GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

RECAPTURE OF AN ESCAPED CONVICT

MEETING OF THE POTOMAC FRUIT-GROWERS.

TAX SALES AND PURCHASERS.

A MAN SUFFOCATED IN A WELL.

Curious Denouement at a Montgomery County Wedding—A Runaway Girl Reclaimed — Washington Medical Association—News Paragraphs by "Republican" Reporters.

The following was the range of the thermometer at Hempler's yesterday: 8 a. m., 32°; 10 a. m., 34°; 12 m., 39°; 2 p. m., 42°; 4 p. m., 43°; 6 p. m., 42°; 8 p. m., 42°.

For the Middle States and New England, nearly stationary pressure and temperature, northeasterly winds, cloudy weather and rain or snow along the seaboard.

Use Patterson & Jones' Trophy tomatoes.

Choice fruits—Malaga Fruit Co., 408 9th st.

The steamer John Gibson, from New York, arrived in Georgetown yesterday. She left New York on Saturday.

At a meeting of the Tenth Building Association held Monday night at Goddard's new hall, $2,500 was sold at an average of $1.11.

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.

Remember the first lecture (lesson) of the course, by Prof. Armes, on his famous science, this Wednesday night, March 3, at Spencer's Business College.

The most attractive, durable and cheapest picture frames and trimmings, with paper hangings and window shades, embracing the latest novelties, are to be had at Markriter's.

At the last business meeting of the Washington City Hibernian Benevolent Society No. 1, Mr. John T. McNally was chosen mounted marshal for the parade on St. Patrick's day.

The Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South, will meet to-day at Mount Vernon church, in this city, and will remain in session for a week or more. Bishop Marvin will preside.

John F. Brodhead, the enterprising real estate broker, 635 Fifteenth street, is giving special attention to settling bills for improvement taxes. All owing such taxes should consult him at once, as there is money in it.

George Smith, an employee of Mr. George Knox, of Knox's express, came near being fatally injured yesterday afternoon by having a safe fall upon him, which he was assisting to move from over Karr's jewelry store.

Sister Basella (Edelin, of Maryland,) died Monday night at the Convent of the Visitation. Sister Basella was one of the oldest of the Carmelite nuns, having entered the convent in 1826. She was nearly eighty years of age.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of B. H. Warner, in our auction columns. He will sell at four o'clock this afternoon, a valuable building lot on the northeast corner of I street and New Jersey avenue northwest, bordering on the "circle" near General Robert Williams' mansion. This sale will positively take place without further postponement.

A recomendation has been made by Inspector Thomas M. Plowman, to the effect that a brick addition be built to the stables of the fire engine house on Virginia avenue between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets, for the use of healthy horses belonging to the company. The old stable will be used by the fire commissioners as a hospital for sick horses. The recommendation has been approved, and the work ordered to be done.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the approaching levee of the Washington Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, are making extensive preparations for the event, which they predict and promise will eclipse any thing of the kind that has been witnessed this season. The ladies, who shall be conspicuous with delight, are waiting anxiously for the advent of Easter Monday night, that they may partake of the proffered pleasures.

Reports from the lower Potomac indicate that the river is clear. Captain Commander Edward Carter, Barker, of the Potomac Transportation Company's line, left Baltimore for this port yesterday. She is consigned to J. G. & J. M. Waters, and will leave here on their return trip on Friday. The new steamer Sue is to take the place of the Georgeanna, and will leave Baltimore for Georgetown on Thursday next, returning on the following Monday. She is commanded by Capt. Harper, formerly of the Columbia.

Attention of the authorities is called to the manner in which cattle are permitted to trample on the grass of the reservations on Twelfth street southwest. These beeves are driven to the Baltimore rail, and then are driven to Drovers' Rest. In passing through this street no care is observed to keep them in the road-way, but they are permitted to take the sidewalk or tread down the grass.

Something About the Women of the East is to be the subject of the lecture to be delivered at Wesley Chapel, Friday evening, by Mr. A. O. Van Lenness, whose name is a familiar thing to many here, especially to those active in Sunday school work. Mr. Van Lenness was born in Turkey, and in early life became thoroughly familiar with Oriental life, and is being now admitted and pleasant speaker, makes his lectures interesting as well as instructive. He will appear in full Oriental costume, and have numerous curiosities and articles to illustrate his lecture. See advertisement.

Another Divorce.

Emily Alberta Van Reuth obtained a divorce from Flavis M. J. Van Reuth yesterday, on the ground of cruelty, &c. The parties resided a while in Baltimore, and then came to this city, where they have resided for several years past.

The Word "Smith."

