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FORD'S. A MERRY SUCCESS.
Irish Comedy, Rollicking with Fun.
The Two Genuine Comedians,
BARRY and FAY,
And their Admirable Comedy Company, in Carleton's American Irish Comedy, entitled,
IRISH AS—YOU MAY,
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THE FAMOUS HOLIDAY REEL
MULDOON AND MULCAHY ON WHEELS.
Crowded with the Merriest Sport.
Matinee Saturday at 2 o'clock at the usual Cheap Prices.
New Year's Week the Mestayer & Barton Company in the inimitable play of HIX'S FIX. d27

THE CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL of the Church of the Incarnation will be held in the church, corner 15th and N streets, at 6 P. M. tomorrow—Friday. Service and carols by the Sunday school and choir. d27-1t

NATIONAL THEATER.
Washington endorses London, New York and Boston in Pronouncing
IN THE RANKS
The Most Magnificent production of the Present Generation,
Illustrated by Brooks & Dickson's Superb Dramatic Company,
The Largest and Best Organization in America.
"IN THE RANKS."
Pure in Tone, Beautiful in Sentiment.
Magnificent Scenery and Costumes.
Marvelous Transformations, Startling Illuminations, Properties, Calcium and Electric Light Effects.
Pronounced by Press and Public the
GREATEST TRIUMPH OF SCENIC AND DRAMATIC EFFECTS
Ever Seen Upon Any Stage.
d24 Every Evening and Saturday Matinee.

ABBEY'S HALL.
TUESDAY, December 27, at 8 p. m.
RECITATION BY HELENE WAGNER.
PART I.
From Holde.....R. Boumbach
(Humorous.)
Parlamento scholer aus dem Parterre.....O. Reguette
Reitersgebet, aus dem Bettelmusikanten von Hamelin.....J. Wolff
Admission, each person.....50 cents.
Reserved seats, $1 and $1.50.
Can be secured at Messrs. W. G. Metzerott & Co's and at Abner's Hall. d26-2t

NEW THEATER COMIQUE.
One Week, commencing Monday, December 24.
M. B. LEAVITT'S
ALL-STAR SPECIALTY COMPANY,
Consisting of
30—SPECIALTY ARTISTS—30
MATINEES TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY.
GRAND EXTRA MATINEE CHRISTMAS DAY. d24

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Pennsylvania Avenue, near 11th street.
THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH FOR THE MONEY.
ON NEREY AND CHRISTMAS WEEK.
THREE GRAND ENTERTAINMENTS COMBINED IN ONE.
ONLY 10 CENTS TO SEE ALL.
MUSEUM, ZOOLOGICAL AND STAGE PERFORMANCE.
The Wonderful Bearded Lady,
Herr Vermilla Will Eat of the Jaws of Tigers Every Performance.
Grand Stage Entertainment in which 22 First-class PERFORMANCE EVERY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT.

IMMANUEL CHRISTMAS CANTATA,
By W. O. Cushing and W. Howard Doane, will be rendered by the Sunday School Choir and friends of the METROPOLITAN M. E. CHURCH,
with Orchestra and Piano accompaniment at the Church 4½ and 7½ o'clock, on TUESDAY, Dec. 25, December 26, at 7 o'clock. Prof. C. Burlew, Conductor. Tickets 25c. Proceeds for benefit of the Sunday School. d22-4t

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AND ON PRIVATE VIEW AT 1409 NEW YORK AVENUE, BETWEEN 14TH AND 15TH STREETS. ADMISSION BY CARD MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 10 TO 5.
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CHOICE SEATS FOR THE NATIONAL THEATER for sale at Brentano's Book Store, 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue. d17

DANCING.—PROF. PHIPPS, ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, corner 5th and H streets northwest, informs those wishing private instructions can now have them at low prices. Also, the Ladies' Class, Wednesdays. Class Socials at the Hall every Tuesday and Friday, 8 to 11 o'clock p. m. d14-1m

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n2 Next to City P.O.

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Residence, 240 North Capitol street. mh29

H. A. HALL,
Justice of the Peace and Notary Public,
916 F street northwest,
Warner Building.
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STILL ON EXHIBITION AT OUR STORE.

Just the thing for New Year's Receptions, as the Coffee can be made

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SCONCES. CANDLESTICKS.
GAS PORTABLE STANDS,
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d8

LECTURES.

