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Conductor and Leader of Marine Band.
ap 30—1m*

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS!
JOHN H. SMOOT,
South side of Bridge street, near High,
GEORGETOWN, D. C,
HAS received and is now offering a very general assortment of
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,
In his stock will be found a good assortment of *new style*
Light Spring Silks
Best make black do
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Bajou's Kid and Alexander's Silk Gloves, all colors
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Parasols of every shade and price
Rich English fast colors Prints at 12½
With a first rate assortment of
MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR.
Also, Sheetings and Shirtings of the best makes in Linens and Cottons
Table Cloths, Damasks, Napkins Towellings, Furniture Chintzes, white Spreads
Domestic Goods generally.
Having made large purchases from the Philadelphia and New York auctions, I am prepared to offer great inducements to cash or prompt customers.
ap 18—1m J. H. SMOOT.

A CARD.
"Economy is the road to wealth."
Great Reduction in the price of Hats & Caps
THE undersigned, having made arrangements with a New York Hat Company to be constantly supplied with the very best Moleskin or DRESS HATS, got up in the latest style, offers them at the unprecedented low price of $3,50, worth from four to five dollars; second quality, $3, worth from $3,50 to $4; and a very good fashionable Hat at $2,50, worth from $3 to $3,50.
Also, Beebe & Co's Hats, at a much less advance than they have been heretofore sold in this city.
First rate beaver Hats $3,50.
All kinds of soft HATS and CAPS very low.
In order to sell at the above low prices the cash system must be adopted; consequently those who purchase will not be charged from fifteen to twenty-five per cent. as an offset for bad debts.
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(for many years in the employ of Todd & Co.) No. 3, Columbia place, 7th st.,
ap 13—tf 2d door north of Penn. avenue.

ICE.
T. N KIDWELL guarantees a full supply of ice to his customers in Washington or Georgetown, for the whole year, at fair prices.
Orders can be left at the following places or sent through the Post Office.
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Kidwell & Laurence, corner of Pa. avenue and 14th streets
Mr. McPherson, Grocer, 7th street
G. F. Kidwell, Smith's Lumber Office, 6t st.
Joseph Moore, Druggist, Pa avenue, First Ward
Ice can be had at my office, No 3 First street Georgetown, at all times. Families will be supplied for the whole year at fair prices. ap 21—1m

IMPORTANT TO PERSONS BREAKING UP HOUSEKEEPING
PERSONS removing from the city, and wishing to dispose of their Furniture and Housekeeping Utensils, &c, without the trouble of sending them to public auction, can do so by calling on us at our store, 317 Pennsylvania avenue, corner of Ninth street, as we are prepared to buy all such goods as may be offered.
Housekeepers and others will do well by calling on us, as we will pay the highest cash prices for all such goods. WALL, BARNARD & CO.
ap 26—1m 317 Pennsylvania avenue.

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Pamphlets giving full information, sent gratis to every applicant. B. FRANK PALMER,
375 Chesnut street, Philadelphia.
feb 28—3m

TAKE NOTICE.
NEW SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.
P. W. BROWNING, Merchant Tailor, under the United States Hotel, has just received a large supply of Spring and Summer Goods, and is now prepared to offer great bargains to all in want of good and fashionable clothing. His "Ready-made Clothing" will be sold at the following low prices:
Whole suits, Coat, Pantaloons, and Vest, of thin cloth or cassimere, for $12.
Fine Black Frock and Dress Coats, from $10 to $15.
Good Business Coats for $7.
Black and Fancy Pants, from $3 to $7.
Marseilles and Silk Vests, from $2 to $5.
He keeps always on hand a large assortment of fancy articles, such as Shirts, Gloves, Cravats, Umbrellas, &c.
"Sole Agent for the sale of Scott's Fashions."
mar 19—tj.

