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The Washington Post broke all records in newspaper dishonesty this morning by printing the word "Extra" conspicuously on the first page of its regular city edition, thereby deluding hundreds of its regular subscribers into buying the same paper a second time from street newsboys and paying five cents for it. We congratulate our bunco contemporary. Washington is a conservative town, but its people thoroughly appreciate such enterprise as this.

Richard Jackson, a Pullman car porter, who is suing his wife for divorce, has received permission from a justice of the peace to employ a housekeeper to take care of his child.

The coroner has given a certificate of death from natural causes in the case of Mrs. Henry Gray, who died suddenly at Deanwood on Sunday.

The coroner has decided that Mrs. Thompson, who dropped dead in Ninth Street, Sunday, died from natural causes.

Charles Thomas, who was seriously hurt while driving a car Saturday night, is better.

WHITE HOUSE TELEGRAPH.

Wires Connecting With the Forts Placed in Position.

A force of workmen began digging a trench yesterday between the State Department and the White House. This trench will hold a conduit that will contain the telegraph lines leading from all the fortifications up and down the Atlantic seaboard and the gulf.

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Suicide Theory Exploded

"The clothing found at the basin at the foot of Seventeenth Street belonged to Samuel Robertson, a colored newsboy, who bought a new suit and went there to change his clothes." This message sent by police station No. 1, explained the supposed suicide announced last evening by the police. The report was started by Charles Coleman and George F. Reed, boys, living at No. 939 Baptist Alley. They saw a boy go toward the basin and undress. Then he disappeared leaving behind several articles of clothing. The boys hurried to notify the police. Samuel Furtner saw the clothes and took them to the station. Detective Kilmartin examined them and found a note book indicating the name of the owner. This morning Robertson appeared at the station and claimed the articles and explained that he went to the basin to change his clothes and put on his new suit.

The Art Loan Exhibition.

The general promenade concert at the old Corcoran Gallery last night was in keeping with the brilliant success that attended the opening of the Art Loan Exhibition last week. The Sixth Cavalry Band was the musical attraction and the selections given were listened to by hundreds of visitors, the majority of whom remained throughout the evening to look at the rare works of art, and to chat with each other about the all absorbing topic, war. The exhibition is open today and tea will be poured, as usual at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Later on in the week it is expected that tableaus and other attractive features will add to the pleasure of the afternoon.

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AT THE THEATERS.

Lafayette—"The Highwayman."

Joseph O'Mara, Jerome Sykes, Camille d'Arville, Van Rensselaer Wheeler, Nellie Braggins, Harry MacDonough and a host of other noted entertainers presented De Koven and Smith's latest opera, "The Highwayman," last night at the Lafayette Square Opera House. A large and apparently well satisfied audience was present in spite of heat and the amount of competition, political and theatrical.

Had the opera come to this city merely as an ordinary product one could not have helped liking it, even though he saw and understood its faults. But as an assured metropolitan success it promised much more than it fulfilled and the result was disappointment. Only the capability of the Broadway Theater Opera Company saved it.

In the libretto of the piece Harry B. Smith has done what is undoubtedly his most inferior work. The story is illy constructed, devoid of witty lines or bright speeches and conventional in the extreme. Interest hangs on two issues and each of these has been used time and time again by farceurs and librettists. The tale of a man robbing another and then appearing in his clothing to claim a bride is so old that it should be retired on a pension. In the entire book there is one laughable characterization, a mixture of Sherlock Holmes, the Sheriff of Nottingham and the sleuth personated by Willie Collier, in "Little Christopher," all rolled together and cemented with true operatic license. This part, capably played by Mr. Sykes, is the single worthy bit of comedy in an entire opera. The lyrics are much better and, in cases, ascend to the level of poetry.

Mr. De Koven's music is less reminiscent than is usually the case, and, therefore, less brilliant. While several of the numbers are pleasing there is little that can be carried away, even the infantile simplicity of the airs not enhancing their value as whistling products. "Bread and Cheese and Kisses," "The Constables' Chorus," "Society in London Town," Rodney's "Sea Song," and one or two others are extremely pretty, though stray notes and occasional bars in each remind one of other bits, either by Mr. De Koven or someone else, that have been heard before.

The production is on a wonderfully elaborate scale, scenery, costumes, and accessories concurring in the excellent effect. The choruses are pretty and well trained and the entire presentation smooth and even, so far as the people are concerned.

Of the cast little but praise can be spoken. The best work by far is done by Joseph O'Mara and Jerome Sykes. Mr. O'Mara acts well and sings with a full, rich voice that fills the house with combined strength and sweetness of quality. Mr. Sykes is a unique and excellent comedian, who will be best remembered for his clever impersonation of the fat boy in "An American Beauty." Camille D'Arville did not come up to expectations, though a severe cold was probably to blame for this, and Nellie Braggins pleased with her dainty brightness. George O'Donnell, Maud Williams, Van Rensselaer Wheeler, Harry MacDonough, William Corliss, Charles Powell, and Reginald Roberts were, for the most part, excellent. Great enthusiasm was evoked, during the evening, by the rendering of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the chorus and principals of the company.

