THE EVENING CRITIC.
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

The special bulletin issued from the Signal Office to-day says:

Indications are that cloudy weather and rain will continue in the Middle States during the rest of Thursday, followed on Friday by clearing and slightly warmer weather.

Snow is indicated for New England to-night, and snow or rain on Friday morning, followed by clearing weather during Friday.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

CUSTODIAN WEEDON conveyed three cranks across the river to-day.

PUBLIC PRINTER DEFREES is pronounced considerably better this morning.

THE street lamps will be lighted at 6:25 p. m. and extinguished at 11:55 p. m.

THE shoes worn by Hazel during his late tramp are in the possession of Mr. Frank Harmer, of this city.

MR. J. W. DRANE has been appointed by the Commissioners to superintend the reconstruction of the Jefferson building.

THE Commissioners to-day stated that they had not the necessary funds to comply with a request for laying brick sidewalks at Mount Pleasant.

THE Edison electric light having proved satisfactory in the *Record* room of the Government Printing-office they are now being put into the press-room.

NACE LEE, colored, was to-day convicted in the Criminal Court of a second offense of petit larceny and sentenced to the Auburn State prison for three years.

THE Commissioners have declined to erect additional lamp posts on Frederick street, in Georgetown, at present, in response to a petition requesting them to do so.

THE resignation of James A. Bean as constable was to-day accepted by the Supreme Court of the District, and the application of O. Kimmell for the place ordered to be filed.

MR. YEATMAN, the veteran fisherman at Point Lookout, catches fish at 9 p. m., and at 9 a. m. the fish are on the stalls of Knight & Gibson in the Centre Market. They are the finest and freshest offered.

JUSTICE HAGNER made the announcement to-day that the Probate Court would meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and hereafter meet regularly every Friday for the transaction of Orphans' Court business.

THE Water Registrar was busy to-day certifying the bonds of plumbers, as he is required to certify to a plumber being a practical and experienced workman before he can be accepted by the Engineer and Health Departments.

IN response to a request for an improvement of the crossing at Fourteenth and L streets, the Engineer Commissioner reports that he will recommend the improvement of Fourteenth street as soon as the new appropriation becomes available.

THE District Commissioners have received a letter from the trustees of St. John's church, in Georgetown, asking that the bell of that church be disconnected from the fire alarm circuit, as it is not desirable to strike the alarms on that bell in the future.

JERRY BERRY, charged with buglariously entering the residence of Thomas Melia, No. 2223 M street northwest, on the night of the 21st of December last, was acquitted in the Criminal Court to-day. Mr. Frank H. Fall defended him and proved an alibi.

HOUSE bill 4760 to authorize the Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company to extend a railroad into the District, has been referred to the Commissioners for report as well as House bill 4840 to authorize the Southern Maryland Railroad to extend its tracks into the District.

THE contemplated beginning to-day of the restoration of the Jefferson building was delayed by the bad weather, but will be commenced as soon as the weather admits. A large force of men will be put to work removing the debris and rubbish, before commencing to rebuild.

IN response to a letter from W. D. Winsatt asking what rights he had in relation to making regulations for the government of fish wharves recently purchased by him, the Commissioners to-day informed him that he could make all regulations necessary for keeping the wharves in a clean and sanitary condition.

TWENTY PERSONS united with the First Congregational Church, March 5. This church now numbers nearly 700, probably the largest membership of any Protestant church in the District. The pastor preaches to a congregation of 1,000 Sunday mornings and of 500 in the evening. The evening congregation contains scarcely 20 of the same persons there in the morning.

THE complaint of the auditor of District accounts at the Treasury of the excessive charges of the Gas Company for illuminating the Force and Lincoln schools, was referred to the inspector of gas and meters, who reports the waste at the Force building to be occasioned by defective burners, and the excessive charge at the Franklin to be caused by the janitor remaining in that building at nights.

THE Commissioners complain of the various evils of the present system of criminal trials in the District, and advocate a return to the magistrate system. It is said that there is now a large collection of cases appealed from the Police Court, which should have yielded revenue to the District, but so long a time intervened before they were tried in the Criminal Court that witnesses could not be found, and the cases were nolle pros

THE Safety Committee appointed to visit public buildings, halls, churches, etc., yesterday afternoon visited the Smithsonian, the Corcoran Building, the two Jewish Synagogues, the Stickney Chapel, the Gurley Chapel and other buildings. At 2 p. m. to-day they started to complete their labors by visiting the Company A Armory, Police Headquarters and the Columbia Building. The work of drafting the final report will begin to-morrow morning.