In this country, "Smith is the word" by which are called more prominent men than any other. The Cabinet has had its Smithians, and at one time later, the Presidential chair was in danger of being occupied by an aspiring Smith. Whenever we are at loss to call the name of a man we instantly say Smith, and few, indeed, have been our mistakes. In our city there are many who respond to this time-honored name, but none who will answer more to our satisfaction than Professor Richard S. Smith, whose efforts as a tonsorial artist have made him popular with all lovers of beauty and comfort. There in his elegant saloons by his efficient corps of assistants he administers his delightful invigorators and tonics to the representatives of fashion who mingle nightly in the fashion and quadrille, while the more advanced in years come forth rejuvenated from the effect of his splendid dyes. The studio of the able representative of the worthy name is on Seventh street, opposite the Patent Office.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.

The Medical Society of the Alumni.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the Alumni of Georgetown University, held Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Dr. Joseph Taber Johnson, president; Dr. Thos. Shead, first vice president; Dr. C. V. N. Callan, second vice president; Dr. J. T. Sotheron, third vice president; Dr. Thomas F. Gibbs, fourth vice president; Dr. Chas. Bittinger, recording secretary; Dr. Chas. Mattingly, corresponding secretary; Dr. J. A. Tarkington, treasurer; Dr. W. H. Minnick, librarian. Executive committee—Drs. Warwick Evans, F. O. St. Clair, John Edwin Mason, Chas. M. Tree, and Ralph S. Walsh. Committee on essays—Drs. W. H. Ross, G. Lloyd, Magruder, and John Walter, jr. Committee on necrology—Drs. Chas. F. Rand, R. H. Barker, and Valentine McNally.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Opening of Bids for Removing Night Soil.

The Board of Health held a regular meeting at their rooms, 1223 F street, yesterday at 12 o'clock m., all the members present.

Mr. Marbury, from the committee on finance, reported several bills, which were approved and ordered to be paid.

Mr. Marbury also presented his monthly financial statement as treasurer, as follows: Balance in hands of treasurer February 1, 1875, $1,574.67; received from District of Columbia, $2,688; received from United States, $3,000; to be accounted for, $7,259 67; disbursed as per vouchers, (District fund,) $2,788.54; disbursed as per vouchers, (Treasury, $4,216.49; total disbursed $7,004.83; balance on hand March 1, 1875, $254.84; amount appropriated for fiscal year, $64,440; amount received on requisition, $44,015; balance due from appropriations, $20,425; total available, $20,679.84.

The health officer forwarded pay rolls of pound employes, garbage collectors and physicians and druggists to the poor.

The health officer also presented his usual weekly synopsis for the week ending February 27, 1875, as follows: Nuisances reported, 548; referred, 59; abated, 265; referred to commissioners, 15; citizens' complaints, 22; official notices issued, 24; causes of death investigated, 10; pecuniary conditions investigated, 8; burials at public expense recommended, 1; cost of medicine furnished by druggists to the poor, $79.49; number of patients treated by physicians to the poor, 312; dead animals reported and removed, 56; loads of garbage removed, 186; privies cleaned by Odenheimer Excavating Company, 601. Marine products inspected—9,290 bunches fish and 4,792 bushels of oysters. Condemned—103 bunches fish, 42 bushels oysters, 36 pounds beef, 27 pounds veal, 11 pounds pork, 17 chickens, 8 turkeys, 4 geese, 21 pounds butter, 4 bushels potatoes, 801 heads cabbage, 7 dozen bananas. Animals impounded, 1; redeemed, 1; amount realized, $1.

On motion of Dr. Bliss, the board then proceeded to open the proposals for the removal of night soil, garbage and dead animals from the cities of Washington and Georgetown. There were fifteen bids in all, and they were opened and read in the following order: Washington Nailor, from foot of Seventeenth street wharf to some point on the Potomac river, for one, two and three years, $9,400; T. McCaffrey & Co., to some point outside the District limits, for three years, $14,000; H. Crozier, from any point designated to Smithland, Prince George's county, Maryland, for one, two or three years, $9,900; H. Holmes, from place hereafter designated, for one year $12,000, two years $8,000, and three years for $6,000; J. V. W. Vandenburg, for one year $12,500, two years $6,500, and three years for $5,500; Robert H. Ryan, to any place designated, for three years, for $1,500 per month; W. P. Watrous, to Four-mile run, three years, for $4,695; H. T. Turner & Co., to some point on the Baltimore and Ohio or Baltimore and Potomac railroad twenty miles from the city, for one, two or three years, $7,800; Turner & Co., from such wharves as the board may prescribe to some point on the Potomac river, for one, two or three years, $10,825; M. V. Nichols, by rail or water to any place designated by the board, for ten years, $16,000; J. J. Hines, to any point to be mutually agreed upon, for ten years, $19,900; G. W. Knox, from Seventeenth and S street wharves or by rail when ice impedes navigation, for one year $6,810 50, two years $6,351, three years $8,973; John France, by rail or water, one year $9,000, three years $8,400; Nichols & Hines, to some point on some railroad running out of Washington, $9,000. J. J. Garrett sent in a proposal, without the accompanying $500, proposing to remove by rail or water for $13,000. Without considering the bids the board then adjourned to Thursday evening, the 4th instant.

