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For the Middle and Eastern States rising barometer and temperature, northwest winds, partly cloudy and clear weather.

The following was the range of the thermometer at Hempler's yesterday: 8 a. m., 18°; 10 a. m., 20°; 12 m., 22°; 2 p. m., 25°; 4 p. m., 22°; 6 p. m., 20°; 8 p. m., 18°.

For market report see third page.

Use Patterson & Jones' Trophy tomatoes.

Choice fruits—Malaga Fruit Co., 498 9th st.

Go to Eber & Thomson's, Military Hall, 933 D street, and take a chance in the "Parker Gun."

The chief engineer has directed that three gas lamps be erected on First street, between K and I northwest.

The Amalgamated House Carpenters and Joiners had a meeting last evening, at which only routine business was transacted.

The sale advertised by R. L. Hoxie, Engineer of the District of Columbia, has been postponed for the present, on account of the snow.

Considerable complaint is being made against the claim agents who have the collection of the twenty per cent. extra compensation.

Spicer, southwest corner of Ninth and E streets, has a lot of fancy New York butter, just in; also, fine butter from other sections. Inducements in prices.

The office of the board of audit was closed to the public yesterday to give the employees the opportunity of making a partial report to transmit to Congress.

Sherman Bros., 1429 F street, buy and sell all kinds of District of Columbia securities, and have Government and other bonds for the wants of investors constantly on hand.

Captain Joseph White, having resigned the command of the Potomac steamer Pilot Boy, will be succeeded by Captain William H. Bayles, formerly agent of the line in this city.

While a colored man named Robert Lee was selling yester-day to get a heavy safe on a dray in front of Gutman's store, in Georgetown, the safe slipped and cut two of his fingers off. Dr. Louis MacKall dressed the wounded fingers.

Yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock, a fire occurred on Belleview farm, in the county, opposite Alexandria, Va., and entirely consumed a frame building occupied by John Collins, colored, and owned by Victor Rezex. Damage about $1,000.

Louis Kaiser was arrested Sunday evening by Officer West on the charge of recklessly driving a baker's wagon and knocking an elderly lady down, named Margaret McNeyhy, and running over her, at the corner of Thirteenth and P streets, by which she was severely injured.

Henry Moore, colored, taken to the work-house hospital from north of Brightwood on Sunday morning, died yesterday at that place. It was rumored that he had $400 in his possession or hid in his shop. He did not bring the money to the hospital; neither has it yet been found.

Messrs Duncanson Bros., auctioneers, sold yesterday afternoon, for J. R. McDonald, trustee, lots 30 and 31 of Holden and Lyons' subdivision of lots 22 and 23 of Blagden's subdivision of square No. 737, with the improvements, situated on Seventeenth street, between H and I streets south, to Henrietta Stewart, for $550 cash.

Coroner D. C. Patterson yesterday viewed the body of a white woman named Sarah Jane Green, aged about 45 years, who died suddenly at the residence of Robert Washington, corner of South Carolina avenue and C street southeast. An inquest was deemed unnecessary, the coroner believing that death resulted from intemperance and exposure.

The contents of "The British Quarterly Review" for January, for sale by Warren Choate & Co., are as follows: 1. "Paparchy and Nationality." 2. "Cox's History of Greece;" 3. "The Adornment of St. Paul's;" 4. "The Bible's Place in a Science of Religion;" 5. "Early Christian Inscriptions in France;" 6. "The Greville Memoirs;" 7. "Europe and Peace;" 8. "Erasmus—His Character;" 9. "Contemporary Literature."

Bill for Divorce.

The Equity Court of this District still finds in undoing the parsons' work, much of its business. The clerk's office gets fees at both ends of matrimony. You pay to go in and you pay to come out, but while it costs but $1.05 to be married it costs $40 or thereabouts to be divorced. Yesterday Harriet Simms filed her bill to be released from her matrimonial relations with James Simms. She sets forth that she was married on August 29, 1872, but that she soon found that her husband was addicted to gambling, and spent all his money in that way. When she remonstrated he would become furious with passion. He deserted her two years ago, and she now asks divorce on that ground. The case will be heard at the May term.

Rapid Telegraphy.

A REPUBLICAN reporter was present last evening at the office of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, 609 Pennsylvania avenue, to witness the fast system of telegraphy in operation. Immediately following the accession of General Thos. T. Eckert to the presidency of the Atlantic and Pacific Company, that gentleman with characteristic quickness of perception and rapidity of execution secured to the above-mentioned company the exclusive use of the automatic system, as also of the quadruplex, an ingenious contrivance whereby one wire can be utilized as four circuits, thus giving his line greatly increased facilities for the transaction of business.

