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Weather probabilities, estimated at 1 a. m.—For the lower lakes, Middle and Eastern States, stationary or rising barometer, stationary or lower temperatures, northwest winds and clear weather, with occasional snow.

Thermometric readings taken December 17, 1875, at the Signal Office: 7 a. m., 39° 5'; 7:35 a. m., 39°; 12 m., 28°; 2 p. m., 26° 5'; 4:35 p. m., 20°; 9 p. m., 17°; 11 p. m., 15°. Maximum, 39° 5'; minimum, 15°.

Boarding and for rent cards sold by Brad. Adams.

Hempler, the optician, corner Four-and-a-half street, has improved glasses.

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

Six per cent. paid on deposits, payable on demand. Special rates on time deposits. J. H. Squire & Co., bankers.

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

Note paper, $1 per ream, and envelopes, $1 per thousand, at Brad. Adams'.

New York papers delivered to residents at 1 o'clock by Brad. Adams.

Playing cards, the largest assortment in the city, sold by Brad. Adams.

Just the thing for a Christmas present—the Centennial Autograph, at the Junction newsstand, corner Ninth and F streets.

The case of Ellen Wolf, alias Reynolds, charged with stealing $49 from Michael Kelly, came up in the Police Court yesterday, and was continued until Tuesday.

Buy your goods for cash where you can buy cheapest. If you do not intend to pay for what you buy, do not buy of those who advertise in the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

The high winds prevailing yesterday afternoon had not only their own pleasure with the "pull-backs," but disclosed many a foot and ankle—some neat and small, and others not so much so.

On Thursday Delia Adley, aged six years, accidentally pulled a kettle of boiling water off the stove at her parents' residence, corner Twenty-seventh and H streets northwest, and was badly scalded.

Officers of State associations, concerts and dramatic clubs should examine Tailmadge hall before making other engagements. It is the best hall in the city for all purposes, centrally located and on first floor.

Advertisements, from four lines upwards, can be inserted in any leading city or country newspaper in the United States, at lowest standard rates adopted by such papers, at Max Cohen's Newspaper Advertising Agency, No. 930 F street, (Tallimadge block,) rooms 18 and 19.

The speculating clubs, otherwise known as faro banks and places where games of chance are played, raved their accustomed night. The proprietors had reason to believe that if they did not close voluntarily the Major and his forces would do it for them. "A nod is as good as a wink."

It is rumored that there is a project on foot by which an English company intend to utilize the water at the Great Falls of the Potomac. The contemplated improvement will be on the Virginia side of the river. Several million dollars have already been secured, and the projectors intend building a second Lowell in that neighborhood.

The facilities of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN job office are equal to any printing establishment in the country. A new Potter press has just been put up, and with this addition to the jobbing department the office is prepared to do all styles of job printing with a neatness and dispatch that cannot fail to render satisfaction.

Henry Shadwell, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill Patrick McGinley some time ago, was brought into the Police Court yesterday. Mr. Birney stated that McGinley had so far recovered as to warrant Shadwell's release on bail. Shadwell's counsel waived an examination, and bail was fixed at $500. The case goes to the higher court.

Many of our live dealers have made a great hit this season by advertising their holiday goods earlier than usual. A brisk trade has already started up, and our leading stores and streets are gay with the fashionable display. Instead of a week for a week the dealers will enjoy the benefit of nearly two weeks' steady holiday trade. Their advertisements may be seen every day in the columns of THE REPUBLICAN, and we advise our readers to consult them before buying.

In the Police Court yesterday Chauncey Greer, alias Green, a white man, was charged with assault and battery on and having carnal knowledge of Virginia Washington, a young colored girl, sixteen years of age. Virginia testified that she was left in the house of her employer, with only Greer in the house, who was doing some upholstery work in an upper room. Greer, by superior strength, took advantage of her. The case was sent to the grand jury, the bonds being fixed at $2,000.

About two o'clock yesterday afternoon, as Messrs. Barbor and Strong were driving on Pennsylvania avenue, the horse became frightened at the corner of Twenty-third street and ran away, regardless of the damage he was doing or might do. The buggy was upset, and both men were thrown violently upon the sidewalk. Mr. Strong, who sustained quite serious injuries, was conveyed to Dr. Callan's residence, but in the absence of that gentleman Dr. W. G. H. Newman was called and rendered medical aid.

COLORED PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Adjourned Meeting of Colored Citizens.

The late action of the Board of Trustees for Public Schools in denying the colored trustees the right of supervision or control over certain interests affecting the colored schools, occasions much feeling among our colored citizens. Since the consolidation of the two boards it is alleged that the colored trustees exercise their functions merely by courtesy, and not as a matter of right; that they are completely merged into the present board, and thereby unable to perform any act they deem for the best interests of the colored schools.

