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33 doz. ladies' fine linen cambric hemstitched handkerchiefs, handsomely embroidered in colors, ½ and 1-inch hems; reduced from 29c. to 20c. each.
24-inch white China silk hemstitched handkerchiefs, 1 and 2-inch hems, extra quality; reduced from 50c. to 37½c. each.
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After a successful season in Fine Brocade Velvets, we have concluded to part with the following excellent values at such reduced prices as cannot fail to command consideration and insure for them a quick distribution:

19-inch two-tone brocade velvets, in rich harmoniously-combining colors and effects; reduced from $2.50 to $1.50 per yard.

One dollar per yard off ought to be an inducement.

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19-inch rich two-tone brocades, beautiful combination of colors, superior quality; reduced from $3.50 to $2.50 per yard.

To make the offering doubly attractive we have included a line of

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A line previously in stock is reduced to serve as a special attraction.

15 pieces 4-4 white Shaker flannel, superior grade, is usually sold at 35c. We have been selling it at 31c.; is now offered at 25c. per yd.
4-4 white "buckskin" Shaker flannel, medium weight, valued at 42c., only 37½c. per yard.
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Unexceptionably the most remarkable values we have ever been able to show.

3-4 wide, worth 30c., only 25c.
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4-4 "dead-shot" scarlet medicated Shaker flannel, medium weight, only 50c. per yd.
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36-inch "magnetic" scarlet wool Shaker fannel, extra heavy, superior quality, only 75c. per yd.

We also invite your attention to a rich and elegant line of White and Colored Embroidered Flannels, especially adapted to fine Underwear, Skirtings, Children's Dresses, etc., at prices not to be matched in lowness.

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Two Kinds of Sales

are now in progress at our establishment.

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GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

A Dull Day in and About the Departments.

LOCAL PATENTS ISSUED.

The Back Pay of Navy Engineers Stopped by Judicial Decision.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

Callers at the White House.—The President's callers to-day included General Newton, Representatives Matson, McAdoo, Taylor, Frederick, Carey, Farquhar, Warner, Merriman, Anderson, Wise and Dorsey, Senator Cullom and General McMahon of New York.

Local Patents Issued.—Patents as follows were to-day issued to residents of the District: G. W. Ente, latch guard attachment for knitting machines; G. C. Henning, label; T. D. Worrall, assignor to the Worrall Manufacturing Company of Boston, type-writing machine.

Burial of Commander Hayward.—An Alexandria, Egypt, dispatch says: Commander Hayward of the American Navy, who died of typhoid fever on Saturday, last, was buried to-day with naval honors. The foreign consuls, detachments of sailors from the various fleets and a detachment of British and Egyptian soldiers attended the funeral.

The Missing Amethyst. — Captain Hooper of the revenue-cutter Rush writes to the Treasury Department, under date of Port Townshend, January 5, expressing grave doubt as to his ability to reach the missing crew of the whaler Amethyst. In the event of his failure the search should not be discontinued, in his opinion, but the Bear, which is well fitted for ice navigation, should be sent to prosecute the search further north.

Back Pay Stopped for Navy Engineers.—The decision rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday to the appeal of Chief Engineer George P. Hunt, U. S. Navy, will settle a set of pay claims that has aggravated the Fourth Auditor's and Second Comptroller's offices for fully twenty years. Mr. Hunt, as a first assistant engineer (now called passed assistant), finished his two years' sea service October 25, 1868, and although there was then no vacancy for promotion to chief engineer, and he was not promoted to that rank until July 4, 1880, he claimed pay for the higher grade from October 25, 1868. The Court of Claims decided against the suit he entered for back pay, and the affirmation of judgment by the Supreme Court thoroughly settles that class of cases. It is probable that there may be some stoppages ordered in other cases where payments have been made.

Minor and Personal.

On account of Miss Bayard's death, the President held no public reception yesterday.

Mrs. Louisa V. Bryant of Colorado, a clerk in the Dead-Letter office, was to-day removed.

Mr. John W. J. Atkins of Arkansas has been appointed a $1,000 clerk in the Post-office Department.

E. P. Bunyea, D. C., of the Pension Office has been promoted from $1,200 to $1,400, and not from $900 to $1,200 as has been stated.

