GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

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HOLIDAY BALLS AND PARTIES

LUCKY RECIPIENTS OF NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS

SKETCHES BY "REPUBLICAN" REPORTERS.

Meeting of the New York Republicans—Odd Fellows' Meetings—Dinner to Mr. C. W. Hayes—Crimes and Casualties—Miscellaneous Paragraphs of Local Interest.

Weather probabilities, estimated at 1 a. m.—For New England, the Middle States and lower lake region, generally clear and cooler weather will prevail, with southwest to northwest winds, and rising barometer.

Thermometric readings taken January 2, 1876, at the Signal Office: 7 a. m., 52°; 7:35 a. m., 53°; 12 m., 60°; 2 p. m., 70°; 4:35 p. m., 62°; 9 p. m., 58°; 11 p. m., 55°. Maximum, 71°; minimum, 41°.

Boarding and for rent cards sold by Brad. Adams.

Holiday hats, Stinemets, 1237 Pennsylvania avenue.

Centennial Diaries, thirty different kinds, at Bellew's.

Colgate's Violet and Lavender Water at W. S. Thompson's, 703 Fifteenth street.

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

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

Miller & Jones' billiard room, the resort for gentlemen, National Theatre building.

R. B. Ferguson, pharmacist, corner Second street and Pennsylvania avenue, Capitol Hill.

Almanacs—Hagerstown, Catholic, Irish-American, London Illustrated and others at Bellew's.

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

Miller & Jones' wine store, the place to buy pure liquors for medicinal use, National Theatre building.

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

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

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

Early Saturday morning thieves entered the school-house on Fifth street, between M and N streets northwest, and stole a lot of school books therefrom.

Captain W. H. Blanc, who for many years was a conductor on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has been elected president of the Annapolis and Elkridge railroad.

Two colored boys, Robert and James Smith, were arrested Saturday night for stealing a quantity of carpenters' tools and other articles from Wm. B. Sappers.

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

Watch and jewelry repairing, at cheapest rates, warranted, at M. Judd's store, 415 Seventh street, between D and E. All goods in his line, gold watches, jewelry, silverware, spectacles, &c., sold at lowest figures.

During Saturday and Saturday night the police of the District made sixty-seven arrests. During the same time eighty-seven lodgers were accommodated in the various stations of the city.

Yesterday morning Bishop Pinkney confirmed four candidates at St. John's church, and delivered a discourse, soliciting aid for the female seminary to be erected at Rock Creek church.

An alarm of fire was turned in Saturday night from box 43, caused by the burning of a Christmas tree in the house of Albert Adams, in the alley between G and H and Third and Four-and-a-half street. No damage.

Business men will readily appreciate the advantages offered in the New Year's edit on of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN. A very interesting edition will be printed, and special attention will be given to New Year's announcements.

About six o'clock Saturday evening the Christmas-tree at the residence of Mrs. Neale, 919 New York avenue, caught fire. Officer Quinlan and others extinguished the flames without any damage further than the destruction of the tree.

Religious services, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Washington, will be held in the Metropolitan church, (Rev. Dr. Chester's,) Capitol Hill, this evening at 7:30 o'clock, when a sermon will be preached by Rev. R. P. Bittinger.

The party with the "Coon Killer" last Saturday night smashed a front window of the Grand Union saloon and a large French plate window in the store of Mr. Norfleet, which cost $120, on Thirteenth street, above Pennsylvania avenue.

The wife of Rev. J. C. Smith has received a splendid crayon portrait of her husband, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church, from the artist, Captain Weiser. It was greatly admired at the large reception at the parsonage Saturday.

Saturday evening about 6 o'clock several sailors got into a difficulty with some colored men on Thirteenth-and-a-half street, in which sticks and stones were freely used. Officer Block put a stop to their fun, and escorted one of the sailors to the station-house.

New Year's day, Frank Monroe, colored, employed by M. V. Maxwell, grocer on Seventh street, between B and C southeast, while playing with powder, was considerably burned about the face and hands by lighting it and it flashing while he was over it.

