COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Institutions Preparing for the Close of the Scholastic Year.

Medical and Dental Departments of Columbian University—The Spencerian Business College.

Unique and artistic invitations have been sent out for the graduating exercises of the Spencerian Business College, to be held the afternoon of May 2 at the Grand Opera House. The card containing the names of the graduates is attached to a well executed steel engraving of a scene in the college while the students are at their duties. The program to be rendered includes salutatories by George J. Hesselman and Josephine Therese Kelly, valedictories by Mary Jean Gibson and Allister Sloan Langille and an address, "Woman in Business," by Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey. The invocation will be delivered by Rev. Wm. C. Alexander and the diplomas will be awarded by Mr. Frank B. Noyes.

Those who will receive them are as follows:

Day class—Eleanor Houghton Baker, Alice Paul Bell, Mary Clow Brady, Mae Adeline Detterer, Alice Mary Dodge, Mary Jean Gibson, val.; Martha Anna Hey, Emily Montague Morgan, Marion Elizabeth Randall, Elizabeth Helen Ryan, May Gertrude Ryan, Sadie Centennial Souder, William Winter Barnes, Charles David Church, Charles Jewell Crosby, Frank Barrendon Green, George Peter Henderson, James Merrill Kinsel, Darrell Kenneth Koonce, Henry Stafford Koonce, Allister S. Langille, val.; Nicholas Joseph Lawler, Charles Lawrence Maxwell, John Rufus McChesney, Walter Warne Mischeaux, Howard Fenton Phillips, Rudolph Henry Reh, William Frank Ricketts, Martin John Roth, Henry Whitefield Samson, Leroy Phillips Sheriff, James Smoot Smyth, James Oscar Spangler, Chas. Dugald Stewart, Otho H. Williams Talbott, Charles Bealle Townshend and Charles Tinsley Warner.

Night class—Ida Moreland Coppinger, Anna Sophia Frech, Emma Agnes Thomas, Minnie Mitchell Thomas, Albert Ernest Colburn, William Edward Colburn, George J. Hesselman, sal.; Samuel Roderick Peach, Jacob Henry Sachs, William Stephen Stamper, Raymond Ralph Vroomaa, William Dickenson Wood, and Edward Thornton Burrell.

Shorthand and typewriting—Winnie Renis Bell, Mary Clow Brady, Adelaide Octavia Burress, Mary E. Branson, Margaret C. Clagett, Mary Virginia Fawsett, Carrie Lauretta Goodale, Lilie S. Hansbrough, Alma L. Helm, Josephine T. Kelly, sal.; Letitia A. Langille, Josephine Annie McDonald, Cora M. Ross, Cora Ida Siggers, Julia Vincenze Solyom, Rufus Henry Baker, Sherman E. Burroughs, Aloysius B. Cavanaugh, Walter Warne Mischeaux, James Oscar Spangler, David McClellan Stuller, Lewis L. Harding and Jacob Henry Sachs.

Architectural and mechanical drawing—Lee A. Cornish.

Columbian Medical School.

The medical department of Columbian University will hold its annual commencement the night of Thursday, May 2, at Metzerott's Music Hall, and will close the seventy-third session of the school. The program will include music by Weber's orchestra, an address to the graduates by Prof. Walter Reed, M. D.; the conferring of degrees by Rev. Samuel H. Greene, D. D., president of the university, and a valedictory by Edward E. Richardson, M. D. The prizes will be awarded by Prof. W. W. Johnston, M. D., and the invocation and benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, D. D.

Those who will receive diplomas as graduates from the famous college are: Fannie C. Brewer, DeWitt C. Chadwick, Henry C. Craig, George R. Currier, John Dale, Henry M. Dixon, William H. Dobson, Warren Dexter Fales, Alfred G. Grunwell, Bernard L. Hardin, Ralph A. Harding, Joseph F. James, Joseph R. Johnson, U. S. G. Keller, William A. Kinnan, Frank A. Kirby, Kate E. Lozier, L. Fleet Luckett, Frank P. Magennis, William L. Masterson, Frank A. Mazzie, George N. McLaughlin, Homer S. Medford, William S. Newell, George T. Prewitt, Tunis C. Quick, David E. Quinn, Arthur C. Rauterberg, Victor B. Rench, Edward E. Richardson, Percy G. Smith, Homer L. Spaulding, J. Hamilton Stone, Milo H. Sutliff, James R. Tubman, William A. Tyler, William O. Wetmore.

The Dental Department.

The exercises in connection with the annual commencement of the dental department of Columbian University will be held tomorrow night at Metzerott Hall. President Greene will confer the degrees upon Don Fernando Aguilera, Joseph Cohen, James White Davis, William S. Gustin, William Hislop, Robert E. L. Hackney, Eugene Lyman Le Merle, Henry Knowles, Charles Wesley Orr, Will K. Petty, Harry D. Parsons, William Henry Trail, Israel G. Warfield and Ernest C. Varela.

