LOCAL AFFAIRS

AMUSEMENTS.

The Italian Opera.

On Wednesday evening next the grand Strakosch Italian troupe, than which no better operatic combination now exists, will open at the National theatre for four performances only, appearing in the choicest selections from its extensive repertoire.

Nilsson, who shines as the central star of the company, can justly claim a position in the first rank of the world's sopranos, and those who have heard her extraordinary vocalism in the concert room will now have an opportunity of knowing how she acquits herself in opera.

Capoul and Brignoli have few superiors as tenors, and in artistic merit Jamet, the basso, is spoken of by the New York critics as their great. Capoul, as a lover, is highly praised, his singing being peculiarly suited to the roles he assumes. All of us remember the silver-toned Brignoli, and will accord him a hearty welcome. Miss Cary, too, is widely known as a concert singer, and appears, it is said, to still better advantage in opera.

Indeed, most of the members of this unrivaled troupe are artists of great merit, and although the prices of admission appear to be high we predict that overflowing houses will be given the troupe during its stay. Seats for the operatic season are now selling rapidly at Metzerott's music store.

The Benefit for the Fire Department.

This evening the dramatization of Tennyson's beautiful poem, "Dora," will be produced at the National Theatre, for the benefit of the sick and relief fund of the District fire department. Mr. Hamilton will repeat his character of Farmer Allen, in which he so admirably supported Mrs. Chanfrau sometime ago. He then appeared to possess a thorough conception of the part, and presented it in a highly acceptable manner. May Saville will appear as Dora, and we think she will sustain the character in good style. The entertainment will conclude with "Rough Diamond." As the proceeds of the performance will be devoted to a most worthy object, appealing to the charity of all, we are sure a full house will witness it.

Benefit for the Knights of Pythias.

The Knights of Pythias had its birth as an organization in this District, and by its rapid growth and beneficial works reflects great credit on its birth-place. The Order is a most deserving one, and embraces within its membership many of our most prominent citizens. To-morrow evening the grand play of "Damon and Pythias," from the history of which the Order takes its name, will be produced at the National, the proceeds to be added to the charity fund of the Knights. Mr. Hamilton will appear as Damon, and Mr. R. S. Murdoch as Pythias.

A great deal of dissatisfaction is expressed over the change in the cast of characters, it being first announced that the celebrated tragedian, Mr. Davenport, would appear as Damon. Today, would assume the character of Damon and Mr. Hamilton that of Pythias. It is claimed that Mr. Davenport was never consulted with reference to the matter, and the cast of the play, as it is to be presented, has caused a great deal of grumbling.

Mrs Hopper on Woman Suffrage.

To-morrow evening Mrs. Sarah Lanman Hopper, of New York, delivers a lecture, in opposition to woman suffrage, at Lincoln hall. Mrs. Lanman is well-known, particularly in the literary circles of this community, as the author of a number of stories, sketches, poems, &c., and as a philanthropist and reformer. As a writer she is both concise and forcible, and being fully acquainted with the subject she has in hand we believe her lecture will be a successful one and worthy of patronage.

Forepaugh's Show.

A week from to-day Forepaugh's four grand shows—a circus, caravan, museum and menagerie—will pitch tents in this city. Of its kind their is, perhaps, no better exhibition now traveling through the country. Its procession is said to extend nearly two miles in length, and presents attractions of the finest character. A monster sea serpent will be exhibited in a large tank filled with sea water. This, of itself, forms a great feature, and we long to see the sportive snake twisting about in "the briny deep."

Grand Gaitie Comique Entertainment.

This evening Mons. D'Atalle's Gaitie Comique Combination opens at Odd Fellows' hall for this week only. The chief performer of this remarkable combination, Mons. D'Atalle, the man with the iron jaw, is a wonderful phenomenon, and does incredible feats. The company embraces, as will be seen by a reference to the advertising columns, vocalists, dancers, delineators and prestidigitateurs, most of whom are talented in their respective lines. For ladies and children this will prove a delightful entertainment, and will doubtless be well patronized.

CITY SMALL TALK

Yesterday was lovely.

The claim of Mrs. General Gaines has broken out in a new place. She's all pluck.

The future government of Ireland, the "Irish Republic," walks the Avenue every afternoon.

The "ton" of Capitol Hill wears fustian exclusively. So does G. S. W.

Gen. John M. Hedrick, of Ottumwa, helps to fill the population of our city just now.

Two new cases of smallpox were reported at the Board of Health on Saturday.

If you wish to get a good fit of coughing, go to an undertaker.

For cool impudence, Mr. N. G. Ordway may certainly bear the palm. Read his proceeding before the committee on Saturday.

Oh, why will not Mr. Chandler submit his case to the District committee without argument? It would look so much better.

Let us hope that to-day the prosecution will close its case before the House Committee on the District of Columbia.

