Special Notices.

TO-NIGHT PROFESSOR WILLIS WILL deliver an illustrated lecture on "Physiognomy; or, Character Reading by the Face," in Spencer's Business College. Admission, 15 cents. Eight o'clock. 11*

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, March 10, 1881.
The President will receive the officers of the Navy and Marine Corps, above the rank of Master, at the Executive Mansion, at 8 o'clock p. m. on the 11th instant.
They will appear in full dress uniform for occasions of special ceremony.
WM H. HUNT,
Secretary of the Navy.
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INCORPORATORS' MEETING.

WASHINGTON, March 10, 1881.
There will be a meeting of the incorporators of the
WASHINGTON AND CHESAPEAKE RAILROAD COMPANY
at Sultland, Prince George's County, Maryland, on
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, INSTANT,
for the purpose of opening books for the subscription to the capital stock of the said company.
T. L. MOORE.
J. L. HUSBAND.
WM. L. S. TOWNSHEND.
R. T. BRYAN.
WM. F. HOLTZMAN.
It

DR. HENRY SLADE WILL GIVE SITTINGS for slate-writing and physical phenomena at 458 C street northwest, between 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. ma3-10*

POST-OFFICE NOTICE.

The Foreign Mails for the week ending SATURDAY, March 12, 1881, will close at this office on TUESDAY at 9:00 a. m. for Europe by steamship Wisconsin, via Queenstown; on WEDNESDAY at 8:30 a. m. for Europe by steamship Scythia, via Queenstown; on THURSDAY at 10:00 a. m. for Ireland by steamship City of Montreal, via Queenstown (correspondence for Great Britain and the Continent must be specially addressed), and at 11 a. m. for Europe by steamship Westphalia, via Plymouth, Cherbourg, and Hamburg; on SATURDAY at 11 a. m. for Germany, &c., by steamship Mosel, via Southampton and Bremen (correspondence for Great Britain and the Continent must be specially addressed), and at 11:30 a. m. for Europe by steamship Britannic, via Queenstown (correspondence for Germany and Scotland must be specially addressed), and at 1 p. m. for Scotland direct by steamship Anchonia, via Glasgow, and at 1 p. m. for Belgium direct by steamship Switzerland, via Antwerp. The mails for Honduras and Livingston leave New York March 8. The mails for Cuba and the West Indies leave New York March 10. The mails for Mexico leave New York March 10 and 12. The mails for Nassau, N. P., leave New York March 11. The mails for Newfoundland and St. Pierre-Miquelon leave New York March 11. The mails for Porto Rico leave New York March 12. The mails for Aspinwall and South Pacific leave New York March 12. The mails for Australia, &c., leave San Francisco March 12. The mails for China and Japan leave San Francisco March 15.
Post-office, New York, March 5, 1881.
THOS. L. JAMES, Postmaster.

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF JAY COOKE & CO.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
PHILADELPHIA, February 25, 1881.
The creditors of this estate are hereby notified that the sale of the various assets represented by the
SECOND SERIES ASSET DIVIDEND SCRIP
issued by me will be held by
MESSRS. M. THOMAS & SONS,
at their auction rooms, Nos. 139 and 141 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, on
THURSDAY, the 31st day of MARCH, 1881,
commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. and until 3 o'clock p. m., and be continued from day to day at those hours until the entire catalogue has been offered.
Notice is also given that the committee reserve the right to change the various sets out in the catalogues of any of the assets to be offered for sale under the plan approved September 30, 1879, until the actual sale shall be made.
The catalogues are being sent out as rapidly as possible. Should any creditor not have received a copy on or before the 15th day of March, and will so advise me, one will be promptly sent to his address.
fe28M&F&dbs-10t EDWIN M. LEWIS, Trustee.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

ESTATE OF JAY COOKE & CO. IN BANKRUPTCY.
EDWIN M. LEWIS, TRUSTEE.
PHILADELPHIA, February 25, 1881.
The Committee of Creditors of this estate have declared a fourth cash dividend
ONE AND ONE-QUARTER PER CENT.,
payable on and after
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1881.
They have also declared an "Asset Scrip Dividend," second series of
FIVE PER CENT.,
in accordance with the provisions of the "Plan for closing the estate, modified by the committee," the certificates for which will be delivered to the creditors at the time of payment of the cash dividend aforesaid.
Creditors are particularly requested to send to me by postal card their present post-office addresses, to enable me to forward to them the proper notices and the catalogues of the assets.
fe28M&F&dbs-10t EDWIN M. LEWIS, Trustee.

