National Republican.

Arrival of Passenger Trains.

AT BALTIMORE AND POTOMAC DEPOT, SIXTH AND B STREETS.

Morning.		Evening.	
Midland express	*12:40	Boston, N. Y. & Phila.	3:00
Richmond express	* 3:10	Richmond mail	3:10
New York express	* 6:00	Alexandria	1:25
N. Y. & Phila. exp.	8:00	Alexandria	3:25
Alexandria	6:20	Lynchburg express	4:10
Alexandria	7:20	Alexandria	4:45
Midland passenger	8:10	N. Y. & Phila.	5:10
Alexandria	8:40	Alexandria	5:25
Baltimore	9:10	Baltimore	6:00
Route and West	9:00	Midland mail	6:10
Alexandria	9:35	Alexandria	6:45
Alexandria	10:20	Alexandria	7:20
Baltimore	11:00	North and West	9:00
Alexandria	11:25		

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

Morning.		Evening.	
*3:15, N. Y., Phil & Bos ex.		*3:00, Baltimore accom.	
*6:27, Baltimore express.		4:30, Baltimore accom.	
7:00, Western express.		5:00, N. Y., Phil & Bos ex.	
*9:00, Baltimore accom.		5:20, Western Mail.	
9:25, Fred. acc. (Met. branch.)		*6:32, Baltimore accom.	
9:32, Baltimore & Annapolis and way.		*6:45, Baltimore express.	
*2:45, Martinsburg and Hagerstown acc. (Met. br'ch.)		7:20, Western express.	
*4:15, N. Y., Phil. & Bos ex.		*9:00, Baltimore express.	
*10:20, Baltimore accom.		10:45, Baltimore accom.	
11:00, Baltimore express.			

*Arrive daily. Others Sundays except.

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

Amusements To-Night.

NATIONAL THEATRE.—Grand English Opera.

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

New Advertisements.

Theatre Comique—varieties.

A Turkish bath in your own room.

Hess Grand English Opera Company—National Theatre.

Indications.

For the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic and Gulf States partly cloudy weather, occasional showers, winds mostly from southeast to southwest, nearly stationary temperature and pressure.

HOME AFFAIRS.

CITY NOTES.

—Roose sends New York papers in advance.

—Thirty-one shelterless ones were accommodated with lodgings in the station-houses saturday night.

—Dr. J. M. Toner, of this city, has been elected an honorary member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

—Only one marriage license was issued last Saturday, and that to Leslie S. Dungan, of Philadelphia, and Emma G. Polglase, of this city.

—Thirty-eight arrests were made by the police during the twenty-four hours ending at eight o'clock yesterday morning. Fifteen were made for drunkenness.

—About nine o'clock Saturday night, a colored boy named Robert Hall was captured on seventh street near I, having been detected in an attempt to pick the pocket of Mrs. Ella Bryan.

—Mrs. Louisa M. Whittelsey, widow of the late General Henry M. Whittelsey, formerly Comptroller of this city, died at her late residence, on tenth street, yesterday morning, after an illness of six weeks.

—Last Saturday Officer Graves, of the Eighth Precinct, received a severe wound in the hand while separating two savage dogs which were fighting. One of them tore the flesh from the palm of the officer's right hand.

—Captain David H. Wall, of the schooner Jesse Hart, 2d, whose leg was broken off Mount Vernon last Friday evening, was brought to Alexandria Saturday. The Jesse Hart proceeded on her voyage under charge of the mate.

—About half past one o'clock yesterday afternoon Officer Mecreery found a dead colored male infant on South Capitol street, between L and M streets southeast. The body was taken to the Eighth Precinct station and the coroner notified.

—Two colored boys, named Arthur Quiver and Charles Cavin, got into a fight on Third street, near C southwest, about nine o'clock saturday night, which ended in Cavin cutting Quiver in the leg with a knife. The wound is not dangerous.

District Commissioner Bryan will leave to-morrow to make a tour of observation through the western portions of North and South Carolina at the request of many people, who are desirous of learning what advantages are held out for emigration to those sections.

About half past nine o'clock saturday night, while Mollie Graves and her sister, both colored, were walking on I street, near Pulliser's alley, they were attacked by three colored men, who knocked them down and attempted to rob them. Their cries frightened the ruffians away.

Judge Lowe, of the Corporation Court of Alexandria, has affirmed the decision of Justice Neale fining Carlers for keeping open on Sunday. The Gazette of that city says: "The effect of this decision will be to close the shops—or, at least, their front doors—on Sunday hereafter.

—Mrs. Cecelia Young Smith has been appointed by the new pastor, Rev. Father Boyle, directress of the choir of St. Matthews church. The choir will be entirely reorganized, with the exception of the organist and bass. The congregation is to be congratulated upon having secured the services of so valuable a directress.

