A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

MICHAEL HILE SHOOTS AND KILLS HIS WIFE KATRINA.

FULL ACCOUNT OF THE AFFAIR—THREE BURGLARS ENTER THE HOUSE, ATTACK THE WOMAN, AND WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PROTECT HE KILLS HER—ARREST OF THE PARTIES.

Yesterday afternoon there occurred in this city one of those terrible but unavoidable accidents which occasionally startle community and give evidence of the uncertainty of life, especially when the effects of liquor are in his, especially as in this case, the innocent suffer for the guilty. The facts, as we have gathered them, briefly stated, are to the about 1:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon Michael Hile shot and instantly killed his wife, Katrina Hile.

THE DECEASED

was a German, aged about forty-eight years, of medium stature, quiet disposition, a tailor by trade, and has for the past fifteen years been engaged in the retail liquor business, most of the time at his present location on Pennsylvania avenue, between 1 and 3 streets north. He was a man of by the police officers and his neighbors as a law-abiding citizen, and one who had never occasioned any trouble.

The account of a debilitating sickness for some time past of the management of the bar has deprived upon his intelligent looking German wife, who, about forty-five years of age, who it was on ordinary occasions was equal to the task. The statement of those who should know is to the effect that for the last fifteen months, just prior to the occurrence of the accident, a son of Mr. Hile, aged sixteen years, came to from the river and told his father, who was in the bar-room, that Sam Ward and a crowd were at the other bar-room

DRUNK,

and had just proposed to "go to Hile's" for a drink. Hearing this, the man, who knew the generous disposition of his expected customers, rushed into the room, and, in order that they might not have any excuse, removed the stone water spittoon from the front to the rear of the bar, and took down the water pitcher. This had hardly been accomplished before three men entered, named and aged respectively Dick Ward, twenty-four years; Sam Ward, twenty-one years, and James Moore, eighteen years, all known in the vicinity as hard cases, who have made several visits to the police stations for violations of the law. As they entered, Sam called for the drinks, and the proprietor picked up the glasses preparatory to giving them what they asked for, when his wife entered from the rear room, in which she was seating the table for supper. She seemed to take in the situation at a glance, and remarked "You had better keep the liquor; they have had enough." They repeated their demands, to which she replied,

"YOU HAVE GOT NO MONEY

to get liquor." At that time she was standing at the corner of the counter, and Sam Ward ran towards her and grabbed and pushed her behind the counter. She went forward, saying that she had two boxes, and they had better look out for them, and in the confusion Mr. Hile, who had passed from behind the counter into the back room, in a moment he heard another struggle, and looking back saw the parties again scuffling near the door, from which, when she succeeded in pushing them out and locking the door, A moment later it was

SICKED OPEN,

and Sam Ward, who seems to have been the ringleader, entered, and turning to a bagatelle table, which stood at the left of the entrance, wrenched the two legs from it, and with the table as a club, he rushed, when fortunately did not hit her. The trio then closed around her and were beating her, when she threaded for help. In response to this cry Mr. Hile came with a double barreled gun, loaded with shot, and going to the door between the two rooms saw an opportunity of firing, as the wife had escaped from them and was retreating to a corner. The moment he raised the gun, one of them, some say Dick, seized a woman and threw her before him, just in time to receive the contents of the first charge in the back of her head. Instantly she

FELL DEAD

upon the floor, bathed in warm life blood, which flowed from the terrible wound. The men then turned from her and were pursuing to the door by the husband, who discharged the remaining barrel at them, wounding Dick in the shoulder—not, however, before he had been struck over the head with a billy. Hile immediately proceeded to the station-house and stating the facts as above related, surrendered himself. Lieutenant Kelly, with a squad of officers, soon after succeeded in arresting the parties who were the cause of the accident, and they were locked up for the night.

The parties have been married about twenty years, and have a family of six children, the oldest being sixteen and the youngest one year old.

The coroner will hold an inquest to-day.

POTOMAC WATER.

REGULATIONS REGARDING ITS INTRODUCTION.

The following correspondence has taken place between the water registrar and the Board of Public Works:

DECEMBER 15, 1873.

Mr. B. A. Willard, Vice President Board of Public Works:

SIR: I beg to call attention to the fact that from time to time cases arise when parties have made connection with service pipes at the curb and adjoining lines, and introduced Potomac water into houses without the permission of this office. When discovery of such has been made the parties have been prosecuted under the law and fined, and I would respectfully request that all persons doing business with this office relating to the introduction of water, the repair of pipes, &c., be what the law distinctly states, viz: Practical plumbers, and that the Board be requested to give a bond to this office for the sum of $1,000, guaranteed by two responsible sureties, for the faithful compliance with and obedience to all laws and regulations governing water department. These laws provide that all work in connection with Potomac water shall be done only by practical plumbers, and that the Board of Public Works shall have authority to make such rules and incidental to a careful law regulating the laying of service pipes, introduction of water to houses, &c.

