THE SALE AT THE CAPITOL.

OUR LAW MAKERS' DESKS AND CHAIRS.

Fancy Prices for Fancy Articles—The Curiosity Hunters in Their Element—What the Speaker's Chair Brought—The Sofa of John Quincy Adams—Thaddeus Stevens' Desk—Interesting Scenes and Incidents.

One of the most interesting and remarkable sales at auction which ever took place in this city occurred yesterday at the Capitol. The auctioneers were Latimer & Cleary, whose great reputation among our oldest business men was materially advanced by the rare tact and judgment displayed in selling the catalogue of goods. The sale, though conducted with great rapidity, was absolutely precise in all its details, and while there were probably one thousand persons present interested as spectators and bidders, not one single mistake occurred throughout the day. It was no ordinary common auction crowd. Senators Boutwell, Cragin, Windom, Sargent, and Representatives Randall, McCormick, Harris and Haisey, Gov. Ward, of New Jersey, Judge Parsons and Mr. Archer were present. And among the noted newspaper men there Ramsdell, Richardson, Shaw, Poore, Coburn and White helped to swell the crowd. Mrs. R. M. Barnard, of the *Inter-Ocean*, and Miss Gibbs, of the St. Louis *Globe*, were also "lookers on" in that Vienna exposition of time-honored relics under the hammer of the auctioneer. The tall form of J. W. Denver, of California, was conspicuous. Quite a number of examiners from the Patent Office and many prominent citizens were among the excited buyers. Easily distinguishable from all those were the calm, cool, clear-headed and experienced auction buyers.

They attended the sale, as they always do, with well-settled, albeit preconceived notions of just what they wanted. If it was a woman, and she wanted a carpet, she picked out the desirable roll, and then, as a "ben doth gather her brood under her wings," would sit down on it and quietly await the approach of Latimer's light footsteps and the sound of his musical "ah, ah, ah; shall I make it one? Going, gone, and sold to Mrs. ——." The true auction lady never manifests the slightest interest in anything. The thing she wants the most she seems to care the least about. That which she knows to be the most valuable she industriously condemns as worthless, and it is only when the coveted prize is fairly within her grasp that she smiles and inquires after the health of her neighbors.

The female novice at an auction does about with the auctioneer from point to point. She catches the fever of the occasion and indiscriminately bids on everything, and if she happens to be the only bidder she increases her bid every time she thinks she is asked to. For all this matter the men are about the same.

At 10 o'clock precisely the

SOUND OF FRANK CLEARY'S

hammer rang around the arches of the hall of representatives, and the sale commenced.

Hon. A. H. Cotton's desk, over which he had so often bent in the agony of statesmanship, passed into the possession of L. Moxley to the tune of $11. This desk was the one from which Geo. S. Boutwell used to harrass up his bobby of "reconstruction" in the Fortieth Congress.

The auction had started off lively, but all at once the feeling of the spectators began to droop. They gathered somewhat mournfully around the desk which sustained the form of James A. Garfield, when the man, for whose creation "God alone is responsible," thundered out to him—"*De mortuis nil nisi bonum.*" Droop bought this desk for $13, and then the drooping spirits of the company revived. Mr. Blackman purchased Mr. Rainey's desk, the colored member from South Carolina, for $11, and then Captain Blackford got the Hon. William E. Lansing's for $12. Massachusetts now took the field under the lead of General Boum Poore. South Carolina had made a sale, and the pride of Massachusetts was deeply wounded. Smith's desk was under the hammer. John Smith's at that; nay more, John Smith, of Virginia, and a descendant of Pocahontas. Why should General Boum Poore's eyes moisten? The secret came out. That desk had once been the property of the "Bobbin boy of Waltham." Alas! that he was "bobbing around" so mainly at the last Presidential election. The General counted out to Cleary $16 for that desk, and then tell to a little group of friends one of those high y moral and Christian stories which have made him so famous before Sunday schools.

