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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL OF THOSE FIRST-Class DWELLINGS on Q and Corcoran streets, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Terms: Small cash payment; balance in monthly installments. J. W. P. MYERS, Agent, dec11-6t 715 Fifteenth street.

FOR SALE—AN ELEGANT COUPE, HORSE and HARNESS. The Horse is a bleu, finely proportioned and stylish animal, 16½ hands, and eight years old. The Harness is one of Wood Gibson's best, and has been in use only a few months. For further information inquire at KRUIT'S Stable, 1724 G street, where they can both be seen. dec11-1w*

FOR SALE—A SET OF HANDSOME PARLOR FURNITURE, Rep, in good order, at very reasonable rate, also, an OAK DINING-ROOM SET, with other Household Goods, by a party leaving the city. Call, before 12 o'clock, at 732 Thirteenth street northwest. dec*

FOR SALE CHEAP, A HAND-SOME LANDAU, but little used. Apply to JOHN McDERMOTT & BRO., 320 Pennsylvania avenue. dec8-3t*

FOR SALE—A WEEKLY REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER.—Location in a fast-growing Western town. Paper now in its eighteenth year and doing a good business. For particulars, address "S. G.," REPUBLICAN Office. dec8-2t*

FOR SALE—A NEW THREE-STORY AND back building pressed-brick-front Residence, containing all modern improvements, on large lot, and centrally located. Price, $10,000. J. STANLEY JONES, dec2-tf 311 Seventh street.

FOR SALE—IN BALTIMORE.

Three-story BRICK HOUSE, eleven rooms, marble steps and trimmings, ranges in kitchen, bath-room, hot and cold water, gas fixtures. Lot 15 by 120. Price $4,200; half cash, balance in six and twelve months, ground rent 99 per foot front. Also, two new COTTAGES on Catonsville avenue, near the Relay, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. One for $1,350, the other $6,250. Lots 50 by 160. One half cash, the balance in 99 years; six per cent. interest, on credit payments, payable semi-annually. Commutation from Washington to Baltimore, 30 cents daily; commutation from Washington to Relay, 25 cents daily; commutation from Relay to Baltimore, 12 cents daily. For full particulars address JAMES McDONNELL, St. Denis Post Office, Baltimore county, Md. nov29-10t*

FOR SALE—A THREE-STORY BRICK HOUSE, No. 224 Pennsylvania avenue southeast; contains 9 rooms and bath, yard front and rear, two bay windows; also stable, on a fifteen foot paved alley, one square from the Capitol. Price $5,500. $1,500 cash; balance in one, two and three years at 8 per cent. Title perfect. C. W. MILLER & CO., Real Estate Agents, No. 915 F street N. W. nov26-2w

FOR SALE AT A SACRIFICE.

A substantial THREE-STORY BRICK RESIDENCE, with a south front, centrally located, containing all modern improvements, including bath-room, furnace room or cellar. This residence is one of the most cheerful and desirable in the city, has all the modern improvements, and will be sold at a

POSITIVE BARGAIN.

Title perfect, and only reason for selling is the owner lives in San Francisco and MUST SELL to apply proceeds in business in Baltimore. For exact location, price, full particulars and permit to inspect the premises, apply to HUYCK & ADDISON, Real Estate Brokers, No. 1335 F street northwest, adjoining Ebbitt house. nov27-tf

FOR SALE—A COMFORTABLE TWO-Story Brick HOUSE, Mansard roof and basement, situate on Capitol Hill, one square from Capitol building; all modern improvements; nine rooms and bath. F. W. MILLER & CO., nov22-1m 915 F street northwest.

1328 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.—For sale—All modern improvements. Apply to Fitch & Fox, Penna. ave., between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. nov-tf

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.—WILL SELL on long time and reasonable terms, or exchange for city or county property, a fine 4 horse Hack, with House, Stables, &c., together with considerable valuable wood-land, comprising upwards of 300 acres, near Stafford Court-house, Va., and convenient to Aquia creek, which is now navigable. For information and terms inquire at this office. oct25 tf

FOR SALE.