—A large crowd gathered at the corner of G and First streets northwest yesterday afternoon to witness a chicken fight between a red Pyle rooster and a Shanghai, which, after a desperate contest, resulted in favor of the red. Considerable chir mone was indulged in by the backers of the respective fowls, but no money changed hands.

A blue silk banner, trimmed with gold fringe, and with the words "Buds of Promise" upon it in gilt letters, was found in the woods, back of Glenwood Cemetery, yesterday. The owner of owners may have the same by applying to Lieutenant Johnston, of the second Precinct station. It is supposed to be a relic of some sunday-school picnic.

—We have received from Mr. James Bellew a pamphlet which contains a record of the ceremonies in St. Matthew's Church on the occasion of the funeral of its late pastor, Rev. Charles I. White, D. D. It also contains the eulogy delivered at that time by Most Rev. Archbishop Gibbons, of Baltimore, and is embellished with a portrait of the deceased.

—About eleven o'clock Saturday night, Conroy Bittery went to the store of Louis Baum, 707 Seventh street northwest, to get a watch which he had left there to be repaired. When the watch was handed to him he struck Mr. Baum in the face and ran on without settling the bill. Officer Melton caught him, and he was locked up in the Fifth Precinct Station.

—John H. Bladen, a marine, became involved in a difficulty with two or three men on Pennsylvania avenue, near Ninth street, about six o'clock Saturday evening, and knocked down one of them, named Henry A. Jackson. A large crowd of spectators witnessed the exhibition of ruffianism. Bladen and Jackson were arrested, and locked up at the Fifth Precinct station.

—A party of young folks called on Miss Rosa Britt, of Maryland, who was visiting her uncle, Mr. E. C. Magruder, No. 465 Missouri avenue, last Friday evening. The evening was spent very pleasantly in various ways. Among those present were Mr. Jesse Smith and wife, Misses Webster, Young, Moore, and Veatch, Messrs. C. E. Brownell, C. F. Lipphcott and A. M. Willis, of Maine.

—In reference to charges in an editorial in a Sunday paper that a man who exhibited symptoms of insanity was allowed to a station and locked up in the charge of "drunk and disorderly," Lieutenant Green said the officers of the Sixth Precinct, in which the arrest was made, state that the man was simply confined for safe keeping, that no charge was preferred against him, and that he was turned over to his friends when he had sufficiently recovered from his temporary attack to justify it.

—Major C. B. Luck, an affable and popular gentleman, extensively with the press, has assumed the management of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co.'s hotel, the Viaduct, at the Relay House, Md. His long and great experience is a sufficient guarantee of his ability to conduct an establishment of this character, and the railroad company will not be slow to discover his worth as the traveling public and guests of the house, his duties for the position.

Real Estate Transfers.

Edward Clark et al., trustees to George Taylor, for $6, lots 3, 4, and 5, square 1189, also lots 10 to 13, block 8 of Inkerwood; R. C. Fox to Ydele Williams, for $10, lots 65, 66, 66, and 67, square 198; W. W. Corcoran to J. C. Griffin, trustee, for $1,020, lots 15 and 16, square 264; G. K. Andrews to A. Sessions West, for $10, part of lot 10 of tract of land called Bailey's Purchase; J. G. Melica to N. Spicer, for $500, with lot 8, square 909.

The Last Outrager Sent to Jail.

Robert Herbert, the colored boy, who attempted to commit a rape on a little colored girl last Wednesday morning, had a preliminary hearing before Judge Snell last Saturday. After hearing the evidence of the complainant, who is only twelve years of age, and several other witnesses, the boy was sent up to the grand jury, bonds being fixed at $1,000. The accused was unable to furnish bail and was committed to jail.

Mothers, Mothers, Mothers,

Don't fail to procure Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for all diseases of teething in children. It relieves the child from pain, cures wind colic, regulates the bowels and by giving relief and health to the child gives rest to the mother.

The patronage among the first-class hotels in New York is constantly changing from one hotel to the other. The Grand Central Hotel has recently incited the direst wrath of its competitors by offering the same accommodations for $1 $1 and $2 per day less than the others.

Incredible as it may seem, yet it is true that Lozille's Headache specific cures the worst form of headache in less than thirty minutes. Only fifty cents per bottle.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

A Solution of the Problem Offered by Citizen Clagett,

Who Proposes to have the District Made a Department of the General Government—A Way to Settle the Question of Taxation—Some Good Suggestions From a Democratic Source.