Last evening an adjourned meeting of the committee who waited upon the Commissioners a few weeks ago, (Dr. Furniss, chairman,) presented and an argument in favor of rehabilitating the Board of Trustees for Colored Schools, was held at the residence of Prof. Sampson, No. 1229 Fifteenth street. After a general interchange of views and opinions touching this matter, the committee concluded to again wait upon the Commissioners and request a revocation of their order consolidating the two boards.

It was received that in case the committee was unsuccessful they would forthwith appeal to Congress for additional legislation.

FIRST DISTRICT, STEVENS BUILDING.

The young ladies and gentlemen attending Grammar School, No. 1, Stevens building, Miss Alice M. Parke, teacher, entertained their parents and friends most acceptably last night at Sumner hall. The programme for the occasion was rich in exquisite taste of selections, and fully merited the approbation it received from the large audience present. The singing by the young ladies and gentlemen was of the highest order, and not only reflected credit on those who participated, but spoke well for the system of music as taught by Professor Eputa in the colored schools. In the declamations the pupils acquitted themselves with marked credit, their delivery being marked by a high degree of elocutionary ability. The tableaux, under the direction of Mr. Kunster, were beautiful, presenting a perfect chain of matrimonial links, starting from St. Valentine's day and ending with the happy couple standing before the altar to be united in wedlock. The playing of Prof. Fleet and Miss A. L. Tilghman was very fine, and was one of the features of the evening. The young ladies and gentlemen have every reason to feel proud of their success and having contributed so handsomely to the entertainment of their friends. The hall was admirably arranged, the drop-curtain being quite an addition.

The success of the colored schools is settled beyond doubt, and the citizens of Washington and Georgetown, who have so generously contributed towards it have reasons to be satisfied with the results. Too much credit cannot, however, be given the colored trustees especially assigned to these schools, they being unremitting in their efforts to make them a perfect success, and the exhibit they show monthly is creditable in the highest degree, both in attendance and in the reduction of that great evil, tardiness. In connection with these schools it may be stated that considerable uneasiness is being felt among the colored citizens at the rumored resignation of Messrs. Brooks and Johnson as trustees. The long period which these gentlemen have been connected with the colored schools, together with the thorough knowledge and interest manifested by them, renders them not only adapted to the position, but of great service in educating their race.

The Unitarian Fair.

The attendance at this attractive fair was much increased yesterday, and the ladies must have been well satisfied with the day's sales. Between the hours of 12 and 3 o'clock the lunch tables were crowded, and later in the afternoon there were many visitors, most of whom were purchasers as well as spectators at the crowded tables. The Fayal and Japanese goods continued to attract general attention and admiration, and the moderate prices asked gives them a large and popular sale. We have rarely seen more beautiful tortoise-shell ware, and the high combs which are now in fashion are the special admiration of all the lady visitors. The floral temple is remarkable, as well for its own grace as for that of the enticing dollar-out prices inside within. Button-holing was never more artfully practiced, not even at the Capitol. Dancing continued at intervals during the evening, until a late hour, to the inspiring strains of Strauss, Lanner, &c., most admirably rendered.

Luncheon will be served again between the hours of 12 and 3 to-day, and throughout the afternoon and evening there will be special attractions, closing to-night with dancing.

The John Green Case Postponed.

Upon the opening of the Criminal Court yesterday morning Judge MacArthur announced that Mr. Hopkins, one of the jurors in the John Green case, was taken with neuralgia suddenly Thursday night, and that his attending physician thought it hardly possible that he could attend court before Monday. The jurors in this case were then discharged until this morning, and in case Mr. Hopkins is still too unwell to attend it will be postponed until Monday.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Meeting Last Night—The New Fire Engine.

The Board of Fire Commissioners held an adjourned meeting last evening, to hear the report of the committee on apparatus, to whom was referred the subject of procuring a new engine for the use of the department. There were present Commissioners Morgan, (president), Reed, (secretary,) Collins, Tait and Bacon.

Commissioner Collins, from the committee on apparatus, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPARATUS.

Board of Fire Commissioners of District of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN: Your committee on apparatus, who were instructed at the last meeting of the board (December 1) to inquire as to the cost of a new steam fire-engine, have the honor to report as follows:

