LOCAL MENTION.

AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

Academy of Music—"A Female Drummer."
Bijou—Vaudeville.
Kernan's Lyceum—"A Social Maid."
National Theater—Jas. K. Hackett in "Rupert of Hentzau."
New Grand—J. O. Barrows and company.

EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Charles Macalester for Mt. Vernon at 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.
Steamer Washington for Fortress Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p.m.
Steamer Harry Randall for Nomini, Chapel Point and river landings at 7 a.m.
Steamer Estelle Randall for Glymont and intermediate points at 9:30 a.m.
Steamer Sue for Baltimore and lower river landings at 4 p.m.
Trains leave 13½ street and Pennsylvania avenue hourly for Arlington from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and for Mt. Vernon hourly from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cars leave Aqueduct bridge for Arlington and Fort Myer every half hour from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and every hour for Falls Church from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON PHYSICIANS
Employ Speer's Port Grape Wine in their practice. It is in great favor with the wealthy as a family wine.

YOU HAVE SO MUCH TO DO
for Xmas that you'll hardly have time to bake bread. Leave an order with your grocer for Schneider's "MALT" BREAD for Xmas dinner. None finer. 5c. loaf.

NOTHING LIKE "OLD GLORY"
to steady the nerves and brace you up. Order a case for the Christmas holidays. It's the best on the market. Drop postal. Abner & Drury, brewers, 25th and F.

Fussell's Ice Cream and Fancy Cakes. Cafe open till 11 p.m.

KENNY'S CHRISTMAS PICTURE.
A handsome lithograph entitled, "Christmas Joys," given away Saturday, December 23. C. D. KENNY.
Eight city stores.

Twelve full quart bottles assorted Cal. wines, $3.50 per doz. Seligson's, 1200 Pa. av.

YOUR CHRISTMAS
dinner should end with a perfect cup of coffee. To insure this buy White House Coffee. Your grocer sells it. Read the advertisement on page 11.

WASHINGTON DRESSED BEEF.
Spring Lamb, New York Roast Beef, Delmonico Steak, go to John R. Kelly, West End Mkt., 22d & P, 9th street wing, Center Mkt. Corned Beef a specialty.

Holiday Present Cigars by the box. Headquarters, National Cigar Factory, 1011 Pa. av.

Order your Christmas Wines now, before the rush begins. Chas. Kraemer, 755 7th st.

The continuous fine weather has enabled us to keep up in the printing department; therefore all portraits of sittings up to Wednesday will be finished for Christmas. Rice's Studio, 1225 Pa. ave.

Johnston's, 729 Seventh st. n.w.
ONLY TOMORROW.
A 5-lb. package of Granulated Sugar for 3½c. lb., only with 1 lb. of 30c. Java and Mocha Coffee or half lb. of Tea for 30c. half lb.
A 6-lb. Christmas Fruit Cake, 75c.
A 1-lb. Christmas Fruit Cake, 12c.
The 10c. California Hams for 8½c. lb.
The 20c. New Citron for 15c. lb.
The 20c. High-grade Candy, 12½c. lb.
The 25c. Cluster Table Raisins, 18c. lb.
The 12½c. Best Lean Hams, 10½c. lb.
The 25c. Table Layer Figs, 15c. pkg.
The largest Mixed Nuts, the large English Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Filberts, very Soft-shell Almonds, price lowest in town, at Johnston's, 729 7th st.

Tree Ornaments, unique and gay. Gould's.

Best Pound and Fruit Cake only 20c. lb. at Reisinger's, 235 G n.w. German Springlers, 25c. lb.; Nuts, Candies, etc.

J. F. SHEETZ,
Manufacturer of Fine Candies; 25c. lb. Reduction to Sunday schools. 732 7th st.

Oil Heaters, $1.25 to $5; Gas Radiators, $2.75. A. Eberly's Sons, 718 7th st. n.w.

CITY AND DISTRICT.

Building Operations.

It is expected that the Congress Heights Methodist Episcopal Church will shortly, through the efforts of several members of the congregation, be supplied with a bell, to be placed in a tower yet to be erected. The frame house of Harry E. Eaton, which is being built in the village at an estimated cost of $1,500, is nearing completion. A two-story frame house is also being constructed in the town for a tenant, to cost $1,000. Charles Lewis of Anacostia is having built on Pierce street, Anacostia, a frame dwelling at a cost of $1,200. A brick house on Fillmore street, Anacostia, which is being built for Solomon Carr, jr., is almost completed.

