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MR. AND MRS. ALFRED BUJACE'S ENGLISH AND FRENCH SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES, 1012 17th st. n.w. The duties of this school will be resumed on the 20TH OF SEPTEMBER. sep10-3m*

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Mr. Frank Chanfrau appearing every night in Spencer & Tayleure's American Comic Drama,
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As the INIMITABLE WIDOW,
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Single Tickets, 50 cents.
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First appearance in Europe or America of the celebrated
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Seven in number, including the renowned Arab guide,
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Formerly with the Explorer, Stanley, and the first discoverer of Dr. Livingstone. The party is composed as follows:
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THE REDPATH LYCEUM BUREAU has the honor to announce that this party has been specially organized and brought to this country at heavy expense, for the purpose of illustrating, in the most realistic manner, oriental life and customs. It is guaranteed that these are the only Palestine Arabs who have ever left their native land. This exhibition cannot, therefore, fail, from its novelty, variety and fidelity to nature, to be of the greatest interest to the general public, portraying, as it does, in the most accurate manner, the every day life of the dwellers in the East.
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GOLD WATCH, SPENCERIAN SCHOLARSHIP, LETTER-CARRIER'S UNIFORM, SILVER COMPOSING STICK,
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☞ Useful and Fancy Articles, suitable for the Holidays, on sale.
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Bargains for cash, or on installments.
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First-class Tuning and Repairing of Pianos or Organs. nov13-3m

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ THE WASHINGTON KINDERGARTEN UNION hold their regular meeting TUESDAY, Dec. 14th, at 7:30 o'clock, in the National Kindergarten Hall, southeast corner of Mt. Vernon Place and 8th st., to discuss important educational questions. Parents, teachers and all friends of children are cordially invited. 1t-

☞ OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO. OF D. C.,
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PA. AVENUE AND 9TH STREET NORTHWEST,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1880.
Policy Holders are hereby notified to renew their insurance for 1881 on or before MONDAY, Dec. 27, 1880. Please call early and bring policies or last receipt.
The Managers have determined to reduce the interest on the premium notes to one and one-half (1½) per cent., being a reduction of twenty-five per cent. in payment of policies now in force.
dec13-13t J. WESLEY BOTELER, Secretary.

☞ SPECIAL NOTICE—A fresh supply of PURE NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL at DREW'S Drug Store, corner 9th st. and Pennsylvania ave., at 50c. per full pint bottle. dec11

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☞ WOMAN SUFFRAGE.
THE AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION will hold its Eleventh Annual Meeting in Washington, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, December 15th and 16th, in Lincoln Hall, commencing WEDNESDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, and continuing on THURSDAY, at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. Thursday morning Meeting of Delegates for business. Lucy Stone, Mary A. Livermore, Hon. Thos. W. Higginson, Julia Ward Howe, Mary Grew, Matilda Hindman, Mary F. Eastman, Antoinette Brown Blackwell, Mary E. Haggart and many other well known speakers will be present. The public are invited to attend.
dec9, 11, 13, 14, 15

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Prepared with delicious and nutritious syrups. Affords the most pleasant and wholesome drink for the winter season. Cold Soda and all Mineral Waters for sale all the year.
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LECTURES.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF THE WAR.
LECTURE
BY THE
REV. JOHN R. PAXTON
IN THE
Lecture Room of the
New York Avenue Presbyterian Church,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14,
Commencing at 7:30 o'clock.
Admission, 50 cents. Proceeds to be devoted to some of the charities of the church.
dec7, 9, 11, 13, 14

FROM THE "SANITARY ENGINEER" OF NOVEMBER 1ST:
"The customary use of water vases in furnaces is very objectionable, as a great quantity of steam is thrown into the air, corrodes the surface of the tin conductors, and, passing into the apartments, is condensed on pictures and furniture. A porous jar hung upon the register face saturates the air, but does not super-saturate it, and it is the sine qua non."
HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,
No. 317 9th st. northwest.
The only manufacturers of Dr. Colburn's celebrated POROUS JAR EVAPORATORS. nov29

