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THE CHILDREN.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

The Regular Celebrations for the Sunday-School Scholars—Christmas-Trees and What Fruit They Bore—Pleasant Entertainments in the Various Churches.

The vestry-room of Assembly Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Fifth and I streets northwest, was filled in every nook and corner last evening with the well-pleased and well-behaved legion of children, big and little, belonging to the Sunday-school classes of the church, for whose amusement and edification this Christmas festival had been arranged. The following programme was very creditably executed: Prayer; piano duet, Miss Florence Rose and Miss Loomis; recitation, Maggie Campbell; song, infant class; recitation, Ella Kimball; song, "Old, Old Home," Mr. Young; recitation, Louie Whitaker; song, Alice Williams; recitation, Ella Lyman; exercise by the infant class; recitation, Alice Williams; recitation, Artie Kimball; song, "Little Bobolink," vocal class; recitation, Louise Stetson; song, George Prevost; piano solo, Miss Daniels; piano solo, Miss Rose; song, "Auld Lang Syne," vocal class. The little audience, or rather audience of little ones, was in charge of the various Sunday-school teachers, and the programme was carried out under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. F. H. Cobb. Some 450 children belong to the different classes of the Sunday school, and nearly all were present last evening, many being attended by parents, elder brothers and sisters. After a little repast, provided for the occasion, the juvenile merry-makers were permitted to return home.

Christmas on Shipboard.

At the United States Navy-Yard, Washington, D. C., the United States monitor Passaic, receiving ship, Commodore J. D. Graham, was tastefully dressed with evergreens and about twenty Christmas trees arranged around the deck, giving a grand appearance to the old war-scarred ship's turret, indented with marks of heavy shots from Southern forts in the war of the rebellion. It was quite a contrast to the days of war. Chaplain Kramer came on board at half-past nine a. m. The church flag was hoisted, the ship's bell sounding the signal for divine service. Christmas hymns were sung, Scripture lessons were read of Christ's advent into our world. The origin of Christmas gifts was explained by the chaplain, and the exercises concluded with songs of praise to world's Redeemer. At three p. m. the sailors from the ships at the yard gathered in the chapel. The room was decorated with evergreens. At the entrance the word "welcome" over a cross of evergreens was tastefully arranged. Miss L. Moffitt was seated at the organ, and other ladies assisted in singing, the sailors joining. Christmas songs were sung. Chaplain Kramer offered a thanksgiving prayer, and read Scripture lessons of Christ's advent, exclaiming the glorious coming of the Christ, the Saviour of men, into our world, concluding with music from the organ and songs of praise. The sailors were greatly pleased with the services.

North Presbyterian Sunday School.

The Sunday school of the North Presbyterian Church held a very interesting and pleasant Christmas entertainment last evening. The church had been handsomely decorated, under the supervision of Messrs. Townsend and Cooper and Miss Kate Miller, and all the arrangements and exercises were appropriate and in good taste. The exercises were opened by singing the hymn "Peal Forth the Joyous Music," followed with prayer by the pastor and another hymn, entitled "The Royal Chorus." Appropriate Scripture selections were read by the superintendent, Mr. Carrington, and by Dr. Greene, and an interesting Christmas story by the pastor. Miss Hannah Greene, Miss Bessie Hobson and Miss Laura Zeh recited pieces, entitled "Christmas Greeting," "The Labor of Love," and "Christmas Eve." The infant class, in charge of Miss Gertrude Jones, and led by Miss Florence Kidwell and Miss Jennie Cooper, very sweetly sang the hymn, "When He Cometh." The musical exercises were under the direction of Mr. Linton, Miss Florence Kidwell, and Mrs. Reiskell, and the literary exercises under the direction of Dr. Greene, Miss Mary Tayler, and Miss Gertrude Jones. Baskets of candies, with oranges, were then distributed, and the exercises closed with benediction by the pastor.

Epiphany Church.