MEMORY.—FREE LECTURE, BY PROF. A. S. BOYD, on the "ART OF ACQUIRING MEMORY," at Y. M. C. A. Rooms, 1409 New York avenue, THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, December 27 and 28, at 7:30 o'clock. Bad memories, in a few hours made to equal the best. All invited. d26-3t*

MEMORY.—PROF. A. S. BOYD GIVES PUBLIC AND private instructions in the "Art of Acquiring Memory." The worst memory, in five hours, made to equal the best. 1015 New York avenue. d13-2w*

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

FLORIDA ANNUAL FOR 1884
Contains an introduction by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe; 200 pages of the most reliable information for the settler, tourist, and sportsman; statistical tables of the greatest value, and a large, new sectional map of Florida, in colors. Price, 50 cents. Map without book, 25 cents.
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Cloth-bound copies of WHISPERING PINES, by John Henry Boner, the Southern Poet, now ready at BRENTANO'S.....$1.25
"Mr. Boner shows gifts which, even amid the crowd of verse-makers whose work is often of great excellence, give him a distinctive place, and promise much to come."—*Our Continent.*
"These poems are the production of a true poet. In their flow they are like living rivulets of song—pure, limpid, delicious."—*Home Journal.*
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d20-3t

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In Plush, Brocade, Silk and Cloth. General excellence guaranted, at prices beyond competition.
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ROUND HATS
LONDON MOURNING A SPECIALTY. d12

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Is the best and entirely harmless.
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Stamping, Pinking Depot. Materials of all kinds used in Embroidery, and the Genuine Marcheux Corsetts sizes, Hushes, Felts, in all shades. Especially this month, 40,000 Designs to select from, the most expert stamping; never rubs off. Manufacturer of Human Hair Braids, Waves, Banes, Curls, &c. d11-1m*

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Chemical Dye Cleaning Establishment,
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THIRTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Garments; also, Velvet and Plush Cloaks, Crape Veils, Laces, Gloves, etc., are perfectly cleaned by this Superior process.
LACE CURTAINS A SPECIALTY.
Gentlemen's Clothes Cleaned by this process will not lose their original shape and grease spots guaranteed to be removed effectually. Price $1.50 and $1.75 per suit. d1

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MISSES SEDGWICK AND CHRISTMAN
(Late with Mme. Van Reuth)
Have opened their Dressmaking Parlors at
925 TWELFTH STREET NORTHWEST.
Latest styles in Fall and Winter Costumes.
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ROBES, MANTEAUX, CLOAK AND DRESSMAKING.
NOVELTIES IN TRIMMINGS
Constantly on Hand.
Tailor-made Cloth Suits a Specialty. sep27-3m

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HER SPECIALTIES ARE—
French Hand-embroidered Underclothing, Merino Underwear, and finest Imported Hosiery.
Patent Shoulder Braces and all Dress Reform Goods.
French Corsets and Corsolettes. "Hercules" Supporting Corset, for which Miss H. is special agent, and a $1 Corset, her own make, that for the price cannot be surpassed.
N. B.—French, German and Spanish spoken. a5

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FOR
NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS!
Handsome Corsage Boquets, 25c. up.
French Roses, all colors, rubber stems, $3 for 25c.
French Rose Buds, 50 cents per doz.
Large Silk Velvet Pansies, 50c. per doz.
Similar Designs in proportion.
Closing out all our Begonia Plants at $1, formerly $2, $3, and $4.
OPENING A NEW STOCK OF CORSAGE BOQUETS AND DRESS GARNITURES.
PARISIAN FLOWER COMPANY,
No. 1110 F STREET NORTHWEST,
d27-3t Between 11th and 12th streets.

WE HAVE A LOT
OF
UNIQUE ARTICLES FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
SUCH AS
SCREENS, HAND-GLASSES, ASH TRAYS, CANDLESTICKS, LAMPS,
ORNAMENTS, &c., in Polished Antique and Repousse Brass; also Low's ART TILES and SKETCHES in Plush Frames.
HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,
d14 424 9th street.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

MUNCASTER & HOWARD CHEMISTS AND Druggists, Corner 7th and I streets northwest, Dr. Squibb's chemically pure medicines used in prescriptions. d27

F. M. HEATON,
of Huron, Dakota, is in the city,
and parties desiring to invest in lands or TOWN LOTS IN FAIRBANK, BLUNT OR HURON, can consult him at 907 T st., or 917 F st. n. w. d27-6t*

MY STORE WILL BE OPEN TILL TEN O'CLOCK Saturday and Monday evenings, December 29th and 31st. R. H. TAYLOR,
d27-4t 933 Pennsylvania avenue.

NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 27 1883.
The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, 8th of January, 1884. Polls will be open from 11 o'clock a. m. to 1 o'clock p. m. GEO. H. B. WHITE, Cashier.
d27,jan.2&7-3t

A CARD.
In the Police Court yesterday, RICHARD DRISCOLL was charged with highway robbery, and upon a hearing the case was at once dismissed. He has always been an honest, industrious young man, and among those who know him his character needs no vindication. If the persons who caused his arrest were responsible they would at once be proceeded against in a civil action for damages. A FRIEND.
[1t*]

SPECIAL NOTICE—QUARTERLY MEETING of the WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, Masonic Temple, TO-MORROW (Friday) EVENING, from 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. Miss GRACE WISER will be present and participate. Public cordially invited. Miss Wiser is the guest of Mrs. Major Turner, at 905 B street southeast, where she will be glad to see her friends. 1t

WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Washington Market Company will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Washington, at twelve o'clock noon, on the FIRST MONDAY, being the seventh day of January, 1884, for the choice of thirteen Directors for the ensuing year, and to act on any other object within the power of the corporation.
SAMUEL W. CURRIDEN,
Secretary.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19, 1883. d27-9t

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26, 1883.
At the meeting of the Board of Directors of this Bank, held this day, a dividend of four per cent upon the capital stock was declared, payable on and after THURSDAY, January 3d, 1884. CHAS. S. BRADLEY, Cashier.
d26-dtja4

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26, 1883.
The Stockholders of this Bank will meet on TUESDAY, January 8th, 1884, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m., to elect nine Directors for the ensuing year. CHAS. S. BRADLEY, Cashier.
d26-dtja8

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1883.
The firm of WARWICK & BARTLETT (Solicitors of Patents) is hereby dissolved by mutual consent.
A. Bartlett is authorized to close up the business of the late firm. JAMES H. WARWICK,
WALLACE A. BARTLETT.
The undersigned will continue the Patent Business at the corner of F and 7th streets northwest.
WALLACE A. BARTLETT.
d26-3t*

THE MUTUAL DISTRICT MESSENGER CO. will make a specialty of delivering gentlemens' New Year visiting cards by means of a competent and well formed messenger. Orders requested as early as possible. Offices, 619 and 1351 Pennsylvania ave., Connecticut ave. and M street. d26-5t

FARMERS' & MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,
GEORGETOWN, D. C., Dec. 6, 1883.
The annual election for Directors of this Bank will take place at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 8, 1884, from 11 o'clock a. m. to 1 o'clock p. m. Polls open from 12 to 1 p. m.
d6-law4w W. LAIRD, Jr., Cashier.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, OF WASHINGTON CITY.—The annual election of eleven directors of the Central National Bank, of Washington City, will be held at the bank, corner of 7th street and Louisiana avenue, on TUESDAY, January 8th, 1884, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m. The annual report of the transactions of the Bank will be read at 1 p. m. of the same day.
d20-m&th,td J. A. RUFF, Cashier.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY of Washington and Georgetown will meet at their office on MONDAY, January 7th, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 m., for the purpose of electing thirteen directors for the ensuing year.
d24-tjan6 C. W. HOWARD, Secretary.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD COMPANY, for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, Georgetown, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1884.
The polls will be opened at 12 m. and closed at 2 p. m. Transfer books will be closed on the 2d of January, 1884, and opened on January 9th, 1884.
C. M. KOONES, Sec'y. H. HURT, President.
d22-14t

V. G. FISCHER,
Foreign Bookseller and Stationer, | Libraire Etranger et Papetier,
529 15th street, opposite U. S. Treasury, Washington, D. C.
Almanack De Gotha, 1884, $2.50. d21-8t

W. S. TAPPAN,
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER,
Has removed to his new Store, 484 9th street, three doors above F street, where he has a fine stock of goods for the holidays, at low prices. d20-tjt