Prof. H. B. Noble will deliver an address to them, and Henry Knowles will be the valedictorian. The prize will be awarded by Prof. H. C. Thompson. The Marine Band will play during the evening.

Among the Churches.

The menace to society which is represented in the gambling resorts at Jackson City was referred to in the course of a sermon at the Church of the Covenant yesterday morning by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Hamlin. His theme was the social conscience, and he said that if the moral and Christian element in this city should be aroused against this evil he was confident that the evils existing across the river would be wiped out. He said that no doubt the people of Virginia have an excellent personal conscience, but by allowing this evil to exist in their territory to the injury of the people of Washington it was evident that they had no social conscience. He was of the opinion that such a state of affairs would not be allowed to continue in the vicinity of Richmond.

In the sermon at St. Aloysius Church yesterday by Fathers Gillespie and McAtee reference was made to the existence of the gambling resorts near this city, and the hope was expressed that all citizens would unite in trying to wipe out this evil.

At the Church of the Covenant last evening Rev. Dr. Thurber, the pastor of the American church in Paris, delivered an address on the work of the McAll mission in Paris, which is supported by contribution from this country. He referred to the large number of mission stations which had been established, to the excellent work which had been accomplished and the economy with which they had been carried on. In the audience were a number of the members of the McAll Auxiliary in this city and others interested in this work.

Fishing Cases Settled.

Judge Miller has decided the case of Augustus L. Grimes, who was arrested three weeks ago for an alleged violation of the act of Congress to protect the fish in the Potomac river within the limits of the District of Columbia. As heretofore published, the defendant was arrested for making a haul in Little river, off the shore of Analostan Island, and his counsel, Lawyer Douglass of Virginia, raised every legal objection imaginable. The case has been before the court a number of times, and Judge Miller decided the points raised against the defendant.

This disposition of the case means that the fishermen cannot haul seine or use nets of any description in the waters of the District, as the court sustained the law.

The prosecuting officer did not care to have a fine imposed, as the case had been brought as a test case, and the court took the defendant's personal bonds.

National Rifles' Smoker Tonight.

The lucky recipients of invitations to the smoker to be given by the National Rifles at their armory tonight are looking forward to having a good time. The character of their hosts assures them that this expectation will not be disappointed. There will be many novelties in the way of entertainment and a large gathering will be present to enjoy it.

Death of Rev. Wm. Hart.

Rev. Wm. Hart, for some years pastor of the Assembly Presbyterian Church of this city, died suddenly at his residence in Auburn, N.Y., last Friday morning. Mr. Hart, during the war, was chaplain of the third regiment, New York light artillery, and was well known in this city. He was a brother-in-law of the late Secretary Folger.

LATE SPORTING NEWS

WILL KEEP REILLY.

Col. Rogers of Philadelphia Thinks the Substitute a Good Utility Man.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The dispatch from Washington which appeared in the Press of yesterday announcing that a deal was on fot looking to the trade of "Scrappy" Joyce and a cash bonus for "Charley" Reilly, the Phillies' substitute infielder, appears to be premature—at least so far as the Philadelphia Club is concerned.

Colonel Rogers said last night that he could not for a moment consider the proposition. "We have no use for extra in and outfielders. We have a most capable outfielder in the person of Turner, who can play all three positions equally well, and who is undoubtedly one of the best batsmen in the country. In the event of a mishap to either Cross, Sullivan or Hallman Mr. Irwin can fill the hole acceptably by using Reilly, with whose fielding no one can find any fault."

Yesterday's League Games.

The Chicago team went to pieces in the first inning at Cincinnati yesterday, the Red Legs making 7 runs and winning. Ewing, McPhee and Holliday were not playing, which makes the Cincinnati victory the more creditable.

Pitchers.		R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	Rhines-Phillips	10	10	3
Chicago	Terry	6	10	7

The Louisvilles made no more errors than the Clevelands yesterday at Louisville, but the errors were costly. Then Wallace kept the hits scattered, while Luby was wild.

Pitchers.		R.	H.	E.
Louisville	Luby	1	5	4
Cleveland	Wallace	7	11	4

Games Scheduled Saturday.

At Washington with Brooklyn—Rain.
At New York with Philadelphia—Rain.
At Baltimore with Boston—Rain.
At Louisville—Cleveland, 4; Louisville, 3.
At Cincinnati—Chicago, 6; Cincinnati, 5.
At St. Louis—Pittsburg, 5; St. Louis, 4.

The League Record.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P.C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P.C.
Pittsburg	7	1	.875	Brooklyn	3	3	.500
Baltimore	4	2	.667	Cincinnati	4	4	.500
Washington	3	3	.500	Cleveland	4	4	.500
Chicago	4	4	.500	Louisville	3	5	.375
New York	3	3	.500	Philadelphia	2	4	.333
Boston	3	3	.500	St. Louis	2	6	.250

The College Games.

