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ART ROOMS SIXTH FLOOR

CAPTURED HER AUDIENCE

Miss Ellen Beach Yaw in Concert at Metzertrot Hall.

Sang Classic Songs Delightfully and Ballads for the Old Stars—Her Company Excellent.

Miss Ellen Beach Yaw was cordially and enthusiastically received last evening when she stepped to the footlights before a very large audience at Metzertrot Hall, in which the musical culture of the city was well represented.

Those who had never seen Miss Yaw before must have realized that the matter of offices are very grotesque when it comes to introducing so charming a presence to the public on a poster, as the Nightingale of the Pacific Coast. She wore a very becoming gown of yellow silk, over which there floated many feecy clouds of tulle, which also appeared to advantage in her ornamentation. The gown was accented with yellow roses and black silk points. Miss Yaw, in this costume, is Shelley's skylark idealized.

The fair cantatrice was liberal enough, as she sang three encores in addition to her two stated numbers, "Ah, Farewell" and "Bells Tintinnabulo." One of her responses to the applause was an echo song in which she reached a flat in effluvia and sustained it admirably. She sang the aria and scene from Traviata superbly and in the original key.

The old woman in the audience were charmed with her rendition of "Within a Mile of Edinboro." There is nothing to add to what has already been said of Miss Yaw by The Times, with the exception, perhaps, that her second appearance, with the promise of a third, has not been her last in connection with the musical talent of the city.

In her concert company are the New York Philharmonic Club, Miss Georgiella Lay pianist, and Mr. Maximilian Dick violinist. The second movement in the Polonaise, by Vieuxtemps, played by Mr. Dick, established his reputation with the audience, which was further increased by his dainty handling of the fantastic scherzo, by Busini.

A prima donna very rarely receives such unqualified applause as that which was accorded to Miss Yaw last evening. She sang with ease and consummate grace. The execution of the finale in her air from Traviata, was a fine piece of work. The range, quality, and power of her voice have already been briefly mentioned on.

It will please all her old friends, and the many new ones she captured last evening, to know that Manager Ripley, of the new National Theater, has engaged Miss Yaw and her company for a concert of sacred music, which will be given on Sunday, the 23 of February.

STREET RAILWAY ASSEMBLY.

Largely Attended Meeting of the Organization Last Night.

A largely attended meeting of the Street Railway Assembly was held last evening at Burch's Hall, Master Workman Lawrence in the chair.

The chief topic discussed was the new "benefit" society being organized by employees of the Metropolitan Railway Company.

It is said that the new organization is composed wholly of "green" men and a few of the old employees who are not members of the Railway Assembly. It is also claimed by the members of the assembly that the society is being organized under the instructions and personal supervision of President Phillips, and that a member of the assembly will be allowed to become a member.

The only degree required of an applicant for membership being that he is not, nor will he become a member of any labor organization.

The meeting was addressed by General Secretary J. W. Hayes, Gen. Worley Foreman, Michael Bishop and Worthy Foreman Michael Coff, of District Assembly, No. 66.

Lecture on Atlanta.
The Bethel Literary Historical Association will devote next Tuesday evening to the discussion of "After Thoughts Upon the Atlanta Exposition, Its Progress and Experiences of the South." The following, among others, will participate: Messrs. A. F. Hillyer, Charles R. Donagans and Rev. J. T. Jenifer, Messrs. A. S. Gray and E. E. Lawson.

BIG SHIPS WERE RACING

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ment of the company said that he thought the outlook was bright for getting the vessel off some time this afternoon, but would not say that he thought positively the vessel could be got off today.

Repeating men asserted, however, pretty positively that the vessel could not possibly be gotten off today.

There is a strong north current at the point where the St. Paul lies. It was this that being against the vessel, and she struck, and with the change this afternoon of the wind to the northwest made the surf heavier and added to the danger of transferring passengers.

The tug R. J. Barrett called at quarantine at 8:30 p. m. with about fifty passengers from the steamer St. Paul. The health officer cleared them and the tug proceeded to New York. The tug C. E. Evans also stopped at quarantine at 7:00 p. m. with the balance of the St. Paul's passengers, about a dozen in number.