AT Police Headquarters it is thought that the elopement of John M. Hawksworth with Mrs. Hunter, noted yesterday, has been successful, and that the fleeing party have departed for the country without being overtaken by the deserted wife and indignant brother-in-law. The police received a telegram that the vessel on which the pair had secured passage for Barbadoes started from New York yesterday, and have received no intelligence of their being overtaken in their flight.

IN response to a letter asking for young shade trees to be planted on Nineteenth street, from Boundary to Columbia Road, the Engineer Commissioner to-day reported that the applications for trees within the city limits are already greater than can be planted during the present year, and it has always been against the principles of the Parking Commission to plant trees in the county while a demand still exists within the city limits. The Parking Commissioners approve the above report and offer to supply young trees to any parties who will plant them on the roads in the county at their own expense.

THE District Commissioners have written a letter to the Chief of Police, calling attention to the large number of idle and ignorant boys and young men who infest the alleys, markets and street-corners, especially after nightfall, and requesting him to have his officers instructed to arrest as many of these boys as possible and prefer charges against them of idleness, vagrancy, incorrigibility, viciousness, etc. The Reform School, according to the letter, has room for seventy-five more boys and the sooner the places are filled the better for the boys themselves and the public at large. Major Brock will instruct his lieutenants accordingly, and war will be proclaimed on ye small boy.

THE Engineer Commissioner of the District has completed and transmitted to the House Committee on the District his report on bill 2935 to authorize the Washington & Atlantic Railroad Company to extend a railroad into and within the District. The report states that the company have not furnished any surveys of the proposed route, and the company will be required to furnish detailed plans before any action is taken. The letter also recommends that the time of beginning the work should not be longer than one year. The letter also states any railroad passing through the valley of Rock Creek may interfere with the National Observatory, and this fact should be ascertained. The report finally states that the company has not presented any evidence of its ability to construct the proposed road or as to the standing and responsibility of the incorporators.

Love's Young Dream.

Samuel L. Williams, of Shenandoah County, Va., and Emma M. Virts, of Washington, County, Md.

John J. Cranford and Fanny Lyles.

Edward H. Miller and Theresa Herfuth.

Edward J. Brand and Mary Stofer, both of Culpeper County, Va.

William Wright and Mary Adams.

Durang's Rheumatic Remedy
will cure any case of rheumatism on the face of the green earth. Sold by every live druggist in Washington.

THE sale of certain marsh lands located in Toledo, Ohio, to place in the office of the Chief Clerk of the Land Commissioner to-day. About 5,000 acres were sold. The highest price realized per acre was $11.25, and the lowest, $1.25.

HON. Logan H. Roots, of Little Rock, Ark., occupied a seat in the Senate to-day.

Senators Voorhees and Pendleton are both confined to their respective homes on account of sickness.

WESLEY'S FOLLOWERS.

Proceedings in the Conferences—Mr. Brown's Report on the Condition of the Washington District—A Good Year's Work Shown—Miscellaneous Business.

Special to THE EVENING CRITIC.

BALTIMORE, March 9.—After my afternoon report closed the Conference proceeded with the passage of the character of effective elders. Rev. W. H. Chapman, Presiding Elder of East Baltimore district, made a verbal report of the work of his district during the past year. A resolution, signed by Revs. W. S. Edwards and J. H. Dashiell, was adopted, expressing the sympathy of the Conference with Rev. Joseph P. Wilson, of Prince Frederick, Calvert County, Md., whose church, parsonage and furniture was destroyed by fire last week. A committee of one from each district was appointed to solicit donations from the preachers for the immediate relief of Mr. Wilson and his family. At 12:25 the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Simpson, to meet at the First Church at half-past 3 o'clock to attend the funeral of Rev. George Hildt. The church was crowded with the ministers and the relatives and friends of the deceased minister, who was greatly venerated and beloved by all who knew him. The pall-bearers were Revs. W. F. Speake, C. W. Baldwin, C. D. Smith, W. F. Ward, James T. Stitt and George W. Cooper. The funeral services were in charge of Presiding Elder Edwards, and addresses, covering the history, character and life of the deceased, were made by Revs. Isaac P. Cook and A. E. Gibson. The remains will be taken to West River, Anne Arundel County, Md., for interment.

The anniversary of the Educational Society was held at Broadway Church last evening, and was addressed by Rev. Drs. Kidder, Bannon and Strong. The Bishop called the first meeting of his cabinet of elders last evening at the residence of his host, Mr. George W. Corner, No. 20 Broadway, and the uncertain itinerant wheel was set in motion.

Standing Committees.

The following standing committees were elected:

American Bible Society—B. F. Clarkson, Thomas Dougherty, S. M. Alford, R. R. Murphy, D. A. Foard.

Baltimore City Mission—W. M. Osborne, J. H. M. Lemon, Thomas Myers, G. W. Hyde, C. T. Weede.

