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Weather Report.

For District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, warmer, fair weather, variable winds becoming southerly.

LOCAL MENTION.

This is the era of combination stores, filling the range of one class of wants. In a clothing store, men now expect to find every article of a complete outfit from top to toe; in fancy and dry goods stores, ladies expect to find the same. Why should not the principle be applied to shops which supply the inner man, by replenishing the larder with eatables? Charles H. Raub & Co. think it should, and they have therefore combined at the corner of Nineteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest two lines of business, giving rise to the Lafayette Market and Grocery. They ask only a fair trial of their goods and prices, and will call for and fill orders or those received by telephone.

VISITING CARDS neatly engraved from your plates at 75 cents per hundred. Kervand, 1012 Pennsylvania avenue.

PROFESSOR J. J. GEORGES, chiropodist, 1230 F street, is not only the inventor of the great corn and bunion shield which has given such great relief to suffering humanity, but he is also the inventor of the instep cushion, a device that is becoming very popular as its merits are becoming known. It is one of the great inventions of the age, and those who have used it will not do without it. It makes the feet shapely, and greatly adds to the general comfort. Those who desire to be fully informed should consult Professor Georges, who charges nothing for his information.

ALL the seasonable and staple goods in the grocery line will be found at the first-class establishment of M. C. Bryan, 1103 New York avenue. The stock is constantly changing, owing to the heavy run of trade, so that it is always fresh and new, and the prices are moderate for the qualities of the articles. It is needless to call the attention of experienced housekeepers to the superior flour which Mr. Bryan makes a specialty, or to the many novelties and delicacies which he introduces to this city.

HAVE just received our importation of superb novelties in Paris and Vienna fans, also receiving daily the latest novelties and colorings in ladies' and men's gloves, for calling, receptions, and full dress wear.

R. H. TAYLOR,
933 Pennsylvania avenue.

VALENTINES at Gould's, 421 Ninth street.

"FIFTY-ONE" is the latest invention of fifteen-ball pool, and can be played at Scanlon's Parlors, 415 Ninth street, it is meeting with a decided hit. No one, not even professional players, has an advantage, as the average player stands just as good a show as the better player. The game is a fine one, and will surely become popular, as it is a new wrinkle of Mr. Scanlon's own mind. "Keyla?"

GENTLEMEN are always assured of the purity of the liquids dispensed at Le Mour's, Eighth street, just above Pennsylvania avenue. Long experience has proved to the proprietor of this establishment that friends are made and patronage retained only in this way.

SHERRY! SHERRY!—Chris Xander has imported direct from Spain sherry wines of the best quality, viz: Amontillado, Olorosa, and Pizpaz, to be had at New York prices, at Chris Xander's, No. 909 Seventh street northwest.

LITHOGRAPH CHECK BOOKS made to order. Handsome designs. Kervand, 1012 Pennsylvania avenue.

The Excelsior Turco-Russian baths, (Shedd's,) 601 E street, have been renovated and repainted and are unexcelled anywhere. Superior scientific shampooing. These baths are the most certain cure known for hay fever.

KING'S PALACE. Arrival of spring straw goods, flowers, and ribbons. Last week's four crowding sale of ladies', misses', and children's cloaks. Don't fail to go to King's Palace, 811 Seventh street.

JUST RECEIVED, by importation, a large shipment of the best Rhine wines. Sold at New York prices, by Chris. Xander, 909 7th street northwest.

MONOGRAMS and address dies stamped in colors at low figures. Kervand's, 1012 Pennsylvania avenue.

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ODD FELLOWSHIP.

At the urgent request of the Grand Master, acting Grand Secretary Lee, the Past Grands, and others, I will publish next Sunday a complete list of the present elective officers whose terms will expire next July.

The committee on reception and levee have secured Rifles' Armory Hall for the night of April 26.

The Grand Master has fixed upon the following dates for the visitations to the constituent Lodges: Central No. 1, Friday, March 18; Washington No. 6, Tuesday, March 8; Eastern No. 7, Friday, April 1; Harmony No. 9, Monday, March 14; Columbia No. 10, Thursday, March 17; Union No. 11, Monday, March 28; Franklin No. 12, Thursday, March 24; Columbia No. 14, Tuesday, March 29; Covenant No. 15, Saturday, March 26; Beacon No. 15, Monday, March 21; Metropolis No. 16, Friday, March 11; Excelsior No. 17, April 4; Mechanics' No. 18, Friday, March 25; Oriental No. 19, Thursday, March 24; Federal City No. 20, Wednesday, March 16; Golden Rule No. 21, Tuesday, March 22; Naomi No. 1, D. of R., Monday, March 7; Ruth No. 2, D. of R., Wednesday, April 13.

The Grand Sire has issued the usual proclamation calling upon the Order in general to properly observe the sixty-eighth anniversary of the Order, April 26 next. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of this jurisdiction will convey the same to the subordinate Lodges and Encampments under their supervision.