While our reporter was present matter was automatically transmitted, between New York and this city, at the rate of 50 words per minute, the average speed obtained by the Morse system being not over 25 words per minute.

A Smart Dodge which Did Not Work.

Yesterday afternoon the wife of a well-known resident of this city received a note at her residence, handed in by a colored boy. It purported to come from her husband, and stated that he been summoned by telegraph to Baltimore, and, being short of cash, asked her to send him twenty dollars by the bearer. As the gentleman was at the time taking an after-dinner nap in his own room, the lady at once concluded that it was a swindle, and with an adroitness worthy of emulation she inclosed a blank piece of paper in an envelope, directed it as requested, and handed it to the boy for delivery. As soon thereafter as possible she notified the police of the fact, gave them a description of the boy, and requested that a lookout be kept for the would-be sharper. The depot was surveyed as soon as possible, but the scamp had evidently made up his mind that he was trapped and departed.

The Private Lobby.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 15, 1875.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: My business is that of a claim agent and solicitor, and for prosecuting it I am compelled to pay an annual license. My business frequently requires me to visit the Capitol to attend to legitimate business for my clients. It would be a great advantage in the way of time saved if I could have free access to the lobby of the House of Representatives, and occasionally to step in and see members on the floor. I know the rules forbid the latter privilege, but I would like to know why they are not enforced, and why such discrimination is practiced. I cannot even enter the lobby, while men who are prosecuting the claim business under the guise of newspaper correspondents can glide in and out the Chamber at will. In the lobby, also, I notice a number of people, male and female, whom I am told and believe are professional lobbyists. Now, why is this? Is it because the doorkeepers have ways that are dark and tricks that are profitable? If the Chorpenning and Choctaw advocates may crowd the lobby, if newspaper correspondents and other lobbyists may circulate among members while seated in the House, why may not I have some chance to get at them for the prosecution of my business? CLAIM AGENT.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

Newspaper Correspondents at Loggerheads.

Joseph McFarland filed, in the Police Court this morning, an affidavit charging Winfield Scott Smith with libel, in a telegram to the Boston *Evening Traveller* sent by Smith, stating that McFarland is one of the notorious lobbying correspondents who have been regularly engaged in selling out legitimate correspondents; that he is one of two correspondents caught in the Pacific Mail swindle; who have figured in every lobbying job which has shown itself in Washington in the last ten years, and who have succeeded in getting large amounts of Memphis and El Paso stock by blackmailing Gen. Fremont and his associates. The affidavit charges further that Smith falsely states that about the time the lobby was in operation that McFarland, now of the Boston *Globe*, was in Smith's employ as assistant, but was summarily dismissed by Smith, since which McFarland's profession has been lobbying. That Smith, with the intent to defame and disgrace McFarland, afterwards published to the Western Union Telegraph Company and to certain citizens of Washington these false statements. A warrant was issued upon this affidavit, and placed in the hands of Detectives McDevitt and Miller to serve on Smith. No arrest has yet been made.

Deserved Compliment.

The sub-Board of Trustees for Colored Schools of Washington and Georgetown, at a recent meeting, decided to transfer and promote Mrs. A. P. Spencer from Grammar school No. 2, Sumner building, First district, to the principalship made vacant by the death of Miss E. G. Randall, in the building named after that lady in the Fourth school district. The action of the trustees becoming known to the ladies connected with the Sumner, they determined to give some expression to the high esteem entertained by them for the lady who was about to leave their building to enter upon a new field of duty. With this for their object, they met after school hours in the trustees' office at Sumner building. After spending several hours in conversation, interspersed with a choice selection of music, they partook of the generous supply of delicacies provided for the occasion. Mrs. Spencer is in every way deserving of the compliment paid by the ladies of the Sumner building, she being regarded by the school officers as one of the very best of their corps of teachers. It was remarked by Trustee Henry Johnson, and confirmed by Superintendent Cook, who were present, that the official record of the colored schools contained no brighter page than that which related to the schools under her charge, as during her connection with them, which covers a period of over six years, not a word of complaint has been lodged against her.

THE DISTRICT.

Our Affairs in Congress.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Morton presented a petition of certain women of the District of Columbia, stating that, having carefully considered the bill for the government of the District, and believing that they have a deep and vital interest in said government, they humbly petition that said bill may be amended as to read "all citizens, irrespective of sex, otherwise duly qualified, shall be competent to vote" for such officers as are made elective by the provisions of said bill. The petition is signed by Helva A. Lockwood, Lavinia Dundore, Josephine E. Crawford, Maria C. Page, Julia A. Wilber, M. H. Wheeler, Sara J. Spencer, Caroline B. Winslow, Mrs. M. A. Snell, Mary Willard, and about two hundred others.