Book Depository—E. E. Shipley, E. D. Owen, Samuel Shannon, W. I. McKenney, D. G. Miller.

Church Extension—Joseph P. Wilson, B. G. W. Reid, D. M. Browning, L. M. Hartsock, G. E. Maydwell.

Church Relief Fund—J. B. Stitt, E. Richardson, O. C. Marriott, Daniel Haskell, H. P. West.

Circulation of Minutes—W. H. Reed, J. H. Marsh, J. C. Nicholson, W. W. Van Arsdale, Solomon German.

Conference Stewards—Clergymen, R. W. Black, J. R. Wheeler, W. F. Speake, C. H. Richardson, G. W. Hobbs. Laymen, G. H. Funk, Robert N. Clark, John S. Berry, E. F. Simpson, R. W. Mason.

Preachers' Aid Fund—S. A. Wilson, W. T. L. Weech, G. W. Cooper, Wilford Downs, James P. Wilson.

Dickinson College—D. H. Carroll, A. S. Hank, A. E. Gibson, J. S. Deale, H. S. France.

Episcopal Fund—J. Edwards, H. G. McDaniel, W. D. Morgan, W. McK. Hammack, Page Milburn.

Executive Missionary Committee—J. E. Amos, E. O. Eldridge, C. D. Smith, A. J. Gill, L. A. Thirlkeld, R. F. Bishop.

Freedmen's Aid Society—W. G. Herbert, H. McFerrar, F. W. Shriver, W. H. Laney, S. S. Wilson.

General Statistics—W. M. Ferguson, W. E. Curley, J. W. Cornelius, L. B. Wilson, J. S. M. Haslup, Reuben Kolb.

Local Preachers—E. H. Smith, W. Case, G. G. Bacon, T. J. Gross, Thomas Wood.

Memoirs—H. B. Naylor, A. M. Courtenay, L. C. Muller, A. H. Ames, A. W. Rudisill.

Public Worship—Pastors in the city, Rev. Mr. Courtenay, chairman.

Post-offices—H. R. Savage, C. T. House, L. L. Brown, E. S. Fort, H. C. Smith.

Publication of Minutes—The secretaries.

Sabbath Observance—Thomas Guard, Joseph France, J. B. Hall, J. McK. Reiley, C. O. Cock.

Seminaries of Learning and other Educational Institutions except Dickinson College—H. Beggs, W. T. D. Clemm, T. M. West, R. N. Baer, F. G. Porter.

State of the Church—J. F. Goucher, Joel Brown, J. F. Wright, George V. Leech, W. F. B. Rice.

Sunday-schools and Tracts—W. Rogers, R. Norris, S. V. Leech, J. C. Hagey, James McLaren.

Laymen—P. Hanson Hiss, George S. Grape, J. W. Flack, William R. Woodward, R. W. Mason.

Temperance—H. H. Smith, J. N. Davis, L. H. Pearce, J. W. Smith, W. C. Griffith.

Conference Postmaster—Jesse C. Starr.

Baltimore Methodist—C. W. Baldwin, A. S. Hank, M. Goheen, J. H. Ryland, W. R. Gwinn.

To-Day's Proceedings.

Special to THE EVENING CRITIC:

BALTIMORE, March 9.—The rainstorm of this morning made the attendance of visitors to the conference very small. The session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Dr. W. B. Edwards. After the reading of the journal the roll of yesterday's absentees was called. The names of L. H. Pierce and Howard H. Westbrook, recent transfers to the Conference, were directed to be placed on the roll.

The credentials of John Musson, a recent local preacher of the M. E. Church, were surrendered to the Conference, he having withdrawn from the church. The passage of the character of effective elder was continued, and Rev. Job Price, Presiding Elder of West Baltimore District, made a written report of his work.

Dr. Lanahan, in reporting his missionary and conference collection, referred to the unequal assessments upon the churches for those benevolences, which elicited a response from Presiding Elder Price.

Rev. Thomas Myers announced the fact that Catonsville Church, of which he is pastor, though built thirty years ago, was without a valid deed. A bill to remedy the defect is now before the Maryland Legislature.

Washington District.

Rev. Peyton Brown, in making a report of the District, said that over 1,000 souls had been converted within the bounds of his district during the past year. The remarkable revival of religion at Waugh Chapel, Rev. Wilford Downs, pastor, was referred to, and the number of conversions placed at 228. The Metropolitan Church was announced to be practically free from debt, and the pastor, Rev. Robert N. Kent, requested to state to the Conference the details of its condition. $50,000 have been paid by the Methodists of the District of Columbia on church indebtedness. Among these churches are the following: Metropolitan, $15,000; Foundry, $11,000; McKendree, $7,000; Waugh, $6,000; Hamline, $3,000; Mount Zion, $1,400. Three new churches have been erected, and three parsonages built.