"Receiving night" in Naomi Lodge No. 1, D. of R., Monday night last, resulted in the reception of ten petitions for membership and the promise of many more. After an initiation, which was done up in good style, remarks were made by Brother C. R. Faulkner, of Indiana; Grand Representatives Brainard and Dufour, and others. The "room" is started, and will be kept up until No. 1 is again strong enough to warrant another swarm of the "busy female bees."

At the meeting of the sixty-eighth anniversary committee, Tuesday evening last, the sub-committees on levee and supper were authorized to secure a hall. An adjourned meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1.

Fred. D. Stuart Encampment No. 7 Tuesday night last initiated six candidates and received two new applications for membership.

At the regular meeting of Washington Lodge No 6 last Tuesday the Degree of Truth was conferred and two applications for membership received.

The Patriarchs Militant will hold a meeting for drill purposes at Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, next Friday night. At the last meeting of the Grand Canton a committee was appointed to arrange for the holding of a fair and bazaar in the near future. This committee will hold a meeting by the blue-room of the Seventh-street Hall next Wednesday evening.

The Grand Patriarch will officially visit the Subordinate Encampments as follows: Columbian No. 1, Wednesday, March 9; Magenemo No. 4, Friday, March 25; Mount Nebo No. 6, Wednesday, March 2; Fred. D. Stuart No. 7, Tuesday, April 12.

Metropolis Lodge No. 16, is looking out for a new place of meeting, where they can have better facilities for the conferring of degrees than their present cramped quarters afford. The order should sell the present hall on Seventh street and build a new one more suitable to the advanced wants of the Lodges in this jurisdiction. The "world do move," and Odd Fellowship is moving with it.

Banquet to the Gridiron Club.

The Gridiron Club were themselves the guests last night at a reception and banquet tendered them at Wormley's by Senators and Representatives who have at different times during its two years of existence enjoyed the hospitality of the club. Covers were laid for over seventy guests. Among the guests were Senators Plumb, Manderson, Palmer, Beck, and Hale, Representatives Randall, Reed, Bragg, Cannon, Bayne, Wheeler, Long, Kelley, Allen, Adams, Scranton, Norwood, Wallace, Burnes, Van Eaton, Crain, Thompson, McComas, Hiestand, and Henderson, First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson, Judge Wheldon, of the Court of Claims, and Hon. Frank Hatton. Hon. Ben. Butterworth presided in a manner that won the admiration of the diners. Many appropriate and witty speeches were made both by hosts and guests, and the after-dinner talk did not end until a late hour.

Reception Prostration.

(Boston Saturday Gazette.)

I have discovered that a new disease is ravaging Boston. It is known as "reception prostration." I met one of its victims last week, a man who is generally overflowing with spirits. He was gloomy, almost misanthropic, and seemed as though he had never known how to smile, and was an utter stranger to cheerfulness. "Not well?" I inquired. "Used up" was the distressed answer. "Too much reception. I'm prostrated by it. In fact, if I followed my feelings I would go to another reception this afternoon, take a dose of rough on rats, and make a sensation by dying then and there. Only think of it! A reception every day; sometimes two a day. I say nothing of musicales in the evening. You see the same people at them all; hear the same things—the same gossip, the same little scandals; see the same chocolate and whipped cream, the same tea. You see the same women glaring at the same other women with the same expression of mingled wonder and indignation that they should be there, until at last the world seems to narrow itself down to some dozen or two people whom you meet at every turn, and who pervade your existence as if they were an inseparable part of it. My nerves are shaken, my faith in pleasure undermined; I believe, if I were wounded, I should bleed Vienna chocolate or black tea. And he looked the very embodiment of limp despair.

"But, my dear fellow," I urged, "you are surely not compelled by either the statute or the moral law to attend these receptions." He glanced up wearily, and as if he lack of energy to debate any proposition in all its bearings, and then said: "You are not a victim and therefore do not know what you are talking about. You are not aware how, after you have been inoculated with the reception virus, a terrible fascination seizes upon you to go from reception to reception in order to see if the same people are there, and then how you are impelled to continue upon your demoralizing course in the hope that you may fortunately fall upon one of these affairs at which all the faces are new. I am already down with this reception prostration, and January is not yet over. February will leave me a mental and physical wreck if I do not go away. Just think of it! Four weeks more of this monotony of people, chit-chat, weak refreshment, and boredom." I essayed to comfort him by saying, "You are merely paying the penalty that you owe as a universal favorite," but the compliment fell flat, for he shook his head sadly, and replied: "The punishment does not fit the virtue. Good-bye, old fellow. Think of me sometimes as I was, and take warning by my fate."

CITY NEWS.

TOWN TALK.

