LOCAL MENTION.

AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

Academy of Music—"A Female Drummer."

Bijou—Vaudeville.

Kernan's Lyceum—"A Social Maid."

Lafayette Square—Princeton Glee Clubs.

National Theater—Jas. K. Hackett in "Rupert of Hentzau."

New Grand—J. O. Barrows and company and polite vaudeville.

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 Estelle Randall for Glymont and intermediate points at 9:30 a.m.

Steamer Potomac for Baltimore and lower river landings at 4 p.m.

Steamer Harry Randall for Chapel Point, Nomini and river landings at 7 a.m.

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CITY AND DISTRICT.

Ordered by Commissioners.

The following orders have been issued by the District Commissioners:

That the compensation of James A. French, inspector in the sewer division, engineer department, be increased from $3.50 to $4.00 per day.

That the order of September 7, 1899, directing the grading of Tunlaw road northward from Schneider's lane, and the placing of the material therefrom in 37th street southward from Back street, the cost of said work to be charged $250 to deposit of F. W. Huldekoper, $600 to the appropriation for 37th street, and $600 to the appropriation for repairs to roads, 1900, is so amended as to make the last amount chargeable to the appropriation for "repairs to streets," instead of "repairs to roads," 1900.

That catch basin at 11th and G streets southeast be relocated to conform to the reconstructed tracks of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company, at an estimated cost of $60, to be charged to the deposit of said company.

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Youthful Vagrant in Court.

James Smallwood, colored, thirteen years old, applied to the police of the third precinct last night for a place to sleep, and was locked up. Vagrancy was the charge upon which he was arraigned before Judge Kimball this morning.

"The boy told me he had run away from his home," the judge was told.

"How did you happen to come here?" Judge Kimball asked the boy.

"I runned away from my home," was the youthful prisoner's response.

"Where is your home?"

"Down in Charles county."

"If I let you go," said the judge, "will you return home?"

"I don't want to go back to Charles county," was the boy's frank response. "My mother gave me to a woman, and the woman didn't treat me good."

The case was referred to Agent Douglass of the board of children's guardians.

Blanke Coffee Co.

Mr. H. Horton, representing the Blanke Coffee Co. of New York, Chicago and St. Louis, is visiting the trade here in their interest, and will be permanently located in Washington.

Geological Society of America.

Arrangements have been made for the twelfth annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, to be held in the Columbian University building, beginning Wednesday next, and concluding the following Saturday. The annual dinner of the society will be held at the Raleigh on December 28, and the following evening the society will assemble at Columbian University, where reports on the Harriman Alaskan expedition will be heard.

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

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.

RESULTS IN ACQUITTAL

Verdict for Defendant in Case Brought Under Smoke Law.

Court Rules That Emissions From Smokestack Must Constitute Nuisance in Order to Convict.

The case of Mr. O. G. Staples, charged with having violated the smoke law at the National Hotel, as published in yesterday's Star, resulted in a verdict of acquittal. This result followed the construction placed upon the law by Judge Scott. Prosecuting Attorney Mullowny noted an exception to the judge's ruling, and gave notice that he would take the case to the Court of Appeals.

After The Star's report closed yesterday afternoon Attorney H. F. Woodward, for the defense, called a number of witnesses, who declared that the smoke from the National Hotel smokestack was not a nuisance, so far as they were concerned, and that the smoke had not injured their property in any respect.

Mr. Mullowny objected to the introduction of this testimony. The law, he argued, declares that such smoke is a public nuisance, and, he said, it is not for witnesses to say that Congress had no authority to declare it to be a nuisance. He read the law to the court, as follows:

"That the owner, agent, lessee or occupant of any building of any description from the smokestack or chimneys of which there shall issue or be emitted thick or dense black or gray smoke or cinders within the District of Columbia on or after the day above named shall be deemed and held guilty of creating a public nuisance and of violating the provisions of this act."

Judge Scott overruled the objection and admitted the testimony.

