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Weather probabilities, estimated at 1 a. m.—For South Atlantic and Gulf States, rising and stationary barometer, northeast to southeast winds, slight changes in temperature and partly cloudy weather, with rain areas in latter. For the Middle States and New England, falling and stationary barometer, winds mostly from south to west, and slightly warmer, clear weather, with possibly occasional rains in the northern portion of the latter.

Thermometric readings taken May 24, 1876, at the Signal Office: 7 a. m., 53°; 7:35 a. m, 55°; 12 m., 66°; 2 p. m., 71°; 4:35 p. m., 74°; 9 p. m., —°; 11 p. m., 61°. Maximum, 75°; minimum, 46°.

For court proceedings see third page.

Behrend's Patent Catarrh cigar sure cure.

Professor Valentine's complimentary May festival to-night.

Hair-cloth hats, $2 and $2.50, at Stinemetz's, 1237 Pennsylvania avenue.

Knox's white beaver hats now ready at Stinemetz's, agent for this city.

Cabinet pictures of Rev. E. P. Hammond, the evangelist, at Johnson's gallery.

Silk umbrellas, for gentlemen and ladies, at Stinemetz's, 1237 Pennsylvania avenue.

Try Marburg Bros. Seal of North Carolina Smoking Tobacco, 10 and 20 cent packages.

Left-off clothing, watches, pistols, &c., bought at Herzog's, 917 D street. Orders attended to.

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

By request, the gates will remain open at Tallmadge hall until eleven o'clock Friday evening.

Mackinaw straw hats and boys' and children's straw hats at Stinmetz's, 1237 Pennsylvania avenue.

Trusses, $1; also all the homœopathic medicines at Heller's drug store, under the National hotel.

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

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

A game of base ball was played between the Gem and Press clubs on the 23d instant, which resulted in favor of the former by a score of 21 to 19.

How can all have the best, and how can any surpass or equal Dooley's delicious cream soda water, at 223 Pennsylvania avenue, Capitol Hill?

Catarrh, nervous and chronic diseases—Dr Hartley will be compelled to decline new patients after next month. Office, 936 E street, near Tenth northwest.

Have you seen the "Gates Open" at Tallmadge hall? All sorts of gates—iron, golden and silver gates—are open to all who wish to enter and see the marvelous sights within.

The Senate page, Wilbur McDaniel, who was recently injured by a fall at the Capitol, has fully recovered consciousness, and strong hopes are entertained of his recovery.

"Gates Open," at Tallmadge hall, is one of the most novel and interesting entertainments that ever greeted a Washington company. It will be held again to-night and to-morrow night.

Some unknown thief entered Burchett's restaurant, at the corner of Eighth and H streets northwest, early yesterday morning, and took from the drawer a pocket-book containing $73.

J. H. Squier & Co., bankers, 1416 Pennsylvania avenue, pay 6 per cent. interest on deposits, payable on demand. Special rates on time deposits. Interest paid January and July, or credited.

One of the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum named William Farwell, a middle-aged man, who has been confined there for some time, escaped from the grounds yesterday and has not been heard from since.

About 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning a young man named Charles Drew was badly injured about the head by the caving in of a bank in the rear of his father's residence, on Second street, between B and C streets northeast.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: Henry Speaks and Alice Jackson, Joseph Johnson and Annie Adams, Edward Hardy and Susan Robinson, Thomas B. Queen and Emma M. Rohrer.

The NATIONAL REPUBLICAN book and job printing office is one of the largest and best appointed job offices south of New York. All kinds of job work are promptly executed there on the most advantageous terms.

Captain Cutler, who was so terribly burned by the explosion at the Capitol, is not improving very fast, but is in a very dangerous condition. His physicians considered him worse yesterday than he has been at any time before.

Master Herbert Clinton Emery, a four-year-old boy of L. S. Emery, at Mount Pleasant, fell from a tree in the yard Tuesday morning, and dislocated his arm at the elbow. Dr. Sowers was called and set it, and the little fellow is doing well.

At the annual meeting of the Washington Grove Camp-meeting Association, at Foundry church, Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Thos. P. Morgan, president; Wm. R. Woodward, vice president; E. F. Simpson, secretary; E. H. Stinemetz, treasurer.

The Analostan Boat Club regatta, to celebrate the opening of their new boat-house, takes place on Saturday evening, at 4 o'clock. The boys are justly proud of their club-house, which is a beautiful and convenient structure. The ladies are already in a flutter of excitement over the coming regatta.

About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a horse attached to a phaeton ran away from the corner of Missouri avenue and Four-and-a-half street. The horse was stopped on the Avenue, near the National hotel. The phaeton was demolished and the driver thrown out, but not injured. The horse and phaeton belonged to Samuel Benzinglie.

