Special Notices.

NATIONAL CAPITAL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

1335 F STREET.

J. B. EDMONDS.....President
FRANK B. CONGER.....Secretary and Treasurer
WILLIAM H. BARNARD.....General Manager

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14, 1881.

The Trustees desire to announce that the following reduced schedule of rates, to apply to all subscribers under the "Toll System," will go into effect April 15, 1881:

Regular Charge for Connection with the Exchange.

By general wire within limits of Washington and Georgetown, $25 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

By special wire, one subscriber, not more than one-half mile in length, $40 per annum; and for each additional half mile in length, $20 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

Two subscribers on a line one-half mile in length, $30 per annum, and $15 for each additional half mile, payable semi-annually in advance.

The above charge is for maintaining telephonic connection with the Exchange, and includes no part of the cost of transmitting messages.

Service Rates to Subscribers.

$4.50 per 100 calls, in sums of not less than 500, to be paid for when ordered. Good for one year.

Discounts will be given as follows:
On 1,000 calls, to be used in one year, 10 per cent.
On 2,000 calls, to be used in one year, 25 per cent.
On 3,000 calls, to be used in one year, 35 per cent.

Special contracts will be made for larger numbers of calls and for connecting on the same wire two or more subscribers who do a large portion of their business together.

Special Rates for Private Residences by General Wire.

Those having telephonic connection with the Exchange at their place of business may have an additional telephone at their residence at $30 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance, and 5 cents per call, in number not less than 100, payable when ordered, and good for one year from that date.

Other private residences not places of business at $35 per annum, and $5 per hundred calls as above.

Communications will be charged to the sender only. No charge will be made to the receiver.

Subscribers now connected with the Exchange will be allowed to test the new system by giving a new order for six months' rental, and 200 calls to be used within that period.

WILLIAM H. BARNARD,
General Manager.
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MEETING OF PARNELL BRANCH, NO. 1, of the Land League, at their Hall, First street, between I and K streets northwest, SUNDAY EVENING, April 17, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Eloquent speakers will address the meeting. Friends of the cause, attend. 1t

SPECIAL NOTICE.

NORTHERN LIBERTY MARKET COMPANY.

By vote of the Directors of the Market, a reduction has been made in the monthly rent of Stalls to renters, to take effect April 1, 1881, and continue through the current fiscal year. Dealers desiring to avail themselves of this advantage will do well to make immediate application at the office of the company.
apl4-3t B. F. GUY, Secretary.

LEWIS'
WITCH HAZEL AND GLYCERINE
is invaluable for
CATARRH AND COLDS IN THE HEAD.
Used as a douche it gives instant relief. The Glycerine penetrates and carries the healing virtues of the Witch Hazel to the very heart of the disease, and cleanses, heals, soothes, and restores to a healthy condition. It is the Great Stauncher of Blood, and all Hemorrhages and Piles are completely controlled by its use. It is a certain cure for Varicose Veins—has wonderful control over the venous circulation. It is a Giant Remedy for Inflammation of whatever kind or nature, internal or external. It contains
NO ALCOHOL,
turpentine, or other irritant, but is exactly what it represents—a pure distillate of Witch Hazel and chemically pure White Glycerine. For the eyes it is very mild in its application, soothing and allaying pain; takes out inflammation and soreness speedily, and invigorates and strengthens weak eyes. It does not injure in the slightest degree the delicate fibres of the nerves. Can be used freely by the young, the aged, and the feeble. Sold by druggists. apl1-1m

THE MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST LOAN COMPANY (LIMITED).

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FIVE PER CENT. BONDS FOR SALE.

Authorized capital $2,000,000
Amount invested 370,000

HON. J. C. AIKINS, Minister of Inland Revenue, Ottawa, Canada, president.
PELEG HOWLAND, ESQ., Toronto, Canada, vice-president.

The company's funds are invested in Manitoba and Northwest Territories, and the bondholders have in addition the personal liability of the shareholders to the extent of 75 per cent. of the subscribed capital.

The company offer for sale bonds bearing 5 per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually at my office in Washington, D. C.

For further particulars apply to
H. W. HOWGATE,
apl-MWF121* 1424 New York avenue, Room 6.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE.

