Special Notices.

STATEMENT NATIONAL METROPOLITAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR the year ending December 31, 1880:

Assets January 1, 1880	$139,466 98
Receipts	22,516 77
	161,983 75
Disbursements	17,947 00
Assets January 1, 1881	144,036 75
Capital stock	100,000 00
Surplus	44,036 75

ja18-3t SAM. CROSS, Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15, 1881.

The firm of GEO. W. COCHRAN & CO., doing business in this city, consisting of George W. Cochran, John W. Wetherall, George Cochran, and John Cochran, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, John W. Wetherall having sold and transferred his interest therein to George W. Cochran, the senior member, and withdrawn from the firm.

GEO. W. COCHRAN.
JOHN W. WETHERALL.
GEORGE COCHRAN.
JOHN COCHRAN.

The undersigned will continue the business of WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN CIGARS, TOBACCO, &c., at the old stand, under the same firm name of GEO. W. COCHRAN & CO., to whom all indebted to the late firm will make payment, and by whom all liabilities of said firm will be paid.

GEO. W. COCHRAN.
GEORGE COCHRAN.
JOHN COCHRAN.

1115 Pennsylvania avenue, adjoining Pension Office. ja17-3t

OFFICE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO., WASHINGTON, January 3, 1881.

A meeting of the stockholders of the National Republican Printing and Publishing Company will be held at the office of the company on SATURDAY, January 29, at 3 p. m., to consider and vote upon a proposition to increase the capital stock of said company.

M. D. HELM, HALLET KILBOURN,
THOS. J. BRADY, GEO. A. SHERIDAN,
H. D. COOKE, JR., LEWIS CLEPHANE,
FRANK B. CONGER,
ja3 Stockholders.

WATER REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29, 1880.

TO WATER TAKERS:

You are hereby notified that WATER RENTS for the year 1881 will be due on the 1st of January, and, if not paid within THIRTY DAYS from that date, the law authorizes the water to be cut off and the penalty of $2 to be added to the bill.

de30 THOS. C. COX, Water Registrar.

DR. FLODOARDO HOWARD HAS REmoved his office and residence to 1019 F street, corner Eleventh street n. w., and has associated with him in the practice of Medicine Dr. HOWARD H. BARKER. Office hours—9 to 10:30 a. m.; 12:30 to 1 p. m., and 3 to 4 p. m. no10-3m

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A FRESH SUPPLY OF PURE NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL at DREW'S DRUG STORE, corner Ninth st. and Penn. ave., at 50 cents per full pint bottle. oc28-6m

PRESCRIPTIONS PREPARED ACCURATELY and at reasonable prices at COUGHLIN'S DRUG STORE, Masonic Temple, corner of Ninth and F streets northwest.

THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF Toilet Articles for ladies and all the popular Medicines on sale at COUGHLIN'S TEMPLE DRUG STORE.

IF YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM NEURALGIA, Headache, Toothache, or any pain, one application of Fluid Lightning will relieve you. Sold only at COUGHLIN'S, Masonic Temple. no26

HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINES of EVERY kind, Humphrey's Specifics, Extract Witch Hazel, Imperial Granum, and other food for infants at COUGHLIN'S. se13

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1417 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NORTHWEST, Near Willard's Hotel. mar22

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At No. 1320 F STREET.

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THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

New Officers Elected, and a Change of Location Agreed Upon.

The Anthropological Society met at the Smithsonian Institution last evening, Major J. W. Powell, the president, in the chair. The following new members were elected: Dr. A. F. A. King, Dr. William Lee, and Mr. Ivan Petroff for active membership, and Mr. J. C. Tache and B. B. Redding for corresponding membership. It being the evening of the annual election, no papers were read. A motion to remove from the present location to the lecture-hall of the National Medical College of the Columbian University was introduced by a committee of the council, and adopted by the society.

The election for officers to serve during the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Major J. Powell; vice-presidents, Colonel Garrick Mallery, Dr. George A. Otis, Professor O. T. Mason, Dr. H. C. Yarrow; corresponding secretary, C. C. Royce; recording secretary, Lester F. Ward; treasurer, J. Howard Gore; curator, Dr. W. J. Hoffman; council, President J. C. Welling, Professor E. A. Fay, Dr. J. Meredith Toner, Mr. F. A. Seely, Mr. Miles Rock, Mr. H. L. Thomas.

After the election the society adjourned. The friends of Dr. Elmer R. Reynolds, the recording secretary, who has served the society from its foundation, who are surprised to miss his name from the foregoing list, should know that he declined re-election, owing to a prospective archæological tour to occupy the most of the next year.

District Topics at the Capitol.

