# THE RESURRECTIONISTS.

## REMARKABLE DIARY OF THE CHIEF GRAVE-DIGGER.

WASHINGTON SUPPLYING SUBJECTS FOR ALL SECTIONS OF THE UNION—A WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIP, AND HOW IT WAS CONDUCTED—SHORT HISTORY OF ONE YEAR'S WORK.

Mention was made in yesterday's issue of the arrest on Saturday of George A. Christian, Charles Green, and Margaret Harrison, charged with robbing Holmead's grave-yard of dead bodies, and their imprisonment in the jail, in default of bail, for a hearing before the Police Court.

This case is certainly a wonderful one, and the system to which the parties had their business reduced, and the cool and audacious manner in which they carried it on for so long a time without detection bafflers on the marvelous. As will be seen by the copious extracts from the diary of Christian given below, in addition to receiving bodies for the local colleges he was in the habit of shipping them to other sections, and was anxious to increase his business. The tone of this document throughout proves the man to be

BEYOND OF ALL FEELING

whatever—in fact, each entry recording a success, seems to breathe a savage delight, and over the most inhuman of his proceedings he takes time to sit down a quiet "chuckle" at the excitement they have created. In his fancied security he had made up his mind that detection was impossible, and consequently he grew bolder and more reckless.

In proof of this it is only necessary to read the entries of April 4 and 5, which refer to the finding of a face and scalp in the morning on one of the gate-posts of the Capitol fence, evidently left there by him—a practical, though disgusting joke. Equally heartless is his note in regard to the mutilation of Rosa Hickman's body, without doubt his work.

If the diary also shows, by entry of October 4, that he was practicing the business of an abortionist, and it is probable a charge for that offence will be worked up against him in addition to

HIS MAIN OFFENCE.

The woman member of the firm, who, it will be remembered, was arrested while sitting in the buggy, is an intelligent, quiet-looking person, and from her general appearance would hardly be suspected of being engaged in such dangerous business. From additional facts in possession of the officers it appears that her portion of the business was to attend all funerals and locate the graves and surroundings, and furnish the information to the men. Her name does not appear in the diary as having been one of the "night party" previous to the occasion of the arrest, and from the trepidation shown on the way to jail and since her incarceration it is safe to say she is heartily sorry for her first trip.

INTERESTING INFORMATION.

The diary commences with January 1, 1873, and the first entry relating to body-snatching is on the 3d of that month as follows: B. and C. went out and got two cadavers to-night.

April 4.—Dr. C. and I went to the Washington asylum cemetery to-night and confiscated two sets of extremities and one head.

Saturday, 5th.—There was quite a little excitement in this morning's market about our little adventure last night, many believing that another murder had been committed. No one suspected us.

Sunday, April 6.—Went out to Washington asylum this morning, and went through the institution with Dailey, who has been appointed resident student.

Tuesday, June 3.—Called on Dr. —— to see about getting some tickets to Tom Wright's execution. Did not succeed.

Thursday, 5th.—Received a pass from Dr. —— for the execution.

Friday, June 6.—Went to see Thos. Wright hang to-day. Everything went off smoothly, and he died by strangulation.

THE WASHINGTON ASYLUM.

June 20, Sunday.—Went out to the Washington asylum this morning to see Dailey. He showed me around the hospital, and I stayed to dinner with him. Rode home with Dr. Schleimer.

Sept. 2.—Dr. —— and I went out prospecting this evening, and succeeded in getting what (actors in cipher, referring evidently to the body of Rosa Hickman.) It was a lovely moonlight night, and everything went off smoothly.

Sept. 3.—There was a great hue and cry in all the daily papers to-day about the grave of Rosa Hickman being robbed last night. Have not seen any one who seemed to know who did it.

Sept. 10.—Dr. Schlimer called at the house for me this afternoon, and I went down to the asylum with him. We talked about resurrecting next winter, and partly promised to go in together.

Sept. 11.—Called to see Dr. —— at his office this morning in regard to furnishing material for his class for dissection. Dr. Schlimer called on me at the office to-day. We agreed to divide, giving him 5-13.

SEEKING CUSTOMERS.

Sept. 12.—Called to see Drs. —— and —— in regard to furnishing material for dissecting. They were both agreed.

Sept. 13.—Called on Dr. —— this morning, and he promised to let Dr. Schlimer and I furnish his college with material this winter at $15 each—we to inject and remove it.

Friday, Sept. 19.—Jay Cooke & Co. suspended yesterday, and I was unfortunate enough to have some money in their hands. Went up to see about it to-day, but everything is closed and no information can be had.