Thomas Larrigan of Arkansas, has been appointed a chief of division in the Second Auditor's office of the Treasury Department, vice Charles Lovell.

Hon. B. J. Franklin of Missouri, United States Consul at Hankow, China, was banqueted in fine style on Saturday evening by his friends at Kansas City. He will leave to-day or to-morrow for his consulate.

C. J. Kintner, examiner division sixteen, Patent Office, has rendered his annual report for the year ending December 31 to the Commissioner of Patents. He states that during the year there has been an increased activity in the classes of invention which are embraced in the electrical division.

The annual report of the Civil-Service Commission will probably be completed next week. The report will embrace a thorough review of the work of the commission and a number of recommendations. Commissioner Dorman B. Eaton expects to be relieved from the commission promptly after the publication of the report, probably on February 1.

The Western Waterways.

A joint meeting of the delegates who were chosen at the Waterways' conventions, which were held at New Orleans, St. Paul and Kansas City, Mo., at different periods last year, to present to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors the action of their several conventions, and urge upon them and upon Congress the necessity for the improvement of the Western waterways for commercial purposes, was held at the Ebbitt House last night to discuss their views and adopt the best methods to formulate their plans. Hon. William Warner of Missouri presided and J. W. Bryant of New Orleans was elected secretary. On motion of Congressman Adams of Illinois it was unanimously decided that a committee consisting of one delegate from each convention be appointed to act as a committee of general arrangements and to arrange with the Committee of Rivers and Harbors for a hearing of the several delegations and report to another joint meeting of the different delegates this evening at the Ebbitt. The St. Paul delegation appointed Mark M. Dunnell of Minnesota, the Kansas City delegation appointed W. H. Miller of Missouri, and the New Orleans delegation appointed John W. Bryant of New Orleans.

The Howard Row Sufferers.

Mr. L. S. Emery, general secretary of the Associated Charities, reports that scores of sufferers by the burning of Howard Row are coming to the central office, 707 G street, for relief, and that the association is doing all it can to relieve their necessities. As there is no general fund out of which relief can be distributed to the sufferers, the police will distribute contributions. They have already received several donations from generous people.

The National Board of Trade.

An annual convention of the National Board of Trade will convene to-morrow in the central parlor at Willard's Hotel and continue in session for three days. The subjects of inter-state commerce, coinage, quarantine, subsidies, bankruptcy, etc., will be considered. Delegates are expected from nearly every State in the Union, and a large number have already arrived.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded: Hugh McCaffrey to O. G. Faber, lot 14, square 968, $3,600; Gilbert Pullin to Kate L. Roy, part of lot 7, square 67, $2,500; George L. Taylor to Hattie E. Lee, part of lot 5, square 324, $2,000; Henry W. Garnet to Thomas M. Payne, lots 136 and 137, square 181, $12,800.10.

The District Loses a Case.

Justice Cox to-day gave judgment to the Washington Gaslight Company for $3,396.44, with interest, against the District, on account of lamp-posts paid for by the company.

Driven From Court.

The snow water poured through the ceiling of the Criminal Court-room in such quantities to-day, that an adjournment had to be taken to the old Circuit Court-room.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Details, Leaves, Furloughs and Personal Notes.

Captain William Mitchell, Third Infantry, is ordered before the retiring board at New York, of which General Hancock is president.

Colonel Eugene Beaumont, major Fourth Cavalry, returned to the Ebbitt House this morning from his home at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Captain Charles Bendire, First Cavalry, who is awaiting retirement for disability, is at the Ebbitt House from his recent station at Fort Custer, Montana.

Private John Kout, Company D, Twenty-third Infantry, Fort Porter, Buffalo, has been granted four months' furlough to take effect after his next re-enlistment.

Chief Engineer George F. Kutz, U. S. N., is rejoicing over a new baby, which was christened January 10 at the Mare Island Navy-yard by Chaplain Hayward.

Corporal Charles R. Bryant and Private O. Frehing, Battery A, Third Artillery, have returned to the Arsenal here from Governor's Island, New York Harbor, where they were sent in charge of prisoners.

The order of Captain Edward B. Moseley, assistant surgeon, to duty as assistant to Lieutenant-Colonel Basil Norris, medical director of the Department of the Columbia, has been revoked by General Gibbon.