BRASS ANDIRONS,
FIRE SETS,
FENDERS, &c., &c.
E. F. BROOKS.
GAS FIXTURES.
531 15TH STREET, CORCORAN BUILDING.
Full line of these Goods, also
Artistic and Fancy Colored Globes, Fancy Brass and Porcelain Lamps, Portables, &c.
Lowest Prices.
d15 E. F. BROOKS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO., D. C.,
WASHINGTON, December 12, 1883.
Policy holders are hereby notified to renew their insurance on or before the LAST MONDAY IN DECEMBER, 1883, for the year 1884.
The rates for renewals of renewals will be one (1) per cent. on the premium notes. Please attend to your renewals before the last few days, and thus avoid the crowd. J. WESLEY BOYD, Secretary.
d13-14t

"BOGERT'S VEGETABLE COUGH SYRUP" for 20 years has proved to be the best remedy ever discovered for Whooping Cough, Croup and Colds. Free from all injurious drugs and narcotics. Try it. All druggists. Price 25 and 50c.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3, 1883.—I TAKE this method of informing my customers that I do bottle Chr. Heurich's Lager Beer, and have for near three years, notwithstanding Dr. B. represents that he is the only bottler of Heurich's Lager Beer. I refer to Heurich and request that he will give a card to that effect. M. T. BRIDWELL,
d4-1m 351 M street southwest.

TO MY FRIENDS, ARCHITECTS, ARTISTS and others, I would announce that I have opened this week a new enterprise at 504 9th, comprising supplies for draughtsmen and artists. A call from you is respectfully invited.
FR. D. A. SCHMIDT.
d20-eo5t

X-MAS CARDS, HOLIDAY BOOKS, PORTRAIT SCRAP PICTURES, Fine Stationery, and a good Circulating Library, with constant additions of new books, and the best Magazines as soon as issued, at 1749 Pennsylvania avenue. d6

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Office Hours:
From 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 4 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.
No. 1121 17th street northwest. o20-eo3m*

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17, 1883.
MR. M. T. BRIDWELL—
Dear Sir: In compliance with your request I beg to say that you as well as others have been bottling, and still are bottling, my beer, and I am at liberty to sell it to any one and every one.
Yours, truly,
d20-1m CHR. HEURICH.

BOOK AND JOB PRINTING BY
GRAY & CLARKSON,
Globe Office, 339 Pennsylvania avenue.
The facilities of our establishment are such that we can execute printing of all kinds neatly and correctly at reasonable figures. GRAY & CLARKSON.
n23-3m

DRUGS.—C. S. PRICE, DRUGGIST, 426 7TH street southwest, the leading Pharmacy in South Washington. Physicians' Prescriptions a specialty. Patent Medicines, Perfumery and Toilet Articles in great variety. n12

THE ATTENTION OF VISITORS AND Residents is particularly called to PHOSVITZE, the new and popular Brain and Nerve Tonic and Safeguard against Malaria. For sale located by the glass or in bottles by
W. C. MILBURN,
Sole Inventor and Manufacturer.
sep8 1422 Pennsylvania avenue.

DR. M. S. PARSONS MEDICAL ELECTRICIAN, removed and now with E. A. Parsons & Co., No. 922½ F st. n.w.
See advt. under "City Item" column. n16-2m

DR. WILLIAM M. CATE
will be at his Washington office,
904 14TH STREET, FRANKLIN PARK,
on the 1st, 2d, 15th and 16th of each month.
Exclusive attention to Curvature of the Spine and Spinal Complaints in general.
New York office, Hotel Vendome. Hours 10 to 3. n23-2m

"BUILDING LUMBER." AND HARD WOODS of every description especially ordered to suit customers.
4-4, 5-4, 6-4, 8-4 Ash Counter Tops, prime and seasoned; Also Walnut, Mahogany, Cedar, Cherry, Poplar, Oak, Ash, White Pine, Georgia Pine and Virginia Pine, rough dressed, or manufactured into Partition, Ceiling, Wainscoting, Flooring and Mouldings, in lots to accommodate. All orders filled with dispatch and correctness, at less than current market prices.
WM. McLEAN & SON,
o2 Cor. 13th and B streets northwest.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 16th, 1883.
Having greatly increased our facilities by the introduction of an Electric Light Machine, together with other improvements, we are not subject to the condition of the weather, and are prepared to furnish with promptness, and at low price, any work in the line of Photo Engraving, for either relief or plate-press printing.
Designs and Estimates furnished upon application.
THE LAUTEN ENGRAVING COMPANY,
jy16 1425 New York avenue.