Sept. 20.—Went out to the asylum this afternoon and staid until after dark with Dr. Schlimer. There was a cadaver on hand, but we could not get it. Went down town in the evening.

Sunday, 21.—Went out to the Washington asylum early this morning and staid to dinner. Dr. Schlimer drove me around after dinner. We got a subject this evening.

Sept. 22.—Staid at asylum last night with Dr. Schlimer and took breakfast there. Went to college this morning and injected our subject. Went out to the asylum in Dr. S.'s place to-night.

Sept. 26.—Got a permit from the Board of Health to-day to bury the subject we have in the dissecting-room of college. Did not go to the asylum to-night.

AN ABORTION.

Oct. 4.—Miss H—— called to see me professionally; this afternoon I gave her tinct. gentian, co. xi gtt der die.

Sunday, Oct. 4.—Called to see Miss H—— this morning and found her doing as well as could be expected.

Oct. 7.—Miss H—— came to spend a week with us this morning.

Oct. 8.—Got excused from the office for four hours to-day. Was sent for to come home and attend Miss H——, who was suddenly taken ill. She had a miscarriage of a female child at 11 p. m.

Oct. 15.—Dr. Schlimer drove to the city this evening and took a subject to —— college. We got in just before the close of lecture, but got up quietly without being seen.

Sunday, 26.—We got a subject at Holmead's cemetery for —— college to-night.

Oct. 29.—Attended a funeral at the Congressional cemetery this afternoon and brought the subject to —— college to-night. Called to see N. to-day and found her doing well.

AN ALL NIGHT JOB.

Oct. 30.—Was out until 3:30 a. m. last night on business for the college. Felt rather sleepy today, and had a slight chill this morning.

Nov. 2.—Went out to the Asylum. Took a ride out to Glenwood cemetery and the Soldiers' Home. Took a cadaver in to ——.

Nov. 5.—Dr. Schlimer and I drove out to Harmony cemetery this afternoon. Saw some subjects in the vault, and went after them to-night, but could not get into the place, as it was locked.

Nov. 4.—Tried to get ——to go with us this evening, but he was afraid to do it. Dr. Schlimer took me down town to-night, but would not go anywhere.

Nov. 5.—Walked out to Piney Branch hotel this afternoon, but did not find what I went for. Mr. B. and I went out to the asylum this evening with Dr. S., and brought in a subject for N. B.

Nov. 9—Sunday.—Dr. Schlimer went out riding this afternoon, hoping to see a funeral, but were not so fortunate as to meet one. We walked two hours near Ebenezer church, but did not find anything.

Nov. 10.—We went out prospecting at Rock Creek church cemetery this afternoon, but found nothing. We went to Holmead's this evening and got a subject, which we took to —— college. Got home before 12.

Nov. 11.—We succeeded in getting a subject at Ebenezer cemetery to-night. Boardman went out with me, as Dr. Schlimer could not leave the Asylum.

Nov. 12.—Boardman went out with me again to-night, and we got two subjects from the dead-house at the poor-house. Took them to —— college. They were both females.

November 13.—Stayed at the asylum last night so as to see Mike. Dr. Schlimer, Stephenson and I went out to Holmead's cemetery, and got a female subject for —— college. Got through at 2 p. m.

A DIVISION.

Friday, 14.—Called on Dr. Schlimer and settled for all but five subjects.

November 15.—I came home before 3 o'clock today and lay down. Dr. Schlimer called just before dark, but I did not feel able to go with him.

Sunday, 16.—This has been a beautiful day. I stayed in the house until 3:30 o'clock p. m., when Mr. B., Mrs. B., Saide and I took a walk. We went through the Congressional and Methodist cemeteries.

Monday, 17.—I went out to the almshouse in the evening, and tried to get Dr. Schlimer out on a night expedition, but he would not go.

Nov. 18.—The rain of yesterday has turned into a wet snow storm. Dr. Schlimer called for me, and we went out to-night, but found things too wet.

Nov. 19.—Went out to the alms-house to-day and stayed until evening, expecting to get a subject that was buried to-day. When we went down after dark, however, we found it not, on account of the darkness.

Nov. 20.—Schlimer (M. D.) went to the lodge to-night, and left me to get the subject myself, which I did, and delivered to college dissecting-room.

DISAPPOINTMENT AND SUCCESS.

Nov. 21.—Walked out to the alms-house to-night, but our expectations were disappointed.

Nov. 24.—I went to the Washington asylum in the evening, and went out with Dr. S. after a subject. We got one in Potter's field.