DISTRICT JURORS.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Judiciary Committee, reported with amendments H. R. 4,669, to provide for the selection of grand and petit jurors in the District of Columbia. The amendments strike out from the second section the words "who shall be able to read and write the English language," (as applicable to qualifications of jurors,) and that part of the third section which gives the court power to examine each person summoned as a grand juror.

Mr. Conkling, from the same committee, reported a bill to prevent cruelty to animals in the District of Columbia, with unimportant amendments.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

Mr. Williams' bill for the relief of property-owners in squares 728, 729, 730 and 731, introduced in the House, provides that the architect of the Capitol be authorized to grade, lower the foundations, and rebuild the lower stories of all the buildings on these squares, fronting on the east park of the Capitol, between First and Second streets east, so as to conform the grade to the grade on North A street, East Capitol, South A and First streets. Also, to put up for the accommodation of the owners or occupants of the buildings on said squares suitable steps and footwalks, and that the sum of $40,000 be appropriated for these purposes, to be expended under the direction of the Interior Department. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ART MATTERS.

The joint committee on the library held a meeting yesterday morning and decided adversely on the proposition of Mr. M. C. Tiers, of New York, to paint a picture for the Capitol illustrative of American progress; also, adversely on the request of a "people's meeting," held in Washington on the 6th of December last, asking that the Smithsonian Institution and the Library of Congress be open to the public on Sundays. The committee granted the request of Mr. Charles Lanman, author of the Dictionary of Congress, who asked to withdraw his claim for compensation on the ground that his copyright had been infringed by the compiler of the Congressional Directory.

THE FREEDMAN'S BANK.

In the House, Mr. Cain introduced a bill to continue in operation the Freedman's Bank. It provides that notice shall be given to the depositors, as soon as practicable, that it shall be continued, and a majority having so decided, they shall elect trustees and directors for the same under the charter granted by Congress. The banks are then authorized to assume business under the act of June 20, 1874. The three commissioners appointed under that act are to continue their labors until July 1, 1875; that the United States assume to pay to depositors 30 per cent. of the whole amount of assets and securities of said bank, and shall hold the same as security for the payment of the sum thus advanced. The bill was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

DAMAGES TO PROPERTY.

Mr. Hitchcock introduced a bill, which was referred to the District Committee, providing that the board of audit of the District of Columbia be authorized to receive and adjust claims for damages sustained by property by reason of a change of the grade of Pennsylvania avenue at the time said avenue was paved, under the provisions of act of Congress approved July 8, 1870; and the claims so adjusted shall be certified by the said board of audit in like manner and form as other claims acted upon by the said board, and the certificates so issued shall constitute a valid debt against the District of Columbia, and shall, at the option of the holder, be converted into bonds of the District of Columbia authorized by act of Congress approved June 20, 1874.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Resolutions of Respect for the Memory of the Late Dr. Joshua Riley.

A special meeting of the Board of Health convened at their rooms, on F street, yesterday morning, 14th instant; all the members present, when the following proceedings took place:

Dr. Cox, the president, stated that he had convened the board in extraordinary session for the purpose of taking action in regard to the recent death of one of the oldest and most justly esteemed citizens of the District. He referred to Dr. Riley, of Georgetown, who both in public and private relations was an ardent and earnest advocate of all measures of sanitary reforms essential to the well-being of the community. He was exceptionally exempt from the pettyjealousies and rivalries which so often detract from the dignity of the medical profession. His heart was ever open to the demands of benevolence and charity, and his daily life was in strict accordance with the fixed principles of conduct he professed and cherished. He (Dr. Cox) therefore deemed it eminently proper that this board should express some public recognition of Dr. Riley's extraordinary worth, and adopt suitable resolutions of respect to his memory. He therefore proposed the following preamble and resolutions; which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased the Great Ruler of events to remove from the theatre of active life Dr. Joshua Riley, one of the most venerable and highly esteemed residents of the District, a gentleman not only eminent for skill and zeal in the long and arduous practice of a humane profession, but distinguished for those personal qualities which command universal admiration and endearment; therefore,

Resolved, That in the demise of Dr. Riley this community has sustained the loss of a widely-known and professional practitioner of medicine, a citizen always alive to the best interests of his district, and a genuine illustration of practical benevolence and unswerving integrity in all the relations of life.

