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Death of John F. Ellis.

It is with sincere regret that we make the announcement of the death of our fellow citizen, John F. Ellis, who expired at his residence on Ninth street at 8:16 o'clock last night, aged forty years. Mr. Ellis was a native of Washington, having been born in the eastern section of the city. He was educated at Georgetown College; thence went to Norfolk, but returned here at quite an early age. In 1852 he went into business here, having purchased the musical establishment of the late Richard Davis, on Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets. Here he remained until 1857. His magnificent iron front establishment, No. 306, Pennsylvania avenue, was completed in 1867, when he moved there and continued the business which he has so successfully conducted.

Mr. Ellis was a man of kind and generous disposition, one of his chief objects of affection being the orphan children of the asylums of the city, who in his death have lost a warm friend. The deceased was one of your most prudent, conscientious, and enterprising business men, and held a high reputation in mercantile circles. His disease was consumption, from which he has been suffering since October, 1868. Notwithstanding his sufferings he attended faithfully to his business affairs, until about a week ago he became so weak that he was forced to cease. Mr. Ellis leaves a wife and four children, who have the hearty sympathy of the entire community where he was loved and honored.

MEETING AT THE CAPITOL.—A meeting was held last night in the Hall of Representatives in the interests of the National Labor Union, by permission of Speaker Blaine, who granted the use of the Hall for that purpose. Hon. John Magwire, of Missouri, presided.

There was a respectable audience of ladies and gentlemen, though not as large as was desirable. The address was delivered, from written pages, by Hon. Thos. S. Nelson, of Missouri, who was introduced to the meeting by Mr. Magwire with the remark that at the meeting of the National Labor Congress in Philadelphia last August a committee was appointed to prepare and publish to the country an address expressive of the views and objects of the National Labor Union, and the address of the present occasion is the fulfillment of that purpose.

Mr. Nelson spoke in favor of free homesteads on the public lands, and against granting them to monopolies, or selling in large quantities to capitalists for speculation.

He maintained that the rate of interest on money is vastly too high—that it ought not to be more than 3½ per cent.

He spoke of the national finances, the public debt, and the importance of the laboring classes and their rights. Labor—industry—is the vitality and security of the nation, and should be properly treated by capital.

The speaker occupied about one and a half hours in reading his address. It is to be published in pamphlet form for general distribution.

Several Senators and Representatives were among the assemblage, and among the prominent advocates of the labor movement present from abroad we noticed Judge Alex. Campbell, of Illinois, and Hon. Mr. Pratt, of Indiana.

THE WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY.—Mr. Tanner introduced in the House yesterday morning a bill to incorporate the Washington Market Company, which names as corporators Thos. Berry, D. W. Bliss, Henry D. Cooke, Wm. B. Todd, Peter Gardner, Henry S. Davis, Geo. W. Riggs, Byron G. Daniels, M. G. Emery, Frederick P. Stanton, Thomas C. Connolly, S. P. Brown, John S. Crocker, A. R. Shepherd, William Clark, Hallett Kilbourn, John R. Elvans, B. F. French, C. H. Mitchell, Jas. L. Barbour, J. T. Mitchell, T. T. Fowler and T. H. Alexander, and authorizes them to locate and construct a suitable building or buildings at the intersection of the canal and Seventh street, commencing fifty feet south from the northern side of the canal, and running thence northerly along the west side of Seventh street to the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, thence west along the south side of Pennsylvania avenue to east side of Ninth street; thence along Ninth street to the canal; thence along the canal to the place of beginning, and to use and occupy the same by the erection of a suitable building or buildings for a public market-house, also for stores, public halls, and such other proper purposes as may be determined by the company. The other provisions of the bill are similar to that introduced at the last session, and which was debated at length in the Senate at that time. The ground occupied by the market is leased to the company for 99 years. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

THIRD WARD WORKINGMEN.—An adjourned meeting of the Laboring Men's Association of the Third ward was held on Wednesday night at Wisewell Barracks, corner of Seventh and N streets; J. W. Freeman in the chair, Aaron Russell, secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

On motion of Geo. H. Boston, a committee of five were nominated and elected to draft a constitution and by-laws.

Geo. H. Boston, Aaron Russell, Lawrence West, Wm. H. Posey and Geo. Thomas were chosen as the committee.

The following were elected as officers of the association: Geo. H. Boston, president; Aaron Russell, vice president; G. Kuhn, secretary; Wm. H. Posey, treasurer.

On motion, the following seven were elected as delegates to the Workingmen's Convention: John W. Freeman, Lawrence West, Geo. W. Brown, Richard Clark, Aaron Russell, Robert Green and Alfred Hill.

On motion of Geo. W. Brown:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the meeting be transmitted to the Workingmen's Association of the Fifth ward.