Nov. 25.—Went out with Dr. Schlimer to-night to get a subject, but found too much work to accomplish, and abandoned it, as one came in this evening to be interred to-morrow.

Nov. 26.—Dr. Schlimer was to-day appointed physician to the poor in the Ninth district. We got two subjects in Potter's field to-night.

Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day.—Stayed at the almshouse last night, and saw all the patients this morning. Did not get through until ten o'clock. Came in and found Dr. Schlimer "red hot."

Nov. 28, Friday.—Attended the execution of Henry Young to-day and took Mr. B. in with me. Dr. S. and I went to Ebenezer cemetery to get him to-night, but found a woman instead.

Nov. 29.—Schlimer rec'd a letter from University of Virginia and Michigan, and answered them both; also wrote to Cincinnati to get him to try and get me an order for subjects in Cleveland.

Nov. 30.—Dr. Schlimer and I got a subject for shipping to-night at Potter's field.

TWO WHISKY BARRELS.

Monday, Dec. 1.—Shipped two subjects to Dr. Fothergill's office to-day. Sent them in whisky barrels by express to J. D. Quimby & Co. for him. Dr. Schlimer and I went to the asylum this evening, but got nothing. He gave up the keys.

Dec. 2.—I played a good deal last night. Dr. Schlimer, Dr. —— and I went out to Ebenezer cemetery last night, and found three new graves, but the grounds will be out to get them.

Dec. 3.—Old Gates, our janitor, to go out resurrecting with me to-night. We went to Ebenezer cemetery, but did not succeed in getting any thing. We promised to pay him $2 a subject, to cancel out of Dr. S.'s share.

Dec. 4.—Went to Holmead's and Young Men's cemeteries this p. m. Did not find anything sure at either. Hospital Steward Hilton was sent over to help me to-day.

Dec. 5.—Wrote to Dr. Davis this morning promising to send him two subjects to-morrow. Went to Holmead's and Young Men's cemeteries this evening, but did not succeed in getting anything.

Dec. 6.—Went out to the almshouse this afternoon. Did not find Cooper there. Gato and I went out to Ebenezer, this evening, and got a subject, which we put in barrel ready to ship.

Dec. 7.—I went out to the almshouse this morning, and saw Cooper. Found Bennie at the house when I came back. We went out riding together. I got a subject at Holmead's to-night myself.

Monday, Dec. 8.—Sent two subjects to Virginia this morning, and wrote a letter to Dr. Davis in regard to them. Gato and I went out to Mount Zion to-night and got a subject for the N. B.

TWO OF HIS CUSTOMERS.

The following letters will show the mode of transportation, as well as who patronized the firm:

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Dec. 2, 1873.

*Dr. S. S. French, 320 Rock Creek church, Washington, D. C.:*

DEAR SIR: Boxes have come, or rather barrels. Do not send barrels; they always get the heads knocked in, and it is impossible if they are not. Send the subjects shake about so. The best way to pack is in a tight box three feet by two, or near that dimension, the subject having legs and thighs flexed and head resting on chest. Sawdust packed about prevents odor and the subject from shaking about in the box. Two can be put in a single box a little larger than the one I describe. You may keep on sending until I am done work at $25 each for good ones. We sell for forty to the students all injected, and I have to get my pay for keeping the room and all incidental expenses. The express averages about $7 a subject, so you see the price you mention could not be afforded. Your money will be sent promptly on the receipt of goods, and you may send me just as fast as you can between now and January 1. In haste. Yours, truly, O. E. FROTHINGHAM.

# CIVIL RIGHTS DELEGATES.

## A GENERAL CONFERENCE HELD YESTERDAY.

A conference of the delegates to the Civil Rights convention was held yesterday morning at Union League hall for the purpose of finishing such business as was left undone at the convention. George T. Downing occupied the chair, and A. M. Green secretary.

Mr. Martin, of the District of Columbia, moved that Charles H. Wesley of the National Council be called; which was adopted, and six members answered to their names.

Mr. Arnold, of North Carolina, was substituted as a member of the council, vice J. P. Sampson, and Mr. Walker, of New Jersey, vice J. Lawson.

Mr. Burch, of Louisiana, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the presiding officer of the late Civil Rights convention, be, and is hereby, requested to call forth an election of officers and an executive committee, to be located in Washington, D. C., for the National Council, and that the mode of said election shall be as follows: That the secretary, A. M. Green, esq., be directed to send a printed circular to each individual member of the National Council by the convention, and informing him of said election of officers; also informing said member, in the absence of his colleague by letter or to said secretary as his choice for officers for said National Council, and after the reception of said votes they shall be counted and promulgated publicly through the press, and such gentlemen receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected as officers of the National Council for the term of one year.