Under the ruling of the court, Mr. Mullowny said, it was hardly necessary for him to proceed further in the case.

Mr. Staples made a statement of his side of the case. He said he had a device connected with his smokestack that was guaranteed to consume 80 per cent of the smoke. Other testimony was heard and prayers were submitted.

The Law Construed.

The court's construction of the law is shown in a prayer of the defense, which reads:

"The jury are instructed that unless they believe, from the evidence, that the dense or thick black or gray smoke emitted from the defendant's chimney on the 19th day of October, 1899, was of a nature detrimental to the property which was close enough in proximity to it to be affected by it injuriously, or was of a nature to be annoying to the public at large, then it was not and did not constitute a public nuisance, and the defendant should be acquitted."

The prosecuting attorney noted an exception to the granting of this prayer. A prayer submitted on behalf of the prosecution asking a different construction of the law was not granted.

In view of the court's ruling, Mr. Mullowny made no address to the jury, and a verdict of acquittal was rendered.

AMUSEMENTS.

PADEREWSKI'S RECITAL.—An audience said to have been the largest that ever attended a concert in this city greeted the great Polish pianist, Jan Ignace Paderewski, on the occasion of his recital at the Columbia Theater yesterday afternoon. Paderewski himself had held the financial record of recitals, but yesterday he exceeded his own record by several hundred dollars. Every seat in the house was occupied, as was all the available standing room, and this vast concourse of people was largely composed of women and girls, who before the recital began kept up a perfect chatter of conversation, which sounded like the rustling of leaves before a brisk wind. When the great pianist made his appearance he was loudly applauded. He has aged in appearance, and his face is fuller than formerly, though it still retains the spiritueile expression that, together with his mass of tousled tawny hair, was his trade-mark when he first came to this country. There is no question that Paderewski has developed intellectually since his last visit here. He plays with more feeling, more vitality, more effacement of self. To the musician and the lover of music only the work of the artist is considered, and in this case the result is perfectly satisfactory. Paderewski seems to have grasped the inner meaning of the works he interprets, and to be able to present the composers' best thoughts. He justifies all the praise that is bestowed upon him, for his genius is unique and positive.

His program yesterday was sufficiently varied to satisfy the most captious musical taste. It included Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, Rubinstein, Strauss, Liszt and a minuet of his own composition. The intricacies of the Liszt arrangement of the Bach fantasia and fugue in A minor were given with an ease and grace that charmed his audience and was an agreeable preparation for the Beethoven Fentasia Appassionata, which followed. In this he was heard to peculiar advantage, and he brought out its effects in splendid style. Perhaps his work was more masterly in this than in any other selection, for it was most enthusiastically applauded. Then came the Liszt arrangement of two of Schumann's songs, "Hark! Hark! the Lark" and the "Erl King," both of which were magnificently played, the delicate work in the first forming a fine contrast with the weird and dramatic treatment of the second. A group of Chopin numbers showed the pianist's sympathy with that composer, each number being given with poetic feeling and excellent tonal coloring, the Military Polonaise receiving so much applause that an encore would have been insisted upon had he not wisely varied the arrangement of the group and played the etude op. 10, No. 3, last. The Rubinstein Barcarolle was beautifully played, as was his own minuet in A minor, although this will never be as popular as his first minuet in F. Tausig's arrangement of Strauss' waltz, "Man lebt nur einmal," was played in splendid style, and the Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6 was given with all the fire, feeling and effect that it demanded. This final number worked the audience into such a pitch of enthusiasm that the applause continued and would not cease until the pianist returned and played again.

The recital was undoubtedly one of the most, if not the most enjoyable, musical events in years. It demonstrated Paderewski's continued popularity and that his hold upon the public is fully justified by his great genius. To a technical skill that is marvelous he adds a perfect knowledge of the use of the pedals unsurpassed by any other performance. Back of this mere mechanical skill is an intellectuality that enables him to seize the composers' meaning and a magnetic personality that interprets this meaning to his listeners, making them feel with him the beauties of the works played. In variety of equipment Paderewski is not surpassed, if equaled, by any pianist now before the public.