The officers were declared elected for six months.

Adjourned for two weeks.

LOCAL BENEVITIES.—Thomas Hurst, for selling liquor without license, was fined $20 by Justice Harper.

Michael Hassett paid a fine of $20 for peddling without license.

Mary Dyson and Susan Reid, colored, were each fined $1 by Justice Harper, for throwing ashes in the street contrary to law.

Thomas Butler, Caroline Walker and Susan Walker were committed by Justice Thompson, charged with petit larceny.

Wm. Hughes, for assault and battery on John O'Brien, was held to bail for court by Justice Weaver.

An unlucky cuss, named Morris Ready, was found in Georgetown yesterday soliciting trade without license, and had to pay $20 for his offence.

The Laborers' Protective Union of the First ward on Wednesday night met, and passed resolutions of respect to a late member, Andrew Lewis.

The Washington Skating Park Association have levied an assessment of $10 on each member in order to make a fund wherewith to take up a note of $1,500 now due.

St. Tammany Tribe No. 3, I. O. R. M., was instituted on Wednesday night with a large membership.

BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE.—The Board of Police at its meeting yesterday transacted among other business the following:

C. E. Simmons, Benjamin F. Harper, Thomas Young, James A. Dodd, John J. Hill and W. T. Tarpin were appointed additional privates for twelve months.

Privates Robert Fiest and Jas. H. Smith, who have served the usual probationary period on the force, were ordered by the board to be commissioned.

Private Charles Bradenmeyer, charged with violating rule 119, was reprimanded and fined $5.

The application of George Bowman for restaurant license was reconsidered and rejected.

The application of Frank Myers for restaurant license was also rejected.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—On Monday we published the account of the highway robbery of Mr. John H. Johnson, and that the robbers had escaped. Yesterday Detective Bigley arrested Henry Shadwell, John Lackey and Thomas Hurst on suspicion of perpetrating the deed. The two former are charged with having knocked down and robbed Mr. Johnson of $102, and the latter as being accessory thereto. Justice Walter held the accused for a hearing to-morrow.

THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' UNION held its regular meeting last night; Major W. S. Morse, president, in the chair, and M. Fitzsimmons secretary.

Arrangements were made for a grand meeting on Thursday next, when the officers elect are to be installed, and the meeting is to be addressed by eminent speakers.

No other business of general interest was transacted.

WE ARE MAKING a specialty of the manufacture of fine Black Cloth Suits for dress occasions. "Oak Hall," 525 Seventh street, opposite Post Office. ||

RECHABITE CELEBRATION AT THE NAVY YARD.—Eagle Tent, No. 2, I. O. of R., celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of their organization by an entertainment Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall, Seventh street, East Washington. In the early part of the evening the members of Eagle Tent visited the brethren of Phœnix Tent at their hall, on Ninth street, and, marshaled by P. D. C. R. W. H. Overly, escorted them to Odd Fellows' hall. A large delegation of Heber Tent, of Georgetown, was also present.

The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. Thos. B. Marsh, Past Chief Ruler, High Test of the United States, presided, and in his opening address gave the following interesting statistics, setting forth the growth and prosperity of Eagle Tent, No. 2, from its organization to the present time, as well as the amount done as a local organization for the amelioration of their fellow-men.

On the evening of the 16th of January, 1849, a company of gentlemen met with Columbia District Tent at the old Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of G and Seventh streets, pursuant to a previous arrangement for the purpose of organizing a tent of Rechabites at the Navy Yard. The original charter members were Michael Carroll, Robert Haskins, John Carter, W. E. Hutchinson, Isaac Rollins, Wm. Ready, Chas. A. Cox, Henry Getzendanner, Wm. H. Thompson, Wm. H. Magill, Wm. D. Hinsline, Edward Evans, sr., Geo. Allen, James Rollins, sr., and Grandison B. Tassill. At the next meeting three other charter members were initiated, viz: Daniel Kilees, Wm. McKenna and Alex. Cross. Of the eighteen charter members, none are now members of the tent. Of the three members first initiated, two of them were present last evening.

From the organization up to the last quarterly report, October 31, 1869, there have been 477 members initiated of whom 85 remain to-day. Eighteen members have died since the organization. The total amount of money received for dues, fines and assessments, $8,421.86; expended for sick relief, $1,842.94; for funerals, $521; for widows' relief, $708.50; expended for relief other than sick or funerals, $822.50; for contingencies, $3,971.01; total expenditures, $7,865.91; amount in treasury unexpended, $555.95.

