GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

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Weather probabilities, estimated at 1 a. m.—For the Middle States clearing weather in the southern portion and rain or snow in the northern portion, followed during the night by colder, northerly or northwesterly winds and rising barometer. For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, Tennessee and the Ohio valley partly cloudy and clearing weather, with lower temperature than on Tuesday, rising barometer and northerly to westerly winds, followed in the southwest by rising temperature and falling barometer during the night.

Thermometric readings taken March 28, 1876, at the Signal Office: 7 a. m., 37°; 7:35 a. m., 38°; 12 m., 42°; 2 p. m., 44°; 4:35 p. m., 46°; 9 p. m., 42°; 11 p. m., 41°. Maximum, 48°; minimum, 36°.

For court proceedings see third page.

Behrend's Patent Catarrh cigar sure cure.

Belknap wishes now he had smoked the B—C.

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

Trusses, $1; supporters and shoulder-braces at Heller's drug store, National hotel, Pennsylvania avenue.

All kinds of trunks made to order, repaired and covered at McMurray's, 805 Pennsylvania avenue, Market Space.

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

Mr. C. W. Watson, late secretary of the late board of audit, now under investigation, has retired to his Southern home.

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

Daniel G. Manning relieved Seth Kaehling of about $6 in money last night while the latter was asleep in a saloon. Manning was arrested.

Milliken's hotel, corner Tenth and E streets northwest. First-class board for regular or transient guests. Easy of access from all the street railways.

Yesterday Mr. Meigs issued marriage licenses to John H. Ricks and Ida M. Wilson; Charles M. Bewen and Mary E. Ashton, and Jos. Mack and Matilda Harris.

Before transacting any kind of business whatever, always consult the convenient and complete Alphabetical Business Directory in the DAILY NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

The contract for sweeping and cleaning the alleys for one year from April 1 has been awarded to Mr. F. M. Draney, at $6,125 of one mill per square yard. This is the lowest bid among twenty-three.

The St. George restaurant is fast growing in popular favor. The system of half orders, just inaugurated at the St. George, enables persons of the most limited means to get the best living for a very small sum.

The prices in the fish market yesterday ranged as follows: Golden & Brother, fish agents—4,000 shad sold for $24 to $27 per hundred; 5,000 herrings sold for $16.50 to $22 per thousand; 300 gill nets sold for 20 to 50 cents apiece; 1,000 bunches fish sold from 10 to 35 cents per bunch.

Two women, Louisa Murgin and Georgianna Jones, were confined in the same cell at the Fifth precinct station yesterday morning. Louisa robbed Georgiana of $1.50, which the latter had concealed in her shoe. When Louisa was searched she was found in the hem of her dress. Judge Snell gave her sixty days.

The Knights of St. Patrick have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: John F. Kelly, commander; Bernard Conroy, first deputy commander; Michael R. Welsh, second deputy commander; Michael Harregan, third deputy commander; M. R. Governor, recorder; Chas. W. Collins, financial recorder; Andrew J. Clark, almoner; Martin Glenn, herald; John Culligan, warden; Eugene Sweeny, John Donoghue and David Murphy, standard-bearers.

About 5 o'clock yesterday morning Officers Aglin and Jackson, of the Seventh precinct, took to that station thirty-five dead chickens, which were dropped by two colored thieves, who had stolen them from the Little Sisters of the Poor; also, one knife, one wrench and two bags, which they dropped in their flight. The officers fired several shots at them, but not before they made threats to shoot the officers, and one had struck Officer Jackson on the head with a stone, injuring him severely.

Messrs. D. J. Stark and McMurray, rapid calculators and mathematicians at the Treasury Department, unite with others in a communication denouncing the peddler of a book of instruction in their art and it e book itself to be frauds of the first water, and desire to warn the public to tell the worthless author wherever they buy. His public abuse of the gentlemen above mentioned, right here where they are so well known, is characteristically cheeky.

Lincoln Monument.

