LOCAL MENTION.

AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

Lafayette Square Opera House.—Roland Reed in "The Politician."

Allen's Grand Opera House.—"Northern Lights."

New National Theater.—The Bostonians in "Robin Hood."

Academy of Music.—"The Derby Winner."

Kernan's Lyceum Theater.—The Vaudeville Club.

Columbia Phonograph Company, 919 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.—Exhibition of the Graphophone and Kinetoscope.

Convention Hall, 5th and L streets northwest.—Ice Palace.

National Rifles' Hall.—Ball and supper for the benefit of the German Orphan Asylum.

EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Macalester for Mount Vernon, Glymont and intermediate landings at 10 a.m.

Steamer Newport News for Norfolk and Fortress Monroe at 7 p.m.

HARRISON OUT OF THE RACE
For President. We're still in the field. Paper rooms, best style, $2 up. Nolte, 810 9th.

Eggs, 11c. doz. Johnston's, page 7.

GRAND SKATING AT THE RINK.
Get Barney & Barry's Skates. The best. 50c. to $1.50. C. T. Carter & Co., 606 Pa. ave.

The manufacturer's sale of mackintoshes at 25 per cent of retail prices opens at 8 a.m. on Saturday at 403 and 405 7th street. Mackintoshes from $1 upward.

Men's Derby and Fedora Hats, latest styles, new, desirable goods, $1, $1.50 and $2; extra value. A. T. Lewis, 435 7th st.

CITY AND DISTRICT.

Grand Army Commander.

Commander-in-chief I. N. Walker has accepted an invitation to officiate at the opening ceremonies of the annual encampment of the Department of the Potomac, G.A.R., February 24. Later in the evening Commander Walker will be tendered a banquet by the local G. A. R. comrades.

Interest in the election of officers for the ensuing year is increasing. The candidates for department commander are Major John McElroy and Mr. John H. Howlett.

Foreign Mission Workers.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Metropolitan M. E. Church, 4½ and C streets northwest, will give an "at home" and dinner social tomorrow from 4 to 10 p.m. The whole church and congregation are taking a deep interest in this reception. The Epworth League will assist in welcoming the guests, as will also prominent members of the Ladies' Association and the Woman's Home Missionary Society. There will be a special welcome to strangers and visitors, that the social interests of the church may be thereby advanced.

Geographic Society.

At the meeting of the National Geographic Society at Metzerott Hall tomorrow evening Prof. W. J. McGee will lecture upon his recent expedition to southwestern Arizona and western Sonora (Mexico), one of the most arid districts of North America. A part of this district is occupied by the Papago Indians, pre-eminently the desert tribe of our domain; south of the Papago country lies the land of the Seri Indians, partly in continental Sonora, partly on Triburon and adjacent islands in the Gulf of California.

The District Government.

Facts concerning the District government and the duties of the Commissioners will be found on pages 6 and 7 of The Star's Almanac for 1896. For sale at all news stands and at the business office of The Star. 25c. per copy.

Excelsior Literary Club.

The latest semi-monthly session of Excelsior Club was made notable by being held at the residence of its long-time secretary, Mrs. M. M. Metcalf, 1631 Marion street, on the anniversary of her birthday, Tuesday last. Mrs. Mary L. Edson, president, occupied the chair. Exercises were opened with piano solos by the Misses Gertrude Metcalf and Grace Story. The regular half-hour parliamentary drill was conducted by Mrs. A. Kent. Discussion was had upon the club's curfew bill, in which was developed a stronger sentiment in favor of its desirability than of its adaptability to present local conditions. Two original papers were read which received marked appreciation. One, historical, of the state of Maine, by Mrs. Metcalf; the other by Mrs. C. H. Crocker upon "The Effects on Nations and Individuals of Luxurious Living.

Mails on the Metropolitan Branch.

Railway post office service on the Baltimore division of the Baltimore and Ohio has been increased so as to include trains 83, 64, 65 and 74, between Washington and Gaithersburg. The new schedule is as follows: Leave Washington 6 a.m.; arrive Gaithersburg 7:53 a.m. Leave Gaithersburg 10:30 a.m.; arrive Washington 11:30 a.m. Leave Washington 4:33 p.m.; arrive Gaithersburg 5:40 p.m. Leave Gaithersburg 6:30 p.m.; arrive Washington 7:30 p.m.

His Will Filed.

The will of the late John Alcorn, dated February 8, 1894, has been filed here, and, after providing for a bequest of $100 to the testator's son, William, of Norristown, Pa., the residue of the estate is given to the widow, Mary E. Alcorn, who is named as executrix.

Some Interesting Lectures.

A lecture on "Paper Money of the United States" will be delivered before the Wimodaughsis this evening by Mr. Charles E. McNabb, instructor of business law at the Columbian University. The lecture is free to members of the Wimodaughsis.

