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UNDOUBTEDLY THE MEN who do the most for Washington and get the least thanks for it are the real estate dealers and operators. To their energy, enterprise, capital and courage is due much of the prosperity of the District. They have advanced the value of real estate or, when they have not been able to advance it, they have kept it from declining, by assiduous and intelligent effort. They exploit the attractions of the city and its vicinity by liberal advertising; they beautify property, both urban and suburban by judicious and liberal expenditure; they not only sell for one class and buy for another, but their activity and their indomitable and progressive enterprise constitute a guarantee that real estate in the District will not be suffered to depreciate, and that the integrity of investments will be maintained by every means within the reach of human ingenuity.

It is a common experience to hear "real estate people" referred to in terms of disparagement. Those who do so must be very forgetful or very ignorant. These "real estate people" are the best friends and the most valuable allies of all who own property here. Their restless energy, their unstinted efforts, their progressive and shrewd operations, all contribute powerfully to the common weal. And if one could but know the obstacles they encounter, the ingratitude the insincerity and the unfairness with which their services are too often requited, he would regard them with even more respect and admiration than he is forced to feel upon the merely superficial aspects of the case.

It is high time to stop this silly and unjust criticism. Get into your dog cart or, barring that, into a car of some suburban railway and take a survey of the intelligent and substantial improvements that have been made in every direction by these "real estate people." It is their faith in the future of Washington that has prompted, and their money that has carried out these beneficent enterprises. They have built up the waste places and turned bleak hillsides and noxious sloughs into wholesome and beautiful landscapes. In improving their own they have improved your property. In contributing so generously and so effectively to the general scheme of development they have added to the value of your possessions and enhanced the beauty of the city in which you live. They are entitled to your regard and gratitude.

ITALIANS IN VARIOUS parts of the country are still piling up acts of lawlessness in vindication of the New Orleans lynchers.

THE REPORT THAT ex-SENATOR INGALLS has been engaged to lecture in the principal cities of the country, commencing next fall, will be welcome news to lovers of ornamental word-building. Anticipation of the delights in store for them may well go far toward relieving the soggy tedium of conflict with caloric during the summer months. And after they have listened to him, they will have to admit that the MACAULAYS of the press have not moistened their verbal brushes with colors one whit too glowing in the attempt to make the ex-Senator's personality live on the canvas of current history.

By study of his printed speeches and his contributions to various periodicals, they have already learned to appreciate the intellectual essence of his efforts; and while they may not be a unit in yielding to his *dicta* on things political and otherwise, they will not spare the acknowledgment that his manner is masterly and attractive, his wit keen, and his sarcasm a most effective weapon. But when they come to see the man and hear his voice, they will begin to realize the truth, which ordinary speakers fail to illustrate, that the orator and the honeyed droppings of his tongue lose as much virtue through separation as do the perfume and the flower, the dewy breath of morn and the pulsing crimson of the sun-kissed hills. INGALLS in print fills the brain with intellectual fragrance. INGALLS in Senatorial repose or at the plow is a source of visual intoxication. Combine the two, gather the eloquence as it is emitted, fresh from a glowing personality bathed in Parnassian dew and the sense of mental and spiritual fullness becomes complete.

The only question is as to whether INGALLS will let himself out, and there can be but little doubt that he will. For, like ROSCOE CONKLING, whom he resembles somewhat in his delivery, he is not only ready at all times with the word that shall securely rivet the thought with the greatest neatness and dispatch, but his vocal machinery is always well-oiled and in running order and answers the first motion of the lever without any of the painful preliminary hesitation which is too common even among orators of renown.

If, therefore, there be any truth in the statement that he will swing around the lecture circle next season, a treat of surpassing luxury is in store for those who have learned to admire INGALLS at long range without having heard and seen him.

IT IS ABOUT TIME for RUBINI to realize that a lynch-pin is not loose in the American car of progress.

NOTWITHSTANDING the diplomatic reserve of high Government officials as to the programme to be followed in the Itata case, it is quite safe to assume that the Administration will make every effort to discharge its obligations to Chili. The United States is committed to that course in the most solemn manner in which a nation can assume a responsibility. We, ourselves, invoked the judgment of the civilized world when we procured the creation of the Geneva tribunal in the Alabama affair, and, in accepting the award there made against England in our favor, we pledged ourselves, by every consideration that nations regard as sacred, to stand by the principle involved and to hold ourselves forever in readiness as its champion. This country cannot afford, even were it base enough to desire such a thing, to repudiate obligations so solemnly incurred. Foreigners, no matter whether they be recognized belligerents or only irresponsible rebels, cannot be permitted to fit out or supply privateers or men-of-war in our ports. When they attempt to do so they must be prevented by every force at our command. We have brought about the promulgation of this rule of international action. We, above all other nations, are bound to observe it in honor and good faith. And, so much being certain, one need not be a prophet or a clairvoyant to feel warranted in saying that the Government will do all its duty in this matter of the Itata, no matter what the cost or the consequence may be.