The desks of J. S. Rigby, W. T. Jones and W. H. Clagett were sold to Assistant Doorkeeper Boyd for $13 each. The next sale revived much of the history of the late war, and awoke many pleasant memories of our minister to England, Mr. Schenck. Hon. Wm. G. Donnan had recently kneaded his ideas into shape for baking at this desk, but when Mr. Schenck was in Congress it was his. Mr. T. H. McPherson estimated its value at $19. Geo. F. Harris' desk was bought by Mr. Bauer for $16. John Boyd got J. M. Rusk's for $12 and E. D. Peck's for $17.50. Major Poore again raised the standard of Massachusetts, and bought Mr. Alvah Crocker's desk for $19. Mr. C. B. Jewell for some reason imagined that it would be a good thing for him to possess an article filled with the magnetism of public virtues. He forgotten that Hon. Wm. R. Roberts had returned his back pay "swag" to the Treasury, and so Mr. Jewell hastened to empty $19 out of his pocket for Mr. Roberts's desk. Mr. Roberts is going to keep it in a glass case. There had been too much oak about. Mr. C. H. Parsons was pining to hear from Maine. The desk of the Hon. John Lynch was reached, and out of Parson's pocket flew a bright, new $20 bill. Cheers were given for Maine. At this point it was evident that State pride was generally aroused. A faint echo of

"Maryland, my Maryland."

was heard in a distant part of the hall. Cleary's hammer had tapped the lid of William M. Merrick's desk. Mr. John A. Baker caught the note from the desk and Cleary caught an eighteen-dollar bill from Baker's well-lined pocket. Mr. Halsey's desk was sold to Mr. F. Tenney for $17.50, and Mr. Van Trump's was knocked down to Wormley for $18.50.

A large number of desks were not sold, agreeably to the request of members—Gen. Butler, Mr. Dawes, Mr. Kelley and others.

OAKES AMES' DESK.

The double desks brought from $9 to $12; that of Oakes Ames, with that of Stevenson Archer, attached double desk, sold to Mr. Ford for $9. The same gentleman bought those occupied by Messrs. Carroll and Hamilton at the last session, for $9. That occupied by Mr. Elliott, the colored member from South Carolina, and the one occupied by Mr. Boles, brought $9 for the pair. The double desk occupied by Walls and Turner, both colored, was purchased by Mr. Ford for $10.50. The one occupied by Mr. Blaine before he was elected Speaker, and the adjoining one, brought $12. Those occupied by Messrs. Coburn and Farnsworth at the last session, brought $10.50, and were purchased by Sergeant-at-Arms Ordway.

JUDGE BINGHAM'S DESK,

with the one adjoining, was bought by Mr. Chenoweth for $9. Mr. Wormser's desk, with that of Mr. Jas. C. Robinson attached, sold for $8.75. Librarian Spofford secured one double desk for $11.50. The other desks all being double, and having no particular history attached to them, brought prices ranging from $6 to $10.50. Mr. Barker bought John T. Averill's and Sherman O. Houghton's for $12. P. H. Heller bought Harrison E. Haven's and Wm. P. Frye's for $11; George W. McCreery and Henry Waldron's went to Daniel Fisher, a second-hand dealer, for $10.50. Frank W. Palmer's and John B. Hawley's the identate Boyd got for $10.50; S. S. Burdett's and W. H. H. Stowell's went for $10 into the hands of J. T. Ford, to be revarnished and "sold again." Wilder D. Foster and J. Allen Barber's desks was estimated at $11, and Laugley got it at that price; H. B. Smith's and Benjamin T. Eames' desk, one of the most virtuous in the whole row, Blackford, a lieutenant of the Capitol police, got for $11.50; Seigle, a second-hand dealer, got the fine property of George G. McKee and George F. Hoar for $11.50—that desk was worth more; and others went in the same way. There was one in particular—will not name it; for under the circumstances could a Christian mind be brought to a violation of second-dere. However, only last December the following notes were written on it:

[No. 1.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30, 1872.

MY DEAREST WIFE: This afternoon I am very tired and weary. How I long to be with you, and at home around the supper table with our dear Louise, Amelia, Charley and the comical young Joe. One moment with you, my dear wife, would compensate for all the so-called pleasures of Washington. I've no taste for them. Everything here is cold and heartless. Give me my home and my wife. God bless you, my love, and with me be impatient for the 4th of March and the end of this awful burden. Till then I pray for safety.

Tenderly and affectionately yours, A. B.

[No. 2.]

DECEMBER 30, 1872.