Very respectfully,

T. LUBBY, Water Registrar.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1873.

T. Lubby, esq., Water Registrar:

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 15th instant, and the recommendations contained therein, I am directed to say that in accordance with the provisions of the act of Feb. 14, 1861, and June 20, 1864, it is ordered by the board—

1. That in laying service pipes, or in the repairing of pipes or other fixtures in connection with the Potomac water supply, only such persons in the work must be a practical plumber; and no permit for such work shall be issued to any other party.

2. Shall all such plumbers shall give and file in the office of the water registrar a bond for $1,000, guaranteed by two responsible citizens, for the faithful execution of all laws, rules and regulations of the water department; and any plumber failing to file such bond, after due notice of its requirement, is given him, shall forfeit the right to have any permit for the introduction of water, repairs, &c., issued to his favor.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. H. JOHNSON, Secretary.

ART MATTERS.

PORTRAITS, OIL PAINTINGS AND ENGRAVINGS IN THE CITY.

A fine life-size crayon of our old and well-known citizen, Mr. Paulus Thyson, is on exhibition at Markriter's, Seventh street. This excellent likeness, which shows the venerable subject will recognize at a glance, was executed by Mr. Lewis Wiener, the artist, No. 20 I street, opposite St. Aloysius' church. It is certainly creditable to his artistic skill and taste, and amply proves that he is a master of his profession.

Markriter has also on exhibition, among other gems, a beautifully executed painting of Ridel's Spanish Judith. It is life-like in expression, and reflects great credit on Mr. Ridel, of Florence, Italy, the artist. The painting is very handsomely framed.

There are likewise at Markriter's store four very beautiful English engravings, which attract the attention of every visitor. These represent "Punch and Judy," "The Pig Ground," "The Slide," and "Football." Also copy of Peale's Washington, from the original in the Capitol, may also be seen here. Handsome fruit pieces and English water-colored chromos, with a variety of beautiful pictures, adorn the walls.

Markriter has also in his show-window two beautiful oil paintings by Max Weyl, representing landscape views in the vicinity of Washington. These are worth a visit.

Mr. James Bellew, Seventh, near G street, has on exhibition a fine engraving representing the Irish Parliament of 1799. College Green, Dublin, "The Assembly of Notables" in the house, now the Bank of Ireland, is represented, with a full attendance of members and many distinguished visitors in the galleries. Curran, the great Irish orator and wit, is portrayed in the attitude of addressing the House. The groupings are admirably true and the whole picture one of singular excellence. Bellew is having photographic copies of the sketch, so as to put it within the reach of all.

Lang, 306 Pennsylvania avenue, has recently received and sent to the Protestant Orphan Asylum in this city a fine portrait, by Gilliams, of our late esteemed fellow-citizen, Wm. B. Todd, who was president of the board of trustees of that institution. The portrait was ordered by Mr. W. Corcoran, esq., by whom it was presented to the orphan asylum. Lamb has several beautiful pictures on exhibition, some of them a very fine copy, in oil colors, of the head of Guiffles.

SPORTING NEWS.

PIGEON SHOOTING MATCH YESTERDAY.

Yesterday was a gala day for the sportsmen of the District, who assembled on Anacostia Island for the purpose of witnessing the pigeon shooting match arranged some weeks since. A handsome double-barreled breech-loading Remington gun was to have been presented to the victor, but after 8 first one hundred and thirty pigeons a tie was made between Berrick, Mills and Williams, and as the birds had all been flown the referee, Mr. Gallery, decided the match a tie, to be continued and decided at a future day. The last third Berrick shot at was killed by a Mosby skirmisher, and he it left within the prescribed bounds it was, according to the rules of the match, decided a fair shot.

The following is the score, in total: Mayhew, 7; Berrick, 8; Harker, 5; Moore, 6; Derrick, 8; Mills, 8; Allison, 7; Williams, 8; Nonnes, 4; Harris, 7; Bendell, 4.

A match was arranged on the grounds, to take place next Saturday, at Riley's park. It is expected to be a very exciting affair, as the tie of Monday will then be decided, and also at this time "shoot-off" shots, Mayhew, Ferguson and Berrick will be present to shoot for the championship. The shooting will be at 30 yards and 25 yards.

A friendly meeting of those interested will be held to make the necessary arrangements.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Last night the Sabbath school of Dr. Butler's church, corner of Fourteenth and N streets, gave an entertainment, consisting of tableaux, readings, music and recitations. The tableau of Rebecca Gleaning at the Well, Ruth with her Kinsman Boaz, and the little prince was highly commendable to the entertainment, yet greatly enhancing the entertainment was greatly enhanced, and was creditable in all its arrangement and execution.