Resolved, That, as members of the Board of Health, we sympathize with the family and friends of the deceased, and hereby tender to them our expressions of condolence for the afflictive bereavement they have sustained.

Resolved, That, in evidence of our respect and regard for the deceased, we will attend his funeral as a body, from his residence, at Georgetown, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 2 p. m.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, signed by the president and secretary of the board, be transmitted to the surviving family of Dr. Riley, and also furnished to the several papers for publication. CHAS. C. COX, M. D., President Board of Health, D. C.

D. W. BLISS, M. D., Secretary.

The Harper's Ferry Property.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15, 1875.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: You printed in your paper of Tuesday what purported to be an extract from a report recently made by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate on the status of the Harper's Ferry property. It is time to make to appear that there was some improper understanding between the Attorney General and myself in regard to the suit brought by the Government against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Nothing can be further from the truth than this.

Permit me to say here that I have known a great many very stupid reports to emanate from committees of Congress, especially the Sleepy Hollow end of it, of late years; but this one is the stupidest of them all. Indeed, I cannot bring myself to believe that such a jumble of words and reckless disregard of facts came from a committee on which are such men as Senators Edmunds and Conkling. Senator Stevenson's name is attached to it, it is true; but I recognize in it the earmarks and literary pretensions of a certain Senatorial stick of the name of H. G. Davis, who while he pretends to represent West Virginia in the Senate, represents only the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and himself.

To use a little plain but very direct language, Mr. John W. Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has for several years past been making a desperate effort to steal this Harper's Ferry property from the Government. And in doing that he (Garrett) has had the aid of his Senator in Congress. I have been making equally strenuous efforts to prevent Mr. Garrett and his Senator from doing anything of the kind. Why, if Mr. Garrett wants this property, does he not come forward like an honest man and pay the Government the amount his authorized agent, Wilson, bid for it on the day of sale? The property is really worth more to-day than it was then. This very simple way of doing business might not be strictly in accordance with Mr. Garrett's "well-known policy" of acquiring property along the line of his road. But then it would be much more honorable. If, however, he will do what I have suggested, the Water Power Company will make up the difference. This short and quick way of settling the matter would be a decided improvement over stealing the property.

No sooner had the Government sold this property to a private company than the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company assailed the title; and having not only cast a cloud over the title, but, indeed, held absolute possession of the premises, removed walls, laid down new tracks, put up and used new workshops and watering stations; in short, used it in every way as if were its own. Mr. Garrett now comes before Congress and, through his Senator, coolly requests authority to have the property resold. The impudence of such a request is equaled only by the magnitude of the object to be gained. Mr. Garrett knows very well that no one would bid against him for that property, for such as the cloud he had cast over the title remained.

As to Attorney General Williams, I have never exchanged a word with him on this or any other subject. That he has used the only proper and legal means left to him to protect the interests of the Government and do justice to both parties is very well understood by the profession.

I am now engaged preparing a statement of facts covering the whole case, and shall send it to the chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate in a few days.

Yours, very respectfully, F. C. ADAMS.

Mechanic Liens.

WASHINGTON, February 14, 1875.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: I am a carpenter and was employed by Mr. "A" to build his house. When the work was completed "A" failed to pay me, so I availed myself of the mechanic's lien law, and filed my lien against Mr. "A"—reputed owner of house on lot—, square—. If now appears that "A" was not the owner although he was continually superintending the workmanship and directing what we should do. "B," a total stranger to me, is represented as the owner, and he has sold to "C," who is innocent of any debt of mine against the property. I am told that the index of liens is in the name of the reputed owners and that the *property is not indexed*. Now you will confer a favor on a hard working mechanic by informing me if my lien is worthless? I am told it is, but then I had no way of ascertaining the *real* owner except by employing a lawyer to examine the title. I cannot think this is law. In my native city the property described and not the name given is the vital point. Respectfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

The Jubilee Singers.

The sale of tickets for the concerts given by this troupe on the 19th and 22d begins at Ellis' this morning.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court of the United States.

MONDAY, February 15, 1875.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Smith, David P. Lowe, esq., of Fort Scott, Kansas, was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

On motion of Mr. Attorney General Williams, Geo. R. Peck, esq., of Topeka, Kansas, was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

On motion of Mr. W. W. MacFarland, F. N. Bangs, esq., of New York city, was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

On motion of Mr. T. J. Coffey, Thos. J. O'Brien, esq., of Grand Rapids, Mich., was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Johnson, Wm. P. Burwell, esq., of Richmond, Va., was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

No. 548. The Erie Railway Company, plaintiff in error, vs. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In error to the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Justice Hunt delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Supreme Court in this cause, with costs.