DR. PARSONS' OFFICE REMOVED FROM 724 11th street to 1216 H street northwest
Hours—12:30 to 2 P.M.
4:30 to 6½ d4-1m*

Washington News and Gossip.

New Year Calls.

Those who wish announcement made in THE STAR, either that they *will* or *will not* receive on New Year day, are requested to send notice to that effect, duly authenticated, with such particulars as may be desired, to the office, as early as practicable, and not later than 10 o'clock Monday morning. For obvious reasons this list, which will appear in the edition of Monday evening, will be confined to the names authorized and sent in as above, for which, of course, no charge will be made.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.—Internal revenue, $248,612.53; customs, $576,751.36.

THE BALANCE of the Fortune bay award remaining in the United States Treasury, which amounts to a little over $6,000, is now being paid out by the Secretary of State to the claimants in the proportion of about 7 per centum of the amount allotted at the original disbursements.

BIDS are being received by the Second Assistant Postmaster General for carrying the mail on 2,500 star routes, located mainly in the southern states.

A COMMISSION has been issued to Wm. M. Bates, postmaster at Republican Grove, Halifax county, Va.

THE RIVAL CHIEFS OF THE CREEK NATION.—The commissioner of Indian affairs is informed that Chief Ispaheche, who was recently sworn in as chief of the Creek Indians, in Indian Territory, together with a delegation of adherents, intends to come on to this city to present his claims as the rightful chief. His claim is contested, and there are at present two chiefs in that nation.

GEN. MACKENZIE COMING TO WASHINGTON FOR TREATMENT.—Gen. Mackenzie, the commander of the department of Texas, who is adjudged mentally disordered, has been ordered to the insane asylum here for medical treatment. He will come in charge of Lieuts. Rodgers and Middleton. His army friends here say that he has long been a sufferer from neuralgic and nervous affections, which have been aggravated by exposure in service on the frontier, and by his residence in New Mexico. During the war he was twice severely wounded, and much of the nervous trouble which has affected him for years is due to those injuries. His friends fear that, even should he recover from his present mental prostration, he will be incapacitated for active service.

CHARLEY MCCOMAS, THE BOY CAPTIVE.—Gen Sheridan has received a telegram from Gen. Pope, stating that it is thought that a band of Chiricahua Indians, who are daily expected to come in to the San Carlos agency, have the little white boy, Charley McComas, with them.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.—There will be an important meeting of the Naval Institute, at the Navy department, this evening, when Dr. Bessells, the well-known Arctic explorer, will read a paper on the exploration of Smith's sound. The views of Dr. Bessells on this subject are of great interest at present, as a naval and army board are now considering a plan for the relief of Lieut. Greely and party, who are now supposed to be in that part of the Arctic regions.

DECREASED STEEL IMPORTATIONS.—The report of the United States consul at Sheffield, England, to the Secretary of State, shows that the total amount of trade with the United States for the year ending September 30th, 1882, was $6,217,748.54. The total for the year just closed was $3,897,766.91, a decrease of $2,369,981.63. This decrease occurs principally in the two items of steel and Bessemer rails.

THE PRESIDENT went to New York last night to settle up some unfinished private business and to attend the reception given this afternoon by Mr. Stephen B. French to his daughter in honor of her *debut.* He will return to-morrow.

CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS.—The first technical examination under the civil service law was held at the civil service rooms yesterday by a board of special examiners appointed for the purpose. The examination was for the place of telegrapher in the Department of Justice, and was not competitive, as there was only one applicant, a gentleman from Philadelphia. The examination was arranged to test both the practical and technical knowledge of the applicant, and was passed very satisfactorily. The first of the series of bi-monthly examinations of persons temporarily in this city was held a few days ago, and fourteen applicants were examined. These examinations, which will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month, are intended to accommodate only such persons who, living at a distance, may be sojourning here temporarily.

DECREASE IN IMPORTATIONS OF LACE.—The Secretary of State has received from the U. S. commercial agent at Nottingham, England, under date of October 17th, a statement of the exports to the United States from that district during the year ending September 30th, 1883, which shows that the exports during that period amounted to $8,381,562.89, a decrease of $1,392,978.76 from last year. This decrease was in the exportation of laces entirely, the other particulars showing a slight increase. The cause of the decrease in the lace trade is not known, but it is probably effected by the attempt that is being made to establish lace factories in this country, machinery for which has been purchased at Nottingham.