At the conclusion of the Washington District report, Dr. D. P. Kidder, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of educational matters. He stated that more money had been collected for educational purposes in the Methodist Episcopal Church during the past year than for five years preceding. Children's Day of last year in a thousand churches resulted in the collection of $10,000. Dr. Kidder was interrogated by different members of the Conference and gave desired information. General Conference officers get taken through the catechism pretty thoroughly when they visit the Baltimore Conference.

The report for the year of Centenary Biblical Institute, Rev. J. Emory Rounds president, was presented and read by the secretary.

Among the distinguished visitors who have been introduced to the Conference are Dr. Strong, Professor of Drew Theological Seminary; Dr. Harlan, President of Pennington Seminary; Dr. Hartzell, Assistant Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and Dr. Kidder, of the Educational Board.

Dr. Hartzell address the Conference in the interests of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

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Methodist Protestant Church Conference.

In the Methodist Protestant Conference in Baltimore yesterday the following standing committees were appointed:

Unfinished Business—A. D. Dick, Edward H. Gilligan, E. H. Penewell.

Finance—J. T. Murray, W. J. Neepier, W. R. Graham, R. Nicholson, J. O. Henvis.

Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.

Boundaries—C. W. Button, S. S. Ewell, John Mason, Samuel Gaither, C. A. Benjamin, Joshua Cain, Daniel H. Hahn.

Publication of Minutes—The Secretary of the Conference.

Fulitt Services—A. D. Murray, J. T. Lassell, C. B. Middleton.

Missions—W. S. Hammond, J. D. Kinzer, F. T. Tagg, O. H. Erdman, E. L. Williams, J. N. Gilbert.

Superannuates—D. W. Bates, J. E. Maloy, J. L. Mills, J. H. Leonard, J. S. Topham.

Literature—J. T. Ward, J. W. Charlton, J. M. Helmes, Jos. Libby, Jackson Day, Ormond Hammond.

Sabbath-schools—R. S. Norris, J. E. T. Ewell, F. T. Hall, Joseph Barnett, J. D. A. Robinson.

Temperance—B. F. Benson, S. T. Ferguson, J. L. Straughn, Marcellus. Balderston, Daniel Sweeney.

Bible Cause—J. Schreeve, C. M. Thompson, F. T. Little, J. A. Shoemaker, W. M. Strattan.

Fraternal Relations—D. A. Shermer, J. B. Jones, S. D. Treadway, Chas. F. Thomas, W. L. Seabrook.

Official Character—J. R. Nichols, W. M. Strayer, S. A. Roblitzel, Thomas Johnson, J. L. Fettt.

Statistics—R. T. Smith.

Ministerial Supply Outside of the District—L. W. Bates, H. C. Cushing, W. J. Floyd, Thos. Robinson, W. W. Walker.

Obituaries—Of T. A. Moore, D. W. Bates, chairman; of D. N. Gilbert, J. D. Kinzer, chairman; of I. T. Adkins, J. K. Nichols, chairman.

Western Maryland College—E. J. Drinkhouse, C. H. Littleton, T. O. Crouse, Peter Balle, J. B. Thomas.

Foreign Missions—J. J. Murray, D. C. Greenfield, J. L. Killgore, J. H. Maynard, W. K. White.

Ministerial Education—J. R. Nichols, P. L. Wilson, W. W. White, J. T. McCullough, Wm. Spry.

President's Report—S. B. Southerland, S. T. Graham, E. R. McGreager, John Clark, Silas N. Norris.

Baltimore Conference M. E. Church South.

At the session of this Conference in Fredericksburg, Va., yesterday, standing committees were appointed, composed of one clerical and one lay member from each district, on education, on Sunday-schools, publishing interests, temperance, and on memorials to the General Conference. Committees were also appointed on the Bible cause, public worship, to receive and distribute letters, return tickets on railroads, and to canvass for subscriptions to the Conference minutes. J. P. Houck was substituted in place of M. Walton as lay delegate, and Richard D. Spindle in place of C. F. Jordan. W. G. Hammond was put in place of J. S. Gardner on committee of examination of candidates for admission on trial, and J. S. Hutcheson in place of W. K. Boyle.

The characters of J. Newman Hank, J. W. Boteler, J. N. Spangler, A. R. Martin, G. R. Jefferson, E. F. Heterick, James Beatty, S. S. Roszel, William Hedges, L. R. Crenshaw, S. S. Ryder, were passed, and they were continued in the supernumerary relation.

The characters of S. Kepler, A. A. Eskridge, Thos. Hildebrand, J. W. Tongue, F. M. Mills, H. Hoffman, E. L. Kregelo, P. S. E. Stokes, Geo. Stevenson, G. W. Lightner and W. Hedges were passed, and they were continued in the superannuated relation.