Messrs. Downing and Mabson spoke on the resolutions, after which it was adopted.

The league are as follows: W. H. Gray, C. B. S. Green, Geo. M. Arnold, P. W. Bryant, W. F. Walker, F. Dougtess, jr., P. G. Barbadoes, R. K. Sampson, R. S. Brown, R. Whittaker, J. P. Jordan, J. Jones, Geo. Simeon, L. B. White, H. Fitzbattle, A. Smith, J. C. Mortimer, P. A. Bell, Geo. T. Downing, N. W. Curry, G. W. Mitchell, C. W. Morwell, J. Sella Martin, W. A. Saunders, A. Williams.

After a general conversation the meeting adjourned.

# AGRICULTURE AND MECHANICS.

## REORGANIZATION OF THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION.

This association, which was well known in antiwar times, has been recently reorganized, and the following gentlemen elected as officers: President, Joshua T. Clarke; treasurer, Chas. White; corresponding and recording secretary, Robert Bowie; solicitor to obtain subscriptions, Benjamin F. Guy; collector, William F. Magruder. The board of directors is composed of the following gentlemen: Joshua T. Clarke, Robt. Bowie, Charles White, Fielder Magruder, Joseph K. Roberts, sr., John Welch, William B. Webb, M. L. Wilson, John Clarke, Lewis Magruder, Henry C. Neale, H. Tayloe, Benjamin Thrift, jr., John A. Baker, Samuel J. Meakin, Dr. C. A. Wells, Geo. W. Duvall of O., George White, E. J. Middleton, jr. There are also a number of vice presidents and executive committees, such as Geo. W. Riggs, William Stewart, J. Mortagh, Benjamin L. Jackson, and Major De Vere Burr, for the District of Columbia, and Hons. Wm. J. Albert, Wm. M. Merrick, D. R. Magruder, Wm. H. Tuck, Odon Bowie, Col. Samuel Cox, Col. James Hindman, Hon. Jos. H. Bradley, sr., and many other prominent agricultural and professional gentlemen.

The society have purchased two hundred acres of land adjacent to Wilson's station, on the line of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, for their annual or semi-annual exhibitions, to be hereafter announced. The property is known as "Mount Ararat," is about twenty minutes' ride from Washington city, in full view of the dome of the Capitol, and even more elevated in position than that masterpiece of American architectural skill. An accomplished rural architect has said of it that he had never seen a more beautiful and better adapted plateau of ground for the purposes designed. The treasurer is under a bond of $4,000, and the collector of $1,000, and each is required to report when called upon by the society.

The State of Maryland has already made the society a liberal donation, and, judging by the numerous subscriptions already received, their prospect for ultimate success is indeed very flattering. The subscriptions are ten dollars per share, one dollar to be paid in cash, and the balance in six, twelve and eighteen months, and have been made low with the design of attracting the attention of all true lovers of agriculture, mechanics and the fine arts.

This association having been regularly chartered, and comprising, as it does, the District of Columbia, the wealthy counties extending down the Potomac peninsula of Maryland, as well as the city of Baltimore, ought to take the front rank of all societies of this nature chartered throughout the Union.

# WORK AT THE NAVY YARD.

The order recently received to send the monitor Montauk to New York to be repaired by Quintard & Murphy has been countermanded, and she will remain at the yard, where all the repairs necessary to put her in seagoing condition will be executed. This is good news for the men employed in the yard, as it will probably give them plenty of work this winter.

The United States steamer Gettysburg, Lieut. D. Q. McIntosh commanding, arrived yesterday morning from the Portsmouth, (N. H.,) Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk navy yards, with a miscellaneous cargo for the different bureaus.

Workmen are busily engaged in raising the frame of the new ship Nipsic, and everything bids fair for her completion at an early day should Congress supply the necessary funds.

Mr. Henry Hoover has been appointed by the Secretary of the Navy as foreman of shipwrights, vice James E. Porter, reduced. Mr. Hoover is a thoroughly competent gentleman, and his appointment gives general satisfaction to the mechanics in this department of construction and repair.

Mr. Edward Foster, the old and esteemed draughtsman of the construction department, is seriously ill at his residence, 922 Eighth street southeast, and not expected to live. Mr. Foster is now in his eighty-third year, and has been for the past fifty-seven years an employee of the Navy Department. He is few equals as a draughtsman of naval architecture, and many of the apprentices who learned draughting under his direction have since filled positions of importance in the corps of constructors of the navy and in private shipyards throughout the country. Among the many who were apprentices under Mr. Foster may be mentioned Mr. Lenthall, who some years ago was the chief of the bureau of construction and repair.