The indications are that the present session of Congress may pass away without making provision for a future clear understanding of the relations to be borne between the Federal Government and the people of the District in the management of its municipal affairs. It would be lamentable to have matters remain in their present discordant and inequitable condition. We notice that Mr. William H. Clagett, whose political sympathies are decidedly with the majority in the House, has felt called upon, in view of the impending necessities of the case, to give his views on this question to the public. The well known probity of Mr. C. as a citizen—his experience in public affairs—his knowledge of the interests, sentiment and temper of the people of the District, all combine to attach weight to his views on this question, and would seem to entitle them to respect. Most assuredly, if anything is to be done to afford relief to the suffering people who inhabit within the boundaries of the District of Columbia, it should be done without delay, and the suggestions of Mr. Clagett, if heeded, might materially aid in framing a measure that would meet the exigencies of the occasion. Hence we extract liberally therefrom:

Congress should, by joint resolution or otherwise, settle the question as regards jurisdiction in the District, and settle the question now and for all future that they have no power to place the property of the General Government under the control of the citizens of the District, the General Government possessing the larger portion of area and value, and by the Constitution of the United States the exclusive legislative jurisdiction. This question being settled beyond doubt, would be the first best step. Then frame a bill making the District of Columbia a department of the general Government, to be managed by officers appointed as Congress may direct; provide for the number of officers and their duties in the bill, and hold them to a strict accountability, as all other officers of the General Government are held to other Departments. This would relieve the taxpayers from having to provide from an army of drones now sucking out their very existence.

The General Government having full control, let the executive officers make their estimate for the fiscal year ending January 30, 1879, keeping in view an economical government, and provide for liberal improvements and then, instead of the citizens fruitlessly appealing to Congress to provide for the General Government proportion of the local expenses, let the General Government state what proportion the citizens of the District shall pay towards the local expenses.

It would not be material to the General Government how the amount to be paid by the citizens is raised, and to meet the right claimed by taxpayers, that they should have a voice in regard to taxing their property, give the taxpayers of the District the power of electing any given number of their own citizens, to be known as the board of assessment and taxation, with full power to assess and levy taxes, to raise the amount demanded as their part of the local expenses of the District by the General Government, the tax levied for said purpose to be collected by an officer of the General Government. It is the opinion of many citizens that a system of taxation could be organized that would greatly relieve the citizens of the District from the oppression they now suffer by the imperfect tax laws enacted by Congress in the hurried legislation at the end of each session. Congress would also be relieved from this most troublesome legislation for the District, and it would be more satisfactory to the citizen taxpayer.

The tax and assessment bills generally passed by Congress do not give sufficient time for a proper assessment for the purposes of taxation. The board of assessments and taxation could provide for a proper assessment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, so it could in that time be properly and thoroughly done, and would not require to be altered for several years.

Congress might also authorize said board to prepare a code of ordinances for the government of the local affairs of the District, to be submitted to Congress to be enacted into law, thereby getting rid of the conflicting and cumbersome laws and ordinances handed down from the old city corporation and since enacted by Congress, with the power to employ good legal aid. With the experience of twenty-five of the leading cities throughout the country, and the city of Washington, the worst governed, a code of laws and ordinances could be devised by the board that would make the District of Columbia the best governed place in the country. Then repeal all existing laws and ordinances. Hereafter any measure affecting the interest of the citizens of the District could be specially referred to this board by Congress, thereby relieving Congress of all doubt as regards proper legislation for the District.

The compensation for the members of the board of assessment and taxation to be small, so that the position would not be attractive to parties seeking office, and the board having no power over the finances, tramps would give the position a wide berth.

Every other matter in connection with the District could be safely left with the officials appointed by the General Government. As a matter of relief Congress might authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to negotiate sufficient of the 4 per cent. Government bonds to call in all the bonded indebtedness of the District of Columbia, except the 3.65 debt. The difference between the interest that the debt now carries and 4 per cent. would provide a sinking fund that would soon reduce the present debt.

The bill might also authorize the executive officers to extend some liberal proposition to taxpayers who are in arrears for taxes, thereby collecting immediately a large portion of the taxes now in arrears and heating heavy penalties and cost. The same authority might be given the executive officers to adjust all special assessments made for the improvements of the city.

If something final and definite can be enacted by Congress this session, it is the opinion of the citizens that the capital of this union will be blessed with new life and prosperity.

W. H. CLAGETT.

Mat and French Kid Low

Cut shoes for gentlemen at

H. L. STRASBURGER'S, 306, 308 Seventh street.

A CHURCH FREE OF DEBT.

An Interesting Jubilee Occasion at the Metropolitan Presbyterian.

The Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, corner of Fourth and B streets southeast, was packed yesterday morning on the occasion of a "jubilee" by the congregation, commemorative of the church being freed from debt, all current expenses paid till date, and its healthy temporal and spiritual condition generally. The exercises were of the most pleasing character, being varied with addresses from the pastor, Rev. Dr. Chester, Mr. Robert Leitch, superintendent of the Sabbath school, Mr. Birchard, of the board of deacons, Mr. Thomas G. Jones, treasurer, singing by the Sabbath-school children, anthems by the excellent choir, &c. The pulpit was beautifully and artistically decorated with floral offerings, that were in charming contrast with the joyous scenes being enacted.

