GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

SATURDAY'S AND SUNDAY'S RECORD

WHAT THE LAW STUDENTS ARE DOING

ACTION OF THE NEW YORK REPUBLICANS

DEATHS, ACCIDENTS AND FIRES

Meetings To-Night—The Amusements of the People—Elections of Officers—Arrests—Local Miscellany.

Weather probabilities, estimated at 1 a. m.—For the lower lakes, Middle and Eastern States, lower falling barometer, rising temperature, south west to northwest winds, cloudy weather and rain, except in Virginia.

Thermometric readings taken October 17, 1875, at the Signal Office: 7 a. m., 39°; 7:35 a. m., 41°; 12 m., 52°; 2 p. m., 55°; 4:30 p. m., 59°; 9 p. m., 49°; 11 p. m., 48. Maximum, 56°; minimum, 37°.

Try the B. C. cigars. They are the best of all.

Hempler's optician auction continues Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Sherman & Grant, bankers—highest price paid for 5-20 bonds and auditor's certificates.

Highest price paid for left-off clothing, boots, shoes, &c., at Herzog's, 917 D street northwest.

Dr. Hood's office for the treatment of Catarrh, Bronchitis, Consumption, &c., by oxygenized air, is at No. 619 F street northwest.

H. D. Cooke, jr., & Co., F street, near the Treasury, do a general banking business and buy and sell District securities &c.

Lawrence Bird, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill John C. Pringle, was on Saturday sent to the grand jury.

The congregation of St. Paul's Prodestant Episcopal church (Ritualistic) are to have a new and large organ, which they have ordered from Boston.

Edelin, the colored man who was struck on the head some time ago with a stone, near Fort Foot, and reported at that time to be seriously injured, has recovered.

There were sixty arrests made Saturday and Saturday night in the District. The Georgetown precinct had the greatest number for any single precinct—that was eighteen.

The overcoat stolen from the residence of W. W. Corcoran last Friday was on Saturday returned by a colored man named Davis, who had purchased it from an unknown white man.

On Saturday a building permit was issued to Nicholas Eckhard to erect a two-story and basement brick dwelling on the west side of Eighteenth, between L and M streets northwest—$2,500.

The colored man, Andrew Ashton, charged with burglariously entering the residence of Colonel James A. Tait, was on Saturday put under two thousand dollars bond to await the action of the grand jury.

Detective McDevitt on Saturday arrested a colored man named John R. Brooks, a watchman in the Sixth Auditor's office, on the charge of forgery, preferred against him by James F. Russel, real estate broker.

Everybody in want of Welton, Brussels, three-ply, or ingrain carpets should examine the numerous new and choice patterns from W. and J. Sloane's, Broadway, New York, on exhibition at J. W. McKnight & Co.'s, No. 1427 Pennsylvania avenue.

By recommendation of the "Convention of Pastors and Delegates of the Churches," the union prayer-meeting of all denominations will be held in the Foundry M. E. church, corner of Fourteenth and G streets northwest, on Monday, the 18th instant, at 5 p. m.

The X. Y. Z. Club have elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: President, A. A. Selden; vice president, F. P. Hastings; secretary, H. S. Valentine; treasurer, W. Collins; and the following board of managers: R. V. Simms, J. N. Wright and J. H. Small, jr.

On Saturday three colored boys, John Smith, Charles H. Smallwood and Edward Berry, entered A. Berwanger's store on High street, Georgetown, and captured a pair of shoes. Officer Harper was notified of the deed immediately after it was committed, and succeeded in arresting them. The shoes were found on Berry's feet.

B. H. Warner, real estate broker and auctioneer, will sell at auction this afternoon, at 5 o'clock, that desirable business property on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets, formerly occupied by Charles H. Lane, esq. We have no doubt but that this sale will be well attended, as first-class property has been bringing good prices since the beginning of the fall business. Property on Pennsylvania avenue is always in demand, and never fails to pay well on the investment.

Burial of Mrs. Crawford.