A petition presented by Senator Harris yesterday, asking that certain taxes illegally collected of Henry L. Davidson be refunded, was referred to the District Committee.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds yesterday adopted a resolution requesting the chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to appoint a subcommittee to examine into and report upon the expediency of lighting the streets and the city and the several public buildings with the electric lights. The committee also decided to urge the Committee on Appropriations to appropriate $150,000 for extending the Government Printing Office buildings.

Mr. Morse introduced in the House a bill providing for the payment of damages sustained by reason of public improvements and repairs, and conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to adjust the same.

Mr. Neal introduced a bill authorizing the Treasurer of the United States to sell bonds to satisfy judgments awarded by the Court of Claims in District cases, in lieu of delivering bonds to the judgment creditor, as now provided.

The Assault on Dr. Townshend.

William H. Douglass, the man (supposed to be Red Syn) who assaulted Health Officer Townshend Monday afternoon, was arraigned in the Police Court yesterday. It appears that the real Red Syn is now out West, and Douglass conducts the business during his absence. Dr. Townshend testified to the abuse heaped upon him by Douglass, and the final assault, which ended in Douglass getting worsted. Lieutenant Eckloff testified to Douglass' conduct at Police Headquarters. Douglass having asked for a postponement of the case, in order to procure a witness, Friday was fixed for a further hearing, and the defendant was released on leaving collateral.

Contract for Lighting the City.

In conformity with the agreement made between the District Commissioners and the Washington Gas-Light Company, Lieutenant F. V. Green, Assistant Engineer of the District, has made a contract with the company to continue the lighting of the city for the next three years, with an option of four years, at $28 per annum for each lamp. This will be a reduction of seventy cents on each lamp, and a saving to the city of $2,660 a year. The $28 includes expenses for repairs, lighting, and putting out the lamps.

BOUND TO VOTE.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Thirteenth Yearly Convention—The Mott Memorial Services—Speeches by Prominent Workers in the Cause—'Squire Lockwood Advises the Study of the Law.

The thirteenth annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association was called to order in Lincoln Hall at ten o'clock yesterday morning by the president, Mrs. Stanton, who announced that the first session would be devoted to a memorial service in honor of the late Mrs. Lucretia Mott, one of the pioneers in the cause of universal suffrage. The platform, upon which was seated the members of the convention, was tastefully decorated with the American colors, while in front, on an easel, was a crayon portrait of the deceased, embedded in smilax, the sprays depending from the beak of a dove. On either side of the portrait was a handsome floral lyre and a stand of flowers, while at the base was a sheaf of wheat. The hall was filled to its utmost with an interested and reverent audience, composed mainly of ladies, and the proceedings were marked by a solemnity befitting the nature of the occasion. When all had been comfortably seated Miss Phoebe Couzens arose and asked the audience to join in a silent invocation, out of respect to Mrs. Mott's creed, she being a Quakeress. This was followed by a dirge, rendered by a select quartette of St. Augustine's Church choir.

Mrs. Stanton then pronounced a eulogy upon the deceased, in which she referred to her efforts in the cause of humanity, her moral worth, and independence of character.

Other addresses were made by Marshal Douglass, Miss Anthony, Mr. Robert Purvis, Mr. E. M. Davis—a son-in-law of deceased—Misses Mary Wright Sewell and Phoebe Couzens; after which a recess was taken until two o'clock p. m., when the business sessions of the convention began.

Mrs. Stanton opened the discussion with a neat speech, in which she reviewed the work accomplished by the association, and concluded with a forcible argument, portraying the ultimate success of the suffrage movement.

Miss Brown, of Pittsburg, followed, and was succeeded by Miss Marilla Ricker, who argued in favor of the appointment of women to superintend their sex in the jails and institutions of the land.

Miss Rachel Foster, of Philadelphia, then read a carefully prepared paper upon "The Connection Between Women and Philanthropy."

Mrs. Stanton made one of her characteristic appeals for funds for the cause, at the conclusion of which a recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Upon reassembling, the convention was called to order by Mr. Edward M. Davis, who introduced as the first speaker Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood. She stated that her subject for the evening was "Why Women should Practice Law," but the main object of the convention, however, was to decide whether or not women should vote. The Republic-today was really a tyrannical form of government. It had been the offspring of tyranny. She was in favor of an educational qualification, and women should be compelled to exercise their privilege at the polls. Suppose there was a class of women who did not desire to vote? They simply represented an element willing to shirk any duty. Women should learn that this privilege will protect them. Take the cases of Elizabeth Tilton, Auto Sprague, and Mrs. Christiancy; what had been done to them showed that no protection would be afforded them when they stood in the way of some man's greed, avarice, or ambition. Even now women were voting for school officers in thirteen States of the Union, and it was only a few days ago that Governor Long, of Massachusetts, in his message to the Massachusetts Legislature, recommended the granting of suffrage to women, as it would be better for the State and tend to make it much stronger. Women should study law for their own protection and in order to discriminate between just and pernicious laws, that they might see that men represented them at the polls correctly. It was their duty to mold the minds of the rising generation, and that they could be trusted to do this was evidenced by the fact that three-fourths of the public school teachers of this country were women. Before Mrs. Stanton, Miss Anthony, and Robert Purvis were laid in their graves suffrage would be a fixed fact. The handwriting on the wall showed this, and the women should bear in mind the fact that the study of law would fit them to occupy the highest positions in the land.