# AFTER THE POLICE BOARD.

A largely-attended meeting of the German-American representative committee was held last evening at Turner hall, Hon. Simon Wolf in the chair. Considerable excitement was manifested in regard to the rejection by the police commissioners of applications for liquor licenses by a large number of German restaurant keepers, and it was asserted that the board had exceeded the power vested in them by the late act of Congress, in rejecting applications for licenses in cases where the applicants had complied with all the requirements of the law.

After extended debate on the subject, a letter, couched in courteous, but earnest, language, was sanctioned by the assemblage and ordered to be transmitted to the Board of Police Commissioners for their consideration and reply.

The exemption of church property from taxation was subsequently discussed, and it was claimed that it was an injustice to property-holders at large, in a country in which Church and State are separate, to tax them for property owned by private corporations.

It was finally resolved to petition Congress for relief in the premises.

After some further debate on other subjects, a resolution was passed providing for a mass meeting, to be held on next Monday night, in a place hereafter to be fixed upon, when the license and church questions are to be submitted to the people.

After the transaction of some routine business the meeting adjourned.

# PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS.

The Pennsylvania Republican Association held their regular stated meeting last evening. The sociable committee reported that there was a prospect of a large attendance. A letter was read from General J. F. Hartranft, Governor of Pennsylvania, promising to be present at the reception. An excited discussion occurred at this point on the merits and demerits of the revised constitution as submitted to the people of Pennsylvania to be voted on to-day, after which the association adjourned.

# INTERNATIONAL REVIEW.

A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, have issued the January number of "The International Review." It is a very handsomely printed work of 144 pages of well-written matter, comprising six essays and a chapter of book notices. "The Late Panic," "Fires in American Cities," "Deep-Sea Explorations," "Universal Education," "The Prussian Church Law" and "International Arbitration," are all ably discussed. Mr. George Hortert, 504 Ninth street, is the general agent for the District.

# DEATH OF COL. JACOBS, OF VIRGINIA.

A telegram announces the death of Col. Edward B. Jacobs, at Front Royal, Warren county, Va., in the sixty-sixth year of his age. For many years Col. Jacobs was a prominent member of the Virginia Legislature, and a valuable citizen.

# LOCAL MISCELLANY.

Professor Wedgewood delivered the last lecture of the course before the students of the National University last night.

Detectives Sargent and McKilvesh yesterday arrested in Baltimore, and brought to this city, Chas. Michler, charged with robbing John Peters. He will be taken before Judge Small to-day.

B. H. Warner, real estate broker and auctioneer, sold yesterday afternoon, at auction, a three-story brick dwelling on the northeast corner of F and Tenth streets northwest, to Graham P. Hopkins, at $4,600.

At the recent meeting of Pioneer Council, No. 1, Sons of Jonadab, a preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, thanking the Board of Police for their action in refusing to approve certain liquor licenses.

At a meeting of the Washington City Central Temperance League, held last evening, the memorial to be presented to Congress for the erection of an inebriate asylum was read and adopted, and a list of directors named on the part of the league.

This morning, about 2:30 o'clock, Sergeant Acton, accompanied by a squad of officers, made a descent on a colored disorderly hall and captured forty-two of the females. They were marched to the Central police station, and held for a hearing before Judge Snell to-day.

Mr. A. A. Wheelock, proprietor of the temperance grocery on Pennsylvania avenue, fell into an unguarded hole in the sidewalk on F street last evening, and sustained serious, though it is hoped not dangerous, damage to his person. He was taken in charge by his friends and conveyed to his residence.

At the regular communication of B. B. French Lodge, No. 15, F. A. A. M., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the year 1874: John Tweed, master; John J. Sapp Douglas, S. W.; Henry S. Burroughs, J. W.; and E. A. McIntire and Hon. S. J. W. Taber were again unanimously re-elected as secretary and treasurer respectively.

Mrs. Frances Welch, wife of Reddy Welch, died yesterday afternoon, after a lingering illness, of consumption. Reddy, who is now confined in jail, serving out a sentence, last week, accompanied by a bailiff, was permitted to pay a visit to his sick wife. The poor woman's life has been a hard and eventful one, and it is probable death was an acceptable release.

