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Weather Forecast.

For District of Columbia and Virginia, probably thunder showers in the afternoon; slightly cooler in the evening; winds becoming westerly.

IT IS extremely evident that Col. Conger, of Ohio, hasn't had a huge bite of state patronage.

BILL DALTON could secure a large salary if he would arrange to have his periodic deaths occur in a dime museum.

THE Lexow investigation should turn its search light in the direction of the George William Curtis monument fund.

ERASTUS WIMAN says he has been "forced into an unenviable situation." The worst part of the situation is yet to come.

NOW THAT the prospects are dim for a Corbett-Jackson contest, can't some energetic English manager get Croker up against Parkhurst.

AND it may possibly occur that the Illinois senatorial matter may be settled outside the columns of the Chicago Inter-Ocean and Tribune.

DELLA FOX tried Sunday to advertise for lost diamonds without disclosing her identity. Her unprofessional conduct was promptly showed up.

THE Morocco question will not be definitely settled until some phonograph has successfully implanted the name of Abdul Aziz on its rubber cylinder.

THE Lexow committee are going to put Superintendent Byrnes upon the rack. Let us hope that his examination will not result in the shattering of another of our idols.

THE basement rooms of the Capitol and the conference rooms of hotels are now sacred spots for sightseers. They once held the forces that passed the tariffled Wilson bill.

THE Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette is out in an editorial strongly favoring Thomas B. Reed as the next Republican presidential nominee. Napoleon Bonaparte McKinley wants to look out for his southern fences.

REV. MYRON H. REED wants to be governor of Colorado, and announces himself as a candidate. Rev. Myron is of the sensational order of preachers, and a contest between him and the sanguinary Governor Waite would be lively and interesting.

PARETIC JOURNALISM.

The prim old Post gave its readers a sensation yesterday that must have startled them into the belief that its management has an attack of paresis. Erratic, unwarranted, and unreasonable conduct is said to be a symptom of paresis, and the unaccountable departure of the Post from its time-honored policy of publishing rational information is an evidence that something is wrong.

The sensation was ruddy hued and alarming, but it failed to create any feeling except that of regret. Even had the story been true, there are good reasons why it should never have been published. Such information is generally followed by the misdeeds of cranks and half maniacs, who need only the prompting of alarmists to give impulse to their wheel-brained vagaries.

It is better to adhere to journalism that exposes wrong-doing and brings offenders to punishment than to publish sensations that demoralize and alarm the public. It is to be hoped that the Post will recover from its erratic attack and continue in the good old way.

LET US HAVE LIGHT.

The citizens of Washington pay large sums of money every year to the gas company for a very inferior article of light. It is the judgment of visitors and residents who have traveled that this is one of the worst lighted cities in the country, and yet it would be difficult to name another place where the rates exacted compare with those which this community is compelled to endure.

The poor quality of the light furnished and the excessive charges therefor may be accounted for by the fact that the business is a monopoly. The company is master of the situation. Its patrons may and do grumble and kick, but they have to pay the bill just the same.

Every few years an attempt is made to establish a competing company. Heretofore the old concern has either crushed out all opposition or bought off the projectors. After each such experience the invariable result ensued of poorer lights and heavy bills in order to make good to the company the expenses of the fight.

There are now before Congress bills for the reduction of the price of gas in this city to $1 per 1,000 feet, which also provide for an improvement in the quality. The rate fixed is ample, and the company can well afford to furnish good gas and make large dividends on its stock. Whether it will do so is another matter. Its past success in defeating all attempts to curb its greed has made it insolent and indifferent to the wishes of the people.

The company is making a great mistake. One of these days it may be shorn of its valuable franchise. Municipal lighting is making headway all over the country. Our local company should deal fairly with the people, and thus avert possible danger to itself.

HITS—OR MISSES.

A case is recorded of a servant who fooled with a gasoline stove and escaped.

The small boy invariably remarks about this time of the year on the injustice of having the month of July come during vacation and cheating him out of a holiday.

It is alleged that during the Pythian encampment saloon men intend to charge ten cents for schooners that pass in the Knights.

Secretary Smith has granted permission to the New York Museum of Natural History to enter the Uintah Indian reservation in Utah to obtain fossils. Strangely enough, no request has been made for permission to make explorations in the northern wing of the Capitol building.

