A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE.

MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC SOCIETIES AT CARROLL HALL.

ALL THE CATHOLIC SOCIETIES TO PARTICIPATE—A UNION OF THE BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON SOCIETIES ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE OCCASION—ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS TO TURN OUT IN FULL REGALIA, WITH MUSIC AND BANNERS—PROGRAMME OF THE CEREMONIES AT WHITEMARSH.

The officers and delegates of the Washington Catholic societies met last evening in Carroll Hall, to complete arrangements for the excursion to Whitemarsh on Ascension Day. Mr. Broderick called the meeting to order, and T. D. Day, of the Hibernian Benevolent Society, No. 1, was chosen chairman.

On a call of delegates, the following societies were found to be represented: Knights of St. Patrick, by Lt. John F. Kelley and James Connors; Hibernian Benevolent Society, by Thos. Broderick and T. D. Daly; Hibernian Benevolent Society, No. 3, by Patrick Maloney and Edward Quigley; West End Hibernians, by E. M. Kelly; Georgetown Temperance Society, by Cornelius Ryan and T. F. O'Donoghue; Knights of St. Columkill, by John Moran; Knights of St. Peter, by J. P. Barrett and Aloysius Langdon; Junior Knights of St. Patrick, by James M. Brosnan, Alex. J. Gould, and W. H. Wise; Knights of St. Augustine, by George W. Edwards and Gilbert Gordon; St. Bonifacius Society, by Andrew Roth; St. Patrick's Temperance Society, by D. A. Brosnan; Young Catholics' Friend Society, by J. E. Mallet and James Lackey; St. Joseph's Society, by Joseph Plummer, Daniel Colbert, Gabriel Coakley, George Douglas, and Aaron Hatherman.

Rev. F. Wiget reported that he had invited the co-operation of the Baltimore societies, as directed at the last meeting, and that they had cordially accepted the invitation, and would attend in large numbers; that they would come in uniform and regalia, with music and banners; that several meetings had already been held in Baltimore, and the idea was quite enthusiastically taken up by the various organizations—the German as well as the English speaking.

The delegates were then called to report the action of their particular societies, and nearly all reported that a large proportion of their members would attend the celebration in uniform and regalia. Others reported that final action had not yet been taken, but their associations would be represented by as many as could possibly attend.

It was announced that trains would leave the Baltimore and Potomac depot at 8:30 on the morning of the 14th, and that the tickets issued could be exchanged on the morning of the excursion or the day before for the railroad tickets. That on the arrival of the train at Collington the societies would march to Whitemarsh, a distance of two miles, but conveyances would be provided for those unable to walk. At the church at Whitemarsh, after the arrival of the procession, Mass will be celebrated, and a sermon delivered, by Rev. Father Maguire. After an interval for refreshments and amusements, speeches will be made by distinguished gentlemen who will be invited. At three o'clock in the afternoon the shrine of the Blessed Virgin and the Rock Springs will be visited, where suitable devotional exercises will be had. At 6 p. m. preparations for return will be made, and the trains will reach Washington about 9 o'clock.

Mr. Daly, the chairman, suggested that a band be engaged, to be paid for by the societies participating. After some discussion, the chairman was empowered to engage the music for the occasion, the expense to be reimbursed through the efforts of the delegates present—some of them not feeling authorized to pledge their associations, but all being willing for their own part to bear a share of the expense.

A committee of arrangements—two from each society—was appointed to adopt any further measures that may be found necessary to secure the orderly arrangement of the celebration.

A committee consisting of Rev. Father Wiget, T. D. Daly, and James Fullerton, was also appointed to extend invitations and select the speakers for the occasion.

A large number of tickets were taken by the delegates present to be disposed of by them to persons who desire to attend; and it was also announced that the tickets can be procured of D. A. Brosnan, at his bookstore adjoining Carroll hall, and also at James Lackey's on Fstreet, between Ninth and Tenth.

From the general sentiments of those present, it is evident that there will be a very general attendance of the Catholics of this city and Baltimore at Whitemarsh on the day of the celebration, much more interest being manifested than was at first anticipated.

Just before the adjournment was announced, Mr. Moran called the attention of the gentlemen present to the arrangements in progress for the pic-nic for the benefit of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum—the institution being now in much need of relief. A meeting of officers of the different societies was recently held, and another meeting will take place on Monday next. A handsome flag is to be presented to the most popular society on the day of the pic-nic.

Before the adjournment of the meeting it was announced that those who missed the 8.30 train on the morning of the 14th could take the 11 o'clock train and reach Whitemarsh in time to participate in the more important ceremonies of the interesting occasion.

POLICE COURT SKETCHES.