On Saturday Mrs. Lilly Washington Crawford, wife of Mr. T. C. Crawford, the Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Times*, was buried from the Epiphany church, where Rev. Dr. Walkins officiated. The remains were interred in Oak Hill cemetery. Messrs. H. J. Ramsdell, New York *Tribune*; L. Q. C. Washington, *Courier-Journal*; W. J. Vance, Cincinnati *Commercial*; George Douglass, *Capital*; Wm. C. MacBride, *Evening Star*, and Clarence M. Barton, *Daily Chronicle*, officiated as pall-bearers. Mr. Crawford has the sympathy of his numerous circle of friends in his bereavement. Mrs. Crawford was but twenty-one years of age, and was a young wife, as their wedding was celebrated in August last.

The National University Law College.

The senior class of the National University Law College last week appointed a committee to wait upon Chief Justice Cartter to learn what method should be adopted by the class in order to obtain copies of Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, it being understood that the books are neither purchasable nor obtainable, except by members of the District bar. The Chief Justice expressed his sympathy with the class, but said that he was without authority in the matter, and to issue the books gratis to persons other than members of the District bar, or even otherwise dispose of them, would be unwarrantable.

Meeting of the New York Republican Association.

The New York Republican Association held a meeting Saturday night. Action was taken in reference to getting out the New York vote in Washington, and the entire funds of the association were appropriated for campaign purposes. A resolution was offered authorizing the secretary to furnish the Democratic Jackson Association with the names of all New Yorkers going home to vote. Notice was given of the complete arrangements for reduced transportation, so that all that is now necessary is to apply to Mr. J. H. Carmencke, of the Second Auditor's office, for the necessary orders. Messrs. James Meliurn and John A. Clark were elected active members.

Capitol Hill Baptist Mission.

Sabbath school services of a very interesting character were held yesterday at the Capitol Hill Baptist Mission, corner of Seventh and North A streets. Between two and three hundred children, a majority of whom were picked up out of the streets, were present and recited the lessons with a readiness and precision rarely equalled. After the recitation a half hour was spent in singing, and truly any lover of music would be well rewarded by stepping in and hearing this school sing. The society has a fine brick structure nearly completed on the corner of Sixth and North A streets, which they will occupy shortly. It was built mostly by donations from individuals. Messrs. Dulin & Moore gave a large portion of the brick. The committee, Messrs. Pierce, Murray, Spofford, Langan, Patan and Ferris, have been untiring in their efforts to push the building forward.

Serious Accident.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon quite an excitement was occasioned at the corner of Third street and Pennsylvania avenue, by the falling of a woman from a buggy, which was standing in front of Mades' hotel. It seems that a man named Owens was the driver of the buggy, and he and a female friend had been out enjoying themselves, taking a whiff of the clear, bracing air, and he, thinking that a whiff of something stronger would do him good, got out at Mades' and left the female in the buggy. While he was inside she was seized with an epileptic fit, and fell from the buggy to the wooden pavement on Third street. The force of the fall stunned her, and she also received two severe contusions, one on the top of the head and the other extending half-way across the forehead and down to the left eye. The injured woman was carried into the dining-room of the house, where everything possible was done to alleviate her sufferings, but without avail, and a hack being procured she was taken to her home in an insensible condition.

DIED OF SENILE DEBILITY.

Particulars of an Old Man's Death.

A man, aged between sixty and seventy years, married, (or supposed to be,) Randall Fish, died in the ambulance while being removed to the hospital at the Washington Asylum, Saturday morning. He was removed from a dining saloon or restaurant near the Baltimore and Potomac depot, and the driver of the ambulance, upon finding that he was dead, returned with him to the Board of Health, where a *post mortem* examination was held by the coroner, who pronounced the cause of death "senile debility," or old age. The deceased has resided for some years in this city, and was favorably better known to many persons as Dr. Fisher. He has been engaged in the sale of a fertilizer, called "Bromaphyte." It is said that he has a wife and several children in this city, the former, with whom he had not lived for some time, being employed in the Treasury Department.