IF THERE IS any truth in the statement of the Syrian, ELIAS KHOURI, that he knows how to manufacture silk without the aid of the catterpillar, it will go far toward knocking the wind out of the old saw about the silk purse and the sow's ear.

THE breezy INDIVIDUALS who are considering the possibility that ex-President CLEVELAND will be forced to recant his expressions of opinion on silver would do well to study that gentleman's character more and do less random thinking. Mr. CLEVELAND might possibly butt his head against a brick wall or do some other stubborn steadfast thing in case of necessity. But whatever may be said against him, he was not cut out for a trimmer. Perhaps he may assume that role by the time the big elephant out at Rock Creek Park learns to dance a hornpipe on a bridge of moonshine.

IF THE NATIONAL baseball aggregation doesn't begin working its way to the front, it may have to let go of the tail itself before long.

MESSRS. LEE & SHEPARD, the well-known Boston publishers, are issuing from their press a set of publications known as the "Good Company Series." They are sold at the uniform price of fifty cents, neatly bound in paper and printed in that clear and attractive style of which the imprint of LEE & SHEPARD is a guarantee. We have before us, now, No. 9 of the series. It is entitled, "Which Wins?" and is the work of Mrs. MARY H. FORD of Kansas City. The story is, as the title page declares, one of social conditions. It treats of the mortgage system of the West and, the author asserts, deals entirely with facts, most of which are of her own personal knowledge and all of which are absolutely authentic. That the author is in close and fervent sympathy with the Farmers' Alliance is evident enough from the circumstance that she has dedicated her book to that organization. Whether the public at large will be inclined in the same direction depends upon the extent to which the book is read. For our part, we find it extremely interesting. Possessing all the elements of interest that are to be found in a well-constructed narrative in which love and humor and pathos abound, it has, beside, the additional attraction of a study of those social and economic conditions which enter into our daily lives and constitute one of the most vivid and momentous problems of our national development.

WE HAD THE baseball fever once: it kept our thinkers hot. Now cold and cheerless thoughts are ours that warm our thinkers not.

UNCLE SAM is having plenty of fun with his neighbors.

ON DIT.

Senator McPherson is at the Brevoort House, New York.

Admiral and Mrs. Fairfax returned to their home in Hagerstown, Md., this morning.

Ex-Senator Ingalls is in New York to arrange with Major Pond for a series of lectures.

Treasurer E. H. Nebeker is visiting his home in Covington, Ind., but will return here in about a fortnight.

Mrs. Mann has with her as her guest Miss Swann, one of the prettiest girls seen in Washington for many a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Pellew entertained a few friends at dinner last night, among them Mr. Barclay of the British Legation.

The Brazilian Minister, Senor Salvador de Mendonca, with his family, will pass the season at their beautiful summer home in the Adirondack Mountains.

Senor Don Miguel Suarez, the Spanish Minister, and Captain Manuel Carre, military attache of the Spanish Legation, are at the Victoria Hotel, New York.

The Blaine mansion, formerly occupied by the Letters, having been thoroughly renovated from the effects of the late fire, is now being made ready for occupancy.

Miss Alice Nisbet Parker, who has been spending the winter with her cousin, Mrs. Hinckley, the mother of the talented young soloist, Mr. Robert Hinckley, has returned to the Milton.

Assistant Secretary of State Adee has purchased the farm of Mr. P. C. Gorman, in the Sixth district of Maryland; and is having extensive improvements made. He will soon occupy the premises.

Miss Elise Horsey and her youngest sister; Miss Anna Horsey, sailed for Europe this week, where the latter will be placed at school in the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Paris, when Miss Horsey will return to "Needwood," Frederick County, Md.

Miss Litchfield, who has been occupying a handsome residence on Connecticut avenue this winter and has given a number of pleasant little teas and dinners, will move into her new house, which she is building near Dupont Circle, as soon as it is ready.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Breton, No. 1132 N street, give on Monday evening, May 11, a *musicale*. Among the several amateurs who will sing will be Mrs. Jungen, the wife of Lieutenant Jungen of the Navy, whose lovely voice has delighted all who have heard her sing.

Miss Sybil D'Oyly, the lovely young English cousin of of Mrs. Henry E. Pellew, will spend next week with Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote at the British Legation. Miss D'Oyly has become an immense favorite in society during her brief visits to Washington from her Virginian home.

