LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

THE NORTHERN MARKET.

Lively Fight Among the Members.

GREAT VARIETY OF OPINION

Amendments Offered and Voted Down—The Corcoran Site Declared Selected—Protest From the Minority—Has the Bill Locally Passed?

COUNCIL.

The Council met at 6:30 o'clock.

House bill making an appropriation to pay damages sustained to private property for the opening and widening of Bridge and Aqueduct streets, Georgetown.

House bill prescribing the powers and duties of the commissioners of deeds, and House bill granting certain privileges to H. Larabel, were read a second time.

Council bill incorporating the Firemen's Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia. Read second time.

House bill making an appropriation for the purchase of scales, weights, &c., for the office of the sealer of weights and measures. Read a first time.

House concurrent resolution in relation to the incorporation of the Northern Liberties Market Company now before Congress for a charter.

The resolution was taken up and concurred in.

At 6:40 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Gray, the Council adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The House was called to order at the usual hour by the Speaker and the Journal read.

Mr. Wall introduced a bill making an appropriation to erect a drinking fountain at the corner of Seventh street and Boundary. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also, a bill authorizing the Board of Public Works to condemn certain alleys in the county of Washington. Referred to Committee on Public Works and Property.

Mr. Murray submitted a resolution directing the Committee on Laws and Judiciary to prepare a bill for the protection of the trees, &c., in the city. Passed.

Mr. Piper introduced a bill appropriating $100 for the relief of James McGuire. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Davis submitted a resolution providing for the purchase of four hundred copies of the laws of the last Legislative Assembly, at a cost not exceeding fifty cents per copy, for the use of the members.

This was debated at some length, amended so as to provide for one hundred and ten copies, and passed.

Mr. Davis also introduced a bill fixing the hours of labor for the workmen employed on District work. Referred to the Committee on Laws and Judiciary.

Mr. LeBarnes introduced a bill instructing the Committee on Public Schools to inquire into the expediency of establishing adult evening schools. Adopted.

Also, a resolution requesting the Governor to transmit to the House copies of all weekly reports of the auditor, comptroller and treasurer up to the present date.

Mr. Campbell opposed the resolution in its present shape. He would vote for it if it called for the information in gross, instead of detail.

Mr. LeBarnes said the District was incurring very heavy debts, which would have to be paid in future, and he did not think it became any member to raise the plea of slight expense for transcribing when a member asked for information.

The resolution was lost.

Mr. McKnight, from the Committee on Claims, moved that certain bills be taken from the files of the House and referred to the Committee on Claims. So ordered.

Mr. Boswell arose to a personal explanation, and proceeded to read from an article as published in a morning paper over the signature of Captain Moore, which reflected on the Committee on Indebtedness. He replied at great length, going into the details of all the cases referred to by Mr. Moore.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the bill prescribing the duties and salaries of the surveyor and assistant surveyor was postponed until to-day, and made the special order immediately after the call of districts.

Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn. Lost.

House bill No. 34, for the relief of P. M. Dubant, was read a third time and passed.

House bill to reimburse John A. Graham for taxes erroneously paid on personal property was taken up, read a third time and passed.

THE MARKET-HOUSE BILL.

House bill No. 28, in relation to the purchase of land and erection of a market-house in the northern section of the city, was taken up.

Mr. Campbell moved to amend by appropriating $300,000, and providing for the issue of bonds to that amount.

Mr. Piper asked whether it would not make the debt exceed $30,000,000.

Mr. Bond said the amount provided was included in the statement of the debt as given some time ago.

Mr. Dickson said the reason that the amount was limited was because the Commissioners, in accordance with law, had already purchased a site for the erection of a new market in the northern section of the city.

Mr. Piper offered an amendment, "provided the issue of the bonds shall not increase the indebtedness of the District to more than ten million dollars." Agreed to.

Mr. Shepherd moved that the bill and amendments be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to inquire whether the amount named will increase the debt to more than ten millions. Not agreed to by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Boswell, Carroll, Davis, Dickson, Hogan, Piper and Shepherd—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Bond, Brewer, Brown, Burdine, Campbell, Cox, Hunt, LeBarnes, McKnight, Murray, Wall, and The Speaker—12.

Mr. Murray moved to amend by providing that a sufficient amount be appropriated for the erection of the western market. Agreed to.

The original section providing for the appropriation, as amended, was then read and agreed to.