At Amherst, Mass., April 27—Harvard, 5; Amherst, 1.

At Staunton, Va., April 27—University of Virginia, 5; Franklin and Marshall, 0.

Foot Ball at Princeton.

The spring foot ball practice of the candidates behind the line will begin at Princeton next Wednesday. The indications are that the team will be strong behind the line next year. Among the candidates who will begin practice are Pierce, '96; Edwards, '97; Poe, '97; Reynolds, '97; Gregg, '98; Kelly, '98; Suter, '98; Ohl, '98; Graham, '98, and Armstrong, '98.

MR. PARSONS WON.

He Captured Both Prizes in the Golf Tournament.

The Easter tournament of the Washington Golf Club was finished on Saturday in a pouring rain storm. The ground was in a horrible condition, but this was no obstacle to the enthusiastic golfers. Mr. A. J. Parsons, who has been playing the game but a comparatively short time, won both matches, a most creditable record.

The third and final round in the hole match for the president's cup was played in a torrent, Mr. George Hellen being pitted against Mr. Parsons and Mr. J. W. Lockett against Mr. Riggs. Mr. Hellen was defeated and Mr. Lockett defaulted.

Messrs. Parsons and Riggs played off for the cup and second prize, a silver golf score. After a hot, close contest Mr. Parsons beat Mr. Riggs by one hole.

The match for the championship medal was immediately begun, and, of course, was a stroke event. Many of the entries defaulted, but Mr. Riggs, Mr. Hellen, Mr. C. Spring-Rice of the English legation, Assistant Secretary William E. Curtis, Dr. Gustavus R. Brown, Mr. George M. Dunn, Mr. George S. Fraser, Mr. J. W. Lockett, Mr. Henry May and Mr. Parsons braved the elements and went over the links. The medal, like the cup, was won by Mr. Parsons, with 101 strokes, he receiving a handicap of four strokes from Mr. Henry May, scratch, who secured the second prize, a silver golf scorer. Mr. Parsons' score of 101 for the double round is the best that has ever been made on these links, and marks him as a most promising player.

For the Weiss Medal.

The second annual one-mile championship road race of the Potomac Wheelmen will be held tomorrow at 4:30 p. m. on the Hamilton road, just beyond St. Elizabeth. The prize is a gold medal, donated by Geo. B. Weiss, one of the club members, and is known as the Weiss medal. The one winning it three successive years will be entitled to become its holder without further competition. It was won last year by Howard Rhine. Among those who are entered for the prize this year are John E. Shoemaker, Howard Rhine, Harry Gaither, R. R. Burr, Charles Grace, C. J. Montgomery, Charles Green, J. M. Ober and F. W. Buckler.

Poultry and Pigeon Association.

The Maryland and District of Columbia Poultry and Pigeon Association has elected the following officers: G. O. Brown of Baltimore, president; Charles E. Ford, Baltimore, Dr. H. W. Dorsey, Hyattsville, Md., Richard Smith and Dr. R. H. Evans, Washington, vice presidents; George E. Howard, Washington, secretary; Samuel Stinemetz, treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the officers and Gov. Frank Brown, G. A. Fick, Mrs. Robert Garrett, Miss Anna E. Brennan, F. A. Rommel and W. W. White of Baltimore; John W. Douglass and H. A. Munson, Washington. Thirty-four directors were also elected. Owing to a conflict of dates with the Boston Association the dates for the next exhibition in Washington were changed from January 9-14 to January 30-31 and February 1 and 3, 1896. The Richmond, Va., Poultry Association will be admitted in a body as members of the Maryland and District of Columbia Association.

The English Athletes.

LONDON, April 29.—August 30 is the date that has been fixed for the departure from England of the team of the London Athletic Club, who are to meet a team of the New York Athletic Club.

Lucky Baldwin's New Trainer.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Sam Hildreth has been engaged to train the Santa Anita string, and William Brien is to be relegated to the rear. Sam Hildreth has been at the Bay district track ever since the California Jockey Club meeting began. He came to San Francisco in charge of Ed. Corrigan's string, but for the past two months has been superintending the training of his own string. Hildreth will at once leave for the east to handle the Santa Anita string.

The California Athletes.

BERKELEY, Cal., April 29.—The University Athletic Team next Thursday morning start on the trans-continental trip which has been under consideration for some time past, to meet the eastern college athletes. The amount of money on hand at present will allow Capt. Koch to take a team of only ten men, but an effort will be made to raise sufficient money to take twelve. If twelve men go, the two others to join the team, whose names have not been given in these dispatches, will be Scroggin, a sprinter, and Everett Brown, a mile runner.

Seventh Day Adventists.

