

LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

BULLNESS GIVING WAY TO ACTIVITY AND BETTER PRICES.

Large Dealings in Washington Loan and Trust Stock With Little Variation in Price—Small Offerings of U. S. Electric Lighting Stock at Better Quotations.

There is a growing disposition to put money into good local securities and a steady increase in the aggregate of transactions from week to week.

The Comptroller of the Currency has again been much commended for his foresight in not delaying his call upon the banks for a statement until the close of December, as has frequently been the case under his predecessors.

Another feature was the free buying of Lincoln Bank stock, 82 shares of which were sold at from 99 1/2 up to 100 1/2.

The only other sales of bank stock on the exchange was of 30 shares of West End, 20 of which brought 95, and 10, 96.

There was a decided improvement last week in the quotations for Belt Railroad stock.

The previous week 10 shares were sold at 38. Last Monday 25 shares were sold for 39, but later 70 shares brought 40 1/2 with 41 bid on Friday.

The only sales last week of insurance stock were several small lots of Commercial, aggregating 70 shares, at 4 1/2 to 5, 50 at the latter price.

Toward the close of last week there was an improving market for the U. S. Electric Light stock, 20 shares of which brought 140.

The low offerings of this stock appears to be an attempt to depress the price, which has been improved by those well acquainted with its true worth to increase their holdings.

The sales not specially mentioned above were 6,000 Electric Light convertible 5's at 108 1/2 to 109, 4,500 Eckington 6's at 96 1/2 to 97, 3,000 Metropolitan Railroad 6's at 118 1/2 to 119, 2,500 Washington and Georgetown Railroad convertible 6's at 145 to 146, 85 shares Washington Gas stock at 42 to 41, 600 Pneumatic Gun Carriage stock at 57 down to 58, 100 Washington Gas, 6 per cent. A bond at 131, 300 Washington and Georgetown Railroad bond rights at 145, 50 U. S. Electric Light scrip at 110, and 1,000 U. S. registered 4's at 117 1/2.

LE COINTE'S SEVERE SENTENCE.

Judge Bradley Gives Him Eight Years in Albany Penitentiary.

After listening yesterday to the arguments in connection with the motion for a new trial made on behalf of George D. Le Cointe, the young Frenchman convicted on the 5th instant of assault with intent to kill his wife last Decoration Day, Judge Bradley promptly overruled the motion, and sentenced Le Cointe to imprisonment in the Albany penitentiary with hard labor for a term of eight years.

Income Tax Applicable to Americans. Under the German Income Tax law, which goes into effect January 1 next, the rate of tax is scaled from 6 marks on an income of 900 marks to 100 marks on an income of 100,000 marks and 200 marks on each 5,000 marks in excess of 100,000 marks.

Caused Crispi's Downfall. The United States Charge d'Affaires at Rome has forwarded to the State Department a copy of the new customs tariff of Italy, which makes increases of duty on certain American products.

The Great Bridge Over the Hudson. Acting Secretary Grant has approved the revised plans for the railroad bridge over the North River at New York City, and it is understood the work on it will begin at once.

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The Georgetown Amateur Orchestra is exceedingly fortunate in having secured the Lutheran Memorial Church (Thomas Circle) for the season's concerts, the first of which is to be given Wednesday evening, January 6, when the following programme will be rendered, a glance at which will show a collection of pieces equal to the abilities of any orchestra in the land.

"Marche d'Inauguration," Bernard Boekelman; Overture, "Phedre," Massenet; Romance from "Aida," Verdi, Mlle. Clementina de Vere; Piano Concerto, F. Minor, op. 16, Henselt, a Larghetto, Allegro Agitato, Piano and Orchestra, Mr. Anton Gjoetzer; "Rapsodie Dorogvienne," Op. 31, No. 3, Syvendsen; Intermezzo Sinfonico, "No. 3, Rusciana," Mascagni; b Dream After the Ball, Czibulka; Wilhelm Cimb and Orchestra; Omnia Leggera (shadow song), Meyerbeer, Mlle. Clementina de Vere; Waltz, "Artist Life," Strauss.

The rehearsals this season have developed the most satisfactory results and Professor Kaspar is highly elated at the improvement all along the line.

The subscriptions for the course of three concerts—reserved seats—are \$2, and may be had at Metzertott's.

Those holding reserved seats for the course as contemplated at the demolished Metzertott Music Hall will be furnished with seats corresponding as nearly as possible to those already selected by them, and will be notified to that effect during this week.

The testimonial to the family of the late Professor Bernays was a decided success from every point of view, and it is in the highest sense creditable to our local musicians that the call for talent met with such a generous response. Mr. Bernays was held in high esteem by his associates in and out of the profession, and all will be gratified to learn that the pecuniary result was a substantial sum for the family.