The Foreign Mails for the week ending SATURDAY, April 16, 1881, will close at this office on TUESDAY, at 1 p. m., for Europe by steamship Wisconsin via Queenstown; on WEDNESDAY, at 12:30 p. m., for Europe by steamship Scythia via Queenstown (correspondence for France must be specially addressed), and at 2 p. m., for France direct by steamship Canada via Havre; on THURSDAY, at 11 a. m., for Europe by steamship Wieland via Plymouth, Cherbourg, and Hamburg, and at 12 m. for Europe by steamship City of Montreal via Queenstown; on SATURDAY at 8:30 a. m., for Europe by steamship Britannic via Queenstown (correspondence for Germany and Scotland must be specially addressed), and at 3:30 a. m., for Scotland direct by steamship Anchoria via Glasgow, and at 3:30 a. m., for Belgium direct by steamship Zeeland via Antwerp, and at 11 a. m., for Europe by steamship Oder via Southampton and Bremen. The mails for Aspinwall and South Pacific close on MONDAY at 10 a. m. The mails for Porto Rico close on TUESDAY at 1 p. m. The mails for Vera Cruz via New Orleans close on TUESDAY at 3:30 p. m. The mails for Hayti close on THURSDAY at 10 a. m. The mails for Cuba, Mexico, and the West Indies close on THURSDAY at 1:30 p. m. The mails for Bermuda close on THURSDAY at 2 p. m. The mails for Jamaica, Maracaibo, Savanilla, &c., close on FRIDAY at 9 a. m. The mails for Venezuela and Curacoa close on SATURDAY at 8 a. m. The mails for China and Japan close April 25 at 7:30 p. m. The mails for Australia, &c., close April 30 at 7:30 p. m.

HENRY G. PEARSON, Postmaster.
POST-OFFICE, New York, April 9, 1881.

SUMMIT WATER
is offered by the
GALLON OR BARREL
by
W. S. THOMPSON, Pharmacist,
ma30-1m 703 Fifteenth street.

HEADQUARTERS FOR
STRAW MATTINGS
and
BABY CARRIAGES.
W. B. MOSES & SON,
corner Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue.
ma26-tf

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. fet-3m*

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A FRESH SUPPLY OF
PURE NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL
at DREW'S Drug Store, corner Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue, at 50 cents per full pint bottle.
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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 revive 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

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. ma22

NEW SPRING SHADES
IN
Plain, Striped, and Plaid Dress Goods.
Ladies' and Misses' Fancy Hosiery.
Novelties in Parasols.
Housekeeping Goods at Close Prices.
Tyler & Chewning,
918 SEVENTH ST. N. W.

EASTER CARDS.

A LARGE STOCK OF SILK-FRINGE AND PLAIN IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC EASTER CARDS AT
Shillington's Book Store,
Cor. Four-and-a-half st. and Pennsylvania ave.
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The Change at the Police Court.

Mr. Joseph E. Hayden retired yesterday from the office of United States prosecuting attorney at the Police Court, and formally took his leave of the court, after finishing the busines of the day. He tendered his thanks to the court and the court officers for their kind treatment, and complimented the police force as a body of men of the strictest integrity and zeal. Judge Snell, in response, spoke highly of the manner in which Mr. Hayden had discharged his duties. Mr. Randolph Coyle, Mr. Hayden's successor, entered at once upon his duties.

Aid for the Chios Sufferers.

The following contributions for the Chios sufferers were received by Messrs. Riggs & Co. yesterday: Aristarchi Bey, $100; Riggs & Co., $50; L. McL. Johnston, $50; Chen Lan Pin, $50; C. H. Beers, Chicago, by Mrs. Logan, $50; John A. King, $25; I. B. M., New York, $25; Walker Blaine, $10; W. H. Campbell, $5; F. L. Moore, $5; anonymous, $1; previously acknowledged, $205; total, $571.

UNITARIAN TALK.

The Conference at All Souls' Church—The Forward Look of Unitarianism.

A Unitarian Conference was held at All Souls' Church yesterday morning, and was opened with devotional exercises, led by Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Salem, Mass. Hon. G. B. Loring presided. The morning was taken up with an interesting discussion of an essay by Rev. Mr. Hornbrooke, on "Christianity Larger than its Interpretations." The evening session of the Unitarian Conference at All Souls' Church was attended by a large congregation, although not so great in numbers as on the previous night. There were many Unitarian ministers present, despite the fact that a number of them had left for home on the afternoon train.

The evening was given up to addresses on "Unitarianism and Its Forward Look." Dr. Shippen opened the meeting, briefly speaking of the progress of the church in Washington; that the Unitarians had gathered the idea of conference from Methodists. As a class, Unitarians had been too fond of peace, and shank from controversy. They now were anxious to propagandize, to show the rest of the world how glorious was the peace of Unitarianism, and to invite others to partake of it. He read a letter from William Ellery Channing, written in 1829, showing the stay-at-home spirit of Unitarianism fifty years ago. They had made progress, however, in those fifty years, and the meeting to-night was what might be truly styled a missionary meeting.

