

THE EVENING CRITIC.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1868. AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT. NATIONAL THEATRE—Mammoth Minstrels.

Special Weather Bulletin. The special bulletin issued from the Signal Office to-day says: The indications are that fair weather will prevail in New England, the Middle and South Atlantic States and the lower lake region to-day and to-morrow.

The Critic in Georgetown. Copies of THE EVENING CRITIC may be had and subscriptions left at E. K. Lundy's book and stationery store, 128 Bridge street, Georgetown.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

About People and Things in Washington. STREET LAMPS will be lighted at 6:40 and extinguished at 11:40 p. m.

FORTY-EIGHT ARRESTS were made by the police during the twenty-four hours ending at 9 a. m.

HAMILTON BARBER, a festive negro, was fined five dollars to-day for making a disturbance at midnight in Fighting alley.

THE MONUMENT HOUSE, at First street and Pennsylvania avenue, was entered early yesterday morning and robbed of liquors and cigars.

THE FINEST specimen of the night-blooming cereus seen in the District in many years was exhibited last night at 1224 Washington street.

A YOUNG German, named Christian, whose last name was not known, died suddenly on Seventh-street road last evening, near the toll-gate.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS were crowded this morning with witnesses in cases of neglect of duty, etc., in which police officers were on trial before the board.

MATHEW MORLEY, an old white man, died suddenly last evening on the Conduit road. The coroner gave a certificate of death from natural causes.

AT the last meeting of the "Verein Baden" suitable resolutions were adopted in regard to the death of Capt. Gardner, and a handsomely engraved copy of the same was presented to the widow of the deceased.

WILSON WILLIAMS, an old negro, was drowned yesterday afternoon by falling off the Virginia end of the long bridge. An inquest was held in Virginia, and a verdict of accidental drowning given, after which the body was brought to the man's home, at 507 Four-and-a-half street southwest.

Three handsome trees in the city are the three aspens, opposite Market Space. In the early morning the leaves in the upper parts turn toward the sun with silvery appearance, while the lower parts remain dark-green. In these bright mornings they always attract the attention of passers-by.

HETTIE BROCK was tried in the Police Court to-day for beating Mahalia Washington on the head with a brick, on the night of August 26, and fracturing her skull in three places. The injuries inflicted have kept her confined to her bed since. Judge Snell sentenced Miss Brock to ninety days, and an appeal to the Grand Jury was noted.

THE SOLORED ORDER of "Chaldeans" made quite an imposing demonstration here yesterday afternoon. They turned out in procession about 600 strong, with gay regalia, banners and two bands of music. The rear of the line was made up of a large number of open carriages, hacks, &c., in which rode male and female members of the order in regalia.

THE Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has issued a neat double card containing a chart showing in detail the pulse, temperature and respiration of the President every morning, noon and night from July 2 to September 8, inclusive. There is a space left blank to continue the record from day to day, and the card will prove of interest to all classes. It is a fine specimen of typographical work, and the record is thoroughly authentic.

GEORGE WILLIAM BROWN, a white boy about twelve years old, was the victim of a very painful accident at Eleventh and E streets, by which three of his fingers were blown off. The boy had been given a cartridge which had been picked up on the street and told to throw it away. He, however, placed it upon the street-car track, and when the car passed over it without exploding it he picked it up again and began to remove the contents with a needle. The cartridge exploded in his hands, tearing the thumb and part of the forefinger of the left hand and one joint of the forefinger of the right hand. The two fingers injured were amputated this morning.

A Gang of Boy Burglars. Washington bids fair to rival her sister cities in the possession of a set of successful, accomplished boy thieves. Mr. A. M. Ward, a plumber and gasfitter, doing business at 414 Eleventh street, has been the victim of a series of small robberies of brass work and spoils, the last of which was traced to a gang of white boys, the oldest of whom was not over 13 years. The robberies were effected by entering the store after night by means of a key in the possession of one of the boys named Willie Zybrecht. They concealed the stolen property until an opportunity for selling it was presented. The theft of this last robbery seemed to be divided between Willie Donahue and Willie Zybrecht, and the latter was charged with larceny in the Police Court to-day, but dismissed on personal bonds not to repeat the offense.

