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The Times

BONA FIDE CIRCULATION.

The circulation of The Times for the week ended January 29, 1897, was as follows:

Saturday, January 23	36,920
Sunday, January 24	24,100
Monday, January 25	35,810
Tuesday, January 26	35,700
Wednesday, January 27	34,920
Thursday, January 28	34,700
Friday, January 29	35,300
Total copies printed	237,450
Less damaged copies, copies unsold in office and copies returned from news stands and branch offices,	13,934
Total	223,516

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of circulation for the week ended January 29, 1897. WILLIAM P. LEECH, Manager of Circulation.

Advertisers are cordially invited to visit our press and mailing rooms at all times and verify the above statement.

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Notice TO... Advertisers!

The Times Ad-Writing Bureau has been reorganized, and efficient service will be given to all patrons, as heretofore.

City Brevities

Mrs. Bridget Cudmore obtained a permit yesterday for repairs to a dwelling at No. 41 H street northeast at a cost of $500.

In the House yesterday Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, introduced a bill to confirm title to lots 13 and 14, in square 959, owned by Thomas Gates.

A permit was issued yesterday to J. M. Swingle for the construction of a dwelling on Providence street, Brookland, the estimated cost of the structure being $1,200.

Two of the three physicians recently examined by the board of medical examiners upon qualifications for license to practice failed to make the required average.

Charles B. Edwards, charged with larceny of a watch, valued at $16, the property of Thomas Williams, was yesterday sent down for ninety days by Judge Miller.

A defective furnace flue caused a blaze in the residence of Police Surgeon Carr, No. 1319 Thirteenth street northwest, yesterday afternoon. The damage amounted to about $40.

Alfred Kane, arrested by Policy Detective R. C. Watson, on the Long Bridge, was sent down for ninety days yesterday by Judge Miller, on the charge of violating the policy law.

The Commissioners issued a permit yesterday to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to use the public streets for the laying of temporary tracks for the accommodation of the public on the inaugural occasion.

The resolution adopted by the Georgetown Citizens' Association in favor of the proposed reconstruction of the Aqueduct Bridge for railway purposes have been transmitted by the Commissioners to both Houses of Congress.

The Commissioners reported yesterday upon the bill before Congress to pay Barr & Sanner $1,500 for grading Columbia street by advising that if it is proposed to pay the amount specified the sum should be incorporated in the appropriation bill.

Jokes From Town Topics.

Hewitt—I don't see how you can love that girl.

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THREE CONVERTS RECEIVED

Lieut. Hollinberger Preached an Eloquent Sermon to New Members of the Christadelphian Church. Capt. Austin's Daughter and a Naval Officer's Wife Baptized.

An unusual baptismal ceremony, which was alike interesting and impressive, with Police Captain Manville A. Austin as immerser, and Inspector Louis H. Hollinberger, chief of detectives, as preacher, was solemnized Friday evening in the Christadelphian Church, in Eighth street, between F and G streets northeast.

The baptism had been set for today, but as one of the converts to the Christadelphian faith, had received a summons to leave town yesterday for the West, it was decided to immerse the three candidates at once. They were Mrs. Rosa T. Phillips, Miss Emma O. Austin, daughter of Capt. Austin, and Mrs. Caroline Batts, who left Washington a few hours after her baptism to join her husband, a naval attache, at Los Angelas, Cal.

The cosy little church was well-filled with Christadelphians and visitors when the three ladies who were to become members of the Christadelphian Church appeared on the platform ready for immersion. They were clad in loose black gowns, and after being seated near the pool, the services were commenced by singing, in which the congregation joined with the choir.

After the singing Inspector Hollinberger delivered an impressive address on the subject of "Baptism," which was listened to attentively by three candidates and the congregation. Capt. Austin then made his appearance, clad in a close-fitting suit of rubber to immerse the ladies. The pool is about six feet in length and is four feet deep. The captain descended into the pool by means of small stairs.