A history of the church, which was given to the congregation, shows it to have been of wonderful growth—temporal and spiritual. Fourteen years ago, in an humble log cabin, with thirty-four members and no Sabbath-school scholars; yesterday, in a palatial edifice, with a church membership of near five hundred members and seven hundred sabbath-school scholars—beside five of debt. Some of those who have been identified with the church are in nearly every state in the Union; and its pastor, who has been with it since its incipiency, is fast attaining a national reputation as a theologian—logical, rational, and profound.

In the evening the church was again crowded to hear the pastor deliver a lecture on "The Phases of Modern Infidelity Foretold in the Prophecies." This lecture is decidedly one of the best yet delivered by Dr. Chester, and we do not wonder at the encomiums lavished upon it by the New York press, for it is a model of logic, reason, and prophetic beauty.

The popular resort for clothing,

EISEMAN'S, Seventh and E.

A Daring Burglary.

The residence of Mr. W. M. Sullivan, No. 120 G street northwest, was entered by burglars yesterday morning, between four and five o'clock, and robbed of a quantity of wearing apparel, jewelry, a clock and other valuable articles. The thieves effected an entrance by forcing open a back window, and ransacked the lower portion of the house. Trunks were broken open and their contents scattered over the floor and the cupboard, in which the marketing was stored, was cleaned out entirely. The burglars were scared off, it is supposed, by one of the occupants of a room in close who had occasion to be about five o'clock. The robbery was reported at Police Headquarters and the detectives are busy working up the case. Some of the clothing is marked with the owner's name and can easily be identified.

Ladies' Cloth Top Shoes,

All colors, at

H. L. STRASBURGER'S, 306, 308 Seventh street.

Palm Sunday.

Yesterday being Palm Sunday and the commencement of Holy or Passion Week, the services in the Episcopal and Catholic Churches and especially in the latter, were very interesting. At the eleven o'clock mass, according to the annual custom, palms were blessed and distributed. This week is devoted to services in honor of the passion and death of Christ, and in preparation for the festival of Easter.

Dress Suits to order, $18, at

EISEMAN'S, Seventh and E.

GEORGETOWN NEWS.

A GREEN-HOUSE ACCIDENT.

Saturday night, between the hours of eight and nine o'clock, the outer wall of the green-house of Mr. H. C. Jewell, on Gay, near High street, gave way under the pressure of the earth on the inside. When the wall struck the pavement the crash was so great that it could be heard for squares.

A GRANDMOTHER LOST.

Saturday afternoon the officers of the Third Precinct were notified that Mrs. Melinda Marche, a lady about eighty years of age, was missing from her home at No. 311 A street southeast. About seven o'clock Saturday night, Officer Haney discovered the missing woman, crossing the Bridge street Aqueduct bridge, and conducted her to the station house, where she was made as comfortable as possible. Her friends were notified and at a late hour arrived at the station. The grand-daughters of the unfortunate rushed to her, and placing their arms about her neck, exclaimed "O! Grandma! we have found you, God bless you." The old lady was placed in a carriage and conveyed to her home, No. 311 A street southeast. While at the station she spoke of her friends and acquaintances, but was rather incoherent in her utterances.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.

At an early hour on Saturday morning thieves entered the store of William Oliver, on Potomac street, between Bridge and Prospect streets, and robbed it of a lot of hosiery and other articles of ladies' apparel. The thieves effected an entrance by removing the sash with a jimmy or chisel. Mr. Oliver has no idea of the loss he has sustained, and cannot estimate it until he takes an inventory of his stock, but the probabilities are that it will reach between $100 and $200.

GEORGETOWN PARAGRAPHS.

James R. Johnson, New York; C. R. Breckinbridge, Baltimore, Md.; T. H. Flinn, San Francisco, Cal.; and M. C. McKnight, New York, are sojourning at the West End Hotel.

RIVER FRONT.

Arrived—Schooner Emily Plumb, York River, with 60,000 feet of lumber, to J. & J. S. Libbey.

Cleared—Schooner T. J. Traft, Hoyt, Baltimore, to load coal for Southern ports.

GRAIN ARRIVALS.

By rail—Two thousand bushels of wheat to R. D. Hartley.

TEETOTALERS.

The Franklin Legion.

