National Republican.

Arrival of Passenger Trains.

AT BALTIMORE AND POTOMAC DEPOT, SIXTH AND B STREETS.

Morning.		Evening.	
Midland express	12:45	Boston, N. Y. & Phila.	1:00
Richmond express	1:20	Richmond mail	1:10
New York express	2:20	Alexandria	1:25
N. Y. & Phila. exp	3:50	Alexandria	3:25
Alexandria	6:25	Limited express	4:10
Alexandria	7:25	Alexandria	4:45
Midland passenger	8:10	N. Y. & Phila	5:10
Alexandria	9:40	Alexandria	6:25
Baltimore	9:40	Baltimore	6:00
North and West	9:01	Midland e. m. l	6:10
Alexandria	9:45	Alexandria	6:30
Alexandria	10:25	Alexandria	7:25
Baltimore	11:00	North and West	10:0
Alexandria	11:55		

AT BALTIMORE AND OHIO DEPOT, NEW JERSEY AVENUE AND C STREET.

Morning.		Evening.	
*3:15, N. Y., Phil & Bos ex.		*1:00, Baltimore accom.	
*3:27, Baltimore express.		4:20, Baltimore accom.	
7:05, Western express.		5:00, N. Y., Phil & Bos ex.	
8:20, Baltimore accom.		5:20, Western Mail.	
9:35, Fred. ac., (Mon. to Sat.)		*6:32, Baltimore accom.	
12:00, Baltimore, Annapolis and way.		*7:00, Baltimore express.	
2:40, Martinsburg and Hagerstown ac., (Met to Sat.)		7:20, Western express.	
*3:50, Baltimore accom.		*8:00, Baltimore express.	
12:30, Baltimore express.		10:45, Baltimore accom.	

*Arrive daily. Others Sundays excepted.

☞ For the time of departure of trains, see advertisements elsewhere.

Amusements To-Night.

NATIONAL THEATRE.—Dion Boucicault.

THEATRE COMIQUE.—Jake Budd and a new Variety Company.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Grand concert of Ye Old Folks, Lincoln Hall.

Trustee's sale of improved property on Boundary street, near Ninth street, northwest.

Indications.

For New England, the Middle States, and lower lake region rising barometer, except a temporary fall in first district; fresh and brisk south to west winds, and occasionally high along the coast, and generally colder, partly cloudy weather, with occasionally light snow in last district.

HOME AFFAIRS.

CITY NOTES.

—Roose sends New York papers in advance.

—A *soiree musicale* will be given at the Congregational Church this evening.

—The eighth complimentary *soiree* of the M. B. W. Club will be given at Masonic Temple next Friday evening, March 1.

—An old colored man was run over by a Washington train and fatally injured yesterday afternoon a short distance from the Virginia end of Long Bridge. He was taken to Alexandria on the train.

—James Gates, an old cripple, was run over by a horse and carriage at the corner of Eighth street and Market space, yesterday morning, and quite badly injured about the head.

—Another portion of one of the wreaths surrounding the joints of the pipes on the Washington Aqueduct Bridge, Georgetown, has fallen. Still some engineers say there is no jarring to hurt.

—The crowds in front of "Roberts'" penny lunch room seem to grow bigger and hungrier every day. A police officer is on duty all the time and makes the ragged legion be the mark near the curb stone. It looks like a dress parade of Falstaff's army.

—The danger of playing even with small toy pistols was painfully illustrated in New York on Saturday, by such a pistol in the hands of Daniel Leonard, not supposed to have contained a charge, going off and killing his little brother, Charles Leonard, almost instantly. Daniel was arrested and taken to the station.

—Shortly after eleven o'clock this morning Sergeant McCallum found Cayton Johnson, a colored boy, nine years of age, on I street between Fourth and Fifth, northwest, suffering from an epileptic fit, and carried him to his home on Washington street.

Reception Pound-Party at the Riggs House.

The charity entertainment at the Riggs House last evening was one of the most perfectly managed and delightful parties given this season.

The committees, with Mrs. Kimmell at their head, deserve credit for having furnished an evening of such delightful entertainment. The ladies of the committee were in charming toilettes, and received the guests in the blue parlor. There were over 1,200 invitations sent, and it is estimated that more than this number responded, each bringing his present, and some of them many pounds. The parlors were beautifully arranged and the floral decorations lovely.