While the congregation arose and sang the Christadelphian baptismal hymn Capt. Austin dipped the ladies under the water one by one, in a manner similar to that employed in the Baptist Church. The candidates were then received into the Christadelphian faith and pronounced members of the church by Inspector Hollinberger. After removing the black baptismal gowns the ladies appeared among the members of the congregation in their street dress and were warmly greeted at an impromptu reception, during which they were the recipients of many hearty handshakes. Another hymn and the ceremony was over.

In his address to the converts, Inspector Hollinberger said the attention of thinking minds is being attracted to the Christadelphian belief.

"The creed of the Christadelphians," he added, "is the Bible which they believe to be divinely inspired, that is, "holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." The creation, trial, and fall of man is recorded in the second and third chapters of Genesis, which shows that the sentence imposed for transgression was death, "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return,' this sentence consigned the first man to annihilation, and as the race was yet in his loins when the penalty was imposed, his condemnation fell upon his posterity.

"The first promise of a deliverer was made at the same time that the sentence of death was imposed, and that was, 'that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head.' That seed they in common with all denominations of Christians believe to be Christ.

"As Christ died, was buried, and rose again to redeem man from the dominion of death, it becomes necessary for man to symbolically pass through the death state by being buried in the waters of baptism. When the individual comes up out of the water his past offenses have been obliterated, and he has a clear record."

Inspector Hollinberger will preach at the church, Eighth street, between F and G streets northeast, at 3:30 o'clock, this afternoon.

GOING TO FIGHT FOR CUBA.

A Company of Volunteers Being Organized in This City.

Mr Harry Matchett, a member of Troop A, of the District National Guard, is organizing a company of volunteers to go to Cuba to assist the insurgents in their struggle for independence. Mr. Matchett is working under a commission from L. W. Colby, of Nebraska, who is at the head of the American Volunteer Legion. He has, so far, twelve names on his enrollment papers, but hopes, within the next thirty days, to have increased this number to one hundred. Any able-bodied man, between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, is eligible for enlistment.

The recruit is required to swear allegiance to the republic of Cuba and to support the constitution thereof, but there is a proviso that such action shall not be in conflict with his right and duty as a citizen of the United States. The term of enlistment is for four months. No salary is stipulated, but it is understood that the insurgents have plenty of money and that the men receive the same pay as do soldiers in the regular army. They are also given their equipment, uniform, and transportation.

The men will not leave Washington as an organized company, but will go the same as any tourists, and will be armed after they reach the field. Mr. Matchett, if he concludes to accompany the men, will be given a commission in the Cuban army. He has traveled extensively through the island and is peculiarly fitted for active field service. His headquarters are at No. 310 Tenth street northwest, where applications for enlistment may be had.

HE ALLEGES EXTRAVAGANCE.

Equity Suit Began Against a Life Insurance Company.

John J. Shipman filed a bill in equity yesterday against the Massachusetts Benefit Life Association to restrain that organization from enforcing the payment of a certain assessment on two policies. The plaintiff alleges that he was insured for $10,000 in the Security Mutual Benefit Society, in August, 1889. He was later transferred to the defendant company with an understanding that his assessments should not be increased. At the time he went into the first company he was fifty-five years old, but he in now seventy-five.

He claims that about the first of the present month he received a notice from the company of an assessment payable February 1, naming the premium due $57.95 on each policy, or $115.90 in all, which is, he says, an increase of $71.85.

This call, he states, is excessive and unjust, and is not based upon his age, but is imposed for replacing of funds squandered.

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A BICYCLE THIEF CAPTURED.

He Stole a Wheel in Baltimore and Brought It Here.

Detective Kratz, of Baltimore, came over to this city yesterday afternoon to arrest a bicycle thief who was badly wanted there. He called at police headquarters and enlisted the services of Detectives Lacey and Helan.