LOOK HERE!!!
MORE BOUNTY LAND TO *ALL* who served in ANY WAR since 1790, whether as Officers Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Clerks, Indians, Chaplains, Wagon Masters, Teamsters, Landsmen, (or their widows or minor children) who have not yet received full 160 acres, and have been in service 14 days, will do well to write to us, *postpaid*, and their Land Warrants will be forwarded to them for the above quantity, and no charge if they do not get it.
LLOYD & CO.,
Claim Agent's Office, opposite U. S. Treasury,
Washington City, D. C mar 6—3m

SILVER WARE, PLATED WARE AND FINE FANCY GOODS.—Silver Coffee and Tea Sets, Sugar Bowls, Cream Jugs, Goblets, Cups, Spoons and Forks. Also, a great variety of magnificent Fancy Silver Ware, suitable for presents.
Plated Coffee Sets, Castors, Baskets, Spoons and Forks, on best Albata.
The articles are warranted as represented, and will be sold at a small advance.
H. SEMKEN,
330 Pa. avenue, bet. 9th and 10th streets.
mar 29—tf

FOR SALE.—A Pair of BAY MARES, 7 years old next spring, well-bred, sound, stylish, gentle, spirited and capital goers. They are well-broken and perfectly free from tricks, and will particularly suit any gentleman who is fond of driving. The owner parts with them only because his purpose is to retrench his expenses. They can be seen at Southron's (late Birch's) Stable, on 14th street, south of Pa. avenue. For terms, or an opportunity to try them, enquire at the counter of the Star office. They will be sold a bargain.
ap 3—tf

Mr. W. HENRY PALMER,
HITHERTO KNOWN AS
ROBERT HELLER,
HAS much pleasure in informing his friends and the public in general that he has determined on locating himself in this city, and is prepared to receive pupils for instruction on the PIANO FORTE, HARMONY and COMPOSITION. He is permitted to refer to Mr George Riggs, Jr., and Mr A. T Kieckhoefer, and any communication addressed to him at Hilbus & Hitz's music store, Pennsylvania avenue, will have immediate attention.
ap 13—tf

PLEASURE TRIPS
TO THE WHITE HOUSE PAVILION.
The Steamers GEO. WASHINGTON or THOS. COLLYER can be chartered for public or select parties to visit the White House Pavilion, Mount Vernon, Fort Washington, or other places on the river.
The White House Pavilion is now open for visitors. It is a beautiful place for pleasure trips; it has a fine Ball and Dining room, also, a new Ten Pin Alley.
☞For particulars app'y to the President of the Company, or the Captains of the Boats.
Mr. WILLIAM COKE is furnishing refreshments on the boats, and is prepared to furnish parties on the best terms. ap 26—2m

REESE'S EAGLE PLUMBING AND GAS-FITTING DEPOT.
THE subscriber respectfully announces to his friends and the public in general that he has received the first lot of the celebrated DODGE'S DOUBLE ACTING SUCTION AND FORCE PUMP, which received the *SILVER MEDAL* at the late Fair of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, and is now prepared to furnish all who may favor him with a call.
His stock of GAS FIXTURES are unsurpassed in the District.
With his corps of competent workmen he prides himself to fill any orders in the PLUMBING AND GAS-FITTING line with promptness and despatch.
☞All work done warranted to give complete satisfaction JOHN REESE,
may 3—tf cor. Sixth st. and Pa avenue.

PERSONS WITH DEFECTIVE vision are invited to examine my extensive stock of all kinds of SPECTACLES and EYE-GLASSES. Glasses of any kind, such as Cataract, Parabola, Periscopic, Double Concave, Double Convex, and Colored Glasses, put in at short notice, with great care, and persons in want of glasses may be sure to get those which benefit the eye.
☞Circulars "Defective Vision," gratis at
H. SEMKEN'S,
330 Pa. avenue, betw. 9th and 10th sts.
mar 30

GREAT BARGAINS
IN LADIES', GENTS', MISSES', AND CHILDRENS' BOOTS AND SHOES.—The subscriber being compelled to remove from the store he now occupies, offers his present well-assorted stock of BOOTS AND SHOES at greatly reduced prices. All persons in want of the article will find it to their advantage to call before purchasing elsewhere.
A. H. SLOAN,
No. 304 Pa. av., near 10th st., north side.
may 1—tf

BY RAILROAD DIRECT
TO
THE WEST.
Time between Washington and Wheeling but 17½ hours!
Running time between Washington and Cincinnati 27 hours!!
Through Tickets and Baggage Checks to be had in Washington!!!