WILLIAM N. WARD, REMOVED TO corner of Eighth and H streets northwest. Plumbing, gas and steam-fitting. All work warranted in above branches. fe21-1mo*

H. O. CANDEE, M. D., V. D., OF NEW York. Vitapathy or Vital Cure. For all diseases of body and mind. Lung and Throat difficulties, Consumption, Loss of Vitality restored (Hemorrhoids or Piles, Catarrh, and all weaknesses a specialty), Constipation, Rheumatism, Heart Disease, Cancers, Scrofula; all Tumors, Malaria, or Blood Diseases, of whatever name or nature, thoroughly eradicated from the system: Deafness, Stuttering, and Stammering cured. Consultation free to all. Office and residence, 944 K street, corner Tenth, northwest. fe1-2m*

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. no28

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

MONEY TO LOAN
IN SUMS TO SUIT
ON WATCHES, DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, &c.
P. Wallach's Loan Office,
1417 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NORTHWEST,
Near Willard's Hotel. mar22

COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT OF PIPSISSEWA cures all Kidney and Bladder Diseases, Female Weakness, Gravel, &c.; sold by druggists; price, $1. ma2-12t*

Cheap Reading!

A Large Stock of Seaside, Franklin Square, and other Cheap Publications kept constantly on hand at
Shillington's Book Store,
Cor. Four-and-a-half st. and Pennsylvania ave.
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NEW DESIGNS
IN
BLACK BROCADE SILKS
$1.75 Goods for $1.25.
$2.00 Goods for $1.50.
$2.25 Goods for $1.75.
$2.50 Goods for $2.00.
WARRANTED PURE SILK.
TYLER & CHEWNING,
fe25 918 Seventh Street N. W.

ANDREW HANCOCK.

The Founder of a Famous Restaurant on His Death-Bed.

Andrew Hancock, an old resident of the city, is now on his death-bed, at his home, No. 241 Pennsylvania avenue. Andrew Hancock was the founder of the Hancock House, probably the most famous restaurant in the country. He is now in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and was born in Dumfries, Va. He moved to Alexandria, Va., when seven years of age, and, after living there for thirty years, came to this city forty years ago. In Alexandria he learned the trade of a tailor, but changed his pursuit when he came across the river. Buying out the house No. 1234 Pennsylvania avenue of its original owner, John Purtin, he named it the Hancock House, and immediately began business. The house in those days was visited by all the prominent men of the day, Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Sam Houston, Tom Benton, and other distinguished statesmen being in the habit of "dropping in at Hancock's" to refresh themselves after the fatigues of congressional debates. The house had a reputation far and wide for the superiority of the food and liquids there served. In 1863 Mr. Hancock turned the house over to his only son, John, and retired to private life. Mr. Hancock has had four daughters, two of whom are now living. He has been a Mason for forty years, and is a member of Federal Lodge, No. 1; Columbia Chapter, No. 1, and Washington Commandery, K. T. During his illness he has been attended by his son, John Hancock, and family; his daughter, Mrs. Philip Bohrer, and his physician, Dr. Smith Townshend.

Mrs. Lockwood's Bull.

"Your honor," said Mrs. Lockwood to Justice Cox yesterday, "I am here asking for a hearing in the case of Stewart Roy."

"What is the case?" inquired the court.

"It is one of the pension fraud cases," answered Mr. Perry; "but the case of Brown, a collateral one, is in the court in banc, and we have been waiting to have that settled before proceeding with the others."

"Well, your honor," said Mrs. Lockwood, "this man has been in jail eighteen months, and he ought to be released on his own recognizance."

"Won't he go away if let out?" asked his honor.

"Why, no," answered Mrs. Lockwood. "He was born, raised, and has been in the District of Columbia all the time, and you could not get him out of the District if you kept him in jail all his life." [Laughter.]

"That smacks of an Irish bull," quietly suggested the court.

The question of admitting the prisoner to bail was taken into consideration by his honor.

A CHURCH COUNCIL.

METHODISTS AT MARTINSBURG.

The Baltimore Conference in Session—Report of Elder Brown Regarding the Washington District—Depressing Effect of the Late Campaign on Religion.