Mr. Murray introduced an amendment repealing the original bill for the erection of a northern and western market, approved August 23, 1871.

Mr. Dickson opposed the amendment, saying: By an act of last session, entitled "An act providing for the purchase of certain market sites, and the erection thereon of certain markets," the Committee on Markets of the two houses of the Legislative Assembly were constituted a commission to select, subject to the approval of the Governor, two convenient sites for market houses in the northern and western sections of the city. The act, in express terms, required the committee to make the selections as soon as practicable, and directed the Governor, by mandatory requirement, to purchase the sites as soon as they were selected.

The powers conferred upon the committee and the Governor, as to a site for a market in the northern section, have been exhausted. It is now too late to repeal the act; and if the same is repealed it can in no way effect any rights that have vested in consequence of the execution of the powers conferred by the act. The committee selected the site for a northern market; the Governor approved the selection, and in further obedience to the command of the Legislature the Governor has purchased the property and caused the deed of title executed conveying the same to the District of Columbia.

By this acceptance of the deed, the title passed to the District, and the grantors became entitled to receive the purchase money. This is too plain to be questioned by any one. Contracts once validly made, in which the government of this District is a party, bind it as firmly as those made by individuals bind them, and there is no way in which this purchase, made in the regularity of this Legislature, can be set aside otherwise than by the consent of all the parties to it. If any individual agrees to sell a lot or piece of land at a stipulated price to another individual, and the purchaser afterwards accepts a deed in which the price is indicated, the title to the land thereby passes to the purchaser, and the right to demand and receive payment becomes a right in the grantor which he can enforce in any court of justice.

Not only did the act of the last session upon this subject confer full power on the Governor and the committee to select a site and purchase the same, but it also appropriated the sum of $300,000 to defray the expenses of purchasing the site and erecting the buildings required thereon; and to raise the fund it authorized the issue of registered coupon bonds, to bear seven per cent interest, and payable in twenty years, and directed them to be negotiated.

The propriety and expediency of avoiding litigation forbids such imputation as is sought by the supporters of this bill, even if it were not imperatively forbidden by common sense and common honesty.

He moved to amend by providing, "if the Governor had not already purchased a site for a northern market."

Mr. Campbell said if the amendment was adopted it would kill the bill, as litigation would continue for ever.

Mr. Bond said that in order to frighten the District into purchasing their property certain parties had instituted a suit, when it was a well-known fact that it had never been purchased.

THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION.

Mr. Dickson called that the Governor had told him that the purchase of large square was made, the deed accepted, and the matter settled.

Mr. Bond continued, saying that it could not have been purchased, as there was no written acceptance in accord with law. He opposed the amendment as it would delay the purchase too long.

THE WESTERN MARKET QUESTION.

Mr. Murray said the fight on the northern site did not worry him at all, but the site selected under the act of August 23 for the western market did not meet the approval of any of the residents of the western section of the city.

Mr. Boswell said that there could be no dispute about the matter, as it was well known the committee had purchased and the Governor accepted the property known as the Savage square, and the Governor had so stated to the committee.

Mr. Burdett said that the Governor accepted it subject to the title.

Mr. Boswell said he did not wish to reflect on any one, but, in his opinion, W. H. Ward, who examined and passed on the titles, knew more about real estate in the District than all the other lawyers in it. He did not favor either the Savage or Corcoran site, but to take the money and build three or four markets for the benefit of the people. But a square had been purchased, and the owners intended to insist on the payment of the money. Certain lots had been lately sold in the same square, and the deeds recorded without question, the purchasers being perfectly satisfied with their bargain.

Mr. Wall advocated the amendment of Mr. Murray, and cited the law sub. logic on the subject, claiming that the Legislative Assembly had full authority in the premises.

Mr. Campbell said that he had intended to make some remarks, but it supposed he could say nothing which would alter the minds of gentlemen, and he therefore not.

THE SERVICE QUESTION.

Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Piper addressed against the motion.

Mr. Carroll moved that if passed, [illegible] would agree to close debate at 10 o'clock he would withdraw it.

Mr. Dickson said he hoped they would not be limited to debate.

Mr. Campbell then insisted on his motion.

Mr. Shepherd said he hoped the House would exhibit more accommodations than Mr. Campbell.

The vote was then taken on the call for the previous question, and it was not agreed to by a vote of 21 to 8.

MR. SHEPHERD'S REMARKS.