DEAR CHARLEY: I've just written my wife. Have got rid of the blues. Will meet at the National at 8. Use will have a friend with her. The theatre first. That will be tame. A good supper afterwards. That will make the beauties lively. Shake the stick with you last night. He must neither see nor know anything. You are a perfect "Apollyon." It won't cost much—a fan, a pair of bracelets will settle the bash. I'll go a watch and chain on mine.

Yours, till death.

The above two will serve as specimens. They are all alike.

THE SPEAKER'S CHAIR.

This old chair, which, if it could write its autobiography, would tell a most wonderful tale, was an object of great curiosity. Here we would be glad to pause and write up some leaves of its magnificent history. It was bought by James Wormley, and he got it cheap at $66. This chair was made in 1822 by Robert K. Boyd, and has been occupied by the following Speakers: Henry Clay, John W. Taylor, Andrew Stevenson, John Hubbard, John Bell, James K. Polk, R. M. T. Hunter, John White, John W. Jones, George W. Hopkins, John W. Davis, H. C. Winthrop, Howell Cobb and Linn Boyd. This chair has not been in use for the past six or eight years, but was purchased at a sale at the Capitol a few years ago for $35.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS' SOFA.

The sale of seats having been completed, the crowd, with the auctioneers, adjourned to the floor below, where the bookcases, writing desks, washstands and carpets were to be sold. They were all well enough in their way, but little or no historical interest was associated with them. But at last an old sofa, battered and torn, covered with worn and dusty blue plush, was reached. That was the sofa on which John Adams died, and it was supposed that among Massachusetts men at least there would be a lively contest for the relic.

Some twenty-two years before his death his father and Jefferson expired on the same day, and that was on the fiftieth anniversary of American Independence. The sofa spoke to all with "most miraculous organ," and yet no one seemed to recognize it, and so it passed into the hands of a second-hand dealer for $12. Watched! Eighteen other sofas sold at sums ranging from $10 to $20. There were four beautiful bookcases—Mr. Bell got one for $32, E. B. Washburne one for $36, A. Gordon one for $40, and Mr. Whitmer one for [illegible] cost $100 each, and were almost as good as new.

Twenty-one chairs were sold in a lot to Chenoweth for $27, and thirty-seven back-stool chairs to [illegible] for $18. J. P. Dunn got one of the long tables, such as are used in the committee-rooms, for $21. Mrs. Beveridge received one for $16 and one for $12. Rotwell got one for $12, Hauptman one for $9.00, and Dr. Pardon paid $18 for one. Dr. Pardon also got a desk for $16 and a map-rack for $2. E. G. Wheeler invested in a water-cooler. There were fifty-five red chairs sold. The one belonging to Thaddeus Stevens was bought for Mr. Dickey for $14.

THE SALE OF CARPETS.

After the sale of the chairs and desks the great interest centered in the sale of the carpets. There was a real value in these, hence they were in demand. They were sold in rolls. Mr. Cassatte got one yards for $140; Mr. Wilberger invested $60 in a roll; Mr. Buchanan $20.50, Dr. Yates $15, John M. Brown $18, Mrs. Beveridge $60, Parkinson $20, North $18, Harding $46, Beveridge $21, Marston $34, Fitzgerald $33, Cavanaugh $20. Mr. Coleman made heavy purchases. In fact he and Mrs. Beveridge were the principal purchasers of Turkey and Brussels.

A set of red curtains and tassels went to Mr. Levi for $35.

It would become uninteresting to present the full details of the sale. Suffice it to say that it was one of the most successful sales ever made. The prices ranged high, much higher, in fact, than the same class of goods would have brought down town and at an ordinary sale. Too much praise cannot be given to Latimer & Cleary, the former of whom conducted the sale below stairs, for the admirable style of the whole affair.

THE LATE COMMODORE AULICK.

A Large and Imposing Funeral.

The body of Commodore J. H. Aulick laid in state at his late residence, corner of Eighteenth and I streets, yesterday, in an elegant cloth-covered casket, with eight massive silver handles. Upon the top was a heavy silver plate, on which was engraved the name of the deceased and the dates of his birth and decease. At the foot was a large anchor made of japonicas, and at his head was a large wreath made of the same flowers. Gracefully falling over the coffin was the colors of the country he had so nobly served. During the day a large number of his friends and brother officers assembled around the coffin to take a last look at the deceased.

At 10 o'clock the burial service was begun, conducted by Rev. Dr. W. F. Watkins, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, who feelingly read the office of the Episcopal Church for burials.