I offer for sale all classes of BRICK AND FRAME HOUSES, situated in some of the most desirable locations on CAPITOL HILL, at prices to suit those who desire to purchase. LOTS of any dimensions can be bought on reasonable terms.

HOUSES FOR RENT.
RENTS COLLECTED.
LOANS NEGOTIATED.
PROPERTY SOLD ON PUBLIC AUCTION.
JOHN J. EVANS,
oct4-TuSTuF Real Estate Broker, 200 Pennsylvania ave. east, Capitol Hill.

FOR SALE—HOUSES FOR $350, $200, $250, $18, $000, $15, $00, $12, $00, $10, $00, $8, $00, $7, $00, $6, $00, $5, $00, $4, $00, $2, $00, $1, $00. Well rented and good tenants; easy terms. oct-tf E. J. SWEET, 511 Seventh street.

FOR SALE — HORSE, BUGGY AND Harness, in first-rate order. Horse is kind, will stand without hitching, and is a fast road horse. Inquire at KELEHER'S STABLES, sep8-tf 427 Eighth street.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

205 I STREET NORTHWEST, ONE door east of my residence.—FOR RENT—Dwelling-house, 20 feet front, 70 feet deep, four stories, with back building three stories, containing in all fourteen rooms, embracing all modern improvements; gas fixtures in complete order. Lot 20 by 315 feet. Stable and Carriage-house fronting R street. Also, a fine new Dwelling-house on R street, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, embracing large back building, fourteen rooms in all; Stable and Carriage-house. I will sell the above property very low and on easy terms, or rent the same at a low rate to a good tenant. Inquire of M. E. EMERY, dec1-6t 207 I street northwest.

FOR SALE OR RENT—AT A GREAT sacrifice, FIVE HOUSES on Seventeenth and V streets northwest. YOUNG & MIDDLETON, nov27-1m Le Droit Building.

FOR SALE OR RENT, ON GEORGETOWN HEIGHTS.—The residence of the late Morris Adler, esq.; brick house, with 10 rooms, kitchen and pantry; one acre of ground. Rent, $35 per month. Apply to W. H. DOUGAL, corner Road and High streets. oct30-tf

WANTS.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED SALESMAN in a dry goods store. Apply at 739 Market space. dec11-2t

A SINGLE GENTLEMAN DESIRES A heated room with board, within fifteen minutes walk of the Treasury. Cannot pay more than $35 per month. Address "Bachelor," NATIONAL REPUBLICAN office. dec10-2t*

WANTED—SITTING AND BEDROOM, with board, within a radius of one quarter of a mile of Analostan boat house. Address, stating lowest terms, etc., per letter, A. T. L., 1027 Q street northwest. dec10*

WANTED—AT THIS OFFICE, ONE copy of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, of November 3 and December 6, 1875, for which a liberal price will be paid. dec7-2t*

ANY PERSON DESIRING THE ASSISTance, permanent or temporary, of an experienced, intelligent and assiduous amanuensis or confidential secretary, whose references are unexceptionable, can secure the same by addressing RUTLEDGE, at this office. dec3-tf

WANTED—PARTNER IN PAYING BUSiness; small capital required; sure profits; will pay well; demand for the trade will be commencing for the season. Address PARTNER, REPUBLICAN Office. nov27-tf

918 F STREET.—WANTED—FAMILIES to know that I keep always a large variety of choice Servants for all kinds of housework. Good white and colored help can always find good homes at the Eureka Employment Office, 918 F street, near Ninth. nov27-1m MRS. LOUISE C. BUTLER.

WANTED — ONE HUNDRED MEAL Boarders can be accommodated on reasonable terms at the Imperial hotel, JAMES S. PIERCE, Proprietor. nov13-1m

WANTED—COPIES OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN for February, 1873. A liberal price will be paid at this office. nov-tf

WANTED—MILITARY BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS. WM. J. JOHNSTON, Attorney-at-Law, aug-1y Room 40, Le Droit Building.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING WANTED AND the HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID. In consequence of the large sales made daily, I am in need of the above, and am prepared to buy all kinds of GENTLEMEN'S, BOYS' AND LADIES' GARMENTS, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, BEDDING, WATCHES, PISTOLS, &c., at the very highest cash prices. By calling or addressing by mail prompt attention will be given by HERZOG, sep25-tf 917 D street northwest.