Mr. Shepherd said he proposed to look at the matter in a practical light. The Corcoran square is located within four squares of the Boundary, near the outskirts of the city of Washington, and there, out of the way, they proposed to expend nearly $300,000 in the creation of a market. One of the arguments used in favor of the bill was that the District would derive a revenue from it. This was not so, as the present market, with all the advantages of location, only turns in between $4,000 and $5,000 revenue each year. Put the market at F street and you drive all the people this side of K street to a private enterprise, the Centre market, and closing Legislatures will have, year after year, to make appropriations to support the proposed splendid market building. The people in the section of the city north of O street and south of M street are as a unit in opposition to it. The talk about the munificence of Mr. Corcoran's offer was all a sham. He has to be paid $150,000 in twenty years, with 7 per cent. interest. The price to be paid for the Corcoran square was $1 per foot, while Mr. Tyson, who owns the square immediately adjoining, had offered it for 50 cents a foot on exactly the same terms. He hoped the committee would take more time, have the bill and amendments printed; let it go back to the committee and be carefully considered. He did not advocate either the Savage or Corcoran sites, but thought the interests which should be consulted centered in that section of the city lying north of G street, and between North Capitol and Fourteenth streets.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Dickson's amendment, and it was lost.

Mr. Murray's amendment was agreed to by a vote of 14 to 9.

Mr. Shepherd moved to strike out the words: "On the liberal and munificent terms proposed by him," and insert, "for the sum of $150,000." Lost by a vote of 7 to 12.

Mr. Piper moved to amend by striking out the first section and inserting, "that the Governor and the Committee on Markets of the Legislative Assembly be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed to purchase sites on which to locate buildings for market purposes in the northern and western sections of the city of Washington, and report to the Legislative Assembly as early as possible." Not agreed to by the usual vote of 12 to 7.

MORE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Hogan offered an amendment providing for the erection of a market in the northwestern section of the city.

Mr. Hunt asked if it would be in order to move for the erection of a market on "Buzzard's Point."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Shepherd moved to amend by providing that within three weeks after the passage of this act the bill should be submitted for ratification to the people of the Eighth, Ninth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Nineteenth districts. Lost by a vote of 18 to 6.

Mr. Dickson submitted the following amendment:

Provided, The case now pending in the Supreme Court of the District, in which the District is sued for the purchase money of a site for a northern market, which has been alleged to have been made, shall be finally decided in favor of the District, and the District prevented from liability on said purchase.

Lost.

ANOTHER PROPOSITION.

Mr. Davis offered as a substitute a bill providing that the Board of Public Works shall advertise for proposals for the erection of a market house on the present site of the Northern market, that while the work is in progress temporary sheds shall be erected for the use of dealers on K street or Massachusetts avenue, and appropriates $100,000 for the purpose of the bill. The substitute was not agreed to by the usual vote.

AN ENGROSSED COPY ASKED FOR AND DENIED.

The bill was then ordered to its third reading, and while being read Mr. Shepherd demanded an engrossed copy.

The Speaker ruled that the bill had been ordered to its third reading, and it was not in order to ask for an engrossed copy.

The bill was then read, and the vote being taken, resulted as follows:

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The speaker announced the bill passed.

Mr. Campbell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay the motion on the table. Agreed to.

A SOMEWHAT IN THE CAMP.

Mr. Boswell asked whether the bill had been passed.

The Speaker replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Boswell then quoted from section 20, general clause 46, as follows: "Nor shall said Territorial Government have power to borrow money or issue bonds or other obligations whatever, unless specially authorized by the Legislative Assembly, passed by a vote of two thirds of the entire number of the members of each branch thereof."

In view of that clause, he asked whether the Speaker still maintained his decision.

The Speaker said the bill was passed.

Mr. Boswell desired to have his dissent from the decision of the Speaker and the clause above quoted entered on the minutes. So ordered.

On motion of Mr. Murray, the title was then amended, and at 10:24 o'clock, on motion, the House adjourned.

The District in Congress.

REAL ESTATE TITLES.