First Lieutenant Ralph W. Hoyt, regimental quartermaster, Eleventh Infantry, and Mrs. Hoyt are at the Ebbitt House from their old home at Pen Yan, New York. Mr. Hoyt is on leave from Fort Sulley, Dakota.

First Lieutenant Thomas H. Barry, regimental quartermaster First Infantry, has been ordered from Fort Grant, Ariz., to San Francisco, in charge of a number of military convicts sentenced to confinement at Alcatraz Island.

Lieutenant Lewis C. Heilner, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Heilner are at the Ebbitt House from their home at Tamaqua, Pa., where Mr. Heilner has been waiting orders since his detachment last fall from the training ship Portsmouth.

Army Leaves Granted—Captain Charles S. Heizmann, assistant surgeon, Fort Ontario, N. Y., ten days from January 29. Captain Greenleaf A. Goodale, Twenty-third Infantry, Fort Mackinac, Michigan, one month from January 26. Major E. B. Beaumont, Fourth Cavalry, Fort Bowie, Arizona (now here), seven days' extension.

Chaplain Richard Hayward, U. S. Navy, who has solved his troubles with Commodore Russell by resigning from the service, has accepted a call to a parish at Evanston, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, and left the Mare Island Navy-Yard a week ago last Sunday for his new charge. A navy man said this morning that "there's mighty few 'sky-pilots' that have as much 'savvy' as Hayward."

THE BLOCKADED RIVER.

All Navigation Closed for the Present—Vessels Frozen Up.

The ice-blockade in the Potomac extends as far down as the mouth of the river, and the old river "prob" says there is very little prospect of an early opening to navigation. The ice is about eight inches in thickness and the steamers will not attempt to open a way before a thaw sets in. The tug-boat which conveys the cars of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company from Shephard's landing to Alexandria with great difficulty has managed to keep the small channel way of the course open.

Large fleets of sailing vessels are ice-bound in Cone River, Smith Creek and other river harbors. The ice is now from Point Lookout to Point No Point as far as one can see out on the bay, and large fields of drift ice are running down the bay. St. Jerome's Creek has remained open. From Powell Joyne's wharf to Corsey's Point the channel is free from ice, and several sail of vessels loaded, ready for Baltimore, are bound only by the ice on the bay.

Though the surface of the ice is rough and hardly fit for skating, a large number of persons gathered on the ice near the Long Bridge yesterday, and many roughed it as far down as Alexandria, returning by way of the canal.

Site for the District Buildings.

Judge Cartter is opposed to the erection of the District office building in Judiciary Square. Inspector of Buildings Entwisle favors the selection of that site, as the District can only in that way avoid the expense of purchasing ground.

At the request of a delegation of residents of this city, Representative Wilkins yesterday introduced in the House a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase at a sum not exceeding $500,000, from James L. Barbour and any other parties interested in the square bounded by Louisiana avenue, C, Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, in which the City Post-office is at present situated, as a site for the erection of a public building to be used for the Washington City Postoffice and also for the offices of the government of the District of Columbia.

A Suspicious Fortune-Teller.

The house of Mrs. Elmira Byrn of No. 816 First street was robbed some time ago, and about $40 worth of property was stolen. The matter was reported to the police, but nothing could be learned of the thief or the property. Several days ago an old woman named Maud Brown, alias Maud Branaby, who has the reputation of being a fortune-teller, came to the house of Mrs. Byrn and gave an accurate description of the stolen property, and said she could recover it for a certain sum of money. These facts were reported to the police, and Officer Graff watched the house and saw the woman return with a man. They walked by the house, but did not enter. She was afterward arrested. In the Police Court this morning she was charged with being a suspicious person and the case was continued until to-morrow.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

Matters Under Consideration by the Commissioners.

The application of Charles G. Parker for a bar-room license has been approved.

F. H. Crafts of Williamsport, Pa., has informed the Commissioners that he is desirous of leasing a piece of land, about one acre, near the Navy-Yard station of the B. & P. Railroad.

S. A. H. Marks, jr., of 639 E street southeast has called the attention of the Commissioners to the unserviceable condition of the pump and hydrant on E street, between Sixth and Seventh streets southeast.

Mr. D. B. Carpenter has been appointed by the Commissioners, at a salary of $5 per day, to make plats of sub-divisions of land in the county which have been made since 1883. The work is to be paid for out of the appropriation of $15,000 for the new assessments, and will be of great use to the Commissioners and the public.