Yesterday morning, as Sergeant Pierce was going his rounds, he came across an unusual object for his consideration in the form of a small empty pine coffin, on the corner of Tenth and G streets northeast. With due respect he conveyed it to the station-house to be disposed of in a more befitting manner.

The D. C. Game Protective Association held their first annual meeting at Brightwood next Tuesday, when three pigeon matches will take place. Captain A. H. Bogardus, the champion wing shot, will be present, and will give an exhibition of his wonderful skill, both in single and double bird-shooting. The proceeds of the meeting are to be devoted to the benefit of soldiers' and sailors' orphans.

Among those persons to whom patents were issued for the week ending May 23 were the following for this District: Charles E. Foster, improvement in nozzles or jets for fountains; Antonio Pelletier, improvement in concrete pavements; Leander E. Fish, improvement in hot air globes and shade-holders. Reissues: Edward Morgan, assignor by mesne assignments to Peter H. Watson, improvement in measuring attachments for packaged fabrics, patented January 24, 1871. Design: Mary F. Foster and Anna W. Thomas, design for a fan.

Hon. Mark H. Dunnell and the Republicans of Maine.

The Hon. Mark H. Dunnell, M. C. of Minnesota, favored the Maine Republican Campaign Club with a grand speech at their meeting last evening, which was received with great enthusiasm.

The American Mecca.

The trip to Mount Vernon is just now unusually attractive, and the new steamer Arrow, Commodore Hollingshead, is carrying large numbers of pilgrims daily to the "American Mecca." She leaves her wharf at 10 o'clock in the morning and returns at 4 in the afternoon, in ample time for dinner. It is a delightful and instructive trip for strangers.

Another Banister Accident.

Yesterday morning another of those accidents from sliding down a stair-banister occurred at the Jefferson school, building. A pupil of Secondary school, No. 3, named James Glennin, while trying to slide on the hand-rail in the second story of the building, fell from that story to the play-room entrance below, a distance of about twenty feet. He was found insensible, and bleeding freely at the mouth. Dr. Fenwick was called in and examined the boy, and so far has found no injury beyond a severe concussion and a deep cut inside the mouth. After the boy had somewhat revived he was taken home by the physician, who thinks he will soon recover.

An Excursion Party.

Yesterday morning, at 9:30 o'clock, an excursion train arrived from York, Pennsylvania, at the Baltimore and Potomac railroad depot with about two hundred and eighty persons. The trip was made under the auspices of the German Reformed church, of York, and most of the party spent the day in visiting the Capitol and public buildings, returning home the same night. They were met by Dr. Cathcart, A. A. Shiseler, Paul Hersh, E. H. Chapman, and Messrs. McDonald, Eager, Doty, Minner, Danner, Kinrie, Armstrong and Robb, of the Pennsylvania Republican Association, and were escorted to the Seventh-street wharf, where a number of them took the boat for Mount Vernon.

Real Estate Sales.

Messrs. Duncanson Bros. sold yesterday afternoon for Henry Wise Garnett and James G. Payne, trustees, the west 25 feet of lot No. 10, in square No. 317, with the improvements, consisting of a two-story brick house, situated on K street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets northwest, to A. Herman, for $2,000.

Also, for Charles Walter, trustee, the west part of lot No. 1, in square No. 99, together with the improvements, consisting of a two-story frame house, situated on New Hampshire avenue, between M and N streets northwest, to Mrs. Catharine Peipter, for $1,200.

WAYLAND SEMINARY.

Tenth Annual Commencement.

Last evening a large gathering of the friends of the students of the Wayland Seminary were assembled at the seminary, on Meridian Hill, to witness the honors of the students participating in the tenth annual commencement. The recitation-room was neatly festooned with flags and decorated with flowers, and also with pictures and mottoes, arranged with good effect. The faculty is composed of Rev. G. M. P. King, A. M., president; James Storum, A. M., professor of academic department; Miss Julia M. Bartlett, associate teacher; Miss Mary A. Ronnis, assistant, normal department. The purpose of the seminary is to assist in the great work of providing preachers and teachers for the South, and at the same time to prepare the way for the mission work for the millions in Africa who are now surrounded by intellectual and moral darkness. The school is a Christian home. The dispositions and capacities of the students are carefully studied, and, having learned the quantity and character of the material, they plan the building. Students who are not ambitious, and who dislike hard work, contenting themselves with superficial attainments, are not made to feel at home in the school.

The work performed during the last year has been of a very encouraging character, the attainments of the students being such as reflect credit upon themselves and their tutors in the different courses of study. The exercises were opened with singing by the seminary choir, delivered in a credible and pleasing manner.

Rev. Mr. Ayre, of Massachusetts, delivered the opening prayer, followed by the choir in singing, after which the following order of exercises was carried out to the satisfaction of the audience, and establishing a fine name for the classes for work performed in the year just ended.

