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DOCTOR SCHLESINGER OF CALIFORNIA, THE Celebrated Test and Healing Medium, has located at 618 9th st. n.w., where he will give his patrons undeniable evidence of the immortality of the soul. He will also cure the Tobacco and Alcohol Habit. de25-3t*

ALL WHO DESIRE TO BECOME INCORPORATORS of the Robert E. Lee Monument Association will please call at the office of Mr. Robinson, 704 14th st. n.w., WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27, 11 a.m., to sign the articles of incorporation. Robt. E. Lee Mon. Asso. Mrs. FLORENCE S. VANCE, Pres.
de25-2t*

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—and Oil Coats for those whose work keeps them outdoors. We supply most of the policemen, motormen, etc.
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A lovely showing of New Year Calendars—from the small miniature kind to the largest and handsomest that are made—plain and artistically decorated. Prices are most reasonable.
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NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Second National Bank of Washington, D. C., will be held at the bank on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1900, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 2 o'clock p.m.
JOHN C. ECKLOFF, Cashier.
de7,11,19,26,ja2,8-6t

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL SUPERVISORS, Washington, D. C., Dec. 15, 1899.
PHYSICIANS and MIDWIVES desiring to enter the January examinations of candidates for licenses to practice medicine and to practice midwifery, respectively, should file their application with the undersigned on or before the 27th INSTANT. WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D., Secy.
de14,21,26

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Charles Schneider Baking Co. for the election of board of directors to serve for the ensuing year and other matters of business will be held at the Hotel Fleischmann, Alexandria, Va., on Wednesday, January 3, 1900, at 4 p.m.
Transfer books will be closed 10 days prior to this meeting.
CHARLES SCHNEIDER, Pres.
de12-t,th,s-7t* JAS. B. LAMBIE, Sec'y.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE Capital Traction Company for the election of directors will be held at the office of the company, Union Passenger Station, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th of January, 1900.
The polls will be opened at 10:30 a.m. and closed at 1 p.m.
G. T. DUNLOP, President.
C. M. KOONES, Secretary. de23-to jal9n

SPIRITUALISM.—MRS. ZOLLER, SPIRITUAL MEDIUM, 962 H ST. N.W.—SEANCES SUNDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY EVENINGS. INTERVIEWS DAILY. de9-18t*

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23, 1899.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Capital Typewriting Machine Company will be held on TUESDAY, January 2, 1900, at 1 o'clock p.m., at the office of Henry L. Bryan, No. 1331 F st. n.w., Washington, D. C., to elect directors for the ensuing year.
FRANCIS HUFTY, Secretary.
de23-7t*

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Look at your card case and see if it needs replenishing. We print them almost equal to engraving—Engraved ones, too, if you can wait.
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No Festivities
Are complete without a sufficient quantity of Pure Berkeley Rye, the finest, purest, most creamy whisky manufactured. $1 a full quart. Telephone 1141.
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Music for Xmas
Entertainments is the proper thing at your home. Get a Graphophone outfit and you are always prepared. Outfits, $5.50 up.
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It will pay you to inspect our goods, and ESPECIALLY OUR PRICES.
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de16-12tf 726 15TH ST.

Old District Families.
A list of persons now residents of the District of Columbia whose ancestors were living in the District in the year 1800 is being prepared under the direction of the Columbia Historical Society.
This undertaking can be accomplished only through the co-operation of the persons referred to, who are requested to send their names and those of their said ancestors as promptly as possible to the secretary of the society.
Mrs. MARY STEVENS BEALL,
de16-1m-14 1643 32d st.

FOR SALE OR FOR RENT.
INTER-OCEAN BUILDING.
The receiver of the Inter-ocean Building Company will entertain offers for the purchase or rent of its nine-story brick and stone building, No. 512 9th st. n.w., with a frontage of 39 feet 1 inch by a depth of 107.17 feet to a wide alley. Each floor affords about 4,000 feet of space. Liberal terms will be made with purchasers, or the building will be rented as a whole or by floors. For further information apply to NATHL. WILSON,
Receiver, Public building,
Or DUNCANSON BROS., D and 9th sts. n.w.
de11-tf

WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Market Company will be held in the office of the company, in Center Market, in the city of Washington, D. C., at 12 o'clock noon, on the FIRST MONDAY, being the FIRST DAY, OF JANUARY, 1900, for the election of thirteen directors to serve the ensuing year, and to act on any other subject within the power of the corporation that may come before the meeting.
F. G. WILKINS, Secretary.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, 1899.