Mr. Ho, the first secretary of the Chinese Legation, has more friends among the little children who frequent Dupont Circle than all the Diplomatic Corps put together. Whenever they see him coming they always make a rush for him. His boon companion is a chubby little chap, aged 1 year, one of the neighbors' children, to whom the kindly Chinese diplomat is quite devoted.

Mrs. William Morris Hunt has issued cards to a *musicale* to meet Mrs. Wheelen of Philadelphia Monday evening, May 11, at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Whelen is one of the most gifted amateur singers and one of the most charming of women, and a *musicale* at Mrs. Hunt's is always an event here. Mrs. Mabel Hunt, who has had the best instruction under one of the best masters in Europe, plays the violin like an artist, with rare skill and feeling. Mr. Paul Hunt is equally good with his violoncello. Some of the best amateurs in society will doubtless lend their talents to the occasion. Aside from the music the Hunt household is one of the most cultivated and cosmopolitan at this Capital. There is an atmosphere of refinement and warm-hearted hospitality about the fair inmates that makes the house the favorite rendezvous of the nicest people in society.

Mr. Henry Guy Carleton's new romantic drama, "The Lion's Mouth," was performed for the first time in San Francisco, Cal., at the California Theatre March 16 with Mr. Frederick Warde in the principal role of *Duke de Novara*. The scene is laid in Venice, time the XVI century. In the first act the scenery represents a street in Venice, in the second the gardens of the Doge's Palace, in the third act the Giant's Staircase, "the Lion's Mouth," and in the fourth the Torture Chamber of the Inquisition. "The Lion's Mouth" was the receptacle of scrolls, denouncing persons in Venice supposed to be inimical to the interests of the State and which denunciations were acted on by a secret Council of Three. It was the means of gratifying private malice for the most part and in the same class as the Star Chamber in the time of the first Charles of England and the Vehmgericht of Germany, when there was very little law for the general weal, and what there was had only imperfect administration. The press of San Francisco is unanimous in its praise of Mr. Carleton's play. All of the romantic, social and political life of Venice is painted with force and it is declared to have been written with marked dramatic talent and power. Mr. Carleton has already written several clever and powerful plays which have been produced with success. "The Lion's Mouth" is, without doubt, one of his best.

AS IT WAS PRESCRIBED.

She vowed she'd be a doctor,
And studied hard and late,
Till odds and ends of knowledge
Roamed round within her pate.
She got her sheepskin quickly,
Then out her shingle hung;
And after weeks of waiting,
Her office bell was rung.
A stylish, handsome fellow
Stepped in, with looks of pain,
And said: "I fear there's something
The matter with my brain."
His eyes she gazed deep into,
While he with looks intent
Gazed back with compound interest.
Till a queer feeling went
A scooting round his heart strings.
He smiled a charming smile,
As she quite gravely counted
His pulse, twice in a while.
Then he in accents tender
Said: "Pardon me; I fear
That I have quite misled you.
Such curious thumps I hear
Within my heart, dear madame,
I fear it's that that's wrong;
Just cure this and my head-gear
Will not be ailing long."
She wavered, blushed and dimpled—
"Prescribe, I beg, a wife,"
And 'twas so complicated
That she took the case for life.

—*Pharmaceutical Era.*

THE CRITIC ABROAD.

At Chamberlin's the other night a party of distinguished rounders were exchanging gossip. Among other topics the talk touched upon Handy—Moses P. Handy of the umbrageous whiskers and the gaudy side-lights. Everybody loves Handy and wishes him well, and it was the general opinion that the Fair managers had struck it rich when they got him for their Promoter-in-Chief. Many were the reminiscences brought out and the good things said apropos of Moses, and various and lurid were the descriptions of his wonderful whiskers.

Then somebody began to tell of Eugene Field, of his various tricks and quips and witticisms. There was a story about his astonishing watch. It seems he went to the trouble of procuring an enormous silver watch, the size of a rutabaga turnip. Somewhere within the vast interior of this instrument, he had placed a contrivance of such a nature that when one turned the stem as though to wind it up it gave forth a loud and rasping noise like unto that of ten locusts sawing their resounding legs at once. It was a startling and an awful racket, calculated to shock a nervous person and to irritate the most phlegmatic. Armed with this engine of torture, Field used to repair to theatres where dreadful and heartrendering plays were in process of evolution, and then, at harrowing points, when the villian was unfolding his hellish plot, or the virtuous maiden defying a ruthless persecutor, and everybody was hanging in suspense upon the same, Field would unsheathe his watch and turn the crank with industry. He always broke up the tragedy.