GEORGE WARREN

and William H. Smith disagreed in a matter of business. It appeared to be a mild disagreement at the outset, but as the parties gradually warmed up in the debate as to who was right, things assumed a war-like appearance, and when the conflict ended Smith found himself piled into the corner of the back-yard from the effects of a well-directed rock which had been thrown by the defendant, Warren. Smith brought about a half bushel of rocks into court which he claimed were pelted into his ribs and back by the defendant, Warren. In the development of the testimony it appeared that it was a mutual fight, and the case was dismissed.

FALSE PRETENSES.

Amanda Lewis was arraigned for having obtained groceries from the store of A. P. Howard under false pretenses. It appears that Amanda had been discharged from the employment of Mr. Evans on suspicion that she was committing daily petty larceny of his household goods, and immediately upon being dismissed she repaired to Mr. Howard's store, where Evans had an account, and procured several articles in the name of the latter. The case was sent to the grand jury.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fitz Warren, charged with keeping his restaurant open on Sunday, was fined $20. Daniel Buchanan, charged with stealing six bottles of wine from William Robinson, proprietor of the hotel on Capitol hill. Officer Mahoney espied the defendant just as he was in the act of making off with his ill-gotten stimulants, and placed him under arrest; fined $20 or thirty days in jail. Samuel Williams was caught in the act of stealing a lead pipe from a house on D street, and was arrested by Detective McElfresh. The young man is a deaf-mute, and having often been before the court on divers crimes, he was sentenced to six months in jail.

THE MARKET HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds convened yesterday for the purpose of entering upon the investigation of the charges against the Washington Market Company. Subpenas for Governors Cooke and Shepherd had been issued, and it was expected that they would be present. But the first named gentleman was absent from the city, and Governor Shepherd was under examination in the District Committee. The committee therefore adjourned until to-day. They passed, however, the following resolution:

Resolved, That until the question as to the Washington Market Company, referred by the Senate to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, shall have been fully examined and a report made thereon, all work upon the ground on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Seventh and Ninth streets, should be suspended.

A copy of the resolution was sent to Governor Shepherd, and he notified the committee that orders would be immediately issued to cease work.

DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

THE COUNCIL.

The council met yesterday at 6 o'clock; Mr. Wm. Stickney (president) in the chair.

Mr. Brooks stated that the committee appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him of the action of the Legislature upon the the recent message transmitted by him had performed that duty.

Mr. Baker introduced a concurrent resolution appointing a joint committee to wait upon Congress and ask the repeal of the act exempting churches and the property of public institutions from taxation. The resolution was referred to the Committee on National Relations.

House concurrent resolution in relation to establishing an institution for the blind in the District of Columbia was read and referred to the Committee on National Relations.

Mr. Brooks introduced a resolution which was agreed to, instructing the Committee on Wharves to inquire into the present status of the wharf property belonging to the District of Columbia, fronting on the Potomac river and its eastern branch, whether any wharves have been, or are now leased to private parties, if so by what authority, the amount paid, if any, under such lease, and what disposition has been made of the money received.

At 6:35 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Thompson, the Council adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The House met at 6 o'clock, the Speaker in the chair.

On call of districts the following bills and petitions were presented:

By Mr. Cox: Bill making an appropriation for the repair of garbage carts. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Gordon: Bill for the relief of John Hockmeyer. Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Robinson: Petition of Rutlidge Wilson. Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Carroll: Bill for the relief of James Fitzpatrick. Committee on Indebtedness. Also bill for the relief of David Delaney. Committee on Indebtedness.

Mr. Urell, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported favorably on bill to provide compensation for certain District officers. Read second time, and laid over.

Mr. Brewer, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably on bill for relief of William Sayre. Read second time, and laid over.

Mr. Boswell, from the Committee on Laws and Judiciary, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution inquiring what further legislation is necessary in regard to justices of the peace and constables. So ordered.

Mr. Shepherd (Mr. Youngs in the chair) called up concurrent resolution relating to exemption of church property from taxation. After considerable discussion, participated in by Messrs. Shepherd, Brooks, Boswell, Berry, Bursley and Carroll, the resolution was amended and adopted by a vote of 17 to 5.

At 7:30, on motion of Mr. Shepherd, (Mr. Berry in the chair,) the House went into Committee on the Whole for the consideration of the codification of the laws.

TRADES' UNION.

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Central Committee of the Trades' Union held a regular meeting last evening, at Mechanics' Hall; Mr. J. F. Whitemore in the chair, and J. E. Nugent secretary.

The credentials of Messrs. V. R. Bishop, A. Thomas, John Adams, J. T. McGowan, F. F. Bogia, W. B. Burger, and C. P. P. Wroe, delegates from the Bookbinders' Union, were received, and the gentlemen admitted to membership.

Also the following to fill vacancies in the Bricklayers' Association delegation: Messrs. R. D. Cormick, W. H. Cotton and V. M. Burch.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for a suitable demonstration on the 18th inst., was enlarged in numbers by adding the following: Messrs. J. E. Nugent, Charles Grimes, W. H. Cotton, William Robinson, William Harvey, A. J. Boyd, and A. Thomas.