At a meeting of the committee of arrangements last night the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the colored citizens of the several Legislative Assembly districts are hereby cordially invited by the committee of arrangements to take part in the demonstration on the 14th of April, on which occasion a statue of President Lincoln will be unveiled in the Lincoln park, in the eastern part of the city.

Resolved, That they be requested to call a meeting and organize themselves into companies, for the purpose of joining in the parade on that day.

The Revival.

The great pressure upon our columns this morning precludes the publication of our usual colyons reports of the progress of the work of grace in this District, much to our regret. The meetings of yesterday and of last evening, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, were very full and of unfading interest.

This morning the Bible reading meeting will be held in Rev. Dr. Sunderland's church at 11:30 o'clock.

A children's meeting will be held in the Congregational church at 4 p. m., at which Mr. Hammond will speak, and the Union meeting, at which he will also preach, will be held in the same church at 7 p. m., and those wishing to obtain good seats would do well to go early.

Mite Society—Navy Yard Baptist Church.

Another of these pleasant reunions was held on Monday night. There was a good turnout of the young people, and a very agreeable evening was passed. The exercises consisted of readings, singing, &c. Among the ladies who took part were the Misses Stromberger and Miss E. T. Hildebrand. The gentlemen who participated were Messrs. Fountain, Stratton, Blanchard and G. Dulin. Where all did so well it would be invidious to particularize. Suffice it to say all went home feeling that they had enjoyed a pleasant evening. The society is now in the second year of its existence, and forms an auxiliary to the Sunday-school, of which George F. Gulick, esq., is the superintendent.

TEMPERANCE.

St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society.

St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society, attached to St. Patrick's parish, at their meeting on Sunday night last elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. J. Keane; first and second vice presidents, John S. Waugh and P. A. Byrne; treasurer, Geo. Savage; secretary, W. H. Moore. This portion of the business having been disposed of, the annual reports were submitted, which showed that the society distributed a large amount of alimony, buried two of its members and have a good surplus fund on hand.

The reverend president then delivered a brief address, in the course of which he touched on the good effect of total abstinence in the community, discussed street parades as not but little benefit to the cause, and concluded with an appeal for new members, to which a number of young men came forward and took the pledge for five or more years.

Short addresses were then delivered by Messrs. Clarke, Waugh, Byrne and Carlin; and the meeting adjourned.

This society was organized on the 4th of July, 1840, at the house of Mr. George Savage. It is, therefore, among the oldest temperance societies in the District. Its membership prior to the war numbered, at one time, some 700, and had for its president Father Matthew, the first pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church.

HALLETT KILBOURN.

A Bench Warrant for His Arrest Served Upon the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Marshal Sharpe, with a bench-warrant for the arrest of Mr. Hallett Kilbourn in his possession, proceeded to the Capitol yesterday morning, and hunting out Mr. John G. Thompson, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, who holds Mr. Kilbourn in custody, served the warrant upon him. Mr. Thompson in reply stated that he held Mr. Kilbourn by virtue of an order of the House, and could not release him except by the same authority. He would bring the action of the marshal before the house and communicate the result to him as soon as possible. The warrant was returned to the clerk's office with the following indorsement:

This 28th day of March, 1876, at or about 10 o'clock a. m., I made a demand upon John G. Thompson, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, to surrender to me the body of Hallett Kilbourn in pursuance of the within bench-warrant, he, the said Sergeant-at-Arms, having custody, as I learned, of the said Hallett Kilbourn; to which demand he made the following reply: "Being the officer of the House of Representatives, and holding said Hallett Kilbourn by order of the House, I must await the action of the House before complying with said request." I am, therefore, unable to execute the within bench-warrant. ALEXANDER SHARP,

U. S. Marshal D. C.

It will be seen by reference to the House proceedings that the Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to disobey the warrant and retain Mr. Kilbourn in his own custody. This presents the singular, if not the unprecedented position of a component part—a single House—of Congress arrogating to itself a power superior to the joint action of the two Houses in Congress assembled.

THE OTTMAN TRIAL.

Testimony Taken Yesterday.