Mrs. Godbe, of Utah, was then introduced by Miss Anthony, and spoke of the suffrage movement in her Territory, and paid a glowing tribute to the women who had fought to maintain their rights when it was proposed to take the elective franchise from them.

Miss May Wright Sewell, of Indianapolis—undoubtedly the handsomest member of the convention—said she wondered at the stupidity of men and the patience of women on the question of suffrage.

Miss Sewell established herself on a firm basis with the audience, and was frequently interrupted with applause.

The last speaker, Miss Anthony, said she had nothing new to present, but was seeking some way to make politicians understand the necessity for conferring the elective franchise upon women. She then announced the following programme for to-day, and the convention adjourned:

Half-past ten a. m.—Reports of delegates from local societies, May Wright Sewell, Phoebe Couzens, Martha McClellan Brown, Edward M. Davis, Dr. Clarence Lozier, George S. Stearns, and others. Letter to be read from Isabella Beecher Hooker.

Afternoon session, half-past two p. m.—Short speeches by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, May Wright Sewell, and others.

Evening session, half-past seven p. m.—Speeches by Phoebe W. Couzens, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony.

THE POTOMAC FLATS.

Proposed Improvement Under Direction of an Engineer Commission.

The House Committee on Commerce yesterday considered the subject of reclaiming the flats and improving the Washington harbor. Chairman Hunton, of the House District Committee, made a speech urging the proposed appropriation of $1,250,000 for the purpose named. Major Twining and General Birney made remarks in explanation of a bill presented to the committee. The bill provides for an engineer commission, including the engineer officer of the United States Coast Survey and the engineer in charge of public buildings, to stake out and make plans of the harbors of Washington and Georgetown, the section plans, the boundaries of lands known not to belong to the United States, and the land boundary of a water street in Washington. Provision is made for taking possession of and using for the proposed improvement so much of the adjoining public streets and reservations as may be necessary; also for the condemnation of all lands, franchises, and rights lying within the lines of said proposed improvements.

It is provided that the Attorney-General shall appoint a special counsel for the board, at a salary not to exceed $1,500 yearly, and shall cause a suit in equity to be instituted against any and all claimants of title under any patent which, in the opinion of the board, was by mistake or unadvisedly or illegally issued by officers of the United States, or of the States of Maryland or Virginia, for any part of the marshes or flats, and particularly against all claimants under what is known as the "Kidwell patent," for the purpose of vacating or cancelling said patents. The bill makes ample provision for proceeding in disputed cases.

The Committee on Commerce will to-day give a hearing to A. Watson and other private parties, who have propositions to make in reference to the improvement of the river front.

Mr. Converse introduced in the House yesterday a bill providing for the letting of a contract to the lowest bidder to deepen the Potomac channel and redeeming the swamp lands between the channel and Washington, in accordance with a survey made under the direction of the War Department, the reclaimed land to be sold to the highest bidder, and the money so realized to be applied to paying for the work done.

An Amateur Piratical Venture.

THE REPUBLICAN'S musical man, having made up his mind that the rehearsal of the "Pirates of Penzance" last night would afford an excellent opportunity to grab an item with impunity, wended his way to the Ascension Church school-building at an early hour, and, being an orphan, met with the customary consideration at the hands of the pirates.

The rehearsal was conducted with pains-taking care, that promises a high degree of perfection when the opera is given in public, and Professor MacLeod has secured an array of beauty and talent to enact the role of daughters to *General Stanley* that rendered it an extremely easy matter for him to obtain a full crew of pirates.

"The Pirates" will be presented at Ford's Opera House on the evening of Friday, the 28th, and Saturday, matinee and evening, the 29th, under the auspices of the National Rifles. Among the prominent amateurs in the cast will be Miss Eva Mills, Mrs. True, Miss Rodier, Miss Isabel Smith, Mrs. T. B. MacLeod, Messrs. John Pugh, Ham Adams, Ed. Hay, Seibold, and W. E. Morgan, with Mr. J. B. MacLeod as director.