Important to Horse Owners.
WE ARE SHOWING THIS SEASON A MOST COMPLETE LINE OF HORSE BLANKETS AND CARRIAGE ROBES, AND ARE OFFERING SPECIAL VALUES IN EACH GRADE. IF YOU'VE ONE OR MANY TO BUY WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

A. A. S. R.—A MEETING OF ALBERT PIKE Consistory, No. 1, M. R. S., will be held in the Cathedral, 1007 G st. n.w., DECEMBER 27, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Business, election of officers.
By order of
WM. OSCAR ROOME, 33°, V. M. K.
HALVOR NELSON, 33°, Registrar. de26-2t

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the City and Suburban Railway of Washington for the election of nine directors to serve for the ensuing year and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 14th and East Capitol sts., Washington, D. C., on WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1900, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p.m.
Transfer books will be closed on January 6 and remain closed until January 11, 1900.
de26,29,ja2,4,9 JAMES B. LACKEY, Secretary.

EVERY INDICATION POINTS TO INCREASED prosperity for the New Year. A necessary investment is a Mille Suit or Overcoat. Made right, out of the right materials. Style and fit correct, and prices proper.
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de26-7tf 927 9th st. n.w., N. Y. ave. junction.

A CARD.—THE GEORGETOWN SISTERS OF THE Visitation return grateful thanks to their friends and the public in general for the great assistance rendered at the late fire, as also the sympathy universally manifested. Classes will be resumed Jan. 10, 1900. 1t

FOR MORNING WEDDINGS AND AFTERNOON dresswear the Frock Suit is the proper garment. Have you one? Every dressy man should own a Frock Suit. They're becoming and will fit right if Gatchel makes them. Fit or no pay.
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SPIRITUALISM—J. H. ALTEMUS WILL HOLD A meeting THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, December 26, at Wenn's Hall, 721 9th st. n.w. 1t*

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You want a Dress Suit probably—lots of invitations will come in now. Our Perfect-fitting Dress Suits satisfy the most exacting and cost much less than you'd expect.
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TAKE WARNING.
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FAIR TOMORROW,

But the Cold Weather Will Probably Continue.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Wednesday: For the District of Columbia, eastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, fair; continued cold tonight, Wednesday and probably Thursday; light to fresh west to north winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast: Cold weather is general this morning from the Mississippi valley eastward, the line of zero temperature extending into central Iowa. Temperatures have also fallen generally and considerably in the slope and Rocky mountain regions, but as a rule are above the seasonal average.

A slight depression persists in western Ontario, and as a result there have been snows in the lake regions. There were snows and rains on portions of the New England coast, rains in the south Atlantic states and light local snows in the lower Ohio valley followed generally by clearing weather. There were also snows in the Dakotas and Montana.

With the exception of light snow along the lower lakes tonight, fair weather is indicated generally tonight and Wednesday from the southwestern states eastward and northeastward, probably continuing during Thursday in the Atlantic states.

It will be colder tonight in the southwest, and continued cold tonight and Wednesday in the central valleys, east and south.

On the Atlantic coast the winds will be light to fresh west to north.

Records for Twenty-Four Hours.

The following were the readings of the thermometer and barometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four hours beginning at 2 p.m. yesterday:

Thermometer—December 25, 4 p.m., 32; 8 p.m., 26; 12 midnight, 22. December 26, 4 a.m., 21; 8 a.m., 19; 12 noon, 26; 2 p.m., 28. Maximum, 32, at 4 p.m. December 25; minimum, 19, at 8 a.m. December 26.