AN UNLOOKED-FOR EVENT.

Episode at a Montgomery County Wedding.

Country weddings sometimes have little episodes attached thereto which often become the theme of conversation and gossip, like those more frequently occurring in the city. The chief difference between the two is, that in the former place such events are the exception rather than the rule, and as country people for miles around are well acquainted, they do not hesitate to divide any morsel of scandal with their neighbors that may be given them, visit and revisit, con the subject over, anatomize it and carefully discuss every point that has any visible bearing upon the main topic of discussion. In the city such sensations last for the day and are then forgotten, or give place to others of a similar nature, but none the less immoral. The one now referred to is somewhat more serious than even city folks are accustomed to, and it is not astonishing that the sturdy farmers, with their help-mates and families, were astonished, if not almost dumbfounded by the development.

ABOUT PRETTY GIRLS.

Montgomery county, Md., boasts, and with reason, of having a number of pretty girls within its confines. These necessarily attract gallants, (beauty always will,) and the young ladies consequently are not wanting for an abundance of lively society. To say that these beaux were uncouth clod-hoppers would be doing them injustice, for, on the contrary, most of them are as polished in their manners as the city bred young men. Their close proximity to the District, frequent visits to it and the intermingling of the city chaps with them, (for they make incursions to the country, attracted by beauty,) has the effect of placing them in a school of training from which they graduate with profit to themselves. Out of these visits generally spring marriages, and the girls of Montgomery county are as susceptible to the persuasions of a young man as were their mothers. One of them had consented to become a partner for life, (it is unnecessary to mention names,) and the wedding day was set. At the appointed time the event was celebrated with considerable *eclat*. As such an occasion seldom has a repetition it was decided by the older heads and to humor the daughter that she should

BE MARRIED IN STYLE.

She concluded that four bridesmaids would be requisite to assist her in getting safely into the matrimonial boat, and attend to all the little details necessary on her part. Accordingly four of her companions were selected and consented to serve. The expectant groom had indorsed her views in the matter, and chose four of his friends to keep up his end of the line and unite with the bridesmaids in seeing the talk properly and well performed.

The nuptials passed off smoothly, everything working like a charm. All were happy, but none more so than the newly-wedded pair. On all such occasions extensive arrangements have to be made to accommodate for a night, under the paternal roof, many of the relatives and friends coming from a distance. As it would be regarded as highly unsociable to allow those coming many miles to return the same night, requiring them to spend a part of the night traveling on the road, and in other instances it might be impossible for some to get back the same night, therefore these guests must be provided for, and the same means are re-erted to as that observed in a hotel pretty well crowded, that of the doubling-up process. As many males as possible are placed in one room, and the females in another. Married, or not, has little consideration in such cases; it is a question of accommodation, not of comfort.

THE SENSATION.

The four bridesmaids were assigned one room, the groomsmen got mixed and separated among their friends, all retired for the night and doubtless slept soundly, but early in the morning one of the bridesmaids was aroused by hearing the cries of an infant, which appeared to be in the room. Listening a moment she was satisfied that it was so. She bounced from that bed lively, waking the sleepy occupants, also the third bridesmaid, and soon the three were standing in the middle of the floor in rather scanty attire, and not half as handsome as they looked in the parlor the night previous. But where was the fourth bridesmaid and where was that baby? They soon solved the mystery, and discovered that the missing bridesmaid was a mother, and furthermore the child possessed strong lungs and gave evidence of a healthy condition. This was a predicament indeed. How was it to be hushed up? The house was filled with men, but they must not know it. That was easier established than done. For the news spread, and probably too rapidly, for in its circulation the father was brought to light, which rumor has it was one of the grooms-men, and here was a development exceedingly mortifying for at least the two most concerned. The young man's father was also in the family mansion, and when he became informed of the situation of affairs he acted promptly, but to the purpose. He held a short consultation with his son, and bid him remain at the house until his return. He then started away in a buggy, in due time returning with a minister, and in his presence made the son make all the reparation in his power to the unfortunate girl by taking her for his wife. The event was an unusual one even for Montgomery county, and therefore seems a topic of conversation to engage their attention until the next agricultural fair in September.

POTOMAC FRUIT-GROWERS.

March Meeting of the Association.

This society met on Tuesday, the 2d instant, at the Board of Trade rooms, a good number being in attendance, C. Tillingham, president, in the chair; Dr. Snodgrass, secretary. On motion, A. H. Raymond, Thomas L. Hume and S. A. H. McKim were elected members of the society.

APPLES.

The tables were ornamented by several collections of finely-preserved apples, in good crisp condition.

Stacy H. Snowden exhibited the Roman stem, the spice apple, the Ortley, the Esopus pippin and spice.

John Bramhall exhibited the spitzenberg and some others.

Major H. C. Williams exhibited beautiful specimens of the Tewksbury winter-blush, in the most perfect condition.