Communications were sent by mail to the following manufacturers: Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, Manchester, N. H.; Silsby Manufacturing Company, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Clapp & Jones' Manufacturing Company, Hudson, N. Y.; Ahrens & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; R. J. Gould, Newark, N. J. Each firm was requested to send on description of their best engines, with price list, stating capacity and power of engine, whether finished in brass or nickel, in what cities used, with other necessary particulars. The result is a large mass of information embodied in the papers accompanying this report, of which the following is a brief summary so far as prices and class of engine proposed to be furnished is concerned: The Silsby Manufacturing Company can furnish within forty days one of their third-class size rotary steam fire-engines for $4,500, cash, guaranteeing the same—that is to make no trials nor offers in material or workmanship—for five years. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company will furnish moderately showy engines, without any extra plating, for the following prices: first class, $4,500; second class, $4,200; third class, $4,000; self-propellers, first class, $5,500; second class, $5,250. Ahrens & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, can furnish within sixty days their Latta engine, first class, for $5,300 cash. R. J. Gould, Newark, N. J., can furnish within ten days his second class engine for $5,500; other classes and styles (the agent, Mr. Walton, stated verbally) range from the above figure, down to $4,500; will guarantee for five years. The Clapp & Jones Manufacturing Company will furnish their engines from $5,000 to $6,000, according to style and finish. Signed by the committee.

At the request of Commissioner Collins, the communication from the District Commissioners asking the board to specify the engine best adapted to the use of the department was read.

Upon invitation of the board, the representatives of two of the manufacturing companies named in the report addressed the board—Mr. S. R. Rainey, general manager of Clapp & Jones' Manufacturing Company of Hudson, N. Y., and Mr. B. Bosch, who, with Mr. W. W. Wirt, represented the Silsby Company of Seneca Falls, N. Y.

THE DECISION.

The board then went into executive session, during which it was unanimously decided to recommend to the District Commissioners the purchase of a third-class (referring to size) engine from the Silsby Company of Seneca Falls, N. Y.

THE OLD JAIL.

Some of Its Notable Inmates.

To no institution with which they have for years been only too familiar could the people of this District bid farewell with more pleasure than the Washington jail. Since its erection, in 1839, it has stood gloomily, solitary and forbidding in aspect in a dense centre of the city, and in full view of one of the main thoroughfares. Possibly at the date of its construction it was a model of its kind, but if that be so its kind were poor efforts at architecture, and when two days ago it was vacated there was no man, from the warden down to the meanest criminal incarcerated who did not know and feel that it was unfit for the purposes for which it was used, but a positive disgrace to the government which had so long tolerated its existence.

For years past, as each successive grand jury made their visit in accordance with law, they united with their testimony to the efforts of the officials to do the best they could by their hearty condemnation of the old structure and their recommendation that it be as soon as possible superceded by an edifice more in consonance with the modern idea of a prison—a subject which has received the careful consideration of many of the most enlightened philanthropists of the day.

But the old pile has a history, and within its damp and whitewashed walls have been incarcerated many whose feet, for all these walls there have walked into the south enclosure no less than a dozen men who stepped from the prison to the scaffold, in expiation of their crimes against society. Beginning nearly twenty years ago with Powers, executed for the murder of Lutz, down to recent times, when in quick succession Grady, for the rape of an old lady; Jenkins, for the murder of his wife; Young, for the murder of the drover Hahn; Barney Woods, for the murder of Cheesman, the ice dealer, and Tom Wight, for the brutal murder of the pedler Rogerski, has this old place been the scene of these fearful penalties.

Among the notable inmates on trial for their life have been Hon. Daniel E. Sickles, Mary Harris, who shot Burroughs; John H. Surratt, for complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln; Mrs. Shea, for the murder of Officer Doyle; Darden, for the murder of McCarthy; Sliater, for the murder of Hulsey, the colored man, Nichols, for the murder of his wife and stepmother, (who died in jail;) O'Brien, the Georgetown policeman, for the murder of Cunningham, (whose sentence of death was commuted to imprisonment for life;) Bolster, for the murder of James, and so on through the list, concluding with Frawner, for the murder of Kennard.

For a portion of the time that R. B. Irwin was in contempt of the House he was held in this jail, and Wetmore, the California correspondent, only escaped a like fate by his timely explanation. In this building "Wrangy" Jones, a noted ruffian, while under sentence, cut the throat of his mistress, who called to visit him, he escaping the punishment of his crime by feigning insanity.

Probably the best advertised of all its inmates was Benton, the safe burglar, and next to him in point of interest and notoriety are Snyder, the Perry burglar, and the man Green, now on trial for personating Edes. The $47,000 Treasury robbers and C. P. Fisher, who were among the last inmates, also come in for a fair share of notoriety, which will be increased when their trials take place.

Now the old place is deserted, and in its stead the splendid new building, fitted up with a view of safety and comfort, is occupied and will be for years to come.

THE PARK SEMINARY.

Interesting Literary Exercises by the Graduating Class.

The young ladies of the Park Seminary and their friends enjoyed a pleasant literary entertainment yesterday afternoon, consisting of exercises by the second senior or graduating class. Among those present were the parents of the young ladies, the former graduates, the members of the first senior class, and others who were interested in the seminary. One of the pleasantest features of the gathering was the presence of Miss Lida Miller, formerly a classmate of the members of the first senior, and who met with them again yesterday, after an absence of three years in Europe. The exercises yesterday indicated a finish and thorough classical training rarely marked in a number of young ladies. The principals of the seminary, Mrs. G. M. Condron and Miss H. Tolman Smith, have just cause to pride themselves in the work they are doing, and, it is to be hoped, will course to do for many years to come.