An interesting lecture on Venezuela was delivered by Mr. William E. Curtis, formerly chief of the bureau of American republics, last evening at the Church of Our Father. The occasion was the meeting of the Universalist Club, and a large number of club memebers and their friends were present.

Rev. James M. Cleary will deliver a lecture at the Catholic University at 4:30 this afternoon on "Temperance Work in All Lands." The lecture is one of the regular winter course, and is expected to be exceedingly interesting, both on account of the subject and the ability of the speaker.

The Queer Wheelmen.

The second dance of the Queer Wheelmen, given at National Rifles' Hall last night, was largely attended, despite the rain, and those who braved the weather were rewarded by an evening of rare enjoyment. The hall was tastefully and artistically decorated with a variety of flowers, and the musicians played behind banks of foliage plants. The dancing card was a unique arrangement, being in the form of a bicycle wheel, in green and gold, between the spokes of which were the spaces for the engagements.

President R. Brooke Clokey was chairman of the floor committee, and the other members who assisted him and who received and cared for the guests were H. S Gardner, Geo. E. Boyd, C. H. Long, F. E. Ghiselli, L. O. Slack, John Woerner, jr., Fred. L. Vogt, H. Gale Turpin, W. K. Larrimore, Bailey Shumate, H. R. Dawley, C. A. Pitkin, Frank W. White, William Bergman, F. Dennison and W. Haydn Henshaw.

The Rug Sale at Sloan's.

The great oriental rug sale opened at Sloan's, 1407 G street, yesterday, and will continue, regardless of the weather, the balance of the week. Hours of sale, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Make the most of Moses' carpet and rug sale prices.—Advt.

All Kinds of Wet Weather
"Wearables" at Goodyear Rubber Co., 807 Pa. ave.—Advt.

The manufacturer's sale of mackintoshes at 25 per cent of retail prices opens at 8 a.m. on Saturday at 403 and 405 7th street. Mackintoshes from $1 upward.—Advt.

"1235" will make a ten strike!—Advt.

MOUNT PLEASANT CITIZENS

Approve of Franchise for Home Telephone Company.

Railroad Out 17th Street, Sewers and Street Extension All Come Up for Consideration.

Very little business of importance was transacted at the regular monthly meeting of the Mount Pleasant Citiens' Association last evening, most of the evening being taken up in a discussion of the subject of street extension. A representative of the Home Telephone Company, which concern is endeavoring to secure the passage of a bill empowering them to construct a system here, explained to the meeting the purpose of the company, and the association directed that a committee of three be appointed to urge before the proper congressional committees the granting to the company of a franchise.

After Mr. Zellers had substituted a report in the matter, the association directed the committee appointed at the previous meeting to take charge of the house and effects of the village volunteer fire department to dispose of the same. Mr. Zellers stated that the chief of the District fire department had informed the committee that if the old village fire alarm bell was turned over to him he would have it placed in the engine house, No. 11, and then have the hours struck from it. The proposition was approved by the association, and such a disposition will probably be made of the bell.

President Somerville and Mr. H. D. Walbridge explained to the meeting that from what they had gathered in conferences with the officials of the roads and with the District Commissioners, it appeared that within a year the village would be connected with the city by another street railway company. The road would be built by either the Eckington and Soldiers' Home or the Metropolitan Company, they thought, and the route would be up 17th street.

Home Telephone Company.

Mr. P. H. Adams, representing the Home Telephone Company, was introduced by President Somerville, and he proceeded to briefly outline the purposes and advantages of his company.

He frankly confessed that the company was organized to make money and not for charitable purposes, but remarked that if the company should be allowed to do business here telephone rates would be reduced just two-thirds lower than they are now. The company has already secured 3,500 subscribers, 500 of them being subscribers of the old company, but the District Commissioners, said Mr. Adams, had endeavored to jump on the company with both feet. They had not only reported to Congress that a telephone company was a natural monopoly, but had also advised Congress that the present rates should not be reduced. Mr. Adams ridiculed the idea that the present telephone rates could not be reduced, saying that his company would not only obey the law relative to putting underground, but would also bind themselves to furnish as good a service as the one now in use here for about one-third less money. Richmond, Va., with only 70,000 people, had as many if not more telephones than Washington, with nearly 300,000 population, and simply because there was no monopoly of telephone lines there.

On the motion of Mr. Sleman, a committee of three was authorized to be appointed to urge before Congress the granting of a franchise to the Home Company.

Other Matters.

The committee on sewers was instructed to secure, if possible, the retention of the items in the District appropriation bill for the extension of the system of sewers, and then followed an informal discussion of the subject of street extension. It was developed that there is not so much of opposition to the extension of streets as there is to the proposal of Congress to impose upon land owners about the whole of the expense of the scheme. It was also said that if the streets were to be extended, the sooner it is done the better it will be for the owners of land. No action was taken by the association, however.