The death of Professor George Iseman this city has lost one of the brightest of its younger musical lights. Following so speedily upon the demise of Professor Bernays, it has widened a gap which it will be hard to fill. George Iseman was a man who loved everybody and was in turn loved by all who knew him.

Among the others who lent their aid were the Schubert Quartette, Philharmonic Quartette, Mr. and Mrs. Maina, the Washington Saengerbund, Mrs. Vivian, of San Francisco; Messrs. Paul Miersch and Henry Xander, and the Washington Mandolin, Guitar, and Banjo Club.

The familiar face of Mr. William J. Caulfield, the well-known tenor, is again seen on the streets. He has recently returned from an engagement with the Juch Opera Company, and is prepared to produce indisputable evidence that he rode home.

Mr. Edwin Hoff, of this city, who is singing with the Bostonians, has met with the most flattering success this season. His work in "Robin Hood" is very highly spoken of by the critics in the cities where the company has appeared. This calls to mind the fact that "Robin Hood" has never been rendered in Washington, and, as it is by far the most successful opera presented by this company, a treat is in store for us, as during their engagement in January, the new opera will be sung several times.

ELKINS IS A HARRISON MAN.

He Was the Brains, Energy and Electricity of Harrison's Supporters.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Chairman James S. Clarkson, of the Republican National Committee, this morning gave what he alleged to be President Harrison's reasons for the appointment of Stephen B. Elkins as Secretary of War. "Elkins has been a Harrison man since before the nomination of the President," said Mr. Clarkson, "and had he at that time had a permanent residence he would have been one of the original members of the Cabinet. Contrary to the popular belief Elkins led the Harrison forces at the convention and he was the brains, energy and electricity of Mr. Harrison's supporters, and he carried with him the promises made by Mr. Harrison. This may look a bit queer, but it is true nevertheless. Mr. Elkins is one of my warmest personal friends and I know what I am talking about. I don't say that he did not consult Blaine before he accepted nomination, but I should like to wager a good deal that he did not. He is now a settled resident of an influential State, and being a strong adherent of the President it was natural that he should be named."

Troop A's Third Anniversary.

At its headquarters, No. 1310 New York avenue, Troop A, the President's troop, District of Columbia National Guard, celebrated last evening in an informal manner its third anniversary. Its cozily appointed quarters were thronged until midnight. Good fellowship, enthusiasm, and pleasure reigned supreme throughout the evening, and nothing was omitted tending to further endear the troop to its friends. A collation was served, and the health and prosperity of the troop drunk in punches unapproachable. Later, speeches were made by Captain Barbour, of the troop; Captain Godfrey, of the Army; Lieutenant Forsberg, Captain Miller, of the Washington Light Infantry Corps; Dr. A. P. Fardon, Lieutenant Moore and others, and a standing toast drunk to Lieutenant Lucien Young, U. S. N., a popular friend of the troop, who is now in South America.

John Hoey Settles Up.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Adams Express Company has made a final settlement with Mr. John Hoey, its ex-president. Mr. Hoey has now no further relations with the company. Mr. Leopold Wallach for the Adams Express Company, says Mr. Hoey has paid all he intends to pay and that the matter is closed and cannot be opened. Mr. Wallach refused to say whether Mr. Hoey returned the amount in full which he is charged with having appropriated.

ROCK CREEK PARK.

The Award of the Commission Reported to the Courts Yesterday.

The award of the Commission appointed last July to appraise the value of the land sought to be condemned for the establishment of the Rock Creek Park, was reported to the Court in General Term yesterday, the amount of the award being \$1,105,957. As the Government has already paid some \$340,000 for land within the limits of the proposed park, the appropriation made is exceeded by \$145,957. Several thousands of dollars have been expended in necessary expenses, which will still further increase the excess. Naturally enough, not a few of the owners are dissatisfied with the award as respects their land, claiming that the testimony given in the hearings warranted the appraisers in giving much higher prices. On the other hand, many of the owners are satisfied with the award, and will accept the valuations made.

Chief Justice Bingham, in discharging the appraisers from further service, briefly congratulated them upon the close of their arduous duties, and thanked them for their faithful performance of an exceedingly tedious and laborious task. The Court, upon motion of counsel for the land owners, set Monday, January 4 next, as the day upon which would be heard the motion for the confirmation of the award and whatever objections may be presented against such confirmation. That the report will be promptly confirmed by the Court in General Term is acknowledged. Upon such confirmation, the report will be forwarded to the President for his action. His action, if one of approval, is final, and binds the Government, even though the appropriation is exceeded. It is believed, however, that the President will approve the report. That is, he will authorize the acquisition of just so much land as there is money to pay for. In this event an additional appropriation would alone prevent the contraction of the park limits as originally laid out.