In the Criminal Court yesterday, before his Honor Justice Olin, the case of W. H. Ottman, charged with having received a package containing $47,000, from B. B. Halleck, was resumed.

The first witness was Major Richards, chief of the Metropolitan police. I saw Halleck about 12 o'clock on Sunday at the Central guard-house. Went there to hear any statement he might have to make. I presume McDevitt told me that Halleck wanted to make a confession.

The defense claimed that the statements made by Halleck were made because of the influence on his mind by McDevitt, and the evidence was therefore inadmissible. They proposed to show that inducements were held out to Halleck.

Mrs. Bishop, sworn: I visited Mr. Halleck at the Central guard-house on the Sunday after his arrest; went there in company with my daughter and Detective McDevitt, in the latter's carriage. I urged and entreated Halleck to make a confession to McDevitt, assuring him of my belief that if he confessed to McDevitt he would be put upon the witness-stand, and not prosecuted. McDevitt was present when I urged Halleck to make the confession. I put

MY ARMS AROUND HALLECK'S NECK

and implored him, with tears in my eyes, for the sake of his wife and child, to tell McDevitt all he knew, and thus get himself out of the difficulty. Halleck then told me he would make the confession. I was induced to pursue this course as McDevitt had told me that he was a friend of my family, and they will be allowed twenty-five cents on each one they sell. Tickets can also be procured at Tallmadge hall. As fast as a lady sells a ticket she can put twenty-five cents in her pocket. She gets relief at once by her own exertions. Any lady belonging to the bureau can call here and get her quota of tickets, and there is not one who cannot sell five during the day, and that is $1.25 for herself.

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THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION.

Election of Five Delegates from the District.

The convention to elect five delegates to the Nashville convention met last evening at the Columbia Law building.

About 7:30 o'clock, Prof. J. M. Langston, member of the executive committee and delegate from the Second district, called the convention to order, and read the call for holding a national convention of colored men April 14, at Nashville. He referred also to the call of the District executive committee.

Professor J. M. Langston was elected temporary chairman by acclamation, and F. G. Barbadoes temporary secretary.

On motion of Professor Green, the credentials were considered by the convention as a whole, and those present approved.

Mr. J. F. N. Wilkinson was elected president, receiving 25 votes, and Professor Langston 16. Mr. Barbadoes was elected permanent secretary by acclamation.

Professor Langston moved that the convention proceed to the election of five delegates to the convention at Nashville.

Nominations of Andrew Freeman, J. M. Langston, J. L. N. Bowen, O. S. B. Wall, A. M. Green, C. B. Purvis, Hon. Fred. Douglass, Henry Cook, St. Clair Burley, J. A. Johnson, Cornelius Clarke, J. T. Costen, John Cagay and Fred. Douglass, jr., were made.

Dr. Purvis withdrew his name, making a few remarks upon the importance of the convention at Nashville.

After much discussion, a resolution that the vote for delegates be taken by districts was carried. Before proceeding to vote, Prof. Green declined in favor of Dr. Purvis.

The ballot resulted as follows: Freeman, 31; Langston, 28; Bowen, 28, Wall, 26; Douglass, sr., 23; Purvis, 21; J. T. Johnson, 16; Piper, 10; Clark, 4; Cagay, 3; Barbadoes, 2; Green, 1; Douglass, jr., 1; Young, 1.

Messrs. Freeman, Langston, Wall, Bowen and Douglass, jr., were declared elected.

Messrs. Young, Douglass, jr., and Carson were nominated and elected alternates by acclamation.

Mr. Cagay offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in anticipation of the coming Presidential election, and the deep interest we feel in the amelioration of the condition of our race, and the deep interest manifested in our welfare by our friends, that *pur* delegates be impressed with the duty of a strong advocacy and a strict adherence to the principles advocated by the Republican party.

Remarks were made by Prof. Langston, Capt. Wall and W. A. Freeman, and the convention adjourned.

AMUSEMENTS.

Burbank's Readings.