After the singing of a hymn by the congregation Rev. Mr. Ames took the pulpit. Last night, said he, we installed the preacher; to-night we install the people. It takes a whole church to preach the gospel. There is a difference between a church whose members are all intent upon doing God's work and a church whose people desire to make only a luxury out of religion. There is no use in building up a church for any purpose that can be accomplished without it. Its work is to transfer human beings from the kingdom of Satan to the kingdom of Christ. The church that does not take into its hopper a gristful of sinners and turn them out saints is not doing its proper work. It is the church's duty to look after the degraded and neglected classes, elevate them as far as possible, and prevent an increase of that class.

Rev. Mr. Buckingham said that, while he encouraged the missionary idea, he did not wish the idea to go forth that they wanted to make all of Washington Unitarians. The missionary spirit was in the imitation of Christ, who went about doing good. To purify the politics of the leading classes in this neighborhood, to elevate the political morality of the country, to rectify all the evils which infest and corrupt society—that is missionary work which benefits the Unitarian Church. Rev. Mr. Young, of California, said he believed in bigoted Unitariansim. He did not believe they had had enough bigotry in that church. He believed in missionary work, in educating their children in the religious faith of their fathers, in holding on with zeal and fervor to the principles, the traditions, the spirit of the Unitarian Church. He believed in bigoted Unitarianism because he thought from the seed of its principles would arise fairer plants of religion and morality than from the seeds of the other faiths.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds believed that the church was not on the high road to prosperity, and was not really strong and powerful, when it was not doing something to elevate and purify the outsiders. He believed that no religious body existed by accident. They existed because of a necessity for their existence in the human heart, and hence he was glad at the prosperity and increase of all religious bodies. But he did believe there was room for Unitarianism. It was their duty when they found souls hungering for the truth, as exhibited in Unitarian ideas, to minister to them. He reviewed the various branches of missionary work in Washington. To assist in the spread of Unitarian principles in the South was peculiarly in the line of work of this church.

Rev. Dr. Stebbins said there was nothing so powerful in society as a good life. That was the means by which the good work would be hastened. The power of a pure religious daily life will build up and make this society strong better than sweetly singing choir, famous as yours is; better than eloquent preacher, justly celebrated as yours is. The logic of a consistent Christian life is the most convincing to the souls of men.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, Rev. Mr. Humphreys, and Rev. Mr. Powers were the next speakers, the latter closing the conference meeting, which was dismissed with the benediction by the pastor. Besides the speakers there were present of ministers Rev. Messrs. J. W. Winkley, Metcalf, Waterhouse, Hornbrooke, and others.

PAINTINGS BELOW PAR.

Poor Prices Obtained at Our Local Art Sale.

Though there were a large number in attendance at the sales of the paintings of the resident artists, at the corner of Fifteenth and H streets, last evening, the prices realized were very small, and must have been discouraging to those artists who had works in the collection. In no instance did the paintings bring one-half of their actual value, and in some cases one-fourth of the value was not received. Mark Latimer, who conducted the sale, said he had never seen in all of his experience such good work bring such little money. It was painful to see paintings, which took weeks to complete, start off with a bid of two or three dollars. Many of the works were bid in, though in most instances sales were made. Only one-half of the collection was offered, the remainder being held for this evening, when they will be disposed of. Mr. Lewis Meline, Mr. G. W. Forsberg, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Max Weyl, Mr. Poole, and others are represented in the pictures which will be sold tonight, when it is likely that the bidding will be more active and the prices more remunerative. About sixty-five pictures remain to be sold.

The Lost Sewer Coupons.

Mr. Daniel Donovan, who has charge of the records of the late board of audit in the office of the District Commissioners, has, at the request of the Commissioners, been examining the records of the board, and made a report that he finds no record of any of the statements contained in the letter from the Treasurer of the United States, showing that in his office in the records of the sinking fund were both original and final receipts of the board of audit for the coupons amounting to $13,580, alleged to have been lost. That these coupons were delivered by the sinking fund commissioners to the board of audit, and that the responsibility for their loss is entirely due to that board, is admitted and cannot be controverted by the District Commissioners. Not only the records in the office of the Commissioners, but the files and all the papers of the late board of audit, should be carefully examined, which Mr. Donovan does not seem to have done or to intend to do. The absence of any record in the office of the District Commissioners of the disposition of the coupons indicates a very loose method of doing business by the late board of audit, which, as far as possible, should be corrected. Fortunately, as the Commissioners say, these coupons are now of no value, having not been converted into bonds, and the time having passed for this to be done.

Buildings to be Erected.