Legion Hall was crowded on Saturday night by the members and their families and friends of the booksmaking and journalistic fraternities. In the absence of President Defrees, Vice-President Jones took the chair and opened what proved to be the best meeting of the season. Hon. L. W. Ballou, of Rhode Island, was introduced by the master of ceremonies, Mr. Charles H. Davis, as "the printers' friend," a title of which he seemed to be proud. After alluding to his early attachment to the profession and the immense power to which the press had attained in this country, Mr. Ballou congratulated the society upon its success, and exhorted its members to continue in their efforts. He also urged those printers who were not members to join their fellows in this work, because it was right. If signing the pledge was right, it was an abridgement of the freedom of the signer. Those who refuse to pledge themselves to do right are not to be envied the freedom which they profess to enjoy by that refusal. Those who refuse to sign the pledge of total abstinence are of two classes—those who aver they have no need to pledge themselves, because they can drink or let it alone as they please, and those who aver that they cannot keep the pledge if they do sign it unless the drum shops are closed. It is difficult to say which class is more to be pitied or despised, one acknowledges his ability to refrain, and aid by example and influence a good cause, but will not; the other avows his loss of manhood and individuality to that extent that he can only do right when the opportunity or temptation to do wrong is removed. If all would stop drinking the trouble would cease for want of support. Short and pithy speeches were also made by Rev. Dr. Kendrick and Mr. Litchfield, two of the most earnest workers and eloquent advocates for abstinence among us.

Miss Dickson, of Baltimore, recited "Our Pledge," and in response to an encore also gave "The Pride of Battery B," two army pieces, with much beauty and pathos. Mr. Tweedale rendered "Uncle Daniel" and "Gabriel Grubb with the Goblins" in a highly humorous manner.

Miss Addie Prosper opened the musical programme of the evening with a piano solo, and afterward played the accompaniments to most of the songs, which were given with excellent taste and spirit by the Misses Allen and Mr. Smith; as were Misses Smith and Allen in duo. Miss Florence Hopkins (a child), and Master Lennie. These performers were all encored by the delighted audience, and Miss Smith responded with a beautiful rendition of "The Last Rose of Summer," and Master Lennie, a lad in knee-breeches, with "My sweetheart." Donations of some fifteen volumes were added to the library.

The great temperance veteran, who also knows how to run a circus, will lecture before the Legion, at Lincoln Hall, on the 25th instant.

The Dashaways.

At the meeting of the Dashaway Reform Club last night, Lincoln Hall was crowded to overflowing. The new president, Mr. John R. Wheeler, presided. Mr. Frank Roseide made some happy and telling remarks.

Mrs. McDonald, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Graves, of Baltimore, recited "Over the Hills From the Poor House" in a style that was highly appreciated by the audience. Mr. Ned Humphrey followed with remarks in his usual earnest and practical manner. Misses Weaver and Burkhart favored the audience with some admirable singing.

Hon. Hiram Price was the next speaker, and he entertained the audience for about half an hour with a forcible, logical, and appreciative speech. Mr. Charles M. Nye held the audience in his usual entertaining manner for about twenty minutes, closing with a powerful and successful appeal for signers to the pledge. The Rev. Dr. Kendrick made an eloquent appeal, and thanked the club for having honored him with the office of chaplain. Miss Sallie Westhorpe sang "Jesus, Lover of my soul" in admirable style. Mr. J. C. Brown, of Philadelphia, made a good speech, giving an encouraging account of the progress of the work in that city. The new choir rendered good music, and the meeting was enthusiastic and successful throughout. President Wheeler announced that meetings would be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights at Dr. Noble's Church, and on Thursday night at Forest Hall, Georgetown.

Out-Door Temperance Meeting.

The open-air temperance meeting on the corner of Seventh street and the Avenue yesterday afternoon was attended by an unusually large gathering. Dr. Lawrence, who called the meeting to order, spoke on the wines of the Bible and the ancient methods of preventing fermentation. Mrs. Dr. Lawrence followed in a most eloquent and convincing argument on the question of woman and her relation to temperance and other reforms. Mr. Savage followed in one of his telling speeches. Some of his statements were questioned by one of his hearers, otherwise the best of order prevailed. Rev. Mr. Reade made some remarks on his experience with regard to wine-drinking and wine-making in California.

$5 Pants to order. EISEMAN'S, Seventh and E.

Notes from the Columbia Buildings.

Richard Nolan has been pardoned by the Commissioners.

Receipts in the treasurer's office last Saturday were $3,129.87; disbursements, $11,0[illegible].50.

Permits for repairs have been issued as follows: G. W. Joy, two brick forges, $30; B. Coffinworth, another brick story to house, $125; H. C. Casey, brick building, $[illegible].

Licenses have been issued as follows: J. E. Allen & Brother, peddlers; George Jeunemann, brewer; J. B. Gibbs, ajoitmenge; E. Behrend & Co., commercial agents; P. H. Heckell, commercial agent.

The Senate District Committee has transmitted to the Commissioners a copy of the bill to abolish the Board of Police Commissioners, asking if it meets their approval or to suggest what changes they may deem requisite.

Sailor Suits, $2.50 at EISEMAN'S, Seventh and E.