In the House yesterday Gen. Chipman introduced a bill to secure title to real estate. It provides that any person claiming in the District which has heretofore been or may hereafter be sold for taxes by the corporate authorities, and for which a corporation deed has been or shall be given to the purchaser thereof, and which has remained or shall hereafter remain in undisturbed possession of said purchaser, his heirs or assigns for a period of ten years from the date of such sale, may then be improved by said purchaser, his heirs or assigns, and any claimant of the fee of said property shall, upon proof of claim, be adjudged to pay for such improvement, together with principal and interest on the amount paid by said purchaser from date of purchase. Any real estate in the District which has heretofore been, or may hereafter be, sold for taxes by the corporate authorities, the same being held twenty years and upwards in peaceable possession by the purchaser thereof, his heirs or assigns, and for which a corporation deed has been given, shall become the undisputed property of said purchaser, and the title thereto shall be, and hereby is, declared to be as valid and indisputable as though the same was conveyed by deed or otherwise, according to law, by the original owner of said property, his heirs or assigns. Referred to District Committee.

TRADE MOVING SOCIETY.

General Chipman also introduced a bill to pay the three months volunteers one hundred dollars bounty. It provides that every soldier who enlisted in the volunteer army of the United States during the late rebellion for the period of three months, and who was honorably discharged therefrom shall receive a bounty of $100, the heirs of any such soldier to be entitled to the benefit of the act.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS

NOTICES OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SEE THOMAS & SUTLEY'S notice to the public in to-day's issue.

A NEAT TWO story brick house for sale.

A BEAUTIFUL SIX-room house for sale.

ATHLETIC against Olympic to-day.

VOCAL and instrumental entertainment at Foundry church this evening.

BRYAN BROS. have superior claret in store.

A VERY DESIRABLE three-story pressed-brick front house for sale.

W. POLLOCK & BRO. call attention to their fresh grass butter.

FIXON MATTING at L. F. Clark's.

SEE Webb & Beveridge's decorated dinner sets.

SP. JAMES HOTEL to let—see notice.

NEW SODAS at Mrs. J. Karpeles'.

BRYAN BROS. have received one puncheon of bay rum.

A TWO STORY and brick basement house for sale.

SWEET CATAWBA at Bryan Bros.'

THE Radical Republican Club will meet this evening.

WHEATLEY & BROS., lumber dealers, corner Seventh and Q streets, and No. 27 Water street, Georgetown.

LATIMER & CLEARY, auctioneers, will sell on Friday, May 24, at 6:30 o'clock, p. m., very desirable improved property on Eighth street northwest. Also, on the same day, at 11 o'clock, 5,000 flowering plants. On Monday, 27th inst., at 5 o'clock, p. m., valuable property on Capitol Hill. On Friday, June 24, at 4 o'clock, p. m., valuable real estate near the Baltimore and Ohio depot.

THE Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T., will assemble to-morrow afternoon.

THE horse-shoers will meet this evening.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL at Masonic Temple.

A MIDDLE-AGED MAN is wanted.

MOLAN'S new sample rooms, corner of Sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

THE Ohio Republican Association will meet this evening.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mrs Jarley's Waxworks.

The Widow Jarley and her famous Waxworks will arrive from Europe, at New York, to-day. The public of Washington will have the pleasure of seeing the Widow Jarley on the 27th of the present month, at Lincoln hall, where the funny entertainment of the widow will remain for three nights only, giving a matinee on Wednesday afternoon, May 29, to accommodate those living in Georgetown and other places outside the city, as well, also, to give the little school children, who cannot parade, an opportunity of witnessing the humorous Jarley exhibition. The little children who attend school can procure from their teachers tickets to attend the matinee at the very moderate figure of fifteen cents, where the regular price will be twenty-five to matinee if the children were to purchase them at the door on the day of the entertainment. Of course the low figure of fifteen cents only applies to children under fifteen years of age, and can be had only at the schools for that price. The sale of reserved seats takes place this morning at Ellis' music store.

Mrs. John Wood.

The audience at the National last evening was a large and merry one, and, from all appearances, just such assemblages will crowd the theatre during the short stay of the superior burlesque company which holds its boards at present. "Pell and Partner Joe," the performance of the evening, is, in all respects, an admirable production, full of original, genuine humor and mirth-provoking puns. The idea upon which the burlesque is founded is out of the common run, free from anything approaching to coarseness, and in no way offensive to refined taste. Burnand, a contributor to *Punch* and a well-known English humorist, is the author of the play, and its absurdity of conception and finish in details reflect the greatest credit upon him. There is much originality, character and fun in Mrs. Wood's acting that it would be doing an injustice to compare it with that of the prominent burlesque actresses of the present time. She is different from them all, and certainly as pleasing as any of them.