Barometer—December 25, 4 p.m., 29.63; 8 p.m., 29.74; 12 midnight, 29.78. December 26, 4 a.m., 29.86; 8 a.m., 29.96; noon, 29.95; 2 p.m., 29.93.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 32; condition, 1; receiving reservoir, temperature, 38; condition at north connection, 2; condition at south connection, 5; distributing reservoir, temperature, 38; condition at influent gate house, 26; effluent gate house, 31.

At Harper's Ferry.

The Baltimore and Ohio agent at Harper's Ferry reports both rivers as being high and muddy at that point this morning.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide, 8:45 a.m. and 9:35 p.m.; high tide, 1:47 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 9:37 a.m. and 10:28 p.m.; high tide, 2:37 a.m. and 3:22 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Today—Sun rises, 7:21; sun sets, 4:44. Moon rises, 2:13 a.m. tomorrow.

Tomorrow—Sun rises, 7:21.

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 5:23 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 6:26 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named.

Arc lamps lighted at 5:08 p.m.; extinguished at 6:41 a.m.

CONDENSED LOCALS.

Charles Sherwood today pleaded guilty of disorderly conduct yesterday, and Judge Kimball imposed a fine of $5, which was not paid, and in default he was committed for fifteen days.

Laura Day today pleaded guilty of assaulting Katie Cumberland and of disorderly conduct. The assault took place, Katie said, in a cell at the fourth precinct station last evening, and Laura was fined $5 in each case. She did not pay, and went for thirty days.

Algy Proctor was today convicted before Judge Kimball of assaulting his wife and malicious destruction of property. He was fined $20 for the first offense and $5 for the second, and in default of payment was committed for seventy-five days.

Patrick A. Breen, who claimed to be an inmate of the Dayton, Ohio, Soldiers' Home, was today convicted before Judge Kimball of begging on the street last evening, and the penalty was thirty days in the workhouse. He was committed.

Joseph Jones today pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly yesterday, and Judge Kimball fined him $10, with the alternative of thirty days in the workhouse. He chose the latter.

Caleb Adams and George Brown were today each fined $5 by Judge Kimball for disorderly conduct in Ivy City last evening.

William Gunson, seventeen years old, living at No. 507 E street northeast, was struck on the head with a bottle yesterday, which had been thrown by a colored lad named Harry Dodson, and painfully injured. He was riding his bicycle near 7th and E streets northeast at the time the affair happened. After being attended by a physician the injured boy was removed to his home.

Decided on a Miners' Strike.

At a meeting of 2,500 miners yesterday in St. Etienne, France, a resolution was adopted in favor of declaring a general strike in the coal basin of the Loire today. A sympathy movement involving 50,000 men is feared. The prosperity of the coal trade led the miners to demand an increase of wages, shorter hours and a formal recognition of the miners' federation by the companies. The latter made an offer of five per cent increase, but this was refused.

It is reported that the bubonic plague has made its appearance at Noumea, capital of the French penal colony of New Caledonia.

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JURORS FOR LOCAL COURTS

Those Who Will Do Duty at Beginning of the New Year.

Grand Jury and Police Court Panel Will Serve Three Months—Others During January.

The following have been summoned for service on the grand jury, the Police Court jury and the juries for the criminal and circuit branches of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Those for the grand jury and the Police Court jury will serve during the months of January, February and March next. Those for the branches of the District Supreme Court will serve during January only. The Police Court jury will report at 10 o'clock the morning of Monday, the 1st proximo. The term of service of the others will begin at 10 o'clock the morning of Tuesday, the 2d proximo.

Grand Jury.

