L street and that this house was suspicioned of not being respectable. Also that the lady represented by a photograph (Mrs. Godfrey) shown him by the commissioners was found by him in the parlor of the house lying on the sofa with a gentleman, and that he saw her come down stairs in her night clothes on another occasion.

Mrs. Wysong, who lived at No. 1708 L street, swore that Mrs. Godfrey never lived at her house and was never there. Colonel William G. Moore testified that during the year in question he lived at 1710 L street, and never heard the reputation of the house questioned. He never saw Mrs. Godfrey there. Officer Lamb was put on and he contradicted the statement of Benton about a conversation that Benton said he had with him in 1879. The police records were put on record to show that Benton was not on the beat taking in L street at the time mentioned and that he was on duty in Georgetown at the time.

The defense put in no evidence and the Court took the case under consideration and said he would dispose of this case under the disposal of the others.

Mr. Randall and the Tariff.

The air for the past few days has been full of reports that Mr. Randall was going to open the tariff agitation by the introduction of a tariff bill. Mr. Randall has authorized a statement that he will do nothing of the kind. He says that he will not introduce any tariff bill whatever. He further says that while he thinks a revision and perhaps a reduction on some articles should be made, yet he believes that it would be just as well for "the laboring and business interests of the country to avoid all tariff legislation at the present time." If there should be introduced a bill which, in Mr. Randall's opinion, would not accord with the Democratic national platform, or would be inimical to the labor interests of the country, he will favor such a modification of it as would constitute what he regards as consistent and not haphazard revision.

Boycotting Ticket Scalpers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The passenger agents of the trunk lines met here yesterday and decided that on and after to-day ticket scalpers are to be boycotted.

THE SHOPPING SEASON.

Holiday Purchasers Out on the Avenue in Force.

SKETCHES BY OUR ARTIST.

Animated Throngs Upon the Streets and in the Stores.

This is the time of year when the shopping fever, from which the feminine system is seldom free, breaks out, and becomes a virulent epidemic. Christmas is near at hand, and the shopper has taken the town. She does not care whether Congress is in session or not; whether Theebaw's sacred white elephant has breathed his last, or whether the home rule scheme for Ireland will be on the basis of a Grattan Parliament, or only provide for one legislative chamber. She does not even care to keep posted in the quotations which show the fluctuations in the dimensions of the bustle. She will tell you that shopping is "such a bore," but you could not keep her at home with an anchor chain. Sometimes very bad weather will prevent her from going the rounds for more than a few hours, but on such a balmy day as this has been she owns the streets all day long, and has a ground mortgage on them for several hours of the night. And as she knows that all of her sisters have a bent similar to her own, she is very careful in her attire. The consequence is that the streets present pictures as bright and often as radiant as the morn. This has been the case to-day. All of the stores have been crowded with ladies, old and young. They have looked at thousands of articles and purchased many of them, the ratio of purchases being of course very small as compared with the number of inspections. But by the looks of the proprietors of the stores it was evident that they were satisfied, and that in the language of the reporter who winds up his account of a sporting event "a large sum of money changed hands." It has indeed been an interesting day. All has been bright, cheery and attractive, and of course our artist was out in force.

He was not doing any shopping, but he was looking at those who did; and he made a few sketches. He came

BEAUTY AMONG THE TOYS.

across a very pretty young lady in a toy shop on Seventh street and reproduced her as she was inspecting a Chinese doll, which will become the property of her niece next Friday morning. This young lady had been out for five hours, but she looked as fresh as she did when she set out upon her expedition and was just as much interested in the shopping business as ever. She is a brave shopper and will buy anything that she may want except one. She would not for the world asked to be shown any baby rattles. Somehow or other when unmarried they all draw the line at the baby rattle. Another

THE LADY WHO SHOPS IN HER CARRIAGE.

lady whom our artist sketched was in her carriage and had just come from a store where she had made "a few purchases." She looks immensely satisfied, as Jeems, her gaudy footman, comes out laden with what she has bought. She is fully cognizant of the fact that many pairs of eyes are looking at her irreproachable self, outfit, and apparent power to buy almost anything she wants. This lady, although she has reached that period in life when she would just as willingly ask for baby rattles as for mousquetaire gloves, is yet very nice to look upon.

CITY HALL NOTES.

News Gleaned from the Court Records by "Critic" Reporters.