Special to The Republican.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., March 10.—The Baltimore M. E. Conference met at the usual hour in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in this city, Bishop Simpson in the chair. The roll was again called, and the most of the absentees answered to their names, and, by motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with for the rest of the session. The examination of the character of preachers was continued, and Rev. B. P. Brown, presiding elder of the Washington district, represented his work as in a very favorable condition, though there were many difficulties and much anxiety connected with it. The only revival of any moment that had occurred during the year, at which sixty persons were converted, was still in progress at Grace M. E. Church, Washington, D. C.. During the year, however, four hundred conversions had resulted from the extra meetings in the city and country churches. The voluntary contributions of the officeholders toward the election of the President, many of whom were members of our churches, had had an injurious effect upon the various benevolent collections. The Sunday-school work had been faithfully prosecuted. Three new churches and a parsonage had been built, and another preachers' home was about to be erected at Savage Factory, W. H. Baldwin, esq., of Baltimore, Md., deeding a lot valued at $1,000 and contributing $600 for that purpose. C. C. Baldwin, esq., of New York city, has endowed Cross Roads appointment, near Millersville, Anne Arundel County, Md., with $10,000, to be called hereafter, in memory of his venerated father, the Baldwin Memorial Church. He also gives $1,000 and five acres of land to the rest of the circuit, which is thus separated from this appointment, to erect a parsonage. It was also stated that Metropolitan Church, of Washington, was in a fair way to be relieved of the debt which has weighed like a dread incubus upon all its interests. The characters of the following elders—Revs. J. Lanahan, J. S. Deale, R. N. Baer, G. V. Leech, G. W. Heyde, C. H. Richardson, J. C. Hagey, L. M. Gardner, J. C. Starr, J. R. Wheeler, W. I. McKenny, C. H. Mytinger, W. M. Kammack, J. McLaren, J. W. Smith, E. D. Owen, J. McK. Reilley, C. T. Weede, J. H. Ryland, T. J. Cross, R. R. Murphy, E. H. Smith, W. H. Laney, S. German, J. S. M. Haslup, A. H. Ames, T. A. Morgan, L. A. Thirlkeld, D. Haskell and E. S. Fort were passed. Rev. W. H. Barnes, stationed at Laurel, Md., withdrew from the church during the year, to accept a call from the First Reformed Episcopal Church at Wheeling, West Va. Rev. P. Vondersmith's case was laid over for the present.

An incident occurred in the ministry of the Rev. E. S. Fort, of St. Mary's Circuit, which is worthy of passing note. He was called to officiate at the funeral of the son of a father who was buried in a Protestant Episcopal cemetery, but was told that he could not bury the body in that ground, and that only Episcopal ministers could do it, because it was consecrated ground. Though the minister, Rev. Mr. Bannister, endeavored to persuade the widow to allow him to bury the body in holy ground, she refused, and was compelled to have the corpse removed ten miles for interment in a Methodist burying ground. A record of the fact was made upon the journal of the Conference.

Rev. H. H. Smith was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

The Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett, the corresponding secretary of the Church Extension Society, addressed the conference on the interests of this society. He stated a layman of the conference had given $10,000 as a loan fund. Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., also made a very happy appeal to the body as to the increase of subscribers to the New York *Christian Advocate* on the basis of the merits and improvements recently made in the conduct of said paper.

Revs. Mr. Rogers, Baptist Church; Mr. Hoffine, German Reformed Church; Mr. Hyde, president Lutheran Seminary; Mr. Culler, Lutheran Church; Mr. Holmes, Wisconsin Conference, and Dr. Riddle, were introduced to the conference.

A resolution of sympathy for Rev. J. H. C. Bosh, the secretary, who was detained from the Conference by sickness, was adopted.

A resolution of thanks to W. H. Baldwin, esq., for his liberality toward the erection of a parsonage at Savage Factory, Md., was unanimously adopted.

Rev. L. T. Widerman, of Winchester district, represented the work under his charge as in a fair condition. The debts of the churches at Barton, Cumberland, and other places were either provided for or were placed upon such a financial basis as either to remove the debts entirely or prepare the way for the same. The ministers had been faithful in the cultivation of their respective fields of labor, which were of the most arduous character. Many men of ability, with large families, were traveling circuits, from which they received not more than $900. All the varied interests of church, the Sunday-school, class-meeting, and benevolent institutions had been faithfully attended to, and were somewhat improved. The characters of all the ministers in this work were passed, and, as their names were called by the Bishop, they each reported missionary and conference collections.

The Rev. D. H. Carroll, agent of the Baltimore Book Depository, reported that $2,700 had been assessed upon the different charges of the Conference for the church relief fund, and $2,377.73 was collected. This money is appropriated to churches not able to yield an adequate support to their respective pastors. A brilliant and pathetic report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary was read by Rev. J. B. Stitt.

The Revs. Page Milburn and Harry Boggs, deacons of the second class, were examined as to their studies, and being well recommended by the examining committee and presiding elders, were elected to the eldership. Revs. L. B. Wilson, C. T. House, and T. A. Peters having been well reported by their committee on the various studies, were elected to be deacons of the second class.

The following supernumerary preachers with work were continued in the same relation, viz.: Revs. J. H. Brown, J. W. Cullum, L. D. Herron, G. Hildt, G. G. Markham, L. F. Morgan, C. H. Mytinger, C. A. Reid, E. E. Shipley, and S. A. Wilson. The Rev. E. E. Anderson's case was not considered, as he was not present.