Query. Why are the packages and tickets sent into the REPUBLICAN editorial rooms without a word of explanation?

It is a mistake about Charles W. Butts being a South Carolinian. If the evidence against him is to be believed he is a Pawnee.

The contract to dye moustaches for the police force has been let to a prominent professor of the tonsorial art. You all know him.

The fire ladies don't dye their moustaches. That's what Charley Hardie says. They will never dye.

Judge Davis, the Presidential candidate, it is said, weighs 298. Diggins, of the *Herald*, weighs less than half that figure. Yet he is a *weighty* man.

Won't our city papers describe the appearance of some other person than John Mansfield? Give her a rest, please.

Quite a number of our Japanese visitors attended morning service at the Metropolitan church yesterday, to hear the Rev. Mr. Eddy's discourse.

The surbstone guards at St. Aloysius' church yesterday afternoon numbered forty-nine—a reduction of three since the Sunday previous. We congratulate the happy three on their pluck.

How much money has the Crane-Ordway investigation cost the United States? How much sin has it caused the members of the committee to commit?

Mr. Ordway has shown the cloven foot. He has failed in all his moves, and on Saturday pronounced as laboring to assist the memorial race in their efforts.

It is rumored that Mr. Ordway resigns as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives he and J. H. Crane propose to enter into a partnership for the practice of the law.

It's startling, but true, that Congress has consented to remove the Capitol to Gleisbero's place, to suit the wishes of Garrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio. It's to be moved to Gleisbero' Point.

Parker, of the A. G. O., says he is glad he is tall. He can only hear the buzz of ordinary conversation, and escapes that bore. When the last trump sounds it will be a week before it reaches him.

Will A. Short, esq., has been appointed by the company resident agent of the White Star line of ocean steamers. He has located his office at the corner of Sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

"The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse." Wouldn't that be a good peroration for one of the counsel for the prosecution before the House Committee on the District when he closes his argument?

The board of appeals are so crowded with work that they have concluded to hold evening sessions from 8 to 10 o'clock, to hear complaints of property-holders concerning excessive assessments.

Nilsson, who will burst ever so many hearts by her pretty face and prettier squealing on Wednesday evening next at the National, is engaged to a young English merchant who follows her most faithfully. Gentlemen, you're in the cold.

The two squads of police reserves from the Sixth precinct, under Sergeants Mike and Siel, made the quickest time to the Arlington hotel on Saturday last, in response to the alarm turned in from that place—four minutes and fifty seconds. The Sixth is some on the run.

A petition is being circulated among our citizens for signatures to be presented to Congress protesting against permission being granted any railroad company to construct a railroad depot at the corner of Sixth and B streets north.

There is no trouble in obtaining the necessary subscriptions to extend the Metropolitan railroad to Uniontown, and it is now probable that the road will also be extended westward to Georgetown by L or M streets to the College gate.

A delegation of colored men from Richmond and Petersburg, Va., are in the city. They will present a petition to Congress to equalize the tax on tobacco, and complain that the present system of taxation is unjust to both growers and manufacturers.

The Sunday *Herald* pokes fun at the portly Adams, of the New York *World* and Magnolia (Afrikan) *Flower*, with regard to his intention to build "a magnificent Italian villa" near Oakland, Maryland. Pillsbury knows better than that. What does G. W. A. care for Italian villas?

The rue in liquor has of late
Been wonderfully briisky;
The cause is, that the whisky *ratis*,
Because it's all *Suif's* whisky.

The above is jingled off by the *Transcript*. Can they be the honest sentiments of its editor? He must have been *rattled*.

The constant travel on the bridge over the canal at Maryland avenue has made it almost worthless, and it is being taken down and will be sold for old iron. It was the first bridge of the kind constructed in this city, and when the Smithsonian grounds were used for circus purposes it was the only bridge over which the elephants could be persuaded to pass.

Some of the types of the REPUBLICAN and *Star* office have made bars of champagne suppers, hats, &c., the suppers to be given at the Tontine, Alexandria, Va., commending their ability as pedestrians. A REPUBLICAN type, of long legs and immense physical endurance, bets a champagne supper that he can walk from the Long bridge to a given point near Alexandria in one hour and a half. The hat is wagered by a *Star* type on two hours for the same distance. May the best man win, is our sentiment.

TEMPERANCE.

Congressional Society.

The Original Roll of Honor—Addresses by Vice President Colfax and Senators Buckingham and Ferry.

A temperance meeting, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, was held yesterday afternoon at Lincoln hall, Rev. O. A. Hall, secretary of the association, presiding. The spacious hall was crowded to overflowing with many of our most prominent citizens. The platform was occupied by many of the ablest advocates of the temperance cause and an impromptu choir, which opened the exercises by singing a temperance hymn, with piano accompaniment; after which Rev. Dr. Butler, chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered a fervent prayer.