The characters of the presiding elders were passed, and each one represented his district. Dr. Rodgers completes his fourth year on the Baltimore district. There had been 278 accessions during the year, but by revision of the rolls the membership was less than before. The district was in fine working order, and there had been a steady improvement in it.

River and Harbor Improvements.

The communication of Capt. John Cowdan, asking the House Commerce Committee to send a subcommittee to an inspection of the Mississippi River, was received at the meeting of that committee to-day and laid over. Mr. Maloney, of the St. Joseph convention, spoke in favor of an appropriation of $8,000,000 to improve the Mississippi River. Mr. Washburn was authorized by the committee to report certain amendments to H. B. 4440, which is a substitute to H. B. 837. A substitute was reported to H. B. 607, authorizing the erection of a lighthouse on Ram Island, Booth Bay. Mr. McLain reported favorably for reference to Appropriations Committee H. B. 4685, for the erection of a marine hospital at Cincinnati. Mr. Guthrie reported favorably J. R. 138, referring to danger signals, a substitute to H. B. 707. The committee decided to invite the Mississippi River Commission to a hearing on Monday next.

The Froebel Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Froebel Society was held last night at the residence of the president, R. W. Fenwick, 1303 N street northwest. The meeting was an unusually interesting one. During the business session the president made some remarks on the work of the society in promoting the kindergarten system, and said that it was their intention to ask Congress for an appropriation of about a thousand dollars to continue the free kindergarten now flourishing at Ohio avenue and Thirteenth street, under the care of Miss Emily C. Graves, who has kindly devoted herself to the school without recompense. The literary and musical portion of the programme consisted of piano solos by Mr. Kuebel, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Daniels; readings by Mrs. Beech-Lincoln, Prof. E. C. Townsend and Mr. E. T. Townsend; duets by Mr. and Mrs. Drexel and Master Carl; and Miss Louise Fenwick, accompanied on the piano by Miss Sullivan. The most delightful feature of the evening was an effective and powerful recitation by Mrs. Wetmore, of New York, in the Scotch dialect, entitled "Surly Tim." The meeting altogether was an uncommonly pleasant one.

Local Labor Notes.

The Painters' Union, organized at Timms' Hall about a week ago, held a second meeting last night at Knights of Pythias' Hall for the purpose of electing officers and adopting by-laws. Nearly two hundred painters were present, and an active, harmonious meeting was held. The following officers were chosen: President, Thomas Denham; vice-president, Wash. Butts; recording secretary, George Sinclair; financial secretary, John Glynn; treasurer, George D. Quackenbush, and sergeant-at-arms, Frank Latham. The union is now thoroughly organized with a hard-working, energetic set of officers, and will undoubtedly accomplish a great deal for the benefit of the painters in the city.

The painters notified the bosses that after the first Monday in April $2.50 per day wages would be demanded. An application for a charter was made to the Knights of Labor and other business transacted. The completion of the constitution and by-laws was deferred until the next meeting.

The Flipper Case.

The record in the Flipper court-martial case, together with the report thereon of Judge-Advocate-General Swaim, was submitted to the Secretary of War to-day. Gen. Swaim feels that justice should be tempered with mercy in this case, and recommends a mitigation of the sentence of dismissal imposed by the Court which found Flipper guilty of a gross violation of the regulations of the Army, but not guilty of acts involving fraud. It is the general impression that the sentence will be mitigated to some lighter punishment.

The Choicest Beverages.
For the finest brands of wines and liquors we recommend Mr. Chris Xander's famous establishment at 911 Eleventh street. His wines and liquors are of the choicest character, and his fifteen-year-old Scotch whisky and Jamaica rum unparalleled. Mr. Xander has made a specialty of native wines. All of his stock is first-class.

Real Estate Transfers.

Belle Bond to N. C. Page, for $5,000, part of lot 3, square west of square 481; J. J. Knox, Commissioner, &c., to Susan P. Okie, for $3,700, part of lot 7, square 252; Anthony Hyde et al., trustees, to W. W. Corcoran et al., trustees, for $1, lot 26, square 728.

Reliable Goods Can
be secured at James Tharp's, 820 F street. Old Rye for medicinal purposes, a pure article, in quantities to suit.

Notes and Comments.

Mrs. Langtry makes the stage pay.

Tennyson wishes, now, that he hadn't.

The spring drowning season is beginning.

Somebody has sufficient interest in Wayne MacVeagh to ask who he is.

In Illinois they feed cabbage-worms with bran until the worms burst.

It does seem rather ridiculous that a Hindoo snake-charmer should have jim-jams.