Elder W. S. Chapman of Wilmington, Del., preached at the Seventh Day Adventists' Church on 8th street northeast between F and G streets last Sabbath and on last evening to appreciative congregations, the former discourse being devoted to the consideration of "Our High Calling in Christ Jesus," and the latter to "The Elements of That Character That Will Meet Approval in the Judgment." The elder will also speak at the same place this evening.

Ripans for constipation, druggists, 50c.—Advertisement.

LUTHERAN GENERAL SYNOD

Biennial Convention to Meet in June at Hagerstown.

Distinguished Religionists Who Will Attend as Delegates—Representatives From Maryland Synod.

An important religious event which will shortly take place at Hagerstown, Md., will be the thirty-seventh biennial convention of the general synod of the Lutheran Church of the United States. The sessions will begin June 5 and continue for eight days. Many of the most distinguished members of the Lutheran Church will be present among the 250 delegates who will participate in the deliberations. The general synod comprises 26 synods, 842 pastorates, 1,027 ministers and 163,514 communicants, the Maryland synod, which includes the District of Columbia, having 67 pastorates, 92 ministers and 19,435 communicants.

The general synod was organized in Hagerstown October 24, 1820, by delegates from four synods, Rev. J. D. Kurtz, D. D., being the first president, and Rev. Henry A. Muhlenberg, D. D., the first secretary. The last meeting the body held in Maryland was at Baltimore in 1875. The meeting two years ago was held at Canton, Ohio, and the general synod was welcomed to that city by Gov. McKinley. Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., of Baltimore is president of the general synod, and Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk is president of the Maryland synod.

The delegates to the convention will include Wm S. Freas, D. D.; Rev. W. W. Lilly, Geo. P. Smyser, M. B. Spahr, York; Prof. E. J. Wolf, D. D.; Prof. H. L. Baugher, D. D., Gettysburg; Rev. H. B. Wile, Carlisle; Rev. L. A. Mann, D. D., Mercersburg; Prof. E. E. Campbell, Mechanicsburg; Rev. James Pitcher, Hartwick Seminary, New York; Mayor Chas. A. Schieren, Brooklyn; Rev. John J. Young, D. D., Rev. G. U. Wenner, D. D., New York; Rev. S. A. Ort, D. D., LL. D., Springfield, Ohio; Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Germantown, Pa.; Rev. H. W. McKnight, D. D., LL. D.; Rev. T. C. Billheimer, D. D., Gettysburg; Henry S. Boner, Philadelphia; Arthur King, Middletown, Pa.; Prof. L. O. Foose, Harrisburg; Rev. C. G. Heckert, Springfield, Ohio; Rev. E. K. Bell, D. D., Cincinnati; Rev. Mosheim Rhodes, D. D., St. Louis; Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, D. D., Springfield, Ohio; Rev. H. Dysinger, D. D., Carthage, Ill.; Rev. J. G. Goettman, Allegheny, Pa.; Rev. L. A. Gotwald, D. D., Springfield, Ohio; Rev. Charles Martin, M. D., St. Joseph, Mo.; Robert Weidensall, Yutan, Neb.; Rev. W. F. Eyster, Crete, Neb.; Rev. C. W. Heisler, Denver, Col.

The delegates from Maryland synod are Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., LL. D., and Rev. O. C. Roth, Baltimore; Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D., formerly president of Maryland synod, and Rev. S. Domer, D. D., Washington; Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen and Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, president of Maryland synod, Hagerstown; Rev. J. H. Barb, Thurmont; Rev. Luther Kuhlman, Frederick. Lay delegates—Cornelius Eckhart and A. F. Fox, Washington; J. M. Miller, Knoxville; H. C. Hines, W. L. Arminger, W. H. Weaver, Baltimore; Prof. V. G. Yonce, Lutherville, and P. G. Zouck, Reisterstown.

Farragut Post.

Farragut Post, No. 10, G. A. R., at its last meeting enjoyed an attendance much larger than usual of its own members, and many visitors from other posts, and especially the presence of Department Commander Anderson, a portion of his staff, and Junior Vice Department Commander Chambers, the latter of whom came to invite the co-operation of the post in perfecting and carrying out the exercises at Congressional cemetery on Decoration day, which invitation was accepted and a committee appointed, of which Senior Vice Commander C. Parker is chairman. Mr. H. S. Linker, the chairman of the executive committee, reported that Wednesday evening next the scholars of the Eastern High School would tender to the post, through said committee, and to Farragut Relief Corps, at Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th street northwest, a complimentary entertainment, embracing "The Three Furies," "Uncle" and the Farragut March, by young ladies, led by Miss Swingle. During the evening the post was favored with speeches by Commander Anderson, Assistant Judge Advocate Burger, Assistant Quartermaster Gen. McCabe, Commander Raub, Mr. Bresnahan and others, after which seasonable refreshments were served. Hereafter the post will meet on second and fourth Tuesdays.