DR. A. PRATT, DENTIST, HAS REmoved to the northwest corner of Seventh and D streets, over Crandall's book store, where he will be pleased to see his old patrons, and the general public. nov25-tf

BOARDING.

1227 L STREET—HANDSOMELY FURnished south front ROOMS, with or without board; Piano, &c. Single rooms with board only $25 per month. Location superb. Cars convenient. dec9-3t

1336 I STREET—ELEGANT PARLOR and bed-room, communicating, in first-class residence, with or without board. nov30-8t*

SOMETHING NEW IN WASHINGTON.

THE NATIONAL HYGIENIC INSTITUTE AND DINING ROOMS.

Just opened at 1006 F street, where the best FIRST-CLASS BOARD can be had at reasonable rates, permanent and transient. W. F. ROSS, M. D., Proprietor. nov19-3m

949 K STREET NORTHWEST—BOARDING.—Pleasant Rooms, en suite or single, with board, in one of the finest locations in the city, one square only from Ninth and Eleventh street and New York avenue railroads. House recently occupied by the French Minister. nov18-1m*

A NEW DINING SALOON FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND TABLE BOARDERS, 450 Ninth street. This new saloon will be liberally conducted. The best the market affords will be at the command of guests. The scale of prices is exceedingly low. nov-tf C. H. NELSON & CO., Proprietors.

IMPERIAL HOTEL BILLIARD ROOM, just opened with eight new tables; Phelan & Collender cushion. J. S. PEIRCE, nov8-tf Proprietor.

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806 TWELFTH STREET NORTHWEST. FOR RENT—Two suites of handsomely-furnished ROOMS. dec11-6t*

FOR RENT—PARLOR AND BED-ROOM, handsomely furnished, all modern improvements; short distance from the Capitol. Terms, $40 per month. JOHN J. EVANS, 300 Pennsylvania avenue, Capitol Hill. dec11-2w

933 K STREET—FOR RENT—ELEGANT ROOMS on first and second floors, with hot and cold water, closets, &c. Board can be had in the same block. dec11-2t*

321 C STREET SOUTHEAST, CAPITOL Hill—For Rent—Several Rooms, en suite and single, newly and elegantly furnished. Inquire as above. dec11*

1321 F STREET, NEAR WILLARD'S and the Ebbitt, and also at 924 Seventeenth street, facing Farragut square, within a short walk of the Arlington—For Rent—Comfortably-furnished suites of apartments. Also, good caterers in the neighborhood. Cars go directly from either door to the Capitol. dec11-2t*

1209 ELEVENTH STREET SOUTH, EAST—A GOOD STORE—FOR RENT—On good terms. A first-class stand. Inquire next door, 1211. dec11-6t*

1016 TENTH STREET NORTHWEST—FOR RENT—Two connecting unfurnished rooms. Gas, bath, hot and cold water in rooms. dec11-2t*

817 TWELFTH STREET—FOR RENT, two handsome suites of rooms, on first and second floor, on line of New York avenue cars. dec10-4t*

522 TENTH STREET NORTHWEST.—Members of Congress and others desiring handsomely-furnished Rooms, with or without board, can be suited by applying as above. References exchanged. dec10*

210 A STREET SOUTHEAST—FOR rent, furnished rooms without board, Grant Row, one square east of the Capitol. dec10-4t*

404 SIXTH STREET NORTHWEST—Members of Congress and others desiring handsomely-furnished rooms, can be suited by applying as above. dec9*

FOR RENT.—A PARLOR AND ONE OR two bed-rooms, with board, gas and fuel. Location pleasant and convenient to street cars. Can have use of horse and carriage, if desired. Terms moderate. For particulars address "West End," this office. dec10-6t