Our trees are suffering for the want of money. Congressmen have perhaps determined to repent and fight shy of anything shady in the future.

An anarchist of fiendish ingenuity and the intention written all over his face of wrecking the beautiful capital city and the inhabitants thereof was seen by a reporter to enter a certain ill-appearing house recently with a bottle of dark beer under his arm. Dire results are expected.

It may be well to state for those who have formed a contrary opinion that the victims of the Ford's theater disaster were not the real criminals.

OTHER PEOPLE'S HITS.

Havemeyer is no narrow or radical partisan. He puts his money where it will do the most good.—Indianapolis News.

Let the college graduate put away his commencement oration and then read it again ten years later. It will not then seem such a masterpiece of eloquence and wisdom as it does to-day.—Boston Globe.

The black plague of China is attributed to miasmatic influences. What a clean sweep it would have at Washington.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Vassar graduate has solved the labor problem by reading an essay tied with old-gold ribbon on "Relief for the Unemployed." This settles it, of course.—Chicago Times.

Thus far there has been a great cry but little wool legislation in the Senate.—Baltimore Herald.

It takes the Democratic party longer to smash the Chicago platform than it did to make it, but they seem determined to make a clean job of it.—Indianapolis Journal.

Reed having played his silvery note, it behooves McKinley and Harrison to trumpet.—Philadelphia Times.

CLOAK ROOM AND GALLERY.

To the strollers in the House corridors yesterday the view through the opened doors of the House Naval Affairs Committee at work was a decidedly breezy and picturesque midsummer gathering. About half the members were in negligee costume, while Amos Cummings, the chairman, sat at the head of the long table in his shirt sleeves with a handkerchief around his neck.

Nothing could have been cooler or more pleasant for the committee than to have held its meeting on a yacht down on the Potomac—a suggestion which most of the members would probably be glad to follow if they could.

Already there are tangible evidences of the coming close of the session. The calendars of both Houses are slim, attenuated affairs compared with the plethoric pamphlets of a few months ago. Very few men are trying to secure favorable reports on bills introduced, and not a few are willing to admit that they will not make the hardest efforts to push some of those now on the calendar.

People who have watched the strained relations that have existed for a long time between Senators Vest and Hill were not at all surprised at the open attack of the New York Senator on the little Missourian yesterday. Vest has for a long time been determined to make no concessions to Hill. He felt that a new comer of one session ought not to try to dictate the policy of the Democratic majority to men like himself, who had seen service in the Senate for nearly a score of years. Vest has, it is said, openly announced that he would ignore all of Mr. Hill's attempts to dictate to the Senate, and Hill has realized that Vest was a man who would not meekly defer to him, as many other Senators have done. Mr. Hill was particularly bitter in his references to the Missouri Senator yesterday.

Vest, by the way, must be one of the most provoking men to have a debate with in the Senate.

To see the little Missourian quietly slip out of his chair and shake his mane like a lion before getting in his biting sarcasm would be enough to provoke any man. The physical insignificance of Vest, who looks like a merry little gnome or woodman of the fairy stories, compared with his intellectual force is remarkable. No one can be more thoroughly depended on to answer a charge or criticism than he, and yet probably the majority of visitors to the gallery hardly notice the man when he sits bent over and in a heap in his chair.

A northern Republican who was a leading soldier in the civil war was talking of the Democratic majority the other day, and said he had come to the conclusion that Morgan, of Alabama, was, on the whole, the only Democrat who, according to Republican ideas, would be admitted to be an able and an honest man. Morgan is admired in the North probably more than any other Senator from the South, except by Editor Godkin, of the New York Evening Post, who declared of him once in the Nation that "he enjoyed the distinction of being wrong on all public questions."

Representative Bynum, of Indiana, who argued the point of order yesterday against taking up the anti-option bill, is one of the best parliamentarians and most successful lawyers in the House. Before coming to Congress he acquired considerable prominence as a criminal lawyer, and was in great demand to defend criminal prosecutions. He tells a story on himself to illustrate the fact that sometimes an attorney can ask one question too much. And this is the way he tells it:

"A number of years ago, when a young attorney, I was employed to defend a man charged with mayhem in a little town in southern Indiana," said Mr. Bynum, "and among the witnesses for the defense was an odd character named Jo. Bates. When Jo. came on the stand, and after the preliminary questions, I asked him if he had seen the fight in which my client was supposed to have bitten a piece off the other man's ear?"