After reading the first part of the office he read the lesson taken from the 15th chapter of the 1st Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, and on reaching that portion where the sentences, "O death where is thy sting! O grave where is thy victory!" occurs, many of the fellow-officers of the Commodore were moved to tears.

Upon the conclusion of the service the cortege was formed in the following order: Marine band; four companies of the Marine corps, with reversed arms, commanded by Capt. Tilton; the relatives of the deceased; the hearse, flanked by eight stalwart sailors from the navy yard, who acted as a guard of honor; the junior officers of the army and navy; the senior officers of the army and navy, and the citizen friends of the deceased.

The cortege moved off and proceeded to the Congressional cemetery, where the remains were interred beside those of his family. Among the many prominent officers of the army and navy and citizens who attended the funeral were Secretary Robeson, Admirals Porter and staff, Admirals Rodgers, Bedford and Sands, Commodores Rodgers, Almy, Morris, Trenchard, Nichols and Breese, Lieutenant Commander Pierson, Commander Reynolds, Assistant Engineer Nichols, Dr. Turner, Dr. Dixon, Gen. W. T. Sherman and staff, Col. Duane, and Gen. Meigs. Upon reaching the grave the remainder of the service was concluded. Admirals Porter, Goldsborough and Powell, Commodore Rodgers, Major Black and Dr. Evendell acted as pall-bearers. The funeral arrangements were under the charge of Major A. S. Nicholson, of the marine corps.

By the demise of Commodore Aulick the navy loses the second oldest officer in the service.

CARRIAGEWAY FOUNDATIONS.

Improvements in their Construction—The Flanigan Compound Wood and Asphalt Pavement—A Good Piece of Work.

As our authorities progress in the work of completing their system of improvements they necessarily improve in the character of the work done. That clause inserted in all contracts requiring a guarantee to keep the work in order for three years, at the expense of the contractor, is a most salutary provision, and saves not only a great deal of money to the tax-payer, but insures the durability of work that might otherwise go to pieces for want of attention at the proper time. Especially is this reservation desirable in the case of pavements which, however well laid, are liable to be destroyed by the giving way of their foundations. We are glad to learn that in completing the work especial care is to be inferred in the matter of preparing the foundations of carriageways. Our citizens can see an illustration of this by stepping down to Missouri avenue and Third street west and witnessing the process of laying the "Flanigan Compound Wood and Asphalt Pavement," under the superintendence of Frank Ridlon, esq.

After the street is graded, the water, sewer and gas laterals thoroughly rammed and the street trimmed, a steam roller is put on to pack the foundation. This also reveals every unsound spot, and enables the workmen to fill it properly at once, instead of having it developed six months after the work is done. After the usual sand layer a layer of asphalt three inches thick is placed, and when evenly spread round cedar or cypress blocks are set into it in a firm and compact manner. Then well-screened gravel is swept into the interstices, and before the bitumen is applied to cement it a ten-ton steam roller is placed on the blocks, and they are thus pressed into place. He has not yet put in his other wood pavement could such a pressure be applied without crushing the lines of the blocks completely out of shape, and destroying any sound foundation that might be underneath. A coat of hot bitumen and fine gravel is then applied, and afterward a finishing coat of sand and pitch.

The peculiar merits of this process are the thoroughness of the preparation of foundation, and the use of a greater proportion of the creosote or carbolic acid antiseptic element than is usually found in the laying of wood roadways. The asphalt, from which the concrete foundation is made, is of that kind from which the heavy creosote oil has not been extracted. Cedar blocks, of themselves naturally the most durable wood, set into this, are subjected to a natural creosoting process by capillary attraction. It is not possible for any evaporation or dampness of the earth beneath to affect the block, while the fact that this style of wood pavement requires more gallons of bitumen per square yard for the cementing and dressing than is used in any other, renders it susceptible of always carrying off the water and receiving the acidulous deposits of the streets without damage to the wood. It must be, from its very combination, one of the most durable roadways. It also has the advantage of destroying the rumbling wooden sound noticeable in wood pavements.

This work should not be confounded with the other round-block pavement here, which is a cheap and inferior imitation. On the contrary the merits of this work are well established. It was invented by Col. Mark Flanigan, of Detroit, present collector of internal revenue there, and fifty thousand yards of it have been laid within the last two years, but with the unanimous approval of the property-owners concerned. It will also be put down in several Eastern cities, the license for which is owned by some New York gentlemen.