Academy—"At the French Ball."

Fanny Rice and a strong company appeared at the Academy of Music last night in Fred Schrader's clever adaptation of the German tale, "Drei Parre Schue," now known as "The French Ball." The company has been increased since the first engagement here, and some very clever specialty people have been secured, making the performance better, and the work of Miss Rice all the more advantageous. The little lady has at last reached that point when it can be truly said of her that she is our most funny woman; humorous, without being vulgar, and shapely, without being immodest in displaying her personal charms. No other entertainer can sing so well, can act so naturally, can be so ridiculous, and at the same time so refined. The cabinet work in the last act is even better than before, and the large audience present last night were unanimous in declaring the performance one of the best given at the Academy this year.

After the first act the orchestra played a potpourri of national airs, and each person in the audience received diminutive reproductions of "Old Glory" in metal, an enjoyable surprise and pleasing souvenir of the occasion.

National—"An American Citizen."

That most excellent of comedians, Nat C. Goodwin, began his annual engagement at the New National last night before an audience intelligent and cultured, as well as immense and enthusiastic. "An American Citizen" is not a new comedy, but, like liquor and a few other things, it appears to improve with each year of age. Like liquor, too, Mr. Goodwin constantly grows better in the character of Beresford Cruger, his power to provoke a laugh or to draw a tear being the strongest testimonial of his intrinsic merit. That tear has scarcely dampened the cheek when it is stopped in its downward course by some mild eccentricity, provoking mirth. We have many comedians, yet none carries one with them as does Goodwin, from the depths of grief to the heights of merriment in the flash of an eye.

Of the company in support, all are good and it is dangerous to specialize. It is to be hoped that the cordial relations existing in the female portion of the Elliot family will not become strained for this reason, but it is noticed by the alert observer that Miss Maxine Elliot has ceased to advance while her sister, Gertrude, is fast becoming one of the most clever women on the stage. Laurels were equally won last night and if opportunity presented, the younger might easily achieve the plaudits now bestowed on her more experienced sister. Mr. Neil O'Brien is noteworthy for a tiny bit capitally done, as is Mr. William Ingersoll, a friend of the recent summer stock company. Of the others, Master Ralph, as Mercury, is doubtless most to be commended for some things that he does not do as well as many which he does.

"An American Citizen" continues until Thursday night, when it is to be succeeded by "A Gilded Fool" which in turn gives way Saturday evening to Sheridan's "Rivals."

Grand—"Alone in London."

It is certainly time that some competent actors and actresses seek to rescue melodrama from the slough of despond in which it has been dragged by many of the alleged professionals drawing salaries from their friends. Miss Cora Tanner is one of the first so charitably inclined, and her production of the sterling old drama, "Alone in London," at the Grand last night, may be considered an encouraging indication. Another sign of improvement was the size of the audience present and the attention and appreciation evidenced. Miss Tanner has always been considered an excellent actress, pretty and intelligent, and she scored a personal triumph last night. The support is good, notably Mr. Charles Canfield, Mr. Louis Massen, Mr. James L. Carhart, Mr. Will C. Cowper and little Gwendolyne Cowper.

Kernan's—"Big Sensation."

The announcement that Flynn and Sheridan's Double show of white and colored performers would appear at Kernan's was sufficient to draw crowded houses to that popular house at both performances yesterday. The show is one of the best of the season. The two companies shared honors, several of the colored performers serving bits of singing and their usual lively dancing. The first part gives to the organizations opportunity of appearing in a number of well-rendered choruses and two burlesques, "A Lively Chase" and "Klondikers," close the show. In the olio appear Maude Gordon and Flossie Hughes, dancers; Burt Manier and Billy Pearl, acrobats; May Bohll and Sherman Coates, in comic selections; Marwell and Simpson, with illustrated songs, in which pictures of the Maine and Gen. Lee were shown and created enthusiastic applause, and Lina and Vain, in a difficult turn of acrobatics. The challenge to a cake walk announced by Coates and Miss Sutton was accepted for tonight by Peter Barnes and partner.

Bijou—Vaudeville.

An exceptional bill was given yesterday at the Bijou and heartily enjoyed by two of the largest audiences of the season. Those who appeared were Charles and Jennie Welsh, sketch artists; Collins and Ray, comedians; Annie Carter, contralto; William and Kittie Harbeck, acrobats and wire walkers; Barry Thompson, monologuist; Truly Shattuck, vocalist; Byron G. Harlan and Edward Marsh, illustrated songs; Myrtle Tressider, serio-comic; Diana, mirror dancer and the Bijou Stock Company in a laughable burlesque, entitled "Me and Jack."

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Commodore Howell's Squadron Will Watch for Invading Ships.

Seaports of the Atlantic Coast of the United States are to be protected by a third squadron formed by orders issued by Secretary Long.