Mr. Burbank, who reads on Friday night at Tallmadge hall for the benefit of the Washington Monument, is spoken of in the following high terms of praise by critics and literati:

DEAR MR. BURBANK, &c., &c.: Your style seems to me most excellent.—*Charlotte Cushman.*

I think Mr. Burbank is the best reader of humorous pieces I ever heard.—*Robert Collyer.*

Quite the most entertaining and accomplished men in his profession.—*J. G. Holland.*

Moved your hearers to laughter or tears at your will.—*G. M. Van Derlip, Chairman Y. M. C. A., New York.*

Possesses rare ability and power.—*Boston Traveller.*

The entire personation was faultless.—*Chicago Times.*

His face is the living index of his thought.—*Chicago Tribune.*

His entertainment is suitably described as thoroughly delightful.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The audience like Oliver Twist wanted more.—*N. Y. Express.*

Miss Story's Readings.

The announcement in another column of the entertainment to be given at Willard hall next Thursday evening attracts general attention. Miss Story is not only a worthy and talented lady, but an accomplished and eloquent elocutionist. Her active support of many charitable interests gives her a special claim upon our people. She will be ably assisted by Miss Lois Mygatt, (a pupil of Barrilla,) who was most cordially received at the recent reception of the Artists' Club; Mr. Paris, a well-known artist and thorough musician; Prof. Anton Gletzner, (pupil of Von Bulow;) and an accomplished pianist; Mr. Saml. G. Young, the favorite baritone, and Mr. Henry Everback, the well-known violincellist. This array of talent promises a most delightful entertainment, and those who desire tickets should procure them at once.

The Efficacy of Advertising.

In a conversation to-day between some prominent members of the bar, an interesting reminiscence came up regarding the efficacy of advertising. Several years ago an eccentric bachelor, who had become imbued with the advanced ideas of affinities, advertised for a wife in a paper of small circulation then published in Worcester. He had the advertisement also copied into a phrenological journal in New York. In answer to all applicants he sent a blank to be filled out by the applicant, stating her name, measurement, color of the hair and eyes, and also a daguerreotype. The man never married, but at his death his effects passed to his executors, and with them the blanks and likenesses. Among the legal advisers was a gentleman who now occupies an official position on the bench. He said that he could not tell the number of applicants for marriage. There was a large trunk and a valise filled with blanks and daguerreotypes, and they came from all parts of the country, many of them from the city and persons of respectability. Soon requests began to pour in from persons requesting the return of the blanks and likenesses. The matter created quite a sensation at the time.—*Worcester Gazette.*

A Valuable Discovery.

Dr. C. W. Benson, a practicing physician at 106 North Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md., (who has paid much attention to nervous diseases,) has discovered that extract of celery and chamomile combined, in a certain proportion, invariably cures headache, either bilious, dyspeptic, nervous or sick headache, neuralgia and nervousness. This is a triumph in medical chemistry, and sufferers all over the country are ordering by mail. He prepares it in pills, at 50 cents per box. The Doctor is largely known and highly respected in Baltimore. These pills are sent, postage free, to any address, and sold by all wholesale and retail druggists in Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria.

CHARITY BENEFIT.

The Sufferers Meeting With Many Friends.

Yesterday, for all the storm, was made quite happy for a good number of people. A great deal of simple pure generosity was manifested, and the relief extended was well timed. To-day the good work will go on.

COPYING.

Again we call upon friends having copying to do to let us know. Very many of the ladies are elegant writers, and are anxiously waiting agreeable news on this subject. If its only $3 or $5 or $10 worth, let us know about it at once, and it will be sent for. Gentlemen will strain a point in this matter in favor of the deserving.

PERFECTING AN ORGANIZATION.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock it is arranged to have a meeting in Mr. Waugh's office, directly opposite the Treasury Department, of gentlemen connected with the various Departments, for the purpose of effecting an organization of clerks for the relief of the furloughed employees. This meeting is called by competent authority, and will be generally attended. It is important that all the Departments should be represented.

MR. BURBANK'S BENEFIT.