Fourteenth District Republican Club.

A meeting of the Republican Club of the Fourteenth district was held last night at Boulding's church, corner of Fourth and L streets.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Archie Lewis, who stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of selecting officers for the ensuing year and making arrangements for the primary election for delegates to the central committee.

Jerry Robinson moved that the delegates to the central committee be elected with the officers of the club.

The motion was laid over until a further stage of the meeting.

Messrs. A. Russell, Jas. Reynolds and Geo. Renfro were nominated for president.

On motion the ballot was taken by tellers, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Martin, Williams, Johnson, Brower and Hickman. When the vote was counted it was found that Russell 45, Reynolds 29 and Renfro 49; Mr. Renfro was declared elected.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the election be declared unanimous. Adopted.

John C. Parker was elected first vice president. Jerry Robinson, second vice president; Oss Kuhn, secretary; John Shippen, assistant secretary; James Coleman, treasurer.

Mr. Robinson stated his motion for an election of delegates, which was adopted, and the following were elected: Richard Ware, Charles Waterman and Peter Campbell. Alternates, Messrs. Williams and Boulding.

Smallpox.

The following cases of smallpox have been reported to the health office since our last report, which shows conclusively that the smallpox is on the increase in the District instead of decreasing, as reported: One case at No. 398 G street southwest; one in Cole's row, county; one on 9 street, between First and Half streets southwest; three at No. 714 Ninth street southwest; one on Half street, between T and U streets southwest; three at No. 52 N street southwest; one case unknown; one at No. 481 N street southwest; one case, John Hawkins, colored, picked up on the street by Inspector Celcinar and removed to the hospital; one in an alley between D and E and Ninth and Tenth streets southwest; one in an alley between Third and Four-and-a-half and E and F streets southwest. One death was reported on O and North Capitol streets northwest.

Ball of the Corcoran Zouaves.

The grand ball of the Corcoran Zouaves, which is to take place to-morrow night at Masonic Temple, promises to be a fine affair. Invitations have been extended to Gen. Sherman and staff, Gen. Hancock and staff, Gov. Cooke and Mr. Corcoran, most of whom have accepted the invitation. The company on this occasion will execute their wonted drill, which they perform with such precision. The committee having the ball in charge are untiring in their efforts to afford a pleasant evening's entertainment. Invitations have been extended to the officers of the Northern militia regiments, many of whom have signified their intention of being present.

Book Sale.

Messrs. Latimer & Cleary will resume their sale of books this evening, when the sale will become interesting, as it commences with some of the best books on the catalogue. Parties wishing to complete their libraries would do well to attend.

Permits to Build.

The following permits to build were issued by the superintendent of buildings yesterday: David T. Cissel, two brick houses, 25 by 50 feet, two stories high, on M street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets northwest; L. F. Barber, a brick building, 25 by 50 feet, two stories high, on Four-and-a-half street, between Maryland avenue and C street southwest.

Base Ball.

The ex-champion Athletics, of Philadelphia, will play their first championship match with the Washington club, on the Olympic grounds, at 3:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, when a lively and well-contested game may be expected. All lovers of the manly sport will not fail to be present.

Lake George.

All who in the summer will fail to take in Lake George within one of the most beautiful resorts the world affords. Fort William Henry Hotel is newly furnished, and will be opened on June 1.

NOT THE RIGHT MAN.

Arrest of a Party Supposed to be the Spaniard of the Goodrich Murder.

The citizens of Washington will remember the famous Goodrich murder in Brooklyn about two months ago, the mystery of which created so much comment and excitement, and the further fact that up to this time the murderer has not been discovered. At the time several arrests were made of women on the charge, the last one being a party with whom the murderer was said to have been on very interesting terms. The examination revealed the fact that she in turn had been very intimate with a Spanish resident of Baltimore, and from certain information the detectives made up their mind that he at least knew something of the affair, and at once started for him, but he was not to be found at his home.