Matthew Ruppert yesterday took out a permit to erect a three-story brick house at the corner of Seventh street and New York avenue, to be used as a store and dwelling. It is to be twenty feet front, sixty-one deep, with two bay-windows, and ornamental cornicing. Mr. August Dorsey is the builder, and the house is to cost $3,000. W. Bartholomew also obtained a permit to erect a two-story brick for store and dwelling on Seventh, between R and S streets northwest, to cost $900. Messrs. Graham & Thomas are the builders. M. J. Felt was granted a permit to erect two two-story brick houses on I, between Second and Third streets northeast, to cost $1,000. Henry Butler was given a permit to build three two-story brick houses on Fifth, between D and E streets northeast, to cost $1,800.

Hebrews on the Holiday Question.

During the services at the Synagogue, on Eighth street, yesterday, Rabbi Stern called attention to the recent action of the Board of Public School Trustees, in which it was proposed to allow pupils to observe certain religious holidays, an exception being made of Jewish pupils who had requested a similar indulgence. A congregational meeting was thereupon called, at which Mr. I. L. Blout presided, and, after discussion, the following committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions and present them to the School Board: Messrs. S. Wolf, Rev. L. Stern, H. Adler, W. Nordlinger, L. Abrahams, and Charles Baum. Another meeting will shortly be called, at which the resolutions will be read and considered before being sent to the board.

A Kindergarten Exhibition.

The meeting of the Washington Kindergarten Union, held in the parlors of the Young Men's Christain Association, at Lincoln Hall, last night, was well attended, and the exercises highly interesting. Miss Susie Pollock, with a class of very small boys, demonstrated conclusively her wonderful talent for interesting and instructing children, and the peculiar advantages claimed for the system of Froebel. The remarks of Mrs. Pollock regarding the manner in which a love of nature leads to an admiration and love of God were received with marked attention, and the practical exemplification of the methods of instructions were not only amusing to the children of larger growth, but very edifying.

District Brevities.

The Weather To-Day.

For the Middle Atlantic States, including the District of Columbia, falling, preceded by rising, barometer, wind backing to westerly, stationary or higher temperature, clearing weather, preceded by rain on the coast.

The thermometric readings yesterday were as follows: 7 a. m., 40°; 11 a. m., 48°; 2 p. m., 50°; 3 p. m., 49°; 9 p. m., 47°; 11 p. m., 46°; maximum, 50.3°; minimum, 39.7°.

Prominent Arrivals.

Ebbitt.—Captain R. Chandler, U. S. N.; William A. Tory, New York; Robert E. Fisk, Montana; L. S. Fesson, U. S. A.; Hon. J. S. Robinson, Ohio; C. H. Southern, F. W. Dennis, Boston; George R. Burnett, U. S. A.; W. W. Schenck, New York; T. G. Knight, Boston; S. Paris, New York; R. G. Hill, Scotland; R. H. Pratt, U. S. A.; Hon. C. W. Gilfillan, Pennsylvania; J. A. Dougherty, U. S. N.; Hon. Hugh McCulloch, Maryland; Charles P. Hatch, Philadelphia; J. J. Arthur, Columbus; J. H. Merryman, New York.

Willard's.—General N. M. Curtis, David Carle, William G. Stahlnecker, Charles Deitsch, J. C. Bartholomew, L. E. Mulford, M. Levy, Wash Tobias, E. S. Goodwin, Christopher James, New York; C. F. Durant, Chicago; Thomas Wallace, Philadelphia; Charles Carruth, J. S. Carruth, Boston; Mortimer Drury, John Garrison, Brooklyn; W. H. Murray, W. Ellwood Rowan, Philadelphia; E. Willard, F. B. Hornbrooke, Boston.

Metropolitan.—W. C. Hendricks, California; C. N. Vance, North Carolina; William M. Dustin, Lincoln, Ill.; Charles L. Hunt, St. Louis; A. Prag, R. W. Gwathmey, Baltimore; O. B. Boise, Theodore Leet, New York; Robert Hubbard, Sherman H. Hubbard, Bridgeport, Conn.; W. W. Lord, jr., Harrisburg; J. W. Pickett, New York; John Beatson, Baltimore; P. C. Warwick, Richmond; J. C. Arms, Hartford, Conn.

Riggs.—James King, Chicago; G. F. Peabody, Dr. W. G. Buddington, Brooklyn; G. Gardiner, D. H. McAlfine, A. R. Chisholm, F. A. Brown, W. G. Gregory, W. McGuffie, F. F. Thompson, New York; E. A. Ingalls, Massachusetts; F. H. Alden, Cincinnati; Davenport Dunn, E. H. Dunn, I. A. Hall, I. Eggleston, Boston; James D. Weeks, Pittsburg.