George N. Moran, 739 13th street southeast; Philip Young, 47 Riggs Market; Edward Stevens, 1510 P street; Fred W. Graham, 1920 H street; Thomas Binnix, 1212 Pennsylvania avenue; Charles Miller, 1621 35th street; Charles Rawlings, 2133 L street; Daniel P. Ashford, 3208 O street; Alexander Munro, 732 Steuben street; Alexander H. Plitt, 524 Q street; Edwin C. Myers, 604 E street; Edward S. Ransdell, 1312 S street; George Pfluger, Bunker Hill and Queen's Chapel roads; Edward Kolb, 811 E street; August B. P. Palmer, 815 6th street; Theodore Heilman, 1735 Pennsylvania avenue; James A. Talbert, 1203 B street northeast; J. H. Pierce, Bowen road; Edward G. Nalls, 119 3d street northeast; Otto J. Batsch, 21st and L streets; James M. Carpenter, 815 14th street; Thomas Bishop, 1210 10th street southeast, and W. Lewis Sherwood, Queen's Chapel road.

Criminal Court No. 1.

Emanuel Hanlein, 706 I street southeast; Joseph R. Thomas, Brightwood; Edward F. Riggs, 2138 K street; Alexander B. Garden, Minnesota avenue, Anacostia; John W. Beah, 619 N street; E. E. Fisher, 1705 Pennsylvania avenue; Myer Nordlinger, 3032 M street; John F. Brown, 2307 Champlain avenue; Edward E. Deener, 3128 P street; W. P. Pierce, Bowen road; Charles Campbell, Lin Howard street; James B. Cockran, 343 F street southwest; Abraham Haas, 1009 8th street southeast; Ernest Ellis, Canal road; William Miller, Sergeant road; Walter F. Appleby, 308 10th street; Frank H. Youngs, 1404 Pennsylvania avenue; W. O. Bresnahan, Lincoln avenue northeast; Martin G. Copeland, 507 C street southeast; N. Keyser, Benning, D. C.; Charles A. Darling, 635 Morris street northeast; George J. May, 609 M street; Joseph H. Bramhall, 807 14th street; John H. F. Glick, 1528 Columbia street; A. B. Graham, 1407 16th street, and E. N. McComas, 14th and L streets.

Criminal Court No. 2.

Charles Demonet, 1714 Pennsylvania avenue; George F. Bateman, 521 11th street southeast; Edward Ehrmantrout, Fowler's Hill; Charles E. Ferguson, 422 5th street southeast; Ford Ricks, Canal road; Robert A. Phillips, 700 14th street; Charles H. Blumer, North Capitol and R streets; Richard C. M. Burton, 911 E street; James M. Flood, 816 K street southeast; Joseph H. Curran, 905 I street; Isaac N. Russell, 1011 New Jersey avenue southeast; P. V. Hough, 2104 I street; H. Richard Laws, 140 Garfield avenue; A. Fred Jorss, 315 13th street; George A. Fischer, 610 O street; Joseph Flynn, 1241 B street southeast; Thomas H. Scott, 417 B street northeast; Charles E. Gross, 14th and Park streets; John H. Souders, 520 10th street; James W. Coles, Hope avenue, between 12th and 13th, C and D streets southeast; Oscar T. Towner, 1831 4th street; Charles Wood, 704 6th street southwest; John H. Gates, 1225 11th street southeast; Martin V. Webb, 625 E street; Franklin V. Killian, 504 13th street, and Francis L. Allen, Fillmore and Jefferson streets, Anacostia.

Circuit Court No. 1.

George W. Smith, 1640 10th street; James Waters, Conduit road; John A. Gray, jr., 1505 N street; Adelburt Gordon, 1521 5th street; Ferdinand Espey, 412 10th street southeast; Jacob S. Duvall, 1318 I street; Peyton W. Street, 1501 M street; Benjamin Buckner, 1001 P street; William Munday, 2707 Dumbarton avenue; George Busey, 1217 25th street; George A. White, 1429 Pennsylvania avenue; John C. Widmayer, Lamon, Blair road; Robert H. Hunter, 1809 14th street; George E. Thompson, 1222 4½ street southwest; Eugene Davis, 1530 34th street; Charles E. Nelson, 701 I street southeast; Edwin C. Coleman, 323 Pennsylvania avenue; James H. Dyer, 3420 Prospect avenue; Charles Haislup, 232 G street; Oscar W. White, 1114 F street; J. A. Dumbaugh, 2131 Virginia avenue; W. W. Brenerman, 1723 20th street; William Henderson, 470 School street southwest; George H. Bliss, 950 S street; William H. Rapley, National Theater, and Thomas Miller, Sergeant road.