INTERESTING RELIC.

At the conclusion of the prayer Rev. Dr. Chickering was introduced, and prefaced his remarks by reading the following paper, upon which the Congressional Society was formed:

"We, the subscribers, members of Congress, agree to associate in the formation of a Congressional Temperance Society, to be organized at some future day of the present session, of which due notice will be given. February 14, 1833. (Signed) Lewis Condict, Silas Condict, Isaac Southard, Jas. F. Randolph, Joseph G. Kendall, John Sanford, Gideon Grinnell, Jr., John Reed, Hiram Allen, Daniel Wardwell, John Thomson, Samuel Bell, Arnold Naudain, Thos. Frelinghuysen, Gideon Tomlinson, Samuel Prentiss, Wm. Wilkins, Horatio Seymour, Wm. Hendricks, Felix Grundy, G. M. Dallas, W. W. Ellsworth, E. Everett, G. N. Briggs, J. C. Bates."

SENATOR BUCKINGHAM'S REMARKS.

Senator Buckingham, of Connecticut, was then introduced, and said he remembered well a meeting that was held in the building one year ago, and the feeling manifested on that occasion. He felt sure that a proper reflection of that day could not avoid stimulating those who are striving against the evil of strong drink. He noticed in the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the last year there had been manufactured 11,000,000 barrels of spirituous and fermented liquor, some of which is packed and carted away, and the balance stored up in various parts of the country, from which it is poured into the rum-shops to ruin mankind. In spite of all the obstacles placed in its way by a Christian people, it still moves along, and is thrown broadcast over the land, notwithstanding the appeals of mothers and sisters. There is a remedy for this, and with the moral influence, which is in the power of the temperance cause to control, it can be overcome. If once broken and destroyed, the bondage man has over him be cast aside, and a spirit of determination take place thereof. It is a duty resting upon all who owe their allegiance to the King of Kings to assist in this reform. The speaker then made some beautiful allusions to the happy home uncursed by the touch of that tempter of man's happiness, warning his hearers to desist from the evil, as the warning comes from the course of Heaven. He concluded by appealing to all to become temperance advocates and lay aside that evil which buries every day in drunkards' graves thousands of human beings.

A temperance hymn was then sung and benediction pronounced, after which the meeting adjourned.

Base Ball.

As the season advances and the time for field sports approaches considerable interest is shown as to what will be the principal base ball clubs in the country, and what players constitute their nines. The following is a complete list of the different professional clubs who will take part in the contest for the championship this season. The positions of most of them have not been assigned, and will rest entirely on practice show as to where they will prove strongest:

Athletics—McBride, Malone, Cuthbert, Fisler, Tracey, Meyerle, McGeary, Reach, Mack, Anson, Sensenderfer.

Troy—Weed, Allison, Force, McAtee, Dillon, Nelson, Gedney, Hodes, S. King, Martin, Zettlein.

Boston—McVey, Spaulding, Gold, Barnes, Schafer, O. Wright, Leonard, H. Wright, F. Rogers, Birdsall.

Forest City—Pratt, Wolters, White, Hastings, Carlton, Sweasy, Sutton, Holdsworth, Pabor, Allison.

Mutuals—Hicks, C. Mills, Cummings, Start, Hatfield, Pearce, Boyd, Eggler, McMullen, Beckhel.

Atlantic—Barlow, Brett, Dehlman, Carney, Ferguson, Burdock, Chapman, Remsen, McDonald.

Baltimore—Matthews, Craver, E. Mills, Pike, Radcliff, Higham, York, Hall, Fisher, Carey.

The Olympics, of this city, will present the following team: Brainard, p., Waterman, c., Flynn, (of White Stockings,) 1st b.; Goldsmith, (of Keklongs,) 2d b.; Fulmer, (of Rockford,) s. s.; Sellman, (of Keklongs,) 3d b.; Glenn, l. f.; Bradley, c. f., and Harley, r. f., president.

The Nationals as yet have not made public the nine they intend putting into the field, but it is rumored that a strong amateur nine will represent the club in the contests this summer. Arrangements for local excursions have been made already for matches to come off in this city, and it is expected that the campaign will be as brilliant as that of any previous season.

"Fragments of Science."

A gentleman of this city, having sent to New York for a French toy microscope for the amusement and instruction of his children, is studying out the following "Questions in English" before entering upon a family exhibition of the little things of science:

"One place toward on the extremity of the glass fixed in the cover, whether a drop of water containing animalcula or a little piece of old paste in fermentation, diluted with a few water; whether a drop of old vinegar or very little insects, mites of birds, old cheese, &c., &c., fixed by the finger with a few saliva. It is very easy to obtain animalcula by stopping in the water, during two or three days, the stems of flowers, plants or vegetables; the more water is old and in fermentation the more the animalcula get bigger; in a single drop they are many thousand. This animalcula are more curious to observe by candlelight, one can see at those time the most imperceptible, which, in consideration of the magnifying, one can conclude they are imperceptible to move themself upon the top of a pin."