COLUMBIA THEATER.—With Christmas night a new comedy comes to the Columbia Theater, called by its author, David Belasco, "Naughty Anthony." It is said to be at once the most impassioned, the wittiest and the most serviceable satire the modern stage has rejoiced in for a long while. The lesson told between the caustic and brilliant lines of this comedy goes straight home to both men and women; it deals with the living manners of people you meet every day. The avowed object of the author is frankness without brutality, candor barren of cynicism, and through all the play a piquant originality. Mr. Belasco promises in this contrast play of his a pleasing absence of the anemically officious comedian, the senile, ambitious husband, the rebellious soubrette, which, with the tyrannous wife, completes the pastel of characters in the average comedy of today. There have been no chances taken in casting the play. Severe rehearsals, under the author's personal direction, promise a finished first performance. Miss Blanche Bates, the Countess Charkoff in "The Great Ruby," Miladi in "The Musketeers" and Hannah in "The Children of the Ghetto," heads the cast.

NEW NATIONAL THEATER.—The interest manifested in the Irving-Terry engagement is very great. The management was strict in enforcing its rules to discourage speculators, and there are still many choice places left for all performances. The bill of the week presents "Robespierre" on the first four nights, "The Merchant of Venice" on Friday night, "The Amber Heart" and "Nance Oldfield" at the Saturday matinee and "Waterloo" and "The Bells" Saturday night. Sardou's "Robespierre" is the first attempt of any dramatic author to soften or veil the cruel, relentless character of the arch-demon of the Reign of Terror. Impersonated by Mr. Irving, he appears in the beginning of the play a sentimentalist and a lover, with tender speech and dignified bearing. In the end he becomes a livid figure of terror and hopelessness, outlined against a background of riot and destruction. Clarisse, the character to be vivified by Miss Terry, is a liberty with history, introduced to supply the heart interest of the play. Her presence is only excused by the recorded historical fact that even Robespierre in the days of terror had time and inclination for intrigues of a purely social nature.

LAFAYETTE OPERA HOUSE.—Robert B. Mantell and a company of clever players will be at the Lafayette Opera House next week with a new production, entitled "The Dagger and the Cross." It is a dramatization of Joseph Hatton's novel by W. A. Tremayne, and is given in five acts. The production has been eminently successful, and Mr Mantell has reason to be happy that he has obtained a play so well suited to his romantic style of acting and containing so much interest that one's attention is held throughout the development of the plot. The story is of Bernardo Roubillac, an Italian painter, who is tormented by the attentions paid to his beautiful young wife by Giovanni Zilletto, sculptor and noted rogue.

ACADEMY.—A most original performance is in store for those who attend the Academy of Music during Christmas week. Rose Melville will present for the first time in this city her pastoral comedy hit, "Sis Hopkins," a play of Indiana life by Carroll Fleming. Miss Melville's quaintly humorous rendition of the character of "Sis Hopkins," together with her pathos, makes her a favorite from the start with her audiences. Miss Melville is surrounded with an excellent company, including that clever delineator of comedy character, John Keefe. The comedy is further brightened by the introduction at appropriate periods a number of original songs and several clean specialties. The engagement begins with a Christmas matinee.