Cheaper Illuminants.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

A prominent attorney of Washington, in commenting on the article in The Star on the very successful result of the municipal ownership of the gas supply in Hamilton, Ohio, where a large sinking fund has been created before it is needed, with gas at only eighty cents, remarked that a twin evil of the illumination situation in Washington is the electric light supply. He said his gas bills had become so large that he formed the habit of visiting the meter every morning and recording, on a large piece of blank cardboard which hung alongside, the consumption for the day before. He then turned the supply off for the day. The result was, he said, that his bills shrank until they hardly ever exceed $3, less than half what they were. Then he put in four electric light incandescent lamps, and his bill for last month was within a few cents of $8, or $2 per light per month. As the electric light company has a meter no one not an expert can read, he says he has no check on the size of the bills.

The solution of this electric light problem lies along the line of the solution of the gas problem—municipal ownership. As showing how the question has been very successfully attacked elsewhere, I ask you to allow me to call attention to an extract from a very interesting article in Electrical Engineering for September last:

"Improved engineering skill makes it possible to so construct an electric lighting plant that cost of operation and maintenance shall be far less than in the past. Hence it is only reasonable to look for a reduction in the rates many cities are paying for the illumination of the streets. This was shown in a marked degree some months ago at Springfield, Ill., where for ten years past a local lighting company held the contract for street illumination at $137 a year for arc lighting on the moonlight schedule, 2,200 hours yearly, or more than 6 cents an hour per 150 Watt arc lamp of nominal 2,000 candle power. When the contract expired, the city offered a new contract at a lower rate. This being refused, the advisability of the city owning a lighting plant was agitated, but investigation showed that the city had incurred about the full amount of debt permitted by law. Negotiations were again opened with the old company, and an approriation of $113 per light authorized by the city. But before a contract was entered into, a number of public-spirited citizens banded together and advanced the funds necessary to erect a complete electric lighting plant, including station, machinery, pole line, etc., and on its completion this band of citizens leased this plant to two of their number, who will operate it for five years, receiving payment on a basis of $60 per lamp per year. But the citizens' company will receive from the city the full amount appropriated, namely, $113 per lamp per year on a five-year contract. Now the difference between $113 and $60 is $53, and this amount per lamp will constitute a sinking fund that in about five years will equal the cost of the plant, including interest on the investment. From the sinking fund the citizens' company will reimburse themselves for principal and interest, and then present to the city, free of debt and without price, a completely equipped lighting plant with which the city may not only light its streets at cost, but also supply current to private consumers."

Washington, with her cheap water power, is in a peculiarly favorable position to repeat this successful experiment and give the whole country an object lesson in cheap and good illumination.

C. M. CAMPBELL.

Third Army Corps Union.

A well attended meeting of the Third Army Corps Union, Washington branch, was held last evening in parlor No. 10, Willard's Hotel. Many items of interest to this branch of the corps were presented and discussed. The report of the committee on the coming annual banquet in March next was submitted, and other important matters in which all members of the corps should feel an interest were brought before the meeting, which did not adjourn until a late hour.

About Champagne.

It may not be generally known that of the 239,845 cases of champagne brought to this country in 1895 two-thirds were imported by four houses, and the imports of G. H. Mumm's Extra Dry equal the other three, being 45,125 more than of any other brand. —Advertisement.

STAFF CAPTAIN COX.

She Will Hold Her First Meeting in Masonic Temple Sunday.

Staff Captain Blanche B. Cox of the Salvation Army, who has just taken command of the division comprising the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, and has changed the headquarters from Baltimore to Washington, will hold her first specitl meetings at Masonic Temple, corner of 9th and F streets, next Sunday afternoon at 3 and evening at 8. She will be assisted by Captain Dunlap and by the new officers of the local corps, Captain Canfield and Lieutenant Biscoe, all three being able to play and sing, as well as to speak, and by others. But Staff Captain Cox, who is one of the remarkable women of the Salvation Army, is perfectly able to make a meeting interesting without any assistance. She is a very eloquent and impressive speaker, and has had a wonderful experience since she went into the Salvation Army, about a dozen years ago. Young as she is, she has served in fourteen different countries, opening the Salvation Army work in a number of them, including India, and has been all over the world. She began the slum work of the Salvation Army in London, under the direction of Mrs. General Booth, the mother of the Salvation Army, who was her spiritual mother, since it was at one of her meetings that Staff Captain Cox was converted and went into the Salvation Army. Staff Captain Cox was of a prominent family in London, and was preparing for Girton College, and contemplating a finishing course at a German university, when Mrs. Booth thus changed the current of her life. Brilliant and cultivated, and attractive personally, she has had remarkable success in the army. She has been particularly successful during the past two or three years, when she has been in the United States, and especially in the west, whence she came to Washington.