Interesting addresses were delivered by John T. Lighter, Past High Chief Ruler, and Past Chief Ruler Wm. McPheeters. The exercises were agreeably interspersed with excellent vocal and instrumental music by Prof. E. B. Messer, his son and daughter, and Mr. Woodruff. The entertainment was enjoyed by all present, and the occasion will long be remembered by the members of this Order in the District.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT FOR THE DISTRICT—THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED.—Judge Fisher yesterday announced the following committee, in accordance with the resolution passed at the citizens' meeting at Lincoln hall, to urge upon Congress the importance of having a government for the District of Columbia with power to legislate upon all rightful subjects of legislation not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; the right of suffrage to be in nowise abridged:

Wm. S. Huntington, Dr. C. H. Cragin, Riley A. Shinn, George W. Beall, Henry D. Cooke, Alfred Pope, Adolphus Hall, Thos. L. Tullock, A. B. Mullett, A. B. Olin, Jas. A. Magruder, Wm. H. Philip, H. Peck, John W. Vaughck, James H. Young, J. R. McConnell, George Martin, Thomas Logan, Z. D. Gilman, Fitzhugh Coyle, Wm. Gunton, Lewis J. Davis, J. C. McKelden, William Ballantyne, Geo. O. Howard, Gen. W. T. Sherman, Admiral Dahlgren, A. R. Shepherd, Moses Kelly, Hallet Kilbourn, John T. Mitchell, A. S. Solomons, J. W. Thompson, R. M. Hall, Wm. Syphax, C. H. Staunbury, John B. Blake, James Wilson, J. D. Defrees, J. J. Combs, Silas L. Loomis, S. H. Sweetland, A. Grant, A. P. Fardon, W. J. Wilson, Dr. C. H. Nichols, D. K. Carter, Andrew Wylie, W. G. Metzerott, E. M. Gallaudet, Gen. N. Michler, Edward Clark, John L. Kidwell, George H. Plant, R. B. Mohun, Wm. B. Todd, S. P. Brown, J. W. Boteler, C. F. Peck, M. G. Emery, F. B. McGuire, H. A. Willard, Peter Parker, N. Acker, S. Norment, Wm. H. Baldwin, L. A. Gobright, W. J. Murtagh, C. S. Noyes, S. H. Kauffman, A. H. Herr, John Purdy, F. H. Smith, Lewis Clephane, Collins Crusoe, Clinton Loyd, Thomas B. Bryan, Gen. W. Cochran, B. F. Morsell, James Y. Davis, Wm. B. Moses, Wm. H. Morrison, Franklin Philp, John Little, Thos. F. Morgan, J. H. McChesney, J. C. Lewis, W. W. Thipman, A. G. Riddle, O. D. Barrett, Wm. H. W. Winley, John T. Johnson, John A. Gray, Geo. W. Hatton, Alex. Gardeu, Gen. J. G. Parke, C. P. Patterson, Admiral D. D. Porter, Gen. A. A. Humphreys, Gen. E. D. Townsend, D. L. Eaton, Benj. F. French, Thos. M. Plowman, Adolph Cluss, Charles Kleiman, J. R. Elvans, A. L. Sturtevant, W. W. Corcoran.

The committee will meet at Metzerott Hall on Saturday evening, 5th inst., at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

GEORGE P. FISHER,
President of the Convention.

THE CONCERT OF THE GEORGETOWN MASONIC CHOIR.—The concert for the poor, given by the Masonic Choir of Georgetown, on last Wednesday, was a decided success, both musically and pecuniarily. Forrest Hall was literally packed with the *elite* of Georgetown and many of our Washingtonians. Many persons, though having bought tickets, could not gain admittance. Never has there been an entertainment given in our sister city that brought together such a large assemblage. We have no time nor space to specify the performance of the distinguished amateurs who assisted on this occasion, but cannot refrain from mentioning the excellent songs by Mrs. Droop, Miss Lucas (a young Miss possessing a pure contralto of remarkable sweetness) and Mr. Chase, who, all in their turn, received encores, and the ladies were the recipients of a beautiful bouquet each. The choruses of the Masonic Choir, under the leadership of Colonel Seligson, were excellently rendered. The net proceeds will be given to the Ladies' Union Benevolent Society of Georgetown, for distribution.

THE OYSTER HORN NUISANCE.—Our attention has been frequently called to the annoyance produced by the constant blowing of horns in our streets by negro venders of oysters, who perambulate the highways, and in addition to the unearthly sounds made by their tin and brass instruments, throw into the bargain their own shrill and peace-disturbing bellowing and noise. To those calling themselves the "oldest inhabitants," perhaps long habit and custom renders the nuisance complained of by others quite harmless to their ears, but that it is an evil and one that should be stopped by some municipal regulation, we are free to confess is the opinion of the majority of our citizens.