THE KITCHENER RANGE.
We have endeavored to make a first-class article only, and have spared no expense in the manufacture of our KITCHENER RANGES to secure a cooking fixture that is all that can be desired. That we have succeeded, the number that we have sold and the satisfaction they have given is the best proof. Hundreds of reference in this city and Baltimore. We are agents for the BALTIMORE, a portable range of largest convenience and first-class construction, unequalled in this market.
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BOARDS, THE BEST.....$1.35
BOARDS, COMMON.....$1.00
ENTERPRISE:
WE HAVE IN OUR EMPLOY
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FREE OF CHARGE.
WILLET & LIBBEY,
3 YARDS. 6TH STREET AND N. Y. AVE. / SPRAGUE'S SQUARE, BETWEEN 1 AND M. / N. L. MARKET SQUARE. nov9

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I append a PRICE LIST of OVERCOATS and ULSTERETTES, ranging from cheap and substantial to the finest grades for dress wear:

IN OVERCOATS.		IN ULSTERETTES.	
$4.00	$15.00	$7.00	$12.50
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6.50	17.00	8.00	14.00
7.00	18.00	9.00	15.00
8.00	20.00	10.00	16.00
10.00	22.50	11.00	17.00
12.00	25.00	12.00	18.00

This gives an extensive range of prices; represents all the late styles, and saves you from $2.50 to $7.50 on the garment.
One of the special features of this sale will be the TREMENDOUS CUT IN THE PRICES OF DRESS AND BUSINESS SUITS.
ALL SHOULD EXAMINE THIS LINE OF SPLENDID BARGAINS, AS NO SUCH PRICES HAVE EVER BEFORE BEEN OFFERED.
A. STRAUS,
THE OLD RELIABLE CLOTHIER,
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Singer, with improvements	$16
Wheeler & Wilson, No. 8, drawers and leaf	25
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Grover & Baker	9
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The above Machines are as good as new, and are warranted for three years.
Call early and take your choice at
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☞ Renting and Repairing our specialty. nov30

THE EVENING STAR.

Washington News and Gossip.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.—Internal revenue, $1,089,344.58; customs, $531,153.41.

THE FOLLOWING ORDER was to-day issued by the War department: "Officers ordered to duty while on a leave of absence will be regarded as on duty from the date they receive the order, which date must be promptly reported to the adjutant general of the army."

ALASKA.—The report for November of Commander Glass, commanding the Jamestown, at Alaska, has been received at the Navy department. Commander Glass reports that the Indians in every part of the territory are very quiet, and have given no trouble of any kind. The prospectors who went out from Sitka, June last, have returned. They penetrated the country a distance of 250 miles from Chilcat river, and report a fine, open country, with good climate. They found no gold in paying quantities. In anticipation of remaining at Sitka for the winter, houses have been built over the main and quarter-deck hatches of the Jamestown to protect the officers and men on watch and afford ventilation in bad weather.

WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.—Secretaries Thompson and Evarts, Senators Windom, Logan and Platt and Representatives Aldrich, Hayes, Williams, Morse, Bowman, Harris (Mass.), Field, Robinson, Claflin and Loring called on the President to-day.

OUR EUROPEAN SQUADRON.—Rear Admiral Howell, commanding the European squadron, reports to the Navy department, under date of November 26th, at Naples, on board his flagship, the Trenton. During the stay of the Trenton at Naples a number of the officers have visited the iron-clad Italia, in course of construction. The Quinnebaug was still stationed at Smyrna and the Nipsic at Constantinople. The Wyoming was at Genoa, where she will remain for about a week and then continue her cruise to the southward. The health of the squadron is excellent.

WAR TO THE KNIFE WITH THE MOONSHINERS.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Raum to-day sent the following telegram to Collector Woodcock, at Nashville, Tenn., and Collector Andrew Clark, at Alanta:—During the past week five United States officers have been killed or wounded by illicit distillers. This demonstrates the necessity of requiring your officers operating against illicit distillers to carry their breech-loading arms, and of having the posses of officers so large as to deter resistance. You are authorized to employ ten additional men if necessary. Estimate for the expense by telegraph.