She was the first woman to speak in the great Mormon tabernacle in Salt Lake City, where she had an audience of 10,000 people. In Colorado, of which she had charge immediately before coming to Washington, she added to her reputation by having herself arrested in order to test the right of the army to have open air meetings in Colorado Springs, over which there had been controversy for years, one young officer of the army dying from the effects of his treatment by the police. When Staff Captain Cox was locked up in jail the leading citizens rose in protest, and a decision was soon given which yielded the army all it had fought for. Staff Captain Cox had a bicycle brigade out in Colorado, and may have one here, for she has a number of original plans for the development of the work in this division. The great value of her work appears in its spiritual results, which are always large.

ENJOYED BY ENGLISHMEN.

Attractive Entertainment of the Order of St. George.

The second annual reception and dance of Columbia Lodge, Order of St. George, which was held last night in Builders' Exchange Hall, was a most enjoyable occasion, and was participated in by most of the English residents of Washington. The American flag was most prominently displayed in the decorations of the hall, which were handsome and striking. The committees to whom the pleasure of those who attended was in a great measure due were as follows:

Arrangements—George Pratchett, chairman; James Stevens, A. C. Day, A. B. Welch, William Morris, J. T. Hunt, Albert Lawrence and Dr. J. Adamson.

Reception—J. T. Hunt, chairman; Dr. Thompson, J. T. Walker, George Cheeseman, Dr. Barton, T. R. Jones and W. G. Lee.

Floor—James Stevens, chairman; N. Albertson, James Hunt, Herbert Meredith, G. F. Chanon, W. Townsend and H. P. Rush.

Refreshments—Dr. J. W. Adamson, chairman; W. Morris, Walter C. Barton, Albert C. Day and Alfred Ellaby.

AMUSEMENTS.

German Orphan Asylum Ball.—A ball and supper will be given at National Rifles' Armory this evening for the benefit of the German Orphan Asylum of this city. This is a most estimable charity, and the different committees in charge of the affair feel confident that a substantial support will be given the undertaking. The tickets include both admission to the hall and supper, and a great number have been sold.

Rivarde, the Violinist.—The Washington String Orchestra, Mr. Ernest Lent, conductor, will give another concert at Metzerott Hall Saturday evening. This will probably be the most notable appearance of the orchestra this season on account of the well-selected program and the two soloists, Lachaume and Rivarde. The first named has been heard in this city before, and has been accorded the most favorable comment. Rivarde, however, is probably the principal soloist of the season. His coming has been heralded for some time, and Washington music lovers will at last have a chance to compare his work on the violin with that of other famous players who have stopped here. His execution is said to be remarkable, his tone sweet and possessing that peculiar singing tone so rarely heard except as brought out by a master, while he resembles in looks the famous Sarasate. Seats are on sale at Metzerott's.

The Burnt Cork Club.—A great deal of interest is being manifested in the appearance of the Burnt Cork Club at Odd Fellows' Hall, on 7th street northwest, tomorrow night. Some new talent has been added to the club this year, making it one of the strongest variety companies in the District. The first part will be on the minstrel order, being a social session of the Burnt Cork Club, after which the specialties, including Howard and Leigh, the Del Ray Brothers, Steve Clements, the Graham Brothers, Little Dimple, petite danseuse, and Messrs. Jasper, Leach, McCarthy and O'Connor in their latest success, "The Wedding of the Lily and the Rose." The entertainment will conclude with a laughable sketch, after which dancing will take place. The club will parade the principal streets of the city at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with full band.

The People's Course of Lectures.—The fourth entertainment of the People's Course will be given at the Church of Our Father Monday evening next. It will consist of "Scenes and Songs of the War," and will be presented by Mr. B. P. Murray. The scenes will be depicted by means of stereopticon views, while the songs will be rendered by the G. A. R. Choir. Rev. A. G. Rogers will present "From Killarney to Dublin," February 24.

First Congregational Church.—The Young People's Society of the First Congregational Church will give an entertainment tomorrow evening that will bring happy memories of bygone days to the minds of many. The old Deestrict Skule will be in session and the class exercises, curious costumes, singing and "speaking pieces," which are said to be very amusing, will no doubt be much appreciated.

Perpetuating the Cobble Stones.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

I would respectfully call the attention of the District Commissioners, through your paper, to a most objectionable clause in the bill before Congress for the change of power on the Eckington street railway. It reads as follows: "All pavements torn up shall be replaced with as good a quality." Does it not imply an intent to perpetuate the cobble stones between the tracks as they appear on New York avenue, North Capitol street, and on the entire Belt system? Z. W. R.

Funeral of Maj. Mayo.