—Mrs. E. C. Davis, a guest residing at the National Hotel, reported to Police Headquarters Wednesday last that a valuable bracelet mounted with diamonds, rubies, and emeralds was stolen from her room. Mrs. Davis estimated the value of the bracelet at $250. The police were notified, and their vigilance was rewarded last night, as Sergt. Diggins arrested a colored man while in the act of offering the article for sale at Fulton's pawn shop. He questioned the man and he said he found it in Judiciary Square. At the station house he gave his name as James Lewis, and gave his occupation as a waiter. He was recognized as one of the waiters at the hotel, and there is no doubt that he stole the same. Mrs. Davis is at present out of the city, but will return this week.

—The music which was so much praised at the tea given Wednesday week by Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Ball was not furnished, as incorrectly stated, by Walter, but by Kranz's orchestra, which is now the ultra-fashionable thing for teas and receptions.

—James Stevenson, of the Geological Survey, who has been examining the ancient habitations of Arizona, New Mexico, and Southern California, divides them into cliff buildings, built in excavations on the sides of canons, the hollows being natural, the fronts artificial, and cave dwellings which have been dug out of the faces of bluffs to accommodate single families. Another subdivision is into agricultural and pastoral dwellings.

—Remember, we study the nature of the little children, consequently we get life-like photographs. George Prince, Photographer, Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue.

—If you are tired, exhausted, weak, or nervous, try a glass of "Excelsior Nerve Food." For sale by dealers generally, at twenty-five cents per quart-bottle. This Nerve Food is a great improvement on other kinds, and is bottled by Samuel C. Palmer, Depots, 815 Dstreet southwest and 1224 Twenty-ninth street northwest.

—Mrs. Cleveland's admirers say she resembles the historic picture of Queen Louisa of Prussia.

—According to Ben. Perley Poore there is a proposition to investigate the utility of employing female clerks in the Departments at Washington.

—The ladies do not know whether to regard the verdict of the Washington jury, that the eccentric Mrs. Emmons is as sane as the average woman, as a compliment or an affront. Fortunately or unfortunately the jury refrained from explaining its position more definitely.

—There's one comfort about this foreign War business. The American Navy can have no difficulty with the German. And if they do they won't have to ask any "favors."

—Do you know why our portraits are so successful? Because I personally make all sittings. George Prince, Photographer, Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue, over Brentano's.

—Mr. Richard Barry, pay clerk to Paymaster Caswell, has returned home from his three years' cruise on the Hartford in Asiatic and European waters. He is a Washington boy and resides with his mother on Capitol Hill.

—The Creighton Club, devoted to music, literature, base ball, rowing, and other athletics, took out papers of incorporation last week. Messrs Scanlon, Flaherty, Fortner, Joy, and Seiden being named as corporators.

—There is much complaint about the manner in which the street-sweeping is done, one of the principal sources of complaint being that the gutters are left covered with dirt and litter. Only think of it! A reception every day; sometimes two a day. I say nothing of musicales in the evening. You see the same people at them all; hear the same things—the same gossip, the same little scandals; see the same chocolate and whipped cream, the same tea. You see the same women glaring at the same other women with the same expression of mingled wonder and indignation that they should be there, until at last the world seems to narrow itself down to some dozen or two people whom you meet at every turn, and who pervade your existence as if they were an inseparable part of it. My nerves are shaken, my faith in pleasure undermined; I believe, if I were wounded, I should bleed Vienna chocolate or black tea. And he looked the very embodiment of limp despair.

—For portraits of the Rev. Dr. Sunderland, Rev. Dr. Shippen, Rev. Dr. Price, Rev. Dr. McKenny, Rev. Dr. Little, Rev. Dr. Green, etc., go to George Prince's, Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue.

—Auctioneer Williams will, on Thursday and Friday next, at his art salesrooms, Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, sell a valuable collection of works of art, including real Neapolitan majolicas, antique Italian faiences, wood carvings, Venetian salviati glass, antique carved walnut art furniture, antique Persian bronzes and ceramics, etc. This sale will be by catalogue, which is now ready. The collection is now on exhibition.

—The merchant tailors of the United States have called a convention to meet in Philadelphia Tuesday, the 15th, to form a National Exchange. The convention is composed of delegates from the local exchanges. The Washington delegates will include George T. Keen, Moriarty, Griesbauer, Herberger, Vandoren, Seltz, Ghiselli, and Dieterich. Mr. Keen is a member of the committee on rules, and Mr. Moriarty chairman of the committee on finance. They will leave at 4:15 Monday, boarding the special car containing the Pittsburg delegation of twenty-five.

—The bill before Congress to reclassify post offices, makes the salary of the Washington postmaster $5,000 per year.

—Mr. W. C. Maupin, of Virginia, who last Wednesday was elected to fill a $1,200 clerkship in the Coast Survey office. He has been a very efficient clerk in the Warrant Division of the Treasury Department for the past six months.