Mr. C. P. P. Wroe said that the bricklayers were at the present time virtually on a strike and had fully one hundred men out of employment, who would require aid soon, and he desired to know whether they would expect any from the committee. An understanding must be reached as soon as possible as they wished to know what to expect.

The president stated that several of the associations represented in the Union, had already expressed their sympathy with the bricklayers, and offered their aid to them while on a strike for eight hours. He thought if they would so express themselves to the different organizations, they would receive assistance financially.

Mr. Cotton said that the bricklayers were only striking to maintain the eight hours which they had enjoyed for some time, and from which the bosses are striving to effect a change and by adding two hours more. At first they offered to increase the wages with the hours, but now their ultimatum is ten hours or no work.

Mr. Nugent, the secretary, read from the minutes showing that several of the associations had expressed themselves as ready to stand by the mechanics in the eight-hour fight at any time when called upon.

Mr. Wroe was surprised to find that the committee appointed by the bricklayers for the purpose had not called on the associations for assistance. He was perfectly satisfied with the action of the central committee, and very much encouraged with the reports from the different organizations tendering them sympathy and aid.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the delegates were requested to urge upon their associations at the next meeting to forward to the bricklayers' association all the pecuniary aid possible.

Mr. Thomas, from the bookbinders, made a very stirring speech on the subject of eight hours, encouraging the bricklays to stand firm and fight manfully for their rights, and that the bookbinders would battle with them shoulder to shoulder. They could appreciate the principle that they were contending for, as his fellow-tradesmen already enjoyed its benefits.

The meeting then adjourned.

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Union League hall was a scene of unsurpassed confusion last night, caused by the congregation of a large number of the representatives of the party interests in the several legislative districts, together with delegates elected to the Republican Central Committee—all of whom were present to make an effort to effect a permanent organization of the Central Committee.

The first trouble arose from no hall having been secured in which to hold a meeting. All were consequently huddled into a small anteroom to one of the halls, where the meeting was called to order by Joseph T. Settle, who had published the call for the same.

Jas. S. Waugh, the temporary secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting; which were approved.

The committee on credentials then retired with the credentials of delegates elected from the Ninth and Nineteenth districts. The committee reported favorably on the credentials of the following gentlemen, who were admitted as delegates:

From the Ninth district—Charles H. Peters, Isaiah Washington, F. C. Collins.

From the Nineteenth district—Allen Coffin, J. E. Marshall, William Robb.

On motion of Joseph Lee, of Twenty-second district, the committee proceeded to the election of permanent chairman. A. M. Green and Joseph T. Settle were nominated.

Mr. Settle thanked his friends who had urged his election, but declined to run. Mr. Charles Peters, Elphonzo Youngs and W. H. Barker were named.

The ballot being taken, Professor Green was elected by a vote of 31 to 7.

Professor Green tendered his acknowledgments, and the meeting, which had been of the most noisy and controversial character adjourned.

DEATH OF A CHIEF ENGINEER.

Many of our citizens and firemen will learn with regret the death of Chief Engineer Weart, of Trenton, N. J. From a letter received yesterday by ex-Fire Commissioner Smith from H. A. Speeler, esq., of Trenton, it appears that Chief Weart died on the 4th inst., after a lingering illness of several months. On the occasion of the visit of the Eagle Engine Company of Trenton to this city in 1871, Chief Weart accompanied them, and during their stay he, as also the members of the company, made hosts of friends in this city.

AMUSEMENTS.

LINCOLN HALL.

Who has not been solicited to subscribe for a new publication? And who does not remember with what diverse and varied feelings and tempers and moods they have met and treated such applications? Sometimes the canvasser has been made the recipient of the bile which has been engendered and irritated by the caprices of the whole day, and at others when success has crowned all our business efforts and good digestion has smiled upon us, with what avidity have we examined the works presented and how happy have we made the solicitor by a subscription for numerous copies for self and friends, paying for the whole in advance. At other times subscriptions have, perhaps, been made hastily and without due consideration as the easiest method of getting rid of the importunity of the agent; and when the day of delivery came the moment was the most inopportune, becuse the last of the pocket-change had just been expended for other purposes, and the means for the liquidation of the hastily-made subscription were not at hand. Then came a solemn vow never again to subscribe for anything antecedent to its delivery.

All these things and many others are among the experiences of the subscribers, and the general public knows all about them. The reactionary effect upon the canvasser is to the public a sealed book. What are the elastic hopes and golden visions with which he starts out upon his errand—what nice little speeches are framed with which to urge the sale of his book, and the terrible manner in which the visions and speeches are all dispelled by a rough or hasty refusal to listen to the merits of the favorite author or a denial of the request to purchase or subscribe for the work.

