THE EVENING CRITIC.
ESTABLISHED AUGUST, 1868.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Opera-house.

This evening Mr. Frank Mordaunt, supported by a brilliant company, opens at Ford's Opera-house in the very successful play of "Old Shipmates." This being the first rendition of that drama in Washington, we can speak of it only as we have read of it in the various exchanges, all of which speak in the most enthusiastic terms of the piece itself, and of the characteristically fine acting of the company in general and in detail.

Fanny Davenport.

This beautiful and brilliant actress is with us for one week at the National Theatre. Her support is excellent and her repertoire decidedly attractive; her costumes marvels of the modiste's art. This lady is one of the most eminent favorites in this city, as elsewhere, and her engagement promises to be a marked success.

Blanche Roosevelt.

This evening at Lincoln Hall Miss Blanche Roosevelt, supported by a remarkably capable corps of artists, appears in one of her grand concerts. The *Capital* of yesterday says, speaking of this lady: "The popularity of this lady is well merited, by reason of her artistic power and actual genius. There is no lady upon the stage more popular than Miss Roosevelt. She combines the culture of study with native genius, and is admirably supported by an efficient corps of artists."

The most popular and, in many respects, the grandest of oratorios, is Haydn's "Messiah," which will be presented at the Congregational Church on Wednesday evening. The choruses have been thoroughly rehearsed by the Washington Philharmonic Society, and will doubtless be given with the spirit and effect that has marked every effort of this prominent musical organization. The selection of soloists for this occasion has been an exceedingly happy one. Miss Ida Hubbell is a soprano of rare excellence, Miss Anna Drasdil is one of the best contraltos of the day, Mr. Theodore Toedt has a very pleasing tenor voice, and Mr. Franz Remmertz has no superior at present in the basso score of the "Messiah."

St. Matthew's Fair.

This most eminently successful social event will continue at Willard Hall for two evenings—this and to-morrow. It has been the most perfect affair of its character in all respects ever known in this city and its popularity unbounded.

Lecture.

Rev. D. W. Faunce lectures this evening at the E-Street Baptist Church on "Lights and Sounds in the Orient." Admission 25 cents.

Abner's Music Hall.

There is no establishment in the city better suited for a ball-room, fair, lecture or concert purposes that Abner's Music Hall, on E street opposite the National Post-office. It's central location and its splendid appointments make it in every way desirable. It can be rented at any time for these purposes by application to the proprietor. In another column its advantages are specifically given.

The Theatre Comique.

This establishment is unexceptionally attractive this week. In addition to the famous Gregory Brothers, who make their first appearance here this season, the variety specialities are immense and the inimitable Jake Budd appears in one of his ever popular olios.

The Fair for Union Lodge.

The fair for the benefit of Union Lodge, I. O. O. F., which was in progress two weeks at Odd-Fellows' Hall, Navy-yard, closed last Saturday night. About $1,200 was realized from the articles voted for. The following were the successful contestants: K. of P. uniform, James K. Garner, 1,926.6. I. O. O. F. uniform—R. W. Harbin, 833. I. O. Rechabites' regalia—J. G. Bates, 542.2. Lodge gavel—Golden Rule Lodge, 106½. P. G. collar—D. Freeland, 369½. Ladies' watch—Fanny Cook, 1,176. I. O. Rechabite pin—S. G. Nottingham, 92¼. Grocers' scales—Henry Kuhn, 18½. Butter scales—G. N. Ramby, 193½. I. O. Mechanics' badge—D. G. Eichelberger, 254. Good Templars' badge—Charles Burdine, 199.3. Pyramid cake—Fanny Young, 152.1. Boys' suit—W. Hailey, 172.

For the Benefit of the Central Dispensary.

The drawing-room concert, to come off to-morrow night, at the residence of Mrs. Carlisle, 307 D street, for the benefit of the Central Dispensary, promises to attract a large and fashionable audience. Volunteer home talent will furnish the entertainment. The dispensary, which does so much good to the poor and distressed, is under the care of a board of patronesses, composed of the following ladies: Mrs. Chief Justice Waite, Madame Outrey, Mrs. Secretary Hunt, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Justice Miller, Mrs. Parke, Mrs. Admiral Rodgers, Mrs. R. T. Merrick, Mrs. Gen. Sherman, Mrs. McKeever, Mrs. Maguire and Mrs. Mildred Carlisle.