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD
HAVING greatly improved its Western connections now offers the fullest inducements to travelers between Washington, Baltimore, and all portions of the West, the Northwest and the Southwest.
The connection between the trains from Washington and the trains bound west from Baltimore is always promptly made at the Washington Junction (lately called the Relay House) 9 miles from Baltimore. This is the only change of cars required between Washington and the Ohio river. Baggage is checked through to Wheeling at the Washington station, and rechecked and transferred there, (with the passengers) without charge, for those holding through tickets for points beyond. The connecting trains leave Washington daily at 6 a. m. and 4½ p. m. On Sundays at the latter hour only.
At Wheeling *direct connection* is made with the trains of the CENTRAL OHIO RAILROAD, running from Bellaire on the Ohio, near Wheeling, through Cambridge, Zanesville and Newark, to COLUMBUS. These trains connect at Newark with the cars of the Newark, Mansfield and Sandusky Railroad for Sandusky, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago St. Louis, etc.
At Columbus the C. O. Railroad trains connect with the fast trains of the *Little Miami Railroad* to Xenia, CINCINNATI, LOUISVILLE, etc. At *Xenia* (on Little Miami Railroad) connection is formed with the trains through *Dayton*, to INDIANAPOLIS, Terre Haute, Lafayette, Chicago, Rock Island, St. Louis, etc.
☞Passengers holding through tickets for *Memphis Vicksburg, Natchez, New Orleans* etc., which are also sold at Washington—are transferred at Cincinnati to the Mail Steamers on the Ohio. Tickets for Evansville, Cairo, and St. Louis are sold by this route.
☞FOR CLEVELAND, and via Cleveland to Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, etc., tickets are sold, when the Ohio is navigable between Wheeling and Wellsville (forty miles) where a connection with the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad is made.
Travelers are requested to notice that while this is the only route affording through tickets and checks in Washington, it is also the shortest, most speedy, and direct to nearly all the leading points in the great West. The distance from Washington to Cincinnati is but 653 miles, being about 100 miles shorter than by any other route!
FARE BY THROUGH TICKET FROM WASHINGTON: To Wheeling, $9 50; Columbus $13 65; Dayton, $15 50; Cincinnati, $16; Louisville, by railroad $18 65, by steamer from Cincinnati, $18; Indianapolis, $17 50; Cleveland, $12 15; Toledo, $15 80; Detroit, $15 20; Chicago, $20 65 and $19 50; St. Louis, $28 50 and $25; Memphis, $26; New Orleans, $31, etc.
☞FOR FREDERICK and HARPER'S FERRY MARTINSBURG, BERKELEY SPRINGS, CUMBERLAND, BEDFORD SPRINGS, Piedmont, Oakland, and Fairmount, passengers may leave Washington at 6 a. m or 4½ p. m. For the inner way stations between Baltimore and Wheeling, take 6 a m train from Washington.
☞For trains to and from Baltimore, Annapolis, etc., see special advertisements.
☞For further information, through tickets, &c., apply to THOS. H. PARSONS, Agent, at Washington Station. JOHN H. DONE,
Master of Transportation
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Baltimore.
may 3—tf

SODA WATER.
THE undersigned having purchased Swan's Patent Apparatus for the preparation of SODA WATER, from Super-Carbonate of Soda, respectfully informs the public that the fountain is now in full and successful operation. This method of preparing Soda Water is warmly recommended by the Medical Faculties in the Northern and Western cities, not only as producing a pleasant, innocent, and healthy beverage for all persons, but one highly beneficial in all disorders of the stomach. Sirups of all flavors, including those of Brandy, Wine, and Champagne, freshly manufactured, of the very best materials, on the premises, always on hand
C. GAUTIER,
ap 30—eo3*m* No 252 Pa. avenue.