"But the funniest thing Field ever did," said one of the party, "was the way he addressed a letter to Mose Handy. He took a white envelope and drew on it the back of a human head. He picked out a few tufts of hair on top of it and then from the cheeks he drew a pair of flowing and luxuriant whiskers which he tinted with his red pencil. Then he wrote under it simply

"'PHILADELPHIA,
"'PENN.'

"That was all. The letter went straight to Handy."

Up in the row a party of newspaper correspondents were discussing the game of draw-poker the other evening when a Western representative suggested that he had examined the chemical composition of the game with a spectroscope and had found to average about as follows:

Protoxide of nine high	3.416
Nitrate of two jacks	2.983
Sulphurate of kings up	1.047
Carbonet of three bulls	.984
Methylate of sequence	.636
Bi-bortate of flush	.238
Hypophosphite of queen full	.38
Subacetate of fours	.115
Carburet of straight flush	.021
Silicate of bluff, cyanide of bob-tail and other foreign substances	a trace
Total	10.000

"It will be learned from the above," sagely remarked the W. R., "that the quantity of straight flush in an average hand is mighty small, and I would like for you to show me the man who has knowledge to the contrary."

Not a soul disputed the proposition and the unanimous verdict seemed to be that they had never heard of enough straight flush together at one time to do much damage.

Finally an F. F. V. said that he knew of one case, and only one—that of a man who suffered a sudden attack of quadruple jacks and who happened to fall against a bait gourd full of the carburet and subsequently went home in a barrel minus his clothes.

Just beyond the Boundary and almost touching the beautiful little suburb of Le Droit Park, is one of the most desolate and neglected spots in the District. It is an old cemetery, from the graves of which the bodies have long since been removed, but the mouments and tombstones are still left standing. The fence around the little cemetery has long since been used to kindle the fires of the denizens of the surrounding commons, and the whole place with its tottering headstones and yawning graves, is unpleasantly suggestive of resurrection day. Here a handsome slab of marble has fallen forward into the grave and the inscription stares up into your face, telling that here lies Michael O'Connor, a native of County Kerry. There in a clump of bushes almost hidden is a rude pile of granite memorials, as if each spirit before departing had placed it there instead of carrying it with him to his new resting grave.

A few of the more pretentious monuments, fortunate enough to be protected by rusty iron fences, have thus far escaped injury, except from the hands of time. They were once triumphs of the local stone-cutter's art, but they are so worn and defaced by the wind and weather, that they are scarcely recognizable as memorials of the dead at all. Once this cemetery was one of the most beautiful, instead of the most neglected, of places. The graves were grown over with myrtle and violets, and handsome elms and drooping willows shaded its winding paths. They are gone now, and in their stead, a grove of sickly young trees have sprung up, and the half-filled graves are overrun with rank bushes and weeds. It is a rendezvous for the youth of the neighborhood, who play at leap frog and hide and seek about the vacant grounds, or, exercising their own ingenuity, scratch rude inscriptions on the backs of the stones.

Many of the original inscriptions are still well preserved and, with exceptions, the persons once buried there were natives of Ireland and the cemetery was called after Ireland's patron saint. Why these stones are still left there is unknown, but there they will probably remain, a constant reminder of the remembrance which we bear the departed, until some body carts them away and breaks them up for cobble stones.

At nearly every one of the police stations in town there is a pet. These pets are for the most part cats or dogs, and they get so accustomed to associating with policemen that they will have nothing to do with any one else. But the life of these station-house pets is not very long, and not very happy either, for that matter. Inspector Swindells of the detective office has been singularly unfortunate. He had the oldest cat, perhaps, in town. She had become a feature of the office and antedated every other attache there. No one ever thought of death in connection with her, and nearly every policeman in town who has a home has one of that feline's offspring as a household god. But some time ago her health began to fail and her hair began to fall out so rapidly that she became quite bald. All sorts of remedies were tried, but they were of no avail, and one day Jim, the janitor, was seen to leave the office with a bag under his arm. He was afterward heard to remark to an old crony of his outside:

"I flung de bag 'round my head three times an' den I lef' her loose. Dat you kno', Brer Johnsing, hab never fail yit."

Brer Johnsing nodded acquiescence, and the cat has never been seen around headquarters since.

But she left one of her descendants to take her place, and the fate of this kitten was scarcely less terrible than that which befell its mother. It escaped for two weeks the feet of policemen, detectives, reporters and casual visitors, and everyone began to hope that it would take the place so long occupied by the old lady.

But one day alarming symptoms appeared. The kitten began to swell! Everything that could be done to suppress the swelling was done, but it wouldn't be stopped. Every day some new medicine was tried but it did no good and gradually the kitten took the shape of a toy balloon. Police surgeons were consulted. They could do nothing and neither could Dr. Frank, the Sanitary Officer. The kitten got so round that it could barely wobble about, but one day it did wobble to the front door of the office. The door was open and out into the street it wandered. A gust of wind came along up Louisiana avenue about this time and Ned Horne declares to this day that he saw that cat floating over City Hall at the rate of a mile every two seconds.