ARMY AND NAVY GERMAN.

Last night Marini's Hall, where for many years past scenes of fashion, dollar beauty and attractive pleasure have been frequently enacted, presented an appearance of elegance rarely equaled in the history of Washington entertainments. Fashion, beauty, intelligence, and grace are relative terms to give correct idea of the brilliants to meet in association as were to be seen at the first German of the season, given at Marini's last night by the army and navy. During the day the spacious hall, so by its best, had been decorated in a most tasteful and elaborate manner, under the superintendence of the following-named committee of arrangements: Lieutenant Reid, of the marine corps; Lieutenants Hooker, Totten and Miller, of the navy, and Messrs. Hayden Edwards and D. T. Reed, together with Mr. Howard, of the English legation.

THE DECORATIONS

were appropriately conceived mostly of national designs. At the southern end of the hall the Stars and Stripes were gracefully festooned and held, as if in jealous security, by the beak of a large gilded eagle. To the right of this the flags of England, France, Germany, Turkey, Mexico, Brazil and Ecuador were hung in succession, each caught in the centre and at either end at the ceiling, and gathered into folds just above the floor, forming devices of shields. At each point, secured to the wall, garlands of evergreen were tastefully interwoven, their drip green forming a most striking contrast to the bright colors of the ensigns. On the left of the American flag before mentioned the ensigns of France, Russia, Tripoli, Austria and Greece, together with the Papal flag, were hung in a similar manner, reaching to the orchestra gallery at the north end of the hall. The front of this gallery was covered with the tasteful Red, White and Blue, in the centre of which a life size engraving of the head of the martyred President.

Above this, against the wall, in the rear of the orchestra, was a picture of General Grant, of like size and finish. The wall behind the dancing was formed by the Spanish colors and surrounded by a wreath made of a small but rich American flag, artistically coiled so as to display, in captivating alternation, the stars and stripes, and to make its exquisite proportions and arrangement a noticeable feature of the decoration.

At the south end of the room, sufficiently retired to prevent any interference with the dancing, two handsome evergreen trees had been erected over mess-covered mounds, in deceptive imitation of a natural growth. These were thickly hung with

THE FAVORS OF THE EVENING,

one being entirely devoted to those for the ladies, the other to those for the gentlemen. The former consisted of artistic representations of the military and naval equipments, sunbear Continental, hussar, Prussian and chasseur hats, helmets, &c., the latter being filled with the usual novelties of rosettes, stars, tubs, &c., suitable for lapel ornaments. Besides these there was a copious supply of favors for the ladies, consisting of arrows, fans and artistic flowers for head decorations for the ladies; also artistical buttonhole bouquets for the gentlemen. A new and peculiarly beautiful favor, consisting of flags for lapel wear boquetieres, and hand ornaments for ladies, were provided by the committee.

THE ENTERTAINMENT

was participated in by some two hundred ladies and gentlemen, among them being the following well-known members of the *élite*: Mrs. Secretary Richardson, Miss Isabella Richardson, the Misses Beale, Misses Morris Dodge and Emily Volpe, Miss Beesie Stewart, Mrs. Senator Stewart, Miss Weed, Miss Lizzie Porter, Miss Annie Barges, Mrs. Colonel Bacon, Mrs. Colonel McCulloch, Mrs. General Meigs, Mrs. Commodore Fox, Miss Meigs, Mrs. Myers, the Misses Wise, Miss Beckwith, Mrs. General Beckwith, the Misses Beale, the Misses Fletcher, Miss Steele, Mrs. Senator West, Miss West, Miss Mayhew, Miss Lieut. Commander Jewell, Miss Lee, Miss Pickering, Mrs. General Myers, Miss Ramsay, Miss Charlton, Miss Moffitt, Miss Smith, Col. Thorndike, Miss Reed, Lieut. Meyer, Lieut. Hooker, Mr. Patten, Capt. Rees, Mr. W. H. Edwards, Mr. Foot, Mr. Henry Howard, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Will May, Dr. Lincoln, Mr. Pittgerald, Mr. Hayden Edwards, Lieut. Cook, the Turkish Minister, Gen. Beale, Gen. Myers, Lieut. Totten, Lieut. Porter, Lieut. Miller, Lieut. Manley, Lieut. Quinan, Mr. Robert Edwards, Col. Bacon, Col. McCulloch, Gen. Foster and Gen. Ramsay, Capts. Eisenbrier, Fry, Mayhew and Mrs. Thornton, Miss Thornton, Dr. Nelson of the navy, Lieuts. Booker, Kingsley, Tyler and Field.