"The Welcome," E. H. Boulden, Portsmouth, Va.; "Self-Examination, Friendship," Perry Pulley, Salisbury, Md.; "The Memory of Our Fathers," Henry C. Jones, Montgomery county, Va.; singing; "The Country's Great Evil," F. M. Mead, Halifax county, Va.; "Keeping at It," A. P. Daniel, Raleigh county, W. Va.; "Faith in the Unseen," J. R. Banks, Albemarle county, Va.; singing; "Folly of Infidelity," A. D. G. Raddick, Brattleboro, Vt.; "The Work Before Us," E. A. Randolph, Richmond, Va.; "Good Nature—What a Blessing," R. H. Porter, Wythe county, Va.; singing; "Our Gifts to History," Walter J. Scott, New York; "Uncle Sam's a Hundred," Geo. W. Hardmond, Richmond, Va.; "The Nation's Centennial," Walter A. Scott, Salem, Va.; singing; "Life is What We Make It," Chas. N. Pryor, Georgetown, D. C.; "The Farewell," John M. Roston, New Haven, Conn.; singing, and Rev. Mr. Gray, D. D., announced the benediction.

Among the many present were Hon. Henry Heard, President Hopkins and Prof. Robinson, of Howard University; Prof. Smith, of Massachusetts; Dr. Walling, of Columbia University; Dr. Grey, of North church; Rev. Mr. Mirick, Revs. J. A. Brown and Harvey Johnson, of Baltimore.

At the conclusion of the exercises the company adjourned to the dining-dining, where refreshments and sweetmeats were furnished in abundance, and where the success of the different students were discussed, many flattering compliments being passed upon the entermainment of the evening.

QUICK WORK.

A Bold Robbery and Prompt Arrest.

Detectives Miller and Coomes yesterday afternoon made a prompt arrest, and secured stolen property from two thieves who had it in their possession less two hours. A few minutes before 6 o'clock, while the members of the household were in the lower portion of the residence of Dr. H. H. Barker, at the corner of Twelfth and H streets northwest, the upper part was entered by two bold and desperate robbers, who made hasty work in collecting all the valuables to be found, and then departed. They entered a vacant house two doors below, ascended to the second floor and then crossed to the shed at the rear, that covered the bath-rooms, to the back of Dr. Barker's house, where an entrance was gained through an open window. Although having but a short time in which to operate, they succeeded in capturing a lady's gold hunting-case watch, infant's armlets, lady's cuff buttons, gold studs, two spiral studs, estruscan gold, a gold pencil, gent's cuff buttons, $8 in money belonging to a servant, lady's pen-knife, a silver-mounted pistol, a certificate of five shares in the North American Envelope Company, kid gloves, bracelets and other valuables.

In their hurry exit by the same route they entered, a person on Twelfth street discovered them leaving the premises, but who gave the alarm too late to effect their arrest at that time, but sufficiently early to obtain a good description of them. Jewelers and pawnbrokers were quickly reported at police headquarters and taken in hand by Detectives Coomes and Miller. They proceeded in search of parties whom they suspected, and at a well-known restaurant on Pennsylvania avenue found these individuals and took them into custody. On reaching the Fifth precinct station a thorough search was made, and on them was found the ladies' watch, revolver, certificate of stock, and other articles that had been stolen only a short time previous. There was also found other goods which were recognized as the property of Mr. Sidney Austin, whose residence, on Columbia street, was entered and robbed a few days ago. The thieves gave their names as James F. Thompson and George Williams, which are known to be fictitious, and the correct ones will be supplied to-day. They will be photographed for the benefit of the gallery, and then receive a hearing before Judge Snell. The officers, by their promptness and efficiency, deserve the success they met with in securing two such notorious characters.

Not long after the thieves had been locked up in the Fifth precinct station the officer on duty heard a noise in the prison, and on going to the cell where Williams was confined found that he had succeeded in removing a portion of a brick in the solid wall near the iron door-jamb in his attempts to escape. Williams had concealed an oyster-knife in his boot, which escaped notice when he was searched. The knife was taken from him, he was removed to another cell and securely handcuffed and made no more attempts to escape.

THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD.

Decoration Day and Our Mexican War Dead.

While the gallant dead of our late civil war are going to have the yearly tribute paid to their memory by loyal and loving hands, decking their graves with floral tributes—a touching and reverential homage of a grateful country to its heroic defenders—there are others of our country's braves whose achievements long years ago were the theme of every household, whose remains are moulering in almost forgotten graves, while the fruits of their dauntless courage and endurance have largely contributed to our territorial and commercial greatness—I mean the veterans of the Mexican war. Without referring to the thousands whose graves are scattered throughout the United States and Mexico, we have here right in our midst, in the different cemeteries of the District, the remains of officers and men, whose deeds of valor in the deadly breach won unstinted praise from their country, and their surviving comrades—who, alas, are not many—should even at this late day bestow upon their long-neglected graves the meed of a few immortelles, while, as a well-deserved act of justice, Congress should gladden the declining years of the survivors by passing their pension bill while happily there are any still living.