The filing of the report marks the final stage of one of the most memorable cases of the kind ever heard in this country, not only as regards the length of time given to the hearing, but as well as regards the extent and the value of the property sought to be taken. The commissioners appointed to appraise the land entered upon their duties the 15th of last July, set for the purpose of hearing testimony and arguments from July 29 to October 30, and since the latter date have been busily engaged night and day in fixing the value of the land. The exclusion from their consideration of the gold question, rendered their finding much more easy. It is believed that no serious objections to the confirmation of the award will be made by the dissatisfied owners, and that the President's action, if it be one of approval, will not be attacked legally.

MANY YOUNG MEN ORDAINED.

The First Colored Priest in the United States.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Cardinal Gibbons, assisted by Very Rev. Dr. Magnien, President of St. Mary's Seminary of St. Sulpice, Rev. Father Slattery, chief of the Josephite Order here, Rev. A. Sabetti, S. J., of Woodstock College, and several of the local clergy, ordained this morning twenty-four young men, eight priests, six deacons, and twelve sub-deacons. There were as many more for the minor orders. The congregation gathered to witness and participate in the ceremonies was more than usually large and included many of the best colored people of the city. The special reason for the presence of the latter was that the first man of their race was to be ordained a priest in the United States, and that he was to have this high honor bestowed upon him by the Cardinal Archbishop himself, the Primate of the Episcopacy of the country. Charles Randolph Ucles is the name of the young man who has achieved the great distinction.

Mr. Ucles was born in Baltimore and is about 30 years of age. Among the gentlemen ordained were Rev. Mr. William A. McKeefry, Richmond, as priest; Rev. Mr. J. C. Mallon, Baltimore, as sub-deacon; Messrs. Michael J. Ahern, Richmond, and Henry A. Pobby, Baltimore, as lectors, and Mr. Edward J. Walsh, Richmond, tonsure.

FINEST SHIP IN THE NAVY.

The Miantonomoh's Trial Trip—Getting Other Ships Ready for Sea.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The monitor Miantonomoh, which is to be the finest ship in the Navy, will be floated out of the dry-dock of the Brooklyn navy yard next Wednesday. She will go on her trial trip to Gardner's Bay. There are no indications of a discharge of workmen at the navy yard. The Maine, Cincinnati, Puritan, and Terror, each give employment to several hundred men, whose services cannot be dispensed with for several months, provided the Government wants these ships ready for service next year.

Tactics of the Whisky Trust.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The Whisky Trust having failed in its efforts to induce some of the leading rectifiers of Toledo, Baltimore, and Milwaukee to buy out the trust on its own terms, has sent its agents into the territory of the stubborn firms with instructions to sell whisky direct to retailers at such low prices as will make the business unprofitable. The fight promises to be severe and of long duration, as the firms outside the trust are determined to maintain their independence.

The Arbitrators Selected.

An agreement having been reached with the British Government as to the basis of arbitration of the seal fishery controversy, all that now remains to complete the convention is an agreement as to the arbitrators. It is confidently expected that their appointment and the terms of arbitration will be officially announced in a few days. The nominations have been made and await only the concurrence of the Governments interested.

Fatal Collisions at Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The steamer Chicago, Antwerp for New York, ran into the Ketch Ellen off Rye-to-day and cut her to the water's edge. Steamer Michigan at Liverpool from Boston was in collision in the Mersey with the schooner G. W. T. The schooner was sunk and her mate was drowned. The Michigan was only slightly damaged.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS Cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion & Debility.

WHITE HAS HIS SAY.

He Wants a Renewed Opportunity for Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Mr. S. V. Whitmade the following statement to-day: "I have only this to say—this is not the time or place to examine our books or business. As to the unfortunate speculation in corn, subsequent events have shown that my judgment as to the commercial situation was correct, and after the bears broke the price and gave away my corn to exporters, there was not enough left in the country to supply the domestic demand at prices much higher than I looked for. I do not enter into any hue and cry against a man now most unfortunate in either his reason or his business integrity. Rumor especially in Chicago charges wrong dealing as to the execution of my orders. I have no means of verifying those things, and it would not do any good to me to prove them. It is, however, fair to say that I have been disappointed in not getting large sums of money owing to me on the settlement of corn held for me by my firm, and that the failure to obtain that money has most seriously interfered with settlements which would have added me in renewing business. Whatever is in store for me, the best thing that could happen for all my creditors would be that I should have a renewed opportunity for work."

High School Alumni.