Small's Christmas Flowers.

J. H. Small & Sons, florists, 14th and G sts., Washington; 1153 Broadway, N. Y.—Advertisement.

Arranging to Take Charge.

Arrangements are being made to have the necessary papers drawn up which will permit the citizens to assume charge of the frame building on the public school reservation, Congress Heights, as granted by the District Commissioners. The building was constructed at the close of the civil war and comprises one story, containing two good-sized rooms. Here for about thirty years, several grades being taught in each room, public classes were held, and there are many grown people in the neighborhood who attended the school at intervals. It is the intention of the citizens to turn the building to use at night as a place of instruction for the young people of the vicinity, as well as for the older residents who may wish to attend.

Divine Healer Schrader

All this week at 905 E n.w.—Advt.

Veteran Dies of Heart Disease.

John De Long, a former inmate of the Soldiers' Home, was found dead in a chair yesterday morning at the home of Samuel Woolley on DesMoines street, Brightwood Park. He was seventy-two years old. Some time ago he left the home and boarded at the house of Mr. Woolley. Saturday night he returned home after Mr. Woolley's family had retired. Instead of going to his own room he seated himself in the parlor. Coroner Carr decided that heart disease had caused his death.

Studer's flowers, 421 Center market.—Advt.

Ninety Days in Jail.

James Smith and Joseph Evans were today charged before Judge Scott with having blackjacks in their possession. Both were convicted and sent to jail for ninety days.

William Thompson was today convicted of the larceny of a bicycle valued at $34 from Samuel Tapp, and Judge Scott sent him to jail also for ninety days. The court ordered that the wheel be returned to its owner.

New President Chosen.

The board of directors of the Falls Church and Potomac Railway Company met Friday at the office of General S. S. Burdett, 925 F street northwest, and elected Major Charles Hine director and president to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of his father, the late Major O. E. Hine. The new president has fully recovered his health and claims he is now none the worse for his Cuban campaign.

The officers of the company are: Major Chas. Hine, president; General S. S. Burdett, vice president; Dr. N. F. Graham, treasurer, and R. S. Lacey, secretary.

A Good Thing for the New Year.

The beginning of the year is a good time to start a subscription to The Saturday Star for some out-of-town friend. Send your order now with one dollar for 1900.

AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN

Fire Destroys the Boiler Room of the Industrial Home School.

Heating Apparatus Completely Wiped Out and Damage Placed at $3,000—General News.

A fire was discovered Saturday evening, a few minutes after 7:30 o'clock, in the boiler room of the Industrial Home School, on 32d street extended, just south of the car sheds of the Georgetown and Tenleytown electric railroad. An alarm was turned in from box 723, to which the engines responded, the scene of the fire being fully a mile from the engine house and all the way a steep up grade, making the run exceedingly hard on the horses.

Before the arrival of the engines the older children of the school formed a bucket brigade and did what they could to extinguish the flames, while the younger ones were removed to a place of safety. The boiler room adjoins the main building on the east, being a one-story structure. For a time the flames threatened to communicate to the main building, but the fire was extinguished without any material damage to any other portion of the home than the boiler house. The damage is placed at $3,000, not covered by insurance, so it is reported by the police. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Covenant Lodge Entertainment.

The members of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., and their lady friends were entertained Friday evening at the lodge hall with a musical and literary program. The hall and banquet room was prettily decorated for the occasion, and at the conclusion of the exercises refreshments were served in the lower hall. The program was as follows: Graphophone selections; address by the chairman, R. R. Cooke; piano selection, Miss Helen Doering; recitation, H. W. Weber; selection, by mandolin and guitar club, Harry Clements, Arthur Trunnell, Walter Rittue, John Donovan and George Rickets; recitation, Miss Alice Riffel; recitation, H. W. Selah; piano solo, Miss Carrie Sebastian; recitation, Miss Edna Tyler Knight; vocal solo, Miss Ethlyn Bloodgood; recitation, D. B. Perry; vocal solo, Miss Helen Doering; cornet solo, Alvin Quinter.

Illegal Wire Stringing.

Samuel Blaisdell, a lineman, was arrested Saturday afternoon about 4:50 o'clock by Policeman Cornwell and held on a charge of stringing overhead wires without a permit. He was engaged in making a connection with the feed store of E. T. Simpson, on M street near 34th street, when the policeman took him into custody. The police were not advised of any permit having been issued for the work, and the lineman was sent to the station.