NEW AND OLD PIANOS.
WE have now in store the largest assortment of PIANOS ever offered in this city, from Hallet, Davis & Co., Bacon & Raven, and Knabe, Gaehle & Co.'s celebrated manufactories. These Pianos we guarantee, and sell upon very easy terms
Also, a new Piano used only a few months, which we offer at the low price of $200 cash; a second-hand Piano, by Andre Stien, for $75.
A very fine second hand Chickering Piano for sale or rent at a bargain.
Old Pianos taken in exchange for new.
Always on hand, Stools, Covers, Violins, Guitars, Flutes, Accordeons, Music, &c &c.
JOHN F. ELLIS,
306 Pennsylvania avenue,
may 10 bet. 9th and 10th streets.

THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
CHARTERED by Congress, offers to the property owners of the District safer and cheaper means of insurance than any other Company.
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Office, Columbia Place, corner Louisiana avenue and 7th street.
Office hours from 3 to 6 o'clock p. m.
feb 26—eotf

FRENCH VISITING CARDS, extra thin, and of the finest finish, just imported from Paris direct, by FRANCK TAYLOR.
may 15

Auction Sales.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT near the Navy Yard.—On FRIDAY afternoon, May 4th, at 5 o'clock, on the premises, the subscribers will sell, by virtue of a deed of trust, dated the 26th March, 1852, and duly recorded in Liber J. A. S., No. 40, folios 319, &c., one of the land records for Washington county, Lot No. 1, in Square 926, situated at the corner of G street south and 9th st. east, under a ground rent of $20 per annum for the period of ninety-nine years, from September 18th, 1851, with the improvements, consisting of a two story frame Dwelling with back building.
Terms at sale.
JNO. W. McKIM, RICH H. CLARKE, } Trustees.
JAMES C. McGUIRE,
mar 24—law&ds Auctioneer.
☞The above sale is postponed until FRIDAY afternoon, May 18, same hour.
JNO W. McKIM, RICH. H. CLARKE, } Trustees.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
may 4—d Auctioneer.

By JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneers.
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE and eligibly situated House and Lot on Maryland avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets west.—By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the 5th day of February, 1853, and recorded in Liber J. A. S. No 52, folios 83, &c., the subscriber will sell, at public sale on THURSDAY, the 31st day of May, 1855, at 5½ o'clock, p m., on the premises, all that piece or parcel of ground lying and being situate in the city of Washington, and known and distinguished as Lot Q, in the subdivision of Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 in square No. 492, fronting 23 feet 5 inches on Maryland avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets west, and running back to a 20 feet alley, with the buildings and improvements, which consist of a well and substantially built two story and attic brick dwelling house, with two-story frame back building and necessary outbuildings.
The above property is situated in a healthy and desirable location, and rapidly enhancing in value, and offers a favorable opportunity to persons desirous of obtaining a convenient and comfortable residence, or making an investment.
The terms of the sale will be one-half cash, and the balance in 6, 12, and 18 months, for notes bearing interest from day of sale, secured by a deed of trust on the property.
If the terms of sale are not complied with in six days after the sale, the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the purchaser upon one week's notice.
All conveyancing at cost of purchaser.
Title indisputable.
CHAS. S. WALLACH Trustee.
JAS. C McGUIRE,
may 9—eo&ds Auctioneer.

By JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.
VERY DESIRABLE BUILDING LOT at Auction.—On TUESDAY afternoon, June 12th, at 6 o'clock, on the premises, the subscriber will sell, by virtue of a deed of trust from Basil Lancaster, dated September 22d, 1848, and duly recorded in Liber J. A. S., No 1, folios 389, &c. one of the land records for Washington county, all that piece or parcel of ground and premises designated upon the ground plan of said city as Lot No. 28, in Square 197, having a front of 49 feet nine inches on 15th st. west, between north L and M streets, running back 197 feet to a 30 feet alley, with a 15 feet alley running the full depth of the lot on the side.
This lot is situated in a rapidly improving part of the First Ward, and is very desirably located
Terms: $450 in cash, the residue in 6 and 12 months with interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises.
All conveyancing at cost of purchaser.
JAS. H. COLLINS, Trustee.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
may 11—2aw&ds Auctioneer.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF CITY LOTS—On MONDAY afternoon, May 21st, at 5 o'clock, at the Auction rooms of James C. Maguire, the subscriber, by virtue of a deed of trust dated April 25, 1854, and recorded in Liber J. A. S., No 76, folios 189, &c. one of the land records for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, will sell the following Lots, viz: Lots Nos. 76, 26, 27, and 28, in Square No 50.
Terms: One-half cash; the residue in 6 and 12 months, with interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises.
If the terms of sale are not complied with within five days the trustee reserves the right to resell, at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser.
H. C. SPALDING, Trustee.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
may 7—eo&ds Auctioneer.