Of the thousand who attended were Speaker and Mrs. Randall, Senator and Mrs. Gordon, General and Mrs. Clark, Hon. and Mrs. Davis, Hon. and Mrs. Marshall, General and Mrs. Banning, Hon. and Mrs. Kimball, W. H. Willard, esq., General Banks, General Burnside, Grace Greenwood, Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, Mrs. Julia Holmes, Mrs. Brooks (the Centennial artist), Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Imogene Robinson Morrell, ex-Attorney-General Williams, General Devens, Hon. Horatio and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow Patton, ex-Mayor Emery, Mrs. C. A. Charlton, Lieutenant Hoxie, Miss Vinnie Ream, Hon. and Mrs. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Fassett and daughter, Commissioner Phelps, Hon. and Mrs. Singleton, General Cristenden, Mrs. and Miss Sneed, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Robins and Miss Herring, of Maine, Miss Davis, of Massachusetts, Mr. Fay Fitzhugh and the Misses Hurlbert, Hon. S. S. Cox, Hon. Milton Sayler, Representatives Harrison and Springer, Miss Ida Thompson, Miss Lippincott, Miss Fisher, Miss Wallace, Mrs. Senator Conover, Senator Conkling and wife, Mrs. Senator Dorsey, Miss Chaffee, Senator Bailey, Mrs. Senator Johnson, Mrs. Senator Voorhees, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Claflin, Judge Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Randolph Tucker, General McCook, Mr. and Mrs. Singleton, General and Mrs. Haines, General Starling, Governor Swann, of Maryland, Dr. and Mrs. Coes, Colonel Jewett, Commander Graham, U. S. N., Lieutenant Moore, U. S. N., Assistant Postmaster General Williams, Misses Philips, Case, Farnsworth, Keys, Davis and Polk, the Swedish Minister, and Senor Don Emanuel Garcia.

Not less than 2,000 packages were contributed, besides a large amount of money. The offerings of General Dawson, Mr. Harper, Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. Donley, of Chili, and others were in the shape of old English £s.

The Charity Ball.

The grand ball given in aid of the Children's Hospital, at Masonic Temple, last evening, was a complete success both in point of numbers and brilliant dressing. The costumes of the ladies were of the richest and most elegant styles. The hall decorations were elaborate. At the eastern end was placed a large platform, which was a perfect bank of flowers, behind which the reception committee sat; bird-cages hung from the chandeliers, and the side walls were heavily draped and decorated with the coats-of-arms and flags of all nations. It was a brilliant scene, and as all the society people of the city contributed to its support, a handsome sum was doubtless realized for this worthy charity.

Among the ladies were Mrs. Washington, Mrs. and Miss Redfern, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. and Miss Robinson, Mrs. A. Ross Ray and the Misses Ray, Miss Platt, Miss Finde, Mrs. S. P. Brown, Miss Colegate, Miss Smith, Mr. and the Misses McKelden, Judge and Miss Loring, Mr. and Miss Kendall, Admiral and Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Bloomer, Miss Newton, Mrs. William Wall, Miss Edes, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lowry, General and Mrs. Townsend, and Colonel and Mrs. J. C. Audenried. Among the gentlemen were General Sherman, Captain Graham, United States Navy, Captain Patterson, United States Coast Survey, General Van Vliet, Lieutenant Hoxie, Commissioner Dennison, Hon. Hiester Clymer, Hon. J. J. Knox, General Williamson, Senator Perry, A. M. Sotello, Rev. W. Downman, H. J. Ramsdell, Rudolph Kaufman and Mr. J. C. Miller.

Apostle Dutcher's Labors.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Feb. 25, 1878.

Editors Washington Republican:

DEAR SIRS: The Dutcher movement, under the leadership of George M. Dutcher, the able and eloquent temperance orator, who secured fourteen thousand signers to the pledge in this city and delivered ten hundred addresses in our great reform is now sweeping everything before him down the country to the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. Dutcher is now in Salisbury, Md., and never before was such an intense interest shown in this great and glorious cause. Hundreds of men sign the pledge nightly, the tears running down their blushed cheeks.

Two temperance weeklies have sprang up out of this reform in our city, and that the best of it is the reformed men stay reformed. TEMPERANCE.

Washington City Bible Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington City Bible Society was held at their rooms last evening, at six o'clock, the president, Dr. Pitner, in the chair. The devotional exercises consisted of reading a selection from the Scriptures and prayer. The committee appointed at the last meeting of the society reported that a copy of the "Bible Society's Appeal" had been furnished to each pastor in the city. The Y. M. C. A. were furnished five Bibles for use in their parlors. The treasurer reported that he had received $30 from W. H. Campbell and $5 from Mrs. C. W. Anderson. There being no further business, the society adjourned till March 26.

FIFTY cents a bottle for Lodille's Headache Specific that cures headache in the short space of five to twenty minutes. Large bottles. Sold by all druggists.

Sudden Death.

Mr. Thomas Crahan dropped dead about a quarter after nine last evening while conversing with a friend, at his home, 814 Fourth street northwest. The coroner has been notified.

THE LAW RECORD.

PROCEEDINGS IN DIFFERENT COURTS YESTERDAY.