Matinee Performance.

A matinee performance of "A Celebrated Case" was given Saturday afternoon by the Dramatic Association of Georgetown University for the benefit of the young ladies of the Academy of Visitation. Those who were in the cast were Charles V. Morgan, James O'Shea, J. Stanley Brady, C. Moran Barry, Charles R. Cox, J. Herbert Doyle, Paul J. Brown, Bernard J. McKenna, William W. Culbertson, John J. Quinn, jr., William H. Byrnes, jr., G. Le Guere Mullally, Frank T. Fitzgerald, jr., F. Mason Gilbert, Martin J. Condon, jr., and Ward Francis Barron.

Star Advertisements in Georgetown.

Classified advertisements for The Star may be filed at regular advertising rates at the Postal Telegraph office, 3207 M street. The rate under the classifications Wanted Help and Wanted Situations is one cent per word per insertion, the minimum charge being fifteen cents.

What We Do.
We'll drive into your gutter
And deliver at your door
A better grade of butter
Than you ever ate before.
James F. Oyster, 900 Pa. ave., Center, K-st., Riggs and West End Markets.—Advt.

Roof Painting.

"We are now closing the busiest and most successful year of our business career," said Mr. Grafton, the well-known roofing expert, of 1023 8th street. "Formerly we had to advertise our famous rubber roof paint—now it advertises itself—and we have been rushing to fill the numerous orders. Our operations cover all kinds of roof repairing, guttering and spouting, and we are doing something that no other roof painter has ever done, and that is to guarantee our roof paint and repair all leaks free for a certain period of years."

Auction Sale of Fine Goods.

The balance of the Moore collection of fine paintings, oriental rugs, rare china and glassware, antique furniture, etc., will be closed out at Sloan's Art Gallery, 1407 G st., tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Senators and members will find this a great opportunity to secure Xmas goods.—Advt.

"Sample" Harnesses at Bensinger's.

A fine harness would make a gift that would be highly appreciated by a horseman. The firm of S. Bensinger of 940 Louisiana avenue offers a big line of sample harness, consigned to them by Perkins, Campbell & Company of Cincinnati, at wholesale prices. There is nearly every style of single and double harness in the lot, and, having been made for the New York manufacturers' exhibit, they are of extra good quality and finish.

Huyler's in Fancy Baskets

make the daintiest of Xmas gifts. Make your selections early. Orders taken now for holiday delivery. Cor. F and 12th sts.—Advt.

Grogan's for Christmas.

An easy reclining chair as a Christmas present for a man and a dainty gold reception chair for a woman are some of the seasonable suggestions at Grogan's Mammoth Credit House, 817-823 7th street northwest. There are lots of other things in this large establishment, and the announcement is made that all purchases can be paid for in weekly or monthly installments, as most convenient to the customer.

Tree ornaments. Open evenings. J. Jay Gould.—Advt.

Plans of Spanish War Veterans.

At the last weekly meeting of the Fourth Immune Camp, Spanish War Veterans, it was decided to secure Elks Hall, 1006 E street, for permanent headquarters. The first meeting in this hall will be held next Thursday, instead of Friday, and, subsequently, meetings will be held the second and fourth Friday of each month.

At the next meeting arrangements will be made to attend the White House reception New Year day. The Spanish war veterans have been assigned a place in line, and the members of this camp will attend in a body, wearing the uniforms which they wore in the army.

The first camp fire of the Fourth Immune Camp will be held early in January, and all former members of the 4th Immunes are expected to be present.

Dies at the Age of Eighty-Five.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Margaret Hetzel were held this morning at the family residence, 617 19th street northwest. She was eighty-five years old, and was the widow of Capt. A. R. Hetzel, U. S. A.

Mrs. Hetzel was one of the organizers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and at the time of her death was the first honorary president. She was the prime mover in the project of erecting a monument to the mother of Washington.

Bargains at Worch's.

Music lovers may always be assured of finding good bargains at Worch's, No. 923 F street northwest, and as such things are very acceptable at Christmas, when every dollar counts, a visit there at this time may be advantageous. Worch has a Steinway upright for sale on easy terms. The latest musical hits may be found there at heavily cut prices.

LIST OF OLD RESIDENTS.

Work Undertaken by the Columbia Historical Society.