NEW GRAND.—Seven "headline" acts, employing forty-two prominent vaudeville performers, and twelve new biograph moving picture scenes make up the Christmas week offering at the New Grand. On Christmas day there will be three performances, in accordance with the Grand's custom, and the advance demand for seats indicates that all will be needed to provide room for the "crush." The Streator Zouaves lead the long list of favorites. Their first appearance here early in the season set the town wondering at their marvelous martial skill. They are the champion fancy drill team of America. Maud Courtney returns and is the second great feature of the bill. She has been engaged by David Belasco, who expresses great confidence in her future. Prince K. O'Kabe's Imperial Japanese troupe will fill third place. The prince's troupe were the chief attraction at Atlantic City last summer, and their performances in the Japanese village were always before hosts of people. The two clever little lads remain with them and are the most admired members of the company. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins D. Fisher and their company also return to partake of Washington cheer. Their former presentation of "The Half Way House" will be repeated and the claim that it is the best "quiet" vaudeville sketch will be supported by all who saw it at the Grand early in the fall. Genaro and Bailey, a handsome woman and a talented comedian, will present their specialty. Tom Hefron, the great dancer and high kicker, also is engaged. Twelve new moving pictures will be shown by the moving picture machine.

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.—Al Reeves' Big Double Company will be the attraction at Kernan's Lyceum Christmas week. It is headed by Inez Mecusker, who probably is the highest salaried singer in burlesque today. Al Reeves, with his banjo and original jokes and funny sayings, is always a prime favorite, and he presents, besides, fifty artists of rank, who combine the interesting feature of minstrelsy, vaudeville and extravaganza in a program that promises to be the most varied of the season.

BIJOU THEATER.—Commencing next Monday afternoon and for the week following the Bijou will reinaugurate the appearance of its stock company, which has been strengthened especially for Christmas week. The chorus will number forty pretty girls and ten comedians. The opening burlesque will be directed by Mr. Lew H. Carroll, recently of the "Have You Seen Smith" company. Mr. Carroll's opening burletta will be entitled "Willie Off the Yacht." In the olio will appear the Four Weston Sisters; Patterson Brothers, horizontal bar performers; Mlle. Azara, the human chameleon; Ralph Post and Essie Clinton, eccentric comedians; Smith, Doty and Coe, musical artists, and Mitchell and Marion, late of the "Brilliant Quartet." Smoking will, as usual, be permitted.

BENEFIT TO BIJOU TREASURER.—Mr. Fred. S. Willson, treasurer of the Bijou, will receive a benefit next Sunday night, when the full strength of the Bijou Stock Company will be shown on the program. There will be ten big vaudeville turns in addition. This testimonial will come in the nature of a Christmas gift to Mr. Willson, and his friends are seeing to it that all the tickets will be sold. The long program will be constructed in a manner to offend no one. Tickets are selling fast.

BURTON HOLMES LECTURES.—The Burton Holmes' lectures, which have come to be considered an annual affair in this city, will be given at the Columbia on five Tuesday afternoons at 4:15, commencing December 26, the subjects, with one exception, being entirely new. This exception is Mr. Holmes' lecture on the Grand Canyon, which met with such approval last season and occasioned so many urgent calls for its repetition that Mr. Holmes has decided to embody it in his present series. This season's lectures will include the following subjects: "Manila," "Japan Revisited," "Round About Paris" and "Barbaric Arizona." During the past summer months Mr. Holmes has been in Manila and Japan, having secured a splendid collection of views showing native and military life in the former. The other subjects for this winter's lectures are "Round About Paris"—the byways and paths seldom trodden by the American tourist, appropriately chosen in view of the coming exhibition—and the quaint and barbaric simplicity of life among the Indians of the southwest. By a special arrangement Mr. Holmes will this year be enabled to add to the pictorial portion of his lectures motion pictures taken in the lands upon which he will lecture. Seats are now on sale.