Suit for Divorce. To-day Anna A. Hammond, through her counsel, N. H. Miller, brought suit for divorce from John E. Hammond. The parties were married in May, 1884, the maiden name of the wife being Frank. The complainant charges first, that the defendant drove her from his home in October, 1879, and sold all the household effects. She next charges drunkenness and cruelty on the part of the defendant toward her. She alleges that defendant is employed in the Government Printing Office, and as they have had two children, now alive, she asks for a divorce, a reasonable sum of money for the maintenance of the children, and the right to resume her maiden name.

The Red Men at Annapolis. The Grand Council of Improved Order of Red Men met at Annapolis yesterday. Secretary of State Brice made the welcome on the part of the State. Mayor Martin of the city, William T. Iglehart for the Chesapeake tribe, Charles H. Hitchman, of Massachusetts, Great Inchoonah, responded. The council then went into secret session. The public exercises were on the State House hill, where a large stand had been erected. Pres. Charles H. Hopkins led the choir, and the Naval Academy band, Prof. Schlotz, was present.

Gambling Cases Sent to the Grand Jury. The case of the United States vs. Ed. Jones and James Davis, charged with keeping a gambling house, was called on the Police Court to-day. A large number of witnesses had been subpoenaed. Mr. A. B. Williams, for the defendants, waived an examination, and the case was sent to the Grand Jury. The defendants were released on \$1,000 bonds each, Mr. Isaac Jones giving the security.

A little enlightenment is more to be desired than a big gas bill.

LOWER CEDAR POINT.

The Season Draws to a Close.

The most successful excursion season ever known to the people of Washington will close on the 19th instant. By special request the steamer John W. Thompson will make an additional trip on Saturday of this week (at the usual rates), to enable all who have not yet visited Lower Cedar Point to avail themselves of the last opportunity to enjoy themselves at this celebrated summer resort. On Sunday next a grand oyster roast will be given, on which occasion the management will furnish oysters, butter, crackers, &c., free. The fare for the round trip will be 75 cents; children under 12 years, 40 cents. The Thompson will leave at 9 a. m. sharp, and return at 10 p. m.

A representative of THE CRITIC accompanied the excursion yesterday, and was convinced of the fact, attested by all who have previously attended these excursions, that the management have the right men in the right places. Of course, the genial Count Mikewicz could be seen everywhere, with his cheery countenance, attending to the wants of all. The great success attending these excursions is due almost entirely to his remarkable and untiring energy. Capt. Henry furnishes more fun to the excursionists than any one else, and the boat shot in this section of the country. At thirty-one yards he struck the bull's-eye of a half an inch, and at the same distance muffed an insect on the hat of Charles Persons—the ball passing through the hat which he held up with his hand. But the boss shots, including William Tell, were the feat of the Captain and John S. Moszeller, the keeper of the shooting gallery. The Captain shot directly through the centre of an apple placed on Moszeller's head, and to the astonishment of all, Moszeller offered to perform the same feat, and split another apple placed on the Captain's head. The Count, however, stopped the further trials of skill in this line. The band which discourses the music on these excursions is led by Prof. James A. Joyce (the cornet king), the music being selected with great care, and embracing a number of original pieces. The original music, and imitations of the cuckoo, created great amusement. Charley Persons, of the Department, dozes, set the figures for the dances, and added his exertions to keep the party in good spirits. Arriving home at 10 p. m., the verdict was that every one had passed an enjoyable day.

Courtesy Correspondents.

The assassin's mail was about as usual to-day. One badly-scratched postal card was received, dated Washington, D. C. It ran about as follows:

"My dear mister devel: I wish I was the one that attempted to shoot you, if I ever get a fair chance at you I will settle you. I wait for you at your house, truly, Satan. Give this to the devil."

Baltimore sends its compliments in an invitation card:

"Arch Fiend Guitman: You are placed in a bad predicament. You get shot at and abused by the whole country. We will have pity on you, and ask your jailer and guards to send you on to Baltimore, to see our Oriole celebration in October. We will guarantee that you shall not die a sudden death, for such a death you do not deserve. How would you like to be in company with the Cross-street Market Angels? They would give you the grandest reception you ever had or ever will have again on this earth. They would part your hair in the middle and put good clothes on you, let you see the big balloon go up, and take you to the bull-fight—and will, in fact, treat you so kind that in a few hours so many kind deeds would be done unto thee that you would melt away so that no trace of an assassin could be found anywhere on this earth."

Where is Howgate?