APPLE ORCHARDS

was the subject appointed at the last meeting, for discussion at this time; and Major H. C. Williams was appointed to open the discussion with a paper on apples. But being unable, from ill health, to attend, he sent his offering of apples, and a paper, which was read by the secretary; in which he says: "The soil and climate of this region are the most favorable for growing most kinds of fruits; saying that trees here were never killed by winter frosts; and submitted a list of what he believed the best apples for this region. The paper thus read was ordered on file to be printed with the minutes.

The President also read an interesting paper on the apple—saying there are two classes of orchards, one for amateurs, and one for commercial purposes; and there required a somewhat different selection of apples, the first sought what was most pleasant, the latter what most profitable.

VARIETIES OF APPLES.

Judge Gray spoke highly in favor of the Jersey Sweet, as good both for the family and stock. He also commended the Winesap, the Lady apple, and the Limbertwig.

The president said that the failure of the apple crop in some locations was caused by the previous cold season.

The sowing of orchards to grass and making pork was discussed, and opposed by members; with some it had been successful, with others not.

Mr. Henry, from Delaware, spoke well of the Roman Stem, only it will not hang on the tree till matured; he also commened the Carthouse apple.

The president named a list for this region, including, among some others, the Abram, Edwards Early, Red Astrachan, Early Harvest, Romanite, Roman Stem, Jersey Sweet, Maiden's Blush, Sour Bough, Summer Pearmain, Lowell, Winesap, Wine apple, Smith's Cider, Limbertwig, Rawle's Janett, Golden Russett, Tewksberry Blush, Sweet Winter, Esopus Spitzenberg, Early Fall Pippin, Ben Davis, Smoke House, Albemarle Pippin, and some others.

Mr. Munson, the old nursery man, also approved this list, as most suitable for cultivation in this region.

The secretary said the absence of forests, the scarcity of timber, was one case of the failure of fruit in some sections.

Major King thought that if the limbs on the trees are pretty close, orchards would bear better, and recommending the planting trees near each other.

Mr. Needham believed in shading the ground of orchards with brush or straw or some other mulch to aid growth and bearing.

Col. Bomford, of Illinois, mentioned the experience of Mr. Dunlap and himself, in Illinois, to prove the need and benefit of forest shelter to orchards in securing fruitfulness. The protection of timber secured good crops when others failed. He was not in favor of seeding orchards to grass, but making hog pastures of them, and letting hogs run and root in them; they destroy and dig out the grubs and other insects, and stir up the soil by rooting over it.

Mr. Chase referred to the plan of Wm. Saunders in growing peas, seeding and leaving the land in six feet strips, cultivating between the rows.

Judge Gray referred to the great success and extent of apple growing in the State of New York, where the forests were nearly all cut away and thorough culture prevails.

The secretary said more care and watchfulness was needed—better attention to trees and soil—to secure uniform good crops of fruits.

D. O. Munson thought careful selection, proper varieties, and thorough culture would succeed.

The various friendly presents of different farmers' papers at this time offered opportunities for subscribing. The *Fruit Recorder*, the *Maryland Farmer*, and the *American Farmer* were represented.

The fine fruits on the tables were now tasted, and adjudged first rate, crisp and juicy for this time of year.

Major King read a paper on the quince, which was ordered on file and printed with the minutes.

Colonel Curtiss spoke of the exhibitions and prosperity of the Maryland Horticultural Society which he had attended.

The president announced as the subject for discussion at the next meeting the culture and varieties of the

PEAR,

and designated Col. Hiram Pitts to open the subject with a paper, which he will do. The pear is a fruit deserving of more attention than it now receives in this section.

On motion, adjourned till the first Tuesday in April next, when the society will be glad to see as many of the public present as may desire to come.

Mr. Munson gave us the names of two new peaches—the Alexander and Amsden's June—which he is cultivating, said to be the earliest known.

Auction Sales To-day.

By B. H. Warner:

At 4 o'clock, valuable improved property on Seventh street east, between E and F streets north.

At 4 o'clock, valuable building lot on the northeast corner of I street and New Jersey avenue, northwest.

By Duncanson Bros.:

At 4 o'clock, part of lot numbered fourteen (14) in square numbered two hundred and forty-six (246) with the improvements, consisting of a small frame house.

At 4:30 o'clock, very valuable real estate, being part of lot numbered three, (3,) in square numbered seven hundred and thirty, (730.)

By the U. S. Marshal:

At 12 o'clock, all Jeremiah Connell's right, claim and interest in and to lot E in the subdivision of lots 18 and 19 in square No. 567.

By Wm. L. Wall & Co.:

At 10 o'clock, a large lot of furniture, also ten sewing machines, two very fine showcases and counters:

By Latimer & Cleary:

At 4 o'clock, valuable improved property on Thirteenth street west, near D street.