Anent the forthcoming celebration of the centennial anniversary of the location of the seat of government in Washington, the Columbia Historical Society has undertaken the work of preparing a list of the residents of the District of Columbia whose ancestors were living in the District in the year 1800. It is believed the list will be one of value. The work is in line with the policy of the Historical Society to perpetuate incidents, facts and personnel connected with the early days of the nation's capital.

The inquiry is important, and to the end that its accomplishment may be entirely satisfactory and complete, the society desires the co-operation and assistance of all the persons referred to, and also those who may be interested without being directly affected. Those whose ancestors were living in Washington or the District one hundred years ago have been requested to send in their names as promptly as possible. The secretary of the society is Mrs. Mary Stevens Beall, 1643 32d street northwest.

PASTOR McLEOD INSTALLED.

Ceremony Yesterday at the First Presbyterian Church.

A large audience attended the installation yesterday of Rev. Donald C. McLeod as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, 4½ street near C street northwest. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Talmage, who was formerly the pastor of the church, and the charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Dr. Sunderland, also a former pastor of the church. A number of the city pastors, designated by the presbytery of Washington, took part in the services, and such was the interest of the public that the seating accommodation of the auditorium was insufficient for all who came, and a number remained standing throughout the services. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Gordon a selection from the Scriptures was read by Rev. Dr. Easton, who also led in prayer. The sermon, as stated, was delivered by Dr. Talmage, the constitutional questions were propounded by Rev. Dr. Easton, and the charge to the pastor by Rev. Dr. Sunderland and to the people by Rev. Dr. Alexander. The prayer of installation was offered by Rev. Dr. Little, and the benediction was pronounced by the new pastor. At the close of the services a large number stopped to greet the new pastor.

EXQUISITE FURS.

Handsome Creations by the Saks Fur Company.

The fact that the ladies of Washington appreciate fine furs and wear them quite as extensively as their sisters in other cities is shown by the successful business built up by the Saks Fur Company, corner 15th and G streets. This company handles furs exclusively. Their stock is a very complete one, embracing all the latest styles in the popular skins. Besides, buying direct from the manufacturers, the Saks Fur Company have their own force of skilled workmen who design and make many of the garments displayed. This saves the middleman's profit in both instances, which accounts for the very low prices which prevail at this popular store. Those who are looking for handsome, stylish collarettes, capes, jackets, muffs, boas, or other fur garments for Xmas gifts, will have no trouble in selecting just what they want at that store. Special attention is given to repairing, altering and remodeling furs.

TRIALS AT FORT MYER.

Disposition of Cases Acted Upon by Courts-Martial.

Courts-martial have been busy at Fort Myer, Va., of late. Among the cases disposed of were Private Meredith Thornton, signal corps, sentenced to two months' imprisonment and to forfeit $20; Private Leonard Westerburg, 3d Cavalry, acquitted; Private B. S. Wetzler, 3d Cavalry, two months' imprisonment and $20 fine; Acting Hospital Steward O. A. Manseau, hospital corps, forfeit $30 and be reprimanded; Private H. A. Brown, 3d Cavalry, two months' imprisonment and $10 fine; Private John Arena, 3d Cavalry, four months' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge; Private Vernon B. Smith, 3d Cavalry, three months' imprisonment and $30 fine; Private Chas. L. Cronin, 3d Cavalry, two months' imprisonment and $20 fine; Private Chas. L. Gates, 3d Cavalry, two months and $20; Private Hans C. Helmuth, 3d Cavalry, one month and $10; Corporal Chas. H. Lovejoy, 7th Artillery, forfeit $7; Private John Miller, 7th Artillery, two months and $20; Corporal Conrad Williamson, 7th Artillery, four months and $40.

AMUSEMENTS.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—There will be a musicale at the Universalist Church tomorrow night, given by the faculty of the National Conservatory of Music of this city. Among the participants in the program will be Mr. Anton Kaspar, violinist; Mr. Anton Gloetzner, pianist; Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Fenn, soprano; Mr. Wm. H. Santelmann, leader of the United States Marine Band, and others. The selections will be such as to show the high artistic ability of the instructors in this school of music, and will undoubtedly be pleasing to all lovers of good music.

Sweet Toned Stieffs.

The tone, touch and durable qualities of the Stieff pianos have been long recognized and appreciated by musicians, and those who contemplate becoming possessors of such necessary instruments cannot make a mistake if they secure a Stieff. They may be purchased at the direct branch warerooms of the factory at No. 521 11th street northwest, which is managed by Mr. J. C. Conliff. Second-hand pianos, including some Stieffs but slight used, may be also purchased there at moderate prices.