By J. C McGUIRE, Auctioneer.
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A VERY VALUABLE Building Lot in the First Ward.—On TUESDAY afternoon, May 22d, at 5½ o'clock, on the premises, the subscriber, by virtue of a deed of trust dated May 6, 1854, and duly recorded in Liber J. A. S, No. 72, folios 253, &c, one of the land records for Washington county, District of Columbia, will sell that valuable building Lot known as Lot No 16, in Square No. 102, fronting 50 feet 11 inches on north H, between 20th and 21st sts., running back 140 feet 10 inches
Terms of sale: One-half cash; the residue in six and twelve months, with interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises.
If the terms of sale are not complied with within five days thereafter, the Trustee reserves the right to resell at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser.
All conveyances at cost of purchaser.
H. C SPALDING, Trustee.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
may 7—eod Auctioneer.

By C. W. BOTELER, Auctioneer.
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF TWO small FRAME Houses on the Island.—On MONDAY, the 28th of May, instant, by virtue of a deed of trust bearing date the 17th of November, 1854, and recorded in Liber "J A S," No. 87, folios 319, 320, &c., one of the land records of Washington county, District of Columbia, the subscriber will sell, at public auction, in front of the premises,
Part of Lot 12, in Square No. 585, on which are erected two small frame houses, fronting on South F street.
Terms of sale: One-fourth in hand, and the remainder in 2, 4 and 6 months, with interest, secured by a deed of trust.
All conveyancing at cost of purchaser.
Either or both of the Houses can be had at private sale by application to B. P. Smith, Esq, at the City Hall. JAS. C. MAUPIN, Trustee.
C. W. BOTELER,
may 1—eo Auctioneer.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.
VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY AT Public Sale—On FRIDAY afternoon, June 1, at 5½ o'clock, on the premises, I shall sell, by order of the Orphans' Court, that valuable piece of property situated at the corner of 10th and E street, and generally known as the Medical College. The lot fronts 61 feet 1 inch on E street by 58 feet on 10th street, containing 3,543 square feet.
The building consists of a substantial and well built three story brick Building, which is admirably adapted for a warehouse, for manufacturing or school purposes Portions of this building are now under very satisfactory rent.
Title perfect
Terms: One-third cash; the residue in 6, 12, 18, and 24 months, with interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises.
S. H. NOURSE, Administratrix,
By WM. NOURSE, Attorney.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
may 8—eo&ds Auctioneer.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF DWELLING HOUSE and Lot on Massachusetts avenue—By virtue of a deed in trust the subscriber will sell, at public auction, on the premises, on MONDAY afternoon, May 21st, at 6 o'clock, part of Lot numbered nine, (9) in Square numbered four hundred and fifty-two (452,) fronting twenty (20) feet on Massachusetts avenue, between 6th and 7th streets west, running back one hundred and twenty-nine (129) feet, with the improvements, consisting of an excellent frame dwelling house. Terms cash.
NICHOLAS CALLAN, Trustee.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
ap 20—2aw&ds Auctioneer.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.
PEREMPTORY SALE OF THE STEAMER UNION.—On FRIDAY afternoon, June 1st, at 5 o'clock, at Page's Wharf, at the foot of Seventh street, I shall sell, without reserve, the nearly new steamer called the "Union," at present running as a ferry boat between this city and Alexandria.
This steamer was built in Washington city in the year 1852; is 102 feet in length, breadth of beam 24 feet 6 inches. She measures 411 40 95 tons custom house measurement, as per enrollment. Her engine is a first class seventy five horse power engine built by Smith and Perkins, Alexandria, Va. She runs either end foremost, and is very convenient for loading and unloading freight.
Terms: One half cash, the residue in 6 months, with interest, satisfactorily secured.
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
may 3—eo&ds Auctioneer.