A Remembrancer of the Lost Cause.

Those who use the pipe have doubtlessly often wondered at a copyrighted label on one of the most common kind of packages of tobacco found for sale, and wondered at the point of it. It reads, "Alabama Tiger—Cousin Sally Ann," and has the picture of two men, one smiling and the other grieving. Under the smiling one is the clause, "When he wedded;" under the sorrowful one, "In going up of." The name "Cousin Sally Ann" is a blind; the initials of it, C. S. A. (Confederate States of America) is the point. One man looks smiling when he wedded or joined the C. S. A., and the other grieves at the going up of the C. S. A. The Alabama tiger, it is presumed, is in remembrance of the tiger-like qualities of the pirate Alabama. This label is certainly a curious way of some honest but eccentric rebel to keep in remembrance the lost cause.

Fourteenth District Club.

The Republican Club of the Fourteenth district held a meeting on Saturday night at the Ironsides Republican church, corner of Third and F streets. Vice President Bailey, presiding. Resolutions were passed indorsing the Board of Public Works, and condemnatory of the action of the memorialists in prolonging the investigation to the detriment of the laboring classes.

Delegates were elected to the Emancipation convention that meets at the Union League hall to-night, after which the meeting adjourned.

Nearly Finished.

The first locomotive over the Baltimore and Potomac railroad entered the tunnel at the Navy Yard, on Thursday last, the bridge across the Eastern Branch having been finished. A second trip will be made this week, when she will bring the railroad iron, which will finish the laying of the track in the western end of the tunnel, and make an unbroken route to the Long Bridge.

PROGRESS.

DR. MARSHALL'S LECTURE

The Past and Present Compared—The Nineteenth Century From a Catholic Standpoint.

There was a large and intelligent audience at Odd Fellows' hall last night to listen to the lecture by Rev. Dr. Marshall, of England, on the progress of the nineteenth century.

The gentleman is well known in the Catholic and literary world as one of the foremost thinkers in his Church, and one of the most brilliant satirists of the age, and his effort last night was well worthy of his fame.

The pulpit form was occupied by Rev. Fathers White, Boyle and Walter, and during the entire evening the strictest attention was paid by the audience.

The address opened with the query, "What will generations in the immediately succeeding centuries say of this century? Will their decision coincide with us? Will they so dogmatically declare that this is really and essentially an age of progress? Will they say it is an age of progress or an age of beautifulness?" "What is progress?" asked the lecturer. It has been defined by a witty Frenchman to be a multiplication of wants. True progress should be an advancement in the following spheres: Material, moral, political and intellectual progress. As far as material development, taken as far as mechanical invention is concerned, there is no denying that this is an age of progress. Great mechanical inventions have been made in our time. What of that? Two or three men have made these discoveries, but one in ten thousand among us cannot even explain the mighties which work out their brilliant conceptions. It is fashionable to call the middle ages dark; but it would be well to remember that all the great men that have left a name on history's page were not born in the nineteenth century. Our artists confine their studies to the fragments walted down to them by the tide of time. Our greatest orators might not feel offended if compared with Cicero and Demosthenes, and our great political economists could also find their equals in those times. In the middle ages there was at least a hundred charitable institutions to the one that adorns our times. And they were not the gloomy prisons in which our poor are now immured.

He then gave a witty and forcible description of the materialism to which the great progressionists of England have drifted. The English Divorce Court, he said, was, no doubt, an institution, it could not well exist along, and is thrown broadcast over the land, notwithstanding the appeals of mothers and sisters. There is a remedy for this, and with the moral influence, which is in the power of the temperance cause to control, it can be overcome. If once broken and destroyed, the bondage man has over him be cast aside, and a spirit of determination take place thereof. It is a duty resting upon all who owe their allegiance to the King of Kings to assist in this reform. The speaker then made some beautiful allusions to the happy home uncursed by the touch of that tempter of man's happiness, warning his hearers to desist from the evil, as the warning comes from the course of Heaven. He concluded by appealing to all to become temperance advocates and lay aside that evil which buries every day in drunkards' graves thousands of human beings.

A temperance hymn was then sung and benediction pronounced, after which the meeting adjourned.

Base Ball.

As the season advances and the time for field sports approaches considerable interest is shown as to what will be the principal base ball clubs in the country, and what players constitute their nines. The following is a complete list of the different professional clubs who will take part in the contest for the championship this season. The positions of most of them have not been assigned, and will rest entirely on practice show as to where they will prove strongest:

Athletics—McBride, Malone, Cuthbert, Fisler, Tracey, Meyerle, McGeary, Reach, Mack, Anson, Sensenderfer.