Discharged From Smallpox Hospital.

Mary S. Winslow, who was removed to the smallpox hospital from 702 L street the 7th of last month, was discharged Saturday afternoon, having fully recovered. Her release left four patients in the hospital.

Anthropological Society.

Arrangements have been made for the 297th regular meeting of the Anthropological Society, to be held in the assembly hall of the Cosmos Club tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The program will include a paper on "Zuni Games," by Mrs. Matilda C. Stevenson; "The Supernatural in Primitive Concept," by Dr. J. H. McCormick; "Some Curiosities in Philology," by Mr. George R. Stetson. A council meeting will be held a half hour in advance.

Court-Martial at Washington Barracks.

A general court-martial has been appointed to meet at Washington barracks, District of Columbia, for the trial of such persons as may be brought before it. The detail for the court is: Maj. George G. Greenough, 7th Artillery; Capt. William C. Borden, assistant surgeon; Capt. Montgomery M. Macomb, 7th Artillery; Capt. John R. Williams, 7th Artillery; First Lieut. Elisha S. Benton, 7th Artillery; First Lieut. Clint C. Hearn, 7th Artillery; Second Lieut. Philip R. Ward, 7th Artillery; First Lieut. Arthur S. Conklin, 7th Artillery, judge advocate.

Ordered by Commissioners.

The following orders have been issued by the District Commissioners:

That sewers be constructed as follows, chargeable to the appropriation for main and pipe sewers, 1900: Along the north side of R street northwest between 19th and 20th streets, estimated cost $910; also along the west side of 19th street northwest between Q and R streets, estimated cost $2,030; along the south side of K street southwest between 3d and 4½ streets, estimated cost $1,822; and that sewer be constructed along the west side of 4½ street southwest between K and L streets, at an estimated cost of $530, chargeable to the appropriation for replacing constructed sewers, 1900.

That side basin be constructed at the northeast corner of 6th and F streets northeast, at an estimated cost of $75, chargeable to the appropriation for main and pipe sewers, 1900.

LANSBURGH FURNITURE CO.

Everything Necessary for Christmas Presents.

The Lansburgh Furniture Company, 1226 F street northwest, will solve that all-important riddle these days, "What shall I buy?" In one of the most complete furniture stocks in the country the firm has all manner of useful and beautiful presents at prices astonishingly low. A line of dainty desks in all kinds of wood make up a department by themselves, and few things make more acceptable presents than a neat desk for a girl or a more pretentious one for a man Lansburgh has all kinds. Then there are big, comfortable chairs, fully a thousand to select from, including a full line of the famous Morris pattern. If you buy one of the latter this week a cute miniature chair for the little one will be given gratis. The stock also contains an exquisite line of lamps in richly designed pedestals. Sofas, lounges, children's rockers, bookcases, shaving stands and a hundred other articles are on hand. The firm makes a specialty of selling on credit, and will put you in the way of obtaining a handsome present at a small outlay. The famous Dewey puzzle will be given away gratis this week to every purchaser. It is an ingenious puzzle and causes great merriment. Call on Lansburgh before finally deciding upon a Christmas present. You are bound to find something suitable and at prices that will astonish and please you. Remember, the number is 1226 F.

FOREFATHERS' DAY BANQUET.

Invitations Sent Out by the Washington Congregational Club.

Invitations for the forefathers' banquet by the Washington Congregational Club have been issued for Wednesday evening, December 20, at 7 o'clock, at the First Congregational Church. After the discussion of the menu, which will be preceded by grace, pronounced by Rev. Dr. S. M. Newman, a program will be carried out, consisting of addresses by Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, president of the club; H. Clay Evans, the commissioner of pensions; ex-President Merrill E. Gates of Amherst College, Justice David J. Brewer and Mr. Henry Litchfield West, president of the Gridiron Club.

Music will be rendered by the quartet of the First Congregational Church, consisting of Mrs. Hattie Meads Smith, soprano; Miss Edna Scott-Smith, contralto; Mr. Douglas Miller, tenor; Mr. J. Walter Humphrey, basso, with Dr. J. W. Bischoff, organist.

The officers of the club are: Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, president; Mr. Justice Brewer, Rev. E. N. Kirby and Rev. B. Alfred Dumm, vice presidents; G. A. L. Merrifield, secretary, and Alfred Wood, treasurer. The reception committee will consist of Prof. G. J. Cummings, Walter Allen, Dr. W. W. Foster, Dr. P. C. Claflin, J. B. Sleman and J. H. Jennings.