At a meeting of the Dashaways last Saturday, ten gentlemen signed the pledge, and addresses were delivered by the President, Dr. George Gross, Patrick Curtin, James H. Williams, A. C. Constantine, Wm. F. Bailey, Charles P. Webster, Allen Coffin, Michael Snea and W. F. Keefer.

At the quarterly meeting of the Peabody Literary Association, held on Sunday, January 2, 1876, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, J. Herman; vice president, Miss Kleinman; recording secretary, J. Binswanger; financial secretary, L. Bass; treasurer, Albert Behrend.

The Oyster Dealers' Mutual Protective Association have procured the services of Captain James Johnson, as an assistant to Mr. W. W. Leibhear in the sale of oysters at the wharves, and Mr. W. Thomas has also been appointed as general agent, to look after the interests of the association among the dealers and consumers throughout the city.

Charles Green, a young and diminutive colored man of the First ward, has an unpleasant habit of hitting people in the dark, without provocation. Saturday night, at a late hour, as a man named R. F. Drew was passing along Nineteenth street, near L, Green ran up to him and dealt him a powerful blow in the eye, inflicting a painful wound. Officer Collins secured the offender.

About 1 o'clock Saturday, the horses attached to a hack containing Senator Howe and family became frightened on Pennsylvania avenue, near Nineteenth street, and dashed off down the avenue to Fifteenth street, and hence to H street. The Senator and his family were found intact, though very much frightened. One of the horses was cut about the legs. The hack and team belonged to Richard Crult, jr.

Mrs. James Holmes, residing in Jackson alley, was shot in the arm about nine o'clock last Saturday morning while standing in her door. It is as yet unknown whether the shooting was done by some scamp or by accident; and, if by either, the perpetrator of the deed should be severely dealt with, as too many such shooting cases have occurred of late. The ball was extracted by Dr. Merriam.

At a regular session of Union Lodge, No. 22, K. of P., held December 31, 1875, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: P. C., George Frass; C. C., Ed. F. Brummadin; V. C., Charles J. Snook; P., Wm. D. Redfield; K. of R. and S., W. Wallace Grant; M. of F., Wm. H. Carr; M. of Ex., S. L. Rounse; representatives, Wm. H. Carr, W. Wallace Grant, Wm. H. Osborn, S. L. Rounse and A. Glasgow.

EXCELSIOR.

Meeting of the New York Republicans.

The regular monthly meeting of the New York Republican Association was held Saturday evening at Gonzaga hall; Vice President P. H. Eaton in the chair, J. H. Carmiencke secretary. A copy of the decision of Judge Lawrence, of New York, was received, which affirms the right of New Yorkers in the employment of the Government to vote in the Empire State, although almost continuously absent.

A communication was received from the Brooklyn Union, thanking the association for the hearty sympathy manifested for that journal in its late successful effort to overthrow the Democratic McLoughlin "ring," which has been plundering the "City of Churches" for years. A number of new names were added to the roll of membership, and then, after the transaction of routine business, the meeting adjourned.

I. O. O. F.

Election of Officers.

The Encampments I. O. O. F. have elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Columbian, No. 1—John E. Graham, C. P.; L. H. Patterson, H. P.; Charles T. Yoder, S. W.; H. P. Carter, J. W.; William R. McLean, S.; John H. Seiffert, T.

Magenent, No. 4—Richard Emmons, C. P.; John Long, H. P.; James Tindall, S. W.; George E. Emmons, J. W.; William P. Allan, S.; John E. Herrell, T.

Ridgely, No. 5—Alex. Scott, C. P.; F. D. Stuart, H. P.; W. A. Donaldson, S. W.; C. H. Luff, J. W.; B. A. Kidder, S.; Thomas Greer, T.