Mr. Burbank, the noted elocutionist, gives a reading at Tallmadge hall Saturday afternoon, at 3 p. m., for the benefit of the distressed families belonging to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The tickets are placed at fifty cents. This morning, at 9 o'clock, the ladies attached to the bureau can procure the tickets at this office, and they will be allowed twenty-five cents on each one they sell. Tickets can also be procured at Tallmadge hall. As fast as a lady sells a ticket she can put twenty-five cents in her pocket. She gets relief at once by her own exertions. Any lady belonging to the bureau can call here and get her quota of tickets, and there is not one who cannot sell five during the day, and that is $1.25 for herself.

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THE BREWERS' TRIAL.

CASE OF SHOOTING FOR ALLEGED SEDUCTION

EVIDENCE OF J. LYLE CLARK, THE SEDUCED

THE VICTIM A LADY OF GEORGETOWN

HER BROTHERS ON TRIAL FOR THE SHOOTING

APPEARANCE OF THE LADY IN COURT

Exclusion of Proof of the Alleged Seduction

The trial of Henry W. and Joseph N. Brewer, of Georgetown, D. C., on the charge of shooting, with intent to kill, Colonel J. Lyle Clarke, of Baltimore, in June last, at the St. Clair hotel, in that city, was commenced in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, before Judge Gilmor, last Monday morning.

The following synopsis of the trial is taken from the Baltimore *American:*

The court room was densely crowded with spectators. The greatest interest was manifested by all at the trial progressed. The State's Attorney, A. Leo Knott, esq., conducted the prosecution, while the accused were represented by Hon. A. G. Riddle and Charles Thompson, jr., of Washington, D. C., and Captain J. L. Clark, of this city.

The following are the names of the jury selected: W. R. Barry, foreman; H. J. Albert, W. H. Hoyt, J. W. Cross, Luther Wilson, Edward Goldman, Thomas H. Barnes, F. W. Elder, R. J. Davidson, George T. Abrahams, John Mahon and J. H. Bonnett. The names of those challenged are as follows: P. C. O'Donnell, H. C. Buckmaster, S. C. Brown, N. V. Anderson, Edward T. Sweeting, W. H. Heald, Charles H. Hepburn, George W. Stoddardt, McKleit Wire, Brook A. Beall, Cornelius F. Chappel, Benjamin T. Hynson.

The indictment contained two counts, the first of which charged the Brewers with assault with intent to kill, and the second with common assault.

When the State's attorney had concluded, Mr. Thompson made the opening statement for the defense, in which he alleged that the seduction of Miss Mary Brewer, the sister of the accused, was the provocation for the shooting. He also stated that it would be shown that after encompassing the young lady's ruin Col. Clarke had sent a Dr. Wilson, of Baltimore, to her with the view of procuring an abortion, which Miss Brewer could not allow. Mr. Thompson concluded by making some reference to the law of the case.

Col. J. Lyle Clarke, sworn: After giving age and residence, he testified that at 3:10 p. m. on the 30th of June he took his seat

AT THE END OF THE DINNER-TABLE

at the St. Clair hotel: he was to the left of the door, presenting his side within two or three feet from it: had taken a spoonful or two of soup when he felt the wind cut near his face: heard the report of a pistol, and a ball passed through his throat under his right ear, through his mouth and tongue; it carried away one of my front teeth, and embedded itself in the wainscoting; my tongue was paralyzed, the blood poured into my mouth, and I was at first apprehensive that the jugular vein had been severed. Drs. Wilson and Hill were called in and rendered surgical aid. I was then removed to my residence; was able to go out in a week or ten days after the shooting, but did not entirely recover for a long time, especially from the injury to my tongue; when shot he arose from his table to confer with his elder brother, Henry W. Brewer, at the foot of the table; saw his right with a drawn pistol, flourishing it, and frantically threatening any one who unbidden interfered; the older brother, Joseph N. Brewer, stood near the door with a pistol levelled at witnesses' breast; thought the shot was fired by Joseph N. Brewer, but did not actually see him fire.