Circuit Court No. 2.

John R. Illrie, 1204 H street; Charles H. Fearson, 1117 15th street; Harry Davie, 718 7th street southeast; George W. Fowler, 33 Harrison street, Anacostia; James Pierce, Bowen road; Harry E. Rupprecht, 719 3d street northeast; Paul R. Hallam, 504 C street southeast; John V. Lord, Bunker Hill road; Edward Poll, Fowler's road; H. Hammond, 1420 Pennsylvania avenue; Arthur L. Grimes, 3208 O street; Richard T. Talbert, 1235 10th street southeast; Cyrus Spottswood, 78 Defrees street; Henry Grimes, Giesboro'; Andrew J. Beyer, Giesboro'; John W. Fossett, 1218 G street; John D. Robinson, 910 10th street; Edward Griebius, 1591 7th street; Charles Schnebel, 425 12th street; George W. Yeatman, 461 G street southwest; Charles B. Hough, 1805 9th street; M. A. Kelley, 637 D street southwest; M. W. Burdette, 1419 Howard avenue; George Thomas, Canal road; Chas. S. Fishbaugh, 1330 14th street, and James Dove, 701 I street southeast.

Police Court.

John M. Clark, 128 4th street northeast; Edward G. Evans, 1311 Riggs street; George M. Sothoron, 1609 32d street; William R. Bouis, 1504 7th street; John Wormley, 1420 P street; James H. Byram, 2027 H street; Charles C. Smith, 1613 Madison street; Charles A. Daly, 2116 K street; Walter Abrams, 2462 P street; Nicholas McNelly, 224 3d street southeast; H. J. Leitneitzer, 480 F street southwest; John Draley, 2447 P street; Frank Whiting, 1919 G street; Edward Hunter, Good Hope; Otto Fisher, 1224 32d street; John T. Moling, 457 P street; H. Kleindenst, Rockville road; Edward Padget, Ridge road; George W. Stepper, 611 C street southwest; J. Johnson Hall, 417 7th street; John A. Power, 1140 22d street; C. R. Cole, 1746 New York avenue; William Beasley, 911 G street southeast; D. Scott Braddock, 33 Riggs Market; Thomas F. Higgs, 1217 K street southeast, and Peter W. Ross, 619 2d street southwest.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

Exercises Wednesday Evening by McKendree M. E. Sunday School.

McKendree Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will have its Christmas entertainment Wednesday evening, the 27th instant, at 7:30 o'clock. The following program will be rendered: Opening chorus, "Message of the Bells;" invocation, by R. V. Belt, superintendent; chorus, "Sing Alleluia;" apostles' creed by the school; chorus, "Message of Christmas Time;" responsive Scripture reading by the school; chorus, "Welcome, Happy Christmas; address by Rev. Henry R. Naylor, D. D., pastor; chorus, "Awake, Oh Slumbering Hope;" recitation, "Jack's Christmas Story," Miss Edna Middleton; recitation, "Why I am Glad for Christmas," Miss Ella Dick; chorus, "Beautiful Christmas;" exercise, "Prince of Peace," by Misses Louise Sturgis, Florence Hinkle, Fannie Cissel, May Bickerton, May Haradon, Agnes Haase, Grace Mackenzie, Edith Watson, May Stief, Annie Williams, Ella Dick, Lillian Watson, Josephine Bickerton; recitation, "Under the Holly Bough," Miss May Stief; chorus "Ring Out, Ye Merry Bells;" recitation, "The Burden of the Bells," Miss Grace Mackenzie; recitation, "Peace on Earth," Miss Bessie Sisson; chorus, "Hear the Angels Singing;" recitation, "A Story of the Olden Time," Miss Josephine Bickerton; recitation, "Elsie's Christmas Dream," Miss Florence Hinkle; chorus, "Sleep, Holy Babe;" exercise by primary department; closing chorus, "The Glad Bells."

AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN.