A Daring Attempt at Outrage.

The Alexandria *Gazette* reports the following daring attempt at outrage: "A white man, whose name could not be ascertained, but who has been engaged in getting out timber near Pohick church for some time past, entered the house of William Simms, colored, near that place a few nights since, and attempted to commit an outrage on Simms' wife. She succeeded in breaking away from him and making her escape. So audacious was the would be ravisher that he returned the following night and entering the house, renewed his attempt. He was confronted by the husband of the woman, but knocked down with a stunning blow and succeeded in making his escape. A warrant was issued for his arrest, and the officers are after him. Simms was badly cut about the head by the assailant.

The Unity Club.

The Unity Club gave their closing entertainment for the season, at the Congregational Church, last Friday evening. The president of the club, General Birney, gave a lecture upon "Industrial Art Education" to a large and appreciative audience. The lecture was an argument for educated labor and a more cultivated taste, not only in art, but in all that pertains to industry and mechanism. During the length of the lecture, refreshments were nicely served by Mrs Richardson and Mr. Underwood. They were warmly applauded.

Your Personal Interest

Dictates that before buying you examine the most complete stock of youths', boys', and children's clothing, and pants seperate in to suits, in the District, at the Boys' Clothing House of B. Lothinson & Co., 909 Pennsylvania avenue.

THE LEGAL LOG-BOOK.

Two of the District Judges on the Sick List.

The Supreme Court to Convene To-day if a Quorum Can be Secured—Business Transacted Last Saturday—Assignments for To-day.

SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT.

To-day is the time fixed for the convening of the April term of the Supreme Court, but it is doubtful if a quorum will be secured.

Justice Olin is confined to his room with a severe attack of acute rheumatism, and cannot possibly be present. His Honor is over sixty years of age, and the active life he has led, together with his many years of arduous legal service, are having their effect on a once powerful constitution, and have made sad inroads on his health. He has many sympathizers in his affliction, and is one of the few men that have no enemies.

Justice Humphreys has been sick for some time past, on his farm in Fairfax County, Va., and is not expected to be in attendance on the court to-day.

Justice Wylie is so deeply engrossed with the criminal docket as to make it impossible to adjourn the Criminal Court and sit with his associates in the General Term. The calendar numbers 153 cases, ten in excess of the one of the last term.

CIRCUIT COURT—CHIEF JUSTICE CARTTER.

Mattingly vs. Pant, Washington & Co. Judgment for $625.50, with interest. Wall vs. Prentiss et al. Evidence all in, argument to-day. The Chief Justice has decided to hold on to the panel trying this case, and if the General Term is not convened he will proceed with jury trials in the Circuit Court, where both sides are ready, and no objection is raised to the jury.

EQUITY COURT—JUSTICE MACARTHUR.

Howard vs. Brandt; decree for specific recovery. Hoffman vs. Jones; time for taking testimony extended ten days. Hands vs. Hands; Examiner Ingersoll to take proof. Harbaugh vs. Harbaugh; trustee's bond approved. United States, ex rel. Walter, vs. Northern Liberty Market Company; Examiner Johnson to take testimony. Hand vs. Brown; rule on receiver, returnable April 20. Cook vs. Cook; allowance of $50 per month alimony and $75 as counsel fees on behalf of wife. Rover vs. McCarney; appeal to general term. Amonia Copper Company vs. Shepherd; trustee's bond approved. Gautier vs. Gibson; motion to strike out demurrer filed. Wells vs. Fisher; discharge of restraining order. Payne, administrator, vs. Shepherd; appeal to the General Term. Latin vs. Kilbourn; injunction ordered to continue till further hearing. Hendrickson vs. George; decree that defendant owes plaintiff $200, and that he pay the costs. Edson vs. Western Union Telegraph Company et al.; defendant's motion of July 12, 1876, overruled; thirty days granted to file answer, leave to withdraw appeal taken March 9, 1878, and that G. B. Prescott have leave to file plea. Goodyear Dental Vulcanite Company vs. Brightwell; time for taking testimony by defendant extended to May 18, 1878. Bohlen vs. Bohlen; decree vacating so much of order of April 5, 1878, as refers to issue to auditor, and adjudging that defendant—Central Building Association—is over $25,000.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Equity Court—Justice MacArthur.—No. 16, Follansbee vs. Russell; No. 17, Bernhard vs. Bernhard; No. 18, Mitchell vs. Mitchell; No. 19, Cole vs. Douglass; No. 21, Parsons vs. Parker; No. 24, Fickling vs. Jones; No. 27, Burger vs. Wingerd; No. 27, Tinsley vs. Bigelow; No. 28, Washington Market Company vs. Lesser; No. 30, Richardson vs. District of Columbia.