—Carroll Institute gives an entertainment for the benefit of Carroll Memorial Church and Hyattsville Tuesday evening, at the Institute Hall, 902 F street, when "Everybody's Friend" will be performed by a company of amateurs.

—The Georgetown Cadets received their new Springfield rifles on their parade last Friday. They will make their first appearance in their new uniforms on the 22d instant, when they will go to Alexandria and dine with the St. Josh's Academy Cadets in celebrating Washington's birthday. The complimentary hop tendered by the Cadets to the ladies who assisted at their fair promises to be a pleasant affair. Tuesday evening at the National Rifles' Armory, and an evening of great enjoyment is promised.

—The newest "wrinkle" in society to-day is the writing of "Crown" instead of "City" or "New York" on the envelope of your letter. This use shows you to be as thoroughly swell as one could desire.

—Theatre parties are growing in popularity, and numerous parties are arranged this week for Wilson Barrett and "Erminie," and still more are projected for the great Bernhardt's visit next week.

—Mr. Frank Baxter, the son of Dr. Baxter, of the Pension Bureau, and who has delighted so many people with his beautiful tenor voice, left town on Thursday for a stay of two months in New York.

—"Justh's old stand," 819 D street northwest, buys gents' second-hand clothing. Note by mail promptly attended to.

—The steamer Eus reported will reach Hoboken at 8 o'clock this morning.

THE COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT—*Justice Cox.*

Yesterday—May vs. Chaudy *et al.*, submitted to court; judgment for plaintiff and costs; United States vs. O'Leary *et al.*, demurrer sustained and leave to amend; Mattingly vs. Bligh, demurrer sustained and leave to amend denied; Spring vs. Manning, motion for new trial overruled; Shumway vs. Magority, motion to strike sur-plea submitted; Johnson vs. Jackson, motion to set aside non-suit overruled; Brown vs. Newton, garnishee, motion to further answer granted; Howlett vs. Morton, motion for new trial granted; Henrich vs. Jacobs and Neumyer, judgment by default; Elson vs. Burford, motion for new trial overruled; Brandall vs. Oliver, motion for new trial overruled; Hood vs. Redman, motion for new trial overruled; Behrend vs. Weaver, motion for new trial overruled; Somerville vs. Soper, Clerk, motion for judgment overruled; Moshman & Co. vs. Holy Cross Church, judgment by default; Keese vs. Walters, motion for new trial; Ash vs. Sheridan, argued and submitted to court; Belmont vs. Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, death of plaintiff suggested and abated; Fitch, Fox & Brown vs. Quackenbush, motion for new trial overruled.

CRIMINAL COURT, *Justice MacArthur.*

Yesterday—United States vs. Henrietta Carpenter, murder, certified to be insane; United States vs. Hugh Strader, house breaking, pleaded not guilty. The following cases were noll-prossed: District of Columbia vs. John Jacob List, unlicensed agent; Carl Hettmiller, profanity; Patrick Babbington, profanity; Henry Coleman, obstructing street; George M. Oyster & Co., unlicensed agent; Joseph C. Fearson & Son, unlicensed agent; Edward Nash, violating building regulations; John Wright, unlicensed bar; Henry Jones, unlicensed broker; Mace Lorenzo, unlicensed bar; Frederick Sellenger, unlicensed junk shop. United States vs. Joseph Beard, housebreaking, bond of $800 forfeited. Adjourned until Monday, at 10 o'clock. Assignments—United States vs. Johnson, United States vs. Hawkins, United States vs. Simms, United States vs. Banker, and United States vs. Hornsby.