A number of High School graduates met last night with the view of forming a permanent Alumni Association of the Washington High School. Much enthusiasm was manifested in the matter and the following action taken: Those present elected as temporary officers, Mr. Ramey, chairman; Mr. Pollard, secretary, and Mr. Chamberlin, treasurer. The secretary was instructed to correspond with the various class organizations, and request them to bring the project before their classes at the coming annual reunions. An effort was made to secure a representation from every class which has graduated, but owing to the fact that many of these are scattered some had no members in attendance. The following were present: Messrs. Pollard and Brock, '85; Shoemaker and Saunders, '86; Ramey, Shields, Grove and Hinman, '89; Chamberlin and Ross, '90; Slemen, Slater, Moore and Hensley, '91.

She Prayed for Death.

AUGUSTA, ME., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Nancy Britt Kennedy, the oldest woman in this city, died this morning. At an early hour she got up and commenced praying that she might die, and continued her prayers for nearly three-quarters of an hour, when she fell to the floor dead. The deceased is the woman whose age has been extensively reported as 118. Her exact age, however, is not known.

To Cleanse Potomac Water.

The many cities of the country, with not one-half the population of Washington, where the water supply is liable to periodical muddiness because of floods in the source of supply, elaborate systems of filtration have been established which renders the water fit for human use. For some weeks past the city's water supply has been almost liquid mud, and the complaints have poured in upon Engineer Rossell until his life has been made a burden. On the average five or six times a year and for weeks at a time this condition of affairs has existed. Medical experts claim that the muddy condition of the water is not deleterious to health, but who wants to drink liquid mud? Filtration as a means of securing pure water naturally suggests itself. Filters of many kinds have long been in use, but to a limited extent only owing to the common defect in all of them in the expense and trouble incident to cleansing them and removing the impurities filtered out. Colonel Marshall MacDonald, the National Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, who has been experimenting on this subject for years has invented a filter combining not only the advantages claimed for other filters with porcelain as a medium but also an improvement by which the pores as well as the surface of the filter are automatically cleaned. This filter has been thoroughly submitted in action to numbers of experts, and has received their unqualified approval, and the authorities of the Water Department of the District are especially pleased with it. Its superiority to all other filters in use is that while the filtering medium is equal to the very best, its action in the matter of cleaning itself without intervention except the turning of the discharge-cock makes it vastly superior to anything before conceived of in the premises. This most necessary instrument in every household is now on exhibition in the Kellogg Building, No. 1416 F street northwest. Call around and see how beautifully it works.

Hot For Holiday Gifts.

Everybody is now on the lookout for holiday presents for the boys, and time and money can be saved by calling and examining the catalogue and stock of M. A. Tappan, No. 1013 Pennsylvania avenue, the Washington depot of A. G. Spalding & Bros. Here every conceivable article in the sporting line is obtainable, in fact Tappan's is recognized as the store for sporting goods of the District. Steam engines and cars, steam yachts, steamboat toys, sleds, skates, toboggans, all kinds of indoor games, photograph outfits, air-guns, Flober rifles, footballs, boxing gloves, gymnasium suits, athletic and gymnasium goods. Cutlery of all kinds can be found at this noted establishment, and the beauty of it is, that all goods are sold at the most reasonable rates. Any one wanting to fill a youngster with delight has only to take him around to Tappan's and let him select a Christmas gift out of the large stock in view. There is no other place of business in the country where he can be better suited in the line of sporting goods.

It is Here Again.

The grip is again raging in the city, and it has come apparently to stay. United States and District officials seem to be an especial mark of the enemy, and in high social circles there are a large number of cases. It will not do to trifle with an attack of this influenza. It is distressing as well as dangerous, and generally remains in the system producing debility for months even if it does not culminate in an attack of pneumonia. There is no necessity for suffering any length of time from the grip. A panacea, a sure cure will be found in Cook's Balm of Life, for whenever it has been tried it has never failed. Get some bottles of the Balm and take it regularly and the grip cannot hurt you.

Bartholomew's Rochester Beer is brewed from the finest hops and choicest Canadian malt; is fully fermented and guaranteed pure in every respect. It's a nourishing beverage and just what you want to aid the digestion of your Xmas dinner. Delivered to any part of the city. Try a box. Washington Branch, 1110 and 1112 C street northwest. Telephone No. 441.

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ON WEDNESDAY, December 23, 1891, at 11 a. m., and 3 and 7 p. m., within our rooms, 1409 G street, near Treasury Department, we will sell a fine collection of holiday goods, and comprising, as it does, rare and valuable pieces, should command general attention. Exhibition all day Tuesday.

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A FINE HORSE, GROCERY WAGON, AND HARNESS, MILLER SAFE, ETC.

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