Virginia boasts of a giant in whose foot are sixteen inches. They call him "Chicago."

The circus season will soon be upon us, when bands will parade the streets and chase people into the show to get away from the noise.

Mr. Wall married an actress and got out of it well. She merely slew him. Generally they raise Hades and compel a man to live and endure it.

There is a limit to barbarity, and that Leadville vigilance committee reached it when it drowned the horse thief, so compelling him to swallow water.

A 15-year-old Detroit boy killed a man because he made life a bore to him. If editors acted on that principle the coroner wouldn't get time to sleep.

In swell Parisian society it is not fashionable to dance much, so the Jardin Mabille is to be destroyed, and the can-can is going out of style.—*Lowell Citizen.*

They have found out that the pressure of the water at the depth of two miles would kill a man in an instant. Prudent citizens won't go down there.—*Detroit Free Press.*

For the last ten years there has been less wind in March than in October or April. Political campaigns, with stump speaking, are in progress during the latter months.

The general opinion of Tennyson's latest effort is that he'd have done better to make it an address to an old barrel rolling down stairs after a negro with a tray of dishes.

Another mammoth cave has been found in Kentucky. This thing regularly occurs down there, but it can't last always. There won't be any of the State left to find a cave in.

A prisoner at South Bend, Ind., tried to commit suicide the other day because the warden seemed to feel due to him in society. Those Western prison officials are frightfully brutal.

The latest freak among fashionable New York girls is to patronize fortune-tellers. They've got rather tired of the kind of lies the young men tell them, and desire a change.

It is awful embarrassing for a Congressman to have a bill suddenly called up and discover that he has let his memorandum book at home and he can't for the life of him, recollect which way he has agreed to vote on that matter.

SOCIETY.

What is Going on in the Social World.

The dinner at the White House last night was what the President wished it to be—an occasion of pleasant reunion and social intercourse. The private dining-room is very homelike; its tone being warm and rich, without the sombreness that usually results from the so-called æsthetic wall-paper and coloring. The walls are lighted with heavily gilt patterns—Japanese flowers and bizarre designs—and capped by a frieze of velvet paper, relieved on each side with a narrow beading of gold. The curtains are of plush, and hang in full folds from rods and rings of burnished brass, and the mirrors and chandeliers are of such a size as to add to the effect of light and color. Last night an abundance of smilax trailed its delicate beauty over and about the two last, and azaleas in full bloom shone against a background of darker shrubbery placed against the walls. The table was laid with twenty covers and ornamented with flowers, lights and the Hiawatha boat. The four flower pieces were an improvement on the set "green-house baskets," for they nodded from long stems, and fell into the graceful positions Nature teaches her children; two were of roses, oh, such roses! and the others of hyacinths, pale pink, cream, rose-colored and white. The usual floral greeting lay at each plate—a bouquet de corsage for each lady and a boutoniere for each gentleman. There was some slight change in the list of guests, Mrs. Beale being substituted for Mrs. Lincoln, who was too sick to be present, and Miss Frelinghuysen for Miss Folger, and Mrs. Wadsworth for Mrs. Brewster. Mrs. Wadsworth, by the way, is one of the most elegant women the North has ever lent us, and her toilettes this season have been marvels of richness. There were sixteen courses and six varieties of wine, with liqueurs after; the guests sat down at table at half-past 7 and rose at a quarter to 11.

Major and Mrs. Ramsey paid a short visit this week to their father, General Ramsey, U. S. A., at his home in the West End. The Major is stationed at Fort McHenry, and, it is needless to add, is as popular on the station as he deserves to be.

The friends of Lieut. Fuller, U. S. A., hope he will spend a portion of his leave here. He has been granted four months on account of his health, which has never recovered from the effects of a wound received in an Indian fight several years ago. He was shot through the shoulder with a poisoned arrow, and was obliged to go several hours before it could be extracted.

At the grand fancy ball, given at Southsea, Eng., some weeks ago, to the royalties and nobility, an absolutely original character appeared, of which, for the benefit of our belles, I will give them a sketch. It was "The Ghost of a Grandmother," and the toilet was a white quilted satin jupon, a white brocade over dress and bodice, a white satin ribbon about the throat, white lace mits, white kid slippers, white silk stockings, a face bleached into the semblance of Parian, with the eyebrows and patches faintly outlined, and the hair powdered and rolled over an immense cushion, and ornamented with white roses and white ostrich tips.

The third Kammer Concert is set for next Thursday evening, and the gifted musicians will present to their audience on that occasion two entirely new compositions: The "Dumka of Dvorak"—Bohemian music, by a native composer, and the Opus 37 (F) of Xaver Scharwenka, a piano quartette. The opening Opus is Beethoven's 29 (C), a string quintette, too lovely to need words of praise.