Troy—Weed, Allison, Force, McAtee, Dillon, Nelson, Gedney, Hodes, S. King, Martin, Zettlein.

Boston—McVey, Spaulding, Gold, Barnes, Schafer, O. Wright, Leonard, H. Wright, F. Rogers, Birdsall.

Forest City—Pratt, Wolters, White, Hastings, Carlton, Sweasy, Sutton, Holdsworth, Pabor, Allison.

Mutuals—Hicks, C. Mills, Cummings, Start, Hatfield, Pearce, Boyd, Eggler, McMullen, Beckhel.

Atlantic—Barlow, Brett, Dehlman, Carney, Ferguson, Burdock, Chapman, Remsen, McDonald.

Baltimore—Matthews, Craver, E. Mills, Pike, Radcliff, Higham, York, Hall, Fisher, Carey.

The Olympics, of this city, will present the following team: Brainard, p., Waterman, c., Flynn, (of White Stockings,) 1st b.; Goldsmith, (of Keklongs,) 2d b.; Fulmer, (of Rockford,) s. s.; Sellman, (of Keklongs,) 3d b.; Glenn, l. f.; Bradley, c. f., and Harley, r. f., president.

The Nationals as yet have not made public the nine they intend putting into the field, but it is rumored that a strong amateur nine will represent the club in the contests this summer. Arrangements for local excursions have been made already for matches to come off in this city, and it is expected that the campaign will be as brilliant as that of any previous season.

"Fragments of Science."

A gentleman of this city, having sent to New York for a French toy microscope for the amusement and instruction of his children, is studying out the following "Questions in English" before entering upon a family exhibition of the little things of science:

"One place toward on the extremity of the glass fixed in the cover, whether a drop of water containing animalcula or a little piece of old paste in fermentation, diluted with a few water; whether a drop of old vinegar or very little insects, mites of birds, old cheese, &c., &c., fixed by the finger with a few saliva. It is very easy to obtain animalcula by stopping in the water, during two or three days, the stems of flowers, plants or vegetables; the more water is old and in fermentation the more the animalcula get bigger; in a single drop they are many thousand. This animalcula are more curious to observe by candlelight, one can see at those time the most imperceptible, which, in consideration of the magnifying, one can conclude they are imperceptible to move theyself upon the top of a pin."

A Remembrancer of the Lost Cause.

Those who use the pipe have doubtlessly often wondered at a copyrighted label on one of the most common kind of packages of tobacco found for sale, and wondered at the point of it. It reads, "Alabama Tiger—Cousin Sally Ann," and has the picture of two men, one smiling and the other grieving. Under the smiling one is the clause, "When he wedded;" under the sorrowful one, "In going up of." The name "Cousin Sally Ann" is a blind; the initials of it, C. S. A. (Confederate States of America) is the point. One man looks smiling when he wedded or joined the C. S. A., and the other grieves at the going up of the C. S. A. The Alabama tiger, it is presumed, is in remembrance of the tiger-like qualities of the pirate Alabama. This label is certainly a curious way of some honest but eccentric rebel to keep in remembrance the lost cause.

Fourteenth District Club.

The Republican Club of the Fourteenth district held a meeting on Saturday night at the Ironsides Baptist church, corner of Third and F streets. Vice President Bailey, presiding. Resolutions were passed indorsing the Board of Public Works, and condemnatory of the action of the memorialists in prolonging the investigation to the detriment of the laboring classes.

Delegates were elected to the Emancipation convention that meets at the Union League hall to-night, after which the meeting adjourned.

Nearly Finished.

The first locomotive over the Baltimore and Potomac railroad entered the tunnel at the Navy Yard, on Thursday last, the bridge across the Eastern Branch having been finished. A second trip will be made this week, when she will bring the railroad iron, which will finish the laying of the track in the western end of the tunnel, and make an unbroken route to the Long Bridge.

THE LOVEJOY PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Formal Dedication Saturday.

The school building bearing this name has been built and recently furnished by the Board of Trustees for Colored Schools, and is located on D street, near Twelfth northeast.

The building is about 50x80 feet on the ground, and is three stories high. Below the first floor is a cellar sufficient to accommodate the heating apparatus and fuel. Each floor is divided into two rooms about 30x40 feet, with entrance hall, stairways, cloak rooms, &c.

The first two stories are of brick, with stone caps and sills to the windows. The third story is formed by a Mansard roof of peculiar construction, so that the rooms on this floor are quite as comfortable as those below; while the roof, with its bold dormers, adds greatly to the appearance of the building.