Used Bad Language.

Although the condition of the water yesterday was not favorable for fishing a number of catfish hunters were out on the river and canal. Lewis Smith, a colored boy, who had bad luck and wanted to sell out his stock of bait and lines, got in trouble and he will now have to do his fishing in the Eastern branch from the farm.

Wm. Parks was seated near the river looking at the fishermen, while Joseph W. Ott was seated in a boat.

"Do you want to buy some bait?" the colored boy shouted to the man in the boat.

"No," responded Ott.

"Do you want to buy a line?"

"No."

"What do you want to buy, you ——?"

Witness Ott explained to Judge Kimball this morning what other names the colored boy called him and said, "Judge, your honor, I lost my voice."

This same conversation took place between Smith and Parks.

"And, judge," said Parks, "if I could have got hold of him it would not have been necessary to have arrested him. I wouldn't have done a thing to him but fixed his business."

Smith was fined $20 or sixty days on the farm.

Chosen Friends.

American Council, Chosen Friends, Hall was filled to its utmost capacity Friday evening last to welcome a visiting delegation from Baltimore. One member was elected, and two nominations for membership were presented. Addresses were made by Supreme Treasurer Newton of this city and Supervising Medical Examiner Welch of Baltimore upon the good of the order. Miss Lillian Stewart of Georgetown sang a solo; recitations were given by Miss Strauss and Miss Nellie Bishop of this city. A baritone solo, "The Battle Prayer," was rendered by Prof. J. R. Seiffert, Miss Rose Ryneal Seiffert, accompanist. Prof. L. Callan delighted the friends by banjo selections, and Miss Horne of Capitol Hill contributed to the enjoyment by the rendition of some of the latest music for piano. Refreshments followed, and at a late hour the delegation returned to Baltimore. A movement is on foot to provide a larger hall for the meetings of the various councils of this order.

Funeral of Mrs. Charles.

The funeral of Mrs. Emily Thornton Charles took place at 11 o'clock Saturday from the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rev. Byron Sunderland conducting the services, which were very impressive. The pallbearers were Messrs. Strother M. Stockslager, Fillmore Nichols, John W. Holcombe and Drs. Gaines and Flemmer. The remains were interred at Rock Creek cemetery.

Mrs. Charles was a native of Indiana, the author of "Hawthorn Blossoms" and "Lyrical Poems," editor of various publications and a platform speaker of force. She had lived in Washington since 1881. She was a member of the executive committee of the National Woman's Press Association, and chairman of the executive council of the Society of American Authors. She had a large number of friends, who attended the funeral in numbers. Their floral tributes were numerous and elaborate, the order of the Eastern Star, the Woman's National Press Association and the clerical force of the general land office contributing the most beautiful.

The Color Line.

A big colored boy named George Lee and a small white boy named Webster Ferguson figured in a Police Court case today. The trouble was caused by the small boy drawing the color line, which the big boy resented by throwing a stone.

"Give me some black off your face to black my shoes with," was what George accused Webster of having said to him.

This Webster denied, but admitted that he used the word negroes when a stone was thrown.

Lee was fined $5 or fifteen days.

CHARGES BAD TREATMENT.

A Prisoner Who Complains of the Police.

A tall, good-looking man, who gave his name as John W. Cornkhite, was a prisoner in Judge Kimball's court this morning, charged with being a vagrant and suspicious person. Sergt. Kenny and Policeman Yetton arrested him Saturday evening, because of his alleged suspicious conduct, and because he answered the description, as the officers thought, of a man wanted in Reading, Pa., for murder. The officers soon concluded that he was not the man wanted in Pennsylvania, and so he was taken to court on a charge of vagrancy. The prisoner was given a hearing in court last Thursday because he had been seen about the "Division," and he claimed that he had come here from Norfolk and was engaged in the sale of lumber and potatoes.

Today he claimed that he had worked on the Bismarck Tribune, under Mr. Jewell, who is now editor and proprietor of the Inventive Age.

The officers alleged that the man had given several names, and the proprietor of the Slater House, who appeared as a witness, told the court that the prisoner had been trying to make arrangements for a room and asked that he be called "North," because he said he was going to do some detective work and did not want his identity known. Witness told of the statements made by the prisoner concerning his work, and Dr. Rome, the veterinary surgeon, also gave evidence.

The prisoner made his statement of how he had been living since he reached here some days ago, and then made complaint against the police concerning the treatment he received in the police station.

"I was arrested Saturday evening," he said, "and have only been given two meals. Saturday night I had a chill, as I had been out in the rain and was wet, and asked for the services of a doctor, but no doctor was called."

"Were you given breakfast this morning?" the judge asked.

"No, sir," the prisoner answered. "I have not had a mouthful of food today."