This squadron has been officially designated "The Patrol Squadron," and its commander-in-chief will be Commodore J. A. Howell, formerly commander-in-chief of the European station. The cities of the coast which will be provided with protection by this force may thank Captain A. S. Crowninshield, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, for its formation, for it was he that so strongly urged upon the department the necessity of keeping Commodore Howell afloat with a command which would enable him to prevent any cruisers of the Spanish navy from attempting to destroy property along the coast.

The final decision to organize the fleet was reached at a conference between the Secretary and the chief of the Bureau of Navigation yesterday, although it has been a matter of considerable discussion for several days.

The cruiser San Francisco will be retained as Commodore Howell's flagship, and the others vessels which will be assigned to his command will be the auxiliary cruisers Yosemite, Prairie, Yankee and Dixie. On account of the necessity of converting these vessels, it will be impossible for Commodore Howell to collect his fleet under three weeks.

As soon as it is formed it will be the duty of the commander-in-chief to do as the official name of his squadron indicates—patrol the coast and be ready to strike an enemy the moment advices are telegraphed to him that a ship flying the yellow and red flag of Spain is nearing a port for the purpose of attack.

One reason why the officials do not desire to send the squadron South with Commodore Howell in command, is the fact that his rank is senior to that of Commodore W. S. Schley, commander-in-chief of the flying squadron, which is at Hampton Roads, and of Capt. W. T. Sampson, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic squadron, stationed at Key West.

It is recognized that New York, Boston, Portland, and other Maine cities, Philadelphian and Hampton Roads are the important points to provide with protection, and that it is the part of wisdom to station the patrol fleet at New York, so that it will be able to strike in each direction without loss of time.

The formation of the patrol squadron is indicative of the purpose of the department to employ the North Atlantic and flying squadrons solely for offensive purposes. There has been some talk of retaining that battleship Massachusetts at Hampton Roads to provide the Atlantic ports with protection, but it is felt in naval circles that such action would detract from the strength of the flying squadron if it should engage in an attack on Porto Rico and upon the Spanish fleet in Eastern waters, and that the Massachusetts, by reason of her speed of thirteen knots, would not be able to stretch herself all over the coast for the protection of the several cities as the swifter vessels would be able to do.

Besides, it has been pointed out that it would be a waste of ammunition to keep the Massachusetts at home, when fast-going cruisers in a sufficient number would be able to peform the work equally as well, if not better, than the battleship. The primary defense of Atlantic ports will, of course, rest with the old monitors, which are being distributed along the coast, and it is expected with their guns they will be able to hold an enemy off until a patrol squadron is able to reach the scene.

Essentially a home squadron will be Commodore Howell's force.

The New York naval militia will man the Prairie, which will be commanded by Commander C. T. Train; the Massachusetts militia, the Yankee, commanded by Commander W. S. Brownson; the Maryland militia, the Dixie, commanded by Commander C. H. Davis, and the Michigan militia, the Yosemite, commanded by Commander W. H. Emory.

The Yankee is now undergoing conversion at the Brooklyn navy yard, and the work of transforming the Yosemite Prairie and Dixie is now in progress at the Newport News new shipyard. For the purpose of expediting the work Commanders Emory and Brownson were at the Navy Department today consulting with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, and under the instructions given by him night and day work will be performed on the vessels of the patrol squadron in order to get them in condition for service as rapidly as possible. The Prairie and Yankee will each be armed with ten 6-inch guns, while the main battery of the Yosemite and Dixie will be ten 5-inch guns each.

On account of the fact that half of the crew of the San Francisco was assigned to the cruiser New Orleans when that vessel sailed from England for New York, it will be necessary to fill the complement of that vessel with men on the Vermont, at the Brooklyn navy yard. As the patrol squadron will not be ready for service under three weeks there will be no special haste in enlisting men for the San Francisco.

The efforts of the department will be directed toward securing a crew for the cruiser New Orleans, which it is proposed to assign to duty under Commodore Schley's command as soon as she can be got ready for service. In view of the fact that the New Orleans will be confined to a warm climate there is no intention on the part of the department at this time taking any steps to heat the vessel.

It is possible that the department may feel justified in attaching any further auxiliary ships that may be purchased to Commodore Howell's squadron, but there is now no intention of placing any other vessels undergoing conversion than those mentioned under his command.

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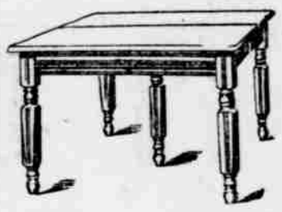

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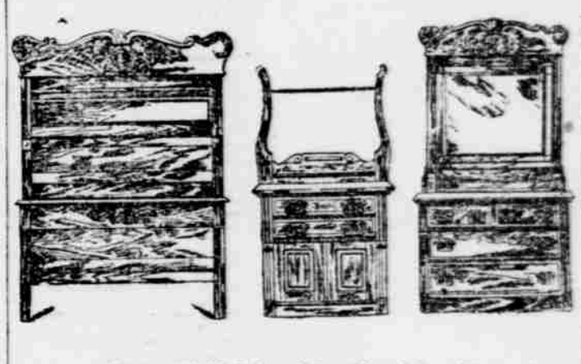

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