The club will meet in the church parlors at 6 o'clock.

GENUINE RHODE ISLAND TURKEYS.

Big Shipment Received at Cottage Market for Christmas.

One of the most satisfactory places in the city at which to buy substantials and delicacies for the table is the Cottage Market, 818 14th street. This market caters especially to those who are particular about what they eat and are satisfied with the best only. How well the Cottage Market supplies this demand is shown by the number of representative and official families who do all their marketing there. At that market will be found everything that is seasonable. It is always a source of pleasure to buy where everything for the table is fresh and clean, where the quality is above question, and where the prices are reasonable, which accounts in a great measure for the constantly increasing business enjoyed by the Cottage Market. Mr. B. P. Watrous, the proprietor, announces the arrival of a big shipment of genuine bronze Rhode Island turkeys.

Lectures on French and Spanish Jurisprudence.

The Columbian University has just completed an arrangement for a very important and gratifying addition to its already very thorough course on comparative jurisprudence in its school of comparative jurisprudence and diplomacy. Mr. Edward H. Strobel, LL. B., who is the "Bemis professor" of international law at Harvard University, has been engaged to deliver two special series of lectures before this school, one on the jurisprudence of France in the early part of February, and the other on the jurisprudence of Spain during April.

Mr. Strobel's experience has been such as to give him a peculiar fitness for handling these subjects, having been third assistant secretary of state during President Cleveland's second administration, and also secretary of the United States legation at Madrid. He is regarded by many leading public men as one of the best informed men on the subject of the laws of European nations in the country.

It is gratifying to know that the school of comparative jurisprudence and diplomacy has secured the services of so many such men to add to its already high standard of efficiency.

Christmas Pianos at Pfeiffer's.

A special holiday discount of 10 per cent is being offered upon all Hazelton, Vose and Stodart pianos sold during the present month at Pfeiffer's piano warerooms, No. 929 F street northwest. In addition purchasers are given the privilege of securing instruments upon easy monthly payments. It would be advisable for those who are considering become possessors of superior pianos to call at the establishment and examine the excellent stock on hand there.

Lodge Officers Installed.

Eureka Lodge, No. 5, F. A. A. M., organized in 1858, at a recent meeting, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Worshipful master, John P. Turner; senior warden, Ellis W. Brown; junior warden, Henry J. Davis; senior deacon, John C. Nalle; junior deacon, Edward L. Webster; secretary (twenty-fifth term), Edward A. Watson; treasurer (twenty-third term), Lemuel C. Bailey; senior and junior masters of ceremonies, James Walker and L. Gorman Fletcher; chaplain, David S. Brandon; marshal, John T. Layton; tyler, John A. Gibson. The installation ceremonies were impressively performed by Past Grand Master Roger S. Watts, assisted by Past Grand Master John W. Mays, Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens Richard L. Laws and John W. Freeman.

Anniversary Celebration.

Elaborate arrangements are being made to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rev. John Albert Johnson in the Christian ministry, by the church membership and congregation of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, of which he is the pastor.

The affair will occur at a date not yet designated in next month. Added interest to the occasion grows out of the fact that the bench of bishops of the African M. E. Church will assemble here about the same time to wind up their quadreunion and to project work for the coming century.

The Saengerbund's Musicale.

The recital hall of the Washington Saengerbund was crowded last night to listen to a musicale arranged by the musical director, Mr. Henry Xander. The bund sang a chorus by Abt in a stirring manner, showing improvement in precision and phrasing. The solos were as follows: Liszt's "Loreley," Miss Ida V. Adt; the andante to Mendelssohn's Appassionata sonata, Mr. Sol. Minster; "Farewell to the King's Highway," Mr. Frank C. Roach; the "Ah fors e lin" aria from "La Traviata," Miss Mary Helen Howe; "Loch Lomond" and "My Cavalier," Mr. John Nolan, and a clarinet solo, an air from "I Puritani," with variations, Jacques Vanporscke. All the numbers were excellently rendered and each was encored, and it was considered the most artistic and satisfactory program that has been given in a long time, reflecting the highest credit upon the judgment of Mr. Henry Xander, who arranged it and who also performed the arduous duties of accompanist.

Mr. Franch Ill.

Mr. Evander Franch, house steward at the Government Hospital for the Insane, became ill recently and a few days ago his condition was regarded as serious. He is reported today to be improved.