Miss Myrtle de la Hooke Boone proposes, in a lecture, at Lincoln Hall tonight, to give the public an inside view of the canvasser's side of this picture, and we have no doubt that it will prove of the greatest interest to all who may go to listen to her. She exhibits remarkable courage and perseverance for a girl of sixteen, to appear upon the rostrum in defence of herself and her colaborers in the dissemination of literature, and it is to be hoped that her efforts may be rewarded by a full house.

MONSIEUR ALPHONSE.

"Monsieur Alphonse," which is to be produced at the National theatre next Monday night, is considered by Dumas *fils* to be his best play. In it he claims to have sounded the gamut of human passion. A letter over Dumas' signature, written in the intensest vein of that sublime egotist and incomparable satirist, set all Paris agog with excitement, and seats for the first representation commanded fabulous prices. The Parisian public, sated as they are with novelty and sensation, were not disappointed. "Monsieur Alphonse" was an electric success. The feuilleton writers and critics were in ecstasies, and Dumas made a new fortune to follow in the wake of the long caravan of fortunes he has repeatedly earned by his genius and squandered by his prodigality. His father said of him that he reminded him of nothing so much, when in his revels, as a "drunken sailor ashore after a three years' cruise."

A notable incident connected with the production of "Monsieur Alphonse" at the "Gymnase" in Paris was the admission for the first time of ladies to the orchestra stalls. Never before had they enjoyed that privilege and the Parisian belles evinced their appreciation of the concession by crowding the chairs almost to the exclusion of the men. One other theatre only had the temerity to follow the example. The rest were fearful of the murmurs of their regular patrons. A Frenchman, by the way, although always a *galant homme*, is the most selfish of human beings.

A pretty incident connected with the production of "Mons. Alphonse" in N. Y. was the appearance of little "Bijou" Heron, daughter of Matilda Heron. She is literally a marvel of precocity and intelligence. Her acting was characterized by a finish, and self-possession and a keen knowledge of the requirements of the part which seemed to the delighted spectators to be almost inspiration. She was called before the curtain again and again, and, indeed, divided with Dumas the honors of the evening.

FORD'S OPERA-HOUSE.

Mrs. Booth appeared as Pauline in the "Lady of Lyons" to a good house last evening, and succeeded in strengthening the favorable opinion the public had formed of her as Juliet. Although the part is not one that gives full scope to her peculiar talents, yet many of the scenes are rendered delightful by the gentle touches of nature displayed by the gentle Pauline. There is something so indescribably winning in Mrs. Booth's manner that her very presence exerts a charm over her audience. In any character she might assume she would create a deep interest for those whom she sought to entertain.

Mr. Wheelock had a quieter part as Claude Melnotte than as Romeo, but he did it full justice.

Mrs. Germon, Miss Clifford, and Messrs Lanagan and Price were particularly noticeable for the excellence with which they played the parts assigned them.

This evening Mrs. Booth has a benefit, appearing in her highly-commended character of Juliet.

THE NATIONAL.

Messrs. Carncross & Dixey's minstrels appeared in an entirely new programme last evening before an audience that nearly filled the house. The singing of Messrs. Carncross and Lamont was highly enjoyable, while the fun evoked by those sons of Momus, Dixey and Talbot, kept the audience in a jolly good humor. Cheevers and Kennedy were, as usual, enthusiastically encored, while the whole troupe, in the "Burlesque Opera Bouffe," the "Sausage Machine" and "A Trip to Paris," proved themselves comédians of the first water. There will be a grand matinee to-morrow afternoon, and the troupe will close their successful engagement in the evening.

THEATER COMIQUE.

A crowded house is now a nightly feature at the Comique. Jolly Sam Sanford, and Sam Cole, Western and Walling, the pretty and graceful Louisa Bliss, the clear-voiced Miss Belmont, and the dashing Frankie Christie, together with the other members of Manager Rogers' talented troupe, provide an entertainment of the most enjoyable order. The rollicking can-can is received with a tumult of applause nightly, and appears destined to run for the whole season. Remember the grand matinee on to-morrow afternoon.

POLICE COAMISSIONERS.

MEETING OF THE BOARD YESTERDAY.

The Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, at their meeting yesterday, transacted the following business:

Wm. S. Horton was appointed an additional private for six months, to duty at Boundary near Twenty-first street, and Richard H. Holland for twelve months, to duty at the Baltimore and Potomac depot; Henry Barber, for six months, to duty at the Theatre Comique; Wm. F. Jones, for six months, to duty in the county.

The application of Jeremiah McCarthy for a liquor license was disapproved; also the application of William Hughes for a transfer to Mrs. C. Heck.

NAVAL REUNION.