Amusements.

GRAND MOONLIGHT
EXCURSION AND PIC NIC
OF THE
AMERICUS CLUB,
TO THE
WHITE HOUSE PAVILION,
On MONDAY, May 21st, 1855.
THE AMERICUS CLUB take great pleasure in announcing to their friends and the public in general that they have chartered the Steamer GEORGE WASHINGTON, and will give a grand EXCURSION AND PIC NIC as above, on MONDAY, the 21st instant. The Club pledge themselves that no pains or expense shall be spared on their part to give general satisfaction to those who may honor them with their company.
The very best Cotillon Music has been engaged for the occasion.
The Refreshments and Supper will be furnished by an experienced caterer at city prices.
Omnibuses will leave the corner of Seventh and L streets at 1 o'clock, and be at the wharf on the arrival of the boat at night. Fare 12½ cents each way.
☞Tickets ONE DOLLAR—admitting a Gentleman and Ladies—to be had of any of the Managers and at the wharf on day of excursion.
The Boat will leave George town at 1 o'clock; Washington at 2; Navy Yard at 2½, and Alexandria at 3.

Committee of Arrangements.
Charles Matlock, John G. Robinson, Jr,
W. E. Morgan, F. A. Rearden,
Samuel E Culverwell.

Managers on the part of the Club.
S. P. Robertson, J. W. Houck, E. B. Barrett,
E G. Evens, D. D Darden, Jno. T. Essex,
Robt. Johnson, W. H. Johnson, Wm. Thomas,
W. H. T. Dice, E. F. Queen, Geo. Essylin,
Thos. Johnson, M. Birkhead, Nicholas B. Ray.
may 7,9,12,14,16,19 6t

GRAND
REGIMENTAL BALL.
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on behalf of the First Regiment, Third Brigade of the Militia of the District of Columbia, take great pleasure in informing the citizens generally, that their FIRST GRAND BALL will be held at the NATIONAL THEATRE, on MONDAY EVENING, May 21st, 1855.
The Committee would respectfully beg leave to cordially invite the ladies generally, and sincerely hope that they will grace us with their appearance, and regret exceedingly that the shortness of time for making arrangements compelled them to dispense with Special Invitation.
Prof. Munder has kindly volunteered his services as Floor Manager on that occasion.
Tickets $1, and can be procured at Flint's Hotel; Wm. F. Bayly's Stationery Store; M. H. Stevens & Co., Browns' Hotel; Willson & Hayward's, Union Hall; and of any of the Executive Committee.

OOMMITTEE OF RECEPTION.
Col W H Hickey, Capt J A Tait,
Lt Col Riley, Capt P B Key,
Maj Keyworth, Capt Jos Peck,
Adjutant Bacon, Capt Schwarzmann,
Surgeon Morgan, Capt Devers,
Qr Master McCollum, Lieut Com'g Mulloy,
Qr Master Sergt King, Capt Shekell,
Capt Davis, Capt Jamieson,
Capt Towers, Capt Reese,
Capt Bright,

MANAGERS ON PART OF THE MILITARY.
Washing'on Light Infantry.
Serg't James E. Towers, Henry Warner,
Charles E. Nelson.
National Guards.
Serg't Eagan, Jno Bradley,
Corp'l Maguire.
Boone Rifles.
Pioneer Robinson, Henry Green,
Serg't Buckingham.
National Guard.
Ensign Lloyd, Private Johnson,
Serg't Bishop.
Montgomery Guards.
Serg't McEnIry, Private O'Leary,
Secretary O'Sullivan.
President's Mounted Guard.
Serg't Hayward, John T. Evans,
Samuel Owens.
German Yagers.
Serg't Ruppell, Conrad Pinkmann,
Julius Viedt
American Riflemen.
Serg't Gibson, John Y. Donn,
Corp'l Champion.
Washington Highlanders
Sgt Campbell, Andrew Bain,
James Harrover.
Scott Guards.
Sgt Keyworth George McKean,
Charles Masi.
Union Guards.
Qr Mr Donelly, Sgt Harrison,
Mr O'Callahan.
Marion Rifles.
Sgt Foxwell, Sgt Galt,
Henry Keefer.