Improvements to Old Seminary Buildings—Other News.

The work of improving the old seminary buildings at the northeast corner of 30th and N streets, has been commenced. The plans for the improvement were drawn up some time ago, but the delay in commencing the work was due to the failure of the deed to be received earlier, the conveyance being sent to Russia, where some of the Bordisco heirs lived, for their signature. The instrument was received from there about a month ago, and immediately recorded, and the contemplated improvements started. The entire rear of the present building has been torn out, and many other portions will be removed. When the work is entirely completed a large apartment house will be the result.

An unknown man, aged about thirty-five years, fell from a west-bound Metropolitan car yesterday afternoon about 12:50 o'clock on P street between 32d and 33d streets, but when approached refused to give his name or address to the conductor of the car. The man struck the ground on his face and sustained slight injuries. He had several friends on the car who took him in charge and assisted him to his home.

The funeral of Daniel Correll, a well-known young man, took place this morning at 9 o'clock from Trinity Church. The deceased was about twenty-six years of age, and had resided in Georgetown almost all his life.

The funeral of Arthur Tansley, who died Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, took place this morning at 9:30 o'clock from his late residence, 2915 P street. The deceased was thirty-five years of age and leaves a widow.

The change of Marketmaster Williams in placing the country people in the stands in the rear of the M street market meets with the approval of all of the residents of the town who patronize the place. The experiment has been in operation for several weeks and has become so popular, it is said, that it will undoubtedly become a permanent thing.

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.

SENATOR MORGAN REPLIES.

Repeats His Charge Made in the Senate Against Gov. Johnston.

Senator John T. Morgan has replied to the open letter of Gov. Johnston of Alabama, charging that certain indirect statements made concerning his (Johnston's) connection with the university land scandal upon the floor of the United States Senate were untrue.

The reply severely criticises the governor's action in connection with the sale of valuable mineral lands of the state university lands to the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company. It continues, in part:

"You have attempted to put my statement in a false and garbled way, so that you could make a denial of what you either invented or profess to have heard that I have said in the Senate, knowing that you could not deny what I did say."

After quoting from the Record the words used in reference to all Alabama corporations seeking protection of the laws of New Jersey, Senator Morgan continues:

"The charge is distinct and unambiguous that you owned or had owned a large amount of stock in an Alabama corporation, one of several that had sold their property of every kind to the New Jersey company, and that this Alabama corporation 'leads the procession' in a monster monopoly, that had to leave Alabama to find home and shelter in New Jersey. You cannot misunderstand this charge, nor can any honest man mistake it. And, as I stated it in the Senate, you know that it is strictly true."

In conclusion Senator Morgan says:

"You doubtless feel very strong in your supposed ability to rule the state by the machinery in your hands; but very recent lessons should admonish you that you are also subject to the power of the laws, state and federal, and you cannot press your defiant contempt of the rights of the state and the people to complete success."

DEATH OF THOMAS CHILDS.

Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock over the remains of Thomas Childs at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Merriam, 1205 I street. The Bookbinders' Society, of which the deceased was a member, has charge of the funeral arrangements.

Rev. Dr. Hartsock, pastor of Douglas Memorial Church, will officiate, and the interment will be at Glenwood cemetery.

Mr. Childs was born at Carlisle, Pa., nearly seventy-one years ago, but most of his life was spent in this city and Baltimore. For the past five years he had been employed in the War Department branch of the government printing office.

He held a position in the patent office before the civil war, and was foreman of a number of shops for private firms.

Two sons and two daughters survive him.

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SYNDICATE BUYS SQUAW ISLAND.

Millions to Be Expended in Dock Improvements at Buffalo.

Squaw Island, near Buffalo, has passed into the ownership of a syndicate of capitalists, and between $10,000,000 and $12,000,000 is to be expended there in building 3,000 feet of dockage, in establishing immense blast furnaces and malleable steel works, in building several extensive warehouses to serve as a distributing station for Minneapolis flour to eastern points and for export, and in building other warehouses to be used in transfer of freight between the lake marine and the railways. The deal was closed Thursday last. An option was on the property for thirty days.