The front is relieved by pilasters to the cornice, and above which rises a stilted pediment, mitering with the second cornice, and which supports a belfry which rises gracefully above the roof, and at once gives academic expression to the building, and from which it is intended the "academy bell" will ring out its "call to school." On each side of the building are high open porches, which give relief to the plain sides of the building, and at the same time give protection from bad weather to the entrance doors, which are hung so as to open outward to avoid accident in case of any alarm among the children.

The brick walls outside are painted a plain dark gray, and the cornices, dormers, and other trimmings, a light Ohio stone color and sanded. The interior walls are slightly tinted and the wood-work inside painted oak. There are outside blinds all around to the first and second-story windows.

The whole building is well arranged for its purpose, with every possible facility to heat or ventilate the building in any way desired, and there are four halls all around in the outside wall between the windows, and also large central flues.

Architecturally the building is an acquisition to the city, and especially to the school-buildings. The whole cost of the building, including heating and out house, is between $15,000 and $16,000.

Mr. H. R. Searle is the architect, and Mr. James H. Hill, the contractor, who has done himself great credit in the mechanical execution of this work. A number of gentlemen were present by invitation of Mr. Hill, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to witness the formal transfer of the building to the board of trustees, prominent among them were Hon. Frederick Douglass, John F. Cook, esq., John H. Brooks, ex-trustee Alfred Jones, Hon. John A. Gray, and Hon. Louis H. Douglass, of the Council, A. M. Green and Charles Champion, esqs. The board of trustees were represented by Henry Johnson and Charles King. After a thorough inspection of the building, the company were invited to a sumptuous collation by Mr. Hill, after doing ample justice to the many good things.

Mr. Green, president of the board, called upon and made a telling and instructive speech, stating, among other things, that he remembered when Washington was a one-story place; but a generation had passed away since then, and now two and even three story houses were the order of the day, and these will be succeeded by an additional story, and so on until to-day, when Washington bids fair to rival the best. So with school-houses. In his day there were no schools South for his race; and the speaker referred to the time when they were cast out of the very depths as have certainly come. The change had been so rapid, and the results so grand, that at times he felt he could stand a kick and insult better than before; for he felt that we had it in our power to resent both—not as before, accept the indignity and be compelled often to return thanks for the favor or honor conferred. The speaker closed with a beautiful tribute to the memory of Lovejoy, and congratulations to the board of trustees for the interest manifested by them in its dissemination.

After spirited addresses by Messrs. John F. Cook, A. M. Green, John H. Brooks, and others, the company retired, expressing themselves highly pleased with the afternoon's entertainment.

There are now three schools in successful operation, respectively presided over by Miss Grace Dyson, principal, Miss Ada Curry, associate, and Miss Lavinia Lewis, assistant teacher.

The completion of this building will give ample school facilities for children within the colored schools on Capitol Hill for some time to come, making in all eighteen schools in that vicinity, embracing the highest grammar to the lowest primary.

A DEAD FAITH.

Lecture by Laura De Force Gordon.

Last evening Harmonial hall was about half filled by a mixed audience to listen to Mrs. Laura De Force Gordon, of California, on the above subject. The lecturer, an intellectual lady, was neatly attired in a steel-colored dress, and wore her hair in curls. Her lecture consisted of an expose of the idolatry, sham and hypocrisies which, she claimed, existed in the religion of the present day. They were not every-day, practical faiths, and had descended to us from generation to generation, and social system was widely different from ours.

In the course of her remarks, she referred to the relation between the clergymen and their congregations. The former were afraid to speak the truth, lest they should offend their flock. A portion of the flock, on the other hand, were fearful of the criticism from another part, and the pastor was forbidden from speaking on temperance and other social subjects. She referred to the change in the belief concerning the character of the Infinite Being, and attributed it to the change and advancement in civilization and form of government. God, in earlier days, was regarded as a terrible being, to be more feared than loved; but with the growth of intelligence this belief had been reversed to a great extent.

She had always believed that the Christian churches had many objectionable features. One of them was that the person who needed their charity had first to prove that he or she was worthy of it. She objected to the illiberality of such charity as unchristian and unworthy the person who had found true Christianity. The Spiritualists and Freethinkers were doing wrong. Instead of being harrassed down by religious faith, though they claimed to be untrammeled, they should by their works in every-day life prove that they were truly religious, and worthy of our love.

Every new movement in religion fell among the tares, and was choked by the weeds after its pioneers had passed away. They were all attacked with responsibility organizations, but this city was desirous of obtaining an instrument of that description, and having been authorized to procure for him, either in New York or Boston, a gong, I went to the proprietor of the establishment to make some inquiries, during which I very readily accomplished, only I had to pay $85 instead of $75, the latter sum being the price at which this would be monopoly above referred to obtained them in consequence of purchasing large numbers of them.