1405 NEW YORK AVENUE—MEMBERS OF CONGRESS and others desiring nicely-furnished Rooms can be suited by applying as above. References exchanged. dec10*

721 AND 723 FIFTEENTH STREET, opposite Wormley's—Members of Congress and others desiring handsomely-furnished rooms with or without board, can be suited by applying as above. References exchanged. dec10-2t*

1213 K STREET NORTHWEST—FIRST-CLASS BOARD, with or without rooms. Also, three en suites of fine furnished Rooms, with all modern improvements, on first, second and third floors, suitable for members of Congress or others, with board. L. BUFFINGTON. dec10-FMWlm

509 SIXTH STREET NORTHWEST—FOR rent—Furnished ROOMS. dec9*

509 B STREET SOUTHEAST, CAPITOL Hill—Handsomely furnished ROOMS and PARLORS to let, with or without board. Private family. Terms moderate. References exchanged. dec9-2t*

FOR RENT—FIVE OR SIX HANDSOMELY furnished Parlors and Bed-rooms, connecting, suitable for Senators and Members. Please call or address at 235 C street northwest, between Third and Four-and-a-half. dec9-3t

1202 E STREET NORTHWEST—FOR RENT, one suite of three communicating rooms on second floor, handsomely furnished. Bath-room and closet on same floor. Convenient to three lines of street cars and the Imperial, Willard's and the Ebbitt house. Suitable for a Senator or member of Congress. Rent moderate. dec6-4t*

819 THIRTEENTH STREET NORTHWEST—For rent to a gentleman, a furnished front room; house centrally located; occupied by a private family. References required. dec6-2t

1021 VERMONT AVENUE—FOR RENT, a handsomely furnished suite of rooms, on first floor; house supplied with all modern conveniences. dec3-3t

715 TWELFTH STREET NORTHWEST—For rent, parlor and suite of rooms, elegantly furnished, bath rooms, &c.; three squares from the Ebbitt House. dec3-3t

FOR RENT—THE BASEMENT OF THE Arlington Fire Insurance Company's Building, having a large fire-proof Vault and all conveniences. Apply at the Arlington Fire Insurance Company, 155 Pennsylvania avenue, opposite United States Treasury. dec2-2t

510 THIRTEENTH STREET, BETWEEN E and F streets—For Rent—Two handsomely furnished rooms, on first and second floors, with private baths attached. Also, several single rooms. House convenient to street cars and principal hotels. dec-6t

606 H STREET NORTHWEST.—FOR RENT—Two communicating Rooms, second floor, together or singly, with or without first-class table board. dec2-3t

735 NINTH STREET—HANDSOMELY furnished ROOMS en suite, suitable for Members of Congress. Terms moderate. dec1-3t*

933 K STREET—FOR RENT—ELEGANT Back Parlor on first floor and two rooms above, furnished with hot and cold water, gas, closets, etc. Board can be had in the same block. Apply during the forenoon at 933 K street. dc7-3t*

1203 ELEVENTH STREET NORTHWEST.—Furnished Parlor and Bedroom, communicating, on first floor; suitable for a Member of Congress; $30; street cars pass the door to the Capitol. dc7-3t*

1225 N STREET NORTHWEST.—Handsomely, newly-furnished Suite of Rooms; second floor; south front; open fire in parlor; private family; all modern conveniences. dc7-tf

459 C STREET, OPPOSITE METROPOLITAN CHURCH.—Handsomely-furnished Parlor and Bedroom, communicating, suitable for members of Congress; water-closet, hot and cold water, open fire, south front; near leading hotels. dc6-4t*

1402 H STREET.—TO MEMBERS OF Congress and others.—Handsomely furnished rooms for rent, two squares from the Ebbitt and Arlington, and convenient to three lines of street cars. dec6-1m

220 NORTH H STREET, NEAR THIRD STREET N. W.—FOR RENT.—Handsomely furnished room, single or en suite, in a private house, with all modern conveniences. dec3-3t*