Supreme Court of the United States—Matters at the City Hall—The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and the Tiber Creek Sewer—Assignments for To-day.

Supreme Court of the United States.

MONDAY, February 25, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Matthew H. Carpenter, Newton S. Murphy, esq., of Milwaukee, Wis., was admitted to practice.

No. 210. The county of Bates, plaintiff in error, vs. Jonathan and Valentine Winters; in error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of Missouri. Judgment reversed with costs, and cause remanded with directions to proceed with a new trial in conformity with the opinion of this court. Opinion by Mr. Justice Hunt. Dissenting—Mr. Justice Clifford, Mr. Justice Swayne, and Mr. Justice Strong.

No. 778. The United States, ex. rel. T. E. Brown, plaintiff in error, vs. The City of Memphis et al.; in error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of Tennessee. Judgment affirmed with costs. Opinion by Mr. Justice Strong.

No. 207. Ann E. Mitchell, executrix, et al., appellants, vs. the United States; appeal from the Court of Claims—judgment affirmed. Opinion by Mr. Justice Strong.

No. 220. C. C. and Nancy Martin, &c., plaintiffs in error, vs. James Marks; in error to the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana. Judgment affirmed with costs. Opinion by Mr. Justice Miller.

No. 804. The United States, appellants, vs. Cyrus C. Clark; appeal from the Court of Claims. Judgment reversed, and cause remanded for further proceedings, in conformity with the opinion of the court. Opinion by Mr. Justice Miller. Dissenting, Mr. Justice Harlan, Mr. Justice Clifford, Mr. Justice Swayne, and Mr. Justice Strong.

No. 252. The Union Paper-bag Machine Company, appellants, vs. Merrick and R. W. Murphy. Appeal from Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Missouri. Decree reversed with costs and cause remanded, with directions to enter a decree in favor of the complainants and for further proceedings in conformity with the opinion of this court. Opinion by Mr. Justice Clifford.

No. 196. Charles O. Baird et al., administrators, &c., appellants, vs. The United States. Appeal from the Court of Claims. Judgment affirmed. Opinion by Mr. Chief Justice Waite.

No. 176. William P. Tyson and Martin Murphy appellants, vs. Margaret Myers, executrix, &c. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United states for the Southern District of New York. Decree affirmed, with costs and interest. Decision announced by Mr. Chief Justice Waite.

No. 809. W. S. Hunnicut et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Belle Peyton et al. Motion to dismiss submitted by Mr. Bailey on behalf of Mr. T. Phillips, in support of same, and by Mr. L. W. Goodrich in opposition.

No. 1052. Tipton County, plaintiff in error, vs. Nortive, Slaughter & Co. Motion to dismiss submitted by Mr. W. Y. C. Humes in support of same.

Adjourned until Monday, the 25th of March next, at twelve o'clock.

District Courts.

SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT.

On motion of Colonel William A. Cook, C. C. Cole, esq., of West Virginia, was admitted to the bar.

United States in relation of Thomas P. McManus vs. Moore, Bristow, et al. This was an application for mandamus to compel the return to the United states of a certain amount of money alleged to have been obtained from the United States Treasury on a fraudulent claim by conspiracy. Justice Humphreys delivered the opinion of the court—that the court which heard and passed the claim was in every way competent to hear and act upon the case in every particular. Until that court has said this case laid before it in the usual recognized manner, and taken some action, this court would not interfere. The judgment below was affirmed.

The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company vs. Hugh L. Gallagher et al. In the month of March, 1875, the complainant exhibited its bill in court, praying an injunction against the defendants, to restrain them from excavating beneath the line of its road in order to construct the sewer known as the "Tiber Creek sewer," unless proper supports and protections should be constructed by the defendants.

On or about September 22, 1874, the late Board of Public Works of this District entered into a contract with the defendants to excavate for, build, and complete the continuation of the Tiber Creek sewer, one of the conditions being that all losses or damages arising out of the nature of the work to be done arising from any unforseen obstruction or difficulties in the prosecution of the same should be sustained by the contractors.