I subjoin the names of a number who are interred in the District cemeteries, but am unable, except in a few cases, to particularize the different cemeteries in which they are all interred: Gens. Totten, Hardee, Cadwalader, Cassy, L. Thomas, Dyer, De Russy, Garland and Churchill; Colonels Truman, Cross, Andrews and Garesche; Majors Theodore Talbot and M. M. Clarke; Captains Dupont, Lee, Hanson, Boyle, Greene, John A. Davis, U. S. N., and B. M. Dove, U. S. N.; Lieutenants R. H. Graham, Addison, Thornton, &c. There are a number of others, but the writer deems it unnecessary to enumerate the list further. Some of the above served with distinguished gallantry in our late civil war. Our local association of the Associated Veterans of the Mexican War should have taken some action in the matter, so as to have made the observance of Decoration day a united affair, but I suppose hardly any number thought of it; in truth, it did not strike the writer until a day or so ago, and it probably is now too late for any united action.

I. B——N,
Of the Associated Veterans of the Mexican War.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Killed While Excavating a Bank.

A colored man named Benjamin Van Barber was killed about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, by the falling of a bank, which he was excavating. Van Barker and a fellow-workman were engaged in digging under a house on Twenty-fifth street, between H and I streets, belonging to a gentleman named Love. The bank is quite high and it was intended to dig out a cellar and underpin the structure. As it was impossible to begin to dig from the top, the workmen began to excavate at the bottom. When the bank fell in Van Barber was at work under it and was buried beneath it. His fellow-laborer barely escaped the same fate. A portion of the falling embankment struck him, but in such a manner that he was not injured. As soon as he realized what had occurred, he set to work to uncover Van Barber, and, with the assistance of Officer Morris and several citizens, Van Barber's body was quickly brought out from the debris. The body was crushed terribly. The head was crushed out of shape, and the skull bent until it was broken, and the body and limbs were broken. The remains were taken by Officer Morris to the Fourth precinct station. Coroner Patterson last evening viewed the body at the station and gave a certificate in accordance with the circumstances of the death. Van Barber has no family and no immediate relatives in the city.

Picnic and Excursion Printing.

With the largest assortment of Display Type in the District and the best Cylinder Presses, the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE can execute at the shortest notice any size or style of Poster, Handbill, Dodger, Gutter-Snipe or Programme that can be desired. Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Thirteenth street, second floor.

Burglary.

The gas was turned off yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. This gave burglars an hour or more for tolerably safe operations. They are taking bold advantage of these dark periods, which are apparently designed by some directing power in aid of burglarious performances. Monday morning last between gaslight and daylight the plate-glass show-window in the clothing store of J. Hamburger & Son, under the Metropolitan hotel, was deliberately broken, although it was one fourth of an inch thick, and a piece taken out sufficiently large to admit the hand and arm of the thief, and two suits of clothing extracted from the window. The burglars were then probably frightened away. This is one of the most frequented and unlikely spots in the city for the burglars to try their arts, because there is always some one stirring in the hotel. It was only the early shutting off of the gas which made this attempt practicable.

Important to Centennial Visitors.

Do not stop in the crowded city, where the heat and dust will suffocate you and so irritate you that you cannot appreciate the most gigantic collection of wonders ever gathered together, but stop at the Ridley Park hotel, where the gentle zephyrs from the Delaware bay will fan your parched cheek and build up your constitution equal to the bathing shores of Cape May. The prices are also so light that you will not notice them. Twenty trains per day to the Centennial.

PIMLICO.

Maryland Jockey Club Races—Four Fine Races—Bad Day for Favorites.

The fine weather yesterday drew a large crowd to Pimlico, there being over three thousand spectators upon the grounds. Hundreds of the fine equipages for which Baltimore is noted lined the grounds inside the track opposite the grand stand, while the aristocracy of the Monumental City was well represented upon the stand. The attendance of Washingtonians was small, but many will doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity of the exceedingly pleasant ride over and fine drive to the track to-day, should the weather prove as cool, bright and agreeable as it was yesterday.

The quarter-stretch presented a scene of life, animation and business, the hum of excitement almost drowning the stentorian voice of the pool auctioneer. All the horses started were, without exception, in good condition, and betting ran high, though the day proved a bad one for favorites, Egypt being the only favorite who repaid the confidence of his backers.