On Wednesday evening a very enjoyable reunion took place at the house of Col. Lew. Washington. The occasion was, the recent promotion of Chief Engineer Astor, of the Navy. About thirty guests sat down to an elegant and faultlessly served supper. Among those present we noticed, besides the host, Mr. Astor, a large delegation from the Navy Department, Pay Inspector Thornton, Judge Smith, and Messrs. Jessee Brown, and W. L. Nicoll. In the toasting and speech making which followed supper, a continual fire of repartee was kept up, and the remarks of Pay Inspector Thornton, and Mr. Wells, of the Engineer corps, were especially felicitous. The party did not separate till a late hour, and everybody who was there will preserve a pleasant recollection of the evening.

TARGET SHOOTING.

The annual target shooting of the President's Mounted Guard was held Wednesday afternoon at Analostan Island in the presence of a large number of visitors. The prizes were awarded to Charles W. Sherwood, who received a gold medal, Sergeant T. W. Hilliary, a silver medal, and Lieutenant Joseph Platz, a leather medal.

Speeches were made by Gov. Shepherd, Captain Summy, and others.

THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GAS COMPANIES AWARDED A HEARING.

The House Committee on the District of Columbia yesterday gave a hearing to the representatives of the Washington Gaslight Company and a number of gentlemen, most of whom are from New York and who represent the Mutual Gaslight Company of that city, in regard to the formation of a new gas company in Washington. The Washington company was represented by its president, Mr. B. B. Bartol, and Mr. George A. Mellhenny, its engineer; also by Mr. J. G. Rosengarten, of Philadelphia, who appeared as counsel. The opposition was represented by Messrs. John Kennedy, Wm. H. Hoy, Charles Pease, Robert M. Gallaway and Wm. Herrick, of N. Y., the first being director of the New York Mutual Company, and Jas. G. Berret, E. C. Ingersoll and E. W. Rice, of Washington.

Mr. Ingersoll addressed the committee on behalf of the applicants for a charter for a new gas company. He was followed by the representatives of the oxygen gas patent, and by Mr. Leach, on behalf of the National Gas and Iron Company. Mr. J. S. Rosengarten, of Philadelphia, appeared on behalf of the Washington Gaslight Company, and submitted that the proposed charter was merely a stock-jobbing speculation. It had none of the conditions and limitations imposed on the existing company by its charter. In the new one there was practically no public, no subscription for stock, no organization. The persons named, Hoy and Kennedy, and their associates, were to be authorized to issue two millions of stock, sell it for what they could, and put up their works where they pleased and put down their pipes where they liked. The old company was obliged to defer in all these matters to the District government.

There was no liability on the part of the stockholders, no restriction as to price, no conditions as to the excellence of the gas; in other words, it was a repetition of the efforts, familiar by use in other cities, of chartering a new gas company, selling out to the old, and so burthening the citizens with the duty of earning the expenses of a double organization. The old company came to Washington in 1848, and it had grown with the growth of the city, sharing its bad and good fortunes, working without profit for a number of years, and investing a large portion of its earnings in laying gas-mains and pipes to meet all the requirements of the city for twenty years to come without disturbing the streets and breaking up the improvements just completed. He said the Senate has just passed a bill imposing a severe test of purity, and reducing the price of gas. The old company would comply with these requirements, but no new company could or would do so.

Mr. Bartol and Mr. Mellhenny gave an interesting account of the growth of the gas interest of this country, and agreed that the proposed new companies were only a sort of credit mobilier, intended to put off a couple of millions of dollars worth of their stock on the community and make the consumers pay for the outlay without getting anything in return.

The discussion was closed by Messrs. Kennedy and Ingersoll for the applicants, and throughout the several members of the committee expressed great interest in the proceedings, and put a variety of searching and intelligent questions.

Mr. Harper, of Philadelphia, referred to the distinction the gas engineers of that city had won by building gas works throughout the country and for this city.

General Chipman directed his questions mainly to the interests of the District, both as to its right of control over the proposed works and tearing up the streets to lay pipes, as well as to the cost of lighting the streets.

Messrs. Ingersoll and Kennedy, in their remarks in behalf of their proposition to form a new company, said they meant business. The gentlemen interested represented a large amount of capital, and they proposed in good faith to build gas works, lay pipes, and supply gas at cheap rates. Referring to the bill regulating gas works, they expressed their willingness to conform to any law or regulation of Congress, and said that all they desire is an open field for honest competition

THE VELOCIPEDE.

PROF. HENRY BROWN MAKES WONDERFUL SPEED DRIVING IT.