The first senior class consists of seven young ladies. They have just completed a course of study in Greek and Roman literature, and the exercises yesterday, though not of the nature of examination, showed well how profitably they have studied. Each member of the class had prepared a paper on a given topic, either under the head of Greek or Roman literature, and, after committing it to memory, the exercises consisted of the essays. The papers were not designed to exhibit skill in composition, but to furnish a disciplinary exercise in research, systematizing and condensation, and the result was a most desirable one. The first paper had for its topic the first period of Greek literature, and was prepared by Miss Mollie Jones.

The second paper, by Miss Cora Chase, was upon the second period of Greek literature; the third period of Greek literature was prepared by Miss Nannie Woodward; the fourth paper—and a difficult one to compose—was a parallel between the languages and mythologies of Greece and Rome, prepared by Miss Lillie McGree. Before entering upon the consideration of Roman literature, Miss Cora Chase rendered in an admirable manner Byron's beautiful lines upon Rome to Childe Harold. Miss Belle Higgins read a paper upon the first period of Roman literature. Miss Jessie Richards treated of the second period of the literature of Rome, and Miss Ida Higgins followed with the third period.

The exercises of the day were aptly concluded by the reading of Stedman's "Pan on Wall Street," by Miss Mollie Jones, which changed the tide of thought from ancient to modern days, and furnished a complete contrast.

Board of Health.

At a meeting of the board last evening Mr. Marbury occupied the chair, in the absence of Dr. Cox.

A communication was received from the District Commissioners, returning a letter addressed by Dr. Bliss to the chairman of the parking commission in regard to the urinal at the intersection of C street and Pennsylvania avenue, with the suggestion of the parking commission that the sight feet from which the wood pavement is to be removed be made into an octagonal park, and planted with a massive group of trees, evergreen species to predominate, (in order to give immediate effect,) so that a "thicket" appearance may at once be produced.

The secretary was directed to return this communication to the commission, with the approval of the board.

A number of other unimportant communications were received, read and referred to appropriate committees, and the board adjourned.

Potomac Club Concert.

The programme promised for the grand concert to be given by the Potomac Boat Club promises a treat, which will be, doubtless, availed of by all the club's admirers, and their name is legion. The eminent young mezzo-soprano of Boston, Miss Ita Welsh, arrived in the city yesterday, and will sing at this concert. The lavish encomiums of the critics in that severe city at once commends her to the public here and elsewhere. Dr. Lucien Damainville, of New York, the violin virtuoso of that city, will assist at this concert, as will the favorite male singers of the city, who constitute the vocal membership of the club. Professors Benkert and Gloetzner will perform a duo for pianos. Those who have not already secured seats should lose no time, as the best seats in Lincoln hall are being rapidly secured.

Juvenile German.

The juvenile German at Prof. Sheldon's dancing academy on F street last evening, was a very delightful affair both to old and young. The young ladies and gentlemen who took part in the dancing proved themselves possessed of a proficiency in the art that might well be envied by older ones. There were many guests present who fully enjoyed the scene, and who grew a great deal younger for the time being.

Election of Officers.

Columbia Commandery, No. 2, F. A. A. M., held an annual election for officers last evening at Masonic Temple with the following result: James E. Waugh, E. Commander; W. S. Fletcher, Generalissimo; A. T. Kinney, Captain General; A. F. Steele, Chaplain; J. M. Yznaga, S. W.; J. W. McKnight, J. W.; George Gibson, Treasurer; A. T. Longley, Recorder, and S. R. Barr, Warden.

OUR WANTS AND NECESSITIES.

Places and Things You Should Know About.

We continue to give our citizens and those spending the winter in our midst the benefit of our knowledge concerning the most reliable business men and houses in the city, since so many have already profited by our advice as to where to go and what to go for:

WHAT YOU OWE TO YOUR FAMILY.

Winter is upon us again, and the cold Northern blasts revive unpleasant recollections of those terrible calamities which from time to time have devastated the homes of so many. Remember the horrors of Pechtigo, Chicago, Boston and Portland, and prepare in time to save your wives and children from want and ruin, and from becoming homeless wanderers. It is to be hoped that our beautiful city, with its many parks, broad streets and spacious avenues, will forever escape the ravages which have been so fatal to some of our larger and more closely-built cities; but all must know that our homes are liable to visitations and destruction by the fiery element at any time. The Fireman's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown, chartered by Congress in 1857, although they cannot insure the safety of your flues or coal-oil lamps, cannot control the lightning flashes or prevent the carelessness of your servants, yet they can insure you payment for losses sustained in consequence of such misfortunes. Go at once, if you wish to feel easy during these stormy nights.