Another full rehearsal will be held to-morrow evening at the residence of Mr. Adams, corner of Eighth and L streets northwest. The gentlemen who sing in the "Policeman's Chorus" will meet at Mr. MacLeod's residence at half-past seven this evening.

The Union Veteran Corps.

On Monday evening last a number of the honorary members of the Union Veteran Corps were present to witness the proficiency attained by the veterans in the manual and school of the company under its commander, Captain S. E. Thomason. After an hour and a half's drill a very agreeable surprise to the members of the corps took place, especially so to Color-Sergeant Charles Hartel, who was presented with an officer's sword and belt (new pattern) by the mechanics and laborers under him in the Supervising Architect's Office.

The corps will remove to its new armory on Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, on Monday next, the 24th instant, and on Thursday, the 27th instant, will have a dress drill, when a handsome silk flag and guidons will be presented to the corps.

What Captain Blake Says.

"How is the steamboat business, Captain?" said THE REPUBLICAN to the genial commander of the Corcoran yesterday.

"Quiet, very quiet. The river is frozen over nearly all the way down to its mouth, from six to ten inches deep. Ice was made very fast last night."

"When will you start your wheels again?"

"Not before the middle of February from the present outlook, unless a long warm rain and thaw comes."

"You are laying on your oars, then?"

"Yes. I'm fixing up the Corcoran, too. She will look like a daisy when spring opens."

DISTRICT BREVITIES.

The Weather To-Day.

For the Middle Atlantic States, including the District of Columbia, generally cloudy weather, with rain or snow, northerly to easterly winds, falling barometer, and a slight rise in temperature.

The thermometric readings yesterday were as follows: 7 a. m., 20°; 11 a. m., 26°; 2 p. m., 31°; 3 p. m., 31°; 9 p. m., 28°; 11 p. m., 28°. Maximum, 31°; minimum, 18°.

Prominent Arrivals.

Arlington—C. W. Woolley, Ohio; Charles Sidrick, W. J. Young, James Strother, New York; Charles McLaughlin, Portland, Me. ..... *Wormley's*—William T. Randall, U. S. N.; W. H. McDougall, New York; John W. Candler, J. M. W. Hall, Boston. ..... *Riggs*—E. de Zelenkoff, St. Petersburg, Russia; Charles T. Russell, E. C. Fitz, Boston; G. R. Colby, E. A. Meade, New York; A. M. Burton, Phila. ..... *Ebbitt*—Judge D. N. Cooley, Iowa; Governor John A. Burbank, Indiana; General and Mrs. Stoneman, California; Hon. A. C. Harmer, Philadelphia; General A. P. Blunt, J. K. Hyer, U. S. A.; Z. T. Brown, U. S. N. ..... *Willard's*—Hon. J. R. Lydecker, Hon. W. W. Webb, New York; Hon. M. B. Davis, superintendent New Orleans Mint, Louisiana; Hon. F. E. Beltzhoover, Pennsylvania; Hon. Nelson Maine, New York; Hon. Murray Nelson, Chicago; Colonel J. L. Norton, New Orleans ..... *Ocean House*—General Thomas Kilby Smith, Philadelphia; Captain R. M. G. Brown, U. S. N.; Hon. A. Blumenkron, United States Consul at Pueblo, Mexico; W. K. and S. T. Kineweaver, Philadelphia; L. M. Ernst, Kansas ..... *National*—Hon. M. S. Otero, New Mexico.

Oysters, which on account of the cold snap recently advanced in price, have dropped a little.

The President has appointed Richard B. Nixon to be notary public for the District of Columbia.

Colonel R. R. Pealer, general manager of the Entres Rios Eastern Railway Company, of Brazil, is at the Riggs.

The Herdic Phaeton Company have concluded to make a through line of the "Herdics," commencing to-day, from Georgetown to the Navy-Yard.

A seedy individual, who talked very volubly, applied to the clerk of an up-town hotel yesterday to write him a certificate that he was deaf and dumb, to be used in begging expeditions.

In accordance with an order of the Postmaster-General, Chief Dallas, of the Dead Letter Office, yesterday distributed a quantity of reading matter among the various charitable institutions of the District.

Mr. C. C. Glover, treasurer of the poor relief fund, acknowledges the following receipts: Admiral William Radford, $5; Second Auditor's Office, by Thomas Rathbone (second contribution), $18.75. Total, $23.75.

The supervising inspectors of steam vessels will meet at noon to-day at the Treasury Department to revise the regulations for the government of steam vessels and for the inspection of new life-saving appliances.