Ladies in delicate health and people confined to sick chambers at their houses are startled every five minutes with the jargon of these itinerant oystermen until we think a due regard for the feelings of all concerned in the abatement of the annoyance should be respected and acted upon by our city fathers.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.—Thomas Dowling yesterday sold a large tract of land in Georgetown, consisting of six lots, situated on Congress street, and also fronting on Road street, to John T. Mitchell, esq., at 39 cents per foot, amounting to $6,000. Also, another large piece adjoining to James R. O'Neal, at 39 cents per foot, amounting to $3,300.

J. R. Arrison, real estate broker, on Capitol Hill, has sold part of lot 17, square 693, to Messrs. Walker & Knowlton, for $1,196; also, lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, in square 739, to Brewer & Holden, for $1,595; also, lot A, in square 801, with improvements, to Ann Marshall, for $500; also, lot 28, of Blagden's sub. of 737, to Maria Proctor, for $800; also, lots 29 and 30 in sub. of 743, to Isaiah Vinn, for $1,072.

SERIOUSLY BURNED.—About 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday night, an old woman, named Edmondson, living on Tenth street, between D and E, Island, was severely burned about the face, hands and body, occasioned by her clothes taking fire in coming in contact with a stove. Dr. Melvin was summoned, who dressed the wounds of the sufferer, but doubts are entertained of her recovery. Officers Stewart and Skinner were on hand in time to extinguish the fire, and report that the woman was intoxicated at the time of the accident.

WM. LINKINS & SON, at the Twentieth street market, No. 720 Twentieth street, between G and H streets, also at the stall No. 88 Centre market, and stalls No. 5 and 7 West market, have on hand constantly the very best beef, lamb, mutton and veal. Also, the best of fresh and salted meats, with a large variety of fresh vegetables, canned fruits, poultry, game, &c., which they are prepared to sell at reasonable rates. Those of our readers in quest of marketing would do well to give the enterprising firm a call.

CHARLES ULRICH, JR., dealer in China glassware, crockery, housekeeping articles, oil lamps, chandeliers, &c., has removed his store No. 418 Ninth street to No. 935 Pennsylvania avenue, (north side,) between Ninth and Tenth streets, the old stand of T. A. Stephens & Co., clothiers. His old customers and friends will of course make a note of his removal, and call and see him at his new and commodious quarters.

MEETING OF FRUIT GROWERS' SOCIETY.—The Potomac Fruit Growers' Association met Wednesday morning at the Board of Trade rooms, and was called to order at 11:30 o'clock by Dr. J. E. Snodgrass, the president.

A short time was passed in miscellaneous matters and desultory conversation.

The secretary, Mr. J. T. Bramhall, read the minutes of the last meeting, which, after slight correction, were approved.

Propositions for membership were entertained, and several received and elected.

Several beautiful apples were presented by the secretary for examination—the "New York Baldwin;" also, from Mr. Pulver, Falls Church, Fairfax county; also, by Mr. Pleasants; also, the "Chicago apple," seedlings by Mr. ——.

Mr. Burr thought the Baldwin falls too soon for this section; concurred in by others. Mr. Hines thought they were good keepers, and suitable for this climate. The "Chicago seedling," from the Siberian crab, was suggested by Mr. Saunders, of the agricultural bureau, to be an improved fruit for the extreme northwestern country.

Mr. Pleasants presented several specimens of apples, the "Newtown Pippin," "Baldwin," and others.

Mr. Munson had not met good success with the Newtown pippin in this latitude—Munson Hill, Va.

Mr. Saunders thought it made no difference where the tree comes from, success depends upon the variety and the modification of the climate.

Mr. Burr, from experience, thought that trees from Northern nurseries would not do so well, or hold their fruit so well, as the trees raised in nurseries in this section.

The discussion was in regard to the "Limberwipe," continued by different members at some length.

Mr. Hunt spoke of the "Wine Sap," "Northern Spy," and other varieties, as good ones for this Southern region.

Mr. Hines thought that changing the climate of trees would much modify the quality of the fruit and trees. He thought the trees raised in the North not so good as trees raised in nurseries here. This point was considerably ventilated. The "Bridlower" was discussed with diverse verdicts—very good in the West, but not in New York.

Mr. Burr suggested that trees from Northern nurseries are not as good for this region as trees grown in the nurseries of this section.

Mr. Pleasants said that his experience proved that Northern trees failed worse than those produced here.

Mr. King spoke of the fact that in times past we had been much imposed upon by tree peddlers, who sold trees different than the kinds they named.

Dr. Howland presented a basket of apples called the "Sware," but doubted that they were of that variety—so thought the society, but did not name them.

Judge Gray moved that when this society adjourns, it do so to meet at the roomsof Dr. Howland, 27 Four-and-a-half street, at 7 o'clock this evening.