The report that Capt. Howgate has fled to Belgium is disproved by many especially the officers of the Department of Justice. Some of Capt. Howgate's bondsmen, who are naturally apprehensive that he has fled to parts unknown, called at the Attorney-General's office, and were informed that Capt. Howgate could be brought to Washington at any time. While the officers did not say in so many words that they knew the fugitive Captain's whereabouts, the inference to be drawn is that he is shadowed by Government detectives. If it is true that the Attorney-General's officers know where Howgate is it would seem that they owe it to themselves to arrest him and bring him before a court of justice.

A Sanitary Order to be Enforced.

The following circular letter, addressed to the Health Officer, calling the attention to Major Morgan's order prohibiting the depositing of dirt in the streets, was issued to-day:

HEADQUARTERS METROPOLITAN POLICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. Sept. 14, 1881.

LIEUT. THE Honorable copy of circular forwarded to you. You will see that all the regulations are strictly enforced. Henceforth any officer failing to enforce the law against parties offending in any particular, or whose best showing is negligence in this respect, will be reported to this office. Wm. G. Brock, Major and Superintendent Metropolitan Police.

Indictment Found.

The grand jury came into court to-day and presented as a true bill an indictment against G. W. Black for making false claims against the Government. The specific charge is that Black, as sergeant-major of the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, falsely claimed and received a pension for a wound alleged to have been received at Baton Rouge, La.

This same Mr. Black, the readers of THE CRITIC will recollect, was a clerk in the Pension Office, and was very much mixed up in the divorce case of Mr. Buckley vs. Catharine V. Buckley.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Deeds were filed to-day as follows: Esther Price and husband to Edward Temple, lot 13, sq. 433, \$800. Wm. Rutherford and wife to Thomas Hopkins, lots 25, 26, and 27, of sq. 99, \$1,500. Same to same, lot 20 and part of lot 21, sq. 291, \$1,000. Melinda Rutherford to Thomas Hopkins, lot 25, sq. 99, \$1,000. James S. Topham and wife to Martha H. Rowell, lots 44 and 45, sq. 514, \$1,900. Thomas H. Smith and wife to Sarah J. Carrigan, lot 18, sq. 760, \$5,900. Wm. Galt to Orlando F. Smith, lots 14 and 17, sq. 40, \$1,553.28.

The Berry-Lester Case.

In the appeal case of O. B. Lester, who was sentenced to sixty days in jail, by Judge Snell, for an assault on B. S. Berry, in the Criminal Court to-day the case was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. C. S. Moore, counsel for Berry, on account of the absence of Mr. Hughes, an important witness.

Union Veteran Corps' Excursion.

The fourth excursion of the Union Veteran Corps is set for to-morrow evening. The Steamer Corcoran has been chartered to take the excursionists to Marshall Hall, where there will be dancing, music, and many other attractions. The steamer will leave her wharf at 6 o'clock.

Haverley's Minstrels Coming.

Next week Haverley's Minstrels will hold forth at Ford's Opera House. Besides having Billy Emerson and Billy Rice, the services of Leon, the famous minstrel, have been engaged. His witty and original, and his imitations of Gerster extremely ludicrous.

Excitement prevails in Limerick owing to the efforts of the authorities to suppress any disturbances which may occur.

THE COURTS.

CRIMINAL COURT—To-day.—In the case of Wm. Allen and Benj. Murray, charged with burglary, larceny, and carrying a dangerous weapon, was held in the sum of \$100 under their personal recognizance to appear at the trial. Recognizances were forfeited in the cases of John Langford, assault; James Little, Jr., larceny; Jno. Braxton, assault; Geo. Dent, assault; Jno. Green, assault; James Davis, larceny; Henry Hoyle, assault.

EQUITY COURT—To-day.—Shields vs. Driver; reference to auditor ordered. Bauer vs. Tschiffely; forty days allowed to take testimony. Bacon vs. Cox et al.; pro confesso against Jesse B. Wilson ordered. Lead vs. Bauer; same order against John T. Mitchell. Lanktree vs. Lanktree; testimony ordered taken before John Cruikshank. McClellan vs. McIntyre; demurrer and answer stricken from the files. Temple vs. Worthington; sale finally ratified.

A Court-Martial at the Arsenal.