The sewer in question passes under the tracks of the complainant where they cross South Capitol street, and in order to complete the said improvement, it was necessary to make large excavations beneath the tracks, which, without great care and expense would have endangered the transit of trains and the transportation of freight and passengers over the railroad. It was necessary to construct temporary supports for the tracks along and over the excavation, and also to construct arches to sustain the tracks permanently after the sewer should have been completed. A dispute arose between the parties touching the burden of the expense necessary to make these temporary and permanent supports. Thereupon the bill was filed by the complainant, and a temporary injunction obtained. The court, by its order passed on the 11th day of March, 1875, directed the contractors to construct that portion of the sewer lying beneath the tracks of the railroad, under the supervision and direction of the engineer of the complainant, and to furnish the temporary supports for the tracks during the construction of the sewer, under the supervision of the engineer in such manner as not to interfere with or obstruct the transit of trains during the construction of the same, and in such a manner as to provide a safe transit for the trains after the completion of the said sewer. It was also directed that the contractors should keep an accurate account of the cost of constructing and maintaining the temporary supports while the said sewer was being constructed, and of the additional cost of the sewer beneath the said tracks necessary to render the same safe and proper for the transit of the trains after its completion. The question as to the liability for the cost of the temporary supports of the tracks, and the additional cost of the sewer required to render the tracks safe and proper for the future transit of the trains of the company after the completion of the improvement, was reserved for future determination. Afterward the cause was referred to the auditor of the court to determine the amount of the expenses for the said work provided for by the order mentioned. The auditor reported the cost to be $6,147.41.

The cause afterward came on for final hearing, and a decree was made by the court on the 5th day of April, 1877, adjudging that no part of the cost of constructing such temporary or permanent supports of the tracks made necessary by the building of the sewer was properly chargeable to the complainant, and that neither of the defendants, the contractors nor the District of Columbia, had any claim against the complainant for such expense. From that decree an appeal was taken by the contractors and by the District of Columbia.

The question arising in the case for determination is this: Is the railroad company bound to bear the extra expense, or any part of it, caused by the erection of temporary and permanent supports and arches necessary to sustain the tracks where they pass over the excavations made for the sewer?

The company contends that no part thereof can properly be chargeable to it.

Argued by Mr. Totten for the company, and by Mr. Riddle for the defendants.

Justice Olin delivered the opinion of the court, to the effect that the Equity Court had no jurisdiction and reversing the decree made by the court below. It was ordered that the appointment of a competent engineer be made to take testimony of the reasonable cost of constructing the sewer, which will be borne by the contractors, and all expense over that by the complainants.

United states vs. Lemuel Weeden. Colonel Cook said at the request of the defendant he desired to withdraw his appeal, which the Court allowed. Kemp vs. Orient Fire Insurance Company. Mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States filed. Mr. Reed A. Dick was appointed a United states Commissioner. Adjourned until Monday next.

EQUITY COURT—JUSTICE MACARTHUR.

White vs. Drane; referred to auditor to state trustee's account. Brown vs. Dyer et al.; order nisi fixing for taking testimony. F. S. and T. Company vs. Hogan; new trustee appointed. In the matter of spencer; authority to mortgage interest of minors. Phœnix Mutual Life Insurance Company vs. Grant; hearing continued.

PROBATE COURT—JUSTICE OLIN.

In re estate of James A. Riley, deceased; account of sales of personal estate returned. *In re* will of Ellen S. Clark; petition of John W. Clark for vacating of order of sale and surrender of property in property returned on the inventory. *In re* estate of Grace ey Connell, deceased; letters of administration granted to J. H. Whitley—bond, $4,000. *In re* estate of R. M. Cornelius, deceased; sale of personal property returned. *In re* estate of Patrick F. Walsh, deceased; first and final account of administrator returned.

Adjourned until to-day at eleven a. m.

CIRCUIT COURT—CHIEF JUSTICE CARTTER.

Pollard vs. Hill, death of plaintiff suggested, administrator made party, and judgment below affirmed. Vermilion vs. Larner et al.; settled; plaintiff to pay costs. W. Nottingham vs. Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company; on hearing.

CRIMINAL COURT—JUSTICE WYLIE.

On the motion of the District Attorney and by direction of the court a *nolle pros.* was entered in the following cases: William Rawlins, indicted June 15, 1868, for riot; John Bowen, Berny Swoles, and Anthony Selty, indicted October 11, 1875, for conspiracy; Berny Swoles, indicted October 11, 1875, for perjury; Anthony Selty, indicted October 11, 1875, for perjury; Jacob Cohen, indicted October 12, 1875, for false pretenses.

In the case of James H. Whitten, indicted for presenting a false claim, the plea of not guilty was withdrawn and one of guilty entered.

Hon. Jeremiah Wilson appeared for the defendant and said that he had advised him to make the plea entered after examining into the case. It was doubtless a technical violation of the law without any moral intent to commit a criminal act, but the mischief grew out of over-indulgence in intoxicating drinks.

He was from Indianapolis, Ind., where he has an aged father and mother, the former a minister of the gospel, and both very worthy people. The counsel briefly stated his career as an army officer, which was without blemish, and made an earnest appeal in his behalf for the mercy of the court. He was sentenced to the Baltimore penitentiary for one year and a suspension of the execution granted for ten days. In the other two indictments for obtaining money under false pretenses, one growing out of the false claim and the other where imposition on J. H. Squires was made, *a nolle pros.* was entered.