A BEAUTIFUL STOPPING PLACE.

Who that has once passed over the Baltimore and Ohio road does not remember the picturesque scenery in the neighborhood of the "Relay House?" No matter if we were obliged often to stop over for four mortal hours waiting for the connecting train on Baltimore in the days of the old *regime*. All that is forgotten, and we think only of the wild and beautiful scenery, which made amends for the delay. Now there is a fine hotel at the place, and one can pass the summer rambling in the most delightful way among rocks and hills and cooling streams, and where in winter you will find it an excellent place to pass a week or two in, the hotel being well kept, with obliging landlord and clerks and everything good to eat imaginable and well cooked. Apply to Jos. A. Coats, manager, for full information.

NEAT, NICE AND MONEY.

Any gentleman desiring to treat himself to an elegantly-fitting suit of clothes, made of first-class materials, can get it at the shortest notice at 414 Ninth street. He may also get an elegant silk muffler for his lady, (and nothing could please her more than this for a Christmas present,) with beautiful silk handkerchiefs, kid gloves, ties and all the finest specimens of furnishing goods. From Mr. Keen you will be suited all the most reasonable rates, and your clothing, both in material and fit, will be entirely satisfactory. Keen is one of our best tailors, and should receive the patronage he deserves.

"SILENCE THAT DREADFUL BELL."

You who would save your family from utter poverty—who would not tremble when the strong winds blow, or the fire alarm sounds out on the midnight air—insure your property at once in one of the reliable companies represented in this city by Messrs. Arms & Ketcham. Then shall your rest be sweet, and "nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," shall visit nightly your pillow. Your wives will be free from torture or anxiety, and your children will arise and call you blessed. Arms & Ketcham are gentlemen in every way worthy of your confidence, and they represent good, substantial companies, and no others. They are in the Le Droit building. It is a solemn obligation which every man owes his family to avail himself of the liberal offers made by Messrs. Arms & Ketcham. Go soon, and do your duty, for one day's delay may be fatal to your future.

THE WINDS OF WINTER.

"All aloud the wind doth blow,
And birds sit brooding in the snow,
And Marian's nose looks red and raw."

But Marian didn't allow her nose to look red and raw long, but, like the sensible girl she was, wrapped herself up warm and went down to Taylor & Young's, 442 Ninth street, and purchased a stove, which soon warmed up her room, so that Marian's nose thawed out and assumed its natural color. Seriously, though, now is the time when you feel most the necessity of a good heater in your chamber and parlor, and a good cook stove in your kitchen. One great object in buying stoves is to get one which will do double duty—cook or heat with a small amount of coal. Taylor & Young can give you such a stove as you want, and can sell to you as cheap as any one in the city. They are selling one of the most complete and best elevated oven ranges offered for sale, the "St. George range." Besides, they have everything pertaining to their line of business in stoves, ranges, grates, the inodorous cooking vessels, &c., &c., and you will find Taylor & Young gentlemanly clerks, and anything they sell you may rest assured will be as represented. They are on Ninth street; don't forget it, No. 442.

DR. A. PRATT.

Above all things begin the the new year with a sound set of teeth. People who have grumbled along through the old year with two or three troublesome teeth should see the dentist and let the complaint die out with the old year. In this connection it is well to announce that Dr. A. Pratt, dentist, who has won a wide practice among the citizens of Washington, has removed his office over Crandall's book store, at the northeast corner of Seventh and D streets, where he will be pleased to see his old patrons and the general public.

DO YOU SING?

You have a good voice, why don't you cultivate it? No matter about it being a little weak, practice and cultivation strengthens the voice, and you would be even astonished at yourself if you would commence to sing. All music is beautiful and tends to make one a great deal happier, and no one who can care a fig for music should neglect it. The expense of a good musical education is trifling comparatively, and music is an accomplishment which renders a young lady much easier and more comfortable to herself, and also more attractive. Dr. J. P. Caulfield is a most excellent, pains taking teacher, and is centrally located. Call and see him at his musical academy, 1534 I street northwest, for he is a gentleman that can be recommended as in every way worthy and capable.

WILNET & RUOFF.

With the thermometer sinking gradually towards zero, and the cold, sharp wind pouncing down and nipping one's nose and ears, one cannot bundle up too warmly. The appearance of the windows of Willett & Ruoff's store, No. 995 Pennsylvania avenue, will make one feel warm if he has been out in the cold all day. Rich, heavy furs, wrought in all forms, are displayed temptingly; gloves and mufflers lie ready for some one's hands and neck; seal sacques, muffs, boas and all sorts of furs, made in all sorts of styles, are in great abundance. Those who wish to feel good and warm once more, and to know that they are elegantly dressed, should give the firm a call.