MANAGERS ON PART OF THE CITIZENS.
George Washington Park Castis

Hon J T Towers	Francis Mohun	H Taylor
Walter Lenox	E Doyle	J B Hoover
W W Seaton	Wm Dougherty	Arch'd Campbell
Peter Force	A N Clements	Jas Adams
Silas H Hill	G Ennis	Thos Parsons,
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J H Eaton	J L Henshaw	Andrew Hancock
W H Winter	J W Forney	H S Polkinhorn
A Provost	T Carberry	A Dickens
C H Winder	Jas G Berret	J M Kirkwood
J F Coyle	C Hill	A T Kickhoffer
R Wallach	C Wheeler	A J H White
Chas Maury	Dr Maynard	S Lewis
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R Smith	B F Middleton	J J Joyce
W T Dove	E F Bell	P A Hoe
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G Cameron	W F Bayly	Jas Clarke
C S Wallach	M Brown	J C Fitzpatrick
H Sweeney	Dr W B Magruder	J H McKnair
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GRAND MILITARY AND CIVIC
MOONLIGHT EXCURSION
OF THE
BOONE RIFLE CORPS.
THE BOONE RIFLE CORPS most respectfully announce to the citizens of Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria, that they have chartered the swift and splendid steamer GEORGE WASHINGTON for an excursion on WEDNESDAY afternoon the 23d May, to the WHITE HOUSE PAVILION.
The boat will leave Washington at 2 o'clk, Navy Yard at 2¼, and Alexandria at 3½. Returning, she will leave the White House at a seasonable hour, and touch at all of the above places.
The Committee have made the most extensive arrangements to render this excursion one of the most pleasant of the season.
The Refreshment department will be conducted by a competent and accommodating caterer.
A Brass and String Band are engaged for the occasion.
Should the day prove unfavorable the excursion will be postponed until further notice.
Tickets $1—admitting a gentleman and two ladies
Tickets to be had of any of the Committee, or at the boat on the day of the excursion.

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PROSPERI'S CORNET BAND NO. 1.
MR. FREDERICK PROSPERI begs leave to inform his friends and former patrons that this band has been fully re-organized and is now under his direction, and he is fully prepared with a band of the most Scientific Musicians in the city, to furnish music for Balls, Parties, Parades, Pic Nics, Excursions, &c., at the shortest notice possible, by applying to FREDERICK PROSPERI, Leader, CHAS. PROSPERI, Conductor; HILBUS & HITZ'S Music Depot, or at PETER TALTAVUL'S, opposite the Garrison, Garrison street, Navy Yard.
feb 19—3m*

EVENING STAR.

A GOOD ORGAN WELL DESCRIBED.

In the progress of these sketches, I shall have somewhat to say on the subject of organs. Be it understood, however, that I lay no claim to any artistic knowledge of their nature whether mechanical or musical, and do not speak in the capacity of a critic. But I have an inborn partiality in this direction. To me, when a boy, the organ loft of the parish church had the same attractions that belfry and bell-rope is said to have possessed in the eyes of the youthful John Bunyan. Quite naturally, then, my attention was directed to the observation and study of this most sublime of instruments, as found, in their excellence, among the churches and cathedrals of the Old World.

My first experience of organ-playing abroad was in Dublin. In the shabbiest and vilest portion of that ancient city, corresponding to the parish of St. Giles, in London, or the Five Points in New York, stands the fine old cathedral of St. Patrick. Imposing and grand in its exterior, its interior is damp and gloomy always, partaking, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, of the decay and desolation that reigns around it. But inclosed within the oaken gallery above the choir, like the diamond in the toad's head, is an organ of most mellow and delicious tone.

Tradition saith it was seized among the spoils of the celebrated Spanish Armada, and presented by good Queen Bess to her loyal subjects in Dublin, as a mark of especial regard. It was designed, no doubt, by the boastful Philip, to lead in the *Te Deum* for his victory. Two hundred years time has blackened its casing to the hue of ebony, and corroded the last particle of ornament from its pipes, till it presents a front like the portals of Newgate. But a marvelous beauty it hath in its voice; as though it joined to Saxon strength the soft voluptuousness of its Moorish origin, and had merged all asperities from being much tossed in ships, as good wine is mellowed in a voyage through southern seas.