The Commissioners have declined the following requests of citizens: To clean the snow drifts from the Shepherd Road in the county; to erect a public hydrant on Virginia avenue, between First and Second streets southwest; to lay a new carriage-way on Twenty-third street, between Washington Circle and I street.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Current News Gleaned from the Court Records.

The trustees of the Louise Home, by a bill in equity against the District of Columbia, asks that the latter be compelled to cancel all taxes against the property for special improvements and release it from all liens and incumbrances.

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: Wm. Byas and Mary Marshall; Wm. E. Grimes and Emma C. Hodson; Charles H. Smith and Lena Thomas; W. H. Moore and Mary E. Bain; Wm. L. Solean of Monroe, Mich., and Mary W. Phillips of this city.

The Whitaker Case.

Colonel Corkhill and Mr. Jeff Chandler consumed the day in argument in the Whitaker case.

THE XLIXTH CONGRESS.

Another Discussion of the Dakota Question in the Senate.

JUDGE MOODY ADMITTED.

A Hearing in the Matter of the Staten Island Bridge.

NEW SEAL FOR THE SENATE.

Fitz-John Porter to be Reported Favorably in the House.

THE SUCCESSION BILL SIGNED.

Twenty-six Bills Before the House District Committee.

In the Senate to-day the Committee on Rules reported the adoption of a new seal for the use of the Senate, to be used in the verification of all its papers, and a resolution on the subject, which was laid over for the present.

Mr. Hawley, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a joint resolution, which was passed, appointing General John F. Hartranft of Pennsylvania as a manager of the National Soldiers' Home in place of General McClellan, deceased.

Mr. Morrill, from the Finance Committee, reported a resolution extending the Custom-House investigation ordered for the port of New York to such other ports as the committee deem necessary. A subcommittee, appointed to-day, consisting of Messrs. Allison, Aldrich, Miller, Beck and McPherson, will leave for New York in about a week to institute the proposed inquiries.

Mr. Aldrich introduced his much-talked-of bill for the prevention of frauds upon the customs revenues.

Mr. Harrison's resolution of yesterday, to admit Mr. Moody of Dakota to the floor of the Senate, then came up, and a debate between Messrs. Harrison and Vest ensued, the latter denouncing the action of the people of Dakota as an insult to congress.

Mr. Saulsbury moved an amendment of the resolution by the insertion of a clause stating that the action taken does not indicate any recognition on the part of the Senate of the right of Dakota to admission as a State.

Mr. Harrison said there was nothing in the resolution to commit the Senate. An yea and nay vote was taken on the amendment and it was lost by a vote of 29 to 22 and the resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Ingalls introduced a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of what purchases of silver bullion have been made since July 1; at what prices; from whom; what bids have been rejected and for what reason.

At 2 o'clock Mr. Teller took the floor for a set speech on the silver question on Mr. Beck's resolution.

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President to-day signed the Presidential Succession Bill; also the bill to legalize the election of the Territorial Legislature of Wyoming.

THE B. & O'S. PROPOSED BRIDGE.

The sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Commerce appointed to inquire into the propriety of permitting the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to bridge the Arthur Kill held a meeting to-day. Maps, charts and models were on exhibition and Messrs. William Walter Phelps and Mayor Burnett of Elizabeth, N. J., made arguments against, and Erastus Wiman in favor of the bridge. Mr. Pangborn and other B. & O. officials were present. The substance of the arguments against the bridge was that it would be an obstruction to commerce and an injury to the locality, while the arguements in its favor were that the bridge would afford facilities of great advantage to commercial interests and the public. No conclusion was reached and the subcommittee insisted that the persons interested should present comprehensive statements of their positions in the matter and conclude their arguments at the next session of the committee, on Tuesday next, when one hour will be given each side. The House Committee on Commerce will also grant a hearing on a similar bill this afternoon.

A NEW SENATORIAL PROGRAMME.

Having failed to get the information desired respecting the causes for removals of certain Federal officers, it is believed that the Senate Committee on Finance will now adopt a new form of request to be sent to heads of Departments which will call for all papers in specific cases, and include not only the papers showing causes for removals, but also those upon which the new appointments have been based.

The House.