After a search they located their man, William Washington, colored, at No. 1122 Ninth street northwest, and took him to the detective office.

It is alleged that the prisoner hired a bicycle worth $50 from Charles W. Huntington, a dealer, at No. 1123 Pennsylvania avenue, Baltimore, giving the fictitious name of Alexander Cook. He also said he resided at No. 540 West Hoffman street, but the house at that number was found to be vacant.

Washington brought the wheel to this city and painted it white. The bicycle was recovered when he was arrested. Detective Kratz took his prisoner to Baltimore on a late train.

THE SALE OF FORCE SCHOOL

The Commissioners Oppose Senator Lodge's Amendment.

TRUSTEE BARNARD'S VIEW

The Proposed Amendment Provides for a Sale of the Property, But Omits a Clause for the Purchase of Other Property—A Complication Suggested.

The Force School building, which was erected in 1880, at a cost of $36,000, was located, by permission of Congress, upon government property, being lots 18 and 19 of square 158, on Massachusetts avenue northwest. It is now the subject of proposed legislation with a view to its disuse for school purposes.

The ground is a part of a square which fell to the share of the United States when the acquired property was being divided. The school lots embrace nearly 22,000 square feet of space, valued now at about $65,000.

For the purpose of having the school removed to another location, Senator Lodge recently proposed an amendment to the District appropriation bill providing for the sale of the "Force School property," and the question as presented was submitted to the Commissioners for their consideration.

The board is opposed to the amendment, and so notified Senator McMillan, chairman of the Senate District Committee, yesterday. Briefly stated, the Commissioners say there will be no means provided for supplying another site, nor for the erection of another building, in case the amendment shall prevail, and they cite the fact that under the law the proceeds of sales of District property must be deposited in the Treasury, and there is no provision made in the amendment nor in existing law for getting it out again, except by special appropriation.

The title to the ground is in the United States, and the Commissioners have no right to dispose of it except Congress shall authorize it, and the board is in doubt as to the authority to be conferred by the proposed amendment.

The Commissioners submitted the question to Attorney Job Barnard, who is a member of the board of school trustees, and his report accompanies the letter of the Commissioners to the Senate committee.

Mr. Barnard believes the amendment should be more specific, and authorize some one to "make the sale and conveyance of the title at a price to be determined in some way, pay over the purchase money to the Treasury, and then appropriate a sufficient sum to accomplish the end desired."

He adds:

"Does the proposed amendment mean that the United States now serves notice on the Commissioners, as tenants at sufferance, to quit the possession and use of said ground, and remove the said school building, or does it mean that the Commissioners shall sell and convey the said lots and the building—they constituting together 'the Force School property'—and with the money to be realized therefrom, buy ground and build elsewhere?

"If the first of these propositions is correct, then where is the money to come from to buy and build with? The building that is now there and which is worth $36,000 to the District for school purposes, would bring only a small sum, if sold to be taken down and removed. If the second proposition is the correct one, then the amendment is vague and uncertain."

"If the proposed amendment should prevail, what would you be authorized to sell, and who would determine the price you would be justified in receiving? If you are only to sell the building, would you be doing fairly by the District to dispose of it for less than its value to the District for school purposes? If such is the intent, then there ought to be a condition, authorizing such sale, provided you can sell it for at least $36,000. The ground and building together ought to bring at least $100,000, as the ground is valued at $3 a square foot."

"I beg leave to suggest that the best localities in the city, with beautiful, safe, and sanitary surroundings, pure air, pleasant approaches, and wide streets, are not too good for the location of our public school houses. The board of trustees, in their last report to you concerning the Washington public schools, state that they are 'object lessons for the school teachers of the nation, and for this reason should be the best equipped, best taught, and best regulated and supervised of any public schools anywhere.' I supplement this by saying, that the school houses should be the best located of any of our public buildings, convenient to our homes as may be practicable, and made pleasant in every way for the occupancy of the children."