National.—J. V. Davison, Allan Hay, jr., New York; William J. Chapman, W. H. Funell, Samuel F. Smit, Philadelphia; — Pennock, Wilmington, Del.; S. W. Warrick, Glossboro, N. J.; George B. McLane, Baltimore; A. Brabrook, Massachusetts; Daniel Larrabee, Baltimore; James F. Legate.

St. James.—G. W. Thomas, S. S. Smith, New Jersey; J. C. Jamison, Pittsburg, Pa.; R. A. Scofield, Pen Yan, N. Y.; J. Wilde, Boston; O. W. Thorne, J. C. Weiner, New York; H. D. Harrah, Detroit, Mich.

Arlington.—J. N. Camden, West Virginia; John H. Camp, S. N. Locke, New York State; G. E. and G. B. Leighton, St. Louis; M. F. Franklin, Philadelphia.

Wormley's.—W. W. Hollander, C. Page, C. Phelps, New York; A. F. Falkenthal, Pennsylvania.

Imperial.—M. N. Biglow, Liverpool, Eng.; George J. Guilford, F. C. Hoffman, New York.

Ned Maunder is back from a visit to England, looking as fresh as a daisy.

Yesterday, in the Criminal Court, the appeal of James Cleveland, convicted of assault in the Police Court, was dismissed.

The New South, published here in the interest of the colored race by A. St. A. Smith and E. L. Nalle, is in a flourishing condition.

Rev. Dr. Lanahan has resigned from the board of visitors of the Insane Asylum, and his resignation has been accepted by the President.

There was a large attendance at all the Catholic churches yesterday, and many persons visited the churches to see the decorations of the repositories.

Rev. C. B. Ramsdell, of the North Presbyterian Church, has been elected chaplain for the coming commencement exercises of the law school of the National University.

The jury in the Circuit Court yesterday gave John J. Shipman a verdict of $3,000, with interest, against the District for extra work on the bridge over James Creek Canal at N street.

Mr. W. B. Webb has been notified that premises 1429 Pennsylvania avenue are in a dangerous condition, and unless the building is removed within thirty days it will be condemned and torn down.

In the suit of Augustus Smith against the Belt Line Railroad for $20,000 damages for injuries received by being run into and knocked down by one of the company's horses, the jury yesterday gave a verdict for the defendant.

An order has been issued by the Commissioners to allow the Mutual Union Telegraph Company to erect telegraph poles and wires on Sherman avenue to Tenth street west, to W street, to Twelfth street, and down that street to O street.

Mr. George A. Caswell, intendent of the Washington Asylum, has a gang of men at work clearing up the old magazine grounds preparatory to inclosing them. The building will also be reconstructed and made into a hospital for the aged colored people.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: William A. Stewart and Emma E. Donaldson, both of Prince George's County, Maryland; Frank Schwarz and Amelia F. Pabst; Henrich F. W. Lane and Hedwig Bergmann; William P. Brant and Minnie A. Steele.

Sallie B. Foss was yesterday granted a divorce by Justice Wylie from the bonds of matrimony with Milton C. Foss, and given the custody of the child, the grounds for the divorce being desertion. Justice Wylie also gave Rosa Lee a divorce from Louis Lee, on the ground of desertion.

Mr. C. Maurice Smith, as counsel for Martin V. Casey, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill Martha V. Bergevin, yesterday asked Judge Snell to reduce the bail from $1,000 to $500. Judge Snell said he would reduce the bonds if the attending physician certified that she was out of danger.

John Norris and Ed McRae, arrested for committing a burglary at Mrs. Alice Moran's house, 2805 N street northwest, were yesterday put under $1,000 bail each for their appearance next Tuesday. James Stanley, the young man arrested with them, was released, as the officer stated that he had nothing against him.

Mr. Bartram Zevely, as counsel for Joseph N. Gill, yesterday filed a bill for divorce from his wife, Catherine V. Gill. The parties were married in this District December 21, 1850, her maiden name being Catherine V. Washington. They lived together until the month of June, 1872, when he charges that she deserted and since that time has refused to live with him.

General Benjamin F. Butler, counsel for Mr. John Hitz, yesterday had an interview with District-Attorney Corkhill in relation to the recent proceedings in the General Term as to the nonliability of Mr. Hitz in that court. General Butler stated that Mr. Hitz objected to the course being pursued, but wished to come before the court and have his case heard the same as other people.

Colonel Rogers, late private secretary of President Hayes, has settled the judgeship question, so far as he is concerned, by opening law offices at the corner of Lafayette Square and Pennsylvania avenue, in connection with Quinton Corwine, esq., of the District bar. A curious feature about this law firm is that it is a revival of the old law firm of Corwine, Hayes & Rogers, of antebellum days, the senior of that firm being the late Judge R. M. Corwine, and the other members being ex-President Hayes and Colonel Rogers.