Cross-examined: Witness first made the acquaintance of Mr. Newton Brewer, the younger brother, in the summer of 1872 or 1873, in Gloucester county, Va.; became acquainted with the other members of the Brewer family through the younger brother; paid no special attention to the sister in August, 1872 or 1873, in Gloucester county, Va., at the house of Mr. Tabb, where they were all visiting; made the acquaintance of the elder brother a month afterward; did not visit at the house of the Brewers in Georgetown, D. C., at the invitation of the younger Brewer and in company with Mr. Tabb shortly after their first acquaintance; made another visit in about two weeks and remained all night, rooming with the younger brother; after that had frequent business calls to Georgetown, and generally at the same time made social calls on the Brewers; was taken there quite as much

TO SEE MISS MARY BREWER AS ANY ONE;

did not go to the house as a suitor for the hand of the young lady, and was never engaged to marry her: am a widower.

It was then stated by Mr. Riddle to bring out the fact of the illicit relations between Miss Brewer and the witness by the latter's own admissions in response to questions of counsel.

Mr. Knott objected to the question, but which were not allowed to be read to the jury. The first is dated May 7, 1875, and is as follows:

"Your letter, dear Mamie, would have met with a more prompt reply, but I had to wait until I could see both of the persons to whom you referred, and the result is that neither can account for the result, or, at least, non result. I wish you had entered more fully into all the particulars, when I might have had some data to go by. He did my grace injustice in making such a statement, and no doubt arrived at the conclusion by my anxious manner. I have been quite unwell for the last three weeks, and my cold is no better; incessant coughing, particularly at night, make me feel very weak. Some of my friends are quite uneasy about me and advise a trip to Savannah, instead of waiting here for warm weather. I am afraid I shall have to take a trip to Virginia about the first of the week, as we have some matters down there that require looking after.

"The impression is that you do not take exercise enough, good healthy exercise, having remained too quiet. Should you still deem it necessary, (as in all probability it may have to be,) you can make your own appointment, as before, and he will meet you. In the meantime you ought to take some active exercise.

"And believe me, dear Mamie, your ever fondly attached friend. L."

TO MY DEAR MAMIE.

To the top of the second letter there was attached the advertisement, from the *Sun*, of the alleged abortionist, Dr. Wilson, and at the end his address, "Corner Saratoga and St. Paul streets." The advertisement, however, was torn off after the letter was received. The following is the text of the second letter, which is dated May 11, 1875:

"I could not answer your letter, my dear Mamie, until the present moment, and as I shall leave the city to-morrow (to be absent some two weeks) I inclose the address, and a letter from you will meet with a prompt reply. It is for you to know whether it is necessary for another visit; if so, make the appointment and it will be kept. I truly regret I have to leave at this time, but have put off my trip as long as I possibly could.

"I always pray for you, and you shall ever have my prayers from the bottom of my heart. Good-bye, and may God ever watch over and shield the lily of your soul. "L."

The trial was continued yesterday.

A pretty little Ohio schoolmarm tried to whip one of her pupils, a boy of fifteen, the other day, but when she commenced operations he coolly threw his arms around her neck and gave her a hearty kiss. She went straight back to her desk, and her face was "just as red."

GREAT BRITAIN.

Betting on the Inter-University Boat Race.

LONDON, March 28.—The latest betting on the inter-university boat race is six to five on Oxford.

HER MAJESTY'S PROPOSED TRIP.

To day, in accordance with the notice previously given, Mr. Anderson, a member of the House of Commons for Glasgow, questioned the Government as to the absence from the country of her Majesty during a session of Parliament. Mr. Disraeli, in replying, said the last preceding absence of the monarch during a Parliamentary session was in 1872. The present journey of the Queen, he said, was a strictly domestic affair. Every arrangement had been made to prevent any inconvenience to the public business.

FIVE MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS.

GLASGOW, March 28.—To-day the boiler of a locomotive attached to a construction train on the Glasgow and Southwestern railroad exploded. Five persons were killed outright and nine badly injured.

FIVE HUNDRED SINK IN THE ARABIAN SEA.