HERZOG.

Herzog, of 917 D street northwest, is offering a splendid opportunity for people who wish to begin the new year with a complete new outfit. He is buying up all the second-hand clothing that he can find at the highest cash prices; men's, boys' and ladies' garments, hats, boots and shoes—he buys everything. He also purchases second-hand bedding, watches, pistols and other articles, always giving for them their full worth.

DR. J. R. JOHNSON.

Though beginning a new year, perhaps, in the best of health and spirits, it is well to prepare for ill-health. Every one must have their times of suffering, and there is no one to whom the health of the body could be more safely intrusted than to Dr. J. R. Johnson, of Alexandria, Va., who has established an office at No. 1411 Pennsylvania avenue. He has won a well-earned reputation as a physician, surgeon and oculist, and offers his services to the public in any of those capacities.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The amount of sickness resulting from cold feet is astonishing; but it is still more astonishing why so many will suffer when Cummins, 932 Seventh street, is selling fine boots and shoes at prices lower than any house in the city, and there is really no necessity of even persons of the most limited means having cold feet. Cummins' store is an old-established institution, where everything in the boot and shoe line can be found; elegant in fit, splendid in workmanship, durable, stylish, comfortable and cheap. A useful present for Christmas is a pair of good shoes, and you could not find at the time of year a more acceptable one. Cummins' stock is immense, and you'll find there size, style and make.

ROOSE'S PALACE CIGAR STORE.

What Business Enterprise and Tact Will Do.

W. S. Roose's palatial cigar and tobacco store, 1223 Pennsylvania avenue, has recently put on a dress of improvement, and presents an appearance of business thrift and prosperity which cannot fail to attract the multitude of promenaders which is continually surging up and down the broad Avenue. Mr. Roose's widely-extended business is a monument to his tact, energy, close attention to business and the rule he has always observed, that "first-class goods, sold quickly at a small profit, is a sure road to success." The business of this establishment has gradually increased, until we find it now with branches at the Willard, Metropolitan and Imperial hotels, and also at the West-End hotel, Long Branch, and Congress hall, Cape May. The main business place, at 1223 Pennsylvania avenue, has recently been enlarged and entirely refitted in a manner that gives ample space for the immense stock of goods which it is required to keep on hand to supply the extensive business custom which this community and different parts of the country have found it to their interest to accord to the establishment. Mr. Roose is a patentee of several of the finest brands of cigars at present meeting the favor of the smoking world, among the most celebrated of which are the Cacique, La Manola, La Rosse and Stockton—all of which are manufactured at his factory with the utmost care and skill. He is also agent for the Ambrosia fine-cut chewing tobacco, which brand is well known for its purity and flavor. Mr. Roose warrants all the goods sold from his establishment to be just as represented.

Virginia Modesty.

We have been surprised at the modesty of our friends from Virginia. The latest development of this is in the appointment of "O. W. C. Dunnington, of California," as clerk in the folding-room. Mr. Dunnington resides in Prince William county, in the ancient town of Dumfries, and has represented that county in the Virginia Legislature for two years since the war, and only two years ago this "California" statesman was an unsuccessful candidate for the same position. Would Mr. D. be called a "carpet-bagger" or "scalawag" on the Pacific coast?

"Help Mission."

Fifty men have a temporary shelter at No. 805 E street northwest. They are provided with fire, a cup of coffee and bread in the morning and a bowl of soup at evening. There are no beds. The men sleep on the bare floor, and are glad to do that. Many are in pressing need of clothing, boots, shoes, and also need clothing, boots, shoes, coffee, sugar, potatoes, meat for soup, or coal to No. 805 E street northwest, and those disposed to contribute money please leave it with the librarian of the Y. M. C. A., at their rooms.

Accidentally Shot.

About 5 o'clock last evening Willie Crult, a boy sixteen years of age, was accidentally shot by George Lamar, a boy of the same age, who is employed in Goldstein's dollar store. The ball, which was from a small pistol, struck Crult in the mouth and took away a tooth. The boys were playing together on Seventh street at the time, and Lamar was handling the pistol rather carelessly, when the accident occurred. Crult was taken to Major's drug store, and afterwards to his house, No. 730 Seventh street northwest.

Colored Schools.

WASHINGTON, December 16, 1875.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: Assuming that the District school board meeting report in your paper of yesterday is correct, I wish to call the attention of the Commissioners and the public generally to the subject of our colored schools and the encroachments upon their rights, as such, since the consolidation of the white and colored boards by order of the Commissioners. I do not believe it was the intention of the District authorities to take the management of the colored schools out of the hands of the colored people, and yet it is practically true under the order consolidating the two boards; for the colored board is a mere figure-head in the meetings when it comes to a vote in regard to any matter affecting the interest of the colored schools, as will be seen by the (almost strict color) vote on Mr. Johnson's resolution asking the supervision of a proposed new school building, so much needed, for colored children in the Fourth district.