A copy of his photograph was secured and duplicates of it sent to all the principal cities in the Union, with a request that a lookout be kept and the man, if seen, arrested. Yesterday afternoon as Detectives Sargent and McElfresh were walking along the Avenue they were somewhat startled at seeing a man who was the perfect counterpart of the picture of the missing Spaniard. He was quickly overhauled and invited to walk with them; a request he politely declined. They insisted, and informed him why, stating that they were officers, and that he answered the description of a man accused of the murder of Mr. Goodrich in Brooklyn.

This only caused him to smile, as he replied that this was the second time he had been mistaken for that party, the former time being in Philadelphia. (The fact of the arrest in Philadelphia was published in the REPUBLICAN at the time.) In proof of his statement he said that, fearing a repetition of the inconvenience of an arrest, after he had satisfied the Philadelphia men that he was not the man, he had instead, for his own protection, that they give him a certificate to that effect, which he produced, signed by Chief Detective Hines.

This satisfied the officers, and after apologizing for the detention and commiserating the gentleman on his unfortunate resemblance to a man so eagerly sought, they departed, and he proceeded on his way.

ALMOST A RIOT.

Disturbance at the Imperial Hotel—Local and Foreign Contrabers.

Yesterday afternoon the vicinity of the Imperial hotel was for a time in quite a state of excitement, caused by a set-to between certain rival factions, which, if not so promptly suppressed, might have led to serious results.

From what could be learned of the affair, it appears that several well-known Washington contrabers entered the bar room of the hotel for the purpose of imbibing, and there met the representative of a Philadelphia firm and a friend, whom they asked to join them. The invitation was, it is said, declined with an exceedingly uncomplimentary remark, which brought forth a rejoinder equally impolite.

This settled the word business, and the Philadelphia man proceeded to blows, striking his would-be host once or twice and receiving a return of the compliment. Some of the bystanders say the Philadelphia man drew a knife, but this was not the general opinion.

The officials of the house promptly interfered and separated the combatants, but not before the news had spread through the neighborhood and a large audience assembled to see the fun and, if occasion required, take a hand.

The Washington party engaged in the *affair* in the rear of a Modoc, and the Philadelphia, with his friend added a large force of recruits, took up his position in the main hall in order to cut off the retreat. Of course, there was considerable talk in both camps, and for a while it seemed that hostilities would be resumed, but before the proper moment arrived a peacemaker in the shape of Detective John L. Sargent arrived on the battle-field. He took a survey of the premises hurriedly, inquired the state of affairs, walked through the outer guard, and found the excited besieged in an animated discussion over the probabilities and possibilities of escape.

He informed them that they were making a little too much noise, and had better leave the hotel. This was just what they wanted, and so he told the officer, at the same time hinting that there was a rather formidable objection to such a change of base on the part of the besiegers. Nothing more easily overcome than that, said John, and under the protecting shadow of his shield they passed through the ranks which opened for them, gained the street and started homeward. The others closed ranks, took another drink and separated to talk over the affair and its termination.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. McLosky will please call at Prince's Bazaar. Those two dollar clocks have arrived; guaranteed for one year, as I promised.

Rev. Dr. Elliott, rector of the Church of the Ascension, has returned from a visit to South Carolina, and brought his family with him.

Detectives Sargent and McElfresh yesterday arrested three young colored thieves in a pawn shop trying to pawn a dress coat. They were locked up, and the coat is held at headquarters.

Mr. Thos. L. Hume, the well-known grocer, desires the contradiction of a statement in yesterday's issue that he had been sued by E. A. Williams for false imprisonment. It was John Hume.

Mr. A. B. Goodwin, conductor of one of Pullman's palace cars, made a trip to this city yesterday, and received a warm greeting from his many friends, who would be much gratified to see him on the line between here and New York.

Underhill, who catered for the military ball last evening, must have lost money by his speculation, all things considered. His cook, John T. Mitchell, who presided over the kitchen of Maxmillian, it is said, got up the dishes in six hours. Short time that.

Footwalks have been directed to be laid on Twenty-first street, between E and F and Pennsylvania avenue and K street northwest, on Twenty-first street, between I and K northwest; on Twenty-second street, between E and H northwest; on Twenty-third street, between Pennsylvania avenue and M street northwest.

The sales of fish at the Washington wharves yesterday, by R. A. Golden & Bro., agents, to shippers, were as follows: 12,000 shad, from $10 to $13; 30,000 herrings, from $6 to $1; 100 bunches perch, from 10 to 20 cents per bunch; 4 sturgeons, 75 cents per pound; 50 rock, from 20 to 30 cents; 1,000 eels, 3 cents; 1,000 tailors, 2 cents.