Major George Upshur Mayo, who died Saturday at his home, 1451 Rhode Island avenue, was buried yesterday at Emmorton, Harford county, Md., in St. Mary's churchyard. Major Mayo was sixty-one years old, and a native of Virginia. For many years he followed surveying as a business. His widow was Miss Pattie Hall, daughter of Thomas W. Hall of Harford county. Rev. W. F. Brand conducted the funeral services, and D. Smith Norris, Henry Wilson, William P. Trimble and T. W., E. H. and W. S. Hall, nephews of the deceased, were pallbearers.

West End League.

At the meeting of the West End League last evening Mr. Daniel L. Kent was appointed a member of the committee on Rock creek improvements. The improvements of the creek were discussed by several members, and the league will use its influence to secure the immediate construction of all sewers necessary to take the sewage which now flows into the creek into the Easby Point intercepting sewer. They will also make an effort to increase the police force.

DR. TALMAGE WILL PREACH

Sunday Mornings as Well as Evenings He Will Be Heard.

The Request for His Full Services in the Pulpit Was Unanimous From Elders, Trustees and Co-Pastor.

Dr. Talmage has reconsidered his announcement some weeks ago from the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church that he would under no circumstances preach Sunday mornings, as well as evenings. In making this statement he desired to take himself, if possible, out of the disturbing situation, in which the church had been placed by the conflict of the wishes of a large and influential number of church members and attendants with the contract obligations of the church to Rev. Adolos Allen, the co-pastor. In the interval an amicable arrangement was made between Mr. Allen and the officers of the church, and this agreement was ratified Monday by the presbytery of Washington. The difficulties, which Dr. Talmage recognized and respected in a dignified and manly way have been entirely removed. He now closes the incident by accepting an invitation to preach Sunday mornings. This invitation came unanimously from the elders of his church and bore the following indorsement from Dr. Sunderland: "For many weeks past it has been my strong conviction that the best interests of the church, temporal and spiritual, would be promoted if Dr. Talmage would consent to preach, as a general rule, both at the morning and evening services, and I most cordially join in the request that he would do so. It will relieve me of a burden which I find more serious from year to year, and afford me a satisfaction I have long been looking for."

The trustees of the church reinforced this request by a letter, in which they unanimously urged Dr. Talmage to change his mind and consent. In his reply Dr. Talmage said: "I have reconsidered, and as circumstances have changed, and I desire to serve you in all things possible, I accept your invitation, and will, Providence permitting, preach Sabbath mornings as well as Sabbath evenings, beginning on the morning of the third Sabbath of this month, February 16, as on this coming Sabbath morning I must preach for the Gunton Memorial Church, whose pastor, my friend, Dr. Patch, has been taken ill.

"But I accept the invitation to preach both mornings and evenings in our First Presbyterian Church on condition that Dr. Sunderland remain in the pastorate and that he will take part in all the church exercises, and that he will preach whenever he feels like it, morning or evening.

"I give you all hearty salutation and take this opportunity of saying that I have never been associated in Christian work with a more splendid man than my lifelong friend, Dr. Sunderland, and that I do not believe there is anywhere a more consecrated and genial board of session than our board of session, or a wiser or more competent board of trustees than our board of trustees, or a more inspiring and delightful congregation than our congregation. I ask the prayers of all good people for the blessing of God upon our new arrangement. Yours, in the Gospel,

"T. DE WITT TALMAGE."

THE HEBREW FAIR.

Executive Committee Last Night Listened to Encouraging Reports.

The executive committee of the Hebrew fair held an enthusiastic meetng last night in the vestry rooms of their temple. Mr. H. King, jr., presided; Mr. S. N. Myer, secretary. Reports were received from the different chairmen, and all were more than encouraging. Simon Wolf, the chairman of the committee on invitations, reported that Adlai Stevenson, the Vice President of the United States, would formally open the fair.

Mr. R. Harris, the chairman of the decoration committee, reported that the hall would be artistically and originally decorated, exceeding in point of beauty anything ever before attempted; that the electrical display would be a distinct feature.

Mr. I. Saks, chairman of the donation committee, reported that the donations in cash and merchandise were just pouring in. He requested that after today all merchandise donations from the different subcommittees be sent direct to the armory, where a man in authority will be stationed to receive and receipt for same.

Mr. Isaac Gans, the chairman of the press committee, reported that the fair journal would compare favorably with any publication of its kind ever issued, both from a literary and financial standpoint. Some of the most prominent writers of this country have sent literary contributions.

Mr. I. L. Blout, chairman of the committee on entertainment, said he had succeeded in securing some excellent attractions for each night of the fair.

Each chairman reported encouraging progress, and when next Monday night the doors of the armory are thrown open to the public there will meet the views of all a delightful sight. Judging from all present indications, the result will be so satisfactory that it will be but a matter of a little while that the Israelites of Washington will have a temple built which will compare favorably with any in the United States.

Many contributions have come in unsolicited, which are all the more appreciated. The next meeting of the executive committee will take place in the Washington Light Infantry Armory tomorrow evening, when all those connected with any committees must be on hand at 8 o'clock.