Why Mr. Abner Did Not Pay.

Mr. Ed. Abner makes the following statement in reference to a paragraph published in yesterday's REPUBLICAN concerning a suit instituted against him: "In the first place, permit me to correct an error. The amount sought to be recovered is not $2,809, but $72.16. Next, permit me, in justice to the gentlemen named as my bondsmen, as well as to myself, to dispel any misapprehension which the above-cited paragraph might raise in the minds of my friends and the general public. In April, 1878, I imported from Germany twenty-two casks of wine, on which the duty amounted to $1,400. Being about to build, and therefore not prepared to store so large a quantity of wine, the twenty-two casks, or a part thereof, were placed in a bonded warehouse, and the bond referred to was given to secure the payment of duty. The entire amount of $1,400 has been paid, with the exception of $72.16, which I refuse to pay, because, upon examination, one of the casks of wine, which had entered the warehouse full, was found to be almost entirely emptied when it was to be removed, and I did not think myself compelled to pay duty for goods which, from causes probably best known to the persons in charge of the aforesaid bonded warehouse, were found to have vanished into thin air when called for. I had already paid duty upon another cask, which, when removed, had been found half emptied of its contents, and I thought then, and still think, that Uncle Sam has no right to exact pay for goods confided to his care, but never delivered by him to the owner."

The Charity Ball.

The annual charity ball, under the auspices of the directors of the Children's Hospital and for the benefit of that institution, will take place at the National Theatre on Monday night next. Arrangements are being made to have this one of the most brilliant entertainments ever given here. The parquette of the Theatre will be floored over, which will give ample dancing accommodations, and the decorations of the auditorium will be elaborate and extensive. The object for which this ball is given is one which should appeal strongly to every benevolent person, and the ladies and gentlemen who have the matter in charge are exerting their utmost efforts to make the night one long to be remembered.

Ben Butler in Town.

Ben Butler arrived in the city yesterday, looking as brown as a berry, after his sea voyage in his yacht America. He exchanged his white sea chapeau for a felt hat at Stinemetz's, as it was rather forcing the season and attracting too much attention. He called during the day on District Attorney Corkhill relative to cases in which he is interested.

THE DRUGGIST'S REPLY.

They Will Not Accept the Conditions Proposed by the Medical Association.

The following has been addressed to the Medical Association of the District:

GENTLEMEN: We have received and considered the report of the committee on relations between physicians and pharmacists, adopted by the Medical Association, April 4, 1881. In response thereto we beg leave to state that as pharmacists we are not amenable to the Medical Association of the District of Columbia; have no voice in its management, and that to admit your power to enforce these rules so far as they seek to control us would be to acknowledge your right to govern us without consent, condemn us without trial, and punish us without appeal. Therefore, although one assent or dissent is not asked, we deem it due to ourselves to advise you that wherever the above report would impose conditions upon us not now recognized we do not accept it as in any way binding upon us. We take this occasion to reassure you of our readiness, now as in the past, to co-operate with you in all laudable efforts to protect the public from the danger attending the inconsiderate renewal of certain prescriptions, or any evil that may be shown to exist in either profession.

The paper is signed by eighty-nine pharmacists engaged in business in this city, as follows: J. D. O'Donnell, Mrs. K. C. Lineaweaver, Stott & Cromwell, Samuel Waggaman, R. B. Ferguson, W. S. Thompson, G. G. C. Simms, Charles G. Dulin, G. B. Van Syckle, R. K. Helphenstine, W. C. Milburn, Charles Becker, W. B. Entwisle, E. H. Gilman, C. Christiani, Scheller & Stevens, D. P. Hickling, J. A. Healey, A. J. Schaffhirt, W. A. Gray, Karl Kullberg, John R. Major, L. C. Bishop, H. E. Kalusowski, John Coughlin, Charles H. Nourse, S. H. Mitchell, John C. Moss, George R. Zell, John J. Stafford, F. D. Bowling, Theodore Heinrichs, George J. Musser, William H. Daw, Theodore Christiani, J. R. Cassin, Thomas H. Collins, Paul Reinlein, Americus Davis, Frederick W. Ross, John N. Hodgkins, William R. Stone, William H. Bergman, A. Bodemer, George A. Bentley, C. R. Dufour & Co., A. M. Daniels, John E. Bates, W. T. Baldus, Whiteside & Walton, George P. Lockhart, Thomas S. Cropley, George T. Byng, C. H. Fickling, W. G. Duckett, T. McC. Criswell, J. S. Jones, James F. Walsh, E. B. Bury, T. J. De Moll, W. F. Scala, W. H. Sroud, S. L. Hannon, J. S. Nowles & Co., W. E. Halleck, C. A. Prentiss, R. A. Bacon, W. D. Lynham, C. L. Stoney & Co., John W. Drew, T. P. Cole, E. E. Cissell, H. A. Johnston, Richard A. Neale, Willis O'B. Small, C. F. Moore, S. C. Hanson, E. L. Pettingill, George W. Cropley, A. M. Kloczewski, J. L. Hughes, Arthur Nattans, E. M. McComas, and S. E. Lewis.