Under an order of September 10 a general court-martial was appointed by the Secretary of War to assemble at the Arsenal, this city, for the trial of such persons as may be brought before it. The detail of the court that follows: Hancock, Major-General; Capt. John McGilvray, Second Artillery; First Lieut. Rezin G. Howell, Second Artillery; First Lieut. J. E. Eastman, Second Artillery; First Lieut. Edgar S. Dudley, Second Artillery; First Lieut. W. P. Edgerston, Second Artillery; Second Lieut. Louis Niles, Second Artillery; Second Lieut. Erasmus B. Sawyer, Second Artillery; Second Lieut. Hamilton Rowan, Second Artillery, is appointed judge advocate. An impression prevailed this morning that the assembling of this court was for the purpose of trying Sergt. Mason, of the Second Artillery, for shooting at Guitman. The order, however, was issued before the shooting occurred. It will be observed also that Capt. McGilvray and Lieut. Eastman, members of the board, were witnesses to the shooting, and as such would not likely serve on a board of trial. It is more probable that the case will be referred to the civil authorities for trial.

District Government Notes.

—T. J. Patsman will erect a \$1,200 frame house near Uniontown.

—The steamer Mary C., schooner Wm. Totten, and sloop Mary Francis, as well as several long-boats, arrived at the wharves yesterday.

—Charles Becker, J. C. Wilson, John Murray, Wm. Ellis, Charles Dorsey and Matthew Cook received permits to-day to repair their houses.

—Mr. Frank K. Ward has been furnished at his own request with all copies of his report on a nuisance with the reports of the Commissioners thereon.

—Judge Dent was absent from his office to-day, having gone to Williamsport, Md., to meet Mrs. Linticum on her return from Deer Park. He will return to-morrow.

—The monthly report of the Tax Collector was completed to-day. Thirty-seven thousand four hundred and fifty-nine dollars and eleven cents is the total tax for the month of August. The total for July was \$38,940.00.

—The mortality of the District last week was 110, being 17 more than during the previous week. Of the decedents, white, 18 were male, 28 female; colored—27 male, 37 female. There were seven deaths from violence, ten from malaria, two from stroke, and eleven from other causes. There were 70 births, 10 male, 20 white females, 16 colored males, and 16 colored females. There were also nine marriages among the white population, and three among the colored.

—The twentieth annual report of the Police Department was completed to-day, and will be submitted to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The report, which will strongly urge an increase of the police force, the establishment of some system of providing for supernumerary or disabled policemen, and will protest against the inferior condition of the police stations, except the third, fourth and eighth.

—Dr. D. C. Patterson, the coroner, submitted to the District Commissioners to-day the estimate of expenses of his office during the next fiscal year, which aggregates \$2,500. The annual report is also submitted, and includes the following interesting figures: During the year ending June 30, 1881, there were 11 suicides, nine homicides, 27 infanticides, 107 deaths by accidents and negligence, and 400 by disease, which were investigated by the coroner, making a total of 547 cases, 158 of which were over the head of the coroner, 284 by report, and in 5 cases the color was unknown. The homicides were as follows: by gunshot wounds, 3; by punctured wounds, 1; by weapons and missiles, 5. The suicides were, by incised wounds, 2; by irritant poison, 3; by narcotic poison, 1; by drowning, 2; by hanging, 2; by jumping from a window, 1.

Dozing Up.

Charley Thomas, Georgetown, D. C., and Rose Tyler, city.

William E. Boisseau and Mary P. Birchett, Prince George County.

Edward J. Clinton, Montgomery County, Md., and Annie Kirby, Baltimore, Md.

Federal of the Late Senator Burnside.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bright received the following telegram from Vice-President Arthur to-day:

"You are hereby authorized and directed to invite Senators to attend the funeral of Gen. Burnside, according to custom in such cases when occurring in recess."

C. A. ARTHUR, Vice-President and President of the Senate.

The Sergeant-at-Arms telegraphed to Senators John P. Jones, of Nevada; John A. Logan and J. D. Cameron, of Illinois, in New York, and notified Senators Johnston, Garland, Pugh and Jones, of Florida, who are in the city. Mr. Nixon will represent the Secretary's office of the Senate. Senator Vest telegraphed from Fairbury White Sulphur Springs that he would be here to-night and attend the funeral.

Senator David Davis sent the following dispatch: "An shock at General Burnside's death. Regret I am unable to attend his funeral."

The committee will leave this city for Providence, R. I., to-morrow morning at 9:30.

The Senate Chamber was this morning draped in mourning out of respect to the memory of the late Senator. The flag on the Senate side of the Capitol is flying at half-mast.