After the announcing of the meeting of the various committees, the Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

Last night the anniversary of the Church Extension Society took place in the audience-room of the church. Rev. W. B. Edwards, D. D., presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. A. McCaulley, president of Dickinson College. The correspondent of the Church Extension Society, Dr. Kynett, addressed the Conference, and gave an interesting account of the work in which he was engaged. The society was organized in the year 1865. In sixteen years 3,068 churches had been aided in building by the expenditure of $1,500,000. This was an average of nearly 200 churches each year. Last year, 1880, they had assisted in the erection of twenty more churches than one for each day of the year. He laid great emphasis upon the want of churches on the frontier of our country.

The Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., editor of the New York *Christian Advocate*, also addressed the meeting in his peculiarly happy vein, keeping the audience in a roar of laughter the greater part of the time, and still, at the same time, picturing in vivid colors the great moral destitution existing in various parts of the country by reason of the lack of churches, and most particularly of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The anniversary was one of the most interesting and enjoyable that has occurred during the sessions of the Baltimore Conference for many years. The choir of the church, which is led by Professor Dunham, interspersed the exercises with some admirable singing.

Yesterday afternoon the Rev. D. J. Holmes, pastor of M. E. Church, Oshkosh, Wis., delivered a lecture on "Clean Grit," in which he humorously and practically illustrated how almost anything in a discouraged condition of affairs could be accomplished by sturdy determination and unflinching purpose. He was allowed to take up a collection for his distressed church, amounting to $43.

One hundred and twenty-one ministers answered to their names, and reports showing the condition of the various districts were received.

The elders all asserted that the excitement during the recent campaign for the election of President had been deleterious to spiritual progress.

The Farragut Statue.

The District Commissioners have received a letter from Admiral David D. Porter, stating that the United States, having placed a statue of Admiral Farragut in Farragut Square, desire to unveil it with appropriate ceremonies, and to pay every honor to the memory of that illustrious officer. With that view, the senior admiral of the navy has been directed to arrange the details of the ceremony, and in their name he asks all the assistance and co-operation of the Commissioners that they may be pleased to extend to the grand marshal of the day, Commodore Baldwin, and his chief assistant, Commander Harrison. The 25th of April, the anniversary of the surrender of New Orleans to Admiral Farragut, has been chosen for the day on which the statue shall be unveiled. The Commissioners responded that they would take great pleasure in co-operating in any manner that they could.

District Brevities.

Weather Indications.

For the Middle Atlantic States, including the District of Columbia, fair weather, northwesterly winds, generally lower temperature, higher barometer in the Eastern part.

The thermometric readings yesterday were as follows: 7 a. m., 42°; 11 a. m., 47°; 2 p. m., 52°; 3 p. m., 54°; 9 p. m., 47°; 11 p. m., 45°. Maximum, 55°; minimum, 40°.

Prominent Hotel Arrivals.

Willard's.—Edward G. Fahnestock, Pennsylvania; General Cyrus Bussey, North Carolina; N. B. Frey, New York; Mrs. Albert Daggett, Brooklyn; General W. L. McMillen, North Carolina; James McDermott, Brooklyn; M. Hoffheimer, Cincinnati; C. A. Rodney, Delaware; Harry Hammond, South Carolina; C. C. Mathers, Pennsylvania; W. G. Wyley, Louisiana; T. W. Davis, Pittsburg; John Richards, Pittsburg; Charles A. Sterling, New York; Mrs. Charles A. Sterling, New York; H. T. McConn and wife, New York; S. T. White, New York; J. B. French and wife, Fall River; S. L. French and wife, Fall River; Thomas Flynn and wife, Pennsylvania; William Wakeman, New York; W. L. Clark, Virginia; F. J. Allen and wife, New York; A. Wright Sanford, New York.

Ebbitt.—Edw. F. Thayer and wife, Miss Thayer, Boston; J. W. Weed, New York; B. A. Summers, Hartford; E. T. Starr, Philadelphia; William P. Duvall, U. S. A.; W. D. Andrews, New York; I. M. Shaw, Indiana; S. C. Spencer, Chicago; E. R. Andrews, U. S. A.; R. Woods, Illinois; M. M. Boone, Salt Lake City; I. L. Morphis, Mississippi; Fred Layton and wife, Miss Dickens, Miss Hayman, John Dickens, Milwaukee; Walter Alden, St. Louis; George H. Yeaman, New York; Ph. Jones, New Jersey; John Tyler and wife, Columbus, O.; P. Coste, St. Louis; W. M. Casler, New York; J. S. Lockwood, Boston; L. R. Burnette, U. S. A.; Mrs. H. H. Burnette, New York; B. F. Coates, M. Boggs, Ohio; S. Murphy, Arkansas; Mrs. Stack, James M. Halstead, jr., New York.