Next thing in order was the essay of W. H. Pleasants, of Montgomery county, Maryland, on grape culture, which was short and instructive, eliciting discussion by the members generally.

Col. Edward Daniels spoke of the different modes of training vines, horizontally and laterally, at long distances and near the ground as preferable for gathering and perfecting the fruit.

Judge Gray wished to know the best distances apart to plant both the Catawba and the Conord; it was determined 8 to 12, and 12 to 15 feet in rich, loose ground.

Mr. Saunders, of the Agricultural Department, spoke against too much pruning and cutting away the vines too closely as injurious to them, causing diseases and weakening the vine; and Mr. Pleasants concurred in that opinion as being a bad practice.

Mr. King spoke of the remarkable growth and yield of certain grape vines at his old home in Georgetown, where they were but little trimmed, and allowed to grow high and wide, with only a slight cutting in of young vines or branches.

Col. Daniels spoke of the manner of training the vines laterally, long distances near the ground, to great extent, sixty feet apart, and kept up on low crotches and wires; the system recommended by the St. Louis *Grape Grower*. In a discussion as to the variety to be cultivated here, some favored the Catawba, and others doubted it to be the best vine to raise here, except in favored localities.

Mr. Saunders gave a very interesting statement in regard to localities, varieties and management of culture of grapes, settling down with the statement that the "Concord" is the best grape for this locality, more reliable than the Catawba and Delaware.

Professor Wilcox stated that he had visited grape countries in Europe, and did not see any trellis or poles, but grapes are grown near the ground like current bushes. Particularly in Spain was his observations.

Judge Gray and others made further remarks as to the manner of American and foreign culture and that of California.

Colonel Daniels offered a resolution to the effect that this society recommend as the best varieties of grapes for general cultivation in the Potomac region to be the Concord, Hartford prolific, Ive's seedling and Clinton; which was deferred as the subject for discussion at the meeting this evening, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion it was resolved to continue the session yesterday at 11 a. m., at the Board of Trade Rooms.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Dr. Snodgrass, in the chair.

Discussion in regard to advertising and to having printed circulars to hand around, stating the character and purposes of the society, &c.; which were approved, and the chairman authorized to do so.

Judge Gray made some judicious remarks in regard to the matter of describing lands for sale and aiding those who wish to purchase lands, by affording them necessary information; which was sustained by Mr. Pleasants and others, setting forth the advantages which would accrue to the society and to this section of the country.

Mr. King expressed his views in the same direction, and moved for a committee to carry out those measures, to be called a Committee on Information and Statistics on Land. Adopted, and Mr. King, Judge Gray and Mr. Pleasants were appointed such committee; and, on motion, the chairman was added to it.

The Chair suggested that the objects of the society be enlarged and the name be changed to correspond with the purposes of it, and that the subject be referred to the society for consideration at a future meeting.

Different members favored, and spoke on the subject.

Judge Gray desired to see this institution grow to be truly a national one; which was concurred in by other members.

Mr. Dennison wished to have the interest of wheat and grain growing joined in the consideration of the society.

Mr. King suggested that it would be desirable to take steps for establishing a library.

A notice was given that the constitution be amended so as to change the name of the society to that of "Fruit Growers' and Farmers' National Society."

Mr. Pearson and others approved the notice.

Mr. Bramhall, the secretary, opposed the idea of change in name, and advocated stability as being necessary to secure known and permanent existence.

Mr. Pleasants thought the present name does not embrace all that it is desirable to have it do; that it is not comprehensive enough.

Judge Gray brought up the question of Col. Daniels' resolution of yesterday in reference to the best varieties of grapes for cultivation in this section. It was settled that the "Concord" is the first best, or No. 1, in the opinion of this society, and class it the First Class.

Mr. Pearson stated his favorable experience and knowledge of the "Ives Seedling" as being the next best, or second class, and as preferable to the "Hartford Prolific."

Mr. Hunt spoke in favor of the "Hartford," as being earlier than the "Concord," which is a great advantage. It ripens earlier.

Mr. Gray inquired if any one could speak in regard to the "Clinton," and Mr. Pleasants spoke in its favor.

Mr. Pearson said the "Catawba" was a very desirable grape for some localities, but not reliable here.

The chairman concurred in those views.

Mr. Hunt spoke of its success in Cincinnati, and of Mr. Longworth's operations with it.

Mr. Pleasants spoke of its desirableness in some circumstances.

Mr. King concurred in the same statements.

Judge Gray gave a history of the origin of the "Catawba"—early planted in the garden of Mr. Claggett, in Georgetown.

Colonel E. Daniels made some remarks in regard to the character of the Catawba, Hartford, Prolific, Ives, Seedling and other varieties, as to their hardiness, flavor and bearing, giving the preference to each for some qualities.