EQUITY COURT—*Justice Merrick.*

Yesterday—Pumphrey vs. Pumphrey, rule on complainant returned February 15, 1887, granted; Denham vs. Webb, time to take evidence limited to sixty days; Ambler vs. Whipple, rule on defendant (Whipple) returnable in ten days; Taylor vs. Boyd, decree setting aside assignment and granting injunction; Wolohy vs. Wolohy, testimony before Chas. Ingle ordered taken; Hoover vs. Peter, testimony before H. A. Neale ordered taken; Mayer vs. Lancaster, testimony before Benjamin F. Seals ordered taken; Gaw vs. James M. McCarthy, alleged lunatic, R. D. Mussey appointed committee; Davidson vs. Davidson, solicitor's fee allowed; Bradley vs. Bradley, substitute papers denied; Israel C. M. E. Church vs. Herbert, offer of purchase finally ratified. Adjourned until Monday, at 10 o'clock. Assignments—27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate were yesterday filed for record: Ida Guggenheimer to Henry King, Jr., Lot 42, in Barber & Ross's subdivision of Square 737, $1,300; Abner Langley to Ida A. Finch, Lot 9, Square 969, $1,208; Louis D. Carman to Ida A. Finch, Lot 8, Square 969, $2,400; R. H. Warner to Belinda C. Hayden, Lots 4 and 5, Square 21, $3,750; Edward Eberbach to J. T. Ehrlach, Lot 8, Square 56, $9,000; Guy E. Whiting and H. Hozier Dulaney to Mary E. Fleming, Lot 13, in Dulaney's subdivision of Square 23, $3,500; James A. Kenyon to Charles E. Johnson, a portion of "White Haven," $12,500; Frank B. Noyes to Richard Gill, Lot 122, Square 732, $1,200; John L. Cutter to Frank I. Wood, Lots 15, 16, and 19, Square 996, $7,500; S. W. Burchell to E. G. Dodge, Lot 2, Square 19 of Meridian Hill, $7,375; Gilpin Ingold to Angus Lamont, Lot 4, Square 353, $5,000; William A. Stewart to M. A. Marr, Lots 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, and 149, Square 67, $3,000; James H. Marr to William A. Stewart, all of square south of 402 excepting a corner lot, $1,500; Andrew F. Hilyer to H. W. Coffin, Lots 16, 17, and 42, Square 8, $4,896.48; Andrew Shwatz to Mary E. Porter, Lot 12, Square 86, $5,500.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were yesterday issued to Louis Mayer and Lucie Schwab, both of Washington; Sprague, Glen Falls, N. Y., and Alice H. Lyman, of Wisconsin, and William C. Fleet and Bessie E. Barker.

It Was Useless to Read Farther.

(Philadelphia Call.)

Lottie Lakeside—Come, Mr. Poussaby, let me read your palm. Ah! I see that the line of life is very long.

Poussaby—Is it, aw—crossed?

Lottie—A little—the trials of married life, I suppose.

Poussaby (decidedly)—That cannot be, you know, because I have sworn never to get married. What else?

Lottie (hastily)—Nothing else.

A Silk-Knit Garter.

(All the Year Round.)

A novel custom still prevails among ladies in some parts which will commend itself to maiden ladies growing old. It is said that she who puts on a silk-knit garter the first day of the year and wears it continuously will certainly marry during the year. It is said the mother of a young lady, being very much pleased with the silken garter worn by a young lady for this purpose, proposed to knit a "fellow" for it; but the young lady declined, saying she had sufficient confidence in the bewitching circlet, and preferred the natural coming of the "fellow."

THE STAGE.

A fairly prettyish profile, a more or less musical voice, and the prestige of a successful breach-of-promise suit against a foolish young nobleman appear to have been the elements upon which Miss Fortescue has relied in her appeal to the pockets if not the admiration of the American public. How potent and unfailing a factor of popular interest at least one of these has proved, the crowded houses to which she has uniformly played in other cities as well as Washington furnish convincing if not altogether commendable evidence. There is as much *raison d'etre* for Miss Fortescue's appearance as a star, perhaps, as for Mr. Gilbert's attempted rehabilitation of the world-old legend of the Devil and Dr. Faustus. Apologies and not acknowledgments are what the eminent Bab balladist and librettist of the "I" operas should have tendered on the programme to Goethe, Gounod, and even poor Kit Marlowe. Dramatic material must be running fearfully low, indeed, when Mr. Irving in London, Miss Fortescue in the United States, and Louis Morrison in New Jersey, are simultaneously masquerading in modifications of this same outworn mediæval myth, none of which are improvements. In the present version there are occasional flashes of Mr. Gilbert's saturnine fun, and other passages with some pretense to poetic grace, but in general it may be doubted if either author or actress have made any contribution to the literary or artistic wealth of the world which the world could not very readily have spared. Of the supporting company the veteran actor, Mr. Newton Gotthold, was easily the leading figure and very much at home in the congenial role of *Mephisto*. We have seen Mr. Gotthold play the devil with a variety of roles from *Shylock* to *Armand Duval*. By which we mean that whether in the Shakespearean, romantic, or modern pantaloon drama he always invested his impersonation with a certain cynical and sardonic diabolism strongly suggestive of the character wherein this week he carried away the honors, as well as the honor of pretty, harmless, little *Gretchen*. If anything he is rather less devilish as *Mephisto* than as *Armand*. The *Faustus* of Mr. Frederick Terry was, on the whole, a pleasingly picturesque, or rather Irvingesque, performance. He strides about and digs his heels into the boards in a fashion very amusingly suggestive of the greatest of managers—and marionettes; and in the modulations and emphasis of his rather agreeable voice bears traces of the same dangerously fascinating influence. In "Frou-Frou" and "Moths" the lack of power which seems to be the great drawback in Miss Fortescue's acting was still more noticeable by the contrast with stronger renditions in the past. "King Rene's Daughter," a lovely little idyl in blank verse from the Danish of Henrik Hertz, which we think has not been done in this country since its altogether charming presentation by Mrs. Scott-Siddons, was probably more in the line of Miss Fortescue's powers and personal traits than even Mr. Gilbert's specially written "Gretchen." The clinging and pathetic figure of the blind Princess and the gentle and appealing qualities of her nature were well bring out the best points of this young English girl, who is possibly essaying an eagle's flight with the soft and insufficient plumage of the domestic dove. She was seen to very good advantage also in the graceful sentiment of Mr. Gilbert's clever and charming little comedy of "Sweethearts," and leaves behind her in Washington a pleasant if not too profound impression.