The company was received by Mrs. Secretary Richardson. The lady was richly and tastefully attired, and discharged her duties in her well-known graceful and cordial manner. Her daughter, Miss Isabella Richardson, and Lieut. Totten, who married Miss Dorman, Miss Richardson is a graceful dancer, as accomplished lady, and justly admired and beloved by a large circle of friends.

The costumes of the ladies were particularly elegant, and all the gentlemen noticeable for their extreme gallantry to the ladies. The music was excellent, and the German, in every respect, one of the most select and enjoyable that ever took place in this city.

GERMAN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE.

PROCEEDINGS AT TURNERS' HALL LAST NIGHT.

The German-Americans met last evening at Turners' hall, Hon. Simon Wolf presiding. On the question of taxation of church property Hon. F. A. Boswell, of the committee of delegates on that subject, addressed the meeting. He pronounced the exemption of church property from taxation as unjust to the taxpayer and in direct violation of the spirit of republican institutions. The property is benefited in the same ratio by improvements as adjoining private property, and there is no good reason why it should not bear its share of their cost. He stated that he would urge immediate action by his committee in concert with the committee of German-Americans, in bringing the subject to the attention of Congress.

MR. WOLF'S LETTER.

Mr. Wolf read a letter received at the late mass meeting he stated that the letter addressed by him to the Board of Police was read at their meeting and placed on file for future reference. Mr. Schade had contradicted his assertion, declared that he had never received the letter, the letter in question, after having been read, had been laid upon the table. In order to prove the correctness of his statement at that time, Mr. Wolf requested the secretary to read the following letter:

DEPARTMENT OF METROPOLITAN POLICE, OFFICE OF THE BOARD, WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1873.

Simon Wolf, Esq., Washington, D. C.:

SIR: Your communication as president of a meeting of German-American citizens before the Board of Police in reference to liquor licenses was duly received and read at the meeting of the board on the 16th inst. and, on motion of Mr. Smith, it was ordered to be placed on file.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. A. LAZENBY, Secretary.

Mr. Burchard reviewed the course of Mr. Schade in a manner that was far from complimentary, and said that Schade had resigned because Mr. Wolf's letter was adopted by the meeting in preference to Schade's resolutions. The letter was conciliatory in tone and spirit.

The committee on the taxation of church property was further instructed to work in conjunction with the committee of delegates for an alteration of the tax laws so far as the public school fund is concerned, and to have that portion of the taxes intended for the support of the public schools set apart as a sacred fund for school purposes only. A committee was also appointed to draw up resolutions looking to the reintroduction of the study of German into the public schools.

The meeting then adjourned until Monday, January 12.

THE REFORM SCHOOL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The fourth annual report of the president of the Reform school has been transmitted to the Attorney General. The report, after speaking of the death of three of the trustees in the board the previous year, and the progress of the new building, (a full account of which has been published in THE REPUBLICAN,) it says little progress has been made in the work of the school, the poor condition of the soil and unevenness of the land, which, it is hoped, will be overcome in another year, if the proper assistance is furnished by Congress, when the land will be set out in fruit trees and laid out artistically and tastefully, similar to the Agricultural Department and other public grounds. Estimates have been submitted for the purchase of about one hundred and twenty acres. Estimates have also been submitted for appropriation to erect an additional family building; to fit up a bakery and laundry; for purchasing furniture for the buildings already erected; for fencing the farm in part; and for supplying the school with water.

It next refers to the juvenile reformatory and speaks of its many excellent qualities, and quotes in reference thereto from letters of Hr. E. C. Wines and others, and shows what great improvements can be made, and recommends that every facility be offered the boys in the reformatories to learn mechanical trades, and to prevent a desire to leave the school; that them kindly and affectionately—as they are—that an interest is manifested in their welfare. It is desired to give the boys reasonable holidays, and especially on Christmas, New Year's, and Fourth of July, and thus to make them happy and feel as if they were at home and back in society. Not one boy has had till they became inmates of the school. There are now about twenty boys employed in mechanical work, and as more room is gained more will be employed. The health of the school and officers have enjoyed excellent health during the past year, and as yet no death has occurred among the inmates.

The institution was first opened for the reception of boys December 10, 1869, since which time there has been received 254 boys, and 121 discharged leaving in the institution up to November 1, 1873, 133 boys. During the present year 18 boys have been received, 7 of them of old commitment, 8 remaining in the institution. January 1, 1873, 10 discharged and 4 escaped. Of the number admitted this year, 10 were born in the District of Columbia, 2 in Maryland, 10 in Virginia, 2 in Pennsylvania, 2 in Connecticut and 3 in New York. The parentage of those admitted are 15 Americans, 2 English, 12 Irish, 4 German and 1 Scotch. The commitments for the months of January, 2; February, 10; March, 1; April, 7; May, 1; July, 4; August, 8; September, 1, and October, 11. Cause of commitment: Larceny, 16; vagrancy and beggary, 2; incorrigible, 2, and vagrancy, 1. The sources from whence these committed were received are: Police Court, 20; Criminal Court, 1; president of the Board of Trustees, 2.