Captain Phil Dick, of the Evans, says the stranded steamer lies broadside to the beach, with very little water around. She is heading south-southwest. There is only seven feet of water on her starboard side. She lists slightly to port, with five cables out and four wrecking boats in attendance.

An attempt will be made to pull her off during the night, at high water, but it is feared that the effort will be fruitless.

SCORED THE GAS TRUST

Columbian Law School Debaters Talked of Monopolies.

DOUGHT WEALTH BE LIMITED

J. S. Zimmerman of the Affirmative Side Creates a Sensation by Illustrating His Argument With an Exposure of the Washington Gas Company's Workings.

"Yes, and we have a big trust here in our own city, the Washington Gas Company, which furnishes us with inferior gas. We are made to pay \$1.25 or \$1.50 a thousand feet for an article that is not worth so much. Here is a vivid example of how monopolies control legislation and how the poorer classes are made to suffer."

The foregoing are the words of Mr. J. S. Zimmerman of West Virginia, and a student of the Columbian University Law School. Mr. Zimmerman was one of the gentlemen who argued in the affirmative.

"Resolved, That the accumulation of wealth should be limited," at the public debate of the Columbian Law School Debating Society, held last night in the University Hall.

His associates were Mr. C. K. Macey of New York and Mr. W. C. O'Grady of Michigan. The negative side of the question was successfully upheld by Mr. William E. Fort of Georgia, Mr. Frank Keiper of Indiana, and Mr. W. L. Synnott of Ohio. Mr. Zimmerman was the first speaker. He said that by the accumulation of vast fortunes by individuals the stability of our great republican institutions was threatened. He asserted that the United States was the richest of all nations and quoted statistics to substantiate it. The employees of a railroad, he said, are slaves, and their master is a merciless one.

"Power increases with wealth and labor is always at the mercy of the capitalist. Take sugar for instance," he continued, "you all remember last year how a handful of men controlled Congress to do what they said. The result is still fresh in our minds. One of the greatest evils of

MESSENGER SHANKS IS GONE

Police Are Informed He Has Been Missing Since Wednesday.

Was an Agricultural Department Employee and Is Said to Have Led a Fast Life While Here.

Oliver L. Shanks, messenger in the disbursing office, Department of Agriculture, was reported to the police department yesterday afternoon, as missing.

He has not been seen by his friends and creditors since Wednesday, January 22.

The suggestion is that he has left Washington, either to return to his home at Louisville, or to join a theatrical company.

Shanks, came to Washington fifteen months ago, secured a membership which paid \$50 per month, took board at No. 235 Thirteenth street southwest, and six months ago went into quarters at the boarding house kept by Mrs. James H. Grant, No. 1316 H street southwest.

He earned the reputation of a sporty kind of young man, borrowed money, dressed well, and told his acquaintances that he played the ponies.

His father used to send him an occasional remittance, and he received \$40 from this source, one month ago.

The description of him which was furnished the police follows: Twenty-two years old, five feet eight inches tall, 120 pounds weight, reddish face, smooth shaven, long nose, irregular teeth, hair parted in the middle, round shoulders, right leg bowed, and dandy.

An uncle, whose name is given as William N. Harriman, lives at the Cairo. It was at the suggestion of his kinsman that a fellow boarder at the Grant boarding house reported the absence of Shanks to the police.

One week ago Shanks sought to borrow \$75, and Watchman J. J. Wharton directed him to a money lender. This scrivener inquired of Wharton if the loan would be safe, and received an adverse answer. The money lender, after consultation with the department paymaster advanced Shanks \$25 and took an order on the salary of the borrower.

Shanks, on Wednesday, gave his landlady, Mrs. Grant, an order for \$30 on his salary. It was stated by what seemed a credible authority, though the statement

MAY BE VEDDER BURGLARS

Detectives Arrest Several Men Suspected of the Robbery.

"Cracker" Matthews, Alias "Hen" Matthews, Levy Jones, et al, Are in Custody.

Detectives Helan and Lacey, of the central bureau, spent yesterday working on the Vedder robbery and arrested Cracker Matthews, alias "Hen" Matthews, Levy Jones, Aleck Hamilton, and Thomas Jackson, all colored, on suspicion of implication in the crime.

The detectives made no official report of the recovery of the stolen silver, but they reported that they will probably bring it in today. The stuff was shipped to Baltimore on the morning of the burglary.