No more appropriate manner of celebrating Holy Innocents' Day could have been devised than its remembrance by Epiphany Church yesterday in devoting to the Christmas celebration of the Sunday schools. At four o'clock the children and teachers of the morning and afternoon Sunday schools assembled at Willard Hall. Back of the seats set apart for the schools many of our leading people assembled to see the young folks enjoy themselves. The hall was tastefully decorated, and on the stage was a Christmas tree of large proportions, tastefully trimmed with candy, pop-corn, and other articles appropriate to the Christmas tree. After singing a number of choruses an interesting magic-lantern exhibition was presented, the chief views of which were scenes from the life of Christ—the Three Marys at the Tomb, Christ's Ascension, and No Cross No Crown—after which the candy and other gifts were presented to the children. The affair was one of the pleasantest of the many of its kind that have recently taken place, and will long be remembered by the happy participants.

Incarnation Church.

The Christmas festival of the Sunday school of the Church of the Incarnation was held in the church yesterday evening. An elegantly trimmed Christmas tree was placed in front of the chancel, and the church, with its Christmas decorations and the handsome banners of the classes, looked truly inviting. The singing of the children, under the direction of Mr. L. Barnes, with Mr. Hubbard T. Smith as organist, was excellent. After a very happy address by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Townsend, gifts were distributed to the scholars by the superintendent, Mr. W. M. Porter, and the exercises were brought to a close. A very pleasing feature of the evening was the offerings of provisions, groceries, &c., brought to the church by the children for distribution to the poor of the parish.

St. John's (Alexandria) Sunday School.

St. John's Sunday school, of the West End (Alexandria, Va.), was the scene of a beautiful and commemorative event on the evening of the 27th instant. A very handsomely trimmed Christmas tree was the centre-piece of attraction, and the singing of the Christmas carols, interspersed with the merry and melodious voices of those present, made it an event long to be remembered. Each scholar of the school was presented with a bag of candies, a toy, and other useful gifts. The smiling faces of the young ones can better be imagined than described as they came forward to receive their presents.

Hamline M. E. Sunday School.

The members and friends of this school gathered in large numbers last evening to witness their annual festival. The programme consisted of recitations and singing, which were interrupted by Mr. Thomas E. Roach coming upon the platform and in a neat little speech presenting in behalf of the officers and teachers to the superintendent, Mr. J. D. Croissant, an elegant swinging water pitcher, hanging upon a silver frame, the whole standing some three feet high. Several of the teachers also received presents from their classes.

Industrial Home School.

The inmates of the Industrial Home School, on Georgetown Heights, have had a very pleasant Christmas entertainment. The superintendent, Mr. W. S. Stockbridge, conducted the exercises, assisted by one of the teachers, Mr. J. T. Headley. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Howe and others, and then gifts were distributed to the children. There were a large number of visitors, and after the exercises they were very much interested in looking at the articles made by the children.

AUTHORS' CARNIVAL.

From Chaucer to Mark Twain Represented at the Spencerian Business College.

The authors' carnival, given in the parlors of the Spencerian Business College, under the auspices of the New Church (Swedenborgian) Society, last evening, was an exceedingly happy affair. The parlors was tastefully decorated with green festoons, wreaths, banners, and United States flags. From pillar to pillar running down the room were festooned chains of green staff and tinsel intertwined, having a very pretty effect. Beneath these were shields, bearing on them the names of such well-known authors as Chaucer, Spenser, Shakspeare, Gœthe, Schiller, Burns, Dickens, Poe, Washington Irving, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Scott, Bret Harte, Mark Twain, &c. Many of the costumes were very pretty, and the bewitching faces and forms in them added a fresh beauty to them. There was no committee, but all went as smoothly as a wedding bell. During the evening the programme was pleasantly broken by some songs and recitations given in a very pleasing manner. Some of the

PROMINENT "AUTHORS" PRESENT WERE:

Mr. Tyrrell, Hiawatha; Miss Lillian McCarty, Minnehaha; Miss Ella Fox, Lalla Rookh; Mrs. Tyrrell, Meg Merrilies; Miss Schreiner, Portia; Annie H. Cavis, Nerissa; Mr. Barnard, Barkis; Mrs. Barnard, Peggotty; Mrs. McCarthy, Martha Washington; Ada Carmen, Topsey; Mr. Keifer, Guy Fawkes; Miss Louise Bryant, Dolly's Dressmaker; Dr. Donaldson, the Ancient Mariner; Mrs. Musser, Dot; Della Musser, Tillie Showboy; Nellie Spencer, Tyrol Maid; Walter Wooster, Joe; Mr. McCavit, Christian; Miss Dickson, Mercy; Miss Miller, Mrs. Caudle; Mr. Gibson, Mr. Caudle; Mr. Spencer, Falstaff; Mr. D. A. Brown, Prince Hal; Emma Gangewer, Leonore; Mr. Tyrrell, Rip Van Winkle; Kitty Cottrell, Fairy; Josephine Derbilsch, Lady Jane Grey; Mr. Spencer, Spenser's Faerie Queen; Miss Edith Blair, Titania; Miss Wooster, Miss; Professor Hunt, Little Nell's Grandfather; Ada Collins, Charlotte Corday; Anna Chapline, Queen Catherine; Mrs. Foote, Martha Washington; Katie Foote, Little Buttercup; Genie Foote, Little Boy Blue; Mr. Robert Stone, Hamlet; Henry C. Spencer, jr., Page to Queen Elizabeth; Mrs. Annie Finney, Spanish Girl.

Box and Cox at Masonic Temple.

The second of the series of sociables under the auspices of the Masonic Lodges of the District took place last night at Masonic Temple. Long before the hour of commencing every available seat had been taken. The first part of the programme was made up of vocal solos, by Mrs. J. Porcell and Mrs. D. C. Morrison; readings, by Miss M. E. Bond and E. B. Hay, and a performance by the Zither Club, all of which were well received. The interest of the audience, however, centered on "Box and Cox," given by the inimitable trio, Messrs. Pugh, Daniel, and Hay, in their usual spirited manner. The crowd was kept in a roar from the beginning to the end of the piece, and even those who had come solely for the dance regretted its close. The acting of Mr. Pugh was especially comical, and his singing was also warmly applauded. No amateur that the writer has seen could equal him in his peculiar line of burlesque, and but few professionals are his superiors. At the conclusion of the performance the hall was cleared of chairs and the dancing, which lasted until an early hour this morning, began.

"Joshua Whitcomb."

Denman Thompson will commence an engagement at the National Theatre next week, appearing in his famous character, Joshua Whitcomb, which is as complete and finished an impersonation as that of any of the more prominent stars who have been identified with particular characters.

DISTRICT BREVITIES.

The Weather To-Day.

For the Middle Atlantic States, partly cloudy weather, local rains, southerly veering to westerly winds, stationary or higher temperature, falling followed by rising barometer.

Washington, 1 a. m.—In the morning cloudy weather and light rain, followed in the afternoon and evening by clearing weather.

The following were the thermometric readings yesterday: 7 a. m., 52°; 11 a. m., 59°; 3 p. m., 62.5°; 7 p. m., 54°; 11 p. m., 51.5°; maximum, 63°; minimum, 49.6°.

Prominent Arrivals.

WILLARD'S.—W. C. Locherty, L. Cohn, J. R. Kimball, and J. E. A. Brown, New York; M. S. Harrison, Pittsburg; W. F. McCartney, Denver, Col.; J. F. Warren, Chicago; W. A. Lee, New York; W. H. Winter, Brooklyn; C. Birney, Meridian, Miss.; L. J. Cahen, New York; T. W. Brooks, Brattleboro, Vt.; R. S. Foster, Boston; H. C. Newman, Omaha, Neb.

METROPOLITAN.—J. W. Lawton and E. F. Young, Nashville, Tenn.; S. P. Lancer, Pennsylvania; J. C. Buchanan, Chester County, Pennsylvania; C. W. Dampman, Honeybrook, Pa.; E. Adams, New York; J. H. Franklin, South Carolina; Sylvanus Trevail, Cornwall, England; George Wells, Port Jervis, N. Y.; George W. Taylor, Richmond; Edward C. Goode, Buffalo Springs, Va.

ST. JAMES.—C. W. Ridley, New York; William G. Sykes, Maryland; L. H. Hall, Erie, Pa.; General Imboden, Richmond, Va.; J. Harding, Kentucky; Isaac Friedenwal, Maryland; E. H. Hibbs, Philadelphia; J. G. Reynolds, Frank Walker, Georgia; H. A. King, New York.