"Oh, yaas, mister," replied Jo., "I seed all of it."

How did you come to see it, Jo?

"Wall, tell you how 'twas. I had heered a good deal about Jim Haskins' fitin; as how he was a good man, and I wanted to see as how he handled hisself."

"Did you see the fight to the end, Jo?"

"Yaas, mister."

"Could you see both men all the time?"

"Oh, yass, mister."

"Did you see Jim Haskins bite off Bill Brown's ear?"

"Oh, no, mister."

"Did you see him try to bite Bill in any way, or was the fight fair and without gouging and biting?"

"Yaas, the fite was fit fair and Jim licked Bill withu ut turn' in a hair, and I did not see Jim bite 'ill in any way," answered Jo.

"That will do, Jo," said I, and just as Jo was leaving the witness chair, for the prosecutor did not want to cross-examine him, an unlucky thought occurred to me, said Mr. Bynum, and I told him to sit down and answer one more question.

"Jo," said I, slowly and in an impressive manner, "did you see anything during the fight or immediately after it was over that led you to think that possibly Jim might have bitten off a piece of Bill's ear?"

"Waal, mister," replied Jo, "I didn't see Jim bite Bill, nor wud I tho't anything about it, only after the fite was over Jim spit out a piece of ear 'fore he cu'd take a chaw terbaccer; but I don't know whether it was Bill's ear or not."

Mr. Bynum says that he lost the case, and that his experience with Jo taught him to let well enough alone when examining witnesses.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Committee of Methodists Appointed to Draft Constitution and By-laws.

A meeting was held at Central M. P. church last night for the purpose of preparing the constitution and by-laws of a proposed church extension society for the District.

Rev. W. R. Graham presided. Representatives from Congress Street and Mt. Tabor churches were present. Rev. J. D. Kinzer, president of the Maryland annual conference, spoke of the growth of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore, and said that in that city there has been an addition of one church building a year.

Short speeches in favor of adopting immediate measures for the extension of the M. P. church in this city were made by Rev. W. R. Graham, of the Congress Street church; David Wilson, of the Central church; J. D. Cathlen, of Congress street church, and Rev. A. McCosky, of North Carolina M. P. church. A committee was appointed by the president to meet on July 1, and draft resolutions and by-laws for the proposed society. The committee consists of the following: Rev. W. R. Graham and J. D. Cathell, of Congress street church; Rev. S. J. Smith and A. W. Wilson, of the Central church, and Rev. R. K. Lewis, of Mt. Tabor church.

Webster-Merchant Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Adela Norris Webster, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Amos Webster, to Mr. Alex Shepard Merchant will take place at the Western Presbyterian church, H street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

FENCIBLES ARE THE BOYS

Their Benefit Drew a Host of People to the Academy.

LITTLE ROCK IS NOW IN SIGHT

Farces Were Given, Songs Were Sung and Banjos Were Thrummed—Encores Were Plentiful and Everybody Was Pleased. Champions to Defend Their Title.

Scores of fair maidens with their escorts, as well as many ladies and gentlemen of more advanced years, attended the National Fencibles' benefit at the Academy of Music last evening.

The main feature of the programme was a comedetta entitled "Brown's Baby, or Training a Husband," in which Hans Roberts played the star part as William Talcott Brown, a careless husband. The other characters were taken as follows: Minerva Brown, a neglected wife, Miss Eleanor Poole; Bridget, a Hibernian domestic, W. A. Conley; Manager Plank, of Plank's Gaiety Theater, William Dougherty, and Birdie Preston, on the bills as Birdie Brighteyes, Miss Annie Lewis. During the play Miss Lewis sang the "The Girls of To-day," and Mr. Conley introduced "Since Katie got stuck on the stage."

The Fencible March, by the academy orchestra was the first number on the programme, followed by "A Pair of Lunatics," a comedy in one act, played by Talbot Pulizzi and Miss Abbie Johnson. The latter took the part of Miss Daisy Hammock, who was unable to be present. Mr. Pulizzi as "George Fielding," and Miss Johnson as "Miss Clara Manners" evoked much applause by their finished acting.