The press committee, of which Mr. Isaac Gans is chairman, will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the Times building in the ad.-writers' rooms.

The following is the correct list of the congregation table: Mrs. L. Stern, Mrs. H. King, jr.; assistants, Mrs. M. Goldsmith, Mrs. M. Loeb, Mrs. D. Strauss, Mrs. S. N. Myer, Mrs. P. Peyser, Mrs. B. Salomon, Mrs. J. Sondheimer, Mrs. C. A. Goldsmith, Mrs. H. Hoffa, Mrs. I. Herman, Mrs. Harry King, Mrs. J. King, Miss B. Strasburger, Miss B. Herman.

The McGarrahan Claim.

The estate of William (Billy) McGarrahan, which is said to consist only of the claim which the old man for so many years pressed before Congress and in the courts, but never entirely successfully, has again been brought up in the courts here. When McGarrahan died Mr. Luke Devlin was appointed administrator of the estate, but found, it is said, that the estate consisted merely of the claim. Now Nicholas Stanton of Joliet, Ill., claiming to be a first cousin of McGarrahan, has filed here for himself and brother, Patrick Stanton of Sing Sing, N. Y., a petition to establish their claims as heirs-at-law of the famous claimant.

Charges Desertion.

In petitioning for a divorce from Malvin H. Nash, Tina Nash states that they were married here September 24, 1887, and that their three children are in an orphan asylum. She charges that her husband deserted her May 9, 1892. She states that she believes that he is now in jail, charged with housebreaking. She prays for alimony, counsel fees and the custody of the children. Messrs. Hamilton and Colbert are her attorneys.

Be on the lookout for "1235!"—Advt.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER.
Absolutely Pure.
A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength. —Latest United States Government Food Report.
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall st., N.Y.

AID OF CHARITY.

Pleasant and Successful Entertainment Last Night.

The entertainment given last evening at Typographical Temple for the benefit of their charity fund by the ladies of the government printing office was an immense success in every particular.

The hall was crowded in every part, those present not only paying for the privilege of admission, but in nearly every instance a basket of some sort of good food product was also brought. It is a matter of regret to the managers of the entertainment that while so many persons were present, there were hundreds of others who were unable to gain admission on account of the crowded state of the hall and adjacent rooms.

The program, which was as follows, was delightfully rendered: Piano solo, Miss Katie Young; vocal solo, Mr. J. S. Graves; songs, the Misses Lurie and Janie Stanford; recitation, Miss Hattie Webster; vocal solo, Miss Mary P. Lockwood; recitation, Master Sherwood Brown; contralto solo, Miss Houchen; recitation, Miss Clara Bremmerman; comic solo, Mr. F. Darling; piano solo, Miss Lola S. Harper; fancy dance, the Misses Edith Luckett and Ethel Brown; vocal duet, Mrs. Carrie Smith and Miss Nellie Smith; recitation, Mr. J. S. Graves; soprano solo, Mrs. Traner Ferguson; song, Miss Helen Kretchmar; whistling solo, Mr. Milton B. Clark; vocal solo, Miss Hester Dalton; soprano solo, Miss Viera Callan; cornet solo, Mr. William Kretchmar. The accompanists were Prof. Isdell and Miss Nellie J. Burke.

After all the numbers on the program had been performed the chairs were removed from the floor, and all who desired participated in dancing, which was kept up until the early hours of this morning.

The committee of arrangements, under whose immediate auspices the entertainment was given, was composed of Miss M. A. Harper, chairman; Miss Smoot, secretary; Miss Spicer, treasurer; Mrs. M. A. Pester, Mrs. M. J. Speaks, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Stuart, the Misses Anderson, Daniels, Grant, Carter, Dement, Spaulding and Andrews.

The proceeds of the affair will be distributed under the direction of a committee, which comprises Miss M. A. Harper, chairman; Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Speaks and the Misses Spicer and Smoot.

ARREST NOT WARRANTED.

Inference Drawn From Verdict in Vermillion Assault Case.

James Early, Richard Hurley and Maurice Davis, charged with assaulting Policeman Vermillion the 22d of last September, while the officer was attempting to arrest Timothy Dempsey, were, as reported in The Star, convicted late yesterday afternoon of simple assault. Notice of a motion for a new trial and in arrest of judgment was given by the defendants' counsel, and they were released on bail in the sum of $300 each to await the disposition of the motion. In the case of Davis the jury recommended him to the mercy of the court.

The jury deliberated nearly five hours, and their verdict is considered a virtual declaration that the attempted arrest of Dempsey, who was killed by the policeman, was unwarranted. The verdict also reduces the punishment from a term in the penitentiary to fine or imprisonment for not more than eleven months and twenty-nine days in jail.

Norfolk and Washington Line Sued.