On motion, it was resolved to invite Mr. John P. Claggett to furnish a paper to this society, at its next monthly meeting, on the origin and history of the Catawba grape, and in regard to the vine which was planted and is growing in the garden of his father, in Georgetown. Adopted.

The Diana and Delaware species of grape were recommended for trial in this region.

Information was requested in regard to the Walter grape by various members.

The Isabella was spoken of and recommended for trial. Inquiries were made in regard to the Rogers Hybrid, also in regard to the Martha. This closed the consideration in regard to grapes.

Colonel Daniels offered a resolution recommending that members of the society buy fruit trees and vines of reliable dealers in their own vicinity in preference to buying of itinerant peddlars of these articles.

This resolution was discussed by different members; and Mr. Daniels urged encouragement to our neighbors and home growers.

Dr. Snodgrass was not willing to limit the trade in this manner, but was willing to guard against imposition of spurious and irresponsible dealers.

On being called, Colonel D. S. Curtiss spoke in reference to the subject, advising caution alike against being imposed upon by unworthy dealers, and against doing injustice to worthy dealers; but to maintain the greatest liberty in purchasing and selling in all the best markets within our reach.

After some amendments, the resolution was passed.

Judge Gray moved that Colonel Ed. Daniels be invited to furnish a geological paper in regard to the rocks and soils in this region, with reference particularly to fruit growing. Adopted.

After some routine business, on motion, adjourned.

THE OLDEST INHABITANTS—INTERESTING MEETING — WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—A special meeting of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants was held Wednesday afternoon at the rooms of the Criminal Court, City Hall. John B. Blake, esq., presided, with J. Carroll Brent, secretary.

The secretary read the following letter, which was accepted:

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 31, 1870.

J. Carroll Brent, esq., Secretary Oldest Inhabitants' Association.

DEAR SIR: I am authorized and instructed by Lewis Carusi, esq., to tender the use of his spacious hall to the "Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia," on the approaching 22d of February, for the purpose of meeting and celebrating the birthday of the immortal Washington, who was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Mr. Carusi, being of your association, feels just pride in its organization, and regarding the name of Washington with reverence, would esteem the acceptance of his present invitation with unalloyed pleasure.

I am also further instructed to say that Mr. Carusi desires to testify his regard for the Association of Oldest Inhabitants by presenting the body a testimonial on the occasion referred to.

I have the honor (on the part of Mr. Carusi) to subscribe myself, yours, very respectfully,

N. BARBO.

J. Carroll Brent, esq., chairman of the committee to make arrangements for the celebration of the 22d of February by the association, submitted the following report:

That the regular meeting will be held at 4 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, the 22d of February, at Carusi's Hall, kindly placed at the disposal of the association by the proprietor for that occasion.

That extracts from the farewell address of Washington be read by a member of the committee.

That as an appropriate mode of celebrating the day, the committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Whereas, as proof of the veneration and gratitude entertained by the members of this association for the memory and services of the Father of his Country; be it

Resolved, That the president is authorized and requested to have prepared a suitable block of marble with the following inscription: "From the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia to the Washington National Monument Association," and that the same shall be presented, with appropriate ceremony, to said society, for position in the monument.

Resolved, That a subscription be opened to defray the cost of said marble block, and that each member be requested to contribute one dollar, and that the original list be handed over to the Washington National Monument Society for preservation in its archives.

On motion, the report was laid over, to be adopted at the meeting on the 22d of February.

A resolution of thanks was tendered Mr. Carusi for proffering the use of his hall on the 22d of February.

Mr. Wm. Molloy was elected a member of the association.

The secretary presented a hand book of Washington, presented by request of C. Bohn through R. W. Clarke, esq., which was accepted, and a vote of thanks tendered the donor.

The secretary announced the death of Thomas Gallaghan, and offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That, as a testimonial of regret and of the appreciation of his merits as a good Christian, honest man and worthy citizen, the members will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that the secretary communicate a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

Mr. Jenkin Thomas, of Georgetown, announced the death of Hon. James S. Morsell, as follows:

The death of Hon. James S. Morsell, late one of the Judges of the old Circuit Court of the United States for this District, recalls to memory the earlier and purer days of the Republic, and demands from this association its tribute to his virtues and services as a citizen and public officer.

He was, at his death, ninety-five years of age, an honorary member of this society, and its oldest member, regular or honorary.

He resided here when Congress assumed jurisdiction over the "ten miles square," and when the Circuit Court was opened, in 1801, (then filled by Kitty, Chief Justice, Jas. Marshall and Cranch, associates,) was admitted to its bar, on the first day of its session.