One of the main features of the entertainment was the singing of the Apollo-quartette, which consists of Messrs. W. D. McFarland, first tenor; Perry D. Turpin, second tenor; Frank P. Reeside, first bass, and Bernard A. Ryan, second bass. Their singing was excellent, and at the conclusion of Estudiantina, by Lacombe, they were encored and responded by singing "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground." This latter piece was very effective.

The Columbian Musical Club, with Mr. A. D. Mayo as director, captivated their hearers and the playing of the banjo and mandolin march was decidedly effective. For an encore the medley to the tune of "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home" was almost as effective as the first.

The quarrel scene in "Julius Cæsar" was excellently presented by Edwin F[illegible], as Brutus, and David C. Bangs, as Cassius. Miss Florence Gray, as Lucius, added greatly to the artistic effect.

The voice of Herndon Morsell, in the tenor solo, "Star of My Heart," was rich and powerful. This was followed by banjo solos by the Misses Leech. They responded to two encores.

MISS HOWE'S SINGING.

Miss Mary Helen Howe's soprano solo, "Jewel Song" from "Faust," received an ovation. She responed to an encore.

Miss Lavinia Shannon, as Helen in "The Hunchback," and Mr. Giles Shine, as Modus, were superb. The singing of the Philharmonic Quartette, consisting of Mrs. H. B. Mills, director; Miss Grace Lynn McCullough, Miss Annie Craig Hills, first and second sopranos, and Misses Eleanor Simonds and Florence Studham, first and second contraltos, was sweet and harmonious. They responded to two encores.

This was followed by the Waterbury brothers, who played on the bells, glasses, and other instruments.

The following committee had charge of the benefit: Capt. C. S. Domer, chairman; Dr. Frank T. Howe, W. Holcomb, C. E. Lewis, John T. Warde, Nell Burgess, Major George H. Harries, Lieut. W. W. Mortimer, J. C. Kondrup, C. J. F. Graff, David Towers, Lieut. Lee B. Mosher, Lieut. Robert McMurray, jr., W. E. Baum, T. A. Tomlinson.

The National Fencibles were organized June 21, 1887, and since their organization have accomplished achievements rarely equalled by any other military company. Capt. Charles Domer is a native of Pennsylvania, but has resided in Washington since 1874. He was connected with the National Rifles' Cadets of this city and later with the National Rifles.

Lieut. Lee Brent Mosher is a native of this city and is a well-drilled soldier, having been connected with the National Rifles Cadets prior to his becoming a member of the Fencibles. Lieut. William W. Mortimer, a native of this city, earned the reputation of a good soldier while a member of the Washington Light Infantry.

The following is the complete roster of the company: Captain, J. S. Domer; first lieutenant, Lee B. Mosher; second lieutenant, W. W. Mortimer; first sergeant, R. C. Rice; second sergeant, C. E. Sessford; third sergeant, T. A. Tomlison; fourth sergeant, W. M. Walker; fifth sergeant, W. E. Crist.

Privates—F. O. Roman, W. E. Thornton, H. E. Kondrup, J. C. Kondrup, J. J. Gavin, W. W. Payne, W. A. Domer, T. L. Costigan, J. B. Murray, J. B. Walsh, H. S. Roche, W. V. Culverwell, W. E. Baum, F. D. Hester, H. A. Dunn, H. B. Ramey, J. H. Graham, R. F. R. Rynex, W. E. Guy, C. F. Graff, R. B. S. Phillips, H. G. Healy, J. A. Butler, jr., R. W. Washington, E. S. Newman, R. D. Cromwell, A. L. Moore, E. M. Wardwell, J. G. Stelle, W. F. Carruthers, J. P. Cromwell, W. K. Nottingham.

The Fencibles are now called upon to defend their title of "Champions," and will leave for Little Rock, Ark., Friday, the 29th instant, to participate in the interstate competition to be held in that city. The boys have been drilling every night for the past month preparatory for the contest, and are confident of success.

AS THE CROWDS COME OUT.

I met Joseph Wheelock, jr., a couple of hours before his performance of his part in "On An Island" last night.

I never have been so nervous over a part since I have been on the stage," he said. "Somehow I am afraid it will fall flat. You see, though, maybe its because I wish it very much to be the other thing."

"I offered him the consolation that nervousness often makes one act well. It didn't seem to please him so tremendously.