A large number of Executive communications were laid before the House, among them a letter from the Chief of Engineers, asking an immediate appropriation of $50,000, for the general work of survey on the Mississippi River, and another from the same officer, asking an appropriation for continuing the sea wall around Governor's Island, New York harbor.

INVALID PENSIONS.

The House Committee on Invalid Pensions to-day heard Major Merrill, representing the G. A. R., in support of the bill to repeal the limitations in the arrears of pension act. The committee will probably report it favorably.

HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The House Committee on Military Affairs this morning agreed to report favorably the bill restoring General Fitz John Porter to the roll of the army and to ask that it be made a special order for Saturday or Monday next.

An unfavorable report will be made on the bill placing General Pleasanton on the retired list.

A sub-committee, composed of Messrs. Steele, Findlay and Dorgan, on restoration of officers to the army was appointed.

LOCAL LEGISLATION.

District Matters Brought Before the Consideration of Congress.

Senator Pike, from the Senate District Committee, yesterday reported favorably the bill for the relief of Robert Straughn of this city.

Representative Negley of Pennsylvania introduced a bill making ten hours a day's work for all street-car conductors and drivers in this District.

Representative Cole yesterday introduced a bill fixing eight hours a day's work for Government laborers, and another prohibiting the employment of convict labor.

Representative Swinburne of New York introduced a resolution to extend the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Ventilation and Acoustics over all Government buildings in this District.

Representative Morgan yesterday introduced a bill for the relief of Henry L. Hawkins of this city, providing for the payment to him of $175 as a settlement of his bounty claim against the Government.

Senator Butler yesterday submitted a resolution instructing the District Commissioners to ascertain the practicability of providing the water works with filtering or other appliances for cleaning and purifying the water and to report the result.

The District of Columbia Committee of the House held a fully attended meeting this morning at 10:30. The sub-committees were not prepared to report any of the twenty-six bills that have thus far been referred to them. The two District bills that have thus far passed the Senate came up for consideration and the committee unanimously decided to report favorably the Senate bill directing the Attorney-General to acquire title to the property included in the Potomac River front improvement and dispose of all claims thereto made by private individuals. The Senate bill to change the name of Uniontown to that of Anacostia was discussed, but went over for future consideration, although no objection was made to the subject matter of the bill. It was decided to omit the usual Thursday meeting and the committee adjourned until Tuesday next at 10:30 a. m., when the subcommittees are expected to report a number of bills.

Representative Randall yesterday introduced in the House bills for the relief of the Colored Women and Children's Home and the Woman's Christian Association of this District, allowing to those institutions the amount heretofore apportioned to them by the Commissioners.

Capitol Notes.

Senator Harrison will call up the Dakota bill on Friday.

About 600 bills were introduced in the House yesterday.

January 28 will be devoted to eulogies in the House to the late Representative Edward of Illinois.

Representative Davis has introduced a bill conferring the title of colonel on Lieutenant A. W. Greely. A bill was also introduced for the relief of the Jeannette survivors.

Senator Voorhees presented a memorial from citizens of Montana, praying for the admission of the Territory into the Union, and introduced a bill to make the Territory a State.

Mr. Henderson of North Carolina yesterday introduced a bill in the House providing for the retention in office for four years of persons who pass the civil service examinations.

Mr. Osborn introduced in the House a bill making it a misdemeanor for a Senator or Representative to use money or other means of subsidy in securing his nomination, election or appointment.

John R. Slater of Georgia has been appointed clerk to the House Committee on Elections; Joel Myers of Ohio, clerk to the Committee on War Claims, and Michael Keenan, messenger for the Ways and Means Committee.

George Kimball, who has for some time past been the agent in New York of the New England Associated Press, and was formerly in the same service here, has been appointed clerk to the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, vice his brother, Israel Kimball, jr., deceased.

Representative Cole of Maryland yesterday introduced a joint resolution asking for $50,000 with which to build a monument to Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," in Patterson Park, Baltimore, on a spot overlooking the scene of the conflict which inspired the national anthem.

Representative Pettibone of Tennessee yesterday introduced a bill in the House authorizing an international peace convention to be held in this city in October, 1887, for the purpose of agreeing upon a gradual disarmament, to be commenced in 1892 and concluded by the year 1900. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Austin *Statesman* says of Mr. Miller of Texas, the new chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee: "Personally, we believe, Mr. Miller is not allied with the banking interests, but, rather, is aligned with the cattlemen. But he is a man of cool-headed views, of high character and as far removed from crankism as is any other Texas Congressman."