Mr. Wilson Barrett, the English tragedian, who will make his Washington debut at the National Theatre tomorrow evening in the romantic tragedy of "Claudian," is probably the most daring and original of living actors. His work is aggressive and generally excites the antagonism of prejudiced or unthinking persons. "Claudian" and "Clito" are great works, altogether out of the ordinary rut of dramatic productions, and his interpretation of "Hamlet" has caused a controversy among the literati unequaled in the history of the drama. Though he is personally described as a modest and somewhat diffident man in private life, his public career since he emerged from the obscurity of his 'prentice days has been a long-continued battle with tradition and prejudice. He has fought his way into popular favor in spite of the obstructions that have been put in his path, conquering by dint of his strong convictions, his originality, and his ability. Mr. Barrett came to this country with the reputation of a brilliant and popular favorite in England. Within a few years he had triumphed over inadequacy of talent and training, and had gained a substantial footing on the stage of London. He had gained largely the appreciation and good-will of the public. He had established a theatre which is only second in rank to the theatre established by Mr. Irving. Beginning with melodrama, he drifted finally and inevitably into the poetic drama, and, by easy and logical process, into the Shakespearean drama. It was a long step from "Lady of Lyons" and "Hoodman Blind" to "Claudian," and, if not a longer, a more important step from "Claudian" to "Hamlet." Barrett was the first in Washington Mr. Barrett will appear in "Claudian" on Monday and Tuesday evenings, "Hamlet" on Wednesday evening, "Clito" on Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday matinee, and in "A Clerical Error" and "Chatterton" on Saturday night. The story of "Claudian" draws its inspiration from the legend of the Wandering Jew and its derivatives. The interest of the story centers in the fate of a man who, in punishment for an act of cruelty, is doomed to live forever young, but weighted with a conscience that renders the effect of all his charities, makes his love a blight, his very presence pestilential. The character of *Claudian* is the legitimate offspring of his period, less wicked than cruel, less criminal than unlimited indulgence, arrogant and selfish rather than evil-hearted. It is the wantonness of unrestrained power, and full of melodic phrases that still stick to the memory. It exemplifies the English school of bright opera, although more dashing and brilliant than the average of its contemporaries. The score fairly sparkled with vocal gems. The performance was full of vigor and life, and in all the details of grouping, harmony of color, and effective mise en scene the Chicago Ideal was realized in completeness and thoroughness that left nothing to be desired.

The annual benefit of the Washington Elks takes place at the National Theatre next Thursday afternoon, on which occasion the following will appear: Mr. Wilson Barrett and company, Miss Fortescue and company, Rudolph Aronson's Casino Company in "Erminie," E. E. Graham, Miss Delaro, Louie Harrison, Madam Cottrelly, Sanford and Wilson, and others, together with the Marine Band, all tending to make one of the most attractive and pleasing performances yet given by this popular organization. The opening sale of seats Friday at Droop's, 925 Pennsylvania avenue, was the largest ever made here, the entire orchestra and the large part of the balance of the house being sold.

Miss Aunt T. Robbs, a talented young lady, who has for some time past devoted her leisure time to dramatic studies, has been prevailed upon to her friends to appear in public, and an entertainment has been arranged to take place on the 22d instant, at the National Rifles' Armory, under the patronage of a number of prominent ladies. An excellent programme has been provided.

Modjeska will appear at Albaugh's Grand Opera House the week of February 21, with extra matinee Tuesday (Washington's birthday). The repertoire for the week is: Monday, "Mary Stuart;" Tuesday matinee, "Twelfth Night;" Tuesday evening, "Fran-Fran;" Wednesday evening, "As You Like It;" Thursday, Friday, and Saturday matinee, her new play, "The Checuns;" Saturday evening, "Twelfth Night."