Among his contemporaries were John Thompson Mason, the first United States attorney for this District, the two Keys, Philip R. and Francis S., Walter Jones, Swann, Robert J. Harper, Taney, Harper, Chief Justice Marshall, and other renowned advocates, the ornaments of the profession of the law of their day.

In 1814 he volunteered his services in the defence of his country in the war of 1812, was a lieutenant in Major George Peters' corps of infantry, and was commended, with his brother officers and soldiers, for gallantry and good behavior at "Indian Head," on the Potomac, by Commodore Oliver H. Perry, the "hero" of Lake Erie.

In 1815 he was appointed by President Madison one of the Associate Judges of the United States Circuit Court for this District, and remained in that honorable and useful office till March, 1863.

We all know the benevolence, fidelity, punctuality and diligence with which he met the claims of duty on him in his long career as a citizen, a public officer and a man. We all know the purity, bearing and fearlessness with which he filled the judicial office, undismayed by the frowns of power or the clamors of the populace. We all know the confidence in him and reverence for him felt by all the virtuous and the good. He has gone to his last account full of years and honors, mourned *unfeignedly* by all the good in the community he served so long.

Resolved, therefore, That we sympathize with his afflicted family in their bereavement, and that a copy of this tribute to his memory be sent to them.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this memorial be entered on the records, and that the members of the association wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Mr. Brent seconded the adoption of the resolution, and paid a feeling tribute to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Blake then announced the death of Mr. Thomas H. Havenner, a member of the association, in a few feeling remarks on the life and character of deceased.

On motion, Dr. Blake and J. Carroll Brent were requested to prepare suitable resolutions, expressive of the feelings of the association, on the death of Mr. Havenner.

Adjourned.

THE POOR.—From a report submitted by A. K. Browne, esq., general agent of the Washington Association for the Improvement of the Poor, last night, we extract the following: That the whole amount expended by the association for bread, fuel, groceries, and shoes during the season to date, amounts to $2,386.41. Of this amount the Mayor has paid $1,346.75, making an excess paid to the association of $1,053.62. The society has also distributed 380 loads of wood and 10,000 bushels of coke not included in the above estimate. It will thus be seen that the society is without resources, and, in order to accommodate the demand upon its charity, Congress and our citizens should come to its relief at once.

DEATH OF THOMAS BLAGDEN, ESQ.—We regret to announce the death of Thomas Blagden, esq., an old and highly respected citizen of Washington, who died at an early hour yesterday morning, at his late residence, "Argyle," on the Fourteenth-street road. Mr. Blagden was one of the most enterprising business men of this community, being largely interested in real estate here. His special business was that of a dealer in lumber, and Blagden's wharf at the foot of Third street east is known to nearly all residents of Washington. The remains will be brought to the city on Sunday morning, and at three o'clock p. m. the funeral will take place from the New York-avenue Presbyterian church.

WELCOME SOCIAL CLUB.—This is the name of a new association, composed principally of young men of South Washington, the officers of which are: President, Ed. C. Weaty; Vice President, R. Williams; Secretary, James Clear; Treasurer, James Nash; Sergeant-at-Arms, E. A. Newman.

The "Welcome Boys" propose giving a grand sociable next Friday evening, to which have been invited a large portion of the *elite* of South Washington.

GEORGETOWN COUNCILS—*Board of Aldermen.*—The Board was called to order by Levi Davis, esq.

Resolutions to pay expenses of the poor in work-house for the quarter ending December 31, 1869, was passed.

A communication from R. A. Edmonson, late tax collector, was referred to the Board of Common Council.

Mr. Newman introduced a resolution opposing the proposed territorial form of Government and consolidation of the cities of Georgetown and Washington; which was amended and adopted.

Resolution (S. 3.) in favor of S. Wolf and J. W. Gross was passed.

Resolution (C. C.) relating to the establishment of the grade of West street extended was passed.

The general tax bill was taken up, read and referred to the standing committee.

Adjourned.

Common Council.—The Board was called to order by the president, Enos Pickrell, esq.

A communication was received from the Mayor enclosing bill from the Levy Court. Referred.

Mr. Clabaugh introduced a ordinance providing for the renumbering of houses in the town. Referred to a special committee—Messrs. Dunlop and Jones.

Mr. Grimes presented a resolution for the relief of Wm. Whelan. Referred.

Also, a communication from R. A. Edmonston, late tax collector. Referred.

Mr. Clabaugh introduced a resolution in favor of S. Wolf and J. W. Gross. Carried.

Mr. Hutchins introduced a resolution relative to the establishing of the grade of West street extended. Passed.

Board of Aldermen amendment to bill (C. C.) relative to cleansing the market-house, was concurred in.