The amount received during the year has been $14,447 67; amount expended, $14,287 67; leaving a balance of $159 60 on hand. In addition to the above debt has been incurred for clothing, provisions, fuel and incidental expenses amounting to $1,000.

In conclusion the president says: "The board of trustees are desirous to attract the attention of our citizens, male and female, to this institution, and awaken an interest therein. Visitors who desire to see 23 stockings and the influence it is exerting on the boys are welcome on any day except Sundays, which are devoted to religious duties, when it is proper that the school should not be disturbed. Clergymen, however, of every denomination who come to address the boys are always welcome, and their aid gratefully accepted, provided they avoid sectarianism and address the boys in language and manner adapted to their comprehension."

DON'T PAY YOUR TAXES,

that is, until you have consulted Messrs. Dickson & Patterson, who are making a specialty of paying tax bills for property holders for several and special improvements, thus saving both money, time and trouble to those having such interests to attend to. They gentlemen are likewise buying and selling District bonds of all kinds, several of which are indicated for sale.

OILMAN'S DRUG STORE,

No. 437 Pennsylvania avenue, is stocked with all sorts of pretty things for the holidays, embracing fancy articles of every description. Note the Brushes, Spatulas, Combs, Toilet and Smelling Bottles, Chest protectors, and a great variety of articles too numerous to mention. These are being sold at panic rates for cash.

AT PAUL'S BAZAAR,

No. 1329 New York avenue, there are holiday presents of all kinds, games, stationery, &c., which are being offered at unusually reduced prices.

UNITED TRADES UNION.

ALL THE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS TO COMBINE FOR MUTUAL BENEFITS.

For some time past there has been a movement on foot among the labor organizations to form a combination, which should include a representative from each society, to meet in consultation and devise some process by which expression could be given to the public of the needs, requirements and justice due the laboring classes. To attain this object it was thought best that each association should send a committee, to meet like committees and prepare some plan of action. Last night was fixed for the meeting, which took place at Mechanics' hall. There was rather a slim attendance, the Amalgamated House Carpenters and Joiners, Painters Union No. 26, Plasterers' Association, and Economic Order United Mechanics only being represented.

The bricklayers and stonecutters had signified their intention to send committees, but, in consequence of the meeting being called before theirs was held, a representation from these two organizations could not be had until a week hence. Considering it unjust to perfect a permanent organization until the other societies could have a voice, only temporary officers were chosen.

After a brief interchange of views on the object for which they assembled—which was to form a "United Trades Union," by which all labor organizations will be permitted to take part, and in secret session consider the subjects of wages, hours of work, holding a mass meeting in the interest of their cause, &c., &c.—the following were chosen: Chairman, Thomas Ryan; secretary, James Kelly; treasurer, Wm. H. Hoover, lot 3 of a tract of land called Monestery, $1,250; Patrick Daley to Patrick Fox, lot 5, sq. 1, $1,100; Thos. Ryan, $5,000; James L. Hunt to Wm. and Thos. Smith, lot 1, square 522, $8,000; Moses Kelly to Oliver M. Whittlesey, lot 13, McElean's subdivision of part lot 3, in square 574, $5,000; Pierce Shoemaker to Henry Clark, part of tract of land called Peter's Mill Seat, $350.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

It is only necessary to remind our readers that Gall, Hoe & Co. have unloaded their glittering array of silverware, particularly adapted for presentation as New Year's gifts. Notably beautiful are the fruit stands, cake baskets, card salvers and receivers—just the things that are needed for receptions during the season commencing on Thursday next. Drop in at Gall's and look at these beautiful things, anyhow.

HOLIDAY RIDING.

A large share of the enjoyment of the holiday season consists in outdoor sports. You want your turnout to rival in elegance anything on our modern avenue. Robert H. Graham has an elegant assortment of finely carriages, buggies, wagons, ways and phaetons at his factory, Nos. 416—418 Eighth street northwest. Call and see them, and you cannot resist their temptation at such low rates.

TO THE GRADUATES OF THE BUSINESS COLLEGE.

All the ladies and gentlemen who have graduated from the Washington Business College are invited by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer to be present at the College hall on New Year's night at 8 o'clock.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. Isaac Alexander, jeweler, at 1229 Pennsylvania avenue, will continue to prosecute his business at the old stand. This is the more gratifying as owing to the fact of his having been forced into involuntary bankruptcy, a law that worked so disastrously upon so many good men throughout the country that Congress felt it to be its duty to repeal it repeal shortly after convening for this session. This indication of pluck and enterprise on the part of Mr. Alexander should elicit the sympathy and support of all his friends. We wish him every success.—*Sunday Gazette.*

DISTRICT BONDS AND SCRIP

taken in payment for Pianos, Sewing Machines, Watches, Jewelry, etc., at Robert Fulton's, 314 Ninth street northwest.