639 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, CAPITOL Hill—Strangers visiting Washington—Furnished Rooms, single or en suite, by the day or week, at reasonable rates. no30-tf

209 AND 211 GRANT ROW, EAST Capitol street—members of Congress and others desiring handsomely furnished rooms with or without board, can be suited. References exchanged. no23-3t*

1227 N STREET NORTHWEST.—FOR Rent, two communicating, nicely-furnished rooms on the second floor; south front; modern conveniences. House; private family; for rent singly or en suite. December 1, 1875. no23-1f

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FOR RENT—SEVERAL HOUSES ON CORCORAN STREET, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth, containing ten rooms, gas, water, bath, latrobes. Rent, $40 per month. Apply at 715 Fifteenth street. J. W. P. MYERS, Agent. dec11-6t

508 FIFTH STREET NORTHWEST—For rent, thirteen rooms, &c., opposite Judiciary square, by A. B. DUVALL, corner of Four-and-a-half street and Louisiana avenue. dec10-tf

1221 K STREET.—FOR RENT, the residence of Mrs. General Eastman. Apply at the house. dec10-6t*

309 EAST CAPITOL STREET—FOR RENT—Seven rooms, modern improvements; F-street cars pass the door. Can be seen each day at noon until rented. dec8-4t*

1531 F STREET NORTHWEST.—FOR rent, a new brick house. Hot and cold water, range, Latrobe, &c.; 11 rooms. CHAS. P. PUSHAW, Broker, dec8-tf 626 and 628 F street.

FOR RENT.—FURNISHED HOUSE, corner Fourteenth street and Massachusetts avenue; former residence of General R. C. Schenck. Apply to F. B. McGUIRE, 1206 F street northwest. dc4-6t

FOR RENT—WE HAVE SEVERAL FIRST-CLASS FURNISHED HOUSES for rent in Washington, ranging in price from $250 to $800 per month for Congressional session, or a fair reduction by the year or a term of years. For location and particulars, inquire of HUYCK & ADDISON, dec2-tf 1335 F street, adjoining the Ebbitt House.

FOR RENT OR LEASE—"EDGEWOOD," the elegant suburban residence of the late Chief Justice Chase. Partly furnished, eighteen rooms, and every modern convenience; beautiful lawn and grounds; stable, carriage-house, barn, &c. This is one of the handsomest suburban residences around Washington, and will be let to a responsible private family only. For terms and permit to see the premises, apply to WM. McKEEL, Real Estate Agent, 504 F street, Le Droit Building. nov30-tf

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, A heavy Gold Thimble, in a black case; between 10 and 11 o'clock, going from No. 1113 Pennsylvania avenue to 400 I street. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning it to No. 1312 N street northwest. dc10*

ON SATURDAY, THE 4TH INSTANT, A Large LEATHER POCKET-BOOK, containing money and notes of Andrew Gibson, James Boyce, and a receipt from Salvinis Gleason for paving brick; also, bank book in account with Bank of Washington. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving the same at this office. dc7-3t*

AMUSEMENTS.

National Theatre—Mr. McCullough's Last Appearances.

There was a splendid house last night in compliment to the great tragedian. "Virginius" was the play, and Mr. McCullough was at his best. In the third act, when Virginius first learns of the plot to compass his daughter's ruin; in the fourth, when defying Cladius in the forum, and in the last act, when crazed, he flies from his home, finds the tyrant in his dungeon, and urged to fury by the spectre of his dead child, slays the destroyer of his happiness—in these scenes his facial expression was something wonderful. The declamatory passages were recited with great power, and the audience was fairly carried away at times by the whirlwind of his passion. Virginius is one of Mr. McCullough's strongest parts. This afternoon at the matinee the popular Indian drama, "Metamora," will be performed, Mr. McCullough in the title *role*. A better play for the matinee could not be offered.