National.—J. W. Pass, Hickory, N. C.; Hon. John Hancock, Texas; P. J. Lehnhard, Peirce City, Mo.; E. R. Simons, North Carolina; W. S. Green, Baltimore; W. G. Chittick, New York; Samuel L. Quimby, New York; D. S. Quimby, Brooklyn, N. Y., B. F. Whidden, Lancaster, N. H.; J. W. Chevois and wife, New York city; Allen Hay, jr., and sister, New York; Frank F. Landis, Waynesboro, Pa; Ross W. Reagon, Louisiana; B. P. Noland, Virginia; L. Leman, Philadelphia; D. Larrabee, Baltimore; Mrs. J. M. Washburn, Dakota; N. P. Longford, St. Paul, Minn.; W. H. Fussell, Philadelphia; Samuel B. Boyd, Walter L. Ross, J. L. Rhea, Knoxville, Tenn.

St. James.—R. R. Bryan and wife, Miss Wharton, Huntington, Pa.; Herman Ottenberg, R. S. Taylor, S. L. Quimby, D. S. Quimby, J. B. Webb, New York; Samuel H. Spooner, Indiana; M. S. Decker, H. B. Berry, Elmira, N. Y.; Charles McMullen, Denver, Col.; J. E. Ranson, Buffalo, N. Y.; W. J. McDonald, Ocala, Fla.; A. Charles Thompson and wife, New York; William G. Harrison, Jo. Strus, jr., Virginia; A. E. Lewis, Philadelphia; S. P. Bailey and wife, Massachusetts; G. W. Downing, New York; R. W. Ranson, St. Paul.

Metropolitan.—T. L. Rosenthal, New York; J. B. Summerfield and wife, Brooklyn; J. J. Gregory and wife, Marblehead; E. S. French, New York; William M. Withers, Richmond; William R. Broadwax, R. B. Johnston, Philadelphia; R. W. Gwathmey, Baltimore; S. W. Brooks, Leesburg, Va.; J. M. Taylor and wife, Brooklyn; Miss Flora Morton, Middletown, N. Y.; W. B. Daland and wife, Elizabeth, N. J.; R. A. Hill, Oxford, Miss.; S. D. Kennedy, Richmond; William H. Smyth, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. J. J. Hickok, Augusta, Ga.; Gustavus Ober, Baltimore.

Imperial.—James E. Jones, Massachusetts; William Saunders, Chicago; A. L. Darnall, Sherman, Texas; E. A. Phillip, Boston; George Randall, Nashville; W. H. Jones, Brookville, Ind.; B. F. Bond, Baltimore; J. G. Schieble, Philadelphia; John Y. Stowe, Iowa.

Arlington.—A. W. Campbell, Wheeling, W. Va.; A. E. Wilson, Louisville; D. B. Lee, New York; J. W. Tyler, Long Island; F. O. Mason, New York; L. W. Hellman, Ohio; W. T. Poole, Baltimore; C. Chancery, Philadelphia; G. W. Vik, New York.

Riggs.—J. C. Jackson, New York; J. L. Woodford, Brooklyn; S. W. Roach, New York; Mr. J. A. Burham, Boston; T. W. Johnston, Columbus, Ohio; J. P. Dana, Athens, Ohio; Dr. A. Ames, jr., Boston.

Wormley's.—R. Rea, Chicago; G. T. Marye, Nevada; H. N. Fisher, Boston; C. A. Nunn, Chicago.

THE REPUBLICAN will be of special interest to politicians to-morrow. It will contain a full exhibit of the Federal patronage, with salaries stated, affording a timely opportunity for the patriotic statesman to prepare his papers with signatures of influence.

Mr. E. A. Phillips, of Boston, is a guest at the Imperial.

Ex-Senator Dorsey left the city last night for New York.

General and Mrs. Grant left Washington for New York yesterday.

Hon. S. B. Chittenden, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has returned to the city, and is at the Arlington.

The Supreme Court of the District has appointed Mr. James L. Auden an examiner in chancery and United States commissioner.

Mr. S. Spooner, son of General Ben Spooner, late United States marshal of Indiana, arrived in the city yesterday, and will remain a few days.

A party of emigrants, numbering about thirty men, women and children, passed through this city yesterday on their way from South Carolina to Washington Territory.

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: Chris Heitmuller and Johana Kuster; Edwin S. Linthicum and Sadie E. Burke; Joshua Campbell and Caria Eskridge.

The work of laying a double track on the Baltimore and Potomac road between this city and Baltimore, which was commenced last fall, will be resumed as soon as the weather improves.