Yesterday morning Prof. Henry Brown, of the Brown Velocipede Combination, attached to Schumann's Trans-Atlantic Pantomime and Comedy Troupe, now performing in Baltimore, Md., created considerable attention by the exhibition he gave on Pennsylvania avenue of the ease with which that machine could be managed and propelled. The bycicle was entirely different in style from any of those velocipedes which have been seen in this city. The front or driving wheel is much the largest, standing fifty-eight inches high, while the one in the rear is only two feet. It is made of the finest quality of steel, and weighs only thirty-six pounds. The rider's seat is directly over the front wheel. The Professor is a spare-built man, weighs one hundred and eighty-two pounds, and can drive his vehicle with astonishing rapidity, having made his mile in two and a half minutes. He traveled the Avenue yesterday in the presence of many spectators, who watched him from the sidewalks, a distance of a mile, in four minutes; and later in the day, in front of the Arlington hotel, gave an exhibition of the ease with which it could be handled, making short and difficult turns and evolutions, quick and without any apparent effort on his part. Besides himself there are eight others, five of them females, all skillful riders, who perform with the company, and will be here next week at Wall's opera house.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Margaret A. Kirtland to Alexander V. Grimes part of lot 15 in old Georgetown, $2,000; Christian Krueger to W. A. Bartlett et al., lot 28, square 1,043, $2,000; Thomas Berry et al., trustees, to Philip Phillips, part of lot 2, sub-division of square 127, $1; G. M. Watkins to Lydia Weaver, lot 60, Chapman's sub-division square 354, $5,000; Mary C. Mitchell to Ema K. Lundy, part of lot 15, square 413, $4,079; Anna P. Bell to Enoch G. Bell, lot 69, section 2, Howard University, $1,000; Charles C. Callan to John T. Layton, part of lot 23, square 197, $1,350; Hugh F. Downey et al. to John B. Hemstreet, part of lot 5, square 784, $1,080; T. M. Brannan and wife to Joseph N. DuBarry, square 386, $1,018.44; William L. Wall and wife to Thomas Galligan, part of lot 7, square 844, $50; Mary E. Shoemaker to Jane Ann Jones, part of lot 154, Beatty and Hawkins' addition to Georgetown, $1,000; Henry Kuhn and wife to Emeline Lusby, part of lot 2, square 976, $1,200; Samuel H. Howell and wife to Catherine Leonard, part of lots 2 and 5, square 734, $175; Catherine Leonard to John B. Hemstreet, part of lot 5, square 784, $150; Anne E. Harlan to George Bancroft, lot 3 and part of lot 4, Solomon's Mandrake; Anna M. Dean to Edw. C. Cutter, lots 7 and 8, square 248, $12,477, S. J. Denham to E. W. Denham, part of square 518, $3,500; John Payne and others to S. Lane, situate in the county, $250; Charles Hunts to John F. Murray, part of lot 4, square 123, $1,354; Joseph E. Snodgrass and wife to Julia Eberly, lot 84, square 234, $1,500; John L. Waters to Louis Gundling, lot 23, sub-division square 329, $2,000; Susannah G. Sheriff to John T. Given et al., trustees, square south of square 1,059, $1.

LITERATURE.

The May number of the *Aldine* is at hand. The engravings are particularly fine. The "Dying Hound," "Silver Spring" and other scenes in Florida, the "Retriever," the "Bashful Lover," and "Hemlocks of Lake Otsego" are each separately worth the subscription price of the copy. The letter-press of this number fully sustains the deservedly high reputation which this best of illustrated monthlies has achieved. The *Aldine* is sold only by subscription. Application for it should be made to Mr. Rhodes, agent, Parkinson house.

THE MAGNIFICENT SET OF BRONZES, Consisting of centre-piece, with clock attached, and end pieces, Robert and Roland, over thirty-six inches in height, intended to be presented to H company, 2d N. G. of Pennsylvania, by A company of W. L. I. C. of this city next week, will be on exhibition at J. W. Boteler & Bro.'s, 922 Pennsylvania avenue, (by whom this exceedingly appropriate present was imported,) for a few days.

THE LAST DAYS OF THE GREAT BANKRUPT SALE.

To-day and to-morrow will positively close the great bankrupt sale of dry goods, by Messrs. Green & Williams, at their auction house, corner of Tenth and D streets. As the balance of this immense consignment of first-class goods must be closed out at some price to-day and to-morrow, it offers dealers, as well as retail purchasers, inducements of a most attractive character.

WHEN YOU CAN DO SO ALWAYS CHOOSE THE BEST.

Dealers in Soda Water will consult their own interests by ordering the best Soda Water in Steel Fountains, from Samuel C. Palmer, Georgetown, D. C. Counter, fixtures, and syrup bottles loaned.

EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS

have been made to meet the demands of gentlemen for fine boots and shoes for spring and summer wear by T. S. Garitrell, 909 Seventh street, corner of I. The stock has been selected with great care, and is well adapted to the requirements of this community. Those favoring the establishment by an inspection of the stock will meet with courteous treatment.

CINCINNATI LAGER BEER

from the Lion brewery, for sale at $1.20 per dozen pint bottles, by dealers throughout the District, or by the agent, Samuel C. Palmer, Georgetown, D. C.