A bill was yesterday introduced in the House by Representative Collins of Massachusetts, authorizing the payment of the salaries of the officials and employes of the Court of Alabama Claims, recently held up by Comptroller Durham, and to credit the disbursing clerk with all the sums of money which he has, as disbursing agent, paid out with the approval of the court.

The bill to increase the salaries of United States Court judges to $5,000 per annum, and prohibiting the appointment of relations to positions under the judges, was passed by the Senate yesterday afternoon. After the bill in relation to the Presidential count had been placed before the Senate, an executive session, lasting a quarter of an hour, was held, but nothing of importance was attempted.

THE SLIPPERY WALKS.

Some of the Recent Victims of the Icy Pavements.

The slippery sidewalks of the last few days have been the cause of an almost unprecedented number of serious accidents.

Saturday night, Sunday, yesterday and to-day serious accidents have occurred. One of the victims is Professor Cleveland Abbe, the prominent scientist, who fell on Sunday, striking his head with such force that he was rendered unconscious, and some fear of brain fever has been entertained.

John L. Little, a clerk in the Supervising Architect's Office, while about to enter the Treasury Department yesterday morning slipped on the icy sidewalk and broke his leg. He was taken to his home by two of the employes of the Department.

Mr. William Ansell, a printer, slipped and fell on the ice at the corner of Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue last night and broke his leg. He was taken to Providence Hospital by Officer Wheelock in the patrol wagon.

The chief clerks of the various departments were notified yesterday, and again to-day, of a number of more or less serious accidents to employes while on their way to office.

Reception Committee for the Fair.

The following reception committee for the fair to be held by the Israelites of Washington at the Rifles' armory has been appointed: Chairman, S. Wolf; H. King, jr., H. Adler, Aaron Kaufman, I. L. Blout, George Breitbarth, J. Rich, A. Herman, L. Abraham, S. Gans, Max Weyl, Morris Clark, Sol. Bieberg, I. Saks, Leon Solomon, Rev. L. Stern, Fred. Bracket, F. K. Ward, H. Bauer, W. Nordlinger, H. Sommers, N. H. Miller, Abe Lisner, William Dickson, E. W. Fox, M. Silver, Edmund Hudson, T. B. Kalbfus, Crosby S. Noyes, Hallet Kilbourn, N. F. Hellprin, S. Herman, R. Goldschmid, Abe Kaufman, John L. Vogt, G. Hartig, Charles Ebert, Stilson Hutchins, H. Bernheimer, Z. Tobriner, L. Kaufman, William M. Frank, A. Dammann, Louis Barr, Charles Walter and Charles Dismer.

Young Allan Arthur.

Young Allan Arthur appeared here a few weeks ago, dancing a vain and regretful attendance on one of his ex-dancees. That young man's attentions have been regarded as something disastrous, and the girls who giggle count it upon their fingers' ends that he broke his first engagement, and that poor maiden went into a decline, wandered from one health resort to another, and finally died of consumption. The young people's love-making and jilting caused the estrangement from President Arthur of the girl's father, one of his strongest political friends. The next girl was set aside in the same way, and she went into a decline, but her family hurried her away to the south of France for a year, and she is back here this winter dancing in health and smiles again. The third one took her furlough in the spring, and her lungs are being set right in the south of France, where report says she will soon become a duchess if the American parent will make it all right about the dowry.—[Wash. Letter Chicago Times.

The Doctor's Stratagem.

A very loquacious lady, calling one day to consult her physician, talked on and on with such volubility that the latter could not get in a word edgewise. Growing impatient, he at length told her to put out her tongue, which she did. He then said: "Now please keep it there till you have heard what I have got to say to you."—[Exchange.

JEDGE WAXEM AGAIN.

The New Member Calls on the Secretary of the Treasury.

HE FAILS TO CATCH ON.

At the Theatre, However, He Gathers in Much Consolation.

HIS SHAKSPEAREAN VIEWS.