"That's all wrong," the judge said; "prisoners should be given something to eat in the morning before being brought to court."

"They are punished enough in this way before they reach court," remarked Lawyer Closs.

Judge Kimball said he had called the attention of the Commissioners to the matter of feeding prisoners. The judges, he said, have no means of controlling this matter, and if they did it would soon be remedied.

Sergeant Kenny denied that the prisoner had a chill, and said he wanted a drink of whisky. He offered him coffee, but he did not want that.

Lieut. Boyle was questioned on the subject of feeding prisoners, and he said they are not given breakfast in the morning because the "Maria" calls for them so early. The "Maria," he said, reaches some of the precincts as early as 6:30 or 7 o'clock.

Judge Kimball said he saw no reason why the vehicle should make such early trips, and he thought if that was the only reason why the prisoners are not fed, some other arrangements had better be made.

He repeated that he had communicated with the Commissioners, and he hoped something would soon be done.

Editor Jewell was sent for, and he said that the defendant had worked for him in North Dakota, and he had not seen him since 1887 until a few days ago. So far as he knew, the defendant had always borne a good reputation.

Judge Kimball continued the case until tomorrow, when additional testimony will be heard.

Half-Day Schools.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

If Taxpayer No. 2, in quoting from the report of the superintendent what he says about "half-day schools," intends to indorse the superintendent's conclusions, Taxpayer No. 1 is compelled to differ from him.

But are there any real, valid objections to what are termed "half-day schools"? If there are, what are they?

The children in the three lower grades of our schools are presumed to be in the sixth or seventh or eighth year of their age, and not in their twelfth year, as intimated by the superintendent.

The only plausible reason offered is, in the language of the superintendent, "To give a lad of twelve opportunity to attend school three and a half hours a day, knowing well that he will spend the rest of his time on the streets, is robbery of the boy's time and a damage to society."

In the first place, the third-grade pupils are not supposed to be over eight years old instead of twelve, nor the fourth grade over nine. But parents are responsible for their sons when the school is not in session, so that they are the real robbers of their boys' time if they allow them to waste it on the streets. But if a boy should happen to spend two hours occasionally on the street more than usual, how does that endanger society? But it is a demonstrated fact, which no intelligent and experienced teacher will deny, that if a boy or a girl has been properly taught for three hours each day his physical and mental powers need rest and change for the rest of the day. While the child is properly and effectively taught all the powers of his mind should be exercised as intensely as possible. All teaching is like water spilt upon the ground if the pupil's mental faculties are not fixed on the instruction given.

No young, undeveloped mind can profitably listen intensely more than three hours daily. How many adults, not to say children under eight years of age, would be willing to sit three hours, even on the Sabbath, and listen intently to a sermon or to a lecture?

Is it natural, is it reasonable, to require a young child to be immured five or six hours each day, with fifty others, in a close and poorly ventilated school room? Neither his father nor his mother could hardly be hired to do what they are willing their child should be compelled to do for five or six hours a day.

Again, it is a demonstrable fact that the properly qualified teacher can in three hours put as many new ideas into the mind of a child from six to eight years of age as he can digest and retain from day to day.

But our school rooms should never be converted into nurseries for small children nor into prison houses for boys on the streets. The teacher of children has no time for nursing babies, especially when she has fifty of them. If she deals alike with every pupil she cannot have over five minutes daily to give her personal attention to each pupil.

The school room is a place for mind training and not for relieving parents of the care of their children.

But the best argument in favor of "half-day schools" is that when young pupils are properly taught for three hours each day their improvement is more satisfactory than when they are taught five or six hours daily. Even three hours is too long a time, without periods of change, for physical exercise, singing, &c.

The special reason for introducing half-day schools in this city was the lack of room for such new schools as it was necessary to organize, so that one room might be made to accommodate two schools each day.

I have shown in a previous article that a proper use of our present school-room capacity would render it unnecessary to use a school room twice each day, but, anyway, three and a half hours each day is enough for any of the three lower grades.

It would, however, be commendable economy to use the same room for two schools each day, when it can be done.

In fact, to call such schools "half-day schools" is really a misnomer, for in them is done all the work which ought to be done daily by children under eight years of age. Because they are called "half-day schools" many people get the idea that only half as much is done in them as in what are called "whole-day schools." This is an error, for we have seen that more and better work is done in them than in whole-day schools, when properly taught.

The laws of physiology and of psychology, if rightly understood and exemplified, show most decidedly that "half-day schools," for the three lower grades in our city are better every way than whole-day schools, but they must not be made mere makeshifts. They should have the best kind of teachers, and the best kind of instruction. If this is done, no boy will be necessarily "robbed of his time," nor spend his time on the streets, to the danger of society. TAXPAYER No. 1.

Fire Underwriters and Planked Shad.