John R. Brooks, previously convicted of forgery, and sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years, was placed on trial, indicted for perjury in false swearing before the auditor to the amount of work that he paid for as an improvement on house 1113 Thirteenth street northwest, in this city. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as indicted. Sentence was suspended.

Assignments for To-Day.

CIRCUIT COURT—CHIEF JUSTICE CARTTER.

No. 90. Vesin, administrator, vs. Webb & Beveridge; No. 3, Weser vs. District of Columbia; No. 159, William Nottingham vs. B. & P. R. R. Co.; No. 160, J. Nottingham vs. B. & P. R. R. Co. No. 212, Evans vs. B. & P. R. R. Co.; No. 291 Nourse & Middleton vs. McNamara; No. 231, Draper & Co. vs. Davis; No. 305, Taylor vs. Phœnix Mutual Life Insurance Company; No. 307, Floecther vs. Fischer; No. 316, United States, use of Campbell, vs. Bickeler et al; No. 311, Simons vs. Rasenberg; No. 313, Poulson et al. vs. Gonzaga College; No. 314, Howard vs. Bickeler; No. 316, Murphy vs. Hewitt; No. 317, Grise Auer vs. Ruppert; No. 318, Freund vs. Kilbourn et al.; No. 319, Creswell et al. vs. Bowen; No. 320, Mattingly, use of assignors, vs. Holden; No. 322, Russell vs. Williams; No. 325, Hane vs. Riggs & Co.

EQUITY COURT—JUSTICE MACARTHUR.

No. 3, Gordon vs. McPherson; No. 10, Dalnese vs. Kendall; No. 20, Snow vs. District of Columbia; No. 21, Farell vs. Metropolitan Building Association; No. 22, Brown vs. Brown; No. 23, Jackson vs. Ward; No. 24, Smith vs. King; No. 25, Hayward vs. Brandt; No. 26, Bell vs. Bradley; No. 27, Beef vs. Best.

CRIMINAL COURT—JUSTICE WYLIE.

O. O. Howard (civil suit); to recover balance of amount due on account of the Freedmen's Bureau. Francis Simpkins; rape, second trial. Anthony Brooks and Mary Dangerfield; perjury. John R. Brooks; forgery.

Honeymoon Searchers.

The clerk of the court has issued marriage licenses to the following applicants: Patrick Cady and Sarah Barrett, M. N. Maroni and Lizzie McLaue, J. H. Pearce and Emma E. Veighmeyer, Peter T. Ennis and Lucy Tillinan.

Real Estate Transfers.

R. W. McPherson, trustee, to J. T. Birch, for $836, lot 153, square 615. A. J. Campbell to A. C. Fox, for $10,000, lots 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, and 74, square 193. E. J. Hill to Almedia J. Hoff, for $2,500, lot 43, square 303. Jane Lynch to Samuel Cross, trustee, for $1,225, lot 26, square 372. George Truesdell, trustee, to L. A. Mills, for $500, lot 56, square 669. T. J. Brown to F. H. Brown, for $1, lots 27, 29, 30, 31, and part of lot 32, block 10, subdivision of Pleasant Plains.

Police Court.

United States cases.—Daniel and Margaret Brooks and William Campbell were arraigned for stealing poultry from Zacharias Berry. Margaret was discharged, but Daniel and William were assessed $20 or sixty days in jail. James McCandlist was dismissed on the charge of stealing a lot of household goods from James Walsh. Pleasant White could not be proven guilty of stealing a piece of bacon from John Bicking and was set at liberty. George W. Lincoln was sent to jail for thirty days for stealing an overcoat from Albert Roome. Littleton Jones, a butter-thief, was sent down for thirty days. Kate Muller was given fifteen days in jail for stealing several articles of wearing apparel from Ellen Long. Roger Jackson will spend a month at Castle Crocker for stealing a silver knife from Mrs. Scarborough. John Lee, charged with stealing 100 pounds of pipe from the Aqueduct Bridge, near Georgetown, was discharged as the evidence was not conclusive. Jemile Bertrand and Amanda Graham, threats against Annie Wurdeman; dismissed. James W. Johnson, threats against Marshal Burritt; released on personal bonds. John Dries made threats against his wife, for which he was given thirty days. John Wells, assault on Mary Russell, was fined $5 or fifteen days. Joseph Gills, assault on Hattie Howard; $5 or ten days. Mark Wilson, assault on William Foster, $5 or fifteen days. Julia Banks, assaulted Officer McGreavy, for which she was fined $10 or fifteen days. James King was sent down for a month for an assault on Archie Johnson. James Smith paid $1 for a trivial assault on Charles M. Truitt. W. P. King contributed $10 for an assault on J. N. Davis. George Wood will spend fifteen days at Castle "C," for beating Frederick Broadstreet. Benjamin Murray, assault on Amanda Graham; continued until to-day. The case of Rachel Lewis, charged with assaulting Amelia Walske in November last, occupied about two hours, but the court decided to dismiss the defendant.