Mount Nebo, No. 6—Samuel W. K. Handy, C. P.; William M. Lapsrte, H. P.; James Kellice, S. W.; J. G. Weaver, J. W.; Thomas W. Fowler, S.; John T. Given, T.

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ALWAYS keep on hand, as delay increases suffering. If you have a cough or cold, use Dr. Bull's Cough Sirup. It will cure you. Price, 25 cents.

TRUE FRIENDS TO A TRUE MAN.

Complimentary Dinner to Charles W. Hayes.

On Friday evening last a choice company of gentlemen assembled at Aman's for the purpose of bidding farewell to one of their number.

It was simply a complimentary dinner, tendered by friends of the honoree in attachment, but done in such a manner as to exhibit in this farewell their great esteem, unbounded regard and confidence in the companion that was about leaving them for a new home. For fourteen years Mr. Charles W. Hayes has been a citizen of this community, and in that time won for himself the respect of the public, the love of his friends and the confidence of business men generally. Being the representative in this city of the well-known dry-goods house of Messrs. E. S. Jaffray & Co., of New York city, by whom he was paid the handsome salary of $5,000 annually, his business transaction naturally threw him into the society of the prominent merchants here with whom he has had transactions since 1861. Affable and courteous in his manners, honest in his dealings and possessing those qualifications requisite for the true gentleman, he is esteemed and respected by all with whom he has became acquainted, and on many occasions he has been the confidential friend and adviser of those in trouble or distress. Thoroughly posted in the intricacies of the dry-goods trade, he possessed valuable knowledge, and has been consulted by merchants whose business had driven them on the verge of bankruptcy, and through his wise judgment and counsel they have either been saved a failure or made settlements advantageous to themselves.

He will be remembered by the lovers and patrons of the pastime as the faithful and efficient secretary of the Washington Driving Association, but to the good fortune of that organization and delight of its members he will still hold that position. Mr. Joseph Rilliard's Sons, of New York, the extensive wine merchants, and exclusive agents in this country for the sale of George Goulet's celebrated wines, having concluded that he was the man for their purpose, and would make a popular agent, secured him for their service by the tempting offer of twelve thousand dollars a year. He will have charge of their exhibit at the Centennial Exhibition, and will erect minature vaults of the Goulet pattern in France, over which Mr. Hayes will have the sole management.

As he was to leave here to-day to enter upon his new calling, his friends decided to feast him last Friday night, and assembled at Sebastian Aman's, on Ninth street, for that purpose, not permitting the guest to know the object of their gathering until almost the hour for meeting at the table. His surprise was only exceeded by his gratitude for the appreciation shown him by his friends. Among those present were Major A. C. Richards, E. G. Davis, A. T. Britton, John Keyworth, A. T. Whiting, James P. Willett, W. N. Dalton, Charles C. Duncanson, R. McMurray, Daniel McCarthy, James Lansburgh, Thomas Hungerford, William A. Yates, George Wright, Sebastian Aman, Clarence Barton, W. Scott Towers, John Hayes and Thomas Kalbfus.

Mr. Aman was the caterer for the occasion, and the gentleman whom they had met to honor being his guest, his friends felt reasonably proud in being selected to prepare the dinner. The style in which it was gotten up surpassed all his previous efforts, and brought additional laurels to his reputation. When justice had been done to the repast the solids were removed and replaced by the liquids.

Mr. W. N. Dalton then proposed the toast: "Our friend and guest: We regret his departure, and hope his future may be prosperous and happy."

Mr. A. T. Britton in a few well-timed remarks heartily and cordially seconded the toast.

Mr. Hayes, in responding, said: Gentlemen, I thank you for this more than kind demonstration of friendship; rest assured that nothing could have afforded me more pleasure, nor could a higher or more unexpected compliment been paid me, than this social gathering of friends this evening.