IMPORTANT NOMINATIONS.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate this afternoon:—Edgar Stanton, of Ill., to be consul general at St. Petersburg; Wolfgang Schoenle, of Ohio, to be consul at Barmon; John Hall, of Pa., to be U. S. marshal, western district of Pa.; First Lieut. Samuel E. Tillman, corps of engineers, to be professor at West Point of chemistry, mineralogy and geology. Also, a number of postmasters, including Charles W. Miller, at Frederick, Md.; Charles H. Walker, at Frostburg, Md.; Wm. S. Oakey, at Salem, Va.; and Lewis H. Phleger, at Piedmont, W. Va.

THE ENGAGEMENT that has been so long talked of between Mr. Frank Potter and Miss Key, of Baltimore, is announced at last. Mr. Potter is one of the youngest sons of the late Bishop Potter, of Pennsylvania, by his second wife, and the bride-elect is the daughter of the late Barton Key, who was shot in the streets of Washington by General D. E. Sickles about twenty years ago.

SILVER CERTIFICATES.—The Treasury department to-day issued $400,000 in silver certificates upon deposits of gold made in New York.

PERSONAL.—Senator Plumb was registered in New York yesterday.——Miss Genevieve Ward, the actress, sailed from Liverpool for New York last Saturday.——O. D. Barrett, of Washington, was among the overland passengers to arrive in San Francisco last Wednesday.——Dr. Cabell, president of the national board of health, is at the Riggs House.——Gen. Schenck's health continues to improve.——Prof. Graham Bell, of this city, read a paper on the Photophone before the Society of Arts, in London, on the 1st inst., and also made a short address on the System of Visible Speech, invented by his father Mr. Melville Bell, before the Philosophical Society of the same city, on Friday, the 3d.——Mr. Charles H. Russell, jr., so well and pleasantly known here as private secretary of Mr. Evarts, is now practising law as a member of the firm of Jennings & Russell, of Wall street, New York.——Senator Farley arrived at the Arlington this morning.——Representative-elect Dawes, of Ohio, and ex-Gov. Chamberlin are at the Ebbitt.——C. B. Bishop and wife are registered at the National.——Ex-Senator Patterson, of South Carolina, was at the Capitol to-day.——Secretary Schurz was on the floor of the Senate to-day.——Health Officer Townshend, of this District, is expected to return this evening from his trip to New Orleans.——E. H. Luther, who for a number of years represented the Boston *Globe* in this city, a private letter says, is lying dangeeously ill in Boston, from a lung and throat disease.

The Yorktown Centennial.

CONFERENCE AT THE CAPITOL—PROGRAM FOR THE CELEBRATION.

This morning Messrs. Ould, Cochran and Peyton, of the Yorktown centennial association, met with the sub-committee of the congressional committee on the Yorktown celebration to confer with regard to preparations for that affair. It was agreed that the Yorktown centennial association should, to-morrow, submit a program for the celebration, and, that the congressional committee will adopt it. This will give to the Yorktown association the duty of arranging preliminaries. Under the program to be submitted to-morrow, the celebration will last twenty-five days. The U. S. government will be allotted the opening day, (October 6th, 1881,) the day of laying the corner-stone, and the closing day. On the opening day the U. S. troops and civil officers will participate and formally receive the French visitors. Then one day will be allotted to each of the original thirteen states for a display in the name of those states, respectively. This will bring the celebration up to the 19th, on which day the corner-stone of the monument will be laid. On that occasion the U. S. troops, Masons, Odd Fellows and other organized societies of all kinds will take part. After the 19th one day will be allotted to each of the states that have been admitted to the union since the revolutionary war, and on the closing day the U. S. government will again take charge with a grand display. This is an outline of the program to be submitted to-morrow and which will be adopted.

Congress and the River Flats.

A GENERAL DISPOSITION TO TAKE DEFINITE ACTION.

The question of the improvement of the Potomac river flats and the reclamation of the land in the channel of the river is one of so much importance, that united effort on the part of the citizens of Washington may induce Congress to make an appropriation to go ahead with the work. The President has twice urged action upon the part of Congress, at one time through a special message and in his recent annual message. Gen. Hunton, the chairman of the District committee of the House, is especially anxious to secure legislation, in accordance with the President's twice repeated recommendations. It is unfortunate, however, that there is a division of opinion in the House District committee. This does not arise on the question of the absolute necessity for the improvement, but the method. Two or three members of the committee favor one plan, and two or three another, and the result is a deadlock. No plan has yet been presented, which meets the approbation of a majority of the committee.