District cases.—John Barber, a "vag," was given thirty days. W. W. Burleigh, same; thirty days. Annie Johnson, same; twenty days. Thomas Wilson, same; thirty days. William Shelton gave personal bonds for good behavior. Julia Banks, profane; seven days. Harry P. Delman forfeited $5 for cursing. Rachel Goodall, profanity; seven days. Ida Johnson, disorderly; fifteen days at the farm. Annie Stewart, same; one week. Mary Weeks, disorderly; down for a week. Harry S. Wilson forfeited $5 for being profane.

Doings of the Senate District Committee.

The Board of School Trustees of the District yesterday had a hearing before the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, W. W. Curtis, president of the board; Superintendent Wilson, and trustees Hevey, Davis, Lloyd, White, and Holland were present. Messrs. Lloyd, Holland, and Wilson spoke, calling attention to the necessity for Congressional assistance in affording increased educational facilities in the District; the fact that a large proportion of the pupils in the public schools were children of Government employes, who paid no taxes to support the schools, and that nearly one-half of the property in the District belonged to the Government and yielded no revenue for the support of the public schools. Superintendent Wilson called the attention of the committee to the fact that it is absolutely necessary to begin work on new school buildings in the District at once. A bill has been introduced in the House to give the trustees the assistance desired, but that would probably not get through the House until June, when it would be too late to begin work.

The trustees urged that the committee recommend to the Senate the passage of a bill making Congressional appropriations for the erection of new school buildings in the District.

After the hearing Senator Merrimon introduced in the Senate a resolution, which was agreed to, directing the District Committee to inquire into the expediency and necessity for Congressional aid in the construction of school buildings in the District of Columbia.

The Senate District Committee has directed Senator Merrimon to report back to the Senate a bill for the relief of the North American Nenichatel Paving Company, with a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed. Senator Merrimon was also directed to report back to the Senate a resolution directing the committee to inquire into certain facts concerning the use of the Unitarian Church for a police court.

SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Four Men Crushed Between Telescoped Cars.

The Richmond and Fredericksburg train, which was due here at one o'clock yesterday morning, was delayed until ten o'clock, on account of a serious accident, which occurred near Milford station, about forty miles from Richmond. Two Pullman sleepers became detached from the train. The train was stopped, and the Pullman sleepers, thundering down the grade behind the train, telescoped with the rear cars. Four passengers, who had stepped upon the platform of the rear car, were caught between the cars, and all of them seriously and one of them fatally injured. Mr. Mainwaring, secretary to the president of the railroad company, was so badly crushed that he soon died. Major Donnelly, of West Virginia, had his feet cut off. Frank Faulkner, of the Chesapeake and Ohio road, was so badly injured that his legs had to be amputated, and Mr. Aldridge, of the Fredericksburg News, had his thigh broken and leg badly crushed. The Gates Opera Company, on their way from Richmond to Baltimore, occupied one of the forward sleepers, but none of them were injured, except the agent, who was thrown from his bunk and slightly bruised. Several other passengers were slightly injured.

The Training School for Nurses.

The trustees of the Washington Training School for Nurses held a meeting last night at the residence of Mr. A. S. Solomons, 1205 K street. Present, Drs. Howard (in the chair), Reyburn, and Murphy, A. S. Solomons, esq., Mrs. General Hitz, Mrs. Canfield, Mrs. Tullock, Mrs. Horatio King, and Miss Bundy. The following officers and committees were elected: W. W. Corcoran, esq., honorary president. Dr. Thomas Antisell, president; Mrs. Hitz, first vice-president; Dr. Howard, second; Mrs. Canfield, third; Dr. Reyburn, fourth; Mrs. Tullock, fifth, and Dr. C. C. Cox, sixth; corresponding secretary, Dr. G. S. Palmer; recording secretary, Dr. Murphy, and treasurer, Mr. A. S. Solomons; executive committee, Mr. Solomons, Mrs. Mrs. Hitz, Canfield, Dr. Reyburn, and Dr. Murphy; committee on expenditures, Dr. Howard, Mrs. Tullock, and Mrs. Pollock.

It was decided to hold a public meeting at some early date, in order to call and direct the public attention to the schools.

FREE SEATS IN CHURCHES.

Father Walter's Views Regarding the Renting and Locking of Pews.

FEBRUARY 25, 1878.