Fourteen years ago I came to this city a stranger, but a short stay amongst you gave me so high an opinion of this place that I adopted it as my home and you as my friends, and I now sincerely regret that a change in business relations is necessary for me to leave you. Surrounded as I have always been, by so many dear and good friends, and whose many kindnesses I can never forget, makes it doubly trying at this time to bid you good-bye. But I cannot look upon my change in business as leaving Washington. For there are, as you well know, many things I cannot, nay, will not, forget, and, for you, dear friends, than my Masonic Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. These I shall still continue my connections with, and I also shall retain my secretaryship of the Washington Driving Association. These, with my new business, will take me to Washington quite often, and it is my wish, my hope that the same uninterrupted friendship may ever exist. You have been pleasant, sir, to refer in very flattering terms to me personally. If I have in the least contributed to the prosperity of our fellow-creatures, I have been amply repaid long ere this. And in bidding you a short good-bye, allow me again to thank you for the pleasure I at the present compliments of respect, and wish you all the greatest of blessings, happiness, and prosperity. Rest assured, whatever may be my condition in life, I shall remember each and every one of you as my dearest friends, and rejoice in your prosperity.

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To obtain the nobbiest and most elegant turnout in the city you should go to Allison Nailor, jr.'s stables, on E street, just below the Avenue, one square west of THE REPUBLICAN office, and you will be furnished with a splendid coupe, barouche, clarence or landaulet, with a team of horses and a good, steady driver, who understands his business. Their coachmen are always dressed neatly, and are both obliging, sober, steady and polite. Nailor furnishes first-class turnouts for receptions, balls and everything else, and pays particular attention to horses, feeding and caring for horses, and if placed in his hands you can rest assured of their good treatment.

DRAMATIC ATTRACTIONS.

Locations of Rising and Setting Histrionic Stars at the Close of the Year.

As a matter of record the following account of the location of some of the most prominent dramatic artists at the close of the one hundredth year of American independence is printed for the guidance of the future historian of the American stage:

Miss Dolly Bidwell, Toronto, in "Aladdin."
Miss Effie K. Ellsler, Cleveland, in "Clouds."
George L. Fox in a lunatic asylum.
Miss Lotta, New Orleans.
Miss Charlotte Thompson, Philadelphia, in "Jane Eyre."
Frank Mayo, Louisville, in "Davy Crocket."
John T. Raymond, Richmond, Va., as "Colonel Sellers."
John Thompson, Buffalo, N. Y.
Joseph C. Foster, Pittsburg, in the "Twelve Temptations."
N. B. Roberts, St. Louis, in "Jack and Jill" pantomime troupe.
Furbush Fifth Avenue Company, Wheeling, West Virginia.
Mrs. Julia E. Dennis, Philadelphia, with the spectacle of "Ahmed."
Charles Fechter, Philadelphia, disabled by injuries received at Walnut-street theatre.
W. E. Sheridan, Philadelphia, in "Caste."
Edwin F. Thorne, Philadelphia.
Mrs. James A. Oates, Chicago.
Baker & Farron, Rochester.
Miss Kate Claxton, Boston, in the "Two Orphans."
Miss Gertrude Kellogg, Brooklyn.
George Rowe, Boston, in "King Turko."
Dominick Murray, Baltimore.
H. J. Montague, New York, in "Romance of a Poor Young Man."
Miss Ada Cavendish, New York.
Miss Effie Germon, New York.
F. S. Chanfrau, New York, in the "Octoroon."
Miss Ella Wesner, New York.
E. T. Stetson, New York, in "Valley Forge, or 1776."
George Rignold, Brooklyn, in "Henry V."
Miss Fanny Davenport, New York, in "Pique."
Miss Jeffreys-Lewis, New York, in "Pique."
John Brougham, New York, in "Pique."
Miss Rose Eytinge, New York, in "Rose Michel."
Charles R. Thorne, New York, in "Rose Michel."
J. B. Stoddard, New York, in "Rose Michel."
Lawrence Barrett, New York, in "Julius Caesar."
E. L. Davenport, New York, in "Julius Caesar."
Miss Rosa Rand, New York, in "Julius Caesar."
Oakey Hall, New York, in the "Crucible."
Von Bulow, New York.
Miss Maggie Mitchell, Cincinnati.
Mrs. Rachel Macauley, Cincinnati.
Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, Chicago, in "Fra Diavolo."
Kelly & Leon, Chicago.
Frank E. Aiken, Chicago, in the "Two Orphans."
George L. Fox's "Humpty Dumpty" troupe, St. Louis.
Miss Jennie Hughes, New York, in burlesque opera.
Leona Dare, San Francisco.
"Little Nell," Australia.
Madame Janauschek, Australia.
Edwin Adams, Providence, R. I.
Miss Adelaide Phillips, Cincinnati.
Harrison & Hart, Danville, Ill.
Mrs. F. S. Chanfrau, New Orleans.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie M. Wolcot, Philadelphia.