Capt. Plant has offered to take his so-nose to the lava beds provided company "A," Washington Light Infantry, will accompany them. The Captain is just the man to plant the United States standard on the stronghold of Field Marshal Jack, and to lead the two companies to victory—or something else. Latest accounts from the lava beds would seem to indicate something else.

The Grand Union Military Ball.

The great pressure upon our news columns of this morning prevents the insertion of a lengthy notice of this magnificent affair. On the contrary the merits of this work are well established. It was invented by Col. Mark Flanigan, of Detroit, present collector of internal revenue there, and fifty thousand yards of it have been laid within the last two years, but with the unanimous approval of the property-owners concerned. It will also be put down in several Eastern cities, the license for which is owned by some New York gentlemen.

Miss Jessie Patterson.

The Trinity church mite society met last evening, at the residence of Mr. O. H. Morrison, Third street northwest. The entertainment was varied, the chief feature being the readings of the beautiful and gifted young reader, Miss Jessie Patterson, in the "Legend of Bregenz" was read by her with great pathos and power. Her candle lecture was perfectly inimitable, and brought down the house, while many bachelors present declared their willingness to submit to perpetual bondage from lips so fair. Miss Patterson will next week read publicly in our city, and we predict a full house.

NOTICES OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Maury & Bro. have several lots for sale.

Robert Beall has for Handy book sorts.

Furnished rooms, large and airy, for rent.

E. K. Wilson has four houses for sale or rent.

W. G. Metzerott & Co. offer great bargains in pianos.

R. B. Brown has a fine cottage at Mount Pleasant for rent.

H. B. Davis is no longer connected in business with F. H. Finley.

E. K. Wilson has the stock, fixtures and good will of a store for sale.

A primary election will be held in the Fourteenth district this evening.

Webb & Beveridge have a new assortment of china, glassware, &c.

Robert H. Graham has on hand a large and well-selected stock of carriages.

A special communication of Lebanon Lodge No. 7 (Masons) will be held to-day.

The Republicans of the Thirteenth district will hold a primary election to-day.

The Republicans of the Fifteenth district will hold a primary election to-night.

A new carpet store has been opened at No. 607 Seventh street, between I and K.

A mass meeting of the Republicans of the Thirteenth district will be held to-night.

A special communication of St. John's Lodge No. 11, F. A. A. M., will be held this evening.

James Gould will sell on Thursday, May 1, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., an assortment of poses, &c.

The champion match between the Athletic and Washington clubs will take place to-morrow afternoon.

The sale by Mullinady & Wheeler of very valuable real estate in the First ward is postponed until Thursday, May 8, at 5 o'clock p. m.

The sale by H. Wormser, of a two-story frame house on the south side of N street, between First and Third northwest, is postponed until Saturday, May 3, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The sale by W. L. Wall & Co. of 1,000 rolls of white, cheap and fancy paper is postponed until Friday morning, May 2, at 10 o'clock a. m. This firm will sell on Saturday, May 3, at 9 o'clock p. m., small house and lot on I street, between Ninth and Tenth northeast.

IS GENTLEMEN'S UNDERWEAR I am offering this season the following desirable goods:

Finest jean drawers for $1, of superior fitting qualities.

Summer merino shirts, long sleeves, for $1.12½.

Summer merino shirts, long sleeves, a little lighter weight than the preceding, and drawers of the same, for $1.25.

Summer merino shirts, long and short sleeves, for $1.50.

Gauze merino shirts, long sleeves, for 75c.

Cartwright & Warner's gauze merino shirts for 50.

Lisle thread shirts, short and long sleeves, for $1.50.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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of the Governor's message relating to this subject, and that said committee shall have power to report a bill at any time providing the relief so much needed by the people of this District.

Mr. Carroll moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Public Works and Property, when appointed. Lost.

The resolution was then laid on the table temporarily.

Mr. Harvey introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee, to act with a similar committee on the part of the Council, to fix an hour of meeting. Agreed to.

On motion it was agreed that until otherwise ordered the House meet at 5 o'clock daily.

Mr. Shepherd introduced a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of three to apportion the several subjects embraced in the Governor's message to the standing committees when appointed.