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

A NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Solid gold, 14-karat, ladies' hunting-case watch, warranted for one year, $25, at Prince's, 1006 Pennsylvania avenue.

AMUSEMENTS.

"UNCLE SAM" AT FORD'S.

It was a jolly company that filled Ford's last night, and a jollier entertainment has seldom been offered in Washington. Mr. Ford's patrons have long been calling for fun, and in "Uncle Sam" they have it—plenty of it, too. In the first place Miss Clifford and Mr. Stanley convulsed the audience by their drollery, which latter forgot surprises it by her excellent dancing. The lady has evidently protean ability of a high order, and only needs an appropriate role to show how talented she is. Stanley, too, is a good actor, and Mr. Mortimer's story was also very funny, while E. D. Davies, the champion ventriloquist of the world, took the audience by storm.

This gentleman is simply perfection, and his business alone ought to fill the house to repletion nightly. The scenery was also of the finest description, while the ballet and the burlesque of pretty Bella Grey was really excellent. We have neither space nor time to notice the play further at the late hour at which we write, but we assure our readers that if they are desirous of spending an evening of real enjoyment, they should by all means do themselves the pleasure of witnessing "Uncle Sam."

THE NATIONAL.

Mr. Saville achieved another triumph last evening in the presentation of Mr. Boucicault's last sensation, "Led Astray." The play was placed upon the stage in superb style, and performed in a manner that would have been pronounced unexceptionable even upon a New York stage. Miss Saville, Mrs. Holmes, the pretty Miss Mayhew, and Messrs. Sheridan, Metkill, Lanit and Langdon, are particularly deserving of praise for the admirable manner in which they enacted their respective roles.

The charming young actress, Mrs. Frank Murdock, was well received and gave her role a favorable impression. The lady is pretty, careful and talented, and destined to become a great favorite at the National. We regret that fear of time prevents us giving "Led Astray" a more extended notice, but we can only repeat our praise of Mr. Saville in designing of great praise for giving to his patrons one of the most enjoyable performances ever seen in Washington.

MRS. BERNARD'S "OLDDE FOLKES."

Mrs. Caroline Richings-Bernard's renowned troupe of "Oldde Folkes" will appear at Willard's hall during next week, as will be observed by an advertisement in our amusement column. The troupe recently created a furore in Philadelphia and among the many favorable notices it received was the following from the Press, of that city:

THE OLDDE FOLKES.—Mrs. Caroline Richings-Bernard announces another week of her highly successful Oldde Folkes' entertainment at Concert hall. On every occasion of our visiting the hall during the last fortnight, it was crowded almost to overflowing. The care bestowed upon the various costumes, which produce somewhat the effect of a parterre of bright flowers when the singers take their places upon the stage, is deserving of much commendation. The musical selections are first-class, and the performers give them in pleasing style. Mrs. Richings-Bernard has deserved success, and we are glad to record the fact that she has achieved it. Her son Bernard's songs are also very funny, while E. D. Davies, the champion ventriloquist of the world, took the audience by storm.

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THE COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT—MR. JUSTICE MCARTHUR.

This court was engaged as follows yesterday: John W. Payne vs. Sarah Magruder. David F. Cobb vs. North American Block Paving Company. Judgment confessed for $41, with interest.

Samuel Kirby vs. J. W. Hester. Judgment by default.

CASES TO-DAY.

The following cases are assigned for trial today: Nos. 200, 207, 208, 271, 272, 273, 277, 278 and 279. Adjourned.

POLICE COURT—JUDGE SNELL.

Timothy Horan, throwing stones; $10. Richard M. Lacy, boisterous; $5. Louis Evans, do.; $5. Robert Noble, cursing; $5. Frederick Dorn, boisterous; $10. Thos. Lodwick, do.; $10. Michael Nash, profane; $5. James J. Clark, suspicious person; dismissed. Robert Johnson, larceny; reform school. John Dugan and James Minor, stealing gate post from Columbian College; $5 each. Thomas Sullivan, do.; $5. Dugan discharged and Minor fined $20 or thirty days in jail. David Gainor, cutting trees; $5. Margaret Brewer, alias Brown, stealing two shirts worth $15; $50 or sixty days in jail. Richard Bank, assault; $10 and costs. Philip Blake, larceny of lumber; $10 and costs. Joseph Flynn, throwing stones; $10. Richard McNamara, assault and battery; $10 and costs. Virginia Moulton, assault on Augustus Bacon; $5 and costs. Thomas Ryan, highway robbery on Thomas Mackey; sent to the grand jury. W. A. Dailey, selling liquor without license; $100, appeal taken.