A PERSISTENT CUSTOMER.

Two Attempts to Enter a House—A Man With an Ax.

Henry Young, a colored man of doubtful reputation, made considerale of a row Saturday night, about the vicinity of Thirteenth and C streets northwest, by persistent efforts to enter a house in the neighborhood. Henry and a woman named Mary Butler have until recently been keeping house together at the corner of Eleventh and C streets. For some reason or other there were not many roses in their pathway, and Mary adopted a resolution to vacate the house in order to get away from doing so him. In the took away the furniture which rightfully belonged to her, and moved temporarily to the house of her brother-in-law, near the corner of Thirteenth and C. Young could't put up with such a state of things, and, about 10 o'clock Saturday night, as the fog was creeping along the streets and back yards and alleys, Henry, probably with murderous intent, climbed up on a shed under Mary's window and broke in.

The women were frightened, and, woman-like, ran to the door and began to shriek. Young was baffled, but took pleasure of the opportunity to appropriate a number of pictures that belonged to the house, with which he made his escape. Not being satisfied with the result of this visit, he returned again to the house at the present compliments of respect, and wish you all the greatest of blessings, happiness, and prosperity. Rest assured, whatever may be my condition in life, I shall remember each and every one of you as my dearest friends, and rejoice in your prosperity.

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To obtain the nobbiest and most elegant turnout in the city you should go to Allison Nailor, jr.'s stables, on E street, just below the Avenue, one square west of THE REPUBLICAN office, and you will be furnished with a splendid coupe, barouche, clarence or landaulet, with a team of horses and a good, steady driver, who understands his business. Their coachmen are always dressed neatly, and are both obliging, sober, steady and polite. Nailor furnishes first-class turnouts for receptions, balls and everything else, and pays particular attention to horses, feeding and caring for horses, and if placed in his hands you can rest assured of their good treatment.

A Trip to the Favored Isles.

Have you ever stepped into Hall & Hume's, No. 807 Market Space? If not, you should go at once, for it is as good as a voyage to the favored climes to look in upon their stock of delicious oranges and bananas from Florida, luscious pears and catawbas from the El Dorado, Malaga grapes and figs fresh from the shores of the Mediterranean, fragrant spices from the South Pacific isles, besides all the finest sauces and other imported luxuries. The fumes of their fragrant Havanas carry one into a promenade, as it were, along the Paseo, in the capital city of the gem of the Antilles, while their coffees, which are daily roasted fresh, emit a delicious aroma to inhale which is alone worth a visit to Hall & Hume. Their sparkling champagnes and Duff Gordon sherries are unexcelled, as are Jameson's Irish and Ramsey's Scotch whiskies, which they always keep. Their own brand of old Stag whisky, distilled to their own order, and kept in bond till age imparts a smoothness and flavor unsurpassed, has already such a reputation for purity that it is superfluous to do more than mention the brands. In addition to what has already been mentioned, Hall & Hume always keep a fresh stock of the more substantial articles, such as flour, sugar, hams, bacon, cheese, molasses—in fact, everything in the grocery line.

Beautiful Tableware.