To-night, for his last appearance, he will enact Cardinal Richelieu, at the earnest desire of many of our most prominent public and private citizens. Richelieu is probably the best play, if it be not the only good acting play, of its character that has been written for years. Its language is beautiful; its construction a model of elegance, and its wit and pathos at once subtle and sublime. We take Mr. McCullough's conception of Cardinal's character to be in entire accord with the design of the author, and it has impressed us as a most artistic and delicate interpretation. Mr. McCullough's fine force, his great physical power, and the tenderness and delicacy of the finer and more evanescent shades of emotion combine to him a fit and able exponent of Richelieu. He seems to stand stand aright the character that Bulwer has so wonderfully drawn, and we can at least say that nothing has ever pleased us more than his interpretation of it. There will doubtless be an overflowing house to bid Mr. McCullough farewell.

Mr. John T. Raymond.

It will not be forgotten that this inimitable comedian will commence an engagement at the National on Monday evening next as Col. Sellers, a creation solely his own. Mr. Raymond will have the support of Miss Marie Gordon, a young lady of unusual personal attractions, and an actress of the highest merit and ability. She will be put on the stage in a proper manner, with every attention paid to appropriate scenery and appointments.

Lincoln Hall—Orphans' Concert.

At Lincoln hall, next Monday evening, there will be a concert and gymnastic entertainment by the children of the Protestant Orphan Asylum. The orphans will be assisted by the full Marine band, by Professor Bischoff, the blind organist, and by that excellent reader, Mr. John Trewella. The tickets are only fifty cents, and every dollar subscribed for the concert goes for a good and charitable purpose. In this view we trust that an active sympathy will be felt on this occasion.

Oratorio—Mlle. Titiens.

We must be content this morning with the briefest reference to the singing of "The Creation" last night by Mlle. Titiens, Mr. Young, Mr. Ewer and the Philharmonic Society. It was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. The subject demands a special notice. Mlle. Titiens sings in Baltimore to-night. She received a magnificent basket of flowers last evening from Mr. John McCullough.

The Theatre Comique.

This afternoon there will be a matinee at the Comique for ladies and children, and in the evening the grand bill of the present week will close a series of entertainments which have been very successful. Next week Mr. Manager Rogers proposes the largest and most expensive show yet seen at the People's Play-house.

Theodore Thomas.

The sale of seats at Metzerott's for the Theodore Thomas' concerts, at Lincoln hall, the evenings of the 14th and 15th instants, is rapidly going forward. It is a wise thing to secure them in season. nov30-tf

The Lecture of Henry Vincent, esq.

The following letter from Rev. H. A. Cleveland is a handsome testimonial to Mr. Vincent, who lectures in this city next week at Wesley Chapel. Mr. Vincent's subject is "John Wesley:"

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CURRENT CAPITAL TOPICS.

HENDERSON'S DISMISSAL BY THE CABINET.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS ON MONDAY.

COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS TO THE SPEAKER.

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

The New Orleans Inquiry—Tonnage Statistics of the United States—Rapid Increase Last Year—Army and Navy Orders—Financial Affairs—Forty-Fourth Congress.

Unfounded Rumors.

The rumors, industriously spread and telegraphed broadcast last night, regarding the seizure of the office of Marshal Packard, in New Orleans, created some excitement, but were certainly without foundation. No official information has been received to indicate anything of the kind, and private dispatches seem to show that in the interest of peace and good feeling and business progressing, Marshal Packard was called upon to furnish certain papers of record, and did so voluntarily.

General Henderson and the Cabinet.

The Cabinet yesterday talked for several hours over matters connected with the whisky trial at St. Louis, and the recent speech of General Henderson on the Avery trial, in which the counsel saw fit to drag in the name of the President, was the subject of great and unfavorable comment. The Attorney General, who had a copy of the remarks of General Henderson, vouched for by that gentleman himself as being correct, took occasion to present them to the Cabinet, and as a result of the attention they received, the following telegram will give a most definate and conclusive showing.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10, 1875.