The purchase, as above stated, was readily made, and the invoice delivered into my hands, the sale entered upon the books of the company, and a memorandum entered directing the shipment to be made on that day by express. Judge of my surprise when, in about an hour thereafter, I called at the same place, upon other business, I was roughly informed by the proprietor that he could not fulfill the contract on his part for the reason that all orders for gongs of their manufacture, when intended for the use of corporations or companies, come through Gamewell & Co., who invariably sold them for such purposes for the sum of $250 each. Although not obliged to allow the contract to terminate, yet I returned the invoice, took back the money, and therefore refrained from making a private transaction public enough to show that New York sharpers have but little regard for anything but large sums of money.

VERUM.

Mr. Widdows and His Chimes.

Saturday evening, upon invitation of Mr. Widdows, in charge of the Metropolitan church chimes, a number of gentlemen of this city, in company with Mr. Marion Dunn, of the firm of Jones & Co., bell founders, ascended the steeple to witness the mode of playing the bells and listening to a number of favorite pieces, which were performed upon the chimes, to which, in all present, convincing them that the bells were in tune and all that can be desired. Mr. Widdows will receive the credit which he deserves for his patience under all kinds of assaults which have been made on him by those who did not understand that bells, like any instrument of music, might be out of tune. He is now honored on Saturday evenings by the presence of ladies and gentlemen, who are curious to see how the bells are played. Mr. Widdows informed us that he is always pleased to see any lady or gentleman who feels sufficient interest in the method of playing the bells, and who will call on Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock.

The Test Alarm.

On Saturday afternoon it was determined to give the Japanese embassy an exhibition of the skill and ability of the fire and police departments of the city. Accordingly, at 4 o'clock precisely, an alarm was turned in from box 43, at the Arlington, and in the incredibly short space of seven minutes the entire apparatus was on the grounds, and a very few moments later the reserve police force from each of the stations was on hand, stretched the rope and kept the crowd back.

The several apparatus were then put to work, and an exhibition given, several of the members visiting and minutely inspecting the working of the engines.

At the conclusion of the test, which was considered very satisfactory, the commissioners partook of a collation, and the firemen, not being invited, went to their respective engine-houses.

Dastardly Assault.

Saturday night, as Charles Dano, aged about sixty years, and employed on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad as a flagman, was engaged in signaling the arrival of the ten o'clock train, he was struck several blows in the face and head by a man named William Colson. Upon committing this assault Colson drew a single-barreled pistol and threatened to shoot any one who interfered with him.

Officers Fitzpatrick and Murphy succeeded in securing Colson and took him to the station, where he was locked up for a hearing this morning.

Mr. Dano was removed to his home on H street, near Second northeast, where his injuries, which were quite severe, were dressed.

Death of a Prominent Indian.

Colonel Holmes Colbert, representative of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians, died yesterday at 12 o'clock, a. m., in this city, of typhoid fever. There has been no Indian better known, more highly esteemed and beloved in the Indian country than Colonel Colbert, and his death is a great loss to his people. His funeral will take place under direction of the Masonic Order, in which he was a member of high standing, from the rooms of Dr. A. G. Long and Colonel E. C. Boudinot, at 410 Pennsylvania avenue, on Tuesday. The hour of the funeral will be given in to-morrow's issue.

Disorderly Gathering.

Last night about 9 o'clock two gangs of colored youths, known as Crow Hill and Capitol Hill clubs, congregated on the corner of Third and H streets, where they were engaged in a stone battle, greatly to the detriment of those who were returning from church and the houses in the vicinity. Officers Jenifer and Wilson succeeded in scattering the crowd and arresting two of the participants, who were conducted to the Seventh precinct station-house to await the action of Judge Snell this morning.

Funeral of Mrs. Hogan.

The funeral of Mrs. Johanna Hogan, wife of the member from the Nineteenth Legislative district, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her husband. The remains were interred in Mount Olivet cemetery, and a vast concourse of sympathizing friends formed the funeral procession, there being one hundred and fifteen carriages in line.

THE PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION.

Their Aim For Grant and Scott.

At an adjourned meeting of the Pennsylvania Republican Association, composed of Pennsylvanians temporarily residing in Washington, held March 23, 1872, for the purpose of instructing their delegates to the State convention, the resolutions recommending Representative Packer as a fit gubernatorial candidate, and the nomination of Representative Mercur as a judge of the Supreme Court of the State, were unanimously adopted. The following resolution respecting the President is extracted:

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the high character, unquestioned integrity, and tried statesmanship of President Grant, and that, as members of the Republican party, identified with its onward march of progress and proud of its history, we point with satisfaction to the fulfillment of his pledges, and the faithful discharge of the many and responsible duties of his exalted position as the surest evidence of his fidelity, and as the best assurance that can be given of the confidence with which the American people may rely upon him for an honest, fearless, independent and upright administration of the Government during the next Presidential term.

The resolutions further suggested the nomination of Senator Scott as Vice President, and the re-election to the Senate of Hon. Simon Cameron.