Messrs. Duncanson, Dowling & Co., auctioneers, sold yesterday afternoon, for Francis and Samuel Wheatley's trustees, lots 80 and 81 in L. S. Chapman's subdivision of square 368, situated on H street, between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, improved by two frame cottages, to D. M. Lawrence, for $1,600 each. The same firm sold for Francis and William Wheatley's trustees lots 84 and 85 in L. S. Chapman's recorded subdivision of original lots 4 to 11, inclusive, in square 364, situated on H street, between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, improved by two frame cottages, to D. M. Lawrence, for $1,700 each.


## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Ford's opera house.

Room for rent over Teel's store.

Choral Society meeting to-night.

The "International Law Review."

Meeting of Liberty Lodge, No. 6, K. of P.

Meeting of Women's Christian Association.

Resolutions of condolence by Hibernian Society.

William M. Shuster & Bro., black beaver cloths.

Holiday books at Morrison's, 475 Pennsylvania avenue.

Two hundred laborers wanted near Deaf and Dumb asylum.

J. W. Betzler & Bro., 925 Pennsylvania avenue, Majolica goods.

Fine houses for rent by Thos. E. Waggaman, 519 Seventh street.

Books for sale Anglim's bookstore, corner of F and Fifteenth streets.

House and lot for sale by E. J. Sweet, 311 Seventh street northwest.

Sale of general articles this morning at warerooms of Latimer & Cleary.

W. R. Riley, 713 Market Space, black Lyons velvet and other rich goods.

Concert at the First Presbyterian church, by the choir, to-morrow evening.

Concert and soiree of Union Lodge, No. 22, K. of P., at Masonic Temple, Thursday evening.

Pawnbroker's sale at W. L. Wall & Co.'s warerooms, commencing Saturday, December 20.

Farm for sale in Prince George's county, Md., by J. A. Dibble, 122 Twelfth street northwest.

Meeting of Hibernian Society No. 1 to-day, at 1 o'clock, to attend the funeral of Thos. P. Neary.

Literary and musical entertainment at the Thirteenth-street Baptist church to-morrow evening.

For rent or sale, house on G street, between Ninth and Tenth. Apply J. A. Smith, 1007 K street.

Fair for benefit of Children's hospital, Wednesday evening, and continue the balance of week, at Vernon building.

Latimer & Cleary will sell, Friday, January 2, two-story brick house on Four-and-a-half street west, between Fifteenth street and Virginia avenue.

The sale of building lots on New Jersey avenue, between K and L streets north, by Edwin J. Sweet, is postponed until Tuesday, December 23.

## A REMARKABLE SERMON.

*To the Editor of the National Republican:*

SIR: The Rev. Dr. Lannahan preached in the Metropolitan M. E. church on Sunday morning last from the words: "Every man's works shall be tried as by fire, of what sort it is," and in illustrating certain points in his discourse the Doctor took occasion to go aside from his subject to throw some sixes at the "Union men" of 1861-'62, "whose cry," he said, "was on to Richmond, on to Richmond;" but when it was supposed that the men of Richmond were about to come on to Washington there was "Union men struck a backlash in the North." Did Dr. Lannahan remain in Washington to welcome his friends? He said "he knew one Union man who struck that bee-line, and never stopped running until he reached Ohio. He found another 'Union man' in this city who, when about to be drafted, suddenly remembered that when a boy he had fallen from an apple tree and fractured his right arm. Now, he would not question the veracity of that 'Union man,' but at the same time, he thought it was quite probable that his fall from the apple tree was very much like that of the man who fell under an apple tree some six thousand years ago."

Perhaps the Doctor does not like apple trees; if he had not added "some six thousand years ago," we might have supposed that he referred to his friend General Lee, "who fell under an apple tree" in 1861. The Doctor's wit, however, was not sharp enough to give edge to his story, and pray, did Dr. Lannahan buckle on the sword and shoulder his musket and start "On to Richmond?" According to rumor he could have gone "on to Richmond" without sword or musket, and as many supposed his sympathies were there, some thought he ought to have gone. It is certain in the day for a preacher there was "Union" was doubted, to stand up in one of the principal churches, in the capital of the Union, and throw slurs at the "Union men" of sixty-one and two, when patriotism was needed and valuable, and not the cheap thing it is now. W. B.

## LEGISLATION FOR THE DISTRICT.

Mr. Chipman, Delegate from the District of Columbia, introduced in the House, yesterday, a number of bills, among them the following:

To authorize the construction of a substantial iron or masonry bridge across the Eastern branch of the Potomac, at or near the Anacostia bridge. This is the same bill introduced by Gen. Chipman in the last Congress, with the exception that the present bill appropriates $250,000 instead of $150,000 for the purpose.