THE FIRST RACE

was sweepstakes, for three year olds that did not win in their two year old form of $25 each, play or pay; colts to carry 100 lbs. and fillies and geldings 97 lbs.; one mile; club to add $500, of which $100 to the second horse. The following started: T. B. and W. R. Davis' ch. f. May D.; D. L. Lorillard's br. colt Ambush and ch. colt Sunburst; Wm. Mulkey's ch. f. Lady Veto; P. Lorillard's b. g. Shirley and b. f. Pera; Carr & Co.'s ch. f. Ella Wooten and b. f. Buff and Blue; D. McDaniel's b. c. Vigil; Dotwell & Cammack's b. c. Outcast and b. c. Rappahannock; W. Wyche's b. c. by Reddick; D. J. Crouse's b. c. Serge, and W. R. Babcock's b. c. Woodland. Before the start Lorillard's entry was the favorite, selling at $120, while Vigil sold for $40, Wyche's colt for $30, G. Lorillard's entry for $25, Carr & Co's entry for $20 and the field for $45. After many false starts the horses got off with Pera in the lead, Vigil second, Rappahannock third, Wyche's colt fourth and Outcast fifth, the others running together. At the quarter Pera still kept the lead, and Rappahannock had run up to the second place, with Vigil third, Outcast fourth, Serge fifth, Wyche's colt sixth, Shirley seventh. At the three quarter pole Shirley had run up the back stretch to the second place, and Rappahannock fell off to the fifth, Vigil and Outcast having run ahead of him. Down the home stretch the running was fine, but Pera come to the finish, beating Shirley one length, who led May D. two lengths, with Vigil, Rappahannock, Outcast, Wyche's colt, Ambush, Sunburst, Buff and Blue, Lady Veto, Serge, Woodland and Ella Wooten in the order named. Time, 1:46¾.

THE SECOND RACE

was the Baltimore cup for all ages, 2¼ miles, $50 subscription, half forfeit; club to add $1,000, of which $200 to the second horse, and the third to save his stake. Hoaxer, Viator, Joe Cerns, Osage, Tom Ochiltree and Stampede started. Before the start Stampede was the favorite at $70, Belle Viator sold at $40, Ore Knob at $22 and Tom Ochiltree at $18, and for the field there was no bid. This race was the principal event of the day, and much interest was manifested in it. The start was good, and as the horses passed the stand Hoaxer led, with Tom Ochiltree second, Osage third, Ore Knob fourth, Stampede fifth, Joe Cerns sixth and Viator seventh. At the quarter Ore Knob ran up to the second place, with Tom Ochiltree third and Osage fourth. At the end of the first mile Stampede ran to the front, with The Hoaxer second, Joe Cerns third, Osage fourth, Viator fifth, Tom Ochiltree sixth and Ore Knob seventh. Passing the stand Stampede still held his advantage, and Joe Cerns had the second place, with Viator third, Ore Knob fourth, Tom Ochiltree fifth, The Hoaxer sixth and Osage seventh. Around the lower turn and up the back stretch the running was very fine. On the back stretch Tom Ochiltree ran up, and on the upper turn took the front, two lengths in advance of Viator, who led Stampede one length, followed by Ore Knob, Joe Cerns, The Hoaxer and Osage. Down the home-stretch Ochiltree opened a gap of three lengths ahead of Stampede, and came to the finish an easy winner, with Stampede second, Viator third, Joe Cerns fourth, Ore Knob fifth, and The Hoaxer and Osage trailing far behind. Time, 4:39.

THE THIRD RACE

was a free handicap stakes, for all ages, of $25 each, if not declared out; one and a half miles; club added $400 for the first horse and $100 for the second. The horses started even—Paladin, Carlboo, Oxmore, Gen. Harney and Chiquita. Before the start Gen. Harney was the favorite, selling in the pools for $120, while Chiquita sold for $85, Carlboo for $35 and the field $35. At the start Chiquita led off, with Paladin second, Gen. Harney third, Oxmore fourth and Carlboo fifth. Passing the stand, Chiquita still held her advantage, and Gen. Harney had run up to the second place, with Paladin third, Carlboo fourth and Oxmore fifth. On the lower turn Chiquita led Gen. Harney two lengths, and he led Paladin two lengths, who ran three lengths ahead of Oxmore, and Carlboo last. At the end of the mile there was no change of positions, nor was there going around the upper turn, but coming into the home-stretch Oxmore made an effort and ran to the second place, but Chiquita finished the race one length ahead of Oxmore, who led Gen. Harney two lengths, with Paladin fourth and Carlboo fifty yards behind. Time, 2:42.