The following applications for liquor licenses have been approved by the Commissioners: Chris. L. Windholtz, 525 Ninth street northwest; S. W. Johnson, 521 Ninth street northwest; Louis Betz, 509 Ninth street northwest.

Detectives Acton and Coomes arrested a colored boy named Charles Shaw yesterday for stealing a suit of clothes from the janitor of the Wallach School building, who had taken the scamp in and given him shelter from the cold.

Martin Moore and George Williams had a bloody fight over a horse, in which a revolver was shown by Williams and a club was used to some effect by Moore. Moore was dismissed and Williams was released on his own recognizance.

The skating on the river continued good all of yesterday, and the Potomac was again crowded. Mr. Will De Shields and a friend, who went down to Marshall Hall, reported smooth ice all the way. They made the return trip—sixteen miles—in about an hour and a half.

The case of Ella Pratt against the District of Columbia has been dismissed by plaintiff's attorney. The bill was filed in equity February 25, 1875, and was for an injunction to prevent the District Commissioners from selling lot A, in square 169, for special taxes. The case has been settled.

A young man named Burke, who attempted to skate to Alexandria yesterday morning, broke through the ice opposite Shepherd's and had a cold ducking. He was rescued with great difficulty by a young companion, and when he reached Alexandria was in an almost helpless condition.

The Northern Liberty Market Company has filed its annual statement in the Recorder's Office, which shows their resources to be $399,106.46. The statement of the Le Droit Park Building Company has also been filed. Their resources are $55,253.54; liabilities, $38,709.07; capital stock paid in full, $19,500.

A meeting of the Sixteenth District Republican Club was called for last night for the purpose of electing a member of the central committee in place of C. W. Swaggart, deceased. The call was found to be irregular, however, as the alternate elected with Mr. Swaggart has full power to serve on the committee.

Some little excitement occurred at the National Theatre last night, caused by the fainting of a fair young lady in the audience during the fencing contest between *Hamlet* and *Laertes*. It was a case of genuine faint on her part, although the fight upon the stage was but a feint. The usual restoratives were applied and she soon recovered.

Lucinda Lane, a colored woman, who was married last Thursday to a man named William Dyson, was charged in the Police Court yesterday with bigamy, a man named Lawson claiming that he married the defendant in Virginia in 1865. The woman denied the alleged marriage with Lawson. The case was continued until Friday.

Mr. Frank H. Fall has entered suit against A. H. Stephenson and Samuel H. Wimsatt, trustees, and James H. Cheek, praying an injunction against the trustees for turning over the proceeds of the sale of lot D, subdivision of lots 13 and 12, square 267, as the plaintiff claims that Cheek assigned the same to him for money loaned and services rendered.

The James A. Garfield Red Ribbon Club of the Boys in Blue met last evening in Odeon Hall. A large number of new members were elected, and a constitution and by-laws were adopted for the government of the club. Addresses were made by Colonel George M. Fillmore, Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. Moulton, Major W. D. Mack, Lieutenant T. L. Miller, and many others.

The sub-committee appointed at the recent meeting of the Ohio Association to consider the propriety of receiving and entertaining the visiting Ohio editors have secured Marini's Hall, and will give them a reception there next Monday night. The excursionists will pass through here next Thursday night, spend Friday and Saturday in Baltimore, and return to this city Saturday night.

Mr. John B. Floyd has filed his answer to the bill for divorce entered by his wife, Ella L. Floyd, on the grounds of cruelty. He denies the charges of bad treatment and states that he is a cripple, having lost an arm, and that physically she is his equal. After narrating a number of incidents reflecting upon his wife, he says he left her after returning home one day unexpectedly and finding a man in the house.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: Thomas Johnson and Amelia Calvert, Henry Taylor and Florence O. Harris, both of Fredericksburg, Va.; Henson Johnson and Maria Hill, both of Georgetown, D. C.; Leander Baldwin, of this city, and Laura A. Johnson, of Georgetown, D. C.; George W. Lange and Cora V. Denham, Joseph C. Wedmaun and Mary E. Kohl, Henry Meridith and Charlotte Hamilton, Douglass Moore, of this city, and Florence C. Hulse, of Easton, Md.; John H. I. Doyle, of this city, and Mary J. Collins, of Georgetown, D. C.

Matters at the Navy Yard.

The steam sloop-of-war Enterprise was launched from the railway in the east ship-yard yesterday. The ways hung in launching, and the naval constructor experienced some difficulty in getting her into the water, she being the largest vessel ever hauled out on this railway.