"THE MESSIAH."—There is a perennial freshness about Handel's "Messiah" which has justified its annual repetition for ten years by the Choral Society. The completion of the decade gives a fit opportunity for a special celebration of a kind, so far as can be learned, never before attempted in this country. The entire work, as Handel wrote it, it is well known, would consume four hours in its rendition. It has consequently been the rule to make liberal cuts in the work, so as to make a concert of about two hours in length. While different omissions have been made in different years, the result of this plan has been that some of the choruses of very great beauty and a few of the solos have never been heard in this city. The work was carefully studied during the summer, and it was found that an arrangement could be made for two concerts, each of which would be complete in itself from the standpoint of the sacred story, and which would together include all the music which Handel wrote. The principal solos are to be given each evening. To make the presentation more brilliant David Bispham has been engaged for the first concert, December 26, and Mme. Gadski for the second, on January 2. How great the additional expense is of such engagements can be seen from the fact that an entire quartet of acceptable singers has frequently been engaged for no more than either of these. The chorus will be larger than for a number of years at this season, reaching about 150. Its quality, especially in the male choir, is much superior to past seasons, and Prof. Kaspar, the conductor, says that in all his years with the society the tenors have never been so good as this season. Mr. Bispham will sing the entire bass part of the oratorio, something never before done in Washington. The soprano at the first concert will be Mrs. Charles B. Morton of Baltimore. She is well known in social circles there, being connected with the Bonaparte family. Her music, taken up purely as a pastime, developed with the discovery of the capabilities of her voice into very great importance, and she has already sung the solo soprano parts in "Elijah" and the "Redemption" in Baltimore to the satisfaction of that most difficult of audiences, one composed in large part of personal friends. She is gifted, as well, with a charming manner and personal attractiveness, and displays that taste in dress which is always expected of the ladies of our sister city. A representative of the Choral Society, who visited Baltimore to hear her, speaks with enthusiasm of the delicacy of phrasing and finish of expression with which she sings, as well as of her delightfully clear enunciation.

Y. M. C. A.'S TISSOT LECTURES.—The second lecture of the Young Men's Christian Association course will be a stereopticon presentation of Tissot's famous paintings of the Life of Christ, by Mr. Cleveland Moffet of New York. The Tissot paintings have been faithfully and accurately reproduced at great expense, on glass slides, for use in this lecture. Added to these pictures are many slides made from photographs made by the lecturer. Preceding the lecture, and beginning at 7:30 o'clock, there will be an organ recital by Mr. John Porter Lawrence. Mrs. Thomas C. Noyes will sing "There is a Green Hill Far Away." The lecture will be given in the First Congregational Church, Friday evening of this week. It is an especially appropriate one in view of the near approach of the Christmas season and because of the fact that, beginning with January 1, the Sunday schools take up an eighteen months' study of the life of Christ.

THE JEFFRIES-SHARKEY FIGHT.—The biograph pictures at Convention Hall next week will no doubt tend to revive the discussion as to the merits of the decision in the great fistic encounter between Jeffries and Sharkey. There is one thing certain, these are the only real pictures, and they give the entire twenty-five rounds. After one has seen them people will be able to decide for themselves whether Referee Siler's decision was a robbery or not. The pictures are exceedingly clear. There is none of that sudden jumping from one position to another. They show when either of the fighters or the referee has something to say, and the play of the muscles, feints, leads, counters and jabs are all plainly portrayed. Sharkey gets the same hard blow in the ear as he did at Coney Island, and the battle takes on the same sanguinary aspects immediately following. All the clinching and hugging and infighting and manuevering in the breakaways are there. Bob Hilliard and Geo. Considine are in plain view and Martin Julian is a conspicuous figure. On a number of occasions people have arisen from their seats to make some remark, not realizing that they were not actually at the seaside arena. Business has been very big in Baltimore this week, and great numbers of ladies have seized this their only opportunity to witness such a contest.

CONCERT FOR THE FOUNDLING HOSPITAL.—There was an interesting musicale at the Universalist Church last night given by the National Conservatory of Music for the benefit of the Washington Hospital for Foundlings. The program included some well-known local musicians and all the efforts were greeted with applause. The most enjoyable numbers were the violin solos by Mr. Anton Kaspar, who played Sarasate's Fantasie on themes from "Faust" and a Hungarian dance by Nachez, demonstrating in both his artistic ability. Mr. Perry B. Turpin sang three tenor solos effectively, and Miss Myotilde Dexter sang an Ave Maria, arranged on the intermezzo from the "Cavalleria Rusticana," with an accompaniment composed of Miss Jessie Cowling, first violin; Miss Edna Bowers, second violin; Miss Florence Weiser, 'cellist, and Miss Alma Lemont, pianist. A string quartet, composed of Messrs. Emil O. Weber, Taylor Brenson, Louis Kruger and Julius Loeffler played Santelmann's Romance, in G minor, and Herbert's Seranade in a finished manner.