Charles T. Shelton was to-day accepted as a talesman in the Criminal Court to fill a vacancy in the panel of petit jurors.

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: John W. Moore and Lucy A. Scott; John H. Boose and Lucy A. Knight; J. S. Carroll and Kate C. Boswell, both of Prince George's County, Md.; Willis Gasking and Georgie Branson; B. F. Mitchell of Fauquier County, Va., and Lucy C. R. Carter of Clark County, Va.; C. H. Zier and Jennie B. Cooke; C. H. Gaither of St. Mary's County, Md., and Ida S. Lambeth of this city; L. G. Nixon of this city, and Matie Moore of Bloomington, Ill.; B. W. Burdine and Charlotte Bennett; Henry Jarvis, jr., and Estelle V. Wood; Frank Hawkins and Annie Jackson; F. J. Rose and Ida M. Bilgan, both of Prince George's County, Md.; Samuel Mealdin and Eliza Whitsell; B. De Grey of California and George Long of this city; George Olney and Mary Butler; L. H. Coggswell of Baltimore, Md., and Annie B. Cooper of this city.

"Ericsson's Destroyer."

Lieutenant William H. Jaques, U. S. N., has written a very interesting monograph of fifty pages for Putnam's Sons' series of "Questions of the Day" on "Ericsson's Destroyer and Submarine Gun," which is now being tested in England by a special board of British Navy officers. It is decidedly interesting, as showing a marked advance in modern marine methods of warfare. The publication has been received at Brentano's.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded: Richard Young to Martha E. Davidson, part of lot 133, in Burchard's addition to Georgetown, $75; B. H. Warner to G. A. Paul, lot 134, square 271, $750; August Burgdorf to Stilson Hutchins, sub-lot B, square 160, $10,000; Thomas and Mary Fane to John F. Adams, lot 152 sub-square 505, $400.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

The Breach in the Liberal Party Greatly Widened.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The publication of Lord Hartington's letter disavowing Gladstone's scheme of home rule for Ireland, has greatly widened the breach in the Liberal party. There are plain indications of many desertions from the Liberal ranks, at least on the Irish question, unless Gladstone materially modifies the views he is now supposed to hold. The Tories are delighted and are already proclaiming that a coalition with the Whigs is on the point of being consummated. If Hartington's letter stood alone, the Tory confidence would be premature, but it is now known that he voices the sentiments of many Whigs besides himself.

Before Lord Hartington's letter was cabled it was shown to Mr. George J. Goschen, who was slated for Chancellor of the Exchequer in Gladstone's next Cabinet; to ex-Home Secretary Sir William Vernon Harcourt, and to ex-Attorney-General Sir Henry James. All these gentlemen approved the letter, and they are already counted by the Tories as recruits for the coalition. The approval of Sir William Vernon Harcourt has occasioned general surprise. His recent utterances, although made in cautious and guarded language, have seemed to commit him to Gladstone's scheme. It is now supposed that his notorious loathing of everything Irish overcame his habitual prudence, and induced him for once to make a move before being certain which way.

THE ELIZABETH LOCK-OUT.

Conditions on Which the Singer Company Will Resume Work.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 22.—A committee of eight workmen of the Singer Sewing Machine factory called on President George R. McKenzie yesterday in regard to the lock-out at Elizabeth. The situation was clearly defined for them. Mr. McKenzie assured them of his sympathy and placed a liberal sum of money at their disposal to cover any cases of destitution which may hereafter arise. He explained that the company was not playing a game of bluff. Bluff, he said, was in the nature of a threat. The company had acted and were now standing by their action. He remarked that few people, if any, would be affected by the sale of lands for back taxes.

To the committee Mr. McKenzie handed the following order addressed to the authorities at the factory: "You are hereby duly authorized and instructed to reopen the factory and recommence work in all departments whenever the levy has been withdrawn and our property released by the authorities of the city of Elizabeth, and we desire that such reopening shall be made immediately after such release."

The Doors Reopened.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 22.—The Singer Sewing Machine Company's factory reopened its doors this morning and its 3,500 locked out workmen returned to their places, all difficulties having been adjusted.