Great Bargains

At C. F. Cummins', 922 Seventh street northwest, in boots and shoes of all styles and qualities, including the makes of all the celebrated factories.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH

Appointments for the Ensuing Year.

Previous to the closing of the conference of the Washington M. E. Church at Alexandria, Monday last, the following appointments were announced:

Chesapeake District—C. G. Key, P. E.; post office, 170 Henrietta street, Baltimore. Baltimore—Sharp street, P. G. Walker; Orchard street, R. H. Robinson; Asbury, J. D. S. Hall; John Wesley, J. Brice; Dallis street, H. A. Carroll; Western chapel and Saratoga street, J. E. Valentine; Mission, Daniel P. Johnson; Circuit, W. H. Hicks; Lutherseville, to be supplied; Frederick City, J. H. Ockmay; Monocacy, A. Valantine; Middletown and Lewistown, Samuel Brown; Longmore, J. Bowman; Westminster, John Laggins; Govanstown, J. B. Snowden; Harford, Daniel Aquilla; Gunpowder, Samuel Aquilla; Hagerstown, H. R. Elbert; Williamsport, George T. Wright.

Potomac District.—N. M. Carroll, P. E.; post office, Georgetown, D. C. Washington—Asbury, J. Thomas; Ebenezer, T. Jackson; Mount Zion, Benjamin Brown, jr.; Bladensburg, R. Wheeler; Sandy Springs, W. H. Cook; Poplar Springs, H. Williams; Rockville, J. L. Evans; Clarksburg, Elijah Auker; Patapsco, J. H. Butler; Severn, G. T. Pinkney; South River, Alex. A. Dennis; Annapolis, W. H. Draper; West River, C. W. Walker; Calvert, Daniel Wheeler; Huntington, Stephen Taylor; Marlboro', John Mayberry; Howard, C. W. Cooper; Woodville, P. H. Matthews; Prince George's Mission, Joseph Jenkins; Piscgh, R. A. Reed; St. Mary's, N. C. Brown; White Plains, W. Langford.

Lynchburg District—E. W. Lewis, P. E., post office, Lynchburg, Va. Alexandria, R. T. Bell; Fairfax, Benj. W. Brown; Langley, N. Watkins; Leesburg and Hamilton, G. R. Williams; Waterford, W. Sidney; Middleburg, J. H. Randall; Waynesborough, Abraham Tittle; Charlotte and Culpeper C. H., J. A. Ried; Lynchburg, E. Hammon; Lynchburg circuit, J. W. McPherson; Richmond, Osborn Carroll; Norfolk, Portsmouth and Princess Ann, Robert Hawkins; Northern Neck, A. Keneday; Liberty, R. E. J. Warner; New Hope, A. J. Wheeler; Bethany, J. H. Bailey; Union Grove, A. Edmondson; Franklin, W. Calloney; Lexington, Nathaniel Jackson; Rockbridge, M. Callender; Woodlawn, David Jones.

Staunton District—W. W. Foreman, P. E., Staunton. Staunton, Robert Steel; Augusta, Henry Cellars; Highland, to be supplied; Harrisonburg, Wm. Leewood; Rockingham, to be supplied; Rockingham circuit, John Jenkins; New Market, R. O. Hillyar; Strasburgh, Philip Brown; Winchester, Daniel Collins; White Hall, J. H. Riddick; Charlestown, W. R. J. Williams; Jefferson, Benjamin Nugent; Berkeley, John H. Hughes; Shepardstown, R. P. Lawson; Lewisburg, Joseph Henry; Spring Creek, G. W. Jenkins; Union, Francis Bell; Mount Vernon, John A. Holmes; Somers, Wm. Davis.

Wheeling District—J. W. Dumbrey, P. E., P. O., Parkersburg, West Va.; Wheeling, Ephraim Lawson; Fairmount, A. C. Steptoe; Grafton, Simon Mann; Cumberland, A. R. Wilson; Frostburg and Kyser City, George Jackson; Romney, L. D. Snowden; Moorefield, W. T. Harris; Clarksburg, A. J. Weems; Weston, C. W. Foreman; Parkersburg, W. S. Wilson; Charlestown, T. W. Booth; Point Pleasant, John H. Daily; Huntington, J. Owens; Snow Hill Hollow, to be supplied.

Salem District.—Martin Spridder, P. E., P. O., Salem, Va. Salem, J. H. Burley; Parkersburgh, T. H. Jones; Spencer, S. Newburn, L. Valentine; Draper's Valley, J. H. Scott; Wytheville, Samuel Martin; Cripple Creek, to be supplied; Grayson, Charles Lewis; Marion, W. C. Dunson; Abingdon, J. S. Lamb; Washington county, J. W. Coates; Russel, S. Wirz; Tazewell and Ward's Cove, C. Price and P. Ryan; Bland, to be supplied; Mercer, to be supplied; Giles, John Trigg; Pincastle, John H. Williams.

SPECIAL TAX SALES.