Criminal Court—Justice Wylie.—John Shea, resisting Officer James Dunnington, assault; John F. Smith, assault; John Thomas, assault with intent to commit rape; Samuel Kelley, impeaching witness; John Jackson, larceny; William H. Shaw, robbery; John Matthews, selling lottery tickets; George Dyer, selling lottery tickets.

AMUSEMENTS.

English Opera—National Theatre.

The Hess English Opera Combination, under the direction of Signor Operti, will appear this evening and during the week at the National Theatre, in a series of performances comprising "The Chimes of Normandy," "Bohemian Girl," "Villar's Dragoons," "Martha," and "Fra Diavolo." The organization includes Miss Emily Melville, Mrs. Zelda Seguin, Miss Louisa Searle, Messrs. William Castle, C. H. Turner, Henry Peakes, C. H. Morton, J. J. Benitz, Edward Seguin. An efficient chorus has also been provided. The initial performance of the season will be given this evening, on which occasion "The Chimes of Normandy" will be presented, with Miss Emily Melville and other leading artists of the company in the principal roles.

Fanny Davenport—National Theatre.

Fanny Davenport, distinguished for her great personal beauty and wonderful versatility, will appear at the National on Monday, April 22, supported by the combination of rare and distinguished dramatic stars known as Augustin Daly's Company. Miss Davenport's first appearance will be as Lady Clare, Augustin Daly's celebrated play entitled "Pique."

General George A. Sheridan's Lecture on the Late Senator Morton.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of General Sheridan from the city, the lecture announced to be given this evening at Lincoln Hall by that gentleman is necessarily postponed until the evening of Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Theatre Comique.

The array of talent now engaged at the Comique will be reinforced to-night and during the week by Harry Osborne and Fanny Wentworth, sketch artists, the Stuart sisters, character dancers and vocalists, Billy Hart, comedian, and John M. Turner, banjoist. Messrs. Quilter and Goldrich will continue their inimitable seances. Annie Hindle and Dora Dawson have also been induced to remain.

What Andrew Jackson Davis Believes.

Andrew Jackson Davis, the clairvoyant, author of "Harmonial Philosophy," "Penetralia," "Views of Our Heavenly Home," &c., talked very interestingly for over an hour in Talimadge Hall last night, to a large audience, composed chiefly of spiritualists or so-called investigators on "what we believe." At the conclusion of his remarks he read the following as what he believed and what he did not believe:

What he did—In one absolutely perfect God both father and mother.

That man, physically, was evolved from the animal kingdom.

That man, spiritually, is a part of the spirit of God.

That every person is rewarded for goodness and punished for evil, both in this world and in the next.

In the universal triumphs of truth, justice, and love. In the immortality of every human mind. In a sensible communion between the people of earth and their relations in the summerland, and in the eternity of the true marriage. In the principles of eternal progression and development. That the harmonial philosophy is a new revelation to reason of the infinite harmony of the universe. That what is called spiritualism has variously marked modes of impressing the bodily senses with evidences of a future life. That spiritualism has in a thousand times more living testimony to the truth of its claims than Christianity has of dead testimony to establish its so-called miracles. That the most thoroughly deceived spiritualist is less deluded than the most respectable Calvinist, Methodist, or other sectarian.

What he did not—In the orthodox scheme of salvation or damnation; that is, original sin, atonement, faith, or regeneration; in the identity of primitive Christianity and modern spiritualism; in the identity of modern spiritualism and ancient magic; in free love; in the existence of other elements of elementary spirits or in the existence of anything essentially evil, in reincarnation, or that any foreign spirit can displace the mind of any living man. When he stopped reading, he said that he would not promise to believe to morrow what he did to-day.

Before the District Committees.

The sub-committee on the Judiciary of the District of Columbia have agreed upon a bill equalizing the charges for flour inspections in Georgetown and Washington.

The same sub-committee have also considered favorably the bill for the prevention of begging in Washington by making it the duty of police officers to arrest persons found begging in the streets, and to take them before a justice of the peace, who shall ascertain if they are in need of the necessaries of life; and, if so, notify the District Commissioners for relief; and, if not, to sentence them to thirty days in the Workhouse.

Major Randolph, who proposes to improve the sewerage system of Washington by building a main sewer from the arsenal to seventeenth street, was before the House District Committee again last Saturday. He said that by utilizing some of the sewers already built he could construct his proposed sewer for $15,000, and keep it in good condition at an expense not exceeding $5,000 per annum. Lieutenant Heuke, who was present, said that so far as he had examined Major Randolph's plan, he considered it a terrible and great idea.

Visit to the Reform School.