Webb & Beveridge have just opened their new and beautiful stock of French china, glassware, plated ware and mantel ornaments, Rogers' cutlery, &c., which is probably the finest ever offered in our city. There is nothing more attractive than a nicely-set table, and from the magnificent assortment now for sale by Webb & Beveridge you can find that which will suit your taste exactly, and you can purchase the goods at prices as low as can be had outside of the manufactories. Their dinner sets are of one of every pattern, and are of all colors, from the white with a single gold band to the most elaborately-decorated sets. Their glassware is in all the standard cut, engraved, etched and molded, and can be had in sets or separate.

The mantel ornaments are especially elegant, consisting of the most beautiful statuettes, single and in groups; rich, chaste and Bohemian vases, &c., while the plated ware is of the finest triple-plate, which to all intents and puposes is as good as solid silver. In this they have a fine assortment of castors, ice pitchers, goblets, berry dishes, spoons, forks, &c. Those wanting anything in their line can find no better place this side of New York for purchasing, since their stock is large and complete, their prices moderate and the gentlemen of the establishment always obliging, polite and ready to show you anything you may wish.

Of Public Interest.

For thirty years there has been no improvement in the composition of a porous plaster. The recent discovery of Capcine and its addition to an improved porous plaster has introduced to the consumers and the public an article of progress. The objection to the ordinary article is its slow action. BENSON'S CAPCINE POROUS PLASTER overcomes this great objection by effecting in a few hours what the ordinary porous plaster accomplishes in days and weeks of continued wear. BENSON'S CAPCINE POROUS PLASTERS are preferred to all others on the following grounds:

First—Their composition is of an improved nature, and combined with the recently discovered vegetable principle—Capcine—which, as a powerful and unerring specific, has never been equaled in the history of medicine. They possess a strengthening vigor, bring almost immediate relief, and cure more speedily and with greater certainty than any known plaster, liniment or compound.

Second—They possess all the merit of the ordinary porous plaster with above addition, and will cure all the various difficulties for which they have been esteemed in the many years of the ordinary article effects in days and weeks of continuous wear.

Third—They are a genuine pharmaceutical preparation, a skillfully combined, of the highest order of merit, purely vegetable, contain neither metal nor mineral poisons, indorsed by physicians, and are in no sense a patent medicine.

SEABURY & JOHNSON,
Pharmaceutical Chemists, N. Y.

To be obtained for twenty-five cents.

Practical Education.

Of all the countries on the face of the globe America, probably, offers to the ambitious and aspiring young man the greatest opportunities for success. Our system of education is certainly improving, and, as an instance of this, may be mentioned the hundreds of business colleges, which have been established throughout the country, and about which too much cannot be said in praise. They are thoroughly practical in all their departments, and are designed to help those who, from a lack of means and leisure, are denied a long course of collegiate training, and who expect to battle for themselves unaided to a hard fight. Good English education, combined with a course of training which prepares the graduate for at once entering into any kind of business or upon the study of a profession. This Washington Business College, corner of Seventh and L streets northwest, is one of the best institutions of the kind in the United States. Their terms are very reasonable and easy to meet, and their hours fixed so as to accommodate all—the clerk, the laboring man, the office-boy or the apprentice. Call or send for their circulars for full information.

A Pretty Foot.

"Her feet beneath her petticoat
Like little mice stole in and out."

Foreigners never fail to notice and admire the small, delicately-arched feet, for which our countrywomen are so famous. An English or German lady of medium size requires a shoe number five or six, where an American lady of the same height would require number two. Indeed, some ladies traveling abroad find it difficult to find shoes or gloves small enough for their tiny extremities, and, as everybody knows, even a pretty-shaped foot looks badly unless properly encased in a neat-fitting shoe. If *la demoiselle Americaine* is famous for her pretty feet, Cummins is no less famous for the magnificent stock of beautiful shoes and boots, especially the delicate kid and other fine shoes, which render an ordinary foot pretty, and a pretty foot perfectly irresistable. For the best, cheapest and best looking boot or shoe, go to Cummins', the favorite shoe-house, No. 932 Seventh street, where you will find the largest, finest and best stock in Washington.