AMUSEMENTS.

"The Money Market," Circus, Corinne Merry Makers, "Pirates," &c.

The play of the "Money Market" at Ford's, which is one of the best constructed, and is certainly one of the best acted plays that has been presented here in years, had its final representation last night. The two characters of *Sir Geoffery Harriot*, by Mr. W. H. Vernon, and *Mark Chinery*, by Mr. Samuel Hemps, stand out in splendid relief as impersonations of true artistic finish, and both are perfectly true to nature. Miss Rose Wood, Miss Emma Vaders, and Miss Gabriel Du Sauld deserve warm commendation for their conscientious and effective acting.

THE GREAT CIRCUS.

P. T. Barnum's Greatest Show on Earth, the Great London Circus, Sangers' Royal British Menagerie, and the International Allied Shows, which are to exhibit in this city on Monday and Tuesday next in massive consolidation, will present a larger collection of living rare animals and more specimens of the feathered tribe than with any collection in America, either traveling or stationary. The grand aggregation is said to contain a greater number of curiosities and to possess the most accomplished arenic contests in the profession, and that acts will be introduced in the ring of a character never before attempted. A novel feature will be the introduction of the wrestling matches between the British and American champions, Elwin Bibby and William Hoefler. A glance at Galt's window will discover the massive and elegant prizes which are to be awarded at the close of the season to the winners in athletic contests.

THE CORINNE MERRY-MAKERS.

This organization, which has had a highly successful tour in the North, will appear at the National Theatre next week. It is under the management of Mr. C. D. Hess, and will be the first attraction he has presented in Washington since his farewell with the Abbott troupe some two years ago.

JUVENILE PIRATES.

A full rehearsal of "The Pirates of Penzance", by the little folks took place at Professor Sheldon's Dancing Academy on Wednesday night. The various solo parts were all well rendered, while the chorus was full and complete. The performances will take place at Lincoln Hall on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week.

A Handsome Easter Offering.

The Women's Guild, composed of the working element among the ladies connected with St. Luke's P. E. Church of this city, have, through the vestry, presented the church with a magnificent chancel rail as an Easter offering. The rail is made of the best white ash, highly finished, and in design is in perfect harmony with the wood finish of the church. The workmanship is of the highest order, and reflects credit upon Mr. Charles H. King, of this city, who designed and erected it. It was through the efforts of the Women's Guild that made it possible for the new church to be occupied, and they have never ceased to labor in its behalf. They have, to their credit, given, in money or its value, to the church over $1,300. They have sixty enrolled members, and are in excellent working and financial condition. The officers are: Mrs. Henry Johnson, president; Mrs. C. A. Fleetwood, vice-president; Mrs. A. P. Spencer, treasurer, and Miss Maimee Harris, secretary.

Mrs. Austin's Claim for Damages.

Mr. A. K. Browne, as counsel for Mrs. Jane Austin, has prepared and will to-day file an action against the District of Columbia for $20,000 damages. Mrs. Austin, on the 4th of March last, fell into an exposed sewer-trap at the corner of F and Fifteenth streets northwest, receiving serious and permanent injuries. Misfortune seems to have followed her family closely. In July, 1879, her husband and son—one postmaster and the other parish judge—were killed in East Providence, La., for opinion's sake, they being both Republicans, and consequently highly objectionable to the residents of that locality.

A Dishonest Porter Arrested.

A colored boy named Berry, in the employ of Mr. J. D. Free, the stationer opposite the Ebbitt House, was arrested by Officer Brown yesterday, charged with stealing several articles from the store and a box of cologne from the drug store of Mr. Helphenstine, in the same neighborhood. He was locked up at the Fifth Precinct Station, and shortly after confessed the robbery and told where he had secreted his booty. The officer succeeded in recovering all the stolen property and returned it to the respective owners.

The Late J. F. Havenner's Successor.

At the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of the District, held last evening, Mr. C. B. R. Colledge was chosen to succeed the late John F. Havenner as representative of this District in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States. Mr. Colledge will undoubtedly fulfill the duties of the position creditably to himself and the body which he represents, as he is one of the foremost members of the Odd Fellows' Order in this jurisdiction, and is fully posted in everything pertaining to his craft.