THE FOURTH RACE

was mile heats, for all ages, maidens allowed if three years, three pounds; if four years, seven pounds; if five years and upwards, twelve pounds; purse, $600 for the first horse and $100 for the second. Portland, Egypt, Jest, Tom O'Neil and Burgoo started. Egypt was the favorite in the pools, having sold for $250 against the field, which brought only $85. At the start Tom O'Neil led off, with Egypt second, Jest third, Burgoo fourth and Portland fifth. On the lower turn Egypt went to the front and passed the quarter with Jest second, Burgoo third, Tom O'Neil fourth and Portland last. At the half mile Egypt led Burgoo a half length, who ran a half length ahead of Jest, with Tom O'Neil fourth and Portland out of the race. At the three-quarter pole Egypt still led Burgoo half length, and Tom O'Neil came to the third place four lengths behind, with Jest fourth. Down the homestretch Burgoo made a dash and came to the finish only a half length behind Egypt, with Tom O'Neil third, Jest fourth and Portland distanced. Time, 1:47¾.

For the second heat Egypt was a greater favorite than in the first heat, and there was little disposition to buy the field against him. At the start O'Neil led off, with Jest second, Egypt third and Burgoo fourth. On the lower turn Egypt went to the front, and passed the quarter with Jest second, Tom O'Neil third and Burgoo fourth. At the half mile there was no change in the positions of the horses, but up the back stretch Tom O'Neil went up to the second place, with Burgoo three lengths behind, and Jest out of the race, and in that order they came into the home stretch. Egypt came to the finish half a length ahead of Tom O'Neil, who led Burgoo three lengths, and Jest distanced. Time, 1:49¼.

NEW SUITS ENTERED.

A Lieutenant of Police Sued for Slander.

District Attorney Wells yesterday, in behalf of the United States, entered a suit against Aaron H. Nelson, Frederick D. Stuart and Joseph W. Angus, on the bond of the first named, as passed assistant paymaster in the United States navy, to recover a deficit of $1,000 of public moneys which came into his hands.

H. B. Moulton, in behalf of George N. Barber, entered a suit against Cornelius Noonan, of the Metropolitan police force, claiming damages in the sum of $10,000, for having reported to the Board of Police Commissioners, on or about December 15, 1875, false and slanderous reports concerning the premises and reputation of the plaintiff, by reason of which reports the commissioners refused to grant complainant a license to carry on a bar-room at the corner of Seventh and S streets northwest. That by reason of such false and malicious statements the business of the plaintiff has been entirely ruined, and he is obliged to sell and dispose of his property at a great sacrifice. On the 16th of December the defendant made an additional report to the Police commissioners, in which he stated that disorderly persons had been arrested in the bar-room of the plaintiff, and that vicious characters visit there, which said defendant made, well knowing it to be false and slanderous.

TEMPERANCE.

Mass Meeting at the Congregational Church.

The call issued by the general committee of the different temperance organizations of the District some time since for a mass meeting to sustain Senator Wright's bill for a prohibitory liquor law had a noble response last evening. The large Congregational church was filled with the friends of temperance. Many of the orders attended as organizations, arrayed in regalia and insignias of office. The Young Templars, a recently organized order, whose ranks are not yet full, acted as ushers. Nearly all of the temperance orders were represented in regalia, and the banners of the different orders were displayed about the walls. On the platform were seated Hon. D. P. Holloway, chairman of the committee of arrangements, in handsome regalia; Rev. J. E. Rankin, pastor of the church; T. P. Reid, G. W. S., T. of H.; J. F. Belton, G. W. C. T. of I. O. of G. T.; E. S. Mills, P. S. P. S. of T.; J. H. Winfield, G. W. P., S. of T.; W. H. Walker, D. C. of I. O. R. M.; George Savage, esq.

Mr. S. C. Mills called the meeting to order, and the opening exercises of devotion were conducted by Rev. J. E. Rankin, who read from the second chapter of Hebrews, and offered a fervent prayer. Mr. S. C. Mills, as presiding officer, made a few preliminary remarks.

Hon. D. P. Holloway was the first speaker, and delivered a lengthy address. In his address he gave many figures concerning the liquor traffic of the city. Mr. Holloway introduced Rev. George B. Jocelyn, president of the Michigan State University. The reverend speaker spoke at length, and eloquently. He was frequently interrupted by applause.

The exercises were concluded by an original hymn, by A. A. Wheelock, entitled "Never Surrender," which was sung to the tune of "Hold the Fort." Rev. Dr. Jocelyn pronounced the benediction.

The Late Col. J. S. Ruckel.

Col. J. S. Ruckel, of Oregon, who died in this city on Tuesday morning, was in many respects a remarkable man, possessing in a marked degree those traits of character that have made the men of the Pacific coast famous—enterprise, energy and liberality

Col. Ruckel settled in California at an early day and embarked in mercantile pursuits, and, by his thorough knowledge of business and great abilities, soon obtained control of one of the most important branches of trade of that section. Gen. Sherman, in his "Memoirs," among others, refers to the late Col. Ruckel as having been one of the earliest and most enterprising merchants of San Francisco. While a resident of California deceased was connected with many enterprises of great public benefit, and for several years was a member of the Legislature of that State.