RECENT FIRES.

Destruction of Stock in Cigar Store—Boy Painfully Burned.

Fire destroyed the stock of cigars, tobacco and papers in W. A. Moore's store, No. 507 F street northwest, Saturday afternoon. There was also considerable damage done to the portion of the house occupied by Bernard Rosenbaum. Barney Rosenbaum, fifteen years old, was so painfully burned about the hands that he was taken to the Emergency Hospital for treatment.

The explosion of a gasoline stove caused the fire. An alarm was sounded from box 123, which called several companies of the fire department. Mr. Moore estimates the damage to his stock at $400. The damage done to Mr. Rosenbaum's effects was also considerable.

An overheated smoke stack in the furnace room of No. 911 G street northwest yesterday morning did slight damage. George Johnson, janitor of the building, discovered the flames and the owner of the house turned in an alarm from box 131.

A local alarm was sent in about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for fire in the house of William D. Ward, No. 52 New York avenue northeast. The blaze was caused by the dropping of a lighted match on the floor, which set fire to a lace curtain. About $20 damage was done.

There was a slight fire in the house of Charles Halton, No. 322 15th street southeast, yesterday. It started in the closet from some unknown cause. Before much damage was done the flames were extinguished.

NEGATIVE SIDE WINS.

Columbian University Students Debate the Transvaal Problem.

The question affirming "that Great Britain is justified in the prosecution of the present war against the Transvaal republic" was discussed Saturday night in the hall of the Columbian University by representatives of the Columbian University School of Law and Diplomacy. The judges, Senators McComas and Clay and Representative Albert J. Hopkins, rendered a decision in favor of the negative. Mr. Warren Earl Greene of Rhode Island was awarded first honors and Mr. John W. Langley of Kentucky received honorable mention. These two are now eligible as contestants in the intercollegiate prize debate.

Mr. Robert S. Hume of Virginia, the vice president of the debating society, presided, and the question was discussed by Mr. Arthur R. Swan, District of Columbia; Mr. William H. Stovall, Tennessee, and Mr. John Pinkham Gray of Idaho, affirmative, and Mr. John W. Langley, Kentucky; Mr. W. W. J. Howard, Colorado, and Mr. Warren Earl Greene, Rhode Island, for the negative.

The address of Mr. Greene was much applauded, while the clear and able presentation of the subject by Mr. Langley was a notable feature of the debate.

Boy's Hip Hurt.

William Clements, fifteen years old, living at 1234 Florida avenue northeast, was riding a horse this morning, when the animal fell and the youthful rider was thrown to the ground. The accident happened near 5th and C streets northwest. At the Emergency Hospital the doctors found that the boy's hip had been injured. He was not otherwise hurt.

Recaptured and Fined.

John W. Turner was fined $10 by Judge Kimball Saturday for disorderly conduct on a street car Tuesday evening last. Turner was arrested at the time and the next morning was sent to the Police Court for trial. When his name was called, however, he could not be found. He was rearrested Friday, and in court Saturday told Judge Kimball that soon after reaching the cell room he noticed that a door leading upstairs was open. He took advantage of this opportunity to pass to the second story and thence made his way to the street. This occurred before the arrival of any of the court bailiffs, and the court decided that no blame could be attached to any one.

Annual Reception.

Arrangements are in progress for the annual reception of the National Colored Personal Liberty League Club, to be held Friday, December 22, 1899, at its club rooms, 340 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, from 8 to 12 p.m.

The committee of arrangements consists of Charles C. Curtis, chairman; James Edwards, R. R. Bowie, J. B. Edelin, Alex. Bryant, Wm. Carter, McKenzie Scott, Edward Matthews, J. Matthews, Charles Vessells, W. H. Morgan, Charles Edelin. Reception committee: H. C. Hawkins, Robert Cook, L. A. Wiles, Henry Rider, James Simpson, T. Norton, E. C. Coates, R. W. Thompson, Daniel Spriggs, R. McKay, J. A. Peck, Mack Shear, Charles Brown, O. S. Shelby.

CITY ITEMS.

Scrap Book Pictures. J. Jay Gould, 9th de16-7t*

Best remedy for coughs is the simplest and costs 5 cents at druggists. Dean's menthol cough drops simply stop the tickle.

Tree Ornaments, open evenings, J. Jay Gould. de9-12t*

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A Little Girl can make tree toys. Gould's. de11-11t*

Special.