Sale of Real Estate in the District of Columbia at Public Auction for the Amounts Due for Special Improvements thereon.

B. H. Warner, real estate broker and auctioneer, completed the sale for special improvements yesterday. The Collector's office was crowded during the time with property-holders and strangers feeling an interest in our city affairs. Columbus Alexander, esq., was present and read a mandamus declaring warrant in the purchaser of certain lots in which he was interested. The prices realized were principally the amount of certificate issued against the property, with interest and cost of sale, as follows:

Part lot 14, square 287, at $196.97; part lot 1, square 287, at $199.97—to J. G. Moore.

Sub lot 10, square 279, at $199.97—to Young & Middleton.

Sub lot 14, square 279, $103.30; sub of lot 15, square 279, at $199.97; sub of lot 16, square 279, at $106.75; sub of lot 18, square 279, at $162.68; sub lot K, square 279, at $162.68; sub lot M, square 280, at $162.68; sub lot G, square 280, at $162.68; sub lot H, square 280, at $162.68; sub lot A, square 281, at $185.03; sub lot B, square 281, at $185.03; sub of lot 1, square 281, at $185.03; sub lot 2, square 281, at $224.80; part of lot 13, square 281, at $271.41; part of lot 14, square 281, at $199.79; part of lot 20, square 288, $386.24; part of lot 5, square 320, at $50.90; part of lot 7, square 320, at $186.86; part of lot 11, square 291, at $192.66; lot 2, square 321, at $50.98—to J. G. Moore.

Part of lot 15, square 288, $267.30; part of lot 15, square 288, $286.41; part of lot 5, square 346; part of lot 6, square 346, $136.29; part of lot 16, square 319, $158.14; part of lot 9, square 345, $87.08; part of lot 9, square 345, $91.97; part of lot 1, square 318, $276.01; lot 2, square 318, $276.01; part of lot 12, square 318, $111.58; part of lot 11, square 318, $153.23; part of lot 11, square 318, $153.23; whole of lot 10, square 318, $223.06; sub lot 11, square 318, $222.08—to National Metropolitan Bank.

Part of lot 4, square 344, $170.39, to A. A. Wilson.

Part of lot 1, square 317, $28.06; part of lot 14, square 317, $64.36—to National Metropolitan Bank.

Part of lot 12, square 317, $19.11, to George H. Johnson.

Part of lot 12, square 317, $121.40; all of sub lot 1, square 316, $603.61; sub lot 2, square 316, $14.42; sub lot 21, square 316, $136.09—to National Metropolitan Bank.

Part of lot 9, square 342, $75.07; to A. A. Wilson.

Part of lot 7, square 343, $84.61; all of sub lot H, square 341, $118.71; all of sub lot G, square 341, $116.71; part of lot 6, square 341, $133.87; lot 14, square 339, $503.61—to National Metropolitan Bank.

Part lot 2, square 163, $61.91; sub lot 28, square 168, $110.79; sub lot B, square 164, $123.27; sub lot A, square 161, $287.56; sub lot 11, square 161, $91.31; lot 5, square 161, $285 75; sub lot 6, square 161, $285.75; lot 7, square 161, $253.71; lot 7, square 159, $707.57; lot 8, square 159, $305.24; lot 9, square 159, $421.27; lot 1, square 91, $816.03; lot 2, square 91, $246.61; lot 3, square 91, $246.61; lot4, square 91, $520.60—to L. Johnson & Co.

Part lot 15, square 345, $140.56; part lot 14, square 345, $91.06; lot 12, square 345, $98.22; part of lot 11, square 345, $91.06; sub lot 35, square 346, $276.59; part lot 11, square 344, $209.44; part lot 11, square 344, $248.17; part lot 1, square 343, $106.12; part lot 1, square 343, $106.12; part lot 6, square 343, $121.19; lot 1, square 341, $247.19; part lot 1, square 341, $467.09; sub lot 31, square 369, $90.51; part lot 10, square 369, $91.29; part lot 11, square 369, $99.67; lot 1, square 340, $530.15; sub lot 36, square 340, $124.42; sub lot 35, square 340, $66.81; sub lot 1, square 440, $66.67; sub 31, square 340, $124.07; sub lot 33, square 340, $121.85; sub of lot 24, square 340, $78.79; sub lot 23, square 340, $100.39; lot 10, square 368, $124.07—to W. F. Mattingly, receiver.

Lot 15, square 368, $142.41; part of lot 14, square 368, $50.92—to Z. M. P. King.

Part of lot 14, square 368, $87.47; part of lot 15, square 368, $18.51; part of lot 15, square 368, $122.27; part lot 11, square 368, $97.51; part of lot 12, square 368, $86.75; part of lot 12, square 368, $84.53; part of lot 12, square 368, $80.13; part of lot 15, square 368, $37.23—to W. F. Mattingly, receiver.