Two suits have been brought against the Norfolk and Washington steamboat line for $10,000 each. The first is by Ellis Gibbs, administrator of Anderson Gibbs, deceased, and the second by Ida V. Eason, administratrix of Bernard Randoll, deceased. These suits grew out of the collision between the Washington steamer Newport News and tug Katie.

"1235" will prove a corker!—Advt.

Merit
Is what gives Hood's Sarsaparilla its great popularity, its constantly increasing sales, and enables it to accomplish its wonderful and unequaled cures. The combination, proportion and process used in preparing Hood's Sarsaparilla are unknown to other medicines, and make Hood's Sarsaparilla
Peculiar to Itself
It cures a wide range of diseases because of its power as a blood purifier. It acts directly and positively upon the blood, and the blood reaches every nook and corner of the human system. Thus all the nerves, muscles, bones and tissues come under the beneficent influence of
Hood's Sarsaparilla
The One True Blood Purifier. $1; six for $5.
HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

"THERE'S A TIME FOR EVERY-THING."
Trousers to-measure, $3.50.
Here's exactly what they are—Come in and look at them—If you don't want a pair it's all right—There's not near enough to go around, anyhow.
Cloth: — fully a dozen or more neat effects in stripes — pure all-worsted wool —newest effects — well worth twice our asking—
Not many of them, and there'll soon be less, of course. If you want the greatest value in a pair of trousers you ever saw—now is the time to get it.
Mertz and Mertz, 906 F Sreet.

FREE!
With every 25c. bottle of QUEEN ANNE LOTION we present free a handsome needle case, consisting of ten assorted needles and a package of finest "gold-eye" steel No. 6 needles, with handsome calendar attached.
QUEEN ANNE Lotion gives the face and hands a soft, white appearance, and has no equal as a preventive for red, rough and chapped skin. Get a bottle tomorrow for only..... 25c.
Save money by reading our catalogue.
Mertz's Drug Store, Cor. F & 11th Sts.
1t

Silverware...
Will shine with a dazzling luster when rubbed with a little
"Crystaline."
At all druggists and grocers, 10c. box.
ja21-3m,12

Many trusses are not worthy of the name. They aggravate rather than relieve rupture. Our knowledge gained by years of experience in truss buying, selling and fitting is yours. Money back when not satisfactory.
A. A. SMITH & CO., 1108 F st. fe5-12d

TO CANVASS THE CITY.

How Christian Endeavorers Will Seek to Raise Funds.

Preparations are now complete for a canvass of the business and professional men of Washington and other citizens of the District for subscriptions to the fund which is being raised to defray the expenses of the Christian Endeavor convention in July. The question received careful consideration last evening at a joint meeting of the finance and auxiliary finance committees held in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Chairman W. B. Robison presided, and explained to the committees the plan of canvass.

Each canvasser has been assigned a number of business and professional men to solicit for subscriptions. In order that no one may be approached by an unauthorized solicitor, or by any one other than the particular person assigned, a letter will be mailed to each person to be solicited, containing a subscription blank, and advising them of the name of the person who will call upon them. Each member of the two committees were handed a letter of instructions regarding the details of the canvass, and receipt books to be used in acknowledging subscriptions.

The committee discussed the question of the probable cost of the convention, and a conservative estimate would place it in the neighborhood of $25,000, $10,000 of which has already been subscribed by the Christian Endeavorers of the District.

Mr. Robison stated that the subscription list had already been started by a contribution of $500 by the firm of Woodward & Lothrop, and one of $100 by Saks & Company.

The benefits of the convention from a business point of view are many. The presence of a host of fifty or sixty thousand young people in the city in the middle of summer will necessarily liven almost every department of business life, and to such an extent as to give things a holiday aspect. That the business men of the city will be very materially benefited has been demonstrated by the conventions of the past, more noticeably by the gathering held in Boston in July last.

The committee feel that the business men of the city realize what a power, both financial and moral, the convention will be to Washington, and that they will heartily co-operate with them in the successful accomplishment of their plans.

CITY ITEMS.

Not Necessary to Hunt

Around town for Oysters; come direct to the house that has served the people satisfactorily for past fifteen years. Lynn Haven Bays never finer. Hotel Johnson Cafe.

Choice Butter and Fresh Eggs.

We handle Elgin Creamery Butter, Sharpless' "Cow Print" and "Clover Leaf," as well as Darlington's famous butter. Also Fresh Eggs—at lowest consistent prices. 'Phone 649. J. C. Walker, prop. Boston Market and Grocery, 1711-13 Pa. ave. 1t

The College Boys' Banquet

Given in the Philadelphia Oyster House's Banquet Hall, on second floor, last week, was a "hummer." Everybody praised those luscious Lynn Haven Bay Oysters. 'Phone 515 if you want some sent to your home. 1t

For Coughs and Throat Troubles use Brown's Bronchial Troches. They relieve all throat irritations caused by cold or use of the voice. fe6-eo3t

A Safelet Whisper.