The President has issued cards for a dinner next Wednesday evening.

The Secretary of State and his wife and daughters will hold their usual reception this evening.

Political Points.

The Indianapolis *Times* doesn't speak of him as President, but calls him simply Chester A. Arthur. Editor Holloway is not so loyal as Postmaster Holloway was.

Nine out of ten of the weekly Republican papers in Northern and Northeastern Ohio bitterly denounce the appointment of Mr. Conkling. The Western Reserve papers are unanimous in their condemnation of the act.

There are sometimes funny things said about Pennsylvania politics. For instance, Mr. Randall was selected for the member of the Democratic Congressional Committee from that State in preference to ex-Gov. Curtin, the objection to the latter being that his selection would not be satisfactory to Senator Don Cameron, Republican.

The principal business of the great men in Washington city seems to be the giving and absorbing of banquets. Fair and Sargent, and all the rich men, have stood treat, and the general condition of the Washington fish market is buoyant.—*Post-Dispatch.* Eads dines and wines statesmen; so does Flower, of New York, and Hutchins, of the *Post.* Uncle John Roach and Capt. John Codman, however, fail to come to time. Perhaps they have mutually agreed to do their own eating and drinking, and let the statesmen furnish their own grub or go hungry. Thus they save money for "business" when the "crisis" comes.

The Hartford *Post* thinks that what the Democratic party needs "is a great leader." We fear that if the *Post* could produce such a leader the next difficulty would be in finding followers for him. What the Democratic party needs is to believe in Democratic principles with all its mind and soul, and stick to that belief. It will then go right, with or without leaders.—*Baltimore Gazette.* The trouble with the Democratic party is that it has too many principles now. There is the Hon. Beck with his free-trade principles and the Hon. Voorhees with his protection principles, for instance. If the party could get on one side of a question and stay there it might have a chance—but it can't; it tries to get on both sides at once.

Col. W. W. Dudley, Commissioner of Pensions, has written a letter to the New York *Times*, the lying and venal sheet in which was published a long canard some days ago from a correspondent at Columbus, Ohio, about the Indiana campaign. Col. Dudley's letter completely does away with the stupid and malicious tales of fraud, tricks and chicanery by which the Columbus letter said Indiana had been carried. It leaves the wholesome impression on the mind of the reader that the Republicans carried Indiana because they had more voters than the Democrats. The is the real and sufficient reason for that election's going the way it did. About the cock and bull story that ex-Senator Dorsey had $250,000, and only expended some $50,000 to $75,000, it may be said, on the authority of the Indiana Republican Central Committee, that the money, much or little, sent to that State by the National Committee, did not pass through Mr. Dorsey's hands, and that that gentleman, therefore, could not have embezzled any part thereof, as is charged by George Jones, editor of the lying and venal New York *Times.* It will be remembered that this George Jones began his career as a peddler of obscene books at Albany, N. Y., and barely escaped imprisonment in the penitentiary therefor by a technicality, and that he has more recently collected $250,000 as a fund for Gen. Grant, and has so far failed to account for the same.

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Proper Indorsers.

Guiteau has found indorsers. The New England Free-love League has resolved that Mrs. Scoville's appeal for her brother should be heeded by Mrs. Garfield; that hanging Guiteau would be an inexcusable gibbeting of the nation's honor, and the hanging of one rogue by a cowardly majority of rogues.

Slandering Public Men.

George William Curtis said a few weeks ago in an editorial in *Harper's Weekly:* "Undoubtedly many public men are slandered; undoubtedly personal accusations and insinuations are too much the staple of party contentions."

Slow But Slick.

Courier-Journal.

Arthur is a cunning political wire manipulator. His appointment of New and the probable appointment of Chandler to important positions, where these sharp machinists can put in their work for him, indicate his intention of having a second term at all hazards. He began to work for that last September. Arthur lets his purpose become apparent by slow degrees. He doesn't want to shock delicate sensibilities.

A Voice From the Pacific.

San Francisco Post.

The steady increase of Washington Territory in wealth and population clearly entitles it to admission as a State. The immigration to that Territory is of the best character.

WEST WASHINGTON.

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Col. John A. Joyce having left yesterday evening for New York, accompanied by his friend, Anderson, who has been visiting him, it is presumed by his friends that that barrel of flour and the large stock of potatoes laid in by the Colonel have been consumed.

The property adjoining the old yellow tavern on Thirty-second street, has been purchased by some gentlemen of this place, who contemplate the immediate erection of a row of fine houses thereon.

Georgetown College has been quite fortunate lately in bequests and donations, Col. Cole, who died recently in Frederick, Md., having left to it $10,000; and lately James Coleman, esq., heir to the celebrated Bonanza king, O'Brien, of California, has also donated the sum of $10,000 to the same institution.