A dispatch from Toronto says that boasting challenges have been issued as follows: Edward Hanlan offers to row Wallace Ross or any man in the world a three or four mile race for \$2,000 to \$5,000 a side, on a course to be mutually agreed upon within thirty or seven days from date. He deposited \$500 with the sporting editor of the Mail to make his offer good. Edward Trickett renews his offer to row Chas. E. Courtney a three or four mile race, straightaway, for \$1,000 a side, and says he regrets that the Union Springs sculler thought fit to leave the city without no race in New York, and Trickett and Gaudin challenge Hamlin and Conley to row a two-mile straightaway race in double sculls, in three weeks, for \$500 a side. H. M. Briceland offers to row either McKay, of Halifax, or McDonald, of Ottawa, a three-mile single scull race on the Ottawa, in two weeks from the signing of the articles.

GEORGETOWN AFFAIRS.

Canal Navigation.

The recent rains did not extend far enough down the canal to make navigation altogether smooth. Consequently the departure of coal boats from Cumberland are few. Only nine boats left yesterday with coal for the following: Borden Co., 450 tons; Consolidation Co., 379 tons.

Marital.

Miss Callie T. Cooper, of Georgetown, will shortly be married to Louis F. F. Gentry, of New York.

Traffic Over the Aqueduct Bridge.

Rival telegraph lines are now being erected across the bridge of the Alexandria Canal aqueduct at Georgetown. It is said that there is a movement on foot to run a railroad over this bridge. If this is done it will take considerable trade away from the Washington & Annapolis Ferry Company, which at this time is subject to much criticism on account of running only one boat between Washington and Alexandria.

Sudden Death.

Matthew Morley, aged 60, residing at the house of James Shugrue on the conduit, near the reservoir, died very suddenly about 4 p. m. yesterday. Morley was a hard drinker, and it is supposed that whiskey contributed to his death. Coroner Patterson was notified and gave a certificate of death.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS.

There were no cases at Police Headquarters this morning.

The Readjuster convention met at Saropha Hall in this city yesterday, and organized by the election of Robert G. Cunningham, of the county, chairman, and D. W. Whiting, secretary, and nominated Sewell B. Corbett, of the county, as a candidate for the House of Delegates. Mr. Corbett is a Republican Readjuster and a successful and prosperous farmer.

The "Straight-Outs" met in convention yesterday, and nominated Edmund Burke, Commonwealth's attorney, of the county, for the House of Delegates. It is stated by prominent Republicans that Mr. Burke cannot carry fifty Republican votes, and, of course, he cannot get a single Conservative Readjuster vote. It is charged that the "Straight-Outs" are acting in the interest of Judge C. E. Stuart, the Funder candidate, for the same position.

The Two Girls Who Killed Their Father—A Horrible Story.

The two Williams girls who killed their father near Williams, Pittsylvania County, Va., last week are as crazy as the wind, and ignorant, and the youngest is half idiotic. It seems they picked up a living by gathering berries and chestnuts, which their father compelled them to exchange for whiskey for his own use. The oldest daughter says that on the evening preceding the murder her father sent her to Whitehall to purchase whiskey with money she had earned with her own hands by drying fruit, and that she procured the quantity of whiskey desired and invested the remainder of the money in a few yards of calico. When she returned home her father became enraged about the purchase of the calico, and ordered her to take her head to the wall, and that he then choked her mother until she was black in the face; that her mother, as soon as she was released, went for the warrant, and that she and her sister, fearing for their lives, took both of the axes and hid them; but their father demanded them, saying that the girls had to give him the axes and burn them up afterward. She denied emphatically all knowledge of the murder, but this part of her story is not credited. At the time of the discovery of Williams' body the calico referred to by the girl was found by his side, and it is believed that he took it away from the girls and that they were until he was asleep and killed him as already reported. There were two axes used, instead of one, and so deeply were they imbedded that in drawing them out the head and shoulders were lifted from the ground. One of the girls, who appears to be a half idiot, made no statement, but indicated that of her sister. A horrible story is circulated in the neighborhood that Williams, a few days before the murder, had instructed two of his daughters to earn money by leading vicious dogs, and said that after killing his wife he would take the girls and burn them up afterward. She denied emphatically all knowledge of the murder, but this part of her story is not credited. At the time of the discovery of Williams' body the calico referred to by the girl was found by his side, and it is believed that he took it away from the girls and that they were until he was asleep and killed him as already reported. There were two axes used, instead of one, and so deeply were they imbedded that in drawing them out the head and shoulders were lifted from the ground. One of the girls, who appears to be a half idiot, made no statement, but indicated that of her sister. 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