Listen, Alpine safes are good safes; we guarantee them. Send for catalogue. Small size, $25. Alpine Safe and Lock Co., room No. 20, Builders' Exchange. fe1,4,6*

The manufacturer's sale of mackintoshes at 25 per cent of retail prices opens at 8 a.m. on Saturday at 403 and 405 7th street. Mackintoshes from $1 upward. 1t

"Royal Glue Mucilage!" It's new! 10c. Sticks Paper, Wood, China, Leather or Iron. Extra-large Bottle! Druggists, 10c. oc10-eotf

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW NATIONAL THEATER.
Every Evening and Saturday Matinee,
The Famous, Original
BOSTONIANS.
THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING,
Also Saturday Matinee and Night,
ROBIN HOOD.
Friday (only time).....Prince Ananias
Next Week—SOL SMITH RUSSELL, presenting "An Everyday Man," "Mr. Valentine's Christmas" and "The Rivals." Seats now on sale. 1t

Ball and Supper
For the benefit of the GERMAN ORPHAN ASYLUM, AT NATIONAL RIFLES' HALL,
G st. bet. 9th and 10th n.w.,
THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 6.
Tickets (each person), 50 cents, supper included.
fe5-2t*

Allen's Grand OPERA HOUSE.
WEEK OF FEB. 3.
Matinee Saturday.
CHAS. F. ATKINSON'S
Massive Production of
Harkins and Barbour's Great Play,
"Northern Lights"
THE BEST AMERICAN PLAY YET WRITTEN. • • • •
The unanimous verdict of press and public. Every Scene Painted Expressly for this Production.
Next Week—Robert Hillard in LOST 24 HOURS. Seats now on sale. fe6

Lafayette Square OPERA HOUSE.
(ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF.)
JOHN W. ALBAUGH.....Manager.
Evenings at 8—Matinee Saturday.
ROLAND REED
In the Great Political Satire,
THE POLITICIAN,
INTRODUCING
THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WOMAN,
THE REALISTIC CONVENTION SCENE.
"If the Country Needs Saving We'll Save It."
Next Week—RHEA in NELL GWYNNE and JOSEPHINE. fe5-tf

ICE PALACE, CONVENTION HALL.
EVERY AFTERNOON AT 2. EVENINGS AT 7:30.
REAL ICESKATING,
Every Afternoon and Evening This Week,
J. F. Donohue.
THE FASTEST SKATER IN THE WORLD.
3 AND 5-MILE RACES
EVERY EVENING AT 9 O'CLOCK.
EXHIBITION OF FAST SKATING
Every Afternoon at 3 o'clock.
ADMISSION.....25 CENTS.
Ladies' exclusive hour for instruction, 1 until 2 o'clock. Special morning classes, 10 until 1 o'clock daily. fe3-40d

ACADEMY—PRICES, 25—50—75c.—$1.00
Wed. and Sat. Mats., 25c. and 50c. Res'd.
First time in Washington of the Big Winning Comedy Drama,
The Derby Winner
"Bright, clever, entertaining.
As funny as 'Charley's Aunt,' as pathetic as 'Shore Acres'."
Rich in Brilliant Scenery!
Gen. Grant's Old Log Cabin!
Anheuser-Busch's Famous Brewery!
The Great St. Louis Derby Race.
NEXT WEEK | BONNIE SCOTLAND
fe3-6t

BANJO AND GUITAR QUICKLY AND CORRECTLY taught by note or simplified method, only $7 per quarter; I guarantee to teach the most unmusical person to play a perfect tune each lesson by my simple method or no charge.
ja29-9t* GEO. DRAEGER, 212 G st. n.e.

METROPOLITAN CIRCULATING LIBRARY, 515 12th st. n.w.—New Publications as soon as issued. American and Foreign Magazines a specialty. Single subscription, 1 year, $5.00; 1 mo., 75c. For particulars as to club rates, &c., inquire at LIBRARY. Miss HALE, Manager. ja17-18t*

AMUSEMENTS.

DEESTRICT SKULE, First Congregational Church,
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, AT 8 P.M.
KOST 25 cts. Refreshments extra. fe5-2t*

METZEROTT MUSIC HALL.
Grand Harp Recital
BY
MISS ANITA CLUSS,
HARP VIRTUOSO,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 12, 1896,
Assisted by
Miss Mary Helen Howe.....Soprano
Mr. B. Frank Gebest.....Pianist
Mr. S. Minster.....Violinist
Mr. C. Vanmetre Gates.....Dramatic Reader
Tickets, $1, 75c., 50c. Seats on sale at Metzerott's. fe5-6t

5 cents
—is all it will cost you to see any one of the numerous attractions here on the Graphophones or Kinetoscopes. The program is so large and varied there's sure to be something to please you.