CRIME IN RICHMOND:

SUPPOSED MURDER OF COLONEL J. C. SPAULDING.

On the 27th of December Mr. Henry K. Atkinson, the Commonwealth's attorney of Henrico county, Va., discovered the lifeless body of Col. J. C. Spaulding, a lawyer of considerable attainments, sitting on a bench in the grand jury room. Every surrounding tended to the conclusion that a murder had been committed. The body was in a sitting position, as before stated, the left hand clutching the rest of the bench and the right firmly clenched. Over the knees was thrown the overcoat of the deceased; his shoes were placed upon the bench some three or four feet from him; his hat was in the window just in the rear of him, and upon the floor lay his cane, a biscuit and a piece of sausage. In front of the fire-place were two chairs *tete a tete*. To the left of him, in the corner of the bench, was a bundle of papers literally glued in a pool of gore, and giving evidence that his head had rested upon them, while his head was one mass of bruised blood. There was no evidence in or about the building of a struggle having taken place, and there is no reason to suppose that any one bore ill-will towards the deceased. Col. Spaulding was last seen Friday morning, about 10 o'clock, by a professor, a native of this city, and during the war served as lieutenant colonel of a Confederate regiment raised in West Virginia. For the last few years he has been quite dissipated, and was in the habit of sleeping about the courthouse. An inquest was held upon the corpse yesterday.

The heavy winds of last week blew the water all out of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal so as to leave barges hard aground and necessitated the opening of the guard-locks to let in the flood-tide. The stranded boats were soon enabled to resume their trips.

WASHINGTON CITY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The board of managers held their regular monthly meeting at the rooms of the depository, last evening at 6 o'clock, Hon. John C. Harkness, president, in the chair. The meeting was opened by reading a portion of Scripture and prayer.

The depository presented applications for Bibles and Testaments, upon which the following grants were made:

To the Protestant Orphan Asylum, three dozen Bibles; to a colored Sabbath school on Fifth street (Law Building), two dozen Testaments.

The resignation of Mr. J. M. Duncanson as a member of the board was received and accepted, and Mr. Malcolm Chandler was elected to fill the vacancy.

The question of indebtedness to the parent society was discussed, and the hope generally expressed that the churches would make liberal donations to the society before the next annual meeting, in view of the service rendered in the distribution of the Bible throughout the city, to settle all claims against it. After some further routine business the board adjourned to meet on the last Monday in January, at 6 p. m.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Patrick O'Donoghue to Lawrence Daly, lot 23, in square 749, $400; Wm. R. Woodward, trustee, to Eliza J. Yarnell, 25 feet front on West, near Washington street, Georgetown, $6; Rosalie A. Healey to Wm. H. Hoover, lot 3 of a tract of land called Monestery, $1,250; Patrick Daley to Patrick Fox, lot 5, sq. 1, $1,100; Thos. Ryan, $5,000; James L. Hunt to Wm. and Thos. Smith, lot 1, square 522, $8,000; Moses Kelly to Oliver M. Whittlesey, lot 13, McElean's subdivision of part lot 3, in square 574, $5,000; Pierce Shoemaker to Henry Clark, part of tract of land called Peter's Mill Seat, $350.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

It is only necessary to remind our readers that Gall, Hoe & Co. have unloaded their glittering array of silverware, particularly adapted for presentation as New Year's gifts. Notably beautiful are the fruit stands, cake baskets, card salvers and receivers—just the things that are needed for receptions during the season commencing on Thursday next. Drop in at Gall's and look at these beautiful things, anyhow.

HOLIDAY RIDING.

A large share of the enjoyment of the holiday season consists in outdoor sports. You want your turnout to rival in elegance anything on our modern avenue. Robert H. Graham has an elegant assortment of finely carriages, buggies, wagons, ways and phaetons at his factory, Nos. 416—418 Eighth street northwest. Call and see them, and you cannot resist their temptation at such low rates.

TO THE GRADUATES OF THE BUSINESS COLLEGE.

All the ladies and gentlemen who have graduated from the Washington Business College are invited by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer to be present at the College hall on New Year's night at 8 o'clock.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. Isaac Alexander, jeweler, at 1229 Pennsylvania avenue, will continue to prosecute his business at the old stand. This is the more gratifying as owing to the fact of his having been forced into involuntary bankruptcy, a law that worked so disastrously upon so many good men throughout the country that Congress felt it to be its duty to repeal it shortly after convening for this session. This indication of pluck and enterprise on the part of Mr. Alexander should elicit the sympathy and support of all his friends. We wish him every success.—*Sunday Gazette.*

DISTRICT BONDS AND SCRIP

taken in payment for Pianos, Sewing Machines, Watches, Jewelry, etc., at Robert Fulton's, 314 Ninth street northwest.