In view of this fact several influential members of Congress who recognize that something ought to be done have under serious consideration a movement to go outside of the District committee altogether. This movement contemplates dealing with the appropriation and commerce committees. It is urged that the vital necessity is to first secure an appropriation; and formulate a plan subsequently. It is held that a commission could be appointed with authority to devise a plan of improvement, and after having thus devised the plan to go to work.

On the merits of the question of the river improvement there are but few members indeed not favorable to it. It is believed an appropriation would go through both houses without dissent. The only difficulty in the way is how to deal with the subject in view of the divergent views of the members of the District committee. It is believed if the influential citizens of the District would display robust activity in the matter that before the present Congress dies a sum of money can be secured to at least make the initiative.

Secretary Thompson's Retirement.

HE ASKS THAT HIS SUCCESSOR BE APPOINTED.

Secretary Thompson called on the President this morning and requested him to name his successor as the head of the Navy department in time that he may take the office Monday next, and he wishes to leave the department on that day.

SECRETARY THOMPSON'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED AND SECRETARY RAMSEY TO ACT AS SECTETARY OF THE NAVY.

There will be no new appointment in the Cabinet to fill the vacancy caused by Secretary Thompson's resignation, but Secretary Ramsey will have his hands full. The President to-day designated him to act as Secretary of the Navy in addition to his war duties from Monday next to the 4th of March next. The President before making this designation accepted the resignation of Secretary Thompson, to take effect next Monday.

THE SECRETARY DENIES HIS REPORTED INTERVIEW WITH GEN. GRANT.

The attention of Secretary Thompson was today called to a publication purporting to give an account of an interview between him and Gen. Grant in New York about the Panama canal, which was not at all a pleasant one. Gen. Grant is stated to have left Secretary Thompson with a flea in his ear. The Secretary said that the idea of Gen. Grant hunting him up to induce him to abandon the presidency of the American branch of the Panama canal company was preposterous. He met Gen. Grant in the corridor of the Fifth Avenue Hotel and merely greeted him. This was all that passed between the secretary and Gen. Grant. There was no conversation between them about the canal either then or at any other time.

The secretary's attention was also called to the fact that it is being discussed that there should be an application of the Monroe doctrine to the Panama canal scheme. The reply was that when it came to a question of absorption of the slightest portion of the territory of any Central American state by foreign powers he would go as far as any one to prevent it. He would be willing to use the entire force of the United States for that purpose. The construction of the Panama canal involved no such danger. It is simply a private enterprise, in which private capital alone will be used. There can be no more objection to the use of foreign private capital to construct a canal than there is to the use of such capital to construct railroads in this country.

The District in Congress.

Senator Ingalls to day presented petitions from Wm. Grinder and Olivia Van Riswick, setting forth that their property had been ruined by improvements, under orders of the Commissioners, and praying for damages.

IMPORTANT ACTION OF THE HOUSE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the House committee on the District to-day the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby instructed to ascertain and report to the committee—First, what authority has charge of the streets, avenues and public grounds of the District? Second, what particular officer under said authority? Third, what portion, if any, of the streets, avenues and public grounds are occupied by private persons, and by what authority? Fourth, in whom is authority vested to abate nuisances upon said grounds, streets and avenues, and remove therefrom all unauthorized structures and persons? Fifth, what further legislation, if any, is necessary for the removal from said grounds, streets and avenues of any nuisances and unauthorized structures?

The committee agreed to a resolution appropriating $20,000 to continue the work of filling up the canal.

By a vote of four to three, the committee agreed to a resolution to ask the committee on commerce to appropriate a million and a quarter of dollars for the reclamation of the Potomac river flats. The vote was as follows: Aye—Messrs. Hunton (chairman), Henkle, Martin and Slemmons. Nay—Messrs. Sanford, Neal and Aldrich. In view of the fact that there was not a full attendance of the committee, it was agreed to again submit the resolution to a vote when there was a fuller attendance.