He also reintroduced a bill in aid of the public schools of the District of Columbia, granting $500,000 annually for ten years, the proceeds of which shall constitute a perpetual fund for school purposes in the District.

Also, a bill to amend and consolidate the several acts relating to a Metropolitan police of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Chipman also introduced as a bill a joint resolution of Mr. Poland's, of the last Congress, for a commission to arrange docks and depots of steam railways within the city of Washington. The bills were severally referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

In the House of Representatives yesterday Mr. Hale introduced a bill abolishing the office of warden of the jail in this District, giving the supervision and control of the jail to the marshal of the District, and providing that all appointments of jailor, clerk, guards and physician at said jail shall be made by said marshal, subject to the confirmation of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

## THE GREAT CLEARING SALE OF CLOTHING

Continues to attract the attention of those who ARE ALIVE TO THE REAL BARGAINS WE ARE OFFERING. Since the sale began nearly $50,000 WORTH has been disposed of; We have yet too many goods left, and shall, during December, OFFER

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| $18 Overcoats at | $12.00 |
| $20 Overcoats at | $13.50 |
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| $28 Overcoats at | $20.00 |
| $30 Overcoats at | $22.50 |
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## CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES.

N. H. Shea, 625 Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest. Dealers and consumers will find it profitable to examine his holiday goods and winter supplies before call at this establishment, consult prices, and compare goods with those they may have purchased elsewhere, and we are fully convinced from experience that they will save money by having their orders filled there. The stock is one of the largest, and embraces the finest quality of teas and coffees, with a full assortment of the choicest liquors. Call and be convinced.

## HOLIDAY DINNERS.

For forty cents splendid holiday dinners, all the courses, at Dustin's, 426 Seventh street, opposite Odd Fellows' hall.

## INCREASED TAXATION.

### SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S LETTER TO MR. DAWES.

The following is the letter of Secretary Richardson to Mr. Dawes in regard to increased taxation:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, December 12, 1873.

*Hon. H. L. Dawes, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, House of Representatives:*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, transmitting a resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, asking the Secretary of the Treasury to give his reasons in writing for an increase in taxation, and why he has selected the articles named in his communication as the proper objects for increased taxation, and that he inform the committee specifically as to the expenditures and condition of the revenue which rendered the proposed increase necessary.

In the report which, in accordance with the law, I had the honor to submit to Congress, I used the following language:

"There should be a revival of business at an early day, and an increase in the receipts over those of the past two and a half months, additional means will be required to meet expenses. Should such revival not immediately follow, taxation, judiciously laid, so as to be the least burdensome upon the people and business of the country, rather than a resort to borrowing money and increasing the public debt."

It is on the grounds here generally stated that I suggested increased taxation. The receipts from customs and internal taxes have not materially increased, and it is apparent that no considerable increase of these receipts is soon to be expected under the laws now existing.

The public debt was increased by demands which could not be avoided during the month of November, and it is surrounding at the end, apparent that it will be still further increased during the current month by many millions. While the coin receipts are but little more than sufficient to pay the interest on the public debt and other coin expenditures, it will not be prudent to sell gold to increase the supply of currency.

The current expenses of the Government have already consumed about $18,000,000 of what has been called the reserve, and there remains only about $22,000,000 which can be used before the extreme limit of issue of United States notes authorized by law will be reached.

The public credit can only be maintained by keeping the receipts of the Treasury fully up to the expenditures for ordinary expenses, for interest on the public debt, and for the purchase of bonds for the sinking fund to the extent provided by law. It is manifestly the true policy, in view of the necessity of maintaining that credit so to levy taxes as to make it certain that the required amount will be raised with the possibility of some surplus revenue rather than incur any risk of a deficiency, which would make it necessary to borrow money, and thereby increase the debt.

In selecting tea and coffee for taxation I am influenced by the consideration that taxes on these articles are easily collected, and are not oppressive to the consumer.

In selecting spirits, tobacco, gas, railway and steamboat receipts, express, insurance and telegraph companies, as subjects of taxation, I am governed principally by the reasons expressed in the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in his letter already forwarded to the committee, in the following words:

"In selecting sources for possible taxation I have sought to select those which give the revenue probably needed without any material increase of the present force or any amendments to the present system, conceding that is wise to get the public revenue with as little interference as possible with the ordinary business of the people, and that the tax-gatherer should great the public eye as rarely as possible."