The steamer Tallapoosa has been dismantled, her old boilers and masts taken out, preparatory to being hauled out on the railway to be extensively repaired and furnished with new boilers, which are now being manufactured for her in the boiler-shop of the yard. While the Tallapoosa is undergoing repairs the officers and crew will be transferred to the Speedwell and Mayflower, now lying at the yard.

Commodore Patison, with his usual eye to the comfort of the employees of the yard, has had the two large ice-houses filled with a very superior quality of ice for yard consumption next summer.

The new stable now in course of erection in the yard is very nearly completed, and it is quite an improvement over the old building formerly in use for that purpose.

Winter and Its Diseases.

Dr. S. C. Busey delivered last night a fine lecture on the subject of "Winter and Its Diseases" to an attentive and appreciative audience of young men, who nearly filled the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association. His lecture was the first of a course of six free medical lectures that have been arranged by the Young Men's Christian Association, and which will be delivered on succeeding Friday and Tuesday evenings at their room, in the course of his lecture Dr. Busey showed that we were more exposed to "catching cold," as it was termed, at this season of the year than at any other. He then explained what this expression meant, and how catching cold lay at the foundation of many different diseases, the way in which we are tempted to expose ourselves to cold, and how we may guard against it. The lecture next Friday night will be by Dr. D. W. Prentiss on "The enemies of our bodies, or the germs of disease."

A Journalist's Mishap.

Mr. H. J. Ramsdell, of the *Republic*, is now confined to his home, suffering from injuries received by slipping on the pavement in front of the Louise Home Monday night. He was on his way to his home on F street, and stepping upon some ice fell heavily, breaking the bones of his ankle in two places. With much difficulty he dragged himself to the Scott statue, and after waiting and suffering intensely for nearly an hour obtained assistance from a lady and gentleman who were passing that way. He was removed to his residence, and will probably be confined there for several weeks.

Masonic Temple.

A concert will be given at the Masonic Temple to-morrow evening under the auspices of the Church of the Redeemer, which promises to be an enjoyable affair. The programme will embrace vocal and instrumental music and readings. Among those who will participate may be mentioned Professor Bischoff, Professor and Mrs. Webb, Miss Sallie Westhorpe, Dr. Lewis, and little Lillie Parsloe.

INAUGURATION MATTERS.

The Veteran Club Getting Ready—Notes from the Committee-Rooms.

The Veteran Club held its regular weekly meeting at its rooms on New York avenue last night, Colonel J. O. P. Burnside in the chair.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Wright, Stein, and Thatcher, which was appointed to make inquiries looking to the securing of rooms upon the Avenue for the occupation of the club during the inauguration season, made a partial report. A commodious suite of rooms will be obtained, and the headquarters of the club established upon the Avenue, as the Veterans will receive all the veteran clubs of the country who may visit the city to participate in the inauguration ceremonies.

Upon the reading of an extract from a Western paper, republished in yesterday's REPUBLICAN, stating that Southern rifle clubs had been invited to take part in the military parade, a series of highly indignant speeches were made, and the president was instructed to ascertain if such was the fact, and, if so, to request the withdrawal of the invitations. If this could not be effected, he was requested to call a meeting of the club, so that it could emphatically define its position in regard to the matter.

An invoice of the badges which the Veterans will wear on the 4th of March was received, and the members were loud in their praises of their artistic beauty.

INAUGURATION NOTES.

The committee on badges failed to muster a quorum last night, and consequently held no meeting.

The finance committee will meet next Friday night, at which time it expects to receive reports from the collectors, and will be able to form some estimate of the amount of money that the committee can raise.

The chairman of the executive committee, subcommittee on finance, and the chairmen of the respective committees held a conference last night to survey the financial prospects and estimate the actual aggregate expenses of the inaugural ceremonies.

The City Guard, of Binghamton, N. Y., sixty strong, have decided to visit this city and participate in the inaugural ceremonies.

The committee on fireworks and illumination has about finished its business, and now only want to know how much money it will be allowed to expend. When that is known the committee can conclude its contracts.

The ball which will be given jointly by the East Washington Garfield and Arthur Club and the Government Printing-Office Club in honor of the Invincible Club, of Philadelphia, at Odd Fellows' Hall, on the night of March 4, promises to be a notable feature of the festivities attending the inauguration.

LIBERIA.

The Anniversary of the Colonization Society—Reports and Addresses.

Rev. Dr. Lindsay opened the sixty-fourth anniversary of the American Colonization Society at the Thirteenth-street Baptist Church, last evening, by calling upon Rev. Dr. Cuthbert to lead in prayer. The secretary, Rev. Mr. Coppinger, then read the annual report, prefacing the reading by a letter from Mr. J. H. B. Latrobe, president of the society, stating his inability to be present. The report spoke of the death of the following members: Hon. Edward McKee, of Mississippi, who died in October last, aged ninety-three; Dr. Gunton, of the District of Columbia, aged ninety, and Rev. Mr. Converse, aged seventy-two. The amount of receipts during the past fiscal year was $13,854; balance on hand at beginning of year, $3,024; total, $16,878; disbursements during the year, $16,861, leaving a balance of $17.