Just received this morning—direct from the manufacturer—made expressly to our order—one ton of absolutely pure Candy—genuine fruit flavors—Societies and Sunday Schools requiring large quantities should order at once, as these goods will go quick—

Glace Fruits in 5-pound hardwood boxes — delicious eating as also a nice package for a Christmas gift—Genuine Home-Made Fruit Cakes—the kind to remind you of Yankee land—

Elphonzo Youngs Company,
428 Ninth Street.

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His stock of Wines and Distillates, aggregating
223 Kinds,
is the most EXTENSIVE in town, and the most VARIED. It is also for selection, from the cheapest to the highest qualities, the SAFEST as to purity and wholesomeness.
Patrons will kindly send their Xmas orders early in the week, as the rush in the last days may affect the regularity in deliveries.
909 7th Street.
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should include a Dress Suit and a Dinner Coat. We make them in best taste, reasonably.
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GIVE HIM SLIPPERS.

Most Acceptable Christmas Gifts at the Family Shoe Store.

A great many ladies are in a quandary as to what to select for a holiday gift. A look in the Family Shoe Store window at 310 and 312 7th street northwest will aid them greatly and solve the problem for them. Few articles would please a gentleman better and give more solid comfort to the wearer than a neat pair of slippers. The Family Shoe Store claims to have slippers enough on hand to supply the entire community. The prices quoted are certainly reasonable, because they are as low as 50 cents a pair and from that to $2. They embrace the oriental, embroidered, tan and black leathers. The popular Faust still have the call and are shown in tan and black in all sizes.

Some late effects are also displayed in ladies' slippers in black, white, bronze and beaded work. A telling Christmas leader is the 98-cent Juliettes, in various shades and patterns. They make a gift that will please. The children are also remembered substantially. Slippers for the little folks are in various styles. For the boys a pair of leather leggins or rubber boots will suit the purpose. High shoes are also there in endless styles. The shoe buying public are all familiar with the celebrated Dr. Janou shoe and Our Edith is daily gaining in popularity. A call at the Family Shoe Store will be entertaining and instructive to Christmas buyers.

Ballantyne's Busy Bookstore.

There isn't a busier place in town than Ballantyne's big book store at 428 7th street. Here are oceans of books, from picture books for tiny tots to novels and historical books for older people. Besides books this firm has a beautiful assortment of Christmas calendars, gifts for Sunday school classes, fine gift stationery and office furniture. All books are sold at prices much below publishers' quotations, and all goods are sold at very reasonable prices.

Admits the Charge.

James Williams, who was arrested early yesterday morning while trying to play the deaf and dumb racket in an eating place on Pennsylvania avenue, was today arraigned before Judge Kimball as a vagrant. He admitted the charge and was committed to the workhouse for six months.

WOMEN AND MOTHERS
BEST APPRECIATE CUTICURA SOAP.
Its remarkable emollient, cleansing and purifying properties warrant its use in the form of washes or solutions for annoying irritations, inflammations and chafings, for ulcerative weaknesses, or too free or offensive perspiration, and for many sanative uses. Gentle applications of CUTICURA (ointment), greatest of emollient skin cures, in addition, will, in many instances, prove of marked benefit.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE NATIONAL CONSERVATORY WILL HAVE their musicale Tuesday eve., Dec. 19, Universalist Church. Those taking part are Mr. Anton Kaspar, Mr. W. H. Santelmann, Miss Elizabeth L. Fenn, Mr. Anton Gloetzner, and others. 1t*

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
December 26 & January 2.
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EACH CONCERT COMPLETE IN ITSELF.
THE ENTIRE WORK IN THE TWO CONCERTS.
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Electric Elevator to Balcony and Gallery. Prices—25c., 50c., 75c., $1.00 and $1.50.
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THE EMINENT ROMANTIC ACTOR,
ROBERT B. MANTELL
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Under the management of M. W. HANLEY, in a New Play,
The Dagger and the Cross.
New Year's Week—New Comic Opera, "PRINCESS CHIC." de18-6t,20

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Polite vaudeville and 12 new moving picture scenes this week.
JAMES O. BARROWS & CO., In "TACTICS."
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Imogene Comer, descriptive contralto; Farnum and Seymour, Trask and Gladden, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Darrow and Zimmer.
NEW | Christmas week, seven star "Headliners," with 42 of the notable vaudeville performers. Christmas day, three performances. Order seats ahead. Thousands turned away last Thanksgiving day.
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