"THE PRINCESS CHIC."—For the beginning of the new calendar year at the Lafayette Square Opera House Manager Painter has secured "The Princess Chic" company, organized by Kirke La Shelle for the production of his own new opera comique of the same name.

Holiday Rates to Pittsburg, &c., via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Excursion tickets, Washington to Pittsburg, Connellsville, Uniontown, Dravosburg, Scottdale, Braddock, Dunbar, Fairchance, Mt. Pleasant and Johnstown, Pa., on sale December 23, 24, 25, 31, January 1, good to return until January 4, 1900, at rate of fare and one-third for round trip.—Advt.

Luxurious Carpets.

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At Messrs. Clark & Davenport's exclusive carpet house, 813 Pennsylvania avenue, the carpetings and rugs displayed may properly be termed magnificent. They come from the most famous makers and represent the highest degree of excellence reached by the carpetmaker's art. If you are to have guests during the holiday season, and want the house to look its best, you should select a rug or carpet at once. Though exceedingly busy with Christmas orders, Messrs. Clark & Davenport are delivering promptly goods selected from their stock.

There's a Christmas suggestion in their show windows in the form of carpet sweepers of the best make. A carpet sweeper saves the housewife an immense amount of labor and enables her to keep the rooms looking always tidy with very little exertion. Such a gift from a daughter or the head of the family is sure to be well received, and it is an eminently practical and sensible present to make, at the same time calling for a very modest outlay.

Need of Clothing.

The Associated Charities have made a special appeal to the public for bedding and warm underclothing. At a meeting of the district agents, held yesterday afternoon, it was reported from the various districts that there was a great need for warm underclothing, especially for children of school years and for old people; also that bed covering is much needed in some sections. Any person having such articles to contribute are requested to send them to the central office, 811 G street northwest, or to notify the society of their willingness to give such articles, and they will be called for.

Holiday Millinery.

The millinery rooms of Mrs. C. Stiebel, 1113 G street, present a bewildering display of all that is stylish and artistic in millinery. In fine feathers, especially, the assortment attracts unusual attention, containing as it does every style of feather decorations used in the production of "correct" millinery.

Ladies who have delayed their selection of winter hats and bonnets for the winter season are improving their opportunity to choose among the exceptionally artistic creations offered by Mrs. Stiebel at prices befitting the holiday season. All milliners, however apt in selecting and purchasing materials, have not the skill and taste which can turn them into artistic hats, but Mrs. Stiebel and her corps of assistants have established a reputation for knowing how to create the most becoming headwear for ladies offered in Washington.

Address Before Men's Meeting.

An address on "Sidney Lanier and His Work" was delivered last evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Society of the Church of the Covenant by ex-President Gates of Amherst College. There was a good attendance of members and their guests. Musical selections were given by Dr. Bliss and Mr. Henney.

Furniture at Baum's.

The holiday demand for furniture is unusually large this year. Prices never have been so low as now, and the manufacturers have reached a high standard in the production of artistic work.

At Baum's, 912 Pennsylvania avenue, are to be found some unusual bargains in both new and second-hand furniture. Congressmen who are fitting up office rooms and those who are setting up housekeeping for their stay here as members of the Fifty-sixth Congress have availed themselves of the bargains offered here in the way of new and second-hand desks, tables, chairs, etc., many of which appear never to have been used.

Good Bread for the Christmas Table.