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Care of U. S. Prisoners.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OPPOSED TO BUILDING A PENITENTIARY FOR THEM IN THIS DISTRICT.

The Department of Justice does not approve of the proposed bill for the erection of a national penitentiary in the District of Columbia. The general agent of the department, Mr. Brewster Cameron, said to a STAR reporter to-day, that the department is making arrangements as rapidly as possible for the confinement of U. S. prisoners in the penitentiary, or prison of the state to which they belong, and if the recommendations of the Attorney General to have different grades or places of confinement for first offense convicts and old and hardened criminals is adopted, no different plan for the care of U. S. prisoners could be asked for. "To imprison U. S. convicts here," said Mr. Cameron, "would cost more than it would to keep them at a hotel. We would have to bring prisoners from all parts of the country. To bring one from the Pacific coast would cost at least $500. If every United States prisoner in the country were placed in a penitentiary here the establishment could not be kept up without great expense. The general complaint against state penitentiaries where convicts are made to labor is very strong, and if such a course prevailed here the government would be manufacturers all over the country would raise the mischief. As it is now state penitentiaries are all anxious to have United States prisoners. It is to their advantage, you see. Our prisoners are generally sentenced for a long term, and they become skilled laborers and are of such value to the institutions in which they are confined that the prison authorities are willing to keep them for nothing and to pay for their transportation. The plan of making a national penitentiary out of the District jail would not be feasible at all."

Improvident Government Clerks.

SWAMPED BY CHRISTMAS EXPENSES—WHAT A BROKER SAYS OF THE PRESSURE TO BORROW—NOT ANXIOUS TO LEND AT FIVE PER CENT A MONTH.

"I have never been so bothered in my life," exclaimed a broker impatiently this morning as he sat in his office. "Yesterday and to-day I have had between 30 and 40 applications for small loans of money. They come in and want $25 or $30 for a few days. These government clerks are certainly improvident. They were paid off just before Christmas, they have spent all their money for presents, and now that the rent is due and coal must be bought they have to borrow."

"Why don't you lend them money? They pay good rates, do they not?" asked THE STAR man.

"Well, they pay five per cent a month," responded the broker, "but you see there is no security. They can't assign their pay, and their notes are worthless. The old time is past when brokers received ten per cent a month and the disbursing clerks of the departments paid the money directly to them. The only profit in the business now is to make the honest ones pay for the dishonest, and in this way the losses of the business are averaged," and with this practical comment the broker turned his attention again to business.

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The House District Committee.

SKETCHES OF ITS MEMBERS—ITS COMPOSITION FAVORABLE TO JUST CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AND FAIR TREATMENT OF ITS PEOPLE.

In the construction of the District committee Speaker Carlisle has manifested his good will toward the national capital. He has selected men of ability and of broad and liberal views.

The appointment of Hon. John S. Barbour as chairman is eminently satisfactory to all classes of the people here. The chief difficulty hitherto encountered in obtaining legislation for the District has been that the members of Congress to whom local matters had first to go were looking more to what they supposed would have effect in their respective districts than to the interests of the national capital. Every citizen here knows that propositions for the welfare of this city and for the credit of the whole people have been negatived without regard to local considerations or the merits of the subject, but solely with the view of making capital in some other part of the country, and it is peculiarly gratifying to the people here to feel that in the present House there is a committee of able, experienced and broad-minded men, who will study all questions coming before them upon the basis of justice and merit. Mr. Barbour is too well known in Washington to need either description or commendation. He is almost a citizen here. His business for some years past has connected him so closely with Washington that he is looked upon as one of the community. He is peculiarly fitted, by reason of his intimate knowledge of local questions, and, in fact, of everything of public importance here, for the position to which he has been appointed. In him the national capital and the people here residing have a sincere friend, to whom they may appeal with the certainty of a respectful hearing and of due consideration. Mr. Barbour is now serving his second term in Congress, and, though there are members of the House who have served longer than he, none of them have more weight or influence.

Col. H. L. Muldrow, of Mississippi, second on the committee, is a man upon whom the District can rely for fairness and justice. He is an industrious investigator of questions coming before him, and, having lived in Washington for the greater part of the past six years, entertains a kindly feeling for the city and its people.