Mr. Mitchell introduced an ordinance providing for the levying of general and special taxes for the year 1870, which was passed. [The bill provides for an assessment of 70 cents on each $100 of taxable property; 5 cents on Metropolitan railroad debt; 15 cents on gas; 40 cents for Metropolitan police, and 25 cents for schools, making a total of $1.55, being a deduction of 5 cents on the taxation of 1869.]

Resolution (C. C.) in favor of Wm. Hamilter, was returned to the Board, accompanied by a report from the committee of the Board of Aldermen, asking non-concurrence on the part of this Board.

Resolutions (B. A.) opposing consolidation of Washington, Georgetown, and the county, were discussed at some length, when

Mr. Pickrell (Mr. Mitchell in the chair) moved that the resolutions be laid on the table, as he thought they were in bad taste, and the people of the town should be consulted in regard to the matter, and mass-meetings held by the citizens to discuss such an important question as a change in the present form of government, which the resolutions proposed.

The resolutions were laid over until the next meeting, and the Board adjourned.

FOR RENT AND FOR SALE.—House No. 910 Nineteenth street, near I, ten rooms, will be rented low to a good tenant, on application at Wilson's shoe store, 1003 Pennsylvania avenue.

A desirable residence, No. 119 Prospect street, Georgetown, fine location, large garden, &c., can be rented on application at 49 Third street, Georgetown.

Joseph H. Sheffield, Pennsylvania avenue, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, offers the bar of the Glymont Pavilion for rent for one or two years.

Messrs. Gleason & Glenn desire to rent a large lot or suitable wharf property for a wood and coal yard. The lot must be located between Seventh and Seventeenth streets.

A new and neatly finished house of five rooms, in a desirable location, with modern improvements, is for rent. Apply at 411 Fifteenth street, between eleven and twelve o'clock.

CENTRAL IRISH REPUBLICAN CLUB.—A meeting of this Club was held at Wills' Hall last night, Mr. P. H. Donegan in the chair and D. Donovan secretary.

Mr. Carraher, from the committee on union with the national association, reported a basis for union, recommending the Chicago convention resolutions as the platform; that the name be the United Irish Republican Club; and that the offices be declared vacant.

After a very warm and acrimonious debate, in which the motives of members were impugned, the motion to adopt the report was laid on the table, and a motion being made to reconsider, it was laid on the table: yeas 17, nays 11.

Mr. A. Neville, from the committee on constitution, made a report; which was considered and adopted.

After which, the club adjourned.

MESSRS. PHILP & SOLOMONS, wholesale and retail booksellers and stationers, No. 322 Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets, are in receipt of all the latest novelties in fancy and staple stationery, wedding, visiting and reception cards, with a large invoice of all the new books, fresh from the press of all the leading publishing houses of the country. Philp & Solomons have secured the agency for Washington for the "Parlor Combination Game Boards," combining some intensely interesting games for children. *Paterfamilias* would do well to make a note of this.

A STATEMENT.—This is to certify that Dr. Fanyon has cured me of a very troublesome catarrh, after I had suffered from it for the last 12 years. Before I consulted and was treated by Dr. F. the discharge from my nostrils was very offensive, and often in such quantities as to render it difficult to force it away. After three weeks' treatment, my catarrh is gone and my general health is greatly improved.

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WE WOULD CALL ATTENTION to the sale of fine oil paintings by Cooper & Latimer, auctioneers, to take place this evening, as many of them are original pictures, and being sold positively without reserve, offers a rare opportunity to purchasers.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—Colonel C. A. Pitcher, formerly of Maine, but for some years past a resident of this city, will speak upon the subject of temperance at Lincoln Hall to-morrow evening. Seats free.

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REV. DR. SUNDERLAND will deliver a lecture before the students of the Wayland seminary, at their rooms on I street, near the corner of Nineteenth street, this evening, at 8 o'clock, on the subject of "The Phases of Life." The public are invited, and the seats will be free.

THE WASHINGTON CITY SAVINGS BANK, corner Seventh street and Louisiana avenue, is open from 6:30 to 7:30 every Saturday evening, in addition to its regular banking hours. It pays interest on deposits. 8||

DR. H. B. MCCLANE has reopened the drug store No. 445 New York avenue, between Fourth and Fifth street, and is prepared to carefully put up prescriptions at all hours.

WILCOX & GIBBS'S SEWING MACHINE, pronounced the simplest and noiseless machine in the world, can now be bought on easy terms at the agency, C. Baum's Hoopskirt and Corset Factory, 315 Seventh street, between D and E. ||

A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the New York Republican Association, will be held to-morrow evening, at the rooms of the association, corner of Seventh and L streets. The meeting to commence at 7:30 p. m.

THE next regular assembly of the John John A. Rawlins post No. 1 will be held this evening at Union League hall at 7 o'clock.

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