Whatever dainties may be placed upon the Christmas dinner table, it is necessary then as on every other day in the year to have good bread as a part of the repast. Messrs. Corby Bros., 2335 Brightwood avenue, have made their "Mother's Bread" justly famous. It is made of the finest flour procurable, and contains more substantial nutriment than other bread offered for sale. When cut, the loaf reveals bread of fine grain and unequaled whiteness. It is the only bread you can buy which you will be entirely satisfied to set before your guests.

Messrs. Corby Bros. were the first in this city to adopt the eight-hour plan of labor for their employes. Their establishment is a model of business-like methods, and in its inviting cleanliness and perfect sanitary conditions, leads all bakeries.

BIG EUCHRE PARTY.

Entertainment Given by Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, F. A. A. M.

The large hall of Masonic Temple and the commodious rooms contiguous thereto were filled with an animated crowd last night, the occasion being the euchre party and musical entertainment given by Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, F. A. A. M. No less than 400 couples took part in the games, and the winners were Messrs. Henry M. Bennett and Wesley Grafton, who won first and second gentlemen's prizes, respectively, and Mrs. A. E. Carter and Mrs. W. E. Pressey, who won the first and second ladies' prizes. Musical selections were rendered during the evening by the Columbia Phonograph Company, Mrs. Hazard, Miss S. Moore, Miss Alice Irwin, Miss Elizabeth Tyler, Miss A. Springsguth, Miss Xarifa Hancock, Mr. J. H. Duffy, Miss Mabel A. Green and Miss Maedel.

The committee in charge consisted of Messrs. Harry McKeldin, chairman; W. Burton Green, Fred Randolph, William A. Kimmel, D. Coughlin, G. A. Whitaker, Jerome B. Burke, J. H. Church, W. P. H. Crews and Wm. J. Wallace.

PURE FOOD CONGRESS CALLED.

It Will Meet in This City March 7, 1900.

The executive committee of the national pure food and drug congress met yesterday at Willard's Hotel and decided to call the congress together in Washington March 7, 1900. The local advisory committee was requested to make the necessary arrangements, and Coresponding Secretary A. J. Wedderburn was instructed to issue the necessary call.

Those present at the meeting were Wm. Frear of Pennsylvania, who presided; F. J. H. Cracke, assistant pure food commissioner, New York; W. S. Thompson of Washington; Franklyn Dye, secretary state board of agriculture, Trenton, N. J.; Alexander J. Wedderburn of Virginia and Dr. H. W. Wiley, chemist, Department of Agriculture, and chairman of committee on legislation of the congress.

Quality Makes Success.

We guarantee 5-lb. boxes Creamery butter at $1.60 the cleanest and freshest that can be produced. James F. Oyster, 900 Pa. ave.; all markets; 'phone 271.—Advt.

Death of Andrew Grogan.

Mr. Andrew Grogan died yesterday, after a brief illness, at his residence, No. 1310 T street northwest, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. He was a printer by trade and for several years, until his crippled condition compelled him to retire, he was employed in the government printing office. He was a native of Brooklyn, but removed early to Bridgeport, Conn., where he served his apprenticeship. At the outbreak of the civil war he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the 6th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and served with much distinction. He was wounded at the battle of Bermuda Hundred in 1864, and when taken to the Hampton hospital it was necessary to amputate his leg near the hip. While recovering from the operation he became acquainted with Miss Harriett Preston, who was acting as nurse at the hospital. The acquaintance ripened into friendship, and later, when Lieutenant Grogan returned to Bridgeport, Miss Preston became his wife, and shortly afterward they came to this city. Mr. Grogan's widow survives him, but no children. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon and burial will be at Arlington.

Open and Closed Carriages for Hire

by trip, day and month; reasonable prices. Downey's Model Stables, 1622-28 L st.—Adv.

Tendered a Banquet.

The Lambda Chapter Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity of the Columbian University of this city was tendered a banquet by the Eta Chapter of the Maryland University last night at the St. James Hotel in Baltimore. A large party of Washingtonians went over last evening and returned this morning. In the massive banquet hall covers for seventy-five of the fraternity members were laid, and representatives from chapters in New York city, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Cornell were present, and partook of Maryland hospitality. Speechmaking, toasts, music, etc., occupied the larger portion of the evening.