No. 141. John Kieley et al., appellants, vs. John A. McGlynn et al. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of California. Mr. Justice Bradley delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the decree of the said Circuit Court in this cause, with costs. Dissenting, Mr. Justice Clifford and Mr. Justice Davis.

No. 124. John Phelps Putnam, et al., appellants, vs. Ezekiel B. Day. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Indiana. Mr. Justice Bradley delivered the opinion of the court, reversing the decree of the said Circuit Court, with costs, and remanding the cause with directions to dismiss the bill. Dissenting, Mr. Justice Davis. Mr. Chief Justice Waite did not sit on the argument, and took no part in the decision of this cause.

No. 82. Edward Dupasseur, plaintiff in error, vs. Albin Rocherean. In error to the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana. Mr. Justice Bradley delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Supreme Court in this cause, with costs.

No. 151. Edward Fox, executor, &c., plaintiff in error, vs. Joseph H. Seal, et al., trustees, &c. In error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western district of Pennsylvania. Mr. Justice Strong delivered the opinion of the court, reversing the judgment of the said Circuit Court, with costs, and remanding the cause with directions to award a *venire facias de novo*.

No. 166. The American Life Insurance Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Zenora F. and Wm. E. D. Mahone. In error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern district of Mississippi. Mr. Justice Strong delivered the opinion of the court, reversing the judgment of the said Circuit Court, with costs, and remanding the cause with directions to award a *venire facias de novo*.

No. 139. Lawrence Langdeau, plaintiff in error, vs. Amasa Hanes. In error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern district of Illinois. Mr. Justice Field delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Circuit Court in this cause, with costs.

No. 137. The City of Sacramento, plaintiff in error, vs. Paulina C. Fowle. In error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of California. Mr. Justice Davis delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Circuit Court in this cause, with costs and interest.

No. 164. Catharine Fretz, survivor, &c., appellant, vs. Ralph Stover, accountant. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern district of Virginia. Mr. Justice Davis delivered the opinion of the court, reversing the decree of the said Circuit Court, with costs, and remanding the cause, with directions to enter a decree for Catharine Fretz, survivor, &c., in conformity with the opinion of this court.

No. 165. John M. Burnhisel, appellant, vs. Daniel R. Firman, assignee, &c. Appeal from the Supreme Court of the Territory of Utah. Mr. Justice Swayne delivered the opinion of the court, reversing the decree of the said Supreme Court, with costs, and remanding the cause with directions to enter a decree in conformity with the opinion of this court.

No. 168. Henry J. Brady, appellant, vs. George Scott. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern district of Ohio. Mr. Justice Clifford delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the decree of the said Circuit Court in this cause, with costs.

No. 177. The United States, appellants, vs. Dominick O'Grady's executors. Appeal from the Court of Claims. Mr. Justice Clifford delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Court of Claims in this cause.

No. 174. Samuel Hepburn, plaintiff in error, vs. The School Directors of the borough of Carlisle. In error to the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chief Justice Waite delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Supreme Court in this cause, with costs and interest.

No. 105. Wm. Smith, plaintiff in error, vs. Jas. M. Adsit et al. The motion to dismiss this cause was submitted on printed arguments by Mr. Thos. Wilson in support of same, and by Mr. W. T. Burgess in opposition thereto.

No. 164. Samuel Fasnacht, plaintiff in error, vs. Michael Frank. The motion to dismiss this cause was submitted on printed arguments by Messrs. Durant and O'Connor in support of same, and by Mr. Con Robinson in opposition thereto.

No. 586. Wm. W. Bond et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Jas. M. Shore. The motion to dismiss this cause was submitted on printed arguments by Mr. F. P. Stanton in support of same, and by Mr. E. J. Reed in opposition thereto.

No. 702. D. R. Hunt et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. John Lehch. In error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern district of Wisconsin. On motion of Mr. H. M. Finch, ordered by the court that the writ of error in this cause be dismissed with costs, pursuant to rule.

Adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 1:30.

Circuit Court—Chief Justice Cartter.

This court was engaged as follows yesterday:

Linville vs. Richards. This is an action for lumber sold to other parties, the claim being that defendant was guarantor. The guarantee is the question at issue.

White & Bros. vs. Eastwood. Judgment by confession.

CASES TO-DAY.

The following cases are assigned for trial to-day: Nos. 91, 97, 12, 98, 99, 31, 38, 103, 104, 105, 107, 110, 111, 112, 7, 92, 113, 114, 115 and 116.