NATIONAL.—L. L. Wiegand and N. B. Cobb, Philadelphia; Grant Squires, New York; William J. Sweesy, Omaha; G. W. Mindell, Philadelphia; N. P. Sangford, St. Paul; W. F. Schiedt, New York; G. B. Deane, Jersey City; O. H. P. Andre, New York.

RIGGS.—J. M. Vernsence, Lyons, Mass.; William Grayson, W. M. Carson, J. Johnson, F. Harrell, C. C. Westbrooth, New York; George R. Eastin, Louisville, Ky.; J. Clarke, Ohio; M. Swartzweider, Pittsburg; J. A. Lears, Rome, N. Y.

ARLINGTON.—E. H. Weatherber, New York; J. E. Sprunt, Wilmington, Del.; Colonel A. W. Jones, Virginia; J. S. Johnson, Pennsylvania; Dr. E. M. Moore, Rochester, N. Y.

ST. MARC.—James Thomas, Philadelphia; C. V. N. Mills, Rochester; J. R. Dalton, Kentucky; George Nelson, Tennessee; Phil Fletcher, A. P. Watson, New York.

WELCKER'S.—Mr. Sheldon, New York; Mr. Barrett, Philadelphia.

WORSLEY'S.—O. C. Marsh, New Haven, Conn.

You can publish a three-line advertisement of "Wanted," "For Rent," "For Sale," or "Lost," three times for twenty-five cents in THE REPUBLICAN.

Those who intend receiving on New Year's Day and those who do not will greatly oblige us if they will send the facts to THE REPUBLICAN office at the earliest time possible, in order that they may be classified. It is intended to publish the list in Saturday's double-sheet.

The Germania Maennerchor will have a pleasant Christmas gathering at its hall to-night.

The special assessment division has completed the revision against alleys in squares 375, 259, 235, and 103.

Mr. B. F. Clark, chief clerk of the Tremont House for the last five years, has resigned that position to go South to Florida.

James Loan, arrested for profanity, is not the James Loan, clerk in the Adjutant-General's Office, residence 1522 T street northwest.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Ninth Building Association, held at Goddard's Hall, Georgetown, $9,300 was disposed of, being seven shares retired at the stock value rates, $132.67 per share.

The Washington Light Guard, at a special meeting held Tuesday evening, concluded to remove their armory from Capitol Hill to the northwestern part of the city. The location has not yet been determined upon.

On Wednesday evening next the "Exodus" singers will present at Congregational Church a programme of plantation and other songs, many of them being selected from the drama entitled "The Exodus," written by one of the teachers in our public school.

Mr. J. W. Angus, so well known in this city as a builder and contractor, has lately received a contract for building the court-house at El Paso, Texas, his bid of $16,995 having been accepted. Mr. Angus has built several Government works in Texas, all of which have been thoroughly satisfactory.

Patents have been issued to the following District inventors: Lewellyn L. Leathers, Washington, compound for the manufacture of artificial stone; James H. Rogers and C. G. Schneider, assignors to H. M. Hutchinson, Washington, telephone (two patents); Eldridge J. Smith, Washington, folding chair; Charles C. Wilson, Washington, hand-stamp.

A paragraph in yesterday's *Post* states that "the publication in THE REPUBLICAN yesterday of a young girl's ruin while intoxicated in the Smithsonian grounds was manufactured out of the whole cloth." As no statement of a young girl's ruin was made, and as that paper was badly beaten on an item about an intoxicated young lady, their police reporter should spit on his hands and take a fresh hold.

A full list of grand jurors of the December term of the Criminal Court is as follows: Jesse B. Wilson, foreman; B. U. Keyser, secretary; L. Gardner, W. E. Spalding, Samuel C. McDowell, John T. Green, Jacob Poole, John E. Herrell, Z. W. Rhodes, D. A. Ferguson, T. A. Tolson, Smith Wormeley, George W. Brown, J. T. C. Clark, F. B. Mohun, G. C. Walker, John Sherman, G. T. Green, Thomas Gant, Dennis Niland, Joshua Clark, Hugh J. Hart, and O. O. Spicer.

Reunion of the Class of '81.