Lot 4, square 230, $811.48; lot 6, square 227, $293.58; lot 8, square 227, $218.04; lot 9, square 227, $293.58; lot C, square 293, $145.71; reservation 7, $1,976.25; sub lot A, square 369, $503.86—to John Hitz, president.

Lot G, square 120, $798.37—to First National bank of New York.

Part of lot 3, square 141, $553.39—to Thomas Lewis.

Lot 6, square 141, $548.50; lot R, square 141, $556.80; part of lot 11, square 142, $686.97; part of lot 12, square 142, $686.97; part of lot 12, square 142, $486.47; part of lot 12, square 104, $215.78; part of lot 12, square 104, $1,079.78; part of lot 1, square 121, $668.12; part of lot 3, square 121, $761.56; part of lot 4, square 121, $761.56; part of lot 9, square 122, $647.92; part of lot 9, square 122, $358.29; part of lot 9, square 122, $92.67; part of lot 9, square 122, $832.56—to First National bank of New York.

Part of lot 4, in square 142, $456.70, to F. E. Alexander.

Lot A, in square 169, $237.04; lot M, square 169, $246.30; sub of lot 6, square 169, $246.18; sub of lot 7, square 169, $346.92; lot 1, square 80, $550.17; lot 2, square 80, $760.75; lot 3, square 80, $637.89; part lot 4, square 80, $524.69; sub of lot 4, square 80, $524.69; lot 7, square 80, $321.56; part lot 8, square 80, $348.09; lot 11, square 81, $1,423.27; part lot 13, square 81, $475.80; part lot 16, square 81, $321.11; part lot 17, square 81, $220.47; part lot 17, square 81, $1,230.54; lot 1, square 103, $744.80; lot A, square 120, $606.51; part lot B, square 120, $481.68; part lot C, square 120, $481.68; lot D, square 120, $418.56; lot O, square 120, $308.56; part lot 18, square 168, $240.96; sub of lot 18, square 168, $223.86—to First National Bank, New York.

Mr. Coldwell, the salesman, commenced the reading of the preamble to the advertisement exactly at 12 o'clock, m., and at 2:10 o'clock, p. m., finished the sale of the last piece, being 147 lots in 130 minutes, and we are safe in the assertion that this is the quickest time on record. Mr. Coldwell may well be considered the champion salesman of the city. If this unequaled sale there was no appearance of haste; every lot was clearly presented and fairly set out; bidders had ample time to consider their bids and to confer with their friends; nothing appeared hurried. The protests offered and the complaints made by the property-owners and the bystanders were all treated with patience and kindness by the auctioneer, as became a gentleman and man of business.

"GRIP."

Bishop Haven's Lecture.

Bishop Haven delivered last evening at Dr. Sunderland's Presbyterian church, a lecture embodying his views on the subject of "Grip." The audience was not large. The speaker succeeded in enlisting the closest attention of his hearers for upwards of an hour. He considered grip one of the great motive powers. There must be some need of energy to develop it. Thus the course of empire has moved northward from the tropics, where formerly the throne of the world was situated. Berlin was now the capital of the world, but Moscow loomed up as the future seat of power, as it lay in the northern course of empire. In individuals grip is a quality of the soul lying below the moral elements. Captain Kidd is an infamous example of grip; Paul a glorious one. Had Paul been the pirate and Kidd the apostle, their success would have been as great. Grip is the grand element of success. It was Cæsar's grip that gave him his dominion over ages, and keeps his hand on the throat of society to-day. It is grip that makes the martyr. There is no grander example of this quality in our history than is seen in John Brown, who died without a murmur that he might open a way for the suppression of tyranny. Woman, though pronounced to be the inferior of man, far excells him in grip, the purest one of which is heard in her forcible "I will" at the marriage altar. The noiseless grip of God and the universe sent Venus across the disc of the sun. It is grip that makes the student, the orator, the poet, and the merchant. The chief grip of the ages, the mildest, is Christ's. His is the grip of eternity. Let our grip be the strongest, as we hold on to and apply what God has given us.

Still Another Reduction in Ticket-Rates West.

Buy your tickets West via Pennsylvania railroad at the following rates:

Pittsburg, $5.00.
Wheeling, $5.50.
Cincinnati, $9.00.
Chicago, $8.00.
St. Louis, $10.00.
Indianapolis, $7.00.
Louisville, $8.00.

AN ESCAPED CONVICT.

Recapture of a Sing Sing Prisoner—An Interesting Case.

Yesterday morning Detectives Sargent and McElfresh, while standing in the lobby of Willard's hotel, noticed a well-dressed and genteel-looking young man enter, carrying in his hand a small valise. He walked directly to the office and without asking any questions, registered in a bold, legible hand the name James Young. He was at once informed that there was no room for him, and seemingly much annoyed he started for the Ebbitt house, whither he was soon followed by the officers, and on glancing at the register they were surprised to find that he had during his brief walk changed his name, without ceremony, from Young to Brown, and under the latter title had been assigned a room in the hotel.