Mr. Dominick Murray will appear at Harris's Bijou Theatre to-morrow for a week's stay. His engagement here two years ago was immensely successful, and he made hosts of friends, whom we doubt not will not fail to again pay their respects. As an actor Mr. Murray possesses qualities of the highest order. His impersonations are especially marked by breadth of expression and an intensity of feeling which few other actors that we know of seem able to produce. "Escaped from Sing Sing," which Mr. Murray will give for twelve performances next week, is a story of crime, with the sentimentality of love scattered here and there, and a variety of thrilling yet probable adventures, binding the whole with skill and consistency. The hero of the piece, being falsely accused of forgery, is condemned to five years in prison, serves his time, and then follows the woman who has betrayed him to New York. She, in the meantime, has developed into an unscrupulous, wicked adventuress, aided by a rascally lawyer. She again thwarts the wronged husband in his schemes for vengeance, denounces him as *William Forrest*, the notorious bank robber and escaped convict. Again arrested, the poor wretch is overtaken by death, leaving his period, less wicked than cruel, a victim of unlimited indulgence, arrogant and selfish rather than evil-hearted. It is the wantonness of unrestrained power that has led to the commission of the purchase of his slave-wife; it is the overweening intolerance of his class that makes him disregard their prayers and entreaties to spare their happiness. The poor people rise in revolt and the wife flees to a sanctuary in the cave of one of the early Christian priests. After a Christian marriage ceremony the aged priest who would protect her. Then in his sorrowful agony of pensive falls upon his head the curse of the dying priest. And following close upon it a fulfillment of its baleful prophecy in the death of *Sevier*, whom, in defiance of his fate, he strives to benefit and kills. Thereafter it is a story of repentance, of unselfish consistence, of a soul purified by trial, patiently striving to pay the debt it has incurred, and finally gaining, through self-sacrifice, happiness in death.

Comic opera, when of good quality, is something of which we never tire, so the announcement that we are to have at Albaugh's a week of "Erminie" by Rudolph Aronson's New York Casino Company is one which arouses pleasant anticipations. It has been an enormous success in New York, where it had its two hundred and fortieth performance last night, and where seats are still selling two weeks in advance, so there is no telling how long its run will last. The carefully selected company which will give the opera here is the only one traveling from the Casino, and it has won great applause from the public and praise from the "Philadelphia Press" on its appearance was "a genuine ovation," and that "no popular success such as attended 'Erminie' has ever been won in this city. An audience that packed the house found enjoyment in the music and unlimited chance for amusement in the action. Every member was redemanded, and a continued artillery of laughter shook the rafters. The plot of 'Erminie' is the old one of 'Finders Keepers,' personated by a stranger accidentally possessed of credentials, and used in such a manner that the whole turn of the plot is a series of absurdities, a song and chorus in march tempo, a lullaby with swaying accompaniment of voice and body, a fascinating Gavotte, and a really beautiful glee 'Good Night' song without accompaniment are the chief vocal numbers. The dialogue sparkles with wit, and it is, nevertheless, safe to make the prediction that 'Erminie' will play to crowded houses as long as it remains here. The opera goes with a swing and a dash; the costumes are sumptuous and the scenery beautiful beyond description." The *Record* said: "It is entirely creditable to the company, the scenic artists, and the costumes that they have made to surround the adventures of the rascals with so much melody, picturesqueness, and pageantry of high life. The music is lively tuneful, clearly scored for orchestral effects, and full of melodic phrases that still stick to the memory. It exemplifies the English school of light opera, although more dashing and brilliant than the average of its contemporaries. The score fairly sparkled with vocal gems. The performance was full of vigor and life, and in all the details of grouping, harmony of color, and effective mise en scene the Chicago Ideal was realized in completeness and thoroughness that left nothing to be desired."

Practical Horse-Shoers.

In another column may be seen the advertisement of Thomas Kelly & Son, practical horse-shoers, and we believe the business community will testify to their skill and efficiency in their trade. For forty years Mr. Tom Kelly has carried on his trade on Ohio avenue, and and he is known to-day as the most skillful horse-shoer in this city. It is the animal that does the most service for man is properly fitted out he becomes worthless, and it is only the scientific horse-shoer who can fit him for duty and hard work. To those who keep horses, whether for pleasure or hard work, who wish to preserve them as far as possible, we can honestly recommend them to go to the Ohio blacksmith shop, corner of Thirteen-and-a-half street and Ohio avenue.

A Present for the Ladies.

The Aztec Fair and Mexican Village will remain but one week longer in Washington. The success of the entertainment has been remarkable, but deserved. A farewell souvenir will be presented to the ladies in the shape of a beautiful piece of Guadalajara pottery. This pottery is the most beautiful of all Mexican pottery. Today there will be two grand sacred concerts by the Mexican Typical Orchestra, afternoon and evening; also an inspection of the village and the museum of ancient and modern curiosities. Each guest attending to-day will be served with a cup of delicious chocolate, made and served by the maids of the Mexican Village. The admission to-day will be only half price.

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

Base Ball.

A HERALD reporter ran across ex-Manager Scanlon yesterday and had a very pleasant talk with him over the prospects for next season. He thinks that as Shaw, Gilligan, Carroll, and Hines are opposed to playing next season, it would be wise on the part of President Hewitt to get rid of them. For himself he would not stop a moment, but would go about it at once and try and effect a deal with Chicago for Kelly, with New York for Tierney, Boston for Johnston, and any other clubs where a good man might be secured. There is no use attempting to hold the men named, if they are going to bring about disorder. Mr. Scanlon is no doubt right in stating that if the terms are not satisfactory to these men they will hamper rather than improve good playing, and the management should sell them, trade them, or in some way rid the club of them forever, and get other material that will play ball.