The boy graduates of the class of '81, High School, held their first reunion last night at Wonn's Hall, No. 721 Sixth street northwest. The meeting was called to order by the president, George Pearce. An election of officers was then held and resulted as follows: E. Roome, president; A. Clum, secretary, and C. Sturtevant, treasurer. The boys and invited guests then sat down to a sumptuous supper, which had been prepared. Teachers and scholars seemed to forget their trials and tribulations with one another in drinking toasts, cracking jokes, and telling stories. The toasts were all responded to in a happy vein, and at a late hour one of the most enjoyable, if not the happiest, crowd dispersed, bidding each other a last adieu, only to meet in life's struggle, as friends, but with a glad remembrance of their happy school-days lingering in their minds. Among the invited guests were Mr. J. Ormond Wilson, superintendent of the public schools; Mr. B. L. Lovejoy, trustee; Mr. Daniels, professor of music, and Mr. Angel, instructor of natural science.

Lincoln Hall.

The Royal Hand-Bell Ringers gave their first entertainment in this city at Lincoln Hall last night. There are only seven in the troupe, but they manipulate 131 bells in such a manner as to deserve the highest praise. There is no combination of harmony that cannot be attained by these bells, from the simplest ballad to the most intricate overture. The playing of this party surpasses in finish and artistic effect that of any bell-ringers that have ever visited this city, and their performances should certainly be witnessed by all lovers of music. Among the selections given last evening the well-known air, "The Harmonious Blacksmith," by Handel, and "The Turkish Patrol" perhaps received the loudest applause, although every number was pleasing. The troupe also gave several selections of male part singing, including English glees, which were exceedingly well received. But two more entertainments will be given, a matinee this afternoon and a performance to-night.

St. Aloysius Choir Concert.

The grand concert of the choir of St. Aloysius Church took place in the lecture-room of the church last night. The hall was packed to its utmost capacity by an appreciative audience. The new choir, consisting of an excellent quartette and a mixed chorus of twenty voices, was aided by a male choir of forty-five men and boys. The choruses were well rendered, showing careful and diligent training. Miss Ada McDermott, although suffering from a severe cold, showed herself possessed of a voice of remarkable purity and sweetness. Miss Eichorn sustained her well-earned reputation as a vocalist, although also under the influence of the weather. The concert was a grand success, financially and artistically, and the hearty reception accorded the artists should encourage them to a repetition at an early date.

The Flipper Court-Martial.

No report of the findings or proceedings of the court-martial in the case of Lieutenant Flipper has yet reached the War Department. If the report is true that Lieutenant Flipper has been sentenced to dismissal from the army the findings of the court will be transmitted to Judge-Advocate General Swaim, and by him submitted to the President for his approval. If the sentence of the court be anything less than dismissal the case rests entirely with the department commander, and the proceedings will be filed in the office of the Judge-Advocate General only as a matter of record.

The Horticultural Society.

An interesting meeting of the Horticultural Society was held last evening, and among other topics considered was the one relative to effect on plants of transporting the seeds from one climate to another. It was stated that seeds from warm climates matured earlier. There was also an allusion made to the valuable discovery that by the use of the electric light plants could be kept growing during their entire season, and thus the period of inactivity caused by the darkness of the night was avoided. In this way fruit could be produced in half the time.

A Young Rascal.

Mr. Hamilton I. Rothrock has an office at room 104 Corcoran Building. Mr. Rothrock also has an office boy, or, to speak with a greater regard for truth, had an office boy. About noon yesterday Mr. Rothrock left his office for a few minutes. Mr. Rothrock also left a purse containing $28 in his coat hanging to a nail. When Mr. Rothrock returned he found that his boy had left, and further investigation revealed the fact that Mr. Rothrock was left just exactly $20 worth. For some reason or other the boy had only taken $20 and left $8.

Methodist Protestant Church.

A very pleasant Christmas entertainment was enjoyed last evening by the Sunday school of the Ninth Street Methodist Church. There was a handsome tree loaded with presents, and the children were delighted with the gifts. The following programme was rendered: Solo, Emma Jarvis; recitation, Ada Donn; recitation, Hammond Brewer; reading, Ella Jarvis; recitation, Howard Barker; recitation, Maud Lyons; solo, George Hartwell.

"Humpty Dumpty."

George H. Adams, who is probably the best clown upon the stage since the death of George Fox, will appear at Ford's Opera-House next week with a full "Humpty Dumpty" company. When it is stated that this company is the venture of the veteran Adam Forepaugh there needs no further guaranty of its excellence in composition or equipment.