Auxiliary Law Court—(Criminal Court)—Judge MacArthur.

The act of Congress authorizing the judge and jury of the Criminal Court to try such civil cases as may be assigned for trial there by the justice holding the Circuit Court was first put into practical operation yesterday, there being on the calendar, 115 cases, of appeals from justices of the peace being turned over to Judge MacArthur.

The following cases were disposed of:

Brown vs. Brown. Verdict for plaintiff in $100, with interest.

Brown vs. Burke. The jury could not agree and were discharged.

Mattingly vs. Edwards. Ordered on calendar.

Kelly vs. Lyles. Judgment below affirmed.

APPEAL CASES TO-DAY.

Nos. 3, 4, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.

Police Court—Judge Snell.

In this court John Clark, Lorenzo Parker and George Green were fined $5 each for stealing coal from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Wm. Pinckny, also stealing coal, $5; Tyler Jones, stealing $2 in currency from a police officer, three months in jail; Wm. Jackson, larceny of a coat from his brother Levi, $2 or six days in jail; Abraham Turner and Wm. Thomas, charged with breaking into the house of Mrs. Jane Moore, on E street, and stealing a quantity of bed-clothing and other things, valued at $30. The house was entered in the day time, so the crime was fixed as grand larceny and not burglary. The police recovered a portion of the articles and arrested the thieves. They also arrested James Stanley, a white boy, as one of the gang, who turned State's evidence against the negroes. They were sent up to the grand jury and the boy held in $500 bonds as a witness. Stephen Ferguson, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill James Binford. The witness stated that he was cursed him with brickbats, and Ferguson cut him with a knife; grand jury. Eliza Parker, assault and battery on a little boy; fine $1. Wm. H. Cranston, Roofer Delany, Robert Paul and Arthur Fraser, drunk and disorderly, $5 each. Anna Morrison, profane, $2. Mary Luttrell, loud and boisterous, $5. Kate Debts, same, $2. Russo Delany, carrying a pistol, fined $50 or ninety days in jail. Kate Miller, Robert Hunter, John Lile, Wm. Lee, Dick Barnes, Anna Reeves and Henry Williams, vagrants, all sent down. Anna Reeves and Henrietta Bruce, vagrants from the farm, sent for another term. Thomas Fitzgerald, loud and boisterous, $10. James Smith, burglary in the house of John Brown, grand jury.

Meeting of Workingmen.

A large meeting of the workingmen of the District assembled last evening at the Labor League hall, 400 Louisiana avenue, and passed a series of resolutions requesting Congress to take immediate action on the bill presented by Mr. O'Brien of Maryland, in the House on Saturday. The names of these workingmen were left off the payrolls of the contractors, and the Commissioners having no power to compel the contractors to place them on said rolls, nothing but a direct appeal to Congress remained. A resolution was passed appealing to Mr. John Hodnett, esq., the counsel of the workingmen, as a committee to present the resolutions to Congress. As these laborers worked faithfully for their small pittance, and as many of them are suffering for the necessaries of life during this terrible winter, Congress should see them paid at once. If the laborer is worthy of his hire, let him be worthy of getting that hire.

H. E. Offley & Co.

The banking-house of H. E. Offley & Co. is regarded as one of the solid financial institutions of the city. Among our business men and with its depositors it deservedly stands in high favor. Its management is disposed to yield to the last degree of generous accommodation, while in all its transactions the severest banking discipline is enforced. The latest and best intelligence of the firm is promptly given in advance to all customers dealing in coin and exchange and in Government bonds and District securities; and in the negotiation of loans on all marketable securities they are ready and abundant in resources. It is such facts as these which have so quickly given the house of Offley & Co. its sound and extensive reputation in financial circles, at home and abroad, and they are what our merchants and business men pleasantly talk about when referring to it.

Weather and the Police Court.

A docket kept at Judge Snell's court illustrates the mysterious influence of the atmosphere on petty offences. It gives the following number of convictions for violations of municipal ordinances: For five weeks ending in August, 577; for five weeks ending in January, 289; and we would not be far from the truth in asserting that there are in the six months following the first of November only half as many petty offences at in the six months preceding that date. Crime follows the general law of expansion by heat and contraction by cold. Frost and cold are excellent members of the police.

Carroll Institute.

Capt. Daniel McMahon, whose able and learned essay upon "Magna Charta," delivered at the late entertainment of the Carroll Institute, created such a favorable impression, will lecture before the same institute this evening. Subject—"The Church and Civil Liberty." The gallant Captain fills the place, on this occasion, of the Rev. O. J. White, D. D., whose regular lecture has been postponed on account of the "mission" now taking place at his (St. Matthew's) church. Admission to these lectures is free, and the public should avail itself of them. They are didactic in their aim and impart a large amount of information upon subjects of vital interest.