Mack has returned his contract to Secretary Hewitt signed in proper shape, and a letter informed states that he is well pleased with the Grays. Mack is a valuable catcher of the country, and Chicago is already very eager to make a deal in order to secure him.

Indianapolis is the name of the club that will fill the gap in the League this year, the other cities being the Chicagos, Pittsburgs, Detroits, New Yorks, Philadelphias, and Washingtons.

"There is a rumor afloat that Manager Gaffney is going to forsake the management and go back to umpiring. Without wishing to do Manager Gaffney any injury, it must be admitted that he made a better umpire than manager, and that he made a mistake in leaving that position last season.

Gilligan was seen last week by a reporter of THE HERALD, and he said that he hadn't signed as yet, though he was keeping himself in trim. He is doing a thriving business with the clerks of the Government Printing Office, and the courtyard he has fitted up is patronized by all the players residing here who are desirous of practicing. Keefe and Madigan are there daily, while a new catcher named Gates is doing work with Keefe. Gilligan says he will be one of the best catchers in a year or so.

The publication of an Associated Press despatch last week to the effect that Kelly had again expressed his determination not to play ball in Chicago set all the thoughtful people thinking again over the prospects of Washington securing him for the coming season. Kelly expressed his preference for New York, and said he thinks that team has a good chance to win the pennant. It looks as if there was going to be a deal by which Denny, of St. Louis, will be traded to Kelly to New York. President Hewitt still has a bid in for Kelly, and is doing all he can to secure him.

The American Association will open this season on April 16 and close on October 16. The opening games will be between clubs of their own section, East playing East and West against West.

Hines says he will retire from the field ere he will resort one step from the demand he has made on the Washington Club. President Hewitt is firm in saying he will not give in, and will play Baker in Hines's place. There the matter stands, but Barnum Gilligan is of the opinion that Hines will be the first man to jump into his uniform after March 20.

Carroll is still here, having decided to give up his Boston trip. He will start in business early in March near the Seventh street, near the ball grounds.

President Young, of the League, who has recovered from a recent sickness, thus speaks about interesting facts for the coming season: "It is definitely settled that Kansas City must go, purely for business reasons. We can't afford the privilege of disposing of her players to the best advantage, which she seems slow to do. As for the St. Louis Maroons, President Stromberg informs me that he will not sick, but whatever may be his intentions, it will be useless for any one to attempt to make a deal with him unless they can first secure Brewster's consent to the move. That is where Indianapolis is wise. She is negotiating, I understand, for the Maroons' franchise, but through the League are these negotiations being conducted; but, as I said before, I do not know whether the franchise is for sale or not. I notice also that some of the local papers are saying that the Washington Club is so fixed that she can be 'fired' at any time, and are making a great deal of fuss over nothing. I can inform you that the Washington franchise is as secure as Chicago or Boston, and she can be ousted only by a two-thirds vote, and then for purely business reasons. All the clubs comprising the League hold franchises on exactly the same terms." "How do you like the new rules?" "I believe they will prove beneficial to the game. They will appear strange and curious to the audiences until they become acquainted with them. Of course some of them will make a radical change and probably reverse positions in players, but from what I can learn they were favorably received on the coast, and that Hart's continuation had them to the skies. We, however, can but conjecture, as we have never witnessed a game played under them. Excuse me, I can't spare more time. Tell them that if the Maroons go up that the big clubs will not pick the fat and leave the bones; also that my recent letter on scoring gives all needed information as I understand it; that the spring meeting is next month; that the Washingtons are in to stay; that I am in no hurry about appointing my umpires, and last, but not least, that Nick Young hasn't time to answer all his correspondence."

Rowing.

Marshall Wallach, a few years ago the stroke of the noted Columbia crews, is paying a short visit to his relatives in this city. He is now a member of the Yale crew.

Chaney Sloan, of the Columbia's senior crew, took unto himself a wife last week. The only one of the crew now out in the cold is Nute.

The Potomac house needs, and badly, too, a thorough painting. The outside looks very dingy.

Kearney, the champion sculler of the Potomac River, had made up his mind to resign, but, on being told that he was too valuable a man to such a proposition, he abandoned it. He will be given opportunities this season to meet the best, and will make the last ones of the North hustle ere they beat him.

Each club will, if weather permits, have out crews on Washington's Birthday. This has been the custom for a number of years.

The formation of an athletic club in connection with the rowing crowd the Columbia Club, which originated about this time last season, has again taken hold, with fair prospects of realization. The committee appointed to consider the matter are unanimously of the opinion that the scheme will be a big success, for it is just what the athletic people of this city want. It will cost quite a tr