The annual planked shad dinner of the Association of Fire Underwriters of the District will take place May 7, at Marshall Hall, the steamer Macalester leaving her wharf at 1:30 p.m. sharp for that famous and hospitable port. A large and distinguished party has been invited to enjoy the occasion and it will doubtless be as pleasant and memorable as the similar events which have preceded it.

AMUSEMENTS.

Grand Opera House.—Mr. Frederic Bond and his comedy company commence an engagement at the Grand Opera House this evening and the box sheet indicates a large attendance. Mr. Bond has become very popular in the years that he has headed a comedy company during the summer season in this city, and that he is highly regarded by the members of his profession was evidenced by the strong indorsement given his abilities by Mr. Robson in his speech before the curtain Saturday night. The opening play will be H. J. Byron's "Sir Simon Simple," in which Mr. Bond will be in the title role, which will give him an opportunity to be seen to excellent advantage. Popular prices will prevail, and that will be a big inducement for a great many.

The Mask and Wig Club.—"Kenilworth," as produced by the University of Pennsylvania Mask and Wig Club, held the boards at the Academy of Music Saturday evening. The audience was large and fashionable and enthusiastically demanded encore after encore until the performance was strung out far beyond its usual length. It was the most successful effort that has been put forth by any college club for many a day, the performance justifying all the expectations and hopes which had been raised by its announcement. The music is bright and catchy, with many strains of real melody, while the book is extremely well written and full of action. The special features which were interpolated during the progress of the opera this year were finer than any which the club has seen fit to give in the past, almost every organization of which the college boasts being brought into requisition for numbers to make the performance interesting and entertaining, and everything being in keeping with the rest of the production in the matter of costumes and stage settings.

Samuel M. Kendrick played the part of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, and was very satisfactory in his interpretation of the character. Richard Varney, the tool of Leicester, was portrayed by Carl N. Martin, while the parts of Michael Malevolent and Mr. Tressillian were taken by William Ernst and Albert R. Bartlett, respectively. William H Bell was good as Tony Foster, as were Howard Kaufmann in the dual role of Giles Gosling and the Duke of Essex, and Frank J. Baldwin as Master Goldthread. The center of attraction, however, was Mr. Charles S. Morgan as Amy Robsart. His work was clever, and his dancing as light and graceful as could be desired. Queen Elizabeth was enacted by an old favorite, Francis P. Steele, jr., and his work Saturday night was up to all his previous efforts in this city, while another favorite, in the person of Henry G. Barthol, took the part of Janet, maid and general factotum to Amy Robsart. Among the special features were a golf dance, participated in by maids and youths attired as golfists, and a foot ball dance, which proved to be the most entertaining number on the program. An excellent team from the gymnasium of the college gave a tumbling exhibition and worked on the horizontal bar to the great delight of the audience, while the University of Pennsylvania Banjo and Mandolin Club, attired as Spanish torreadors, and looking exceedingly picturesque in their fine costumes, played with spirit and skill. One of the noticeable effects of the performance was the intricate and beautiful marches which were introduced all through the play, while the chorus singing during their movement was with precision and spirit. Taken all in all, it was the most successful and most enjoyable of any college entertainment which has ever been put on the boards in this city.

The Dahomey Village.—The Dahomey village, which will be on exhibition on Capitol Park the rest of this week, arrived in the city yesterday, from Tampa, Fla. It consists of forty men, women and children, four donkeys and two carloads of household effects. All day yesterday the cars were besieged by the curious-minded, but admittance was refused to every one, as the people of Dahomey are not noted for their exceeding hospitality. The aggregation spent the day yesterday in their cars, playing cards and indulging in comments, in their native language, on the ways and sights of Washington. Eleven of the party are Amazons, but their warlike valor has been somewhat taken out of them by the cold winds which they experienced at the world's fair in the windy city. Prince Koko is the principal high chief of the party, while the village is under the direction and charge of Mr. X. Pene, the interpreter being Meuser Otto.

A Paper Bazaar.—A paper bazaar and feast of flowers will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society at the Eastern Presbyterian Church, corner of 6th street and Maryland avenue northeast, tomorrow and Wednesday evenings. The first evening a patriotic program will be rendered, the Mt. Pleasant Drum Corps assisting in the performance. The second evening will be given up to pictures from life and statuary, with both instrumental and vocal music, and representations of the thirteen original states.