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The little comedietta which he played with Miss Saunders went off delightfully. During every moment it was enjoyed, and at the end the audience called the pair out three times. They had changed it somewhat in one or two places, putting in new tunes and brightening up the climax so that the curtain dropped on a bright, quick scene. It is the story of two young people left on an island alone. They are engaged young people, of course, who have quarreled. They have a snappy, sparkling scene that is tender at times and also fiery. A tete-a-tete ends it as it should, with her head on his shoulder; and very nice her head looks there.

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"Uncle," the longer play, is a farce comedy by Henry J. Bryan, author of "Our Boys," the farce which the company played last season. It is built on the old farce comedy lines, with a rich uncle from India intruding his dried-up old face into a happy family, and forcing it into all manner of complications. He has, of course, money for his gay nephew, who has married against his wishes. He hates women, or says he does. It is only curry though. Underneath his leathery old skin he has a heart like other uncles. When he comes to his nephew's house, as they always do in farces, but never do anywhere else, the married couple and a friend arrange that the nephew's wife shall pretend to be the friend. When this little situation is straightened out, with much tribulation to the nephew, Mr. Bond's, mind, and many expressions of despair on his face, the joy is ended.

Miss Stevens takes the star part, the best one and the most artistically done that she has yet attempted. She sings a song, too, in one place, that shows us another nice thing we didn't know of her. Her voice is always pleasant, with a little ring of appeal in it that you appreciate, but it is especially sweet when she sings. I hope she will do it again.

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Mr. Findlay played an older part than he has attempted before. He suits his personality more in it than usual, and is thoroughly satisfactory. Coote is the man who gets Mr. Bond's wife. He enjoys it immensely. The expression of his face and hands and most expressionful long body show this as cleverly as they usually show anything that he wishes to.

Criminal Courts Open in July.

Upon the representation of District Attorney Birney that it will be impossible to clear up the criminal docket this month, court will be held in one or both of the criminal courts next month. Judge Cole, of criminal court No. 1, has been hearing civil cases, but to-day will sit in the Leon murder trial, and it is understood that he will call no more civil cases this summer. Both courts will probably not be in session during the whole of July, as it is believed that the cases ready to be tried can be disposed of before the 1st day of August. One of the courts will be kept in readiness for any emergency arising next month.

Coxeyite Treasury Not Plethoric.

EDITOR TIMES: Your yesterday morning's issue states that one member of our brigade told your correspondent that there ought to have been some $4,000 in our treasury when we reached Washington. The fact is that probably not over $500 has been handled by the treasurer (and other members before we had a regularly elected officer of that kind) since we separated from Frye's brigade in Illinois. There doubtless was some money squandered or misappropriated before we reached the Alleghenies, but we do not know who was or were the guilty party or parties. Later than that, however, we know of only $10 gone to misuse or misappropriation, and we promptly delivered up the person who made our knowledge of that a fact.

GEORGE E. WARD.

DR. HOWARD AND THE SPECHTS.

He Wants Father and Son Arrested and Does Not Fear Prosecution for Himself.

A special dispatch from Montreal says: Dr. Granby S. Howard, who is wanted by the American authorities on a charge of swindling Mrs. Joseph H. Specht out of $5,000, has been in Montreal for some time living quietly with his wife. There is a strange story of hypnotic influence mixed up with the affair, and when I saw Howard he told me of his experience since his hurried flight from Gunston Hall.

He said that in 1885 he and his wife passed through this city on their way to England. At Quebec his right ankle was crushed and he was brought back to Montreal. Here he was laid up for six weeks. In 1890 Col. Price lectured on the new doctrine, and he was sent for to assist him. His success was such that on his return to Montreal he received letters suggesting that he should organize a home for students of their religion and the aged and sick.

He was to teach Brahminism as it was before the days of Buddha, as preserved by a certain sect of priests in India. Mrs. Specht having offered to furnish funds, he went to St. Louis and was given $500 without any condition as to its application or control. It was an absolute gift, and copies of letters here now prove the truth of this. The money was spent on the purchase and improvement of a five-acre park, with houses, adjoining Gunston Hall. He claims that all was going well until a few months ago, when Specht and his son endeavored to steal from Mrs. Specht the right to the Gunston Hall property.