AMUSEMENTS.

Ford's Opera House—John Thompson.

It is seldom that we have to blame Mr. Ford for anything, but now he deserves a regular dressing, and he must receive it, because there are no mitigating circumstances in his favor. He simply announced to the patrons of the opera house John Thompson and a drama, "On Hand; or, True to the Last." No one cared for Thompson, or the drama either, for no one had ever heard of Thompson—this Thompson—and hence nothing like a crowded house was present to welcome him. He had a slim chance to win a victory, but he did it, and those who saw this new actor last night will not be slow in spreading the news of the arrival of a genius. Why Mr. Ford is blamed is for not letting the people know something in advance about John Thompson, for he is equal in one night to twelve good actors in twelve good comedies. He is endowed with a versatility of talent that is simply wonderful, and his audiences must be amused with him from first to last.

The opening of the piece was preceded by the classical pictures and gymnastic feats of the Walhalla brothers. (Artists as good as they are are clearly entitled to an advertisement under their proper names.) As specimens of the real beauty of form manly forms they are an attraction, but their feats of strength and skill in gymnastics are, indeed, surprising, and those last night best capable of judging thought them the best they had ever seen. The Walhalla feats of Mark Price, Charles Stanley, Gussie De Forrest, May Roberts and Mr. Denham are prominent in the cast of the drama, which we advise the *habitues* of the Opera house to see to-night.

The National Theatre—Katie Putnam.

Miss Katie Putnam's first appearance in Washington this season was honored by the attendance of the President, Colonel and Mrs. Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Sartoris and a great number of distinguished people. This gifted and favorite protean artist appeared as Little Nell and the Marchioness, and reproduced the old familiar story and scenes of "The Old Curiosity Shop" with that life-like fidelity for which she is so noted. Miss Putnam was most ably assisted by Mr. Thos. H. Burns as Dick Swiveller, Mr. Harold Forsberg as Sampson Brass and Mr. W. K. Lingard as Quilp. It is rarely that an impersonation of these two characters so fine as that of last night is seen on any stage. The great fair scene was varied and immense, and served to introduce several specialties, some of them quite taking the audience by surprise, as in the case of the phenomenon, "Dot," and the scientific set-to between the noted light-weight champions, Sam Collyer and Mr. Frank Ray. The fun of it was, Sam had no idea Frank could spar, but he soon entertained a different notion. The closing song and dance, "Apple of my Eye," by Mr. and Mrs. Swiveller, was heartily applauded, and the death scene of Little Nell was most touchingly and effectively rendered. To-night the play will be repeated.

Grand Combination Concert.

All should remember the concert at the Congregational church on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Butts, who is so well known and popular here, is to take a leading part. Her rendering of the "Swiss song," by Eckert, is beautiful and exquisite. Prof. Bischoff has promised his "Mocking Bird," which has become so famous. Mrs. Fairbank and Mr. Simpson will sing; he is well known as to need no word of commendation. Miss Spalding and Prof. Bischoff, by special request, will favor the audience with the overture of "William Tell" arranged for the piano by Gottschalk. Diagrams at Ellis'.

Grand Italian Opera.

The Washington season of grand Italian opera will commence at the National theatre, Monday evening, February 22. Mr. Shakosch will bring with him Miles. Maria Heilbron, Maresi and Donadio, and Mlss Cary, Signors Carpi, Benfrantelli, De Bassini, Del Puenti, Tagliapietra, Fiorini and Scolara. Wagner's great opera of "Lohengrin" will be sung first. The sale of seats for the season will commence next Monday morning, at Metzerott's, and for single nights on Thursday.

"Scraps."

Mr. E. C. Townsend will lecture this evening at Lyceum hall. His subject, "Scraps," affords a wide field for his well-known powers of versatility and dramatic genius. We trust that his many friends will substantially evince their appreciation of his ability and endeavors to please the public in the past unquestionably merit. Mr. T. never fails to please an audience, and this evening he will tell all about "Scraps"—past, present and future. We bespeak for him a crowded house.

The Theatre Comique.

The Comique opened to a splendid business for the week last night. The female Hercules, M'lle Reaita, exhibited a strength few men would care to cope with. The new vocalist, Josephine Adams, met with a cordial reception. And so did the new plantation firm of McVicker & Sully. It is quite enough to say, however, that the Waite sisters are there for another week.

The Avenue Theatre.