The Ware Memorial Services.

At a recent meeting in memory of the late Rev. John F. W. Ware, held in Boston, Governor Long presiding, Mr. William E. Matthews, of Baltimore, well know in this city, delivered the address, which was a tender and eloquent tribute, recounting Mr. Ware's great services to the colored people, and reviewing his life in Baltimore. His real monument, Mr. Matthews claimed, was the improved condition of the colored people of Baltimore.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS.

Judge Shumate, of Fauquier, is in the city.

Messrs. Burges & Co., who for some time past have been making preparations for the establishment of a fertilizing manufactory, will be notified by the mayor that it will be a violation of the corporation laws.

It is understood that the Readjusters of Alexandria County will select their own candidates for county officers, and with favorable chances of success. At any rate one gentleman now holding an office seems to be a little uneasy.

The Republican executive committee will meet to-morrow evening at five o'clock in the rooms of the Readjuster executive committee, when it will be decided which course is best to pursue. They will doubtless join with the Readjuster party.

The Readjuster executive committee met last night with a full attendance. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. D. A. Windsor, who was sick, Mr. W. L. Penn presided. After the routine business was concluded the subject of electing delegates to the State convention which meets the 2d of June, in Richmond, was discussed, and the manner of electing them was determined upon. A motion to elect them on Wednesday night, the 20th instant was lost and the date left blank. The Readjusters of Alexandria are enthusiastic in their support of General Mahone, and the members of the executive committee, which numbers twenty, say they do not know a single instance of a Readjuster in Alexandria who does not heartily support General Mahone.

CONVIVIAL MASONS.

The Maundy-Thursday Banquet—Brethren Partaking of the Paschal Lamb.

The annual Maundy-Thursday banquet of Evangelist Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 1, of this jurisdiction, was held at the Imperial Hotel last night. The members of the chapter last night assembled at their chapter-room and transacted the routine business, and after fixing half-past seven o'clock on Sunday evening at their chapter-room for observing Easter service, adjourned to attend the banquet. They proceeded in a body to the hotel, accompanied by their invited guests, and, after removing hats and overcoats in an adjoining room, entered the banquet hall. The table was laid out in the form of a Persian cross. It was very prettily decorated, and peeping out of each napkin was a neat and fragrant bouttonniere. C. W. Bennett, thirty-third degree worshipful master, sat in the east, at the head of the cross; W. M. Ireland, thirty-third degree vice senior warden, was opposite him, in the west; and John Wilson, thirty-second vice junior warden, in the south. The remaining officers were scattered promiscuously about the table, without regard to rank. There were fifty-five members of Evangelist Chapter present.

The visiting brothers were: General Albert Pike, thirty-third degree, grand commander, Arkansas; Albert G. Mackey, thirty-third, secretary-general, South Carolina; Fred. Webber, thirty-third, treasurer-general, Kentucky; John M. Browne, thirty-third, United States Navy; Elias C. Boudinot, thirty-second, Indian Territory; Philip Hickborn, thirty-second, United States Navy; Platt B. Walker, thirty-second, Minnesota; Robert F. Crowell, thirty-second, Minnesota; John P. Jeffries, thirty-second; George B. Loring, thirty-second, Massachusetts; James S. Pierce, thirty-second, New Hampshire; John G. Sankey, thirty-second, Virginia; William W. Upton, thirty-second, Oregon; O. H. Irish, thirty-second, Nebraska; James G. Bain, thirty-second, Virginia; Ben: Perley Poore, thirty-second, Massachusetts.

Before the company took their seats General Albert Pike read a selection from the Scriptures, and was followed with prayer by the worshipful master. The menu embraced many enticing and tempting dishes, and soon the clatter of knives and forks drowned the sound of voices. When the cloth was removed toasts were responded to by Hon. W. W. Upton, A. G. Mackey, esq., General Albert Pike, Hon. George B. Loring, Major Ben: Perley Poore, Isaac L. Johnson, esq., Matthew Trimble, esq., Hon. Platt B. Walker, John Mills Browne, esq., and C. N. Bennett, esq. Letters were read from Brothers Samuel V. Noyes and Robert H. Graham, regretting that sickness compelled them to be absent, but that they would be with them in thought and banquet with them in spirit. It was midnight before the speeches were finished and the Maundy-Thursday banquet closed. The committee of arrangements, Messrs. W. S. Roose, H. H. Gerdes, and I. P. Noyes worked hard to make the banquet a success, and must have felt greatly pleased over the flattering result of their labors.

MRS. CHRISTIANCY'S DEFENSE.

**Her Mother on the Stand—Refuting