This looked so suspicious that they concluded to look after him a little, and they awaited until he reappeared in the lobby, and then imagined that they had seen him before. He, however, walked quietly out and they quietly followed him. His first stopping place was at the store of Mr. Stinemetz, where he had his tile ironed; thence into the store of Mr. Gautier, where he informed the proprietor that he wished to wait a few moments to meet a friend. He loitered in the store awhile, but the friend not appearing he suddenly left and entered the adjoining store of Mr. Thomas Bushnell, where he repeated the story and request. By this time the officers had made up their minds that he was not all all right and they, too, entered.

After a short chat they stated their business to be to arrest him as a suspicious character. At this he became highly indignant, and in words polite but forcible informed them that they should be made to suffer for the indignity offered him. Bluff, however, would not work, and they insisted that he should accompany them to headquarters. There Chief Clarvoe was interviewed, and he, too, thought he had seen the face before, or somebody that looked like him. The rogues' gallery was consulted, and the question soon settled. The gentleman proved to be Lawrence Brown, alias Billy Smith, a notorious thief and an escaped convict from Sing Sing prison. Confronted with this evidence of his identity, he moodily acknowledged he was the party. As his career has been in some respects a remarkable one, the following may prove of interest. Brown is about thirty-six years of age, medium height, well built, has dark, curly hair and eyes, regular and pleasant features and an excellent presence. He was born in Lowell, Mass., and educated in the State. After leaving school he was employed as a clerk, and afterward book-keeper in a bank, but becoming dissipated, he was discharged, and started for New York to make a living. After the breaking out of the war he came to this city and enlisted in the 34 regiment District volunteers, commanded by Colonel C. M. Alexander, and served until they were mustered out.

While in the service he was well liked by all with whom he associated. Being naturally smart he made considerable money while in the army, which he spent freely with the boys; and when his term expired he again returned to New York. After knocking about there for some time with indifferent success, he fell in with a gang of thieves and made a success of his new calling; so much so that he had "worked" the hotels in that city for more than a year without detection, and when he was finally captured there was not enough evidence to convict him. He continued stealing, however, until about two years ago, when he fell in with Collector Casey, at Saratoga, and followed him from there to his hotel in New York city and robbed him of over $5,000. This time he was captured by the New York officers, tried, convicted, and sentenced to five years in Sing Sing. After serving eighteen months he escaped from the institution, January 13, 1875, and has since been traveling through the country. Major Richards, as soon as his identity was proven, telegraphed the New York officials and received an answer that they would at once start to take charge of him. So it is probable he will be returned to his old quarters before to-morrow night. He says that he dislikes to go back because after a man escapes and is recaptured the prison discipline, also, is hard, is about doubled; a prospect he hates to even think of.

RUNAWAY DAUGHTER.

She is Restored to her Parents.

A middle-aged man visited police headquarters yesterday morning, and stated that his daughter, for some fancied wrong, had left home and taken up her abode in a disreputable house on C street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets northwest, and asked that means be taken for her restoration to the family. He further said that in making her departure she had taken a sewing machine with her, on which she worked at times, and desired that it also might be returned. The case was referred to Detective Coomes, who, after hearing the father's statement, declined to take any steps in the matter unless a warrant was first procured, as the gentleman hesitated for awhile, but finding the officer resolute in his decision, acquiesced, and proceeded to the Police Court and obtained a warrant. Armed with this paper the officer went to the house, arrested the girl and brought her and the machine to headquarters. In explanation of her conduct she said that if they had not abused her at home she would not have left, but that treatment received made her indifferent as to where she went or what became of her. Last night the father visited the Central station, and there was quite an affecting interview between the two, during which the girl fainted away. After being restored to consciousness, an understanding was reached, and the two left for home.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court of the United States.

TUESDAY, March 2, 1875.

On motion of Mr. E. L. Pierce, Asaph Churchill, esq., of Boston, Mass., was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

On motion of Mr. J. J. Coombs, Edmund Wetmore, esq., of New York city, was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

No. 798. G. S. Berry et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Patrick Cummisky et al., heirs, &c. In error to the United States circuit court for the Western district of Pennsylvania. On motion of Mr. H. L. Richmond, ordered by the court that the writ of error in this cause be docketed and dismissed, with costs.

No. 208. Craig Ritchie, appellant, vs. Franklin county et al. This cause was argued by Mr. T. W. B. Crews, of counsel for the appellant, and submitted on printed arguments by Mr. James O. Broadhead for the appellees.

No. 200. C. S. Jeffries, administrator d. b. n., &c., plaintiff in error, vs. The Economical Mutual Life Insurance Company. This cause was argued by Mr. T. W. B. Crews, of counsel for the plaintiff in error, and submitted on printed arguments by Mr. Joshua La Due, for the defendant in error.

No. 216. Sarah Ann Rodgers, plaintiff in error, vs. Louis Kruger. This cause was submitted on printed arguments by M