A singular natural curiosity is found at Sadawga Pond in Whittingham, Vt., consisting of one hundred and fifty acres of land floating on the surface of the water covered with cranberries, and even sustaining trees fifteen feet high. When the water is raised or lowered at the dam of the pond, the island rises and falls with it, and the fish are caught by boring a hole in the crust and fishing down as through the ice in winter. A similar island once existed in a small lake near Bangor, Maine, and there are many such in Southern Florida.

THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GAS COMPANIES AWARDED A HEARING.

The House Committee on the District of Columbia yesterday gave a hearing to the representatives of the Washington Gaslight Company and a number of gentlemen, most of whom are from New York and who represent the Mutual Gaslight Company of that city, in regard to the formation of a new gas company in Washington. The Washington company was represented by its president, Mr. B. B. Bartol, and Mr. George A. Mellhenny, its engineer; also by Mr. J. G. Rosengarten, of Philadelphia, who appeared as counsel. The opposition was represented by Messrs. John Kennedy, Wm. H. Hoy, Charles Pease, Robert M. Gallaway and Wm. Herrick, of N. Y., the first being director of the New York Mutual Company, and Jas. G. Berret, E. C. Ingersoll and E. W. Rice, of Washington.

Mr. Ingersoll addressed the committee on behalf of the applicants for a charter for a new gas company. He was followed by the representatives of the oxygen gas patent, and by Mr. Leach, on behalf of the National Gas and Iron Company. Mr. J. S. Rosengarten, of Philadelphia, appeared on behalf of the Washington Gaslight Company, and submitted that the proposed charter was merely a stock-jobbing speculation. It had none of the conditions and limitations imposed on the existing company by its charter. In the new one there was practically no public, no subscription for stock, no organization. The persons named, Hoy and Kennedy, and their associates, were to be authorized to issue two millions of stock, sell it for what they could, and put up their works where they pleased and put down their pipes where they liked. The old company was obliged to defer in all these matters to the District government.

There was no liability on the part of the stockholders, no restriction as to price, no conditions as to the excellence of the gas; in other words, it was a repetition of the efforts, familiar by use in other cities, of chartering a new gas company, selling out to the old, and so burthening the citizens with the duty of earning the expenses of a double organization. The old company came to Washington in 1848, and it had grown with the growth of the city, sharing its bad and good fortunes, working without profit for a number of years, and investing a large portion of its earnings in laying gas-mains and pipes to meet all the requirements of the city for twenty years to come without disturbing the streets and breaking up the improvements just completed. He said the Senate has just passed a bill imposing a severe test of purity, and reducing the price of gas. The old company would comply with these requirements, but no new company could or would do so.

Mr. Bartol and Mr. Mellhenny gave an interesting account of the growth of the gas interest of this country, and agreed that the proposed new companies were only a sort of credit mobilier, intended to put off a couple of millions of dollars worth of their stock on the community and make the consumers pay for the outlay without getting anything in return.

The discussion was closed by Messrs. Kennedy and Ingersoll for the applicants, and throughout the several members of the committee expressed great interest in the proceedings, and put a variety of searching and intelligent questions.

Mr. Harper, of Philadelphia, referred to the distinction the gas engineers of that city had won by building gas works throughout the country and for this city.

General Chipman directed his questions mainly to the interests of the District, both as to its right of control over the proposed works and tearing up the streets to lay pipes, as well as to the cost of lighting the streets.

Messrs. Ingersoll and Kennedy, in their remarks in behalf of their proposition to form a new company, said they meant business. The gentlemen interested represented a large amount of capital, and they proposed in good faith to build gas works, lay pipes, and supply gas at cheap rates. Referring to the bill regulating gas works, they expressed their willingness to conform to any law or regulation of Congress, and said that all they desire is an open field for honest competition

THE VELOCIPEDE.

PROF. HENRY BROWN MAKES WONDERFUL SPEED DRIVING IT.