Gen. Shelley, of Alabama, is another member of the committee who has had years of experience in Congress. He believes that a great nation like ours should have its progress and enlightenment fairly reflected in the national capital.

Mr. Samuel F. Barr, of Pennsylvania, was an active and intelligent member of the District committee of the last House, and is, therefore, quite well-known here. He believes in making the capital a reflex of the greatness and grandeur of the people, and it is safe to count upon his co-operation in all that promises material improvement.

Mr. Richard Guenther, of Wisconsin, was a member of the last Congress, in which he became known as a quiet but very efficient worker. He is a man with whom rings and cliques will find no favor, but the interests of the people and the public good of the District will have his cordial support.

Mr. N. B. Eldredge, of Michigan, is a new member, but he is known in his section of country as a liberal and practical man. He is a physician, and has a literative practice at Adrian. He is conservative in disposition, but thinks that the nation should deal justly with its people.

Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, is one of the young members. He belongs to the school of young democracy, and believes in progress. He fully appreciates the dignity and importance of the country's capital, and will be found among the intelligent supporters of District interests.

Mr. Van Ness Weller, of New Jersey, is a thorough-going business man. He is eminently practical in everything. He has amassed a fortune as the result of enterprise and business tact. District measures will be sure to receive judicious, practical consideration from him.

Mr. Louis E. McComas, of Maryland, another new member, is a successful practitioner at the bar at Hagerstown. He is a man of recognized ability, and is personally very popular in Maryland. He is in complete sympathy with the present era of progress, and living, as he does, in an adjoining state, feels a special interest in Washington.

Judge C. S. Jeffords, of Mississippi, the only republican in congress from that state, is a lawyer of prominence and has been on the judicial bench. Through all the bitterness and prejudice that has marked politics in Mississippi Judge Jeffords have retained the respect and esteem of all classes of people there. He studies all questions in a judicial manner, and he will give much strength to the committee.

Mr. Spriggs, of New York, is a lawyer, with a reputation for distinguished ability in his profession, and as progressive and independent in his action. He is spoken of by his associates as one who will be prominent upon the District committee.

Mr. Harold Snowden, clerk of the committee, is one of the editors of the Alexandria *Gazette*, and though residing in one of the suburbs of the Capital, feels that he is connected with it by ties that make him a sharer in its grandeur. He will do anything in his power to promote local interests.

The Ohio Senatorship.

AN IMPRESSION THAT THURMAN'S CHANCES ARE BEST TO WIN THE PRIZE.

Among the Ohio democrats in Washington there is a strong impression that the senatorial contest in that state will result in the election of Judge Thurman. The fight between the Pendleton and Payne factions has grown so bitter that it may kill off both these candidates. A prominent Ohio democrat, who declared himself free from all bias or prejudice, said to a STAR reporter: "Our folks (meaning the democrats of Ohio) believe we can carry the state next year if we go into the fight united. Now, this senatorial struggle threatens that unity which is so essential. To elect Pendleton would embitter his opponents, and to elect Payne or any other distinctive anti-Pendleton man would gratify Pendleton's friends mad. We don't want any sore spots that will break out next year to our injury. Now, Thurman is not identified with either one any of the factions. He has kept in the background since he left the Senate. He is a big man, and would strengthen our party in the Senate. His election would be received with satisfaction by all elements of the party, and I would not be surprised to see him nominated by the caucus almost unanimously. The feeling that he is the one man for the place, under existing circumstances, has been growing and getting stronger as the fight between the rival candidates has grown more bitter."

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THE PROTEUS INQUIRY.

Testimony of Capt. Pike To-day—No Disagreement Between Himself and Lieut. Garlington.

Capt. Richard Pike, master of the lost steamer Proteus, was examined by the court of inquiry to-day. In response to questions by the recorder he said there was no disagreement between himself and Lieut. Garlington. He expressed the opinion that one or two more boat loads of supplies could have been gotten off the ice to Cape Sabine after the wreck; that he suggested it to Lieut. Garlington, but the latter declined to let his boats go. He described the equipment of the Proteus, her boats, &c., as being serviceable and seaworthy. In regard to leaving Payer harbor Capt. Pike said he told Lieut. Garlington that the water he saw at the north was "no good," and that he (Pike) was not ready to go; he wanted to get coal in his bunkers, etc. Thereupon Lieut. Garlington said: "I can see