No one will doubt that, on the presumption that mixed schools were objectionable to many of the people here, it was the intention of Congress, as a compromise measure as well as an act of justice to the colored people, to enact a special and distinct colored school law, having for its object the protection of the colored schools from these very encroachments, which would necessarily occur in case the boards were united, growing out of the objection to mixed schools. It shows the wisdom of Congress, for never since the establishment of colored schools in the District has anything caused them to be so materially injured as the consolidation of the two boards. It is to be hoped that the Commissioners will place the old system under the act-creating colored schools, for it can be shown that the present management is more expensive than the former, besides it gives the white board not only their establishment white schools, but entire control of the colored schools. We care nothing about the *personale* of the board, but we are jealous of our school rights. The fostering of such an agency as it our race, and the blessings of education to guide them as good and useful citizens, both in their relations to society and Government.

J. P. S.

A Word for the Firemen.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: As the Christmas holidays are fast approaching and friends vie with each other in creating these joyful surprises so pleasantly remembered by large and small, the thought is suggested to me that our friends, the firemen of the District, have not been so kindly looked after as they deserve. The writer has frequently visited the engine-houses, and always found them furnished with everything necessary for the comfort of the men—good beds, chairs, tables, a carpet on the floors, &c.—but deficient in those things which brighten bare walls, relieve the mind during the tedium of watchful hours while immured, as they are, from the joys of home comforts and attractions, which cannot, from the nature of their employment, fall to the lot of other firemen. We should be proud of the men of this department, who are brave, orderly and gentlemanly, deserving of all that can be done to make their times pass agreeably. Some pictures for the walls, some flowers for the windows, some of those nick-knacks the ladies so well know how to make at little expense for tables, &c., books, papers and magazines—all these would prove very acceptable. I am sure that many of our citizens and their ladies have never given this matter a thought, but they cannot have failed to notice the cheerfulness with which our friends, the firemen, respond to save them and their property from the fire fiend.

Hoping, my dear editor, that you will kindly publish this communication, and that the ladies, especially, will not disregard its suggestions, I am yours,

OBSERVER.

A Centennial suggestion.

The following suggestion by the Centennial commission is good one:

"It seems proper that the local celebrations of the Fourth of July, here, which will be held throughout the land, should be made to constitute a permanent historical memorial of the Centennial Celebration. In each county provision should be made for the delivery of an address tracing the history of that particular community for the past century, or from the time of its settlement, and including a sketch of its growth, its resources, industries, prospects, etc. These addresses should be published in a uniform size—that of pamphlets—and deposited, for instance—in order that they may be bound together by States. To competent persons the preparation of such addresses would not be an unduly burdensome task, and in the aggregate they would constitute an invaluable historical repository such as no nation has ever had the opportunity to collect. Designations of the historians ought to be made without delay, in order that they may have time to accomplish their work."

Who in the District will move in the matter?

Auction Sales To-day.

By B. H. Warner:

At 4 o'clock, valuable suburban property in Washington county.

By Downman & Green:

At 4 o'clock, frame house and lot on Montgomery street, Georgetown, above West street.

By Thos. E. Waggaman:

At 4:30 o'clock, lots Nos. 6, 7 and 8, in squre No. 556.

By Wash B. Williams:

At 11 o'clock, handsome rosewood-case piano, in perfect order.

At 10 o'clock, candies, fancy goods, notions, &c., &c.

At 10 o'clock, a fine selection of household furniture.

By Duncanson Bros.:

At 11 o'clock, show-cases; also 2,000 choice Havana cigars.

An Outpourine of the People

Must be expected at I. Hamburger & Son's, 615 Pennsylvania avenue, under Metropolitan hotel, judging from the preparations there made for the holiday trade. Overcoats and dress suits are there in every quality and style, and at prices that will prompt buyers. Ask for any style and size, and you can be accommodated.

From an Invalid.

I hereby recommend Chris. Xander's Stomach Bitters to all afflicted with dyspepsia, feeling confident that they are unequaled as a remedy. I suffered from this malady for the last three years. After trying these bitters I was cured in less than two months.

JOHN ARDERS.

Auction Sale.

This morning, at Dowling's auction rooms, (late Latimer & Cleary,) will be sold a varied assortment of household goods, pictures, candles, winter clothing, stoves, &c.

Birds, Birds—Singing Birds.