Upon motion of Mr. Aldrich, the chairman of the committee was directed to appoint a subcommittee to prepare a report upon the investigation of the charges made against the District Commissioners by Treasurer Gilfillan.

The committee also adopted a resolution requesting the committee on rules to report upon a resolution submitted to it with reference to the setting aside of two Mondays in each month for the consideration of District business.

A petition was received by the committee, signed by Simon Wolf and others, protesting against the supplemental legislation asked for by the trustees of the German Orphan Asylum. They asked to be heard. The committee set aside next Thursday to hear both sides.

The Poncas Want to Stay in Indian Territory.

The charge having been made that the petition sent to the Interior department by the Poncas in October to be permitted to visit Washington for the purpose of giving up their rights to their old reserve in Dakota and stipulating for an indemnity, with the desire to remain in the Indian territory, had been obtained by illegitimate influences, Secretary Schurz sent an inspector to the Ponca agency for the purpose of investigating whether that petition was a free expression of their will, and to-day received the following dispatch:

"PONCA AGENCY, Dec. 11, 1880.—*Secretary Interior*, Washington, D. C.: Poncas in council reaffirm letter of October 25th. Are anxious to settle and remain here.

HAWORTH, Inspector."

Secretary Schurz has written a long and sharp letter to Governor Long, who presided over a meeting held in Boston December 3, to express sympathy with the Ponca Indians and denounce the wrongs inflicted upon them by the government in their removal from Dakota to the Indian territory. Secretary Schurz argues that the injury done the Poncas in ceding their Dakota reservation to the Sioux was inflicted by a previous administration: that to allow the Poncas to come in contact with their old and more powerful enemies, the Sioux, would expose them to destruction, and that, as they are now prosperous and contented in the Indian territory, it is best to allow them to remain there.

Senators Bayard and Conkling.

CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT THE DOVER SPEECH.

In reference to the card of Messrs. Conkling, Arthur, Boutwell and Davis concerning an alleged extract of a speech by Mr. Bayard, at Dover, Del., in October last, (mentioned in THE STAR of Saturday,) Senator Bayard has given for publication the correspondence between himself and Senator Conkling on this subject. Senator Bayard states that previously to November 20th, he by letter informed one of the editors of the Philadelphia *Press*, in which paper his speech, and the denial of Messrs. Arthur and others were published, that the report was incorrect, and misrepresented him. The first letter is dated Utica, N. Y., Nov. 13th, and is from Senator Conkling to Senator Bayard. It intimates that the writer does not believe that Senator Bayard made use of the language ascribed to him, and asks for an explicit denial thereof. Senator Bayard replies two days later, saying that Senator Conkling's letter was the first intimation he had received of his speech having been reported, and stating that the report "appears so grossly inaccurate as to cause the belief that it could not have been written by an honest person." He admits having mentioned the case of Phelps, Dodge & Co.'s compromise with the customs officials of New York, and that he condemned the molety system and the actions of Collector Arthur, his subordinates and Senator Conkling, who, he understood, acted as counsel for the custom house officers. As authority for the latter statement, he referred to a congressional publication. Senator Conkling on the 17th of November wrote again to Senator Bayard, expressing surprise at the latter's letter, and urging that the only denial made is an inferential one concerning himself, and that in addition he (Bayard) makes a "now quite different and erroneous statement" concerning him. Unless Mr. Bayard desires to leave the matter at this stage, he is again invited to make a frank denial of the language attributed to him. Mr. Bayard, Nov. 17th, writes from Wilmington, reaffirming the inaccuracy of the published report, and stating that he believed its publication was actuated by malice. He also refers Mr. Conkling to the numbers of volumes and pages therein of the published records in which it appears that he (Conkling) received a fee for acting as legal adviser of the collector and other custom house officials of New York. He concludes that his only "wish" in the matter is "to be simply just to myself and others, and wherever that leads I shall try to follow."

The Philadelphia *Press* insists that the report of Senator Bayard's speech was verbatim. That the report was as follows: "They took from that man's pocket, (one of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co.),