The total emigration during the year was 143 greater than in any previous year since 1872. Only four deaths among these emigrants had taken place, one woman and three children. The grand total of emigrants since the formation of the society was 15,873, and 5,372 Africans recaptured from slavers; grand total settled in Liberia through the efforts of the society, 21,255. Encouraging reports were given of the condition of Liberia, and much space was given to accounts of the flourishing condition of the schools. A large portion of the report was taken up with accounts of the progress of exploration in Africa, and the apathy of the people of the United States in this matter. The death of Hon. Daniel B. Warner, one of the oldest, ablest, and most prominent citizens of Liberia, which took place during the year, was also noted.

Rev. Dr. John L. Withrow, of Boston, then delivered the first address. He said that the tendency of the age was to throw off the last link of the chain which bound humanity into slavery. The condition of Africa was favorable in that its opening to civilization was made at a time when priestcraft and kingcraft could not affect her future destiny. The hour of Africa has arrived when war and tyranny are passing away and peace and liberty and human happiness are coming on the stage as permanent inhabitants of the earth.

He was followed by Rev. Dr. George W. Samson, of New York, in a philosophical and exhaustive analysis of the causes which have led to the recent unwonted activity of European nations in seeking to open up Africa to the demands and necessities of commerce. He concludes with a clear and forcible exposition of the reasons demanding the assistance of the American people to be extended to Liberia.

The society then adjourned until to-day at twelve o'clock to meet at the Colonization Building.

Robeson and the New Jerseymen.

It will be remembered that the New Jersey Republican Association some time since at a called meeting adopted a resolution in favor of ex-Secretary Robeson for United States Senator, and appointed a committee to proceed to Trenton and urge his claims for that position. The association met again Monday night, and after considerable discussion adopted the following:

Resolved, That we fully recognize the eminent services and ability of the candidate named in the former resolution, and should be pleased to see him (Robeson) exalted to any position within the gift of the people, and will give him our united support should he be nominated as the Republican candidate for United States Senator; and that we also recognize that other candidates of acknowledged merit, high standing, and long service under the Republican banner in the State of New Jersey are being pressed before the Legislature; nevertheless, we regard as unwise, uncalled for, and unwarranted the recent action of the association in sending delegates to Trenton in its behalf to urge the election of a particular candidate; and that we do not regard it as within the province of any number of members of this association to pledge its support as such to any candidate for any office in advance of his nomination.

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to notify immediately the delegation now at Trenton of the action of this meeting.

Post-Office Department Items.

Mr. Wicol (of Georgia), of the contract bureau, has resigned to accept a very favorable connection in the practice of the law at Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Williams, of Georgia, has been appointed a first-class clerk in the contract bureau.

Mr. Slater, of the railway adjustment office, has been superintending the opening of the bids for mail service embraced in the current lettings. They number about sixty thousand.

Mr. Johnson, of the lock and key division, is now engaged in his quadrennial wrestle with the conundrum—how shall thieves be kept from fingering the contents of Uncle Sam's mail-bags?

The results of the tapeny economic indicey of the Democrats can be best understood by a visit to the Post-Office Department, where everybody is on the rush to keep up the current business. It's a lovely policy, and the officers of the Department just pine to have it continued.

National Theatre—"Hamlet."

It has long been a marked question with close Shakspearean students as to whether "Hamlet" should be considered an acting play. That it is a most delightful reading play, containing in its text some of the most beautiful passages in the English language, and showing forth a philosophy as elevated and sublime as was the genius of its immortal author, is an accepted fact. The number of actors, no matter how successful they may have been in the proper representation of other Shakspearean heroes, who has presented a vital portraiture of the melancholy Dane, is very small. In this number Mr. McCullough can hardly be included, and it may be said that his *Hamlet* last night was the least satisfactory performance that he has given. To-night he will repeat his excellent impersonation of *Virginius*, and another crowded house will, of course, be the result.

Tenth Census Masonic Club.

A number of gentlemen attached to the Tenth Census Bureau, and all Master Masons, have formed an association to be known as the Tenth Census Club. The election of officers resulted in the unanimous choice of the following: Hon. R. W. Best, P. G. M. of North Carolina, president; William H. Barstow, of the District of Columbia, vice-president; Major Addington D. Welch, of Massachusetts, secretary; Lieutenant C. Sully Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, guard; Brothers E. D. Stimson, of North Carolina, Albert H. Van Deusen, of New York, and H. P. Hanscom, of Connecticut, committee on laws. A resolution of sympathy and respect was tendered P. G. M. Wheeler, who is confined to his home by sickness.