He met Mr. and Mrs. Specht and son at the St. James hotel, Washington, on May 10, where Specht tried to force his wife to give up her claim. Failing in this, he locked her in her room, and, with his son, got out a warrant charging her with lunacy. Howard was to be called as a material witness, but it was soon seen that before a jury who knew nothing of the strange religion Mrs. Specht had accepted the doctor's testimony of his oaths and obligations she had taken would surely result in a verdict in accordance with the charge of lunacy.

In order to save Mrs. Specht he departed for Canada. Mrs. Howard was left behind with all the archives of the order, containing private letters, obligations, oaths, etc., which, if made public, would create no end of trouble. Mrs. Howard finally arranged for the burial of most of the archives in four strong boxes, and then, after repeatedly disguising herself and suffering hardships on the journey, reached Montreal.

But the Spechts were at work, said Howard, and a man received $150 to find the archives, which were dug up and handed over to young Specht. Having received word that the archives were going to be made public, Howard says he wired his lawyer, Capt. R. Sprague, of St. Louis, to restrain all publication, as the letters were stolen property.

Howard wired his lawyer: "Under no consideration delay the arrest of father and son. Goods stolen from your custody and offered for sale. Stop this thing at once."

Shortly after the Doctor's arrival here he was known as W. Wilson. This was done in order to better communicate with his wife and lawyer.

"Have you any reason to expect arrest?" I asked of Howard. "No, none whatever; as far as I know there has been no legal action taken against me in the United States nor are there any grounds for action."

LINE OF LABOR INQUIRY.

Commissioner Wright to Study the Results of Machinery Upon the Producer and Production.

An interesting line of inquiry has been set on foot by Chairman McGann, of the House Labor Committee, through Labor Commissioner Wright, concerning the results of machinery upon labor and production. Mr. McGann believes that this country is suffering from overproduction, largely caused by the introduction of labor-saving machinery, which displaces workmen while it increases the output.

The typesetting machines which do the work each of three men he considered a good example of this tendency. When they are introduced in a printing office two-thirds of the men are, it is claimed, displaced. They drift into other printing offices, find it difficult to secure work, are willing to work cheaply for the sake of a living, and reduce the general rates of wages. Another example of the same character he finds in the history of labor-saving machinery in brick making.

The remedy for this he finds in shorter hours of labor, arguing that a system of shorter hours will give employment to more hands and at the same time increase consumption in proportion, perhaps, to the production.

When the hours of work are shortened the laborer goes home with a long evening on his hands. He must have another suit of clothes to put on, another pair of boots, another hat, must have books and papers to read, or he must go for a walk, take his wife, and buy a cigar for himself and candy for his wife, thus increasing the consumption of products.

The Commissioner of Labor is collecting statistics upon the effect of machinery on prices, labor, and production in different lines, which the committee hopes to be able to utilize in recommending legislation. An effort to compile statistics regarding convict labor in the United States has also been instituted by the committee as a preliminary to drawing a bill to prevent competition between prison-made goods and the product of free labor.

FUN FOR THE BOYS.

Free Bathing Beach to Be Maintained by Voluntary Contributions.

In order to maintain the free bathing beach, for the support of which the District Commissioners failed to ask Congress for an appropriation, Superintendent Stevens has prepared a plan based upon voluntary contributions, which has been approved by the Commissioners.

Superintendent Stevens represented to the Commissioners that during the month of July last year nearly 11,000 persons availed themselves of the privileges of the beach, and that he is daily in receipt of complaints that the beach has not yet been opened. He was willing, he declared, to try running the beach on a charitable basis, and asked that Officer Cotter be detailed to assist him in the management. He proposed that the beach be opened as soon as practicable and be free to all persons under 16 years who furnish their own suits, and that 5 cents be charged to each person over that age not furnishing a suit.

Major Moore heartily indorsed Superintendent Stevens' plan, and this secured the immediate approval of the Commissioners. Mr. Stevens says it will take several hundred dollars to put the beach in repair, and hopes the people of Washington will be liberal in their contributions. He intends to arrange for a series of aquatic sports similar to those of last year.

Telegraphic Brevities.

A conference of southern investors will be held in New York on Thursday.

Gold shipments for Europe by to-day's New York steamers aggregate $2,000,000.

The American Railway Master Mechanics' Association began its twenty-seventh annual convent on in Saratoga yesterday.