The island consists of 175 acres, and was sold through a New York agent. Although their names are not given, some of the capitalists are New York city and Philadelphia men, and it is believed that the Frick-Rockefeller syndicate has something to do with it. That the company is composed of influential men is claimed to be shown by the fact that they have had little trouble in persuading the federal government to recommend improvements in the Niagara river.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHAKEN.

Buildings Wrecked at San Jacinto—Damage Amounting to $50,000.

A disastrous earthquake occurred at 4:25 yesterday morning at San Jacinto, Cal. Nearly every two-story building was wrecked, and it is estimated that the damage will aggregate over $50,000. The main shock was preceded by a loud, roaring sound and awakened many just in time to escape from the doomed buildings. The business street is such a wreck that tons of debris had to be removed before the buildings could be entered.

At Saboba Indian reservation six squaws were killed by falling walls, two fatally injured and many seriously injured. The shock caused dry artesian wells to flow larger streams than ever before. Considerable damage was reported in near-by villages.

"The 20th Century Muddle."

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

Referring to your editorial "The 20th Century Muddle," appearing in Saturday's issue, December 23, and wherein you hold that the twentieth century will begin with the 1st of January, 1901, instead of January 1, 1900, I beg to submit a few statements:

I believe that the twentieth century will begin with the 1st of January, 1900, for the reason that nineteen hundred years will have been recorded by the Gregorian calendar with the close of December 31, 1899, and because: The present system of recording time did not begin with a "completed year of time," but with one "day," then two days, a week, one month, two months, and so on until twelve months passed over. At the completion of the last day of the twelfth month the year "one" was called into service; but, mind you, one complete year had been paid over before we were entitled to employ "one" year, and it is for this reason that your illustration of paying out $20 does not apply in this case. If a debt of $19 is to be met with $18, it can be accomplished very nicely if $1 of it is canceled to begin with. Just such conditions surround the "20th Century Muddle" problem. One year of time had passed when the year "one" was started on; two years had expired when "two" was first opened up; and 100 years were left behind with December 31, 99. Therefore, nineteen hundred years will have been counted off with December 31, 1899; and January 1, 1900, should be rightly installed as the beginning of the twentieth century. Respectfully,
FRANK H. THATCHER.
December 23, 1899.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

Sir: I believe your contention as to the beginning of the next century to be correct, notwithstanding your views are at variance with those of such high authority as his holiness and the kaiser. Your illustration was both convincing and conclusive. Let me give another to fortify your claims and to make it a little plainer, if possible. Suppose one has 20 volumes of 100 pages each and numbered consecutively from 1 to 2,000, both inclusive. In which volume will page 1900 be found? Surely not in volume 20 as claimed by said high authority, but on the last page of volume 19. It follows, therefore, that another year must come and go before its new century begins.
J. BROWN.

The Twentieth Century.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

I presume the letter of Pope Leo XIII was not before you when the paragraph on the close of the century in last Saturday's Star was written. I send you the following extract from that document, showing that he did not declare the nineteenth century to be ended with the close of this year. The language is as follows:

Since, moreover, at midnight of the last day of December of the coming year the present century will come to an end and a new one begin, it is very appropriate that thanks be given to God by some pious and solemn ceremony for the benefits received during the course of the present century, and, owing to the urgent recessities of the times, that great favors be implored in order to begin auspiciously the new era.

Therefore, in order that the approaching year, 1900, may begin happily through the supplication of the assistance of God and His only begotten Son, our Redeemer, and that it may end, after a prosperous course, by ushering in a still more happy century, as it is right for us to expect, our most holy father, Leo XIII, graciously concedes that, with the prudent consent of the ordinary of every place, at midnight on the 31st day of December, both of the closing and of the coming year, in all churches and chapels where the most blessed sacrament is rightfully kept, the same most august sacrament may be exposed to adoration; and permission is given to read or to sing at the same hour "Coram Sanctissimo," one mass of the feast of the circumcision of our Lord and the octave of the nativity, and permission is given by special favor to the faithful to receive holy communion either during the mass or after it, all necessary conditions to be observed.