Deceased is a native of the State of Maine, and was at one time high sheriff of the counties of Knox, Lincoln and Kennebec, in that State. In the absence of friends or relatives to claim the remains, they were sent by the health officer to the vault of the Washington Asylum, where they will be allowed to remain unburied for a few days, to await information from friends or relatives. The private papers found on his person are also in possession of the health officer.

A Fine Residence.

Among the more than five hundred new brick residences going up east of the Capitol this season are many very fine ones, and few that are not inferior to those heretofore erected in that section. Besides the blocks, which are numerous, are many single residences. Of these, perhaps the most elegant and complete is that of Mr. E. T. Bower, just completed, on Fifth street, near B street south. It is of three stories, 19x65 feet, has eleven rooms, closets and modern improvements. The front is of imitation Ohio freestone, with galvanized iron trimmings, the latter being designed especially for this house, and in fine taste. It is the work of Messrs. Stockstill & Co., of this city. Everything, from cellar to roof, has been done by day's work, and almost entirely by residents of "the Hill." The material is all of the best quality, the owner claims, and certainly he is entitled to the credit of having constructed a building at once pleasing to the eye and convenient in all its arrangements. Mr. Williamson was the builder.

MOOT COURT.

A Novel Supposed-to-be Case—Proceedings of the Senior Class of the National Law School.

A very interesting debate took place Friday evening in the law school of the National University, involving a new question of law not yet decided by our courts. It was the question involving the right of three widows to a dower in the same estate, and the effect of the termination of the estate of the widow of the tenant first seized.

A. owns a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres which he conveys by deed to B, and B conveys the same to C, and C conveys the same to D. Neither of the wives of A, B or C join in the deed. A, B and C die, leaving widows entitled to dower. First: What share of the estate belongs to D? Second. What share belongs to each of the widows of A, B and C? Third. What is the share of the survivors at the death of the widow of A?

These questions are discussed with marked ability by nearly sixty members of the senior class. The discussion was brought to a close last evening, and the opinion of Professor Wedgwood, the presiding professor given to the class.

By the Court. Dower at common law is the right of the widow to a life estate in a third part of all the lands and tenements of which her husband was seized in fee simple, either in deed or in law, at any time during the coverture.

To create a title to dower, three things are necessary: First, marriage; second, seizen of the husband; third, death of the husband. Marriage and seizen give the wife an initiate right to dower. This right is consummated by the death of the husband. The initiate estate of the wife is a conditional estate, depending entirely upon the condition of her survivorship. If she does not survive her husband her estate is never consummated.

In the case before us there is no difficulty in determining that A's widow shall be endowed of one third of the whole estate of which A was seized. She may be said to have been seized of a conditional estate in dower when her right became initiate, of which her husband had no power to deprive her. B was never seized of the initiate dower of A's widow, and B's widow would be endowed of one third of the remainder, after subtracting the dower of A's widow. C was never seized of the initiate dowers of A's and B's widows, and his widow would be entitled to one third of the remainder, after deducting the dowers of A's and B's widows. A, B, C and D each had possession of the whole estate, subject to the prior initiate titles to dower.

When a third party recovers the lands by a prior title it is clear that the wife loses her right to dower therein, to the extent of the estate recovered.

Until the widow's estate becomes consummate and absolute, it ceases to be initiate and contingent, the whole estate is regulated and controlled as if no such estate existed. If C had died before A and B, C's widow would have been endowed of one third of the whole estate. If B had died next, B's widow would have been entitled to one third of the whole estate, and C's widow's dower would have been reduced to one third of two thirds of the estate. If A had died next his widow would be entitled to one third of the whole estate, and B's widow's dower would have been reduced to one third of the remainder, and C's widow to one third of the remainder, after deducting the dowers of the widows of A and B. When the dower of A's widow terminates by her death B's widow is entitled to one third of the whole estate, and C's widow to one third of the two remainder. When B's widow dies C's widow is entitled to one third of the whole estate, and D to the remainder. When the dower of C's widow terminates D is entitled to the whole estate in fee simple, absolute.

The students evinced the greatest interest in the question throughout its consideration.

POLLY PRIMROSE.