The Pennsylvania Plate Glass Works at Irwin, Pa., was sold by the sheriff yesterday for $287,000 to W. L. Kaun, of Pittsburg.

The New Jersey court of errors and appeals has denied a new trial for Wesley Warner, convicted of the murder of Lizzie Peak at Mount Holly.

The Travelers' Protective Association will meet in national convention at Milwaukee, Wis., today and over 2,000 delegates are expected to attend.

The report of the board of visitors to the United States Naval Academy, now in course of preparation, will recommend that the course of instruction shall be six years instead of four and a two years' cruise at sea, as at present.

The recent flood at Cascade Locks, Ore., damaged the government locks in course of construction there to the amount of $200,000, and will result in a change of plans which will increase the cost of the locks from $3,000,000 to $5,000,000.

Dr. Herbert Flint, the Rockford, Ill., hypnotist, has made a study of George Jacob Schweinfurth, the pseudo Christ, and gives it as his opinion that he is mesmerist or hypnotist either consciously or unconsciously, and therein lies his power over the people of the Rockford heaven.

Hon. Charles J. Bronston, commonwealth attorney of Lexington, Ky., who has just returned from New York and Washington, denies emphatically the story sent from Washington Saturday that he was in conference with Breckinridge with a view to becoming the congressional candidate by securing the withdrawal of the latter.

Capt. H. Barends, who recently succeeded Capt. Hebich in command of the steamer Normannia, upon the completion of his one hundredth round trip in the service of the Hamburg-American company, has had more honor thrust upon him, the German Emperor having conferred upon him the order of the crown.

BUSINESS IS THEIR BENT

Three Score Lads and Lasses Turned Into the Commercial Arena.

A HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Trustee Bowen Gives Appropriate Words of Advice—Invocation by Rev. Rush Shippen—Commissioner Ross Awarded the Diplomas—Many of the Alumni Present.

Three score boys and girls were sent forth into the world last night from the Business High school to fight for laurels in life.

Armed with the experience gained in a two years' course of practical business instruction, given the benefit of the most advanced educational ideas, and with their work passed upon in a series of rigid examinations, thirty-two young ladies and twenty-eight young men, who formed the graduating class of '94 of the Business High school, stepped forward on the platform of the Central High School hall and received their diplomas.

High school alumni and their friends occupied nearly every available seat and stood in the aisles and crowded the doorways. Upon the platform were Commissioner Ross, Prof. William B. Powell, Paul T. Bowen, and Principal C. A. Davis. As the strains of the opening march died away Rev. Rush R. Shippen, pastor of All Souls' church, delivered the invocation.

Words of advice to guide the business careers about to be entered upon were delivered by Trustee Bowen in his address to the graduating class, in part as follows:

"Those who are embarking on the commercial seas are usually told of the great pecuniary advantages that flow from honesty, industry, perseverence, temperance, economy and a host of kindred virtues. You will escape that to-night.

"There is danger that you may have heard the value of honesty extolled until you have assumed a degree of good faith on the part of your fellow man that will cause you serious losses and sore disappointments before you acquire the caution and distrust that come from riper experience. A proper course of business instruction would develop to the student the practical morality of business life, not to make him expert in the vices of competitive enterprises but to forewarn him of the dangers to be met, and to prepare him to defeat them with foresight, intelligence, and integrity.

"Do not think that you have failed to-night to receive good business advice. If you attend well to the business of good health, good society, and good minds, the business of getting a living will take care of itself. The Savior gave his disciples a political economy which is sound and workable to-day, when he told them not to think of food, clothing, and shelter, but to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all those things should be added unto them.

"To-night you reach your educational majority. As we pull the props of infancy away, we do it in confidence that you have done your part, and we have done our part so well that you can stand alone as independent men and women, and though we know the value of preparation and the winning power of effort, we also know that fortune is not a mythical deity, and that chance plays a great part in the affairs of men. So in parting we wish you abundance of good luck."