I was fortunate in that I was present on a festival day in the calendar, when the impressive choral service of the English Church was performed by a choir of twenty-four male voices. On this occasion the noble organ put forth its full powers. It boasts none of the embellishments of modern structure: no reduplication and coupling of registers—no swell—no sesqualtera, and cremono and vox humano stops. Its chief glory is in its solemn diapasons, pouring forth an avalance of sound which moves on evenly, majestically, religiously, the very embodiment of praise to God. It is said of this instrument that the music loving George III. offered £10,000 pounds to have it removed to England, but without success. Of its precise size, its age, and place of birth, I cannot speak with authority. The wonder is, that in all its vicissitudes on sea and land, and the decay and damp endured for centuries in its ill-conditioned abode here, it still holds, to all appearance, its pristine vigor. [*Dublin Letter in Dwight's Journal of Music.*

AMERICAN INVENTIONS IN GREECE

A plan has been set on foot for forming a depository of American manufactures and inventions, in relation to which an address to the manufacturers and inventors of this country will be found in another part of this paper.

The Greeks are a race remarkable for quickness and activity of intellect beyond almost any nation in the world. They are now in a state of rapid intellectual progress, and the advance they have made in civilization and knowledge since they shook off the yoke of the Turks, is wonderful. With their ready apprehension, and their facility in adopting improvements made by other nations there is no doubt that many of the inventions of American ingenuity which are applied by us with such success in the useful arts, would be instantly domesticated in Greece, if they were but to become known to such of its people as possess a turn for mechanics. Greece, though an old country, is in some respects a new one, and has many of the wants which are felt here. She has cities to found, houses, churches and civil edifices yet to erect, bridges to throw over streams, canals to cut, railways to construct, wharves to build, and moles and breakwaters to make for the harbors of her extensive coast. The want of these works is urgent, the hands to prepare them are few, and the means are scanty. Greece is, therefore, in need of labor-saving machines, in need of all the appliances which in our country perform such tasks with the least exertion of labor and the least expenditure of money.

We have among us a worthy citizen of Greece, Mr. Evangelides, who has taken great interest in this subject, and who has charged himself with the task of conveying to Greece the specimens of American manufacture and invention which shall be contributed to the depository of Athens. There are first to be sent to the American Institute in this city, and then they will be transported to Greece.

Many persons in this country engaged in manufactures and in the production of machinery have expressed their satisfaction at seeing this project started, and a determination to aid it so far as might be in their power. We hope the depository will, through the friendly zeal of this class of men, be so richly endowed as to prove creditable to our country.—*New York Evening Post.*

FREEMASONS IN TURKEY.

Although freemasonry has for more than thirty years been generally supposed to exist among the Mahommedans, and traces of it were found in Turkey by the Russian officers after the campaign of 1829, yet they were too slight to prove the fact; and it is only within the last few years that it was satisfactorily demonstrated by a German freemason chancing to pass through Belgrade, where he discovered a masonic lodge, to which he was invited, and where he received a hospitable reception. It appears now to be proved beyond all doubt that the Turkish brothers who exercise their masonic duties, under the name of Dervishes, are to all intents and purposes the same as our own order of freemasons, with but very little difference in the customs and ceremonies, and making use of exactly the same signs, words, and grips, to recognize each other. The Turkish freemasons appear to be in a more elevated state of civilization than is usual amongst the Orientals generally; their views of religion are far higher than those imposed by Islamism; they reject polygamy, contenting themselves with one single wife, and at the masonic banquets the women appear unveiled—a striking proof of the mutual confidence the masonic brethren repose in each other.

The Belgrade Lodge, called Alikotsch, is composed of 70 members. The Master of the lodge, whose name is Djani Ismael Tsholak Mahamed Saede, is at the same time grand master of all the lodges in European Turkey, and is directly connected with all those of the whole Ottoman Empire, Arabia, and Persia, in