Daniel Jones, a colored man, was committed to the workhouse in default of bonds, yesterday, for threatening to kill a young white woman named Florence Manning, if she did not marry him.

Newspaper dealers, agents and newsboys will do well to send in their orders early for to-morrow's REPUBLICAN, which will contain a list of the Government offices, and will be in great demand by the army of political patriots.

The lady managers of the Washington City Orphan Asylum have instituted an investigation into certain charges made against the management of the asylum by a lady recently employed there as an assistant to the matron.

Two thousand eight hundred applicants for Marshal of the District; 3,500 for Commissioners of the District; 1,900 for Recorder; 1,650 for Register of Wills; 1,100 for Chief of Police; 2,000 for Health Officer; 11,000,000 for anything they can get.

Mr. George L. Sheriff, owner of the steamer Mettano, had an interview with the District Commissioners yesterday, and made arrangements by which the fish arriving at his wharf by the steamer can be transported to the fish wharf in carts and wagons.

Thomas M. Baker, charged with abstracting money from letters while employed as a clerk in the Dead-Letter Office, yesterday gave bail before Justice Bundy in the sum of $3,000 for his appearance on Monday next. Mr. J. P. Appleman became his surety.

John E. Spinks yesterday pleaded guilty of burglariously entering the residence of Colonel Rogers Jones on the night of the 14th of January last, and taking therefrom jewelry and diamonds to the value of $361. Justice Cox sent him to the Auburn State Prison for three years.

An invitation has been extended to Professor Oscar Oldberg, medical purveyor of the Marine Hospital service, to attend the International Pharmaceutical Congress, which convenes in London in August. The invitation comes from the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and has been accepted.

District Attorney Corkhill, for the United States, has entered suit against Levi E. Dudley, special Indian commissioner to consolidate the Rio Verde and San Carlos and Chincahua and Hot Springs Indian reservations, and his bondsmen, E. M. Webber and F. A. Boswell, to recover the sum of $2,000 for failing to account for public property that came into his hands.

The Fair for the benefit of Anacostia Lodge No. 21, F. and A. M., will be held in the Masonic Temple, commencing May 9 and continuing for two weeks, in charge of the following named gentlemen: John H. King, chairman; William H. Collin, secretary; Hudson Pettit, treasurer; William H. King, John H. O'Donell, Charles M. Wood, Otto DeMoll, John E. Herrell, John McLean, James Tindall, James A. Jarboe, John H. Mills, C. B. Smith, A. Kaufman, and John W. Little, M. D.

Maria Fisher, alias Chum, a pretty hard-looking colored girl, was yesterday convicted of grand larceny in the Criminal Court. She was employed as a domestic in the family of Jared C. Nichols, and, taking advantage of her situation, made off with a large quantity of Mrs. Nichols' wearing apparel. She was sentenced to two years in the Erie County penitentiary, near Buffalo, N. Y., which is the first prisoner ever sent from this jurisdiction to that prison.

The Special Assessment Division.

The District Commissioners have issued the following in relation to the special assessment division: "That the chief of the special assessment division be directed to proceed at once to prepare for issue tax-lien certificates on all lots the assessments of which have been revised, and which remain unpaid; that all drawback certificates now in the custody of the chief of the special assessments division, and held for account of the sinking fund, be transferred to the custody of the auditor and controller; and that all drawback certificates hereafter received by him for account of said fund shall, after proper examination and verification, be also transferred to the auditor and controller."

THE TELEPHONE TROUBLES.

Indications of War Between the Subscribers and the Company.

The long silence that has been maintained is no indication of the intention of the patrons of the telephone company, who rebelled against the imposition of the new rates, to yield a point. Whenever a case arises where the subscribers are put to the test they stick to their compact and permit the telephone to be removed. Messrs. Marr & Duvall, real estate agents, control one hundred houses. The telephone has been removed from their office, and they intend to compel the company to take their wires off of all the houses for which the firm is agent. It is evident that the struggle between the citizens and the monopoly has only begun; but the latter are confident that to them will come the victory.

An interesting incident, showing the spirit of the rebellious subscribers, occurred yesterday at Brad Adams' store, when an agent came into the store to remove the telephone. Brad told the man that before he took the telephone out he should first go to the corner of Eighth and L streets and take the telephone wires down from a house controlled by Brad at that point. The man, after some talk, said he would send the manager down. It was not long before another representative of the company called upon the dealer in books and stationery and made inquiry as to the trouble.

"Well, you purpose to take this telephone out because I decline to pay the new rates, don't you?" inquired Brad.

"That is the order," was the answer.

"Well, take it out, then," said Brad; "I went into this thing with the rest, and I intend to stand by the agreement made; but I want you to understand one thing: I give you just twenty-four hours' notice to take those wires from off the house on the corner of Eighth and L streets, and if I find them on there after that time I shall charge the company for using my property and premises, and I will collect it too; don't you forget it."