National Hotel Arrivals.

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The Self-Exiled.

"Now, open the gate and let her in,
And fling it wide,
For she has been cleansed from stain of sin,"
St. Peter cried,
And the angels all were silent.

"Though I am cleansed from stain of sin,"
She answered low,
"I came not hither to enter in,
Nor may I go,"
And the angels all were silent.

"But I may not enter there," she said,
"For I must go
Across the gulf where the guilty dead
Lie in their woe,"
And the angels all were silent.

"If I enter heaven I may not speak
My soul's desire,
For them that are lying distraught and weak
In flaming fire,"
And the angels all were silent.

St. Peter he turned the keys about,
And answered grim—
"Can you love the Lord, and abide without
Afar from Him?"
And the angels all were silent.

"Should I be nearer Christ?" she said,
"By pitying less
The sinful living or woeful dead,
In their helplessness?"
And the angels all were silent.

"Should I be liker Christ were I
To love no more
The loved, who in their anguish lie
Outside the door?"
And the angels all were silent.

"Did He not hang on the cursed tree,
And bear His shame,
And clasp to His heart, for love of me,
My guilt and blame?"
And the angels all were silent.

"Should I be liker, nearer Him,
Forgetting this—
Singing all day with the Seraphim,
In selfish bliss?"
And the angels all were silent.

The Lord himself stood by the gate,
And heard her speak
Those tender words compassionate,
Gentle and meek,
And the angels all were silent.

Now, pity is the touch of God
In human hearts,
And from that way He ever trod—
He ne'er departs,
And the angels all were silent.

And He said: "Now will I go with you,
Dear child of Love;
I am weary of all this glory, too,
In Heaven above,"
And the angels all were silent.

"We will go seek and save the lost,
If they will hear—
They who are worst but need me most;
And all are dear,"
And the angels all were silent.

—WALTER C. SMITH.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

A Man Who Was Fed Seven Months Through a Hole in His Stomach.

St. Louis Republican.

One of the most remarkable surgical operations ever performed in America is described in a paper written by Dr. Frank J. Lutz, surgeon of the Alexian Brothers' Hospital. The subject, E. Huncke, a German tailor, 58 years old, who resided on South Tenth street, commenced in July, 1880, to experience considerable difficulty in swallowing his food, which grew so serious finally that he had fainted several times from the pain. On October 28 he consulted Dr. Lutz, who, after examination, found an incipient stricture of the lower part of the esophagus, probably malignant. He advised the patient, who was very intelligent and of a philosophic turn of mind, of the nature of the disease, and its inevitable issue—death by starvation. It was explained to him that his life could be prolonged and made comfortable, but that his disease was not curable; and after the different methods by which he could be fed were explained he pronounced in favor of a "gastric fistula," which, being interpreted, means nothing more nor less than a hole cut into his stomach, through which the food he could not swallow could be introduced. The operation was performed by Dr. Lutz, assisted by Drs. Wesseler, Hickman and Fuhrmann. A two-inch incision was made parallel with the cartilage of the eighth rib, through which the incision was made into the stomach, and stopped with a plug of carbolized gauze. After eight days the wound had healed by granulation, and food was introduced through the opening three times a day. After food, whether solid or liquid, had been thoroughly masticated and insalivated by the patient, he spat it into a rubber tube, through which it was conveyed into the opening. Dr. Lutz observed that as soon as the patient began to masticate his food the gastric juice flowed freely through the fistulous opening. By this means he was kept alive seven months, long after the ulcer of the esophagus had made it impossible for him to swallow anything, fluid or liquid. He died finally of exhaustion, complaining of a violent thirst which nothing could quench.

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National Republican.