Editor National Republican:

This morning's issue of your paper contains an anotymous letter, signed "H.," under the heading, "Is Christianity Only for the Rich?" and evidently means St. Patrick's Church, because the pastor made use of the words, "More than half the pews were not rented," or something bordering on them. I have been the sexton of this church for the last sixteen years, and I know that the forbearance of Father Walter with a large number of his parishioners has been most remarkable—that he has been most generous to them. He has repeatedly ordered me to open the pews, "I cannot say mass and see those people standing in the aisles. It distracts me." And when I used to say to him: "Then, Father Walter, you never can rent your pews, for as long as they can go into them they will never offer you pew-rent." "I don't care. I wish I had my way; I'd never have a pew in the church. It is a non-Catholic idea, this pew-rent business." But, Mr. Editor, those who preach the gospel must live by the gospel, and I suppose pews were introduced into churches to help to support the pastors. There is an ordinance of the Catholic Church which commands worshippers in each parish to support their ministers, and the pew-rent is the principal means they have to rely on for subsistence and to keep the church in a decent condition.

The church has a great many demands on its treasury from the beginning to the end of the year, and if the pews are not rented how can it meet them? Pastors are obliged sometimes to enforce their pastoral rights, even to the closing of pews against parties who are able to rent them, but who will not.

There are three masses at St. Patrick's Church on Sundays and holidays of obligation. At the half-past six and nine o'clock masses no pews are locked, and this gives an opportunity to persons like "H." and his lady to attend divine worship. If he does not it is more his business than any other person's. If he had the true Catholic spirit in him he would, on entering the church, say within himself, "Lord, I am not worthy to enter under Thy roof," instead of leaving it with the resolution not to go to church till he is able to pay pew-rent, and then rush into the newspapers to proclaim the same.

The poor have no just cause to complain of their treatment in St. Patrick's Church. They and all strangers have received courteous treatment at all times. It is not always easy to discern who real strangers are, for there are so many who are strangers on the list of pew-holders who live in the parish. B.

[It is proper to state that we gladly insert the above as an interesting elucidation of the difficulty, although the occurrence did not take place at St. Patrick's.—ED. REP.]

A FEW OFFERED.

FEBRUARY 25, 1878.

Editor National Republican:

Sir: In reply to "H.," in this morning's issue of your valued paper, I beg leave to tender to him the use of my pew, in one of the best Protestant churches in this city, without any charge whatever. I trust he is not an exclusive Catholic. A.

Meeting of Methodist Episcopal Preachers.

The association of preachers of the Methodist Episcopal churches of this city met yesterday in the parlors of the Foundry Church, and was called to order by Rev. John S. Beale, D. D., president. Rev. Harry S. France, secretary.

This association consists of all the stationed preachers of Washington (nineteen in number), together with such supernumerary and local preachers as reside within the city.

Their business is to consult each other in reference to their church interests, to report the progress of church work in their respective charges, to give advice and counsel in relation to the interests of Methodism, to discuss such questions of theological and church polity as may be of interest to the ministry, and to adopt such rules to keep each other advised of all matters which have a bearing upon the general work in which they are engaged.

This being the last meeting before the close of the Conference year, it was rendered interesting from the fact that the members would probably not all meet again in their present relations.

The presiding elder having closed his four years' service in the District, upon motion of Rev. George V. Leech, it was resolved that the preachers of this meeting affect the ability, faithfulness, and success with which Rev. W. S. Speake has performed the duties of presiding elder in the Washington district, and the reluctance with which our present relations with Brother Speake now close.

It was also resolved that the Bishop of the conference now about to assemble at Cumberland, Md., be requested to appoint a city missionary in connection with the M. E. Church, for the cities of Washington and Georgetown. Rev. William F. Speake, presiding elder, stated to the association, that in one of the morning papers it was said "that owing to some trouble and dissatisfaction existing between the congregation and pastor of Grace Church and Union Chapel, respectively, strong and earnest efforts were being made for the removal of the pastors connected therewith." He deemed it his duty to state, that on the contrary, the pastor of Grace Church, by official action, has been requested to remain and has been reappointed, and that the pastor of Union Chapel was entirely satisfied with his appointment, and would have gratefully received it reappointed to the station. He also said that the animus of this statement might be seen where it was announced in the same article that Dr. Speake, which he supposed meant himself, was earnestly desired at Mount Vernon Church in Baltimore.

The association adjourned to meet on the third Monday in March, when the new appointees for the city will be in their places.

Testimonial to Captain Sturdevant.

The Metropolitan Church was crowded last evening with the friends of Captain Silas Sturdevant, the celebrated temperance reformer, who is noted for the fact that he rescued Francis Murphy from a drunkard's grave. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson opened the exercises with the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Rev. Peter Parker then invoked divine blessing.