What She was Doing for Two Weeks.

The "little country friend" of *Forney's Sunday Chronicle*, Polly Primrose, is certainly more than seventeen. She proves this when she gets mad, and shuffles off for a while that charming robe of innocent simplicity, for the most part, so becomingly worn. It was a happy thought that perhaps Polly had joined the angel band, for October to she was missed from her accustomed place in the *Chronicle*, but the truth is she was engaged in the invention of a new word. After two weeks of hard labor she has again blessed the world with a beautiful addition to the king's English. This time it is "grovelous." It hasn't a bad sound, and it looks tolerably well in print, but what it means is quite another question. Polly wants to be let alone. Can't oblige her. She's too attractive. Must pay attention to her. An irresistible charm settles around her name. No power to resist it. Even feel jealous of Pink and Pansy, the names of her dear kittens. Can't account for it. May be it's the touching way Polly has of putting things. She excites sympathy. What, for instance, could be more pathetic than her story of poor Auntie Pod "among the lavender-scented sheets—squirming and groaning—calculating her burial expenses," and "religiously devouring buttered toast." A man by the name of Brown called it "buttered watermelon," but "toast" is an improvement. The remnant of Auntie Pod's age, "cherished" by Polly's "childlike duty," will be serene and bright if she'll only stop thinking about the undertaker. That she "may return late to heaven" is the sincere prayer of Polly's best friend. Then, again, the sweet creature touches the chord of affinity by a description of the slip she wore when an infant, years agone. When it was supposed she would never become so giddy. No wonder an awe stole over her as she held up the dainty thing between her thumb and finger. She says it was a "ridiculous awe," but that makes no difference—it was an awe, and that's enough. No doubt it is an awful looking thing. Polly must write every week. Its no use trying to live without her.

LOYAL OHIO.

Effect of the Election in the South—Shall the Enforcement Acts be Executed?

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: The result of the election in Ohio Tuesday last should, and no doubt does, make all loyal hearts leap for joy. This result in Ohio and the other States where elections were held on Tuesday will, in the opinion of many, go very far to settle the question as to which party shall elect the President next year. Now, if the United States Supreme Court will give to the nation a speedy decision, sustaining the validity of the Congressional enforcement acts, peace will be restored in the States lately in rebellion, and protection will be afforded to life, liberty and property in those States. Such a decision now would save the lives of at least hundreds of the friends of the Government in the South. With such a decision, and with a reasonable show by the President that the laws shall be enforced and evil-doers punished or made afraid, the life of the nation, and of very many useful Republicans, might be preserved. The longer a decision is delayed the harder it will be to preserve the peace and protect life, and in the meantime the most outrageous acts are being daily committed by organized bands of White Leaguе assassins, and with perfect impunity, fearless of and setting at defiance all law. JUSTICE.

New Paintings on Exhibition.

Within the past week four new paintings have been placed on exhibiton at Markriter's. Three of these are scenes in the Sierra Nevadas, by Baumgras, from sketches taken during his recent sojourn in the far West. These paintings are fresh, crisp and clean, and seem permeated with the transparent atmospheric effect for which the mountain regions of the West is so noted, and which renders the climate so invigorating, healthful and delicious. The vigor and clearness with which the trees and rocks are brought out, and the delicate touches thrown into the haze which distance always gives to a landscape, show Mr. Baumgras' most artistic handling, while the colors show the closeness with which he has studied nature.

Mr. Markriter exhibits another new picture, "A Scene on Rock Creek," by Stullwagen, which shows considerable merit, though the name is new to us.

At Philps', on the Avenue, are three more beautiful gems by Baumgras, of cascades in the Sierras, each different from the others, and all attractive. These are also new, having just been placed on exhibition. A scene of rapids on one of the rivers of the far West, by Munger, also at Philps', is very good. The coloring seems strange to our eyes, with its mixture of vermillion and ochre among the grays and greens, but the drawing is fine and the motion of the water excellent.