Hon. D. P. Dyer, U. S. Attorney, St. Louis, Mo.: The affidavit of Gen. Henderson of his speech, forwarded by Mr. Eaton, and referred to by both you and Mr. Henderson, in your dispatches of yesterday, as a correct report, was read in full Cabinet to-day. It was regarded by every member as an outrage upon professional propriety thus to reflect (without shadow of reason) upon the President, by whom his employment by this Department was mentioned by Mr. Henderson, and that no impediment might be placed in the way of bringing to speedy punishment every defrauder of the revenue at St. Louis.

You will advise General Henderson of his discharge from further service, and secure in his place the aid of the most able and efficient counsel you can find, without regard to his politics.

EDWARDS PIERREPONT.

Senator Morton's Denial.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Times*, speaking of the whisky trials at St. Louis, makes the following statement regarding Senator Morton:

"Mr. Morton is very indignant at the publication of the following statement, in a letter from Chicago to the New York *Sun*, printed this morning: 'It is an indisputable fact that in 1872 Senator Morton telegraphed to the chairman of the Republican State Committee of St. Louis, saying that to insure the success of the party in his State he should have fifty thousand dollars, and the whisky men should raise that amount immediately. The original of this dispatch was seen by several persons, and among others by Mr. Fraetorius, editor of the St. Louis *Westliche Post*.' This is a direct and explicit statement, and Mr. Morton desires to make his denial of its truth equally direct and explicit. He is at Boston, as keeper of the Senate wing restaurant. For these reasons it is likely that the appointment of the keeper of the House restaurant will remain in abeyance for a time. The Speaker has formed his committees, unless he chooses to act independently in the meantime, as he has the undoubted legal right to do.

SHERMAN'S RESUMPTION BILL.

It is probable that a bill will be introduced into the House at an early day for the repeal of Senator Sherman's specie-resumption bill. There is much authoritative talk on this subject.

THE POST OFFICE.

The affairs in the "Virginia post office," as Mr. Cox calls it, are not of the most harmonious sort, and some hasty talk about calling on Postmaster Steuart's appointments in the Democratic caucus is heard in several quarters. The average mind, unbiased by political prejudices, cannot see why reconstructed rebels from Virginia are not good enough assistant postmasters for the ex-Confederate Congress. "The eternal fitness of things" has been observed by Captain Steuart in making his appointments.

THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

Mr. Adams removed Mr. C. W. Clisbee, of Michigan, yesterday from his position as one of the reading clerks, and appointed, in his place Mr. Neil S. Brown, of Tennessee, and Mr. J. Scudder, of Indiana, appointed to Speaker's table, vice J. W. Barclay. Mr. Donavin, of Ohio, is an applicant for a prominent position in the Clerk's office, and by those intimately acquainted with him he is strongly sustained as a gentleman specially well qualified, and by experience, too, for a place in that office.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

It has unofficially transpired that Mr. Charles Foster, of Ohio, will have the first place on the minority side of the Committee on the District of Columbia. Mr. Harris, of Virginia, and Mr. Wheeler, of New York, have been appointed by the Speaker trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of this District.

COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS.

Several leading Democrats, it is understood, have suggested to Mr. Kerr the propriety of appointing strong men to the committees on expenditures in the various Departments, and to provide that all matters of investigation shall be referred to them instead of making up special committees for investigations. There are eight committees on expenditures. The proposition is said to meet with much favor. But a proposition not so favorably received is for one to merge the Pacific Railroad Company with the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Tonnage Statistics.

We have reason to believe this a dry subject to some of our countrymen and readers of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, yet, to be well posted on statistics, and have it, as the saying goes, at your fingers' ends, is an accomplishment, and one difficult to obtain, and when you meet men in arguments or on the stump, just so soon as they commence proving their tenets or hypothesis by this course of ratiocination you feel you are losing your cause, if you do not yield from sheer ignorance altogether. It was with this cogent kind of argument that Hinton Rowan Helper made him relief so unpopular with the Southern people, (a man now seldom mentioned by the press of the country,) yet, one who did more for the abolition of slavery in the South, and made more loyal adherents to the Government during the rebellion than any one man in the country. Who does not remember the Helper (statistical) pamphlet?