Enterprising Journalists.

To-day will witness the nuptials of two young Washington journalists. The first wedding is that of Mr. J. Hadley Doyle, of the *Sunday Herald*, who will lead to the altar Miss Mollie J. Collins, daughter of Mr. Joseph F. Collins, of Georgetown. The ceremony will take place at Trinity Catholic Church, Georgetown, at two o'clock. The other venturesome journalist is Mr. Otto C. L. Reinecke, who will wed Miss Ella Meals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Meals, at seven o'clock this evening. The marriage will be solemnized at Mr. Reinecke's residence, No. 1216 Ninth street.

Sound Views.

To the Editor of The National Republican:

What will these "fine-haired" statesmen have the Republicans do in regard to Virginia? Through Mahone our colored friends in that State have secured the right to vote undisturbedly the Republican ticket; also, a force of white men who are ready to defend them if their rights of person, property, or suffrage are assailed. Shall we aid in striking down the man who, more than any other man, has aided in securing those great boons for our oppressed allies in the Old Dominion? Shall we reject his aid and drive him back into Bourbon ranks? That is the way to look at this matter. "The integrity of the party in the South" is a very nice thing, especially if the party is kept so small that a few men can hold and control all the patronage of the party in that section. But it is a much better thing to secure the freedom, the right to vote without intimidation, and to have their votes honestly counted, yea, even if they choose to vote the Mahone ticket. Let them be made free indeed as well as in name, and let us extend a helping hand to *every* man who will aid in securing such a beneficent result. That is the way it looks to a

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A Valuable Document.

Some of the leading points in the annual report of Hon. H. C. Burchard, Director of the Mint, were given by telegraph at the time when it was presented to Congress, with other Treasury documents. But justice is not done to its mass of figures and facts bearing upon coinage and the precious metals by any such treatment. The industry and zeal of Director Burchard have brought together information on these topics which can nowhere else be obtained, and it is gathered from official sources in all countries, and is digested with an intelligence and thoroughness very rare even among the most diligent specialists. The production and use of the precious metals, the amount held in various countries, and the relative quantities of silver and gold are stated after the most careful examination. Some tables of the course of prices of exported articles illustrate the devotion and thoroughness of Mr. Burchard as a statistician. These are only one of many points in which the report has a broad and enduring value. It deserves to be quoted as an authority upon one of the most important matters which now engage the attention of this country and of the world.—*Utica Herald.*

To Southern Men.

To the Editor of The National Republican:

Bishop Haygood's recent remarkable utterances to his Georgia congregation are words of wisdom fitly spoken. If we mistake not its effects, when read throughout the South, will be manifold and great. No intelligent man or woman south of Mason and Dixon's line can be well insensible to the sound logic, impartial criticisms, and solid advice which crowds into every sentence of this reverend gentlemen's admirable discourse, addressing itself at once to the reflective minds and sober judgments of the Southern people.

The result of our recent presidential contest in electing a statesman of large ideas and conservative principles as Chief Magistrate of a great Republic, the overwhelming success of the party which indorsed him, and the extraordinary interest manifested by all business classes in the vital issues then presented to the people, must have forcibly impressed leaders of a "solid South" of the futility of opposing the liberal spirit of the day. It is obvious that this political bull-headed obstinacy in refusing to read the signs of the times or accept the inevitable progress of events will vitally injure the industrial interests of the "South," and contribute greatly to retard her social development. The men who affect to represent her sentiments, and who profess an honest intention to work out a practical reformation, inconsistently claim a kindred sympathy with a Democracy that during the decade of more than a quarter of a century have steadily and persistently opposed every measure pointing toward a progressive future.

The social and political condition of the poorer classes in the South is freely admitted an improvement over the old ante-bellum days of the slavocracy, but a wide margin still remains for developing her educational resources and avoiding all distinctions of caste. Foremost looms up as a paramount consideration the importance of freeing her schools from partisan bias; good text-books of history, and particularly those relating to the foundation and structure of our Government, should be introduced, a liberal spirit of inquiry encouraged, *ex parte* statements and geographical distinctions quietly ignored, while patriotism and devotion to one common country should be inculcated as a high moral duty, until the entire Southern people realize the utilizing force and eogency of Bishop Haygood's seasonable advice. They must remain a "solid South," distracted with impracticable theories, their industrial interests crippled, their educational system cramped, and standing inertly quiescent, while the ball of enterprise and mental development moves gr