The formation of a southern club, composed of graduate members of chapters of the south, and the election of officers were of the important features. W. B. Murray of Eta Chapter, Maryland University, was elected president; K. B. Turner of Lambda Chapter, Columbian University, vice president, and Horace M. Bell of Gamma Chapter of Cornell University, secretary.

Small's Flowers for Christmas.

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

A Christmas Picture.

A picture in colors, entitled "Christmas Joys," will be distributed by C. D. Kenny, the tea and coffee dealer, Saturday next at his store, 7th and I streets, and also at his other places of business in this city. It is a seasonable scene that is thus pictured, and is happily conceived and executed. A little girl in night clothes is represented coming down stairs, carrying in her arms several dolls which have evidently been just received from Santa Claus.

Confesses to Bad Habit.

John I. Sheehan, who told Judge Kimball that he had recently taken his discharge from Soldiers' Home, was in the toils this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct.

"I saw him coming down Pennsylvania avenue last night," said a policeman, "and heard him shouting, preaching and cursing. I thought at first he was crazy, but it proved to be a case of drinking."

"Judge, your honor," said Sheehan, "I have a habit of talking to myself when I've been taking a little."

"That's a rather bad habit," the judge told him, "especially when you use bad language."

"That's true," admitted Sheehan.

"Five dollars or fifteen days" was the penalty imposed.

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APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

Circular to Be Issued by Committees of Local Charities.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the finance committees of the Citizens' Relief Association and the Associated Charities it was decided to make a joint appeal to the citizens for support, as was done last year. The members of the committees are: Citizens' Relief Association, James E. Fitch, Gen. George M. Sternberg, George Truesdell, John Joy Edson and Herbert W. Lewis; Associated Charities, Archibald Hopkins, Thomas W. Smith, F. L. Moore and Dr. A. A. Hoehling.

The joint committee decided upon the following general appeal: "Those who have heretofore contributed to the work, as well as the public at large, are earnestly requested to send their contributions to Beriah Wilkins, Washington Post, or to John Joy Edson, Washington Loan and Trust Company, without waiting for the formal appeal to be made by letter or canvasser." Circular letters will be issued.

Judge Gave Him Four Months.

"You old — —," was the response of John Harddasher, an elderly man, when arraigned in the Police Court this morning on a charge of vagrancy.

"Do you plead guilty or not guilty?" the clerk inquired.

"Guilty, h—," he answered. "I'll blow the whole — — of a court up with gunpowder."

Policeman Brennan told Judge Kimball that he arrested the prisoner on Pennsylvania avenue this morning.

"He was drunk," said the officer, "and I saw him 'hold up' several people."

"What do you know about the prisoner?" Judge Kimball inquired.

"I've seen him about the avenue selling baskets," answered the officer, "and he's frequently under the influence of liquor."

Judge Kimball sentenced the old man to four months on the farm in default of security, and he went back to the cell using profane language and indulging in threats.

Sentenced to Reform School.

Nora Matthews, colored, fourteen years old, was sentenced to the reform school by Judge Scott today. Her father preferred a charge of incorrigibility against her. Although she is so young the child is the mother of an infant.

Bad Complexions
Pimples Blotches Blackheads
Red, rough, oily skin, red, rough hands with shapeless nails, dry, thin and falling hair, and baby blemishes prevented by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world. Absolutely pure, delicately medicated, exquisitely perfumed, surpsingly effective, it produces the whitest, clearest skin, the softest hands and most luxuriant, lustrous hair.

CITY ITEMS.

The Finest Oysters in Washington

Are served at the Hotel Johnson Cafes. A constantly growing patronage is the best evidence of the above statement. Their Lynn Haven Bays and Cherrystones are par excellence, and their standard steamed would pass for selects. The midday lunch and 5 o'clock dinner continue to grow in popular favor. 1t

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