Reminded of His Nuptial Vow.

From the New York Sun.

The Wife (3 a. m.)—When you married me, did you not promise to love, cherish and protect me?

The Husband (sleepily)—Yes.

The Wife—Well, then, get up, light the gas, and kill that mosquito.

NO DELEGATES TO ROME.

Will Be Sent by the Americans When the Medical Congress Meets.

The International Medical Congress will hold its next convention in the City of Rome in 1893. Delegates from every civilized country will be present, but, unless the *entente cordiale* is restored between Italy and the United States, there will be no American delegates. While no formal action on this subject was taken by the American Medical Association at its sessions in this city, the question was talked over privately among the doctors, and it was generally agreed that, unless America has a Minister at Rome next year the medical association which meets at Detroit will refuse to appoint delegates to represent us at the Italian Capitol.

Dr. John B. Hamilton, Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service, when questioned on the subject by a CRITIC-RECORD reporter said: "Of course if friendly relations between the two countries are not restored before the medical association meets in May next, we will not send any delegates to Rome."

Professor Hilgard's Death.

Professor Julius E. Hilgard, late superintendent of the United States Coast Survey, died at his home in this city yesterday after a long and painful illness. Julius Erasmus Hilgard was born at Zweibricken, Bavaria, January 7, 1825, and came to America in 1835. In 1845 he entered the service of the United States Coast Survey, then directed by Alexander Dallas Bache.

His work lay directly in the line of his profession, in the improvements of methods, the determination of weights and measures, and the novel method of ascertaining the differences of longitude by telegraph. His publications of these subjects are to be found chiefly in the Coast Survey reports. One of the most noteworthy relates to the telegraphic determination of the differences of longitude between Greenwich, Paris and Washington.

He was a delegate to the International Metric Commission in 1872, and a member of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, of which he declined the directorship. He was an original member of the National Academy of Sciences and for some years its home secretary. After the death of Mr. Patterson, in 1881, he was appointed superintendent, and for a time the tardy recognition seemed to give him new life. But the political changes in 1884 that caused his removal resulted in a depression of spirits from which he never rallied.

Departure of Mr. Stoddard for Mexico.

John L. Stoddard, who has just finished his twelfth lecture season, proposes an entirely new departure in his plans for next year. He has become widely known as a traveler through Europe. He now proposes to turn his attention to certain features of our own continent. Attracted by its far-extending and exceptionally interesting history, by its unique features of civilization and by the reports which have reached him as to the beauty of its scenery, Mr. Stoddard has decided to include one or more lectures on Mexico in his repertoire for next season. As it is his invariable rule not to speak upon a country with which he is not personally acquainted, his managers, Messrs. Burditt and North, have arranged for him an excursion under unusually favorable conditions which will enable him to see this country to the best advantage. The party, consisting of Mr. Stoddard, Mr. North and Mr. Rau, an eminent photographer, started from Chicago yesterday, having secured for the trip the palatial Pullman car "Coronet," in which Mme. Bernhardt has lately been traveling.

Fortified with letters of introduction to distinguished Mexicans, backed up enthusiastically by the American contingent in Mexico and the railroad officials, who are anxious that our people should know more of their adopted country, and with his invaluable experience as a traveler, it will readily be seen that Mr. Stoddard's patrons of next season are in a way to be informed about and entertained by Mexico, as only this prince of lecturers can do it.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Meigs Case of Oneonta, New York, is at Willards.

The Rev. Dr. Hicks and wife of London are at the Arlington.

Mr. C. L. Pleasants of the St. Louis *Republic* is at the St. James.

Mr. Austin C. Edwards of London, England, is at the Arlington.

The Rev. T. J. Downey of Leavenworth, Kansas, is stopping at the Metropolitan.

Dr. G. E. Van Gensyling of Albany, New York, and Mr. G. W. Collier of the United States Marine Corps and wife are at the National.

Hon. R. M. Yardley of Doylestown, Pa.; Henry L. Guerin of Paris, France, and John K. Cowen, a leading Democratic politician of Baltimore, are at the Ebbitt.

Miss Marie Decca left for Philadelphia and New York to-day at noon. She will appear at the Academy of Music in concert with the Marine Band in the former city to-night and in New York to-morrow night. The band and Miss Decca will return here on Wednesday to prepare for the Presidential concert to be given on next Friday evening.

Metropolitan—F. M. Sawyer and wife, South Bend, Ind.; T. D. Stakes, Richmond, Va.; J. M. Harry, Charlotte, N. C.; E. K. Collier, New Orleans, La.; T. F. Wood, Wilmington, N. C.; W. B. Pecor, Maysville, Ky.