Thursday morning at 4 o'clock Policeman Melton, of the First precinct, saw two men passing along H street, near Ninth. They carried a large case, which seemed heavy. They were not workingmen and the case did not appear to be a tool chest. Melton followed them until they passed into the Sixth precinct, and it was learned later that one of these men bought a ticket to Baltimore on the first train and checked in the case. This clue was furnished the detective bureau and Lacey and Helan took the case.

Acting on a spur of the main case, they, with the aid of Detective Floyd and Policeman McArthur, of the First precinct, arrested Cracker Matthews. Matthews is a noted local burglar, and is reputed to be a skilled blind cracker, hence his name. He was associated with "Blood" Jones, who is now in Albany penitentiary for the robbery of Kichenbach's jewelry store last spring.

The fact that the silver was shipped to Baltimore led to the arrest of Aleck Hamilton, a Baltimore thief, who has been vibrating between Baltimore and Washington. Hamilton was arrested for connection with the Kichenbach robbery, and when arrested put the detectives on the track of Poladexter and "Blood" Jones, the operators. Because of the suspicion which rested upon him he was forced to leave Washington, but of late has made frequent trips to this city and has eluded the police.

Lacey and Helan learned that he was in town and found him in the den of Rachel Minor in Willow Tree alley. Policeman Hutchison, of the Fourth precinct, assisted in the arrest. Hamilton is regarded by the Central Detective Bureau as a skillful "shover" of crooked goods. Thomas Jackson, his partner, was also arrested later in the evening.

Levi Jones, a bootblack, with a criminal

WHAT THE WOMEN WANT

Growing Louder in Their Demands for Equal Rights.

ALL STATES HEARD FROM

The Flag Presented to the Philadelphia Club for Largest Membership. Susan B. Called the Central Figure of the Day—Announcement of Today's Meetings at Churches.

"Aunt Susan" and her "girls" held another successful meeting last night.

That is the way they now address each other, Miss Anthony is called "Aunt Susan" and she says "my girls."

The Church of Our Father was fitted to its full capacity, as on preceding nights. It has been quite noticeable during these meetings that but few young ladies have been gathered into the suffragist camp, and the "new woman" has not even put in an appearance.

A number of ladies prominent in social and Congressional circles were among those present last night.

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Uncle Sam: "This Thing Must Be Looked Into."

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"Never was the country in a better condition than it is at present," he asserted. "The Golden Age does not date back into centuries. It is January, 1896."

He then went on to show that all of the existing improvements were due to capitalism, and concluded with the statement that there was no show in the United States for skilled labor.

"Poverty is a modified form of slavery," said Mr. C. K. Macey, the second speaker for the affirmative side.

"After a certain amount of wealth has been secured, taxation then turns to aversion."

"A well known millionaire," he continued, "recently gave \$2,000,000 to the Chicago University." "Shortly afterwards the Standard Oil Company raised the price of its several products. Now, the question arises, who donated that \$2,000,000, John D. Rockefeller or the poor people, who do not use gas?"

1,000,000 THE LIMIT.
He concluded by saying that by limiting the accumulation of wealth, trusts of all sorts would be abolished.

Mr. Fort was the next speaker. He demonstrated that the poor of the United States are in a much better condition than those in foreign countries. He said that the constitution did not prohibit a man from getting all the wealth he could, so long as he got it honestly. In conclusion, he said that the constitution would stand firm, even if anarchists and communists were trying to wreck it.

Mr. O'Grady, who closed the affirmative, among other things, said that \$1,000,000 should be the maximum sum that one man might possess. He gave several illustrations on how this might be done with that sum.

Mr. Synnott, the last debater for the negative side, laughed at the \$1,000,000, and said that the rich would buy their surplus wealth in holes and that millions of dollars would go out of circulation.

The judges, Prof. William A. Maury, William C. Johnson and Lee D. Lodge, retired to an inner room and after a consultation of five minutes decided that the negative side had won. Messrs. Keiper and Fort were highly commended for their exceptional eloquence. Mr. Lahan Sparks presided.