Died Insane.

George A. Davenport, once the wealthiest citizen of Davenport, Iowa, died last week in an asylum, a raving maniac.

MARRIAGE BELLS.

A Wedding Which Brought Out the Best of Washington's Colored Society.

For several months the fashionables among our colored citizens have had in anticipation the event which transpired last night at the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church—the solemnization of the marriage vows between Dr. John R. Francis, a rising young physician of this city, and Miss Bettie G. Coxe, a niece of M. M. Holland, esq. The church was tested to its full capacity in accommodating the many friends of the young couple. The gay costumes of the ladies harmonized with the tasty decorations of Christmas greens and choice exotics which adorned the church. The ceremonies took place precisely at half-past seven. The arrival of the bridal party was signalized by Professor B. D. Fleet, who, as they entered the main door, played a wedding march composed by him for the occasion. The bridal party, preceded by the ushers, Messrs. William E. Matthews, Frank Hyman, Joseph S. Morrison, and Dr. Washington Crusoe, moved up the aisle in the following order: Parents of bride and family, bridesmaid and groomsman, Dr. Samuel Le Count Cook, bride and uncle, Mr. Milton M. Holland, and was met at the foot of the chancel by the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Grimke, according to the marriage ritual of the Episcopal Church, by special request. The bride was richly attired in an ivory-tinted satin dress en traine, with a lavish finish of extremely heavy silk of same tint, the combination of materials being softened by artistic blending of natural flowers and a lovely bridal veil, looped with orange blossoms. The bridesmaid, Miss Alice D. Johnson, wore an elegant blue silk of a delicate tint and exquisite loveliness. Both ladies are exceedingly handsome, and each carried a lovely bouquet, the gift of Mr. William H. A. Wormley. The groom and his best man, Dr. Cook, wore the conventional black full-dress, with *boutonnieres*, and well sustained the important parts assigned them. The bridal party were driven to the handsome residence of M. M. Holland, esq., University Hill, where a reception was held, which was largely attended by the most prominent ladies and gentlemen of this city. The presents were numerous and costly, and embraced articles of rare merit and worth, notably among which were two handsome engravings presented by the Chautauqua Club, of which the bride is a member. Among those present were Hon. Fred. Douglass, Register Bruce, Collector Cook, William H. Smith, librarian of the House; Mr. James Wormley, Professor R. T. Greener, Trustee Wormley, ex-Trustee Henry Johnson, Bishop Brown, Isaac Landie, esq., Dr. Furman Shadd, Dr. Charles B. Purvis, Mr. Atwood, Mr. Mont. Lewis, Professor Storum, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Francis, Mr. Harlan, Mr. R. W. Tompkins, Mr. Henry Lee, Trustee John F. Wilkinson, William C. Harris, Wyatt Archer, jr., and Daniel C. Murray.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS.

Stansbury Lodge, No. 24, F. A. A. M., at Brightwood, D. C., has elected the following officers: John Miller, W. M.; Henry Yost, S. W.; F. G. Alexander, J. W.; G. Balloch, treasurer; T. Carpenter, secretary; Th. Dowling, S. D.; R. Allen, J. D.; H. Lichau, S. S.; George Kienk, J. S.

The Washington Literary Association has elected the following officers: L. Heller, president; J. Eisenmann, vice-president; J. Strassburger, recording secretary; S. Sickerer, corresponding secretary; L. Frierick, financial secretary; N. L. Rosenberg, treasurer; I. Newman, librarian; A. Herman, stage manager; S. Kaufman, marshal.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of F. A. A. M. (colored) of the District of Columbia has elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Charles C. C. Johnson, M. W. G. M.; W. H. Grimshaw, R. W. D. G. M.; John N. Hunt, R. W. S. G. W.; John H. Dawkins, R. W. J. G. W.; Mason S. Lowery, R. W. G. treasurer; William H. Myers, R. W. G. secretary; Harrison Gordon, W. G. chaplain; Samuel West, W. S. G. deacon; M. H. Robertson, W. J. G. deacon, and Charles H. Hunt, W. G. tyler.