LONDON, March 28.—Advices received here to-day from India by mail report that the steamship Jowad, from Shehr, has been wrecked in the Arabian sea. She had aboard about five hundred pilgrims, chiefly Persians, bound to Bushire. Three men who are supposed to be the only survivors have reached Hodeida.

SPAIN AND ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 28.—In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Bourke, under secretary for the Foreign Department, stated that a communication had been sent to the Spanish Government relative to the seizure of the ship Lark in Cuban waters in 1873. He said he could not yet make known the nature of Spain's reply.

ITALY.

The Programme of the New Ministry.

ROME, March 28.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day Prime Minister Depretis announced the programme of the new Ministry. It comprises reform of the electoral laws so as to give real liberty, the restoration of the absolute independence of the magistracy. The financial condition of the country is greatly improved. A forced currency, however, still exists, and presents a danger upon the removal of which the Ministry will concentrate its attention.

The Ministry intends to be neither aggressive nor hostile to the Church, but to hold aloof from any idea of conciliating it. The Government reserves the right to introduce measures for further securing liberty of conscience and regulating the administration of ecclesiastical property. Signor Depretis, in concluding his explanation of the programme, said the Government ought not to be a party, and would therefore accept the co-operation of all.

CABLE FLASHES.

SAN SEBASTIAN, March 28.—The Spanish steamer Elvira exploded to day and sank off Passages. Many persons on board were killed and wounded.

PARIS, March 28.—A decree of Marshal MacMahon, promulgated to-day, announces incidentally that a universal international exhibition will shortly be held in Paris.

LONDON, March 28.—The annual meeting of the Direct United States Cable Company was held to-day and passed off satisfactorily. The policy of the directors in maintaining an independent organization was sustained.

FLORENCE, March 28.—The suit brought against Larkin G. Mead, the American sculptor, by a former employee, for modeling the Lincoln monument, which was originally decided in favor of the defendant and subsequently appealed, has again resulted in a complete victory for Mead.

LONDON, March 29.—The correspondent of the *Times* at Ragusa telegraphs that the conference between Baron Rodich and the Turkish officials has ended in a complete failure. On Sunday the Turks entered Christian villages, murdered three men and four women, and brought their heads to Bilek in triumph.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

BOSTON, March 28.—The woman suffrage resolve was again rejected in the House to-day by a vote of 27 to 7.

BALTIMORE, March 28.—During the performance of "Gay Mannering," at Ford's opera house to-night, Charles Herbert, who sustained the character of Dirk Hatterick, was shot through the hand by the premature discharge of a pistol.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A man, calling himself Frank Marston, was arrested here to-day for passing counterfeit five-dollar bills on the Traders' National Bank of Chicago. The bills were well executed.

SAYVILLE, L. I., March 28.—The Wrecking company's steamer Relief is the only ship now at the wreck of the Great Western. Little of the cargo is left. The Great Western is breaking in two and will soon go to pieces. About forty men are working at the wreck to-day.

J. Ambler Smith's Delegation.

[Special to the National Republican.]

RICHMOND, March 28.—John Ambler Smith's delegates to the Lynchburg convention from this district have been beaten twelve out of sixteen.

PERSONAL.

BOSTON, March 28.—Hon. James G. Blaine arrived here this evening.

Samuel Bard is writing some interesting editorial letters to his paper, the Alabama *State Journal*, from this city.

Hon. Robert Smalls, M. C. from South Carolina, and his daughter, have removed their residence from No. 108 A street northeast to No. 910 Fourteenth street.

A telegram received in this city last night from Fortress Monroe states that "Mr. George Wright is dying, and cannot live until this reaches your city." This will be sad news to his many friends in his city.

Colonel Milton S. Robinson, Republican representative in Congress from the Sixth district of Indiana, has made an excellent reputation as a hard-working, earnest man. The Republican papers of his district, almost without exception, favor his recommitation. He will, from present indications, be the unanimous choice of the nominating convention; and if so, there can be no doubt of his election, as the district is largely Republican.