Mr. Barnard can see no reason for disturbing the Force School because less valuable ground can be had, nor does he consider the claim that the building mars the beauty of Massachusetts avenue as a sufficient reason for the change.

The Commissioners estimate that an eligible site and a suitable building, to be substituted for the Force School, would cost not less than $65,000, and they suggest that in case the amendment is adopted there should be an appropriation of a sum sufficient to replace the site and building, and that provision shall be made for a retention of the Force building until the substitute structure shall be provided.

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Tennille, the popular union clothier of 709 Seventh street, announces in today's Times bargains of unusual brilliancy in men's and boys' overcoats and ulsters. When Mr. Tennille makes an announcement of this kind he acts up to what he says to the letter. He always advertises facts. 'Tis a most opportune time to secure a warm, comfortable overcoat or ulster at half its value, and in some instances at less, which means a great saving of hard earned dollars. Read his "ad."

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GLEESON HAS A NEW IDOL

Speaker Reed Is Put in the Plumed Knight's Place.

COL. PERRY CARSON TABOOED

Mark Hanna Says Andy Is All Right, But Gives the Black Colonel the Cold Shoulder—Blaine's Burial Four Years Ago Recalled With a Little Pathos.

"I am in no way connected or associated with the fortunes of Perry Carson. That much should be understood once for all by my friends."

These were the words of the genial Andy Gleeson when discussing the story in The Times the other day which told how Mr. Mark Hanna had said that neither Gleeson nor Carson could expect any position in the gift of President-elect McKinley.

"I am not now and never shall be an applicant for any position, Federal or otherwise. I have got quite enough to do to look after my contracting business," said Mr. Gleeson.

Mr. Gleeson seemed to resent the idea that Mr. Hanna would rail at him because he failed to vote for Mr. McKinley's nomination in the St. Louis convention, when it was known to every one that he was committed to the candidacy of Tom Reed. A friend of Gleeson's said this:

"I know of my own personal knowledge that Mark Hanna has the highest personal regard for Andrew Gleeson. He said so at the St. Louis convention, and he has reiterated it since. It is different with Perry Carson. When one of Hanna's lieutenants called on Gleeson and Carson to ascertain if they could not 'see new light' touching the candidacy of McKinley and went back and reported to the Boss that neither man could be moved Hanna tipped out a blankety oath and said: 'Gleeson is all right. He is sincere in his advocacy of Reed, but as for that black — Carson he is never sincere in anything. If McKinley is elected Carson will be tabooed. He won't even get a smell at the spoils trough.'"

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Anyone who knows Andrew Gleeson knows that he is a loyal friend. For twenty years he was in the confidence of James G. Blaine. He spent his money and his time to advance the political aspirations of the Plumed Knight. It was a case of genuine affection between the high-strung statesman and the rugged and honest contractor. It was not an unusual thing to see Blaine and Gleeson arm in arm, walking through one of the thoroughfares of the city. It has always been a boast of Gleeson's that he was the friend of three of the greatest statesmen in history—Stephen A. Douglas, James G. Blaine and Tom Reed. As a citizen of Virginia he cast his first vote for Douglas, and voted in national conventions twice for Blaine and once for Reed.

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Just four years ago yesterday James G. Blaine was buried. It was on that day that Gleeson observed to a friend: "I have lost my idol. My idol and my candidate for President of the United States from this time on is Tom Reed." How Gleeson kept his word as regards Reed is history. Even today he is a Reed man. Only a fortnight ago he said, "I am enlisted for the campaign of 1900. I will be with Tom Reed."

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There was never a time during the incumbency of Mr. Blaine as Secretary of State that he was not accessible to Gleeson. One day—it was diplomatic day at the State Department—Mr. Gleeson called on Mr. Blaine. The Secretary was busy and his secretary said it would be impossible to see him. "Oh, he'll see me," said Andy. "Just tell him I am on the outside." The message was taken in and the answer came back to let him in. The British ambassador, the French ambassador and other foreign nabobs were in the waiting-room. Gleeson with his big sombrero hat in his hand strolled through the line of diplomats and was soon in the presence of the Secretary.