National—Albert G. Duncan, Rochester, N. Y.; W. Thomas, Oakland, Md.; D. B. Austin, Grand Rapids, Mich.; George Marsh and wife, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. J. H. Blount, Macon, Ga.; W. F. Bate and George E. Steen, Conshocken, Pa.

St. James—George Moon, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; W. R. Curtis, Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Bullock, Mt. Holly, N. J.; J. L. Sperry, Chicago; C. W. Haden, Montgomery, Ala.; E. H. Prentice and wife, San Francisco; D. Pullman, Kansas City, Mo.

Willard's—B. A. Elliott, Pittsburg; Nathan Bartlett, South Bethlehem, Pa.; S. J. Tennant, jr., New Orleans; H. B. Floyd, Boston; Hermann Seibert and wife, Newark; Miss Heinsworth, Chicago.

Arlington—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller, Bellefonte, Pa.; George H. Davis, Chicago; W. B. Franklin, New York; Aug. C. Barry, San Rafael, Cal.; George W. Ketchem and wife, Newark, N. J.; C. O. Probest, Columbus, Ohio.

Hotel Johnson—Louis Durr, Milwaukee; M. K. Bowen, Kansas City; M. M. Mann, Manchester, Va.; Maurice Bonly, Maryland; A. Stetson, Philadelphia.

Ebbitt—Major B. B. Fleming, U. S. A., retired; H. C. Parsons, Natural Bridge, Va.; W. H. Bowers, Denver, Col.; G. McKnight, St. Louis; T. J. Hogan, Pittsburg; R. P. Spencer, Cincinnati; C. N. Metcalf and wife, Indianapolis.

Wormley's—Miss M. R. Bird and Miss S. C. Bridge, Boston, Mass.; Mr. J. W. Whalley and Miss Jane Whalley, Portland, Ore.

Dr May's Will.

The will of Dr. John Frederick May was filed in the Orphans' Court to-day. He gives his entire estate, real and personal, to his wife and children. He expresses a wish that his estate be kept intact and undivided so as to insure his wife and children a certain income during their lives. His son, William, is made co-trustee and receives his entire surgical and medical library and surgical instruments.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued to-day: Stewart West and Violet Brown, Michael P. Coakley and Margaret Walsh, Washington; Nason Bruce and Elizabeth Simms of Hillsdale, D. C.; John Hodges and Mamie Brady, St. Mary's County, Md.

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THE SECRET SOCIETIES.

WHAT THE ORDERS ARE DOING FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.

Gossip of the Mystic Circles—Happenings in This and Other Cities of Interest to the Knights and Nobles.

The committee on accommodations for the twenty-fifth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in Detroit, Mich., August 3 to 8, has sent circulars to every part of the United States and Canada, giving information as to hotel and other accommodations to be had in that city during the encampment week. Hotel rates will be from $2 to $5 per day. Board and lodgings in private and boarding-houses will be from $1.50 to $2.50 per day, and lodgings from 50 cents to $1 per night. They also inform the comrades that there will be plenty of restaurants and eating-houses where meals and refreshments can be had at reasonable prices. Camping grounds will be furnished at the Detroit Exposition buildings, and grounds, tents, cots and mattresses will be furnished to the comrades free of expense, but each comrade is expected to furnish his own blanket. Hotel accommodations are somewhat limited, and are chiefly reserved for headquarters of the various departments.

Knights of Pythias.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Knights of Pythias' Hall was held last night, at which it was reported that the proceeds of the recent fair held for the benefit of the temple building amounted to over $4,000. The temple will be built on the lot now occupied by the temporary hall on Ninth street, near Massachusetts avenue.

Preparations for the K. of P. encampment to be given by the local commanderies are being made, and as announced in a recent issue of this paper, nearly all of the commanderies will participate in the exercises.

Junior Order Mechanics.

A complimentary concert and box party was given last night under the auspices of Columbia Council, No. 32, Junior O. U. A. M., at Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Twentieth street and Pennsylvania avenue. It was a most enjoyable affair and among those who were prominent in entertaining the large company present were Miss Rose Meede, vocal soloist; Mr. J. D. Avery, guitarist; Mr. Frank Depro, comic soloist, and George Depro, guitarist. Much praise is due to the committee of arrangements, composed of Messrs. W. L. Godfrey, C. F. Blundon and J. D. Avery for the excellent manner in which all the details of the affair were looked after. The Hebrew impersonations of Mr. Frank Depro fairly took the "house."

The Golden Cross.