The company's representative tried diplomacy, but Brad was obdurate, and would not listen, as he said he had laid down his "ultipomatum;" he had joined the protective association in good faith and would not be the first to go back on them. The telephone man retired for consultation with the officers of the company, and Brad was left master of the situation. How the matter will terminate time will tell.

BIG DAMAGES CLAIMED.

Ex-Secretary Schurz Sued for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

On the 14th of April last the Hon. Carl Schurz, Secretary of the Interior, disbarred from practice before that Department, General Charles D. Gilmore, of the firm of Gilmore & Co., patent and claim attorneys. Yesterday General Gilmore commenced suit against Mr. Schurz for $200,000 damages resulting from this disbarment. It appears from the exhibits to be filed in this case that Gilmore & Co. at the time represented nearly forty-seven thousand claimants, over twenty-five thousand of whom were applicants for pensions, increase of pensions, or arrears of pensions. The fees due the firm are shown to be $2,764,986, and this amount is claimed as damages by General Gilmore. He claims that his clients have suffered in like proportion as himself, because of the fact that their business has been unnecessarily delayed by his unjust debarment, without cause, and because of prejudice. This suit, it is said, will be pressed to a judgment, and among the issues to be decided will be the question whether an executive officer has the right to disbar an attorney, and whether, if the right exists, one is liable in damages for its improper exercise. The question as to the liability of the Government for the acts of one of the heads of an executive department will also be probably raised. General Gilmore claims that several hundred thousand dollars of his property has been virtually confiscated by the act of Mr. Schurz in his official capacity as Secretary of the Interior, and that there must exist a remedy somewhere; that the disbarment was without cause he proposes to establish in the civil suit already commenced, and probably in a criminal action in the future. General S. S. Henkle and Hon. John M. Rice are attorneys for General Gilmore.

NEW HERDIC COACHES.

Rapid Transit and Cheap Fares for the People—New Cars.

A beautiful Herdic coach made of polished maple and birchwood made its appearance on the Avenue yesterday. This coach is a trifle lighter than those already in use, and is to be lighted with gas at night, as are all of the coaches now on the line, instead of the disagreeable coal-oil lamp. Mr. Herdic is having manufactured a number of two-wheel covered dog-carts something after the style of the present Herdics, to hold four persons only. These dog-carts are to run all over the city, and each passenger is to be charged twenty-five cents for a trip not consuming more than a half hour. The floor of the dog-cart will be eighteen inches from the ground, and the wheel a foot higher than the wheel on the four-wheel Herdics. The Herdic line is owned by Peter Herdic, the Williamsport millionaire, and Joseph W. Potts, a well-known capitalist of Philadelphia. Mr. Herdic, who is now in the city, says he has "come to stay," and that the beautiful Pennsylvania avenue should not be obstructed by unsightly car-rails. The car line, it is said, intend to place a number of one-horse cars on the Avenue road with fare at three cents. Between the two lines there will be plenty of accommodation for the public at cheap rates.

A Suit Against the Gas Company.

A case of considerable interest to the citizens of this District, especially those burning gas, came on trial in the Circuit Court before Justice MacArthur yesterday afternoon. Samuel Lloyd, in December, 1877, conducted a mattress factory at No. 905 D street northwest. Lloyd requested the company to turn the gas on, but the company declined to do so on the ground that Mr. Lloyd had occupied a residence on I street northwest, at one time, and left it with an unpaid gas bill. Further, they maintained that they entered into an agreement with all consumers that in case a bill was left unsettled at one place they could not enjoy the privilege of the gas at another until the first indebtedness was liquidated.

Mr. Lloyd entered suit in a magistrate's court, and obtained judgment against the company for $100 damages for being deprived of gas between December 17, 1877, and January 1, 1878. In June, 1878, Mr. Lloyd entered suit against the company for $1,547 damages for being deprived of gas from January 1, 1878, to the time of filing the bill, and this is the cause now on trial. The defendants deny that there is anything in their charter by which they can be compelled to furnish gas to a party when they do not desire to, and hold that the court cannot compel them to do so.

A Very Bold Robbery.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Whitford reside in that suburban domicile on North Capitol street, near M, the picturesque but neglected-looking appearance of which has attracted the attention of many persons driving to and from Soldiers' Home and Glenwood Cemetery. Last Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. retired at their customary becoming hour to a room where reposed also their two little children. Toward three o'clock in the morning one of the children awakened the parents, and the wife, with evident alarm, asked her sleepy spouse if he had placed that chair in the middle of the floor during the night, which act, on his disclaiming any participation in, she insisted, with rising fears, had certainly been committed by some terrible monster while they slept. Her husband only laughed at her, however, and they both dropped off to sleep again, but in the morning they discovered that burglars had broken through down-stairs, entered the room, and abstracted $25 from the pantaloons pocket of Mr. W., hanging on the bed-post.