Max Weyl has finished four new pictures recently. One of these, a brilliant autumn piece, is now on exhibition at his store, on Seventh street, while "A View on the Shenandoah, in Virginia," (a beautiful picture,) a "Capital Vista," as seen from a point below the Washington monument, and a magnificent autumnal piece, "A View on Rock Creek" are yet at his studio. This last named is something new in coloring, and exceedingly effective.

Funeral of Little Brewis Conard.

The funeral of little Brewis Conard, whose sad death was noticed in Friday morning's papers, took place from his parents' residence, 321 C street southeast, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The remains, accompanied by many friends of the family, were carried to St. Mark's P. E. church, on Third street east, where the burial service was read by the rector, the Rev. A. Floridus Steele. In the course of the service he remarked that, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the child's death, he could not refrain from expressing to the family, in the presence of those who were there assembled, the sympathy which had been awakened throughout the whole neighborhood. Furthermore, there is comfort, he said, to be derived from the thought which arises in connection with the death of any young child, that in such a death there is no such sting as that mentioned by the Apostle Paul, where he says: "The sting of death is sin." Children, therefore, who are old enough to know that death is a removal from this life, and yet too young to have formed sinful habits, have no dread of death. They generally meet this enemy with smiles and words of cheer to their parents and friends. Let us resign our little one to Christ when He calls for them. Said Jesus: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such are the kingdom of God." In another sense than that originally intended, we may regard these words as appropriate now. We give this child up to Him to whom we all owe our lives and our salvation: than whom there can be no tenderer shepherd and guardian.

The body was taken to the Congressional cemetery, and committed to the ground with the appropriate words of the Church service.

Sent to the Insane Asylum.

On Saturday a colored man named Geo. Peco was sent to the insane asylum. On Saturday morning he visited the White House, and demanded an interview with the President, stating that he had been discharged from the penitentiary at Baltimore, where he had been unjustly imprisoned. He also said that certain parties were hunting him for the purpose of taking his life, and other things which were sufficient to establish his lunacy and to justify the officer on duty to take him in custody. He was taken to police headquarters, and afterwards sent to the asylum. When searched a five-barreled revolver, loaded in every barrel, was found on his person.

Bargains in Beaver Overcoats.

Bargains in Fall Overcoats.

Bargains in Tolmar.

Bargains in Ulster.

GEORGE C. HENNING, 411 Seventh street.

Fine Shoes.

Burt's and other leading makes sold at the lowest cash prices at C. F. Cummins', 932 Seventh street northwest.

PIEDMONT FAIR.

Fun—Racing—Consolation—Handy Cap—Bear Dead.

CULPEPER, Oct. 16, 1875.

In addition to the entries mentioned in my letter of yesterday, must be stated some fine sheep and short-horns, owned and exhibited by Colonel Bradford, the president. Also, fine Devon cattle, and some sheep, by F. W. Chiles, of Louisa county.

RACES.

A foot-race, by colored boys and men, in which about a dozen of them started, only two or three of whom ran the half mile, the balance falling out at different intervals. This race caused much amusement and general shouting, but with all this thunder the weather continued fair, without storm and very cool. Maj. Cochrane, the postmaster of the city and publisher of the *Times*, was deputied to look after the representatives of the press and see them provided with suitable badges, which duty he discharged.

The race for pacing horses attracted attention; two horses were entered, and the best time made, for a mile, best two in three, was 2:23, 2:25 and 2:14. A running race followed, one mile, best two in three; two horses ran; best time, 1:55 and 1:54. This closed the sports of the day.

The hotels and boarding-houses are crowded to their utmost, there being at least ten thousand people on the grounds this afternoon. The Waverly house is the favorite hotel, kept by J. T. Hicks. Mr. Wiggin, the faithful and popular assistant postmaster at this place, has laid me under obligations by kindly attentions. Last evening the Grangers of this region held an interesting meeting and reunion for discussing the welfare of the Order.

To day will be occupied by announcing the premiums and some races to wagons. On the whole, in the opinion of the officers, this has been a very successful fair, for interests of the society. It will close this p. m.

ACCIDENT.