Every orator, upon taking the rostrum, should prove his argument by statistics, and he will find it more convincing than stentorian lungs, or a throat of brass, kicks or knocks. The next President is already made and known by its nice additions, multiplications, &c. We omit his name for prudential reasons; suffice to say he is a good Republican.

These ideas were just fleeting through our editorial cockpit while we were counting and arranging for press a few little figures from a book fresh from the binder. The title is, "List of United States Merchant Vessels." We have hastily counted merchant vessels, (alphabetically arranged,) sail, 22,939; merchant vessels, (alphabetically arranged,) steam, 5,850; unrigged vessels, (alphabetically arranged,) 11,808; revenue marine, 34; United States navy, 147; total United States vessels, 46,778. This would make a fleet large enough for "some proud admiral," as Homer would express it, and if the mere counting, ascertaining their home port, the amount of tons they carry, calculating the per centage of loss and gain over last year for the various States and districts, has taken us a laborious effort, what must necessarily have been expended in the preparation of such a book as we have just mentioned, and the work itself in the office of the Bureau of Statistics? It is a laborious work, and shows evidences of much care and patient toil.

To the total above various classes of vessels are daily being added and dropped by losses from accident, decay, &c., and many never have been reported to the bureau by our collector, whose duty it is to do so, and yet we think it would be fair to allow five per centum of the whole as consigned to "Davy Jones' locker."

Signal letters are assigned to all sea-going sailing vessels of one hundred tons and upward, and to steam sea-going vessels of five hundred tons and upward, and are composed of four letters each, excluding the vowels, as likewise X, Y and Z. The law requires the owt number awarded by the bureau to be not less than three inches high and "between three eighths of an inch and half an inch in depth, "of the block character, preceded by number, etc., to be conspicuously marked upon the main beam of the vessel, and number and signal letters entered upon all marine documents. Different colors, shapes and designs of pendants represent the various letters of the alphabet, from which the four letters are selected, and, supposing two vessels meeting at sea, exhibit their colors, reading down from the mainhead, a reference to the book, which is easily understood, will inform you of the number, name, rig, tonnage, and home port of each. Before or at the time of being commissioned, all sea-going vessels apply to the collector of the port for number and signal letters, if sea-going, which request, with description, tonnage, etc., is awarded to the statistical bureau of the Treasury Department, where they are investigated, granted and put upon record. Vessels of the United States navy have a similar signal code, which has been universally adopted by European powers. The merchant marine vessels are not counted as sea-going, although they may go to sea. The term sea-going, as used, indicates vessels that cross the oceans of the world.

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

* The alphabetical arrangement of the vessels in the new book is somewhat complicated, on account of the variety of names and initials being so interminglerd; but we are satisfied it could not have been improved upon. For example, (we will take a familiar name to illustrate it,) and let it be borne in mind that the whole series follow each of the initials or name:

J., J. A., J. A. S., J. A. Smith, John J. Ambler Smith, John A., John A. S., John A. Smith, John Ambler, John Smith, John Ambler S., John Ambler Smith. Now if it takes this much labor to exhaust one Smith, how difficult to arrange all the Jones', &c.? Errors may sometimes be detected and names found out of place, but the principle of compiling is original and good. Long years of experience is the best teacher, and we think our worthy friend, J. B. Parker, esq., chief of the division, in his laborious work, is conducted, has systematized his labors successfully. The following table shows the

ALPHABETICAL NUMERATION.

Letter.	Sail.	Steam.	Unrigged.	Total.
A	1,991	433	809	3,233
B	684	244	373	1,301
C	1,718	574	963	3,255
D	625	205	431	1,261
E	1,720	220	591	2,531
F	943	217	441	1,601
G	1,060	279	573	1,912
H	1,093	236	563	1,892
I	484	119	232	835
J	1,740	439	1,109	3,297
K	237	84	112	433
L	1,287	324	1,024	2,635
M	2,207	444	971	3,622
N	605	196	903	1,704
O	476