Cowhided in St. Louis by a Woman.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—James L. Raymond, a broker, was called to the front door of his residence, No. 2208 Olive street, last night, and given several lashes in the face with a cowhide by a woman. He jumped back into the house and the woman disappeared. It was Marie Balan, a stenographer, who had been in his employ in New York and Chicago and later in Kansas City, and who accused him of betraying her under promise of marriage. He claims the woman is trying to blackmail him, and the trouble, he says, grew out of the settlement of her wages when he removed here from Kansas City. Raymond is married and has a daughter nearly grown. The woman followed him here from Kansas City. The cowhiding was done in the presence of quite a number of men, who had been attracted to the place by the woman's singular action, and it occasioned a good deal of talk in the fashionable West End.

Gen. Reyes' Journalistic Aspirations.

LAREDO, TEX., Dec. 22.—Lagrange, one of the proprietors of the Monterey *La Revista*, arrived here yesterday. He states that General Bernardino Reyes, military Governor of Nuero Leon, has journalistic aspirations and has practically appointed himself editor-in-chief of *La Revista*, by requiring that all manuscripts be subjected to his inspection before being printed. Mr. Lagrange is making arrangements to publish a edition of *La Revista* in this city. The first number will make its appearance on New Year's day. It will, without doubt, contain interesting reading matter for General Reyes and the administration he represents.

The New England's Society Dinner.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—The dinner of the New England Society at the Continental Hotel to-night is already an assured success. The number of applications for tickets surpass that of any other year, and there will be covers for 150. Among the distinguished guests from out of town who are to be present are Senator Edmunds, Governor Long of Massachusetts and Charles Dudley Warner. A dispatch received from Governor Long last night said that he would arrive this morning.

A Dull Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Money 2½ per cent. Exchange strong and higher, 486½@490. Governments firm. Currency 6's, 125¾ bid; 4's, coupon, 124¼ bid; 4½'s, do., 112¾ bid. The stock market opened extremely dull and prices declined ⅛ to ⅞ per cent. in the first few minutes. After the first call there was some buying of the Vanderbilts on a report that Lake Shore's forthcoming statement would make a very favorable showing.

Mr. Childs' Grant Memorial.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Dec. 22.—Mr. George W. Childs is about to increase his liberal donation to the handsome library building at the Grove, known as Library Hall, by placing a memorial to General Grant in the eastern side of the hall. The memorial will consist of a magnificent triple window of stained glass, of beautiful design and finish. The window will be completed before spring.

Fire in a New York Village.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 22.—This morning about 2 o'clock a fire broke out in the Chenango House at Greene, Chenango County, and before the fire could be got under control nine buildings were completely destroyed. Three men were injured, one seriously, by an explosion. The losses are not yet ascertained.

Ferd. Ward Printing Circulars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Ferdinand Ward did not give satisfaction as a book-keeper for the contractor at Sing Sing, and has been set to work kicking a press on which the contractor's circulars are printed. He succeeds well at this occupation.

Forged Bank Notes in Dublin.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—Forged bank notes of the denomination of 100 pounds on one of the banks of this city, whose name at present cannot be learned, have been circulated largely during several days past in this and other cities of the United Kingdom.

An Unreasonable Boycott.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Knights of Labor have ordered the boycott on Stratton & Storms' cigars to be removed. The executive board of the Knights have informed the firm that they could find no reason for the maintenance of the boycott.

Pasteur's Patients Doing Well.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—M. Pasteur reports this morning that he has carefully examined the four Newark patients, and that they are doing well.

Robberies Reported.

Mrs. Amelia Converse of 122 Eleventh street southeast reports that a gold pencil worth $5 was stolen from her house last Saturday. J. M. Wimmer reports that $5.50 in money was stolen from his house, 314 Pennsylvania avenue, this morning. A medicine chest and a lot of instruments were stolen from the buggy of Dr. P. H. Eaton last night on Ninth street, between D and E streets. John H. Mollegan, engineer at the waskhouse, reports that he lost $80 playing cards at the Capital Club.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Jottings of Interest About People Who Are Well Known Here.

—MR. ALEXANDER D. ANDERSON, Commissioner of Special Days for the North, Central and South American Exposition, will leave for New Orleans at 10 o'clock to-night.

—COMMODORE BANCROFT GHERARDI, U. S. N.; Admiral-General R. B. Finley of Ohio; Ensign Harry McL. P. Huse, U. S. N., and Assistant Engineer Franklin J. Schell, U. S. N., are at the Ebbitt House.