A fatal and melancholy accident occurred on Wednesday, resulting in the death of a boy, Daniel Reece, son of Rev. W. W. Reece, formerly of Laurel, Md. He, with other boys, was playing about the cars of the train which carry passengers to the fair grounds, when the engineer backed the train against the car upon which the boy was standing, when he was caught between them and crushed to death. His funeral takes place to-day.

D. S. C.

CULPEPER, Oct. 16, 1875.

Last evening the fair was closed, after a most successful meeting, without any disaster, but with some swearing by the defeated parties, as usual, for premiums and racing. One thing was noticeable which is creditable to the management—that is, there were no gambling affairs, swindling machines or pools, as often curses the fairs. After a running and trotting race followed the most amusing race of the day, being a

MULE RACE,

in which four entered—one black, one gray, one red and one mouse-colored—to run one mile. Soon the black fell out, then the red, while gray and mouse went the whole—the mouse, or dun color winning the race in about two minutes, two white men and two negroes being the riders. Two of the mules made much fun by running off the track and running backward and crosswise, and hunting the gates, while the old gray insisted on crowding and mounting the fence and railings, giving his rider a right lively time to keep the saddle and save his legs. Then, after the surgeons had repaired damages to the laughter-splitting ruptures, followed the closing race, being a

HANDY CAP CONSOLATION

for $40; $25 to the first and $15 to the second; distance three quarters of a mile. Three horses entered, and Farrell's bay won the first and Bartelle's gray, Pinback, the second.

Farrell's bay then trotted a half mile dash in 1:16½, and has heretofore made a full mile at the same rate. A large multitude crowded the grounds until the close.

This morning an incident occurred on the grounds, causing both fright and sport. Kinchelse's black bear, "Ruben," which has amused the boys during the fair by his dance and antics while tied to a pole, broke loose and ranged around at will, hugging little darkeys and scaring their mammas, but hurting none much, when a man came to their relief and shot poor Bruin, and he was soon hurried off to the barbecue, to be piecemeal, to be made into hair oil. In two respects this fair has surpassed all others which we have seen, namely, in the number of handsome women and fine horses and cattle. Colonel Bradford, the president, is justly proud of its success.

D. S. C.

Colored Schools—Second District.

The pride and interest manifested by the colored people in the management of their public schools in the cities of Washington and Georgetown is, to say the least, astonishing, and clearly establishes the wisdom of such earnest Republicans and true friends of the colored race as the lamented Stevens and ex-Senator Patterson, of New Hampshire, who were mainly instrumental in shaping the Congressional legislation governing the colored schools, in placing them in such a position as to free them from the prejudice which exists to such an extent as to require separate school systems. The order consolidating the board of trustees in effect abolished all the main guarantees contemplated by the acts of Congress, and places the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown, under a less favorable local government, in the very position that the framers of the Congressional laws intended to guard against. The colored people, whose children are denied admission in the public schools for white children, are naturally exercised at having their schools, which have, under their immediate supervision, grown during the short period of thirteen years from one ungraded school, with less than 100 pupils, to a magnificent and well graded system of schools, with an attendance of over 4,000 pupils, and are managed by colored superintendent, trustees and teachers, in a manner as to show results which will bear favorable comparison with any schools in the country. The pride in attaining success is general throughout these schools, and in no section of our city is it shown to any better advantage than in the Second school district. The high degree of excellence attained by the schools located in this district has had a tendency to awaken an additional interest in both teachers and scholars which cannot be otherwise than beneficial. In their laudable efforts the teachers are receiving the united support of parents and friends. A few of the latter testified their appreciation of the labor performed by the teachers in placing the "Old" Second foremost in the ranks by entertaining them with a grand banquet in honor of their victory. The occasion was one of pleasant memories, and suggestive of the high opinion entertained for the teachers.