Judge Snell was then introduced, and said that a few citizens of Maine, who had known Captain Sturdevant during his days of prosperity, hearing of his presence in Washington, had decided to offer him a testimonial, as, owing to reverses, he was at present very poor. He paid a high tribute to Captain Sturdevant as a Christian as well as a temperance worker, and said that those two go hand in hand. He then read letters from Hon. W. P. Frye, of Maine; ex-Governor Dingley, Governor Perham, and others, speaking in the highest terms of Captain S., and regretting their inability to be present at his testimonial.

Hon. Stephen D. Lindsey, of Maine, was then introduced, and entertained the audience with a fine address regarding the progress of the temperance movement.

The Wilsons then sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," after which Captain Sturtevant was introduced. He began by saying that he was pleased to see so many neighbors around him; that Washington seemed very much like home. He then portrayed in a vivid manner the conversion of Murphy in prison. In fact his entire address was devoted principally to the history of this prominent temperance apostle.

Ex-Governor Austin and Mr. Johns, of Minnesota; Dr. Rankin, Judge Gray, and Mr. Murphy then made stirring addresses, after which the doxology was sung, and the audience dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Rankin.

Dr. Lord and Queen Elizabeth.

Dr. John Lord delivered the sixth of his series of lectures yesterday, at three o'clock, in Lincoln Hall, the subject being "Queen Elizabeth." He referred briefly to the life of Elizabeth before her accession to the throne, giving her birth and early life. He also gave a brief history of her family relations, and entered upon her reign, referring particularly to her wonderful faithfulness to the Protestant religion, giving it as his opinion that the forming of the Protestant faith by her was one of the greatest and best benefits that could have been conferred upon the Christian world. He also referred especially to her remarkable executive powers. He spoke of her love affairs of her affectionate and jealous disposition, of her persecution of Mary Queen of Scots as unjust and revengeful, of her love of peace and horror of war, and other interesting instances.

Hotel Arrivals.

St. James.—R Linthesimer, city; W Holzer, Philadelphia; Frank J Hoyt, New York; Col A W Jones, New York; Prof Pollisby, New York; T E Norrods, New York; M Wallace, Chicago; H W Gleeny, San Francisco; Wm Torrey, Philadelphia; G Graham, Philadelphia; C De Moody, St Louis; J R B Moore, New Orleans; G Millbeiser, Richmond; C Stern, Quincy, Ill; S H Rissel, Philadelphia; W T Gudrey, T T C P L Ross, Va; J J Wood and wife, New York; Wm H H Cole, New York; W Young, Ohio; H Sawyer, Mass; D W Coffman, U S N; E Whitehead, Va; F L Lucas, Richmond; J M Miller and wife, Richmond; S D Davis, M D, New York; J Janvye, New York; H Pooggeiger and wife, New York; W H Beach and wife, New York; G R Ingersoll, Chicago; V D Rangert, Philadelphia.

Ebbitt.—J W Clowert, New York; W H Pile and wife, Philadelphia; Benj Noyes, Ohio; R W Williams, New York; W H Barry and wife, U S A; C Cogrove, Mex; J H Fitch, Ind; N B Van Slyke, Wis; M J Tomson, U S A; W W Turner, Ga; Mrs V S Lovering, Md; Mrs Lovering, Md; Mrs T H Loring, Baltimore; T H Palmer, Detroit, Mich; Rev T Walbidy and wife, Conn; W W Bingham, Boston; J T Blake, Mo; T Solomon, Philadelphia; J H Lovering, Baltimore; Miss Lovering, Baltimore; H C Barrett, Ky; Mrs Thomson, Md; C T Washington, New York; John T Forsyth, Mass; Miss A Forsyth, Mass; L L Lamb, Conn; H F Morrisman, Del; L B Springer, D A Wall, Philadelphia.

Regester.—Wm J Larkin, New York; Mrs H Stoney, New York; Isaac B Hill and wife, New York; Thos Hamilton, New York; John Schnack and wife, Miss; Jacob M Davis, Philadelphia; Mr and Mrs Waring, N C; G L Hogman, Chicago; Mrs Mandrick and daughter, Ohio; Miss Jameson, Md; Arthur Bell, New York.

Metropolitan.—R G Solomon, New York; F M White, Richmond; T McNulty, Boston; A McKenzie, Boston; M Mercer, Boston; W J Johnston, city; C H Goldrich and wife, L I; I M Rowland, Md; James M Maxwell, New Jersey; Rev Walter M Halliben, Va; A M Teal, Ohio; C C Bongiton, Philadelphia.

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PORT.

Steamer Ann Eliza, Jones, Philadelphia, with merchandise to District merchants.

Cleared—Same steamer, with 900 barrels of flour to Philadelphia.

DASHAWAY MEETING.

One of the largest temperance meetings ever held in Georgetown was that of the Dashaways last night, at Market House Hall. The speakers were John B. Wheeler, Frank Ree