Subsequently Colonel Ruckel removed to Oregon, where he organized, or was known as the Oregon Steam Navigation Company, an organization representing many millions, and of which he was president for several years. He was a member of the Oregon Legislature, and at one time was a prominent candidate for the United States Senate, failing to secure the caucus nomination by one vote.

Deceased possessed many rare qualities of heart and mind, and was beloved by all who knew him, and his death will be mourned by thousands, who will ever remember him as a generous, noble-hearted gentleman.

A Third Term.

The demand for the "goodies" at the festival at the E-street Baptist church is so great that the ladies have decided to hold it over a "third term," and will be in attendance to-night with a full supply of all the delicacies that the name "first-class festival" implies. Open at 7:30 o'clock; distribution commences as soon as you draw your pocket-book.

AMUSEMENTS.

National Theatre—Mary Anderson.

Mary Anderson, in the *role* of "Berthe, the Daughter of Roland," more than sustained her high reputation as the most gifted young *artiste* in America. It is seldom that Washington has the privilege of listening to superior entertainments than those given by Miss Anderson at the National this week. The play of "Berthe" last night was full of thrilling interest, as was attested by the warm and enthusiastic welcome it received at the hands and hearts of the audience. Miss Mary Anderson calls to the minds of many of the older citizens the appearance of the late Julia Dean. The latter lady played Juliet twenty-three years ago at the old National as the former will play it to-night. There are many points of personal resemblance between the two which cannot fail to strike those who were so fortunate as to see them both. Miss Anderson has a voice of great strength and compass, as well as of marvelous flexibility, while it is not lacking in sweetness when rehearsing the love scenes with Romeo. In height, complexion, beauty and manner she strongly resembles the late Mrs. Julia Dean Hayne, and gives abundant promise that she will shortly equal, if she does not excel, her in the rendition of some of her favorite parts.

Respectfully Inscribed to Miss Mary Anderson

Daughter of genius! in thy classic face
The lineaments of gratitude we can trace,
And in the flashing of thy lustrous eye
We see the promise of a future, high
And bright and brilliant, as in any age,
Has crowned a woman's efforts on the stage.
Thou hast the secret power to reach the heart,
To cause the tears of sympathy to start;
Oh, magic skill! oh, wondrous power of mind,
That in thyself we see so well combined.
Go on, fair lady, in thy bright career
The critic's caustic pen thou need'st not fear;
False-hearted friendship, coldness, nor deceit,
A world shall lay thy tribute at thy feet,
And in the future thou shall proudly show
The regal robe a Cushman used to wear,
While love and youth and beauty shall proclaim
Thy royal right to histrionic fame. W.

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Benefit of H. Clay Ford.

Mr. John E. Owens, like a Thespian Cincinnatus, has left the plow and comes to relieve an emergency of the dramatic republic. Washing from his hands the marks of his bucolic occupations, he has consented to come from rural Townsentown, Md., to play "The Victims" and "Solon Shingle," for the benefit of Mr. Harry Ford, next Monday evening. It would be unbecoming in us to reveal the secrets of Mr. Owens' farm life, or to say how much he gets for the corn that it costs him so and so to raise, or for the pigs that eat so much of the corn that costs such and such a price, and all the other delicious particulars of his agricultural economy. The public has only to do with Mr. Owens, the comedian, and can never come any nearer to a knowledge of Mr. Owens, the agriculturist of the Remote Belt, than is implied in "Solon Shingle." Next Monday will be the last evening upon which the National theatre will be open this season, as our popular young manager, Mr. H. Clay Ford, will then take his complimentary benefit. With our representative American comedian, the favorite comedian of the American stage, in "The Victims" and "Solon Shingle," the season ought to close right merrily!

Ford's Opera House.

There is every indication that a brilliant audience will be present at Ford's opera house next Friday evening. "Madelaine, or, the Spy in Coquette" will be put upon the stage in admirable style, and those scenes which have so often thrilled the auditor with delight will be reproduced in a manner satisfactory to the most critical. Mrs. M. E. Norris, who studied the title *role* of this beautiful play for six weeks under the instructions of Matilda Heron, will give us a finished representation of the intensely interesting character of Camille. It is with gratification that we announce the success of the management of this entertainment in their endeavors to enlist the cooperation of Washington's distinguished populace, who have heartily aided by their generous purchase of tickets a noble object, viz: the founding of an inebriate asylum at the National Capital. The largest and most distinguished audiences that ever assembled in Rio or any large cities during a season are for just such benevolent objects as is presented to our citizens for their support next Friday evening, and the National Capital, it is safe to say, will not be behind our sister cities in responding to the noble purposes for which the entertainment at Ford's opera house is to be given on the evening above stated.

Joe Jefferson Club.