The Strollers.—"The Strollers" will make their third public appearance at Odd Fellows' Hall next Wednesday evening in a dramatic entertainment, to be given under the auspices of Farragut Post and Relief Corps, G. A. R. The bill for this occasion will consist of the three-act farcical play, "Uncle," by H. J. Byron, preceded by "The Three Furies," a comedietta in one act. The characters in "Uncle" will be assumed as follows: Mr. R. Raymond Riordon as Uncle Bootle; Mr. William T. Kirby, Paul Beaumont; Mr. Henry Ashby, Peter Fletcher; Mr. S. Miles Bouton, Puffin; Mr. William Leffingwell, Cabby; Miss Bessie Erly, Mrs. Beaumont; Miss Shirley Potter, Emily Montrose; Miss Bertha Yoder, Sarah Jane. In "The Three Furies" the parts will be played by Miss Laura Eichelberger, Miss Bertha Yoder, Miss Agnes Flynn, Miss Annie French, Mr. S. Miles Bouton and Mrs. R. Raymond Riordon. During the intermission between the two plays the new Farragut Post March, a fancy drill, with a number of entertaining specialties, will be given by a squad of sixteen young ladies from the Eastern High School, under the leadership of Miss M. D. Swingle. Between the second and third acts of the comedy Miss Laura Eichelberger will sing "Since Birdie Commenced Delsarte."

Y. M. C. A.—The exhibition at the Young Men's Christian Association this evening promises to be a highly interesting affair, the proceeds of which will go toward benefiting the athletic fund of the association. Among the attractions are the Amphion Quartet in humorous songs, and Shackelford and Graham of the Burnt Cork Club in their peculiar novelty act, besides the regular athletic exhibition, which the members of the association will give. Music by the Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will also be one of the features.

Anton Kaspar's Recital.—Anton Kaspar, the well-known violinist of this city, will give a farewell recital at the Universalist Church next Saturday evening. He will be assisted by Mme. Kaspar, Miss Leta Stakely, Miss Mary Lockhart and the Wilhelmj Club, which is under the direction of Mr. Josef Kaspar. The program will be one of unusual merit, as those taking part in it are all well-known musicians in this city, and an evening of musical enjoyment is promised those who attend the recital.

Prof. Mori's "Telemach."—The first production of "Telemach," Prof. Emile Mori's new opera comique, will be given at Metzerott Music Hall Wednesday evening. The cast comprises seventeen singing parts, and the chorus is composed of twenty carefully trained voices. The scenery and costumes are all new, and the ballet will prove to be one of the features of the production. It is a tuneful, catchy work, and much interest has been manifested in its coming rendition. Seats are now on sale at Metzerott's music store.

College Students and Shakespeare.—The students of St. John's College will give a unique and pleasant entertainment at Willard Hall this evening. Under the direction of Mr. Vincent E. Lynch, a number of selections will be given by the pupils of the college from the most celebrated of Shakespeare's works, both comedies and tragedies, the scenes including parts of Julius Caesar, Troilus and Cressida, Romeo and Juliet, King Richard II, Hamlet, King Henry VI, Taming of the Shrew and the Merchant of Venice. The pupils have been working for quite a long time in preparation for the event, and some excellent portrayals of the different characters are expected. The entertainment is the outcome of the hard study which the students of the college have been putting on the works of Shakespeare, and their diligent application and the comprehensive knowledge which they have acquired deserve hearty encouragement.

Departmental Base Ball League.—An entertainment will be given at the National Rifles' armory tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Departmental Base Ball League of this city, represented by a committee consisting of Messrs. A. A. Sousa, C. F. Dickons, Frank Rebstock, M. C. Hazen, Chas. F. Miller, G. B. Young and A. S. Belote. The proceeds of this entertainment will be used to help out the league should it get into a financial hole before the end of the playing season, and to defray the current expenses of the clubs in getting up the games and carrying out the schedule of the league. An excellent program is assured, and those who will take part in the entertainment are Mrs. Kitty Thompson-Berry, soprano; Herndon Morsell, tenor; James Watson, bass; Chas. F. Miller, comic singer; McCabe brothers, in topical songs; Frank Rebstock, baritone; Madame Daley's pupils in several choruses and the Columbia Quartet, consisting of Messrs. Watson, Mooney, Fisher and Looker. This will constitute the vocal part of the program. Other features are Dave Bangs, who will give a recitation, as will Ed. J. Walsh; the Mount Pleasant Ladies' Banjo Club, Prof. Crossley and a picked team from the gymnasium of the Columbia Athletic Club and the Misses Hawke's pupils in fancy dances. Two of the names on the program will attract the attention of every music lover. They are Mr. Herman Rakemann, the well-known violinist, and Mr. John Porter Lawrence, the pianist.

Perseverance Lodge.

Perseverance Lodge of Good Templars held a largely attended meeting last Saturday evening, and the proceedings were throughout of the most interesting character and closing an official term of exceptional prosperity. Mrs. M. J. Frear, as chairman, and the several ladies who had assisted in providing for the interests of the social sessions during the quarter were tendered a vote of thanks and requested to continue in the same service during the ensuing term. Mr. Kalstrom, chairman of the committee on state of the order, District No. 3, announced that at the close of the next quarter a silk banner would be presented to the lodge in the district making the greatest proportionate gain. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chief templar, W. S. McC