December 26, 1899. M.

(Our correspondent "M." is correct. When the paragraph referred to was written the writer had not seen the papal letter, but accepted as correct the interpretation given to it by one of our exchanges.)

Will Be a Total Loss.

Captain Baines of the British steamer Ariosto, which ran ashore four miles south of the Cape Hatteras life-saving station Sunday morning, has reported to the agents at Norfolk that his ship will prove a total loss. The tug Rescue, which reached the Ariosto yesterday, has been unable to do anything toward floating her, because of the rough sea off the coast.

AFFAIRS IN ALEXANDRIA

The Military Road Case Called Before the County Court.

Ownership of Portion of Thoroughfare Involved—An Attempt at Suicide—General and Personal.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 26, 1899.

The December term of the Alexandria county court, Judge J. M. Love, presiding, opened this morning at 11 o'clock at Fort Myer Heights. The case of the commonwealth against Howard P. Marshall, which has been twice postponed, was called.

As heretofore stated in The Star, this suit affects the ownership of the military road extending from Rosslyn to the west gate of Arlington cemetery. The litigation results from a long standing contention between private claimants of the thoroughfare and the county authorities. Last fall H. P. Marshall, representing the private claimants, proceeded to put the matter to a test by placing obstructions over the road near the Murray tract. Sheriff Palmer placed him under arrest, and a justice of the peace imposed a fine of $50. From this an appeal was taken, and it is said the case will probably be taken to the higher courts.

Attorneys John M. Johnson of this city and Morgan Beach of Washington represent the defendant, and Attorneys Francis L. Smith and C. C. Carlin appeared for the commonwealth. By special direction of the Attorney General, District Attorney Allen of the eastern district of Virginia, which includes Alexandria county, has charge of the government's interest in the hearing of the case.

Attempted Suicide.

Alexander Rowe, a colored barber, made an unsuccessful attempt to end his life shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by swallowing a large dose of laudanum. He was discovered when gradually yielding to the influence of the poison and conveyed to police headquarters, where Dr. E. A. Gorman administered emetics and saved the man's life.

It is said that Rowe had imbibed freely of Christmas whisky before taking his almost fatal draught. He purchased 10 cents' worth of laudanum from a drug store, giving the druggist to understand that he was suffering from toothache. Shortly afterward Rowe was seen acting in a peculiar manner and the empty bottle helped to explain what had occurred.

When restored to the possession of his faculties at the station house he refused to give a reason for his rash act, saying only that God and he knew the cause. Rowe has a wife and children at 224 G street northwest, Washington. He is out of prison on bail, awaiting trial on a charge of stealing a horse and buggy.

It will be recalled that Rowe rendered Warden Hammill at the city jail valuable aid in preventing the escape of Gus Dorsey and other prisoners in October.

Old Citizen Passes Away.

James H. Devaughn died this morning about 5 o'clock at his residence, No. 516 King street. Deceased had been in feeble health for the past few years, having been confined almost constantly to his home. He was eighty-three years of age.

Mr. Devaughn was a highly respected and leading citizen. For years he conducted a large furniture store on King street and was connected with other business interests in Alexandria. At the time of his death Mr. Devaughn was the oldest Odd Fellow in town, holding membership in Potomac Lodge. Two grown daughters, Mrs. J. W. May and Miss Alice Devaughn, survive him. Funeral will take place at 3 o'clock p.m. Thursday.

General Affairs.

The remains of Col. Samuel Johnson, whose recent death occurred at Orange, N. J., will reach here this afternoon and be interred tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Fred. Johnson, nephew of the deceased, on North Washington street. Col. Johnson was a brother of the late Major George Johnson. He was well known in this city, having resided here for a number of years. Interment will be in the Presbyterian cemetery.

In the police court this morning Wm. Thomas, colored, was arraigned before Mayor Simpson, charged with shooting a pistol at Frank Keith, also colored, on Upper King street, yesterday. The complainant did not appear, but Officer Lyles, who