Our new Member, Jedge Waxem, has ideas in regard to feenance. It would in truth be very difficult to flush any subject upon which the Jedge has not ideas more or less, generally more. And, moreover, the Jedge is not one of those people who, having a good thing, immediately begin to build a fence around it in order to keep it for his own private and personal use. He is willing that other people shall enjoy his excellent things and extends that willingness to his ideas on feenance. He knows those ideas are excellent, for he formed them himself. The jedge, it is unnecessary to say, is a very staunch advocate of silver, and the more silver that we have the stauncher will be the Jedge's advocacy. He was forcibly

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struck by the, to his way of thinking, opaqueness of the views entertained by the Secretary of the Treasury on the silver question. He knew that there was only one reason for that opaqueness, and that was the fact that the matter had not been properly presented to Mr. Manning by a man whose mind was fully able to grasp and diagnose it convincingly. He also knew that he was just that kind of a man, himself, and that he carried about with him just that kind of a mind. So, out of pure generosity of heart and a desire to spread the true doctrine, he called on Secretary Manning the other day, and, catching that gentleman unawares, proceeded to enlighten him. His array of figgers was immense; his eloquence and logic were indisputable and conclusive. His surprise when he found that Secretary Manning was not one whit shaken in his views was very great, but our artist succeeded in making a diagram of it. Jedge Waxem left the Secretary very hastily and with indignation in all of his veins. He is now firmly convinced that an administration which has for its Secretary of Treasury a man who is incapable of grasping facts when they are lucidly put to him is bound to be a failure.

But such occurrences as these Jedge Waxem does not allow to long interfere with the equanimity and geniality for which he is so noted. There is one thing that the Jedge never tires of, and that is the theatre. He has, ever since Congress assembled, been rioting in

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the drama, and has not yet learned to curb his enthusiasm. He expresses himself very audibly and attracts much attention. He is a good deal of a show himself. If there is anything funny going on on the stage, the Jedge lets the balance of the audience know that he, at least, sees the point. His broad and strident laughter causes even those inclined to weep at chestnuts, to smile in spite of themselves. He mutters deeply at the villain and whoops things up for the hero and heroine. He has a kind of a time that never, in his wildest moments at Wayback, did he dream was possible. But his greatest theatrical joy was experienced one night last week. The Jedge had heard of Shakespeare and also of Ignatius Donnelly, who holds that Shakspeare was not the author of his own works. In order to form his own idea on the subject, the Jedge went to Albaugh's to see the "Comedy of Errors." It was a great night in his life. He was translated to the realms of bliss. His translation took place just as the magnificent ballet burst upon his vision. Our artist drew him just at the most joyful point of the translating business. He also sketched the effect on those in the immediate vicinity of the ballet, with its wealth of anatomy, upon the Jedge. It was electrical all around. The writer asked the Jedge, after the performance, what he thought of it. "P-r-o-d-i-g-o-u-s!" was the exclamatory reply. "And no Donnelly nor any other rooster can convince me," the Jedge added, "that any one but Bill Shakspeare ever was or ever will be able to write such a bally as that."

Thompson Steel Works to Resume.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 19.—The strike of the 3,600 employes of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works Company has been settled and a general resumption will take place to-day. The strikers met yesterday and reconsidered their determination to stand out for eight hours and a 10 per cent. advance and accepted the firm's proposition of eight hours and last year's wages. As a result of dissatisfaction grown out of the strike Captain W. R. Jones, general superintendent of the extensive plant, handed in his resignation, to take effect at once. Captain Jones has been connected with the Edgar Thompson Steel Works as superintendent ever since the mills were started, nearly fifteen years ago. He is said to be the largest salaried employe in the iron business in the United States, his salary being put down at $25,000 a year, with another $25,000 added, which goes into stock. He lives in ease and luxury in a fine house just above the Pennsylvania Railroad built expressly for his use by the firm some years ago.

Minister Stallo's Abruptness.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—An improbable story is published in the Rome newspapers that Judge Stallo, United States Minister to Italy, abruptly left a dinner given by Dr. Delemater, an American dentist living in Rome, on discovering that the chamberlain of the Pope's household was among the guests. In explaining his departure to Dr. Delemater, Judge Stallo is reported to have said that he had orders to have no relations of any sort with the Vatican. The story is much commented on here. While Judge Stallo was in London, on his way to Rome, he made many friends, and they are now recalling certain anti-Catholic remarks that he made in conversation here and the anti-Papal speeches which he is reported to have made in Cincinnati.