The residence of Policeman Felt, adjoining that of Mr. Whitford, was also entered by burglars, but they failed to get any booty.

The Funeral of Harry Freeburn.

Harry Freeburn, the brave young engineer who was killed in the Severn collision last Saturday, was buried yesterday afternoon. The funeral services were held at his sister's residence, on Four-and-a-half, near F street southwest, Rev. Dr. Domer, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating. The attendance was very large, Harmony Lodge, No. 17, Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, and Columbia Commandery, No. 2, attending, and a large delegation of locomotive engineers being present, besides other officials and employees of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. The pall-bearers were C. E. Kant and J. C. McGuinn, of Columbia Commandery, K. T.; B. R. Ross and F. R. Griffith, of Lafayette Chapter; Edward Fiske and A. H. Shattuck, of Harmony Lodge, and William B. Price and John B. Prout of the Locomotive Engineers. The remains were interred in the Congressional burying-ground.

Three Hundred Ex-Officers.

The term for which the three hundred special policemen were appointed expires this morning at eight o'clock, and the men will turn over their insignia of rank and content themselves with being again humble citizens. Experience has taught them that a policeman's lot is not a happy one, and it is not probable that one of the three hundred will ever again seek honor in the guise of "special." Beyond bringing in an occasional disabled "drunk," the specials have not been a success, as the police authorities are aware of. The men will be paid their salaries next Tuesday.

AMUSEMENTS LAST NIGHT.

Barrett, Genevieve Ward, Blind Tom, and the Comique.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett appeared in two characters at the National Theatre last night, viz: as *Shylock* in "The Merchant of Venice," and as *David Garrick* in Robertson's comedy of that title. The character of *Shylock* is one that requires a peculiar talent to properly portray, and to say that Mr. Barrett fulfilled every requirement of the part is not giving him too great praise. The trial-scene, which is so well known, was given by all who participated with an intelligence and smoothness that is seldom seen. Mrs. J. W. Albaugh was the *Portia*, and sustained that role, which is one of the most noble of Shakspeare's female creations, most admirably. The entire support was excellent. The comedy which followed was a pleasant relief from the sombre character of the tragedy, and was highly enjoyed. Mr. Barrett's *Garrick* was even more finished than the representation of the same character by the lamented Sothern, there being less of the boisterous element, but the part being fully as amusing and entertaining. Miss Annie Story made her first appearance during this engagement, sustaining the characters of *Nerissa* and *Mrs. Smith*. Her friends in this city—and they are very numerous—will be glad to learn of her improvement.

To-night Mr. Barrett will appear as *Richelieu*.

FORD'S OPERA-HOUSE—"FORGET-ME-NOT."

The large and enthusiastic audience which was present at Ford's Opera-House last night proved how strong a hold the play of "Forget-Me-Not" has taken upon our play-goers. It requires a piece of far more than ordinary merit and superior acting to run for a week in this city, and as the audiences at the Opera-House have increased in size and character each night, it may be safely asserted that the public has indorsed the verdict expressed by THE REPUBLICAN as to the excellence of "Forget-Me-Not," and the high order of talent shown by the company.

THEATRE COMIQUE.

Amid all the other attractions the Theatre Comique holds its own, both as to the size of its audiences and the excellence of its programme. The De Este blondes still continue the general favorites, while Jake Budd and the stock company and the other specialty performers serve to make an entertainment of superior variety enjoyment.

DENGREMONT.

Those who braved the storm on Wednesday night and listened to the remarkable talent of the boy Dengremont, will be glad to know that a second concert will be given at Lincoln Hall to-night. He will have the same assistance as at his first concert, and a most carefully-selected programme has been prepared.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL—BLIND TOM.

Blind Tom, the musical prodigy, delighted another large audience last night by his marvelous performances. The programme was a varied one, embracing Liszt's famous fantasie on the waltz chorus from Gounod's "Faust," and other pieces of like difficulty. The most interesting feature of the entertainment was the simultaneous rendering of "Yankee Doodle" with the left hand and "Fisher's Hornpipe" with right, while he sang "Marching Through Georgia."

"THE LAWRENCE BARRETT CLUB."

A New Amateur Dramatic Organization—Its First Performance.

A company of amateurs, who have had under preparation for some time the play of "Julius Cæsar," held a meeting in the Franklin School hall yesterday evening. Mr. D. C. Bangs was elected temporary chairman, and Mr. H. C. Rob