Yesterday morning Prof. Henry Brown, of the Brown Velocipede Combination, attached to Schumann's Trans-Atlantic Pantomime and Comedy Troupe, now performing in Baltimore, Md., created considerable attention by the exhibition he gave on Pennsylvania avenue of the ease with which that machine could be managed and propelled. The bycicle was entirely different in style from any of those velocipedes which have been seen in this city. The front or driving wheel is much the largest, standing fifty-eight inches high, while the one in the rear is only two feet. It is made of the finest quality of steel, and weighs only thirty-six pounds. The rider's seat is directly over the front wheel. The Professor is a spare-built man, weighs one hundred and eighty-two pounds, and can drive his vehicle with astonishing rapidity, having made his mile in two and a half minutes. He traveled the Avenue yesterday in the presence of many spectators, who watched him from the sidewalks, a distance of a mile, in four minutes; and later in the day, in front of the Arlington hotel, gave an exhibition of the ease with which it could be handled, making short and difficult turns and evolutions, quick and without any apparent effort on his part. Besides himself there are eight others, five of them females, all skillful riders, who perform with the company, and will be here next week at Wall's opera house.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Margaret A. Kirtland to Alexander V. Grimes part of lot 15 in old Georgetown, $2,000; Christian Krueger to W. A. Bartlett et al., lot 28, square 1,043, $2,000; Thomas Berry et al., trustees, to Philip Phillips, part of lot 2, sub-division of square 127, $1; G. M. Watkins to Lydia Weaver, lot 60, Chapman's sub-division square 354, $5,000; Mary C. Mitchell to Ema K. Lundy, part of lot 15, square 413, $4,079; Anna P. Bell to Enoch G. Bell, lot 69, section 2, Howard University, $1,000; Charles C. Callan to John T. Layton, part of lot 23, square 197, $1,350; Hugh F. Downey et al. to John B. Hemstreet, part of lot 5, square 784, $1,080; T. M. Brannan and wife to Joseph N. DuBarry, square 386, $1,018.44; William L. Wall and wife to Thomas Galligan, part of lot 7, square 844, $50; Mary E. Shoemaker to Jane Ann Jones, part of lot 154, Beatty and Hawkins' addition to Georgetown, $1,000; Henry Kuhn and wife to Emeline Lusby, part of lot 2, square 976, $1,200; Samuel H. Howell and wife to Catherine Leonard, part of lots 2 and 5, square 734, $175; Catherine Leonard to John B. Hemstreet, part of lot 5, square 784, $150; Anne E. Harlan to George Bancroft, lot 3 and part of lot 4, Solomon's Mandrake; Anna M. Dean to Edw. C. Cutter, lots 7 and 8, square 248, $12,477, S. J. Denham to E. W. Denham, part of square 518, $3,500; John Payne and others to S. Lane, situate in the county, $250; Charles Hunts to John F. Murray, part of lot 4, square 123, $1,354; Joseph E. Snodgrass and wife to Julia Eberly, lot 84, square 234, $1,500; John L. Waters to Louis Gundling, lot 23, sub-division square 329, $2,000; Susannah G. Sheriff to John T. Given et al., trustees, square south of square 1,059, $1.

LITERATURE.

The May number of the *Aldine* is at hand. The engravings are particularly fine. The "Dying Hound," "Silver Spring" and other scenes in Florida, the "Retriever," the "Bashful Lover," and "Hemlocks of Lake Otsego" are each separately worth the subscription price of the copy. The letter-press of this number fully sustains the deservedly high reputation which this best of illustrated monthlies has achieved. The *Aldine* is sold only by subscription. Application for it should be made to Mr. Rhodes, agent, Parkinson house.

THE MAGNIFICENT SET OF BRONZES, Consisting of centre-piece, with clock attached, and end pieces, Robert and Roland, over thirty-six inches in height, intended to be presented to H company, 2d N. G. of Pennsylvania, by A company of W. L. I. C. of this city next week, will be on exhibition at J. W. Boteler & Bro.'s, 922 Pennsylvania avenue, (by whom this exceedingly appropriate present was imported,) for a few days.

THE LAST DAYS OF THE GREAT BANKRUPT SALE.

To-day and to-morrow will positively close the great bankrupt sale of dry goods, by Messrs. Green & Williams, at their auction house, corner of Tenth and D streets. As the balance of this immense consignment of first-class goods must be closed out at some price to-day and to-morrow, it offers dealers, as well as retail purchasers, inducements of a most attractive character.

WHEN YOU CAN DO SO ALWAYS CHOOSE THE BEST.

Dealers in Soda Water will consult their own interests by ordering the best Soda Water in Steel Fountains, from Samuel C. Palmer, Georgetown, D. C. Counter, fixtures, and syrup bottles loaned.

EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS

have been made to meet the demands of gentlemen for fine boots and shoes for spring and summer wear by T. S. Garitrell, 909 Seventh street, corner of I. The stock has been selected with great care, and is well adapted to the requirements of this community. Those favoring the establishment by an inspection of the stock will meet with courteous treatment.

CINCINNATI LAGER BEER

from the Lion brewery, for sale at $1.20 per dozen pint bottles, by dealers throughout the District, or by the agent, Samuel C. Palmer, Georgetown, D. C.

A singular natural curiosity is found at Sadawga Pond in Whittingham, Vt., consisting of one hundred and fifty acres of land floating on the surface of the water covered with cranberries, and even sustaining trees fifteen feet high. When the water is raised or lowered at the dam of the pond, the island rises and falls with it, and the fish are caught by boring a hole in the crust and fishing down as through the ice in winter. A similar island once existed in a small lake near Bangor, Maine, and there are many such in Southern Florida.