A private telegram from Rome says that the cause of the death of Paul Dahlgren, United States Consul General to Italy, which occurred a few days ago, was syncope of the heart, and that his remains are being embalmed. Mr. Dahlgren's health had been greatly impaired by exposures and hardships during the war, and his devotion to the duties of his consulate was so unremitting as to hasten his death. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and his loss is deplored by an unusually large circle of friends.

[One of the most affable and polished gentlemen in the civil service of the Government is Col. R. M. Wallace, United States marshal of South Carolina. Col. Wallace is a native of South Carolina, and was graduated with distinction at one of the best colleges of the North. By the uniform courtesy which he extends to all with whom he has relations he has made for himself hosts of friends, and he is one of the few officeholders in his State who enjoys the confidence of Republicans and Democrats alike. The future is brilliant with promise for Col. Wallace, and we apprehend that he will yet be the recipient of the highest honors in the gift of the people of South Carolina.

Mr. W. F. Peddrick, formerly of the Attorney General's confidential staff, in this city, but now assistant United States Attorney for the District of St. Louis, where he has gained much distinction in the prosecution of the whiskey frauds, is now in Washington, in obedience to the House Committee on the Judiciary. His friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Peddrick has recently received the very flattering offer of a business connection with the firm of Mr. Storrs, the distinguished lawyer of Chicago, who was of counsel for Gen. Babcock, and he contemplates an early resignation of his present position to remove and settle permanently in Chicago.

Lincoln's Monument.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: On the 14th of next month the statue of Lincoln is to be unveiled. Why unveil it on the 14th? It is true that he was shot on the night of the 14th. He did not die until the morning of the 15th, and if the unveiling is to commemorate anything in connection with that tragedy it ought to be confined to his death. The 15th occurs on Saturday, which is a bad day for parades so far as the working men are concerned, and the 16th (emancipation day) coming on Sunday, as a matter of course, will not be celebrated. Why not defer the whole thing until Monday, the 17th of April, and then unveil the monument and celebrate emancipation day also? Please urge it.

CITIZEN.

Porous Plasters.

Porous plasters have been much improved recently in BENSON'S CAPCINE PLASTER, by a new method of treating the rubber so that it contains more electricity than formerly, one of the qualities for which a porous plaster has been especially valued, and by the addition of Capcine, which causes the plaster to act immediately and makes it the most reliable remedy known for colds, rheumatism, lameness of the back and muscles, kidney complaint, or any of the diseases for which a porous plaster or liniment has been used. The manufacturers are pleased to learn that there is a demand for conscientious druggists who, having become convinced of the great merit of BENSON'S CAPCINE PLASTER, recommend it in preference to all others. Of such are E. Dean, Newark, N. J.; Chas. Althan and M. M. Cook, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Thompson, Lilly & Co., Baltimore, Md.; Robert Powers, Richmond, Va. Vincent, of Broadway, Brooklyn, says "he recommends no other;" Gulick & Berry, Terre Haute, Ind., say "they are convinced from results from sales there that they are much superior to ordinary porous plasters;" Cole & Flynn, Danville, Va., say "they have given satisfaction in every case;" W. T. Weber, Springfield, Mass., says, "They constitute an advertising medium in themselves." Thus speak many others. The manufacturers also regret to hear that in some instances druggists, acting from pecuniary motives, as not so large a profit is made on them as on ordinary porous plasters, have used their influence to persuade their customers to substitute some other article in place of BENSON'S CAPCINE PLASTER. When you ask for BENSON'S CAPCINE PLASTER be sure you get nothing else. Price, 25 cents.

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Army Gazette.

The superintendent mounted recruiting service will cause one hundred and ninety recruits to be prepared and forwarded, under proper charge, for assignment as follows: One hundred to Omaha, Nebraska, where they will be reported upon arrival to the commanding general Department of the Platte for assignment to the 2d cavalry, and ninety to San Antonio, Texas, (via the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad,) where they will be reported upon arrival to the commanding general Department of Texas for assignment to the 8th cavalry.

A library association has been formed by the negroes of Richmond, and they ask for books.

THE MAIL SERVICE.

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