Meridian Commandery held a very interesting meeting last evening at Societies' Temple, corner Fifth and G streets northwest. Noble Commander Charles L. Patten presided. Sir Knight D. M. Keck read a poem entitled "The Good Samaritan." Sir Knight W. T. Kent gave an interesting account of his late visit to Colorado. Speeches on the good of the order were made by Sir Knights Granger, Woodward and Salmon. Ladies Elvira Moore and Alma C. Smith, Noble Commander Patten and others.

The Grand Commandery at its meeting on Wednesday evening last, passed a number of resolutions submitting amendments to the laws of the order and instructing the representatives to urge their adoption. A resolution to change the law in relation to the senior class was indefinitely postponed. The Grand Commandery will hold its closing session on Tuesday evening next, at the new Golden Cross Hall, Pennsylvania avenue, between Third and Fourth streets southeast, when theo fficers for the ensuing term will be elected.

ALEXANDRIA.

The rehearsal of the Musical Association last night was unusually fine. The vocal soloist was Mr. H. T. Statham of Washington, whose sweet baritone voice was perhaps never heard to better advantage. The flute playing of Messrs. Prevost and Gottlieb of Baltimore was a feature of the evening, and each of the trios were encored each time. The programme consisted of twenty numbers. The hall was packed, as usual.

Mr. Henry Coxon, the butcher, was found dead in an outhouse at his home in the western portion of the city this morning. His death was from heart disease. He was about 55 years or age, and leaves a widow and several children. The funeral takes place from St. Mary's Church to-morrow afternoon.

A charter has been granted by Judge Norton to the Albemarle Land and Lumber Company of Boston, Mass. The capital stock is $250,000, divided into ten-dollar shares. The officers are northern men. Col. L. W. Reid is one of those interested.

Messrs. Know & Herndon to-day sold the Padgett property. The house and store was bought in by Mrs. Padgett for $3,250; the stock of the new (Bethel) Cemetery, whose original value was $50 per share, sold at $80 and $873, showing a decided enhancing valuation of all sorts of property here.

A colored man living in the West End a few nights ago took some coal oil flavored with salt and died before morning in terrible agony.

A little colored girl died after several days of lockjaw, caused by a fall while jumping rope. The children say she jumped over 150 times and then tripped and fell, striking her head.

The stone that stuck in the front of the old Lancaster school building eighty odd years has been inserted in the side of the new Washington school building.

William Graw, who had an operation performed upon him yesterday for a kidney complaint, is much better to-day. He is an estimable colored man, and, perhaps, the wealthiest colored man in the State. His estate is valued at $100,000. He is a butcher.

It is said Sheriff Veitch of the county, will be opposed by some who say he could break up the Jackson City hells. It is nonsense, and he is too much appreciated to be retired, tho' a Democrat.

To-morrow the Sheriff will have a big posse and look around the Virginia shore from Chain to Long Bridge.

The Jury Makes Awards.

In the condemnation proceedings of the Rock Creek intercepting sewer, in which testimony has been given yesterday and to-day, the verdict of the jury was that Evan Lyons be awarded $2,500 and E. M. Darnell and Emily Darnell, $750. The verdict is a victory for the District as it reduces the amount, that a former jury agreed upon, over $2,000.

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HOUSEKEEPERS ARE WARNED against the impositions of a company of females, who, under the lead of a male agent, are now infesting the kitchens of this city, performing a trick which they pretend is a test of baking powders.

It having been intimated that these persons are the paid agents of the Royal Baking Powder Company, this is to advise all concerned that this Company has no relation whatever to them, that their so-called test is a sham, and that the females are instructed and employed to perform these tricks and make false statements in all kitchens to which they can gain access, by concerns who are trying to palm off upon housekeepers an inferior brand of baking powder through the operation of fallacious and deceptive methods.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Money loaned at 3 per cent. Exchange closed steady; posted rates, 485 for sixty days, and 489 for demand; actual rates, 483½ for sixty days and 488⅛ for demand.

Governments, currency, 6's, 113 bid; 4's, coup., 120; 4½'s, do., 101 bid.

Pacific Railroad bonds closed as follows: Union Firsts, 108⅞ bid; do. Sinking Funds, 108 bid; Centrals, 108⅞ bid.

The stock market was moderately active during the two hours of business to-day, while prices were weak and declined throughout. There was a heavy selling of all the leading stocks, especially of St. Paul, Louisville and Nashville, Union Pacific, C., C., C. and St. Louis, Burlington, Chicago Gas, Atchison, Missouri Pacific. Prices went steadily down to the close. The unfavorable showing by the bank statement made public at 11:30 increased the weakness and prices closed at the lowest figures. The bank statement showed a loss in the reserves of $2,679,350. The decline ranged from ¼ to 2 per cent. Sales 167,732 shares.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Reported for THE CRITIC by Gurley & Stevens, real estate and local securities, 1335 F street northwest.

Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock m.—D. C. 6s of 1891, $600 a 102½. West End Nat. Bank, 3 a 101; 5 a 101. Cap. & North O St. R. R., 20 a 52; 10 a 52. Eck'n & Sol. Home R. R., 20 a 51; 20 a 50½; 20 a 50. Nat. Union Ins., 50 a 18½; 50 a 18. Col. Fire Ins., 50 a 16½. Potomac Ins., 10 a 83. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 100 a 85 cents.

After call—Electric Light Rights, 15 a 24.

Miscellaneous Bonds—W. & G. R. R. 10-40 6's, R'93-'23, 104; W. & G. R. R. Convertible 6's '99-'29, 125; Masonic Hall Ass'n 5's, C 1908, 104½; Wash. Market Co. 1st 6's 1892-1911, 110; Wash. Market Co., Imp. 6's 1912-'27, 116; Amer. Security and Trust, 5's, 1805, 100; Wash. Light Infantry, 1st 6's, 1904, 100; Washington Light Infantry, 2d 7's, 1904, 98; Wash. Gas Co. Ser. A, 6's, 1902-'27, 125; Wash. Gas. Co. Ser. B, 6's, 1904-'29, 127½; Wash. Gas Co. Convertible 6's, 1901, 139.

National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washington, 420; Bank of Republic, 270; Metropolitan, 280; Central, 300; Second, 184; Farmers' and Mechanics', 190; Citizens', 170; Columbia, 150; Capital, 125; West End, 101; Traders', 114; Lincoln, 100.

Railroad Stocks.—Washington and Georgetown, 210; Metropolitan, 110; Columbia, 61; Capitol and North O Street, 50; Eckington and Soldiers' Home, 48; Georgetown and Tenallytown, 62½.

Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 47; Franklin, 55; Metropolitan, 80; National Union, 8; Arlington, 176; Corcoran, 68; Columbia, 161; German American, 185; Potomac, 78; Riggs, 8; People's, 5½; Lincoln, 5; Commercial, 4½.

Title Insurance Stocks.—Real Estate Title, 128; Columbia Title, 6½.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 43½; Georgetown Gas, 48; U. S. Electric Light, 163½.

Telephone Stocks.—Pennsylvania, 25; Chesapeake & Potomac, 58; American Graphophone, 5½.

Miscellaneous Stocks—Washington Market, 15; Bull Run Panorama, 16; Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 4; Great Falls Ice, 150.

Safe Deposit and Trust Companies—Washington Safe Deposit, 110; Washington Loan and Trust, 95; Amer. Security and Trust, 79½.

Suffocated By Gas.

Martha Washington was a colored domestic in the family of Mrs. Thompson, who resides at No. 10 Fourth street southeast. She retired as usual last night, but did not arise at the usual hour this morning, and when one of the young ladies went to the door to awaken her the odor of escaping gas was plainly perceptible.

Imagining what had happened the young lady did not faint or scream, but forced the door open and found Martha dead in bed.

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles W. Simpson to Joseph G. Griffith, lot 8, square 81, $2,900.

James H. Jenkins to Bernard Walls, lot 12, square 775, $100.

John E. Beall to Margaret McIntyre Lammond, lot 21, block 3, $10.

Frederick Pelling to Edward T. Keller, lot B, square 327, Colman's subdivision, $10.

William H. Currie to Louise Miller, lot 47, square 866, Williams and Lewis' subdivision, $7,000.

R. C. Margum to L. S. Fletcher, subs. 72 to 83, square 3, Barry's Farm, $—.

Eliza Callahan to R. C. Margum, sub. lots 72 to 83, section 3, Barry Farm, $100.

Equity Court.

Judge Hagner presiding.—Coke vs. Woodbury; receiver authorized to pay wages. Broche vs. Broche; testimony before Alex H. Campbell, examiner, ordered taken. Cox vs. Cox; summons; ordered to issue. Condron vs. Condron; testimony before J. A. Clarke ordered taken. Savoy vs. Felds; pro confesso vs. Sarah Mathews granted. Desmond vs. McConnell; appearance of absent defendant ordered. Little vs. Duncanson; Earnshaw vs. Doby; Niemann vs. Mitchell; same. Earnshaw vs. Daily pro confesso vs. certain defendants ordered. In re Lucy L. Lang, alleged lunatic; discharge of committee ordered.

R. Mockbee & Co. Assign.

Yesterday afternoon R. Mockbee & Co., engaged in the shoe business at No. 1233 F street, made an assignment to Emory N. J. Carver of Baltimore for the benefit of their creditors.