National Council, No. 217, A. L. of H., elected the following officers to serve for the year 1882 at the last meeting: Henry Jenkins, commander; E. M. Roach, vice-commander; H. F. Pierce, orator; John R. Colletto, secretary; M. J. Prandi, collector; N. Demongeot, treasurer; Hugh Tuohy, chaplain; Emma Sheridan, guide; Richard Rogers, warden; W. H. Fenwick, sentry; R. Schwickardi, S. Oppenheimer, Hugo Hildebrandt, trustees. The council by resolution unanimously requested the supreme council to commission Dr. Z. T. Sowers, of this city, as medical examiner.

At a regular meeting of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 5, K. of P., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Michael Wallace, C. C.; John A. Frank, V. C.; Henry Yunsecr, prelate, re-elected; John S. Finch, K. of R. and S., re-elected; John M. Kline, M. of F., re-elected; N. Demongeot, M. of E., re-elected; S. F. Stelle, M. at A. Representatives to Grand Lodge—D. D. Daughton, A. J. Gunning, John F. Moling, John M. Kline, and James K. Watt.

GUITEAU'S TURBULENCE.

His Counsel Are Glad that He Has Been Placed in the Dock.

Mr. Reed was asked last evening by a REPUBLICAN reporter if Guiteau's counsel intended to make any motion in court to-day relative to the prisoner's removal to the dock.

He replied: "No; we are perfectly satisfied with his being there. We are glad to have him away from us, as he was a great annoyance, and Mr. Scoville has always been anxious to have something done to keep him quiet."

"Do you think that it will be accomplished now?"

"I don't suppose that it will. He can be just as noisy in the dock as in his former seat with the counsel, and when anything is said that he don't like he will speak out. Still it is a possibility, and the experts have testified that punishment inflicted on insane persons has had the effect of making them more tractable. I don't think that the public understand this case. It is not the only one on record where the prisoner has been so turbulent. In the case of Lawrence, who attempted to shoot President Jackson, the prisoner was so turbulent during the trial that his counsel urged the Court to have him removed from the court-room on the ground that, as his act was only a misdemeanor, he could legally be removed. The judge, however, refused to have the prisoner removed, the trial proceeded, and the interruptions continued. It seems to be the general opinion that this Guiteau trial is without a parallel, but such is not the case."

A Well-Acted French Play.

The pupils of Mlle. Hilton gave a very finished French dramatic performance at the Johnson House last night. The young ladies not only acted their parts in a manner that surprised the audience, but showed by their perfect accent and gesticulation the results of careful and patient teaching. The subjects chosen for representation were "Telemaque," a burlesque on Fenelon's celebrated work, and a comedy entitled "Le Testament de Madame Patural." The parlors were crowded by a select and critical audience, several of our best society people being present. At the conclusion of the performance dancing was indulged in, several of the performers keeping on their stage costumes, looking very fascinating in their French mob caps, with bodices of velvet or silk overskirt of some lighter material, decked with gay ribbons. The acting was so universally good that it is impossible to award the palm to any particular *artiste*. To Miss Sewell great praise must be given, as she took her part on very short notice, owing to the indisposition of the young lady who was originally cast for the part. The following is the cast: "Telemaque"—*Telemaque*, A. L. Wilson; *Mentor*, N. S. Wilson; *Calypso*, M. W. Emory; *Eucharis*, N. W. Jugle; *Nymphes*, L. Tilton, M. Lincoln, M. Ashford, S. Alury, Grace Davis. "Le Testament"—*Madame Robin*, Miss Sewell; *La Marquise de Rocencolf*, N. Wilson; *Madame de Lorieur*, N. Jugle; *Jeanneton*, M. Ashford; *Gertrude*, A. L. Wilson; *Punchionelle*, S. H. James.

"The Chimes of Normandy."

The Washington Operatic Association held its regular rehearsal last evening, both the cast and chorus being present in full force. It has been decided to give the performances at Lincoln Hall, on the 14th and 15th of January, will also a matinee on the 15th. The indications point to a superior representation, Mr. Sousa having brought his forces into a high state of perfection. There will be a cast rehearsal at Lincoln Hall to-morrow afternoon at one o'clock, and it is expected that the tickets will be ready for distribution at the next general rehearsal.

Sale at the Navy-Yard.