Mrs. Eliza J. Yarnall, is quite sick at her home, 3028 P street.

This morning about 11:45, as Mr. Young, the aged sexton of the P-street Presbyterian Church, was about entering that building he fell on the stone steps, cutting his left cheek very severely.

Arrivals at the West End Hotel, James Bennett, Long Island, N. Y.; John Jackson, Memphis, Tenn.

COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT—Justice MacArthur.—Judgment in default was given to the following cases: Barker vs. Downing; Cohn, Bell & Co. vs. Kauffman; Schneider & Son vs. Baldwin Bros.; Beavans & Shaw vs. Pettibone; Beavans & Shaw vs. Hooker; Brown & Bro. vs. Vowles; Isaacs & Bro. vs. Spelshouse; Pope Bros. vs. Dungan; Rand Manufacturing Co. vs. Dungan; McDowell vs. Dungan; Banks vs. Dungan. Magruder et. al. vs. Harvey; judgment below affirmed. Brown vs. Curtin; on hearing.

COURT IN GENERAL TERM—Chief Justice Cartter and Justices James and Cox.—Phœnix Mutual Life Insurance Company vs. Grant; motion to fix penalty of appeal; bond denied. McPherson vs. Lovell; on argument.

EQUITY COURT—Justice Hagner.—De Vaughn vs. De Vaughn; payment of fund to distributees ordered. Agnew vs. Ford et al.; pro confesso against Levy & Dougherty ordered. Love vs. Taylor et al.; pro confesso against Caldwell, Carey and Rockwood ordered. Creeden vs. Creeden; appearance of absent defendant ordered. Pfeil vs. Pfeil; same action. Lloyd vs. Lloyd; trustee directed to pay money into court.

Ohio Ideas.

Ben Butterworth's prompt declination to enter the Senatorial race suggests the suggestion that Charley Foster is sitting on Ben's coat-tail. Chawles would better look out, or he might find a crooked pin in the extremity of some Ohio statesman's duster.

The possibilities of the Ohio "What-do-you-call-it" making changes in the boundary-lines of Congressional districts is about as excruciating as vicious tacks driven into divers and sundry cellar-doors, which are calculated to nip the bosom out of a half-dozen pairs of Congressional trousers.

When the Ohio Brigade gets hot in the collar at the seeming indifference of statesmen to their wants, Gen. Jim Robinson cools them off and puts them in a good humor by telling a funny story. All the statesmen should become good story-tellers.

One of the victims of Hayes, who has been here several months seeking vindication from the present Administration, remarked that he was still able to pay his board.

FINANCIAL.

To-day's Stock Quotations.

The following observations of the transactions in the financial market to-day, together with opening and closing quotations, are furnished by the banking-house of H. D. Cooke, jr., & Co., 1429 F street, Washington, D. C.:

Name of Stock.	*Open'g.*	*Clos'g.*
C. & O.	19¾	20
C. C. C. & I.	75	75½
Canada Southern	44¼	46¼
Chi., Bur. & I.	128	128½
C. C. & I. C.	9⅝	9¾
Central Pacific	88	88¾
Del., Lac. & W.	121½	122
Delaware & Hudson	105	105½
Denver & Rio Grande	58	57½
Erie	34¾	35⅜
Hannibal & St. Joe	90	90
do. preferred	79½	80¼
Houston & Texas	83	82
Illinois Central	134	134
L. B. & W.	36	37½
Lake Shore	113⅜	113⅝
Louisville & Nashville	69	73⅛
Lake Erie & Western	27½	28
Michigan Central	79½	80½
Missouri Pacific	92½	91⅞
Mo., Kan. & Texas	27⅜	27⅝
Manhattan Elevated		52
N. Y. Central	130⅝	130⅞
Northwestern	129	130
do. preferred	138¾	140
N. J. Central	88⅛	89¼
Northern Pacific	39⅛	39⅝
do. preferred	69	69⅝
Ontario & Western	22⅜	22½
Pacific Mail	39½	40
Rock Island	129¼	129
Reading	57	67
St. Paul	108½	109⅝
do. preferred	119⅝	120
Union Pacific	111⅞	112½
Western Union	77⅝	78
Wabash, St. L. & P.	32½	33
do preferred	55⅝	57
Col. Coal	39¾	40
East Tennessee	10⅝	10⅞
do. preferred	17	17
Met. Elevated	90	90
N. Y. Elevated	105½	106
Norfolk & Western		
do. preferred	46	46
Ohio Central	18⅜	18⅝
Pa. R. R.	59½	59½
R. & A.	19½	19½
R. & P.	119	30½
R. & Dan.	118	121
Texas & Rio Grande	79	78
Texas Pacific