The amusements of all nations and fun for the million is on the dramatic bill of fare for the week at the Avenue Theatre. Operatic gems, songs, dances, gymnastics, banjo solos and Ethiopian acts keep large audiences there in the best of humor.

The Jubilee Singers.

The evenings of February 19 and 22 are set apart for the Jubilee singers at the Congregational church. Seats may be secured at Ellis' music store.

THE LATE MR. HOOPER.

Arrangements for the Funeral.

The remains of the late Mr. Hooper have been placed in a handsome burial casket and laid in state at his residence, where they were viewed by many of his former friends. The following is the official programme:

Order of proceedings for the funeral of the Hon. Samuel Hooper, late Representative in Congress from the Fourth district of the State of Massachusetts.

The committee of arrangements and pall-bearers, with the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, with the Speaker, Chaplain and clerk; Senators and Representatives from the State of Massachusetts, accompanied by the members and mourners, will assemble at the late residence of the deceased, No. 1001 I street northwest, on Tuesday, February 16, at 12:30 o'clock, and attend the remains of the deceased to the Hall of the House of Representatives, where the funeral services will take place at 2 o'clock p. m.

At the conclusion of the services the remains will be entombed in charge of the committee of arrangements and pall-bearers, accompanied by the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, to Oak Hill cemetery, Georgetown, where they will be deposited.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

Mr. Poland,	Mr. Maynard,
" Wheeler,	" Kelley,
" Niblack,	" Lamar,
Mr. Houghton.	

PALL-BEARERS:

Mr. Garfield,	Mr. Arthur,
" J. R. Hawley,	" Rainey,
" Orth,	" M. L. Ward,
" Swann,	" Marshall.

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Market-house Problems.

Would it not be to the interest of the stockholders of the Washington Market Company for the present management to step down and out to make room for more efficient officers, inasmuch as it is claimed that its financial condition is not very promising? Why does not the company come forward with the same promptness and pay over to the District Commissioners the rental part due them, as did when Mr. Cooke was Governor? Its immediate payment would certainly afford great relief to the suffering poor. Is it not rather "cheeky" in the company to charge the marketmen with having taken its money (the company's) to build the Savage Square market?

Christian Association Entertainment.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: I have before me a notice of the Y. M. C. A. sociable given Friday evening which makes the very surprising announcement that these entertainments were started through the efforts of Mr. Boyle. The object of this communication is to inform your many readers that these sociables are given under the sole direction of the entertainment committee, of which Mr. Boyle is not now nor never was a member. It may not be out of place to say just here that your notice failed to mention the names of Miss McCulloch, Miss Hazzard and Mr. C. Burlew, who took a prominent part in the exercises of the evening.

CHIPS.

Notice.

The attention of the traveling public is called to the advertisement, in another column, of the New York and Washington Through Line. On and after Tuesday, February 16, the trains will leave the Baltimore and Potomac depot for Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and points east, as follows: Express at 8:33 a. m.; limited express at 9:23 a. m., and express at 1:18 p. m. daily, except Sunday, and 9:08 p. m. express daily. Tickets can be obtained at the offices of Great Pennsylvania Route, northeast corner Thirteenth and Pennsylvania avenue, northeast corner Sixth and Pennsylvania avenue, and at Baltimore and Potomac depot, corner Sixth and B streets.

Up and Be Doing.

Each tick of the clock brings us nearer the day of the last Kentucky Library drawing. Those who would participate in it must "up and be doing," for it is just at hand, and once gone it is gone forever. Fortunes will be given to many on the 27th; to whom none can tell, but to some persons very certainly, and then gainers and losers alike will have the compliment of the grandest concert ever given in the West, provided they are to any extent holders of shares in the drawing.

"Beware of Impostors."

Our many friends and the public generally are cautioned against making donations for the benefit of the Nineteenth-street Baptist church, lately damaged by fire, on the solicitations of any except duly authorized persons having the seal of the church upon their books, and attested by the signatures of the trustees.

C. A. STEWART,
President of Board of Trustees Nineteenth-street Baptist Church.

Rheumatism.

During severe and changeable weather no one subject to Rheumatic Pains should be one day without *Pond's Extract*, which *always relieves*.

Auction Sales To-day.

By B. H. Warner:

At 4 o'clock, a two-story frame dwelling on the west side of Sixteenth, between K and L streets northwest.

By Latimer & Cleary:

At 7:30 o'clock, a large collection of miscellaneous books.

By Jos. F. Kelley:

At 4:30 o'clock, a valuable brick residence on K street, near St. Aloysius church, in square No. 673.

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