A Murder Disclosed.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 19.—The decomposed body of a white person was found last night buried in a field near the tannery on the Northwestern Railroad, just outside the corporate limits. The head, left arm and both legs had been cut off, apparently with a hatchet. The head was missing, and, though diligent search was made, it could not be found. The body was buried only a short distance below the ground. It was impossible for the physicians, who examined it, to say whether the corpse was that of a male or a female. It is evident that a murder has been committed, but the police are in the dark as to the identity of the victim or the person who perpetrated the deed.

The Excitement at Nanticoke.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Jan. 19.—The excitement at Nanticoke over the statement by one of the rescuing party that a light was seen ahead in the blocked mine continues. Though some of the old miners think the man was mistaken, others credit the story and the rescuers are working with renewed energy. The discovery that there is an air space in the mine, from which air rushes out toward the workers, also inspires some hope that the imprisoned miners may have remained alive, particularly as there were mules buried with them, on the flesh of which they might subsist.

The Balkan War Fever.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Belgrade dispatches report a sudden renewal of the war fever. A second meeting of the deputies has been summoned and the Government has ordered another lot of 20-million cartridges and a large number of field guns. Ordinary traffic on the Belgrade & Nisch Railway has been suspended in order to devote all the facilities to the transportation of troops to the front. These preparations for a resumption of hostilities cause much discontent among the mass of people who dread the continued expense of the war.

Meeting of Leading Irishmen.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—President Patrick Egan of the Irish National League registered at McCoy's Hotel yesterday from Lincoln, Neb. John P. Smith of Quebec and John Fitzgerald of Lincoln also arrived and are being joined to-day by one representative from each State and Territory as delegates to the National Committee which meets to-morrow to arrange for the convention in May. A dispatch has been sent to Mr. Parnell, asking if his engagements will admit of his being present at the convention.

Frank James in Good Health.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—Frank James and wife stopped at Hurst's Hotel, in this city, yesterday, on their way to Milan, Tenn. James says his consumption does not bother him much. He takes three drinks of whisky a day, and doesn't expect to die very soon. He registered in a bold hand, and made no attempt to conceal his identity.

A Salvationist in Trouble.

JOLIET, ILL., Jan. 19.—Captain Ashmond of the Salvation Army of this city was tried for disturbing the peace by parading the streets and causing a disturbance several days ago. At 10 o'clock last night the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, and he was fined $10 and costs, in all about $50. The defendant's lawyer took an appeal.

Russian Priests Pushing On.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The *Post's* Cairo dispatch says a body of Russian priests have arrived at Massawah and sent a deputation to the King of Abyssinia, to ask permission to enter the territory of that monarch.

A Diplomatic Change.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—Prince Dolgorouki, military attache of the Russian embassy at Berlin, has been recalled to St. Petersburg. He will probably be entrusted with a mission to Teheran.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Washington People, Visitors and Prominent Hotel Arrivals.

—GEORGE H. PARKER, Esq., of Davenport, Iawa, is at the National.

—ASSISTANT PAYMASTER RICHARD THOMPSON MASON, U. S. Navy, is here at the Dunbarton, to remain until Friday of next week.

—GENERAL WILLIAM CUTTING and Judge Munson of New York, and Hon. Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the New York *World*, are at Chamberlin's.

—PASSED ASSISTANT ENGINEER ASA M. MATTICE, U. S. Navy, who is now on duty at the Navy Department, has taken quarters at Klotz's Hotel.

—JAMES V. KELLY of San Francisco, Cal.; Edmund Bache of New Haven, Conn., and W. S. Baden of New Brighton, Pa., are registered at Willard's.

—FREDERICK P. FISH of Boston, William Eliot Smith of Alton, Ill., and Isaac H. Tellyer and wife of Philadelphia, Pa., are among the arrivals at the Riggs House.

—CAPTAIN ALLEN V. REED, U. S. Navy, who was relieved a few days ago from command of the Minnesota at New York, arrived here yesterday and is at his home, No. 6 Iowa Circle.

—LIEUTENANT HENRY C. CAUBAUGH, Fifth Artillery, arrived here this morning from Governor's Island, New York Harbor, on a brief leave, and is visiting at No. 1323 Thirteenth street.

—D. J. DALTON, Cincinnati, Ohio;