The ladies teaching in the Second district are doing all in their power to make the school-room attractive and pleasant, and therein lies principally the secret of their success. In furtherance of their purpose they have inaugurated a series of weekly rhetorical and concert exercises, the first of which was given Friday evening last by the pupils of Grammar No. 1, under the immediate supervision of the teacher, Miss R. J. Cook, and was a brilliant success, the large crowd filling the hall of the John F. Cook school building to repletion, numbers being unable to gain admittance. It is by such encouragements that the pupil becomes attached to the teacher, and the latter thereby is enabled to gain the affection and confidence of the former, both necessary essentials for success in the school-room. The pupils of Grammar No. 2, Miss A. L. Foote teacher, will, on next Friday evening, entertain their parents and friends at the same place with an exhibition of their capacity in showing the pleasant side of school life.

Mount Pleasant.

Our suburban neighbor at Mt. Pleasant appear to be making progress slowly, and evidently constitute a neighborhood in the best sense of that term. During the present year, as our readers already know, they have added to their conveniences a handsome village hall, which has a large room for public entertainments, religious services, the weekly meetings of its two Sunday-schools and other village purposes. In connection with this room are two small rooms for committees, Bible classes, infant classes, &c., and in the second story a handsome room for the temperance division.

On Friday night Thomas J. Gardner, esq., of the Internal Revenue Bureau, lectured in this room to the people of Mt. Pleasant on the origin, history and vagaries of the Heathen Deity, bearing the cognomen of Bacchus. He gave an admirable account of his origin, the orgies of his worshipers, his travels, &c. His travels must have been pretty extensive, judging from the number of his disciples, and, as the lecturer suggested, he must have spent some time in this District. Mrs. Caudle, the Widow Bedot, the poet Saxe and others, who have been familiar with the drunken god, contributed interesting materials, which were skillfully used on the occasion, so that the entertainment proved to be of rare interest.

Next Friday evening Professor Brainard is to lecture there on the "Scientific Basis for Immortality and the Future Life."

Among the improvements at Mt. Pleasant during the year are two new dwellings on Park street, besides one just now commenced, and Mr. Houghton's beautiful cottage on Brown street. This last is probably the prettiest little villa in the District. Externally its proportions are faultless, its tower well proportioned, while its slate roofs and tasteful gables make a fine impression. Internally the rooms are small, but admirably arranged and very light and cheerful. The parlor and dining-room are on different sides of the hall, and open across it with wide sliding doors, and in front of the dining-room is a small reclining room or library. The kitchen, of course, communicates with the dining-room, and the whole is heated with a furnace in the cellar.

Of the new houses on Park street, that of Mr. Parmanter has been occupied for several months. That of Mr. Lewis is just now being completed, and will be occupied Nov. 1st. They are generally meet just begun is being built for the use and occupancy of Mr. Hurlford. They are all comfortable and convenient dwellings, and add their quota to the interest of the place.

AMUSEMENTS.

The National Theatre—Si Slocum.

To-night the Frank Frayne rifle team appear for the first time before a Washington audience. They are under the competent management of Col. J. Holmes Grover, a brother of Leonard Grover, so well known in Washington. The play of Si Slocum, written by Clifton W. Tayleure, is founded upon incidents of frontier life, and illustrates the daily routine of pioneer life. We believe this play is vastly superior to all its predecessors of similar character, and that it will prove worthy of the very best theatrical patronage. During the past week over thirteen thousand people visited it with delight in Baltimore, and it is expected that the same popularity will exist for it here.

The Theatre Comique.

The hero of Niagara, Harry Leslie, appears tonight at the Theatre Comique in his grotesque acts. At recess he gives a public exhibition of his nerve by walking on a rope stretched from the top of the theatre across the street, and forty feet in the air. The Coleman sisters, Harry and Lizzie Braham, the three Arnold Brothers, Aubrey and Moulton, and other new stars appear. The great favorites remain—Kitty Allyne and Lilly Howard.

The Avenue Theatre.

Manager Bauer increases for this week the powerful attractions at the Avenue theatre. Besides those who drew the large houses of last week, there are very attractive names on the bill.

ALL SORTS.

In the Church of Santa Maria at Bergamo on the 12th ultimo the remains of Donizetti were interred with public honors.

Berlin hacks are universally admitted to be the shabbiest and most uncomfortable still encumbering the earth's surface.