That there is a volcano under the Treasury Department, which is liable to break out in a violent state of eruption at any moment, sending forth huge volumes of smoke, burning lava, clerks, messengers, and employes generally is commonly believed. This may be an exaggerated idea, but a mere mention of it is enough to make a Treasury employe turn pale. A gentleman high in that Department told a *Republican* reporter that the trouble with Lamphere was the "lapse roll." This roll is made up in this way: When the position of clerk or other employe of the Treasury Department is vacant, it often happens that the vacancy remains for some weeks without filling. The salary of this position, which accrues during such vacancy, is set aside as a separate fund called the "lapse fund." Persons are then employed and paid out of this fund, and they form the "lapse roll." Those on the "lapse roll" are considered as next in line of promotion to regular positions, so that while they are paid a lower rate of compensation than the regular employes, a place on the "lapse roll" is considered a good thing to have in the family. The trouble with Mr. Lamphere, the appointment clerk, was about this roll. In the goodness of his soul he had became "long" on the roll and "short" on the fund—that is, he carried more names on the roll than he could pay without leaving the regular positions vacant an unconscionable length of time. This caused a change in that office to be deemed advisable by Secretary Folger, and Mr. Butler was accordingly appointed in Mr. Lamphere's stead. The Secretary and Mr. Butler are busily engaged in the endeavor to straighten this matter out.

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A Woman's Suicide.

At Pottsville, Pa., Saturday night, Mrs. Cassie Rathburn, aged 24 years, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart at Shamokin, Pa. She was married about six years ago, and with her husband went West, where she was soon afterward deserted by him. She returned to Shamokin recently and was employed as a domestic in the family of John McIntyre. Several days ago she visited her brother's house, where she spent a pleasant time, but asserted that she was tired of life. Upon being questioned as to the cause of her despondent feeling she evaded all questions. Saturday night she went to her room, dressed in her best attire, and, having previously secured Mr. McIntyre's revolver, laid herself on the bed, pointing the pistol to her breast, fired the fatal shot. The ball passed through her heart, and was found by the coroner in the pillow. Her husband, it is said, threatened her life, and this is believed to be the cause of her terrible act.

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Irish Land League.

The John Dillon Branch at its meeting last evening started a subscription to the fund guaranteed to be forwarded to Ireland by the Irish National Convention lately held at Chicago, and appointed Messrs. M. Emmet Urell, Daniel Shanahan, and J. D. O'Connell a committee to canvass the District. The following amounts were subscribed at the meeting: J. D. O'Connell, $10; Thomas Smith, $10; John Strapp, $10; John Finn, $5; James Ryan, $5; Joseph Holston, $5; F. P. Cierry, $5; Col. T. Quinn, $5; P. Ratigan, $5; P. McMahon, $5; Major M. Emmet Urell, $5; H. J. Clarke, $5; P. Meagher, $5; James Linskey, $5; John M. Keogh, $5; Richard Travers, $5; D. A. Brosnan, $5; Denis Callahan, $5; P. Donovan, $5; F. G. Clements, $5; David F. Morgan, $5; J. W. Ahern, $3; Daniel Walsh, $2; Michael O'Shea, $1; Mr. J. D. O'Connell, the delegate to the Chicago convention, then submitted his report, and after the transaction of other business the meeting adjourned.

DIED.

GOODRICH.—On December 10, after a long and painful illness, William T. Goodrich, in the 52d year of his age.

KAYSER.—On Saturday, December 10, at 2:15 a. m., of inflammation of the brain, Joseph A. Kayser, beloved husband of Harriet W. Kayser.

His remains will to-day be taken to Staunton, Va., for interment.

LANCASTER.—On Saturday, December 10, at 3:15 o'clock, Mary E. Lancaster, widow of the late E. F. Lancaster, in the 30th year of her age, after a long and painful illness which she bore with Christian grace.

Funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 13, at 11 o'clock, from her brother's residence, G. W. Chrisman, 1145 Fifteenth street northwest.

WELLS.—On Saturday, December 10, Minnie, youngest child of Charles J. and Jane Wells, of paralysis of the heart, aged 1 year, 5 months and 25 days.

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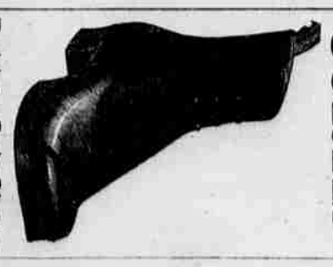

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