I have presented the bills for increased taxation to the committee this early that the subject may at once be called to the attention of Congress for such action at an early day as may be deemed expedient. It should be taken into account that the effect of any law which may be enacted to increase taxation will not be felt for several months after its passage, and that in the apparent disposition among the people to reduce expenditures, the rates which may be fixed will not produce the amount of revenue as would accrue under different circumstances.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

WM. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

## WASHINGTON YACHT CLUB BALL.

A large and select party assembled at Masonic hall last night to trip the "light fantastic" at the ball of the above-named club. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and streamers, while at the lower end of the hall was a fine crayon sketch of a yacht surrounding the club arms. Below it was a fountain of cologne water, which perfumed the room, and in which the merry dancers dipped their cambrics and moistened their hair.

The master of ceremonies was Mr. C. R. Haight, assisted by Messrs. John R. White, Jas. A. Hance, Wm. H. Edwards, Jas. Gray, Daniel Loughran, Isaac P. Lochman, Albert Lanck and Edwin H. Sentenne.

The committee of arrangements consisted of Messrs. Thomas Fitzsimmons, William Johnson, John Hager, John Scott, Wm. Slocum, Edward Hager, Jas. Lochman, Benjamin Thrift, Cornelius Collins, James H. Lamb and John Hahn. All these gentlemen were attentive and efficient, and to their efforts the success of the annual ball was due.

The ladies were very tastefully attired, and the music excellent. The company separated at an early hour this morning, loud in their praise of the Washington Yacht Club.

## ARREST OF A POST OFFICE OFFICIAL.

The special officer of the Post Office Department yesterday arrested Captain J. R. Michener, who for some time past has been in charge of the dead letter office, on the charge of embezzling moneys found in dead letters. He was taken before United States Commissioner J. J. Johnson, and gave bail in the sum of $5,000 for his appearance on Monday, Dr. Cox giving the required bond.

I WILL close out what Furs I have on hand at half their original cost. Now is your time to purchase. I mean what I say. M. H. PRINER, 1006 Pennsylvania avenue.

"SHAKSPEARE AND HIS LIFE"

is the subject of the lecture to be delivered on Wednesday evening, December 17, at the Washington Business College, corner of Seventh and L streets, by the Rev. W. O. Day, of Baltimore. No charge for admission. The public cordially invited.

GENTLEMEN'S DOG-SKIN GLOVES for $1.25, Hemstitched handkerchiefs for $60 cents, or $7 per doz. Kid-fitting gloves always in stock, at $1 and $1.25. Fine scarfs, bows, ties, &c. One price only, with a discount of ten per cent. on cash sales.

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EIGHTEEN-KARAT BAND BRACELETS, as low as $15 a pair, at Prince's, 1006 Pennsylvania avenue.

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M. William will commence selling on Monday, December 15, his entire stock of ladies' and children's dresses and cloaks at a discount of twenty per cent.

GENTS' heavy solid gold watches, Elgin, Waltham or Marion movements, as low as $65, at Prince's, 1006 Pennsylvania avenue.

KEEP OUT OF THE COLD.

Go to Savage's and get him to put his unrivaled weather-strip on your windows and doors. Many have been comforted, and advise their friends to go and do likewise. JOS. L. SAVAGE, Pennsylvania avenue and Tenth street.

AN IMMENSE stock of jackets, chains, studs, buttons, ladies' sets, &c., just received, suitable for holiday presents, at Prince's, 1006 Pennsylvania avenue.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK.

corner of New York avenue and Fifteenth street, pays 6 per cent. per annum on deposits for each calendar month. Banking hours 9 to 4; Saturdays, 9 to 4 and 6 to 8.

A NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Solid gold, 14-karat, ladies' hunting-case watch, warranted for one year, $35, at Prince's, 1006 Pennsylvania avenue.

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RELIABLE ANNOUNCEMENT.

The public are invited to call and examine the stock of watches, jewelry, furs, &c., at the establishment of M. H. Priner, 1006 Pennsylvania avenue, and if the prices do not lower than any other persons who hold out inducements, of whatever nature, he does not expect their patronage.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR VALUABLES.

Call and examine the fire and burglar-proof vaults of the Safe Deposit Company, corner of New York avenue and Fifteenth street, for safe keeping of securities, jewelry, silver-ware, or other valuables. Rooms from ten to sixty dollars per annum, according to size. No business man can afford to do without them.

*Take warning from the Chicago and Boston fires.*

MADAME ANTOINETTE BEMHEIM,

No. 19 Brevoort Place, New York, has the pleasure to inform the ladies of Washington and vicinity that she has taken rooms at Willard's hotel, and will open on Tuesday, December 16, for one week only, a handsome assortment of costumes, party dresses, opera cloaks, cashmere polonaises, ladies