Her singing last evening of "His Heart was True to Poll" was given with a spirit and jollity that won an encore. In this song, which is particularly her own, she is certainly unapproachable. Miss Jennie Lee is one of the prettiest, merriest and best of the British blondes that have yet landed upon our shores. She sang the song of "The Admiral" in capital style. Harry Beckett, who, in the hands of Mr. Anson, is pure burlesque, and kept the audience in roars. Mr. Cox (Dame Tiller) gave some surprising dancing. The Boston Quartette, which accompanies the troupe, is composed of first-class musicians, and its efforts were thoroughly appreciated. All of the songs received applause, and most of them were encored. No little credit is due the management for the superior style in which the burlesque has been placed upon the stage. "Pell and Partner Joe" will be repeated to-night and to-morrow evening.

Grand Concert.

A vocal and instrumental concert will be given this evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Foundry church. For this occasion superior talent has been engaged, and a programme embracing many rare and excellent selections will be presented.

CITY SMALL TALK.

Always on hand—Blags.

Our best Holt—The Judge.

The latest gag—"Insulted, but no matter."

The latest pleasure—Advisory board cobblers.

Rich says: What's in a name without stamps.

Devine, the Associated Press reporter, holds on to his seat in the Senate gallery.

A Department clerk inquires if the Greeley hats are supplied with brown bands.

Somebody has said that "Greeley is a self-made man and worships his creator."

Market Space boasts the prettiest female clerks.

The telescopist on the Avenue is watching his friend in the moon.

Mrs. Admiral Porter and Miss Porter go to the Berkeley springs.

Violin Withers got excited last evening. Its too warm for this thing, W.

The boarders at a certain hotel in this city are known as Imperialists.

Sometimes we wear a Veteran Reserve corps badge on his belt.

A weak-kneed Republican trembles over the number of white hats on the Avenue, and thinks of hedging for Greeley.

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SHELDON'S MAY BALL.

Interesting Ceremonies—A Large and Brilliant Gathering—The Queen and her Maids of Honor.

The customary yearly compliment paid by Prof. Sheldon to his pupils, of giving them a May ball at the close of the academic session, has always been very faithfully observed by the professor, and anxiously anticipated by his pupils.

The event long looked for by the little folks, and many older ones too, took place last evening at Odd Fellows' hall, and was attended by many of the patrons and friends of the seminary.

A temporary throne had been erected on the platform at the east end of the hall, which was neatly trimmed with many colors of lattice and adorned with flowers.

At 9 o'clock the scholars filed into the hall led by the queen, Miss Lizzie Hastings; maids of honor, Miss Sannie Tibbitts, Miss Margie Marion, Miss Katie McDonald and Miss Allie Collins. They were followed by the queen of flowers, Miss Janie Pratt, and her maids of honor, Miss Minerva Sheldon, Miss Eva Cowling, Miss Aggie Markriter and Miss Gertie Cowling.

After marching once around the room, double lines were formed, through which the queens and their maids of honor approached the throne, and paused at its foot.

Two little misses, Mamie Manger and Sallie Clark, tiny crown bearers, then came forward; bearing the floral wreaths, Miss Moran crowned the May queen, and she in turn performed the same pleasing duty with the queen of flowers; after which they ascended and took seats on the platform to witness the march of the queen's guards, performed by twenty-eight scholars. The evolutions were exceedingly well done, and showed that the children had been given a careful training.

At its conclusion the following fancy dances were executed: "La Sylphide," Miss Maggie Turner; "Cachucha," Miss Anna Boyle; "Helen Polka," Miss Cornie Denver and Aggie Markriter; "Circle Dance," Misses Minerva Sheldon, "Genevieve," Miss Lucy Goldsborough; "Zingarella," Miss Eva and Gertie Cowling; "Horoupipe," Master Willie Rooes; "Ariel," Miss Anna Boyle.

Where all did so well it would be difficult to particularize, and from the exhibition given the Professor has every reason to be proud of his pupils and they of their instructor.

At the close of the fancy dances, Master Willie Rooes received the gold medal which the Professor awards annually for the best dancing and graveest proficiency.

This being over the queen's set was formed and danced, after which the floor was yielded up to the adults.

The entertainment passed off delightfully to those participating, and will doubtless be an occasion to remain fresh in their memory for some time to come.

Building Associations—Their Origin, Progress and Practical Workings.