—LIEUTENANT JAMES A. LEYDEN, Fourth Infantry, military professor at the State College, Centre, Pa., is at the Ebbitt, where Ensign J. H. Retherington and Naval Cadet Benjamin M. Lombard, U. S. N., are also quartered.

A WIFE'S FATAL FOLLY.

A Young Medical Student in New York Driven to Suicide.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—George F. Murray, aged 21 years, a medical student whose parents live in Virginia, attempted suicide this morning in the apartments occupied by his unfortunate spouse at No. 26 West One Hundred and thirtieth street. It appears that some time ago Murray went to England on a pleasure tour, and while stopping at Ealing, a suburb of London, fell in love with and married his present wife, who was then only 17 years old, a charming young lady, said to be heir to $70,000.

The wedding took place there on the 1st inst. Shortly after their marriage Murray and his wife sailed for New York, arriving here a week or so ago. Mrs. Murray on the trip formed the acquaintance of a dashing young man, whose name cannot be learned. On arriving here Murray placed his wife in comfortable quarters and started for his home in Virginia to visit his parents. During his absence the youthful wife received the acquaintance formed on the steamer and began living with him, it is alleged, on intimate terms.

On Murray's return he sought his wife and tried to get her to leave her newly found love, but she refused. The injured husband then had the couple arrested, but they were discharged, and Mrs. Murray went to live with lover No. 2 at the place mentioned above.

Murray called there last night, and, obtaining admittance, endeavored to compell his wife to swallow a dose of laudanum. She shouted for help, and on the arrival of the landlady, Murray at once swallowed the dose himself. He was arrested, and is now at St. Vincent's Hospital undergoing treatment.

LAWLESS STRIKERS.

Working Miners in the Monongahela Valley Attacked by Strikers.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 22.—Meagre reports have reached the city of another desperate attack on working miners in the Monongahela district. At an early hour yesterday as the diggers at Old Eagle mines in the third pool were going to work about twenty masked men, armed with clubs and revolvers, attacked two Germans, who, on account of destitution, had been forbe to return to work at the mine.

One of the Germans was knocked down, brutally clubbed into unconsciousness and left lying on the ground seriously injured. His companion was also terribly beaten, but escaped and gave an alarm. Superintendent J. E. Jones, Engineer Kerr and others made a raid on the rioters, driving them into the woods. Constable McClure and four deputies are on the ground with warrants for the arrest of over forty of the alleged participants in the riots. Four of the men who took part in the riots at Cool Valley and Pine Run were arrested yesterday.

Serious trouble is again apprehended in the fourth pool. All the men working at the reduction are obliged to carry arms. Summary vengeance has been sworn against the members of the sheriff and iron police, who are making the arrests. Citizens are joining hands with the officers in bringing the offenders to justice.

BURIED IN A GRAVEL BED.

The Fate That Befell Three Cleveland Laborers This Morning.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22.—A serious and probably fatal accident occurred in the Eighteenth Ward at 6 o'clock this morning. Pierre Laure, a teamster, has been engaged for some weeks past in hauling gravel, which he procured at a huge gravel bed in the southern part of the city. He had engaged to help him a Bohemian named Barkowski, and a Pole, whose name could not be learned. At the hour stated this morning the trio entered the gravel bed and began digging in a deep cavern that had been hollowed out in the side of the hill. They had not worked long when James Moses, a bystander, called to them to get out, that the bank was falling. His warning was too late. Before the men could emerge from the drift a huge mass of gravel had caved in upon them and buried them. Moses gave the alarm and willing hands soon set to work to rescue the buried men. About 7 o'clock Laure was uncovered and found lying upon his face, unconscious, with one leg crushed under him.

The Bohemian was found soon after also lying upon his face and unconscious. The Pole was the last to be taken out, but strange to say had suffered the least injury of the three and was conscious when found. The Bohemian is thought to be fatally injured and Laure's chances for recovery are very slight. The Pole will recover.

INDIGNANT DEMOCRATS.

The President and Senator Payne Denounced at Canton, Ohio.

CANTON, O., Dec. 22.—There is intense indignation here over the appointment of Wm. Archwal as postmaster instead of A. McGregor. Democrats are fearfully wrought up against President Cleveland and Senator Payne and the coal-oil crowd, and are swearing vengeance. Last night Senator Payne was hung in effigy on the principal street by the Young Men's Democratic Club with a card attached bearing the words, "Coal-oil