An auction sale of sweepings and clippings from the sail and rigging lofts at the navy-yard took place yesterday at noon, when about fifteen thousand pounds of scraps from the rigging loft was sold to Mr. Dreyfuss, of Alexandria, for eighty-five cents per hundred pounds, and over four thousand pounds of sail clippings and sweepings, for ninety-seven cents per hundred, to E. G. Wheeler, of this city.

Police Court Notes.

A colored boy named Joseph James was sent down for thirty days for stealing a toy drum.

An ugly little negro woman, named Elsie Dusenberry, was fined $5 by Judge Snell for firing off a pistol in the streets.

James Walsh, an elderly white man, living on High street, Georgetown, was fined $5 or fifteen days for firing a gun at a chicken in his yard.

Charles E. Golden seized the golden opportunity of serenading Agnes Smith in the classic precincts of Louse alley with a tin horn, for which boisterous conduct he was fined $5.

Several additional cases of obstructing the sidewalks were before the Police Court yesterday. Mr. S. R. Bond appeared for the defendants, and the court gave them until to-day to remove the obstructions. Mr. Bond told the court that there was a case of the same character as these and from the same neighborhood pending in the Criminal Court, and they are waiting for a decision in one of them.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS.

Miss Inez C. Filippo, who has been teaching near Hagerstown, Md., is spending the holidays at home in this city.

Miss Nannie Kilby, daughter of Dr. John R. Kilby, of Suffolk, Va., is visiting the family of Rev. O. F. Filippo.

Superintendent Carne has received from Auditor Massey a warrant for $1,038.36, being the amount due this city from the State school fund for 1881.

The city school board meets on Friday next. The subject of a general vaccination of public school pupils will probably be brought before the board.

The interest on the bonds of the city of Alexander due January 1, 1882, will be paid promptly, as the funds for the purpose have already been provided.

Miss Violett, the faster, finished her fifty-third day yesterday, and the physicians say she has sufficient vitality left to sustain her alive ten days longer. She has abandoned snuff.

Justice Thomas M. Brown lies paralyzed at his home on the southwest edge of the city. He cannot walk, and one of his arms is affected. Mr. Brown was a member of the Union Legislature of Virginia, which held sessions at the Council Chambers here during the war.

The mayor had before him yesterday three prisoners—two young white men, for fighting at Fishtown Tuesday night, and William Laws, colored, for disorderly conduct. The white men were fined $5 each and discharged, and Laws was locked up for further examination this morning.

LOCAL MENTION.

Pure Grape Wine.

The President and a Committee from the Farmers' Club, of the American Institute, have visited Speer's Vineyards and Wine Cellars, and they report that the Port Grape Wine of Alfred Speer, of Passaic, New Jersey, is the most reliable wine to be obtained. It is now being used by Physicians who are the most choice in the selection of wines for convalescent patients. The principal hospitals in New York have adopted this wine. Its superiority is supposed to arise from the iron in the soil. The vineyards are on a brownstone shale rock. For sale by druggists and grocers.

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Subscriptions to the stock of the company will be received by C. P. CULVER, special agent, at his office, No. 503½ D street northwest, or by any member of the Board of Trustees. dec21-1m

OFFICE OF FIREMEN'S INSURANCE Company of Washington and Georgetown, Room No. 1, over Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C., December 17, 1881. The stockholders of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown will meet at this office on MONDAY, January 2, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m., for the purpose of electing thirteen directors for the ensuing year. C. W. HOWARD, Secretary. dec17 to jan2

PERSONS WHOSE RESIDENCES ARE robbed in this city are requested to notify THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN at once, as the Police Department do not appear to want the matter made public, under the erroneous impression that secrecy leads to detection of crime. se19-tf

HOLIDAY GOODS—PLAIN, RICHLY-cut, and Engraved Bottles; Celluloid Cases, in Plush and Russia Leather, at Dulin's drug store, cor. Fifteenth st. and New York ave. n. w. dec17-2w

OFFICE OF THE WATER REGISTRAR, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1881. Watertakers are hereby notified that water rents will be due on JANUARY 1, 1882, and unless paid within thirty days from that date the law authorizes the water to be cut off from premises and the penalty of $2 added to the bill. THOS. C. COX, Water Registrar. dec15-tjan1

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTees by the stockholders of the National Metropolitan Fire