Every practical treatise on this subject, by Edward Wrigley, for sale by J. C. Parker, we learn that the first mutual association of this kind was established at Kircudbright, in the south of Scotland, in 1816, under the immediate patronage of the Earl of Selkirk, a nobleman of large fortune and liberal and enlightened views, who devoted no little time and study to perfecting this truly noble and philanthropic scheme. Building associations became popular in general operation throughout Great Britain until they reached the number of two thousand and fifty, about the year 1851, with an annual income of £4,000,000, according to the report of registrar.

Building associations were introduced into this country about the year 1840, and have operated with great success in nearly all the populous sections of the Northern and Middle States, and from time to time the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed several laws regulating and governing their operations in that State.

There are some six or eight different plans in operation, all of which have some peculiar advantage and have their patrons. That known here as the "old plan" is the same as first introduced into Pennsylvania, while the "co-operative"—the plan adopted by the First Co-operative, Washington, Columbia, Franklin and Republic Associations of this city—is that for many years in successful operation in New York and other States.

Considered as a savings fund these building associations offer the most and only systematic plan for those desiring to accumulate little by little against the demands or necessities of the future, and possess this advantage over the savings banks, in that each deposit made, after the second payment, is a mortgage security for repayment, unless the stockholder after mature reflection, decides to withdraw, whereat every deposit made with a savings bank is voluntary, while the member of a building association participates to the full extent in its profits.

The principal object of and the greatest benefit these associations confer is by their loaning their money to such of its members who desire it, and can give the required security for the repayment of the loan in monthly instalments, little, if any, exceeding the monthly rental value of the homestead given as security. They offer the opportunity to the man of limited means who has saved a little money, to invest in a home rent to the purchase of a homestead, payable in monthly instalments, which will terminate with the closing of the association, which may be in five years, five years from the time of receiving the loan, according to circumstances. In short, the money paid for rent will buy a home.

The Republic Savings and Building Association, under new management, offer a few shares of stock before closing its books, and those who desire investigating its plan of operation can obtain full information by applying to the office of the association, 739 Seventh street northwest.

Young Men's Christian Association.

The following persons were last night appointed members of the standing committees of the Young Men's Christian Association: Finance—J. A. Ruff, Wm. Ballantyne, Wm. Tenney, W. Warren Thomas. Rooms—J. Y. Rooms—O. C. Wight, S. S. Bryant, R. H. Olcott. Meetings and Lectures—L. L. Crounse, (chairman,) C. H. Marvin, F. W. Pratt. Churches—C. D. Henderson and Eaglery. Employment—A. M. Clapp, Eighonzo Young, E. B. Harnum. Mission Schools—F. W. Vanche, W. D. Blackford, A. L. Barber. Evangelistic—Geo. O. Howard, J. E. Carpenter, J. E. Cree, O. Malone, T. Stuart, Chas. H. Weller, A. Bielaski, E. F. DeSamp, J. W. Duvall. Entertainment—G. M. Parks, J. M. Mason, A. E. Gould. The committees on printing, on boarding houses and part of the committee on church are yet to be appointed.

After the adjournment of the board of managers the association held a special meeting to elect delegates to the international convention, which meets at Lowell, Massachusetts. The following were elected: F. H. Smith, C. N. Richards, J. E. Carpenter, Jas. McIntrum, M. H. Cushman, F. W. Vaughn, L. L. Crounse, Wm. M. Tenney, A. Richards, Geo. A. Alexander, J. E. Cree, J. Imbris, S. S. Bryant, C. H. Bailey, W. D. Roberts, O. S. Prestrey. Geo. A. Hall is a member of the convention as corresponding member of this District.

Arrest of Gamblers.

The attention of the police of the Fourth police precinct has been for some time past called to the fact that a gang of gamblers congregate regularly every afternoon upon the Seventeenth-street wharf, and there play cards for money. These men have heretofore succeeded in eluding the officers, but Sunday afternoon were grabbed by Lieutenant Greer, detective sergeant and six men, who made a descent upon the party, which consisted of some twenty men and half-grown boys. The officers were in citizens' dress, and by this means were enabled to approach them. On discovering who they were an exciting stampede took place. Some, jumping overboard, swam to the Sycamore beach; others got into boats, and others still scaled the wall of the Van Ness house. The officers succeeded in capturing nine of the crowd—four white and five colored—named J. Clinkers, Albert Powell, Frank Payne, Joseph Hill, John Jenkins, Thomas Henson, John Underwood, John Kirk and James Halsing, together with four decks of cards and eighty-nine cents in money. The party were conveyed to the station-house, where they were held upon the charge of unlawful assembly, and yesterday morning were carried before Judge Snell, who fined them each $1. Lieutenant Greer and his men deserve great praise for their success, and with the determination manifested by this officer the city will soon be rid of the gangs which have infested this section so long.