The resolution was agreed to and the House adjourned.

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GEORGETOWN AFFAIRS.

A CANAL BOAT loaded with coal is sunk at lock No. 16.

THE EASTER OFFERINGS of the Sabbath school scholars attached to St. John's P. E. church, present last Sunday, amounted to $900.

A BOY named Johnson, while at work at Simms' saw mill, caught his hand in one of the circular saws, and had three of his fingers cut off.

THE SOOT OF MR. Libbey's house, on the corner of High and Fourth streets, caught fire Tuesday afternoon, but was extinguished without any loss.

THE FISH MARKET.—The receipts of fish yesterday at the fish wharf were 18,000 herring and 100 shad. Sales of herring at $4.50 to $7 per thousand, and the shad at $10 per hundred.

AMUSEMENTS.

Wall's Opera House.

Lecocq's "Cent Vierges" was performed at the opera house last evening before a full and well-gratified audience. The opera belongs to that class which is remembered as a whole, while the "Grand Duchesse," for instance, is pleasantly remembered for its brilliant gems, such as "Quand le Militaire," "Le Chanson du Regiment," "Le Sabre de mon Pere," "Dite Lui" and others. Offenbach's choruses, too, are much finer and more spirited than Lecocq's.

We have taken occasion more than once to express a general admiration for M'lle Aimee as an actress and singer and as a bouffe prima donna. She has won by merit the rank she holds. On her return from Europe, if she does come back, we bring some of the best talent of Offenbach's operas, which have never been heard here.

Like Aimee, Roland is a favorite in Washington. She is very far from having the most wonderful voice in the world, but it is a pleasing one, and her style, physique and manner of singing are entirely acceptable. Her solo dance in the first act of "Les Cent Vierges" was a happy effort. As an actor we feel disposed to praise Jotemi, and as a singer he is not a failure, but it is folly for him to attempt a high tenor. In the middle register he sings well. He is very Frenchy, and makes the most of his opportunities for fun. Duchesne is always welcome here. He was the original General Boum and has always been the best, but in all his roles he is good. As a comedian we give superior rank to Lecuyer. Bonelli possesses a better voice than Roland, but is not so good an actress. Aimee herself takes the principal part in the Grand Duchesse, and she wears remarkably well. To-night "Les Brigands."

The Theatre Comique.

The good reputation of the Theatre Comique was never better sustained than it is this week. As a variety company the organization is a powerful one, and its discipline is admirably sustained by Dick Parker. Miss Kitty Rowell, "the laughing fairy in the garden of delight," has made a fine impression in her favor, and will become a favorite. With Bonnarti, Bella Gordon and the Kirsaly sisters there is no end of first-rate dancing. The "parlor minstrel scene," introducing twenty young ladies, is quite an agreeable affair. Miss Fanny Davenport has the best voice ever heard on the boards of the Comique. She is really a fine singer. Under Mons. Blanchowitz's direction the ballet has become an important adjunct to the Comique, and we trust his benefit next Friday night will be made most substantial. This afternoon's matinee.

Three Years in a Man Trap.

Every night this week Lincoln hall should be filled, for both the play and the acting are in the highest degree deserving of full recognition. All lovers of the temperance cause, all true friends of morality, ought to encourage the success of this play, dramatized from T. S. Arthur's well-known and thrilling story. The audience last evening separated with every expression of satisfaction, and saying they should urge their friends to attend. The play is produced under the auspices of Mr. Ford, and by his regular dramatic company, including Messrs. Carey, Roberts, Gossin, Portocuse, Ross Rand, Mrs. Germon and other well-known actors. The play is a vivid illustration of the evil effects of intemperance.

Metropolitan Theatre.

A good house greeted the second night of the present organization at the Metropolitan. As usual, Miss Josie Warner, in her vocalisms, came in for a full share of the applause. Miss Ella Hettin's popularity increases with each succeeding performance. This young, handsome and really talented lady can rise in her profession if she cares to. Miss Jennie Denvre, in song, dance and protean acts, contributes much to the entertainment. The sixth act, by all odds, the cannon-ball act of Mons. Joseph, who is rightly named "Hercules." The "Flowers of Scotland," the ballet divertissement, makes a pretty contrast in the well-arranged programme of this week at the Metropolitan.

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