Auction Sale To-day.

By B. H. Warner:

At 4 o'clock, valuable improved property on East Capitol street, between Second and Third streets east.

At 4 o'clock, the large and valuable brick dwelling at the corner of Four-and-a-half street and Missouri avenue.

By Thos. Dowling:

At 4:30 o'clock, valuable property, No. 1433 Q street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth northwest.

By E. J. Sweet:

At 4 o'clock, a desirable building lot on the east side of Third street, between B and C northwest.

By Duncanson Bros:

At 4 o'clock, one hundred volumes select law books and five hundred quires blank books, &c.

"There is No New Thing Under the Sun,"

said wise old Solomon; but, then, he hadn't visited Savage's hardware store, 1003 Pennsylvania avenue and Tenth street. There are plenty of new things there, and the man, woman or child who can't find what he, she or it may want must be as hard to please as the fellow who didn't want to be pleased, yet objected to being shot. At Savage's you can find boys' wagons, velocipedes, sleighs and skates for both boys and girls, tool boxes, guns, pistols, Indian clubs, girls' toy trunks, and in fact anything else you can think of, and you can now get them much below cost, as Savage is determined to sell his present stock, to make room for his spring stock.

The West End Hibernian Ball.

The West End Hibernian Beneficial Society gave their fourth annual ball at Masonic Temple, New Year's eve. The members of this society have always been noted for their hospitality, and, as usual at their balls, the occasion was a most enjoyable one, and will long be remembered by those present as a happy end to the year 1875. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the North Washington Benevolent Association. The order of the night was dancing, and the New Year was born to them amid revelry and merriment. The committee of arrangements and the others in charge of the ball distinguished themselves in providing a night of pleasure, in which everything passed off so successfully.

Boss Tweed in Havana.

Hon. William M. Tweed has authorized M. Goldstein, the proprietor of the California Cigar Store, No. 611 Pennsylvania avenue, under the Metropolitan hotel, regardless of expense, to manufacture a cigar of pure Pumairega Havana tobacco called "The Boss," to be sold at $8 per hundred, or five cents each, equal to any ten cent cigar sold in the District. These cigars will be sold at the California Cigar Store, No. 611 Pennsylvania avenue, under the Metropolitan hotel.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

In another column will be noticed the new schedule of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, which goes into immediate effect. The schedule contains considerable matter interesting to the traveling public. This road, always noted for the conveniences offered to the traveling public, has come to perfection under the management of Thos. R. Sharp, master of transportation, and the genial Geo. S. Koonts, general agent, and offers superior advantages.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

See corrected schedule in this day's issue, which took effect 4:30 p. m., Sunday, January 2, 1876.

CITY ITEMS.

FORTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE

have tested the virtues of *Dr. Wister's Balsam of Wild Cherry*, and it is now acknowledged to be the best remedy extant for pulmonary and lung diseases, embracing the whole range from a slight cold to a settled consumption. Were it not for its merits, it would long since have "died and made no sign." Fifty cents and $1 a bottle; large bottles much the cheaper.

"TIRED NATURE'S SWEET RESTORER, BALMY SLEEP."

But there are times when this "Renewer of strength" is denied us—times when our minds and bodies have been so overworked and are so worn out that we "woo the drowsy god in vain." The Peruvian Syrup (an iron tonic) renews our strength, and makes our rest sweet and refreshing.

TRUSSON'S IVORY PEARL TOOTH POWDER used daily will keep the teeth clean, white and sound, the gums healthy and the breath sweet. Twenty-five and fifty cents per bottle.

JOUVEN'S INDIGNOUS KID-GLOVE CLEANER will renovate soiled gloves thoroughly and quickly. Twenty-five cents per bottle.

THOMPSON'S POROUS PLASTER is equal to the best French,