The entertainment of the Joe Jefferson Dramatic Club at Ford's opera-house Tuesday evening was one of which any amateur company should be proud. The house was crowded, the aisles being filled with those who were unable to get seats, while flowers, in rich bouquets and baskets, were fairly rained upon the stage. Miss Minnie Frye as Margaret Crow, in "Meg's Diversion," the first play given, performed her *role* most admirably, as did Mr. Osborne, as Jasper Pidgeon, received the house. Mr. Randolph, as Roland, won merited applause, and Mr. Babbitt made a most amusing and excellent Devonshire Farmer. Cornelia, by Miss Swallow; Miss Netwell, by Mrs. Babbitt; Ashleigh Morton, esq., by Mr. Barbaugh, and Eytem, the lawyer, by Mr. Weiner, were creditably rendered. In the second play, entitled "Woodcock's Little Game," Messrs. Warren, Dennis, Nevitt and Phip, and Mrs. Kate Brandon and the Misses Cooper, Witeington and Burnett acquitted themselves in a really creditable manner.

The Gates Open.

The first two entertainments at Tallmadge hall under the auspices of the ladies of Dr. Sundarland's First Presbyterian church proved one of the most enjoyable of the social festivities given during the season. The exhibition was entirely new and original in its character, the several booths, arranged along the sides of the hall, being representations of ancient and modern gateways of the different countries, from underneath which refreshments were partaken of, and useful and beautiful articles offered for sale by ladies and gentlemen in the costumes of the nations represented. Among the gates were the Moorish, Roman and Jerusalem, while the more modern ones represented were the American toll-gate, the Normandy and Japanese. The entertainment is to be repeated to-night and to-morrow night, and, from its successful opening, there will be a large number of visitors during the evening.

Theatre Comique.

Crowded houses reward Manager Rogers nightly for his enterprise in placing upon the boards of the Comique a variety performance such as has never been excelled in the city. The mysterious performance of Miss Angie Schott, entitled "La Salon du Diable," and the specialties of Nellie St. John, Will Morton, Waite Sisters, Lawrence Sisters, Minnie Chapin, Horner and Holly, Alice Lacoste and others of the first-class artistes of the company are received with bursts of applause attesting the pleasure of the audience. Greater attractions are offered at the Comique this week than ever.

Fare for Delegates to Cincinnati and Return.

The Great Pennsylvania route announces that, for delegates to Cincinnati, the rates will be $15.25, and for others not delegates $22.90 for round-trip. Tickets to be sold June 5 to 13, inclusive. Coupons going to Cincinnati will be good until June 15, inclusive, and returning will be good until June 25, inclusive.

For delegates to the St. Louis convention, tickets will be sold at $25.25, and for others not delegates $34.90 for the round trip. Tickets for the latter will be sold from June 15 to 25, inclusive, and coupons going will be good until the 28th of June, inclusive. Return coupons will be good until July 10, inclusive.

Employment Office.

To place a place where you can procure a servant at short notice, and where servants can apply and get situations at once, has long been needed in this city. Messrs. Steer & Jones, Room 25, Federal Block, corner of Seventh and F streets, have now met that want, and all business of that character entrusted to them will be promptly attended to. They also attend to situations for salesmen, book-keepers, &c., and to the renting of rooms and houses.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Agents wanted.
Dissolution of partnership.
Unfurnished house wanted.
A neat corner store for rent.
Proposals for rations wanted.
House in Georgetown for rent.
Sale of furniture by Duncanson Bros.
Comfortable home on S street for rent.
Executor's sale of stock, carriages, &c.
Neat house, centrally located, for rent.
Examination of candidates for teachers.
Mineral Spring farm open for boarders.
Pupils in drawing and painting wanted.
Great opportunity for honor and money.
Meeting of the Union Friendship Lodge.
Furnished residence on I street for rent.
Unfurnished rooms on Second street for rent.
Neat dwelling on Fourteenth street for sale.
Sale of lot on M street, by Wm. L. Bramhall.
Meeting of the Southern Memorial Association.
Handsome residence on Fourteenth street for sale.
Sale of valuable building lots on Seventh street.
Trustee's sale of property on O street, by B. H. Warner.
Delightfully cool suite of rooms for rent, also a single room.
Sale of property on Thirteenth street, by Wash. B. Williams.
Notice to persons wanting country board among the mountains.
Fine summer resort, Heath-house, Shooley Mountain Springs, New Jersey.

Auction Sales To-day.

By Duncanson Bros.:

At — o'clock, brick house and lot on K street northwest, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

By Thos. Dowling:

At 10 o'clock, at No. 603 F street northwest, a superior collection of household furniture.

By B. H. Warner:

At 6 o'clock, two three-story brick stores and dwellings, and six two-story brick stores and dwellings on the southeast corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Third street east, and on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Third and Fourth streets east.

By Wash. B. Williams:

At 6 o'clock, valuable improved property on Fourteenth street, between R and S streets northwest.

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