Rivalry Led to It.
William H. Miner was arrested last night by Policeman Shanks, of the Fourth precinct, on a warrant charging assault on Edward Gelston. The complainant and defendant are rival photograph agents.

could not be verified that the paymaster executed this order. Shanks had having that sum to his credit. He borrowed \$5 from Gardner Deany of the department, asked the loan of a revolver from a brother boarder, and disappeared. A message was sent to his father last night, but no response was received.

BOOKBINDERS' BALL.
Dramatic and Musical Entertainment Will Also Be Enjoyed.

The Journeymen Bookbinders' Society, Local Union, No. 4, will give an entertainment and ball at the National Rifle Armory, tomorrow evening. A program of considerable length has been prepared and the performers are well-known amateurs.

Besides an attractive selection of musical attractions, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Hardy, of the Albion Dramatic Association, will give the oratorio, "A Happy Fair." Among a number of topical songs by Mr. William McCabe, is one which runs as follows:

The Times is quite an enterprising paper, Am I right, am I right?
With the race track gamblers it cut quite a caper.
It drove them quite out of sight, Sibley Wilbur's escapade as a vagrant you all know.

Justice Kimball sentenced her, to the work-house she did go.
The ill-treatment of the prisoners to the public she did show.
Am I right, am I right?
Dancing will follow the musical and dramatic program.

AGED LADY INJURED.
Mrs. J. J. Halstead's Arm Broken by Bicycle William Meloy.

Mrs. J. J. Halstead, of No. 1638 Nineteenth street, sustained a broken arm by being run down by a bicycle ridden by William Meloy, last night.

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record, was also arrested. He is a member of the Hooded Men gang and has been seen lately with Matthews, Hamilton and Jackson. He has been well supplied with money. There are other suspicious circumstances surrounding these suspects, of which the detectives will not tell.

Edward Nabor, alias "Puggy Brown," who was arrested last Friday night by Policeman Tompkins of the First precinct for supposed participation in the Vedder burglary, was arrested yesterday.

He is a well known character in the neighborhood of D street, between Ninth and Twelfth, and there the detectives recovered a mass of clothing which was identified by Mr. Silver. A tailor declared that he was concerned in the Vedder burglary. Hamilton and Matthews talked last night, and other arrests will be made today.

His Looks Bore Him Out.
John Craig, of No. 420 Third street southwest, was brought into police station No. 4, last night, by Policeman Ols on a charge of assault, perpetrated by Frank Sackey. On Friday there was a family disturbance in the Craig household and several charges of assault resulted. Craig looked as though he, too, had been assaulted.

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Dr. Corn Smith of North Dakota regarded it quite a privilege and quite a compliment for a State so young in the work to speak so soon.

The women, she says, have full school suffrage and elect women to school offices. She praised the good women who had come to their State and did such good work. She referred to North Dakota's Representatives in Congress as No. 1 band, by reason of their loyalty to the cause of woman suffrage.

She concluded her address with a story told in the Swedish dialect, which elicited loud applause.

When Utah was called Mrs. Carrie L. Allen, wife of the newly-elected Representative, was introduced. She regretted that Mrs. Wells, president of Utah's State organization, was not present to make the address. She devoted her time to praising the good work done by Mrs. Wells and her coadjutors in the new State of Utah.

This concluded the programme for the evening.

Charlotte Perkins Stetson, of California, will speak today at People's Church, 423 G street at 11 a. m., and at the Church of Our Father at 3 p. m.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED.
Fruitless Conference Held Regarding the Brewery Trouble.

These who looked forward to an amicable adjustment of the differences existing between the brewery managers and their employees at the conference held yesterday afternoon between the managers and the executive board of the Federation of Retail Liquor Dealers were greatly disappointed when it became known that no agreement could be reached.

These were present at the conference Messrs. Ch. Heurich, representing the Heurich Company; Henry Williams, manager of the Washington Brewing Company; Albert Curry, president of the National Capital Brewing Company; Ed L. Jordan, president of the Federation of Retail Dealers, and a majority of the members of the executive board.

President Jordan and Mr. Curry were seen last night and asked if any terms of a settlement of the differences had been arrived at. They said that no agreement had been reached, but farther than this positively decided to discuss what had taken place at the conference.

Opening at Plymouth Church.
There will be a long year. Editor's opening at Plymouth Congregational Church, Seventeenth and F streets northwest, Tuesday evening, January 28, at 7:30 o'clock.

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