Auction Sales To-Day.

Wm. L. Wall & Co. will sell lot No. 3, in square 461, fronting on Pennsylvania avenue, assessed to Seth Hyatt, by authority of the corporation, in charge of the paving of Pennsylvania avenue, to pay for amount assessed for said pavement.

Latimer & Cleary will sell, at 6:30 o'clock, the south 22 feet of lot 17, in square 348, situated on Tenth street west, between D and E streets north.

Wm. L. Wall & Co. will sell, at 12 o'clock, m., at the house, corner Fifth and H streets northwest, all the household furniture.

Attention, Arlingtons.

The members of the Arlington Boat Club held a special meeting at the Dickson house last evening, and adjourned to meet at their boat-house, foot of Ninth street, on Wednesday evening, at 5 o'clock. All members of the club are requested to be present, and especially those who desire to join crews and participate in the pleasure of rowing during the coming summer. It is hoped a full attendance will prove the interest members take in this organization and its future career.

An Old Land Mark to be Removed.

At the Equity Court yesterday, on the application of John F. Ragan, esq., an order passed for the sale of the property on M street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, on which is situated the well-known Van Ness mausoleum or vault, a circular building surrounded with columns. The remains contained in the vault are to be removed to Oak Hill cemetery and the vault to be torn down, to give place for modern improvements.

The Masonic Choir

of this city are preparing to give a grand concert in Alexandria on the evening of the 30th instant, for the purpose of aiding the members of Washington Lodge to rebuild their Temple, which was destroyed by fire about a year ago. The last rehearsal occurs on Monday evening next, at the Temple, with a full orchestra accompaniment.

Seriously Injured.

Yesterday afternoon, while some carpenters employed by Mr. L. Desmidiron in building two houses for H. D. Gunnell, on O street, between Four-and-a-half and sixth streets, were engaged in placing the cornice in position, the scaffolding gave way and precipitated George Berkman, Benjamin Polglase and John Carson to the ground, injuring them seriously.

Charitable Visits.

The House Committee on Charities and Corrections of the Legislative Assembly propose to-morrow to visit, as far as possible, the several charitable institutions in the city with a view of ascertaining the manner in which they are conducted, and also their wants and needs from the Government.

A Mistake.

The report published in our issue of Monday to the effect that a son of Mr. Charles King, three years old, was found on the street at 10 o'clock at night, was incorrect, as the child was seen sleeping at that time. The information was received from what was deemed a reliable source, consequently the error.

COLORED SCHOOLS.

Annual Examination.

STEVENS BUILDING.

The annual examination of pupils attending the First school district was continued at this building yesterday, commencing with

PRIMARY NO. 5.

Miss Emma V. Byson teacher. Number of scholars belonging, 41; present, 45. The pupils were subjected by Superintendent Cook to quite a rigid examination, commencing at 9:35 a. m. and lasting to 2 p. m. During that time they behaved splendidly. The reading from sound and third readers, and spelling from same was quite good; spelling from reading books, both oral and written, was worthy of commendation, as also arithmetic, addition, subtraction, and one-figure multiplier in multiplication. The children showed marked proficiency in the latter study, and were also prompt in answering questions from the primary geography.

PRIMARY NO. 4.

Miss Laura V. Fisher, teacher—composed of pupils in the second and first grades—number in attendance 64. Prof. Vashon entered the room at 9:30 a. m., and was engaged until 1:30 p. m. in third reader, spelling, (oral and written from same,) arithmetic, (mental and written,) and geography. The children did well in all their studies, especially reading and oral arithmetic, and considering the time they were held, and the work imposed upon them by the examiner, Prof. Vashon, they are deserving of all credit for the manner in which they conducted themselves, reflecting credit upon scholars and teacher.

SECONDARY NO. 4.

Miss Lucy Barbour, teacher; number of scholars present 46, which was taken in charge by Prof. Vashon at 2:30 p. m., and was held to 4:40 p. m., the examination being to the same grades with a more extensive range, it being of a senior grade. The proficiency shown by the scholars was generally very commendable;