A large party of ladies and gentlemen visited the Reform School yesterday afternoon and were delighted with the exercises. The pupils gave some fine recitations, and their singing showed careful training. Among the guests were the Hutchinson family, and Mrs. Abby Hutchinson-Patton, who sang as of yore with this delightful band. Among those who made the afternoon very enjoyable at the Reform School were those singers, Mr. Charles Nye and sister, Robert Leitch, Mrs. H. E. Meeser, of Uniontown, and Mr. C. M. Parks.

Gilt Edge.

We are selling the Clifton Flour at $1.80, a reduction of ten cents a sack.

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MECHLIN'S PUNISHMENT.

Conclusion of the Case in the Police Court—He is Sentenced to Two Years and One Month of Imprisonment—An Appeal Taken.

The Mechlin case, which has occupied the attention of the Police Court for several days, was temporarily disposed of last Saturday. Judge Snell, according to his announcement, delivered his decision at one o'clock. The court-room was crowded with the friends of the young ladies and others curious to see how the case would end. The daughters were all absent. Judge Snell delivered a long decision. In the case of the first assault, which was made on his daughter Charlotte in October, 1877, he imposed a fine of $20, and in default thirty days' imprisonment. On each of the remaining four informations he imposed a sentence of six months' imprisonment, making in all two years for the four assaults.

In his decision Judge Snell, speaking of the right to administer the law of a parent to chastise moderately, said: "The tendency of the times as indicated by judicial decisions has been to soften rather than increase the asperity of the common-law maxim. Under its influences the right of the husband to chastise the wife has disappeared, and in our public schools corporal punishments have given place to better methods; but the right of the father to inflict moderate punishment unquestionably still remains." He reasoned that the defendant in inflicting punishment upon his children acted from temper and unworthy motives rather than from conscientious convictions of duty.

In concluding he said: "The violence—the unnatural and unreasonable severity manifested, the disposition of punishment to offense, the insensibility, coarseness, and brutality which characterized all these painful scenes, all bespeak a heart regardless of social duty, and exhibiting all the ordinary symptoms of a wicked, depraved, and malignant spirit. From a careful consideration of the evidence I find the defendant guilty of the several assaults and batteries charged in the information."

Mr. Taggart, counsel for defense, gave notice of appeal, and bonds were fixed in the several cases, amounting in all to $900. Shortly after the adjournment of the court Mechlin was released, Mr. W. B. Webb having become his surety.

Reception at Willard's Hotel.

The reception given by Mrs. Imogene Robinson Morrell at Willard's, on Saturday evening, was an exceedingly brilliant affair. The music and recitations were superior, and all who participated are well known for their talent. The singing by Miss Eva Mills, Professor and Mrs. Fairlamb, Miss Herr, of Georgetown, and Mr. Hickox was very superior; and recitations by Miss Annie Ware, little Eva Henderson, Master Burnett, Mr. Edward Hay, and Mr. Herndon Underwood were all entertaining.

Among the three hundred guests were ex-Mayor Wood of Brooklyn, Colonel and Mrs. Hooker, Mrs. Chapman Coleman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hagerman, Miss Nettie Hetzer, Mrs. Wessel, Mrs. James H. Todd, Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hay, Mrs. Col. Conrad, Dr. and Miss Woodbury, Mr. A. H. Herr, Miss E. B. Johnston, Miss Hoffman, Dr. and Mrs. Burnett, Dr. Bayard, Mrs. and Miss Fescett, Mr. Whittaker, Mr. W. C. Todd, Mr. and Miss Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Underwood, Mrs. and Miss Cake, Judge Lander, Miss Ransom, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Wolcott, Dr. Elliot Coues, Mrs. Eastman, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Cox, Mr. Clinchill, Mrs. Maury, Mr. and Mrs. Minear, Colonel R. S. Norton, Dr. and Mrs. Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Forney, Miss L. C. Smith, Grace Greenwood and Miss Lippencott, Mr. and Mrs. Spofford, Hon. Timothy Davis, Mrs. Julia Holmes, Mr. James B. Stair, George Banks, Professor Taylor and "Dora," reporter and Mrs. Cultver, Senator Johnston, Representative and Mrs. Bayne, Senator Lamar, Representative and Mrs. Shelley, Representative and Mrs. Maginnis, Representative and Mrs. Wutsch, General and Mrs. Rice, Representative and Mrs. Giddings, Representative and Mrs. Thompson, Representative and Mrs. Evans, Representative and Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Frank Gordon, A. Herr Smith, Mr. Senator Gordon, General Banks, Mrs. Senator Paddock, Representative Walsh, Mary Gay Robinson, Mrs. Whitney, Mr. Peters, Bessie Beech, Mr. Brisbane Walker, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Wedderburn, and many other journalists.

The Glenwood Cemetery Controversy.

Messrs. T. W. Bartley and Thomas J. Miller, as attorneys for the Glenwood Cemetery Company, have entered suit against Joseph B. Close and George Clendenning, to recover $20,100. The complainants set forth, in their bill, that on