A large collection of singing and fancy birds at Dowling's auction rooms at private sale. A rare chance is offered for Christmas presents.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A great discovery.
Scribner for January.
Supreme Court notice.
A reliable man wanted.
A saloon parlor for rent.
Unitarian church services.
Vegetine will cure scrofula.
Holiday presents, Reed's Sons.
St. Mark's church, Capitol Hill.
Brady's National portrait gallery.
Young Men's Christian Association.
St. Paul's English Lutheran church.
House on G street northwest for sale.
Christmas exhibition at J. H. Alber's.
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.
A good grist mill for sale by A. P. Fardon.
Sale of pews in the New Ascension church.
Beautiful holiday presents at Reichenbach's.
Elegant holiday gifts at Gilman's drug store.
Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal church.
Reserved seats for the Potomac Boat Club concert.
Musical Christmas presents at G. L. Wild & Bro.'s.
Universalist church services, Rev. C. H. Fay, pastor.
Franklin Philp's stock of books for the festive season.
B. H. Warner has valuable improved property for sale.
Thos. Dowling advertises fine wines and liquors for sale.
Butter, eggs and poultry for sale by D. E. Dutrow.
Handsome stock of dress goods at W. M. Shuster & Bro.'s.
Memorial church, Fourteenth street and Vermont avenue.
E. J. Sweet advertises for sale a three-story brick dwelling.
No. 945 won the horse raffled for the benefit of St. Joseph's asylum.
Supreme Court notice in the case of Alex. Randall vs. Harriet McKean et al.

Rubber and Capcine.

There is scarcely a branch of human industry in which India Rubber has not in some form found its way. Although widely known and used, but few are aware of its medicinal virtues and great curative properties. Practical experiment has proven that it is a natural reservoir of electricity, containing more than any known substance or compound. Owing to this fact it has been used with success in curing Nervous complaints and Rheumatism that were invulnerable to drugs.

It has been discovered that India Rubber possesses all the properties valuable as a specific for Pulmonary complaints, and cures many forms of Consumption and Lung diseases. Combined with Capcine it is unparalleled as a Pain Reliever, whether external or internal. Nearly all the surgeons have adopted it on account of its great healing properties.

The most effectual way of using the article is in the form of a perforated plaster. The extensive use of ordinary Perforated or Porous Plasters is a testimony to its merit.

The only objection ever found with the ordinary Rubber Porous Plaster is that it acts too slowly—requiring days and continuous wear to relieve pain or to effect a cure.

A celebrated physician of New York, who has long made the medical properties of Rubber a study, has succeeded in making a great improvement in Porous Plasters by introducing Capcine, which overcomes all the former objections, causing the Plaster to do in a few moments or hours that which it formerly required days or weeks.

Capcine is the most valuable ingredient ever used as an external remedy. It operates with astonishing vigor and relieves pain immediately. Its curative properties have become so famous that an enterprising firm in New York took it in hand, and by bringing Capcine Plasters to the attention of physicians have met with unprecedented success. The article is known as Benson's CAPCINE POROUS PLASTER. The price is the same as the ordinary Porous Plaster, 25 cents. Every druggist has them.

SHARPLEY & JOHNSON, Agents, N. Y.

For sale by Drew & Gibbs, D. P. Hickling, R. B. Ferguson, L. C. Bishop and C. Stott & Co.

IS YOUR life worth 25 cents? If it is do not neglect a cough or cold. Use Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup at once.

AMUSEMENTS.

First Church Concert.

Last night Tailmadge hall was filled with a select and highly intelligent audience, at the concert given by the choir of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Misses Zadie Jones, Lottie Swallow, Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Harmer, Messrs. Kehr and others, Prof. L. H. Hayden acting as pianist, Mr. C. D. Tracy as conductor. The programme was as follows: "When the Morning, Sweetly Breaking," Rossini; "Sweet Dawn Awaken," Leccoq; "King of the Sea," Ronsford; "Cheerfulness," Gumbert; "Heart, whence thy Joy and Sorrow?" Gumbert; "Softly Cometh the Nightfall," Bole; "The Buccaneer," Young; "Flowret, I Kiss Thee," Bole; "Il cor non basta a regnare," Nicolana; "Turn on, Old Time," Wallace; "When Daylight's Going," Bellini. The different parts were rendered in a beautiful and acceptable manner, several of the performers being recalled by the delighted gathering. Miss Zadie Jones was the favorite of the evening. At the conclusion of the exercises the assemblage left, feeling they had spent a profitable and pleasant season.

Testimonial Concert.

The farewell testimonial concert to Thomas G. Shafer, the pianist, to be given this evening at Willard hall, promises to be one of the most successful and interesting entertainments of the season. The programme is an excellent one, and the concert will, undoubtedly, be patronized by a brilliant audience.

Y. M. C. A. Social.

The social of the Young Men's Christian Association took place last evening at Lincoln hall, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather and the numerous other entertainments, the audience was not so large as was to have been expected from the excellent programme presented.

CITY ITEMS.

A LARGE VOLUME

would not contain the mass of testimony which has accumulated in favor of *Dr.