"Glad to see you, Andy," was Mr. Blaine's salutation to his old friend.

"And I you, Mr. Secretary. I am more than glad. I am tickled to death to know that the Irish minister takes precedence over the English minister."

Mr. Blaine saw the keen Irish wit of his visitor and chuckled so that he could be heard in the corridors.

BURIED AT ARLINGTON.

Funeral of Col. Thomas H. McParland, of the Army.

The remains of Col. Thomas H. McParland, U. S. A., who died at Annapolis last Thursday, were buried in Arlington Cemetery yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The body, over which was placed a United States flag, reached the Pennsylvania depot at 2 o'clock and was met by carriages containing the relatives of the deceased, and an escort of soldiers from the regular Army. The funeral procession went directly from the depot to the cemetery.

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THEY GAVE A "CRAZY SOCIAL."

Unique Entertainment of a Church Organization.

The entertainment committee of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Fifth Congregational Church gave a "crazy social" last night in their hall, corner of Eighth and I streets northeast. The invitations and programs were unique in design. There were about one hundred present and all had a good time.

The program opened by a chorus of twenty voices. This was followed by a recitation, "How We Caught the Mouse," by O. W. Goodwin. Next was a quartet by Miss Elsie Parkinson, Mrs. O. W. Goodwin, Miss Clara Tucker, and Arthur Raab, each singing a different tune. Another chorus closed the program. Each number was announced after it had been rendered by Arthur Raab, who officiated as master of ceremonies.

A prize was offered for the most fantastic costumes. The women voted for the men and the men for the women. Mr. O. W. Goodwin, the new superintendent of the Sunday-school, took the gentleman's prize, and the lady's prize was awarded to Mrs. O. W. Goodwin, but as she had originated the idea of prizes, she refused to accept it, and it went to Miss Cole, who received the next highest vote.

After the program refreshments were served.

The success of the entertainment was due, in a large degree, to the efforts of Miss Clara Parkinson, chairman of the social committee.

CURIOUS, THIS FUNERAL.

A Mohammedan Ceremony Observed Lately in New Orleans.

A Mohammedan funeral was held on the levee today, says a recent New Orleans dispatch to the Chicago Chronicle. The British steamship Inaum is tied up there and she has in her crew about twenty Lascars, one of the great East Indian tribes. One of these men died this morning after a short illness and as a result there was considerable commotion among his fellow-countrymen on shipboard.

It is the custom of the Mohammedans that the dead shall be buried on the same day on which they die; so all arrangements were made for the funeral this afternoon. One of the crew acted as the imam, or priest, and supervised all the arrangements and conducted the service. Being one of the crew, he was located in the forecastle, and it was there that most of the services of the religion were conducted.

One of the customs is that as soon as they are satisfied that the man is dead, one of the number lifts the body up and shakes it vigorously. It is then disrobed and the imam dashes hot water over it. This done, the body is then robed in a garment inscribed with quotations from the Koran. In the meantime the imam recites prayers.

Just before 3 o'clock the imam conducted the funeral service over the dead, no Europeans being admitted to the forecastle while this was going on. Then the casket was brought and the body placed in it. There was a hearse provided, and a tally-ho for the mourners, and then the cortege moved up to a cemetery in Carrollton, where there are a number of Mohammedans already buried. The mourners were nearly all attired in the fantastic East Indian costume, with turban, and presented quite an odd sight.

At the cemetery the imam again recited some prayers from the Koran and then the casket was lowered into the earth, the imam directing the operation, so that the face of the dead man should be looking toward Mecca. It is a custom of the Mohammedans that each body should be buried under a cypress tree, or one should be planted near the grave, so that its branches should cover the grave.

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