Von Bulow will make his first appearance in this country in Boston, October 18, and will make a New England tour before coming to New York.

The Prince of Wales regards the trip to India in the light of a big spree. Rome, Athens and Alexandria in Egypt are to be his way stations for refreshment.

A Byron Club, patterned after the famous Cobden Club, and designed to promote amity between Greeks and Englishmen, is to be inaugurated in London this winter.

Sheep raising has paid better in Walla-Walla and Umatilla counties, Oregon, than any other enterprise. There are now over 200,000 head of sheep grazing there, worth from $2.50 to $3 per head.

Sixty-seven journals are now published in Rome, of which only five are religious. Before 1870 only two were published—the *Osservatore* and the *Giornale*—which were exceedingly pious, but not very newsy.

One third of the vessels of the Italian navy are offered for sale at auction. Their original cost was ten millions of dollars; the price now asked for the whole lot is only one million. Dealers in fire-wood and old iron are afforded an excellent opportunity.

The birthday of the Marquis of Bute (September 12) was celebrated at Cardiff, Wales, by a gigantic school treat, at which four thousand children attended. Besides being among the richest of the peers of Great Britain, the Bute family were for three hundred and sixty years prior to 1748 hereditary sheriffs of Bute county, and the present marquis is hereditary coroner.

A Cumberland (Md.) newspaper vouches for the fact that Miss Nancy Valentine, who lives near that city, attained her one hundredth year in August last, and through all her long life has never had occasion to use spectacles; can thread a needle with as much ease and precision as when sixteen years of age; does her own cooking, and occupies all her spare time knitting stockings for sale, first spinning the wool herself.

The *Journal des Debats*, on the death of the painter Waldeck, who died lately at the age of 107, cites the celebrated painters who have died at an advanced age. Titian died in his 99th year; Coypel was 89; Rigaud, 88; Mignard, 85; Jordaens, 84; Pinturetti, Claude Lorraine and Albano, 82; Primaticcio and Teniers, 80; Carle Vernet and Greuze, 79; David, 77; Guercino, Leonardo da Vinci and Ostade, 75. Michael Angelo died in his 90th year.

On November 1 an alteration in the pay-roll of British judges will go into effect. The existing Lords Justices will be paid £6,000 and the future ones £5,000. The Lord High Chancellor will receive £6,000 for the special duties of his office and an addition of £4,000 as Speaker of the House of Lords. To the Lord Chief Justice of England £6,000 will be paid, to the Master of Rolls £6,000, and the Chief Justice of Common Pleas and Chief Baron of the Exchequer £7,000 each.

Mr. Carlyle, according to the Liverpool *Daily Post*, declines with scorn the degree of LL. D., conferred by Harvard University. American universities, he says, are "scamblances," their degrees the "silliest sham feathers," and that he should be asked to "join in heading your long line of D. D.'s and LL. D.'s—a line of pompous little fellows bobbing down to posterity on the crutches of two or three letters of the alphabet, passing on into the oblivion of all universities and small potatoes"—is more than he can bear.

The marriage of Mr. William C. Seddon, son of ex-Secretary of War Seddon, of the Southern Confederacy, to Miss Kate L. Slawson, daughter of Mr. J. B. Slawson, president of the cross-town Fourteenth street railroad, last Wednesday, at the residence of the bride's family, 16 West Forty-sixth street, New York. Bishop Bissell, of Vermont, performed the ceremony at fifteen minutes past nine p. m. The day was the twenty-ninth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Slawson, who were also united in wedlock by the bishop.

Miss Fanny Davenport has been talking to a St. Louis editor about the drama. She denied that she relied for success wholly upon skill and taste in dressing, although she made that an accessory, and added: "It cannot strike you as strange that I should be sorry that my skill as a dressmaker should be made to overshadow my love and devotion to my art, which I love and reverence almost as a religion! That I am a tolerably good dressmaker has been already admitted, and now I am desirous of securing some higher recognition of qualifications which I think I possess, and which I believe to be far higher and worthier."

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