The Proposed Brewery Company.

The gentlemen mentioned some days ago as having under consideration the project of forming a joint stock company to purchase the Washington brewery, and engage in the manufacture of ale, backed by a sufficient amount of capital, have about concluded their arrangements, and will at once call upon many of our business men with the propositions. There is no question but that the terms offered will be satisfactory to those who form the company, and the enterprise will doubtless be highly successful.

New York Solons.

The New York Republican Association will hold their fifth reception and soiree this evening at Masonic Temple. The committee in charge have been untiring in their efforts to afford those who attend an evening of great pleasure, and judging by the successes achieved by the Association on former occasions their efforts will not be futile.

Departmental Relief Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Departmental Relief Association will be held this evening in the lecture-room of the Young Men's Christian Association. A full attendance is requested.

Police Court.

On Saturday there was one dismissed, charged with an assault with an intent to commit rape on Mrs. Bennett, was taken up. After a partial hearing the prosecution was abandoned by the District attorney, and the case dismissed.

GEORGETOWN AFFAIRS.

THE TOTAL NUMBER of arrests made during the past week, at the Third police precinct, (Lieut. Emery,) was 14.

OBE WATERS, Esq., has received per canal, from the Point of Rocks, 3,380 bushels of wheat and 100 barrels of flour.

THE FUNERAL of the late Robert Hudson took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence on Market street, between Jefferson and Bridge streets, attended by Heber Tent of Rechabites and Eagle Tent of the same Order, of Washington. The remains were interred in the Presbyterian burying ground, on Frederick street.

NOTICES OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SEE PHILP & BOLSONGS' list of new books.

LATIMER & CLEARY, auctioneers, will sell, on Wednesday, April 17, at 5 o'clock p. m., desirable improved real estate on the east side of Fifth street west, between L and M streets north.

WM. L. WALL & CO., auctioneers, will sell, on Tuesday, April 9, at 4 o'clock p. m., valuable unimproved property, situated on the corner of U and Fourteenth streets northwest.

GREEN & WILLIAMS, auctioneers, will sell on Monday, April 8, at 4½ o'clock p. m., valuable improved property on D street north, between Second and Third streets west.

TROOP "A," Governor's Mounted Guard, will assemble this afternoon.

A NEW three-story pressed-brick front house for rent.

A DESIRABLE four-story and basement dwelling for sale.

THE Great Falls Ice Company have received a cargo of Cumberland coal.

THE Fifth Republican will meet this evening.

WILLIAM QUINAND has received a cargo of chestnut coal.

"HOT SODA"
AT
MILBURN'S DRUG STORE,
531 Fifteenth Street, Opposite Treasury.
SODA and MINERAL WATERS ON DRAUGHT at all seasons. 4a24dlm

BILLIARD TABLES REPAIRED.

The undersigned beg leave to inform gentlemen having Billiard Tables that they are prepared to take down, remove, put up, repair, or convert pocket tables to cases, in the best possible manner. Tables can be taken up and converted in season will be sent to the factory in New York and returned ready for use.

MILLER & JONES,
Proprietors Billiard and Bagatelle Tables, National Theatre Building, 1326 and 1327 F street, and Agents for R. M. Vollmer, successor to Phelan & Collender, New York. jel-3m

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14, 1872.
On the petition of JOHN C. RAKES, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 19th day of June, 1858, for an improvement in Machines for Cutting Oysters' Plugs.

It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 15th day of May next, that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 15th day of May next, and that said petition be heard on the 20th day of May next.

Any person may oppose this extension.

mh20-W2w M. D. LEGGETT, Commissioner.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11, 1872.
On the petition of ALEXANDER M. LAMBERT, of Louisville, N. J., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 19th day of June, 1858, for an improvement in Hats and Caps.

It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 14th day of May next, that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 15th day of May next, and that said petition be heard on the 20th day of May next.

Any person may oppose this extension.

mh20-W2w M. D. LEGGETT, Commissioner.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11, 1872.
On the petition of CHARLES A. BUELL, of Massachusetts, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him, of Worcester, Massachusetts, administrator of Jason Earle, deceased, praying for the extension of a patent granted to said Jason Earle, deceased, on the 19th day of June, 1858, for an improvement in House Bolts.

It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 14th day of May next; that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 15th day of May next, and that said petition be heard on the 20th day of May next.

Any person may oppose this extension.

mh20-W2w M. D. LEGGETT, Commissioner.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11, 1872.
On the petition of CHARLES A. BUELL, of Massachusetts, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him, of Worcester, Massachusetts, administrator of Jason Earle, deceased, praying for the extension of a patent granted to said Jason Earle, deceased, on the 19th day of June, 1858, for an improvement in Door Bolts.

It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 14th day of May next; that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's