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

A NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Solid gold, 14-karat, ladies' hunting-case watch, warranted for one year, $25, at Prince's, 1006 Pennsylvania avenue.

AMUSEMENTS.

"UNCLE SAM" AT FORD'S.

It was a jolly company that filled Ford's last night, and a jollier entertainment has seldom been offered in Washington. Mr. Ford's patrons have long been calling for fun, and in "Uncle Sam" they have it—plenty of it, too. In the first place Miss Clifford and Mr. Stanley convulsed the audience by their drollery, which latter forgot surprises it by her excellent dancing. The lady has evidently protean ability of a high order, and only needs an appropriate role to show how talented she is. Stanley, too, is a good actor, and Mr. Mortimer's story was also very funny, while E. D. Davies, the champion ventriloquist of the world, took the audience by storm.

This gentleman is simply perfection, and his business alone ought to fill the house to repletion nightly. The scenery was also of the finest description, while the ballet and the burlesque of pretty Bella Grey was really excellent. We have neither space nor time to notice the play further at the late hour at which we write, but we assure our readers that if they are desirous of spending an evening of real enjoyment, they should by all means do themselves the pleasure of witnessing "Uncle Sam."

THE NATIONAL.

Mr. Saville achieved another triumph last evening in the presentation of Mr. Boucicault's last sensation, "Led Astray." The play was placed upon the stage in superb style, and performed in a manner that would have been pronounced unexceptionable even upon a New York stage. Miss Saville, Mrs. Holmes, the pretty Miss Mayhew, and Messrs. Sheridan, Metkill, Lanit and Langdon, are particularly deserving of praise for the admirable manner in which they enacted their respective roles.

The charming young actress, Mrs. Frank Murdock, was well received and gave her role a favorable impression. The lady is pretty, careful and talented, and destined to become a great favorite at the National. We regret that fear of time prevents us giving "Led Astray" a more extended notice, but we can only repeat our praise of Mr. Saville in designing of great praise for giving to his patrons one of the most enjoyable performances ever seen in Washington.

MRS. BERNARD'S "OLDDE FOLKES."

Mrs. Caroline Richings-Bernard's renowned troupe of "Oldde Folkes" will appear at Willard's hall during next week, as will be observed by an advertisement in our amusement column. The troupe recently created a furore in Philadelphia and among the many favorable notices it received was the following from the Press, of that city:

THE OLDDE FOLKES.—Mrs. Caroline Richings-Bernard announces another week of her highly successful Oldde Folkes' entertainment at Concert hall. On every occasion of our visiting the hall during the last fortnight, it was crowded almost to overflowing. The care bestowed upon the various costumes, which produce somewhat the effect of a parterre of bright flowers when the singers take their places upon the stage, is deserving of much commendation. The musical selections are first-class, and the performers give them in pleasing style. Mrs. Richings-Bernard has deserved success, and we are glad to record the fact that she has achieved it. Her son Bernard's songs are also very funny, while E. D. Davies, the champion ventriloquist of the world, took the audience by storm.

JOHNS HOPKINS' BEQUESTS.

HOW THE BALTIMORE MILLIONAIRE DISPOSED OF HIS FORTUNE.

The will of John Hopkins, of Baltimore, the lately-deceased millionaire, so large a portion of whose wealth has been devoted to great benevolent purposes in Baltimore and its vicinity, was admitted to probate on Saturday at the office of the register of wills, in Towsontown, Baltimore county, in presence of the three executors, Reverdy, Francis White, of Baltimore county; Francis T. King and Chas. J. M. Gwinn, of Baltimore city, and nearly all the living witnesses to the will and the two codicils annexed thereto. The will is a voluminous paper, drawn with remarkable conciseness, dated July 9, 1870. The subscribing witnesses were James R. Edwards, now deceased, John Hoover, John Jones and Charles O. Kery, who were present at the admittance, and made the usual affidavit that they saw the testator sign and seal the will, in which he makes the following

DEVISES TO RELATIVES.

To Francis White, Francis T. King and Charles J. M. Gwinn and to the survivors or survivor of them and to their heirs, executors and administrators the following pieces of property, situated in the city of Baltimore, namely: eight stable-houses on the north side of Lombard street, between Light street and Charles street, numbers one hundred, ninety-eight, one hundred, one hundred and two, one hundred, four, one hundred and six, one hundred and eight, and one hundred and ten Lombard street, and the warehouse on the southeast corner of Baltimore and Liberty streets, known as the Hopkins warehouse, and the Baltimore street; with power to manage all affairs and concerns relating to said property, or any of it, or the income arising therefrom, to such person that the testator may appoint, provided the said property may be best maintained and enhanced. In trust nevertheless for the children of