In the absence of Commissioner Truesdell, who had been expected to deliver the diplomas, Commissioner Ross performed that service. The members of the graduating class were:

William A. Biondi, William M. Birchard, Edgar T. Brandenburg, George S. Butt, Robert D. Carter, John H. Collier, Robert W. Frey, John L. Fugitt, Thomas Grant, Isaac Gregg, Irvin Hollander, Waldemar Jansen, Charles C. Lamborn, Thornton T. Lemon, Frank J. McDonald, Frank F. McKernan, Thomas S. Merrill, Ralph C. Muller, Henry N. North, Frank B. Peery, Harry A. Pierce, George E. Potter, Frederick H. Ritter, Harry Sanger, John Q. Sheehy, Daniel P. Sigourney, Augustus F. Specht, Joseph P. Stubener, Charles S. White, Henry R. Wilkening, Henry C. Wilson, Hulbert Young, Fanny L. Andrews, Mollie W. Annand, Jennie G. Booth, Lillie Burnstine, Florence B. Callahan, Harriet K. Carey, Katherine J. Carey, Adda D. Carroll, Jessie G. Croney, Edith S. Dyer, Nellie D. Edson, Golda M. Gideon, Mamie E. Goodrick, Rosa Herzog, Gertrude A. Higham, Louise M. Hughes, Marie L. Kemon, Grace M. Martin, Edna E. Mattox, Clara B. Milligan, Duanna E. Mitchell, Allie A. Parker, Eleanor Strauss, Alice E. Stuard, Lovie L. Thomas, Bessie S. Tyler, Nellie W. Vincent, and Bertie B. Yost.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.

Commencement Exercises At Gaston Hall of the Preparatory Department.

The closing exercises of the preparatory department of Georgetown College took place last night at Gaston Memorial Hall. The literary portion of the programme, arranged by Father Ward, was a most decided departure from the set graduation exercises.

William J. McAleer delivered the salutatory. He was followed by J. Raymond Stafford, who told in Latin the story of Shylock and Antonio. J. Walker as Æschylus, Austin De Y Green as Sophocles, and John A Garvan as Euripedes appeared as judges of the respective merits of portions of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," as acted in French, German, and English by different casts. This part of the performance was concluded by the crowning as victor of Arthur P. Kennedy, who represented the English version. Those who participated in the exercises were James C. Fey, James O'Reilly Kuhn, James E. Alexander, Hugh F. McGrann, John B. Copeland, Henry B. Holway, William McCullough, F. Ferdinard Geutch, Francis J. Leonard, Sumter Calvert, Numa Lauve, Joseph DeYoung, Alfred G. Gross, Arthur P. Kennedy, Thomas J. Duffy, Joseph O. Tobin, William Hoffman, Louis J. Lauve, Martin Sullivan, and Burrall Hoffman, while the interested "spectators" were T. G. O'Connell, John R. Walsh, E. Courtney Ford, William Applegate, Edmund Gorman, Robert Henry, Thomas Pierce, Terence Quinn, and Edward McManus.

The exercises were interspersed with music and concluded with the presentation of prizes and certificates to the following named successful candidates by Father J. Havens Richards, S. J., the rector of the university:

The awards of premiums and distinguished mention were as follows:

Senior classes—Second grammar—Division A—First premium, James C. Sappington; second premium, Michael F. O'Connor; distinguished, Charles A. Green. English composition—Premium, J. Raymond Stafford. Second grammar—Division B—First premium, Samuel J. Waggaman; second premium, James E. Alexander; distinguished, John J. Sullivan. English composition—Premium, James E. Alexander; distinguished, Samuel J. Waggaman. Third Grammer—First premium, James O'Riely Kuhn; second premium, Alfred G. Geist; distinguished, William Helmick.

Modern Languages—Second class of French—First premium, Samuel A. Ludlow; second premium, James E. Alexander; distinguished, Samuel J. Waggaman. Third class of French—Division A—First premium, John H. McAleer; second premium, Thomas J. Duffy; distinguished, James C. Sappington. Third class of French—Division B—First premium, Alfred G. Geist; second premium, James O'Riley Kuhn; distinguished, Paul F. Alexander. Second class of German—First premium Francis F. Gentsch; second premium, Frederick L. McLaughlin; distinguished, Timothy Welch. Class of Courtesy—First premium, Samuel A. Ludlow; second premium, Daniel J. Ferguson; distinguished, Thomas M. Pierce. Lower Algebra—Division A—First premium, Thomas J. Duffy; second premium (ex aequo), Salvador Guillen, F. Koerner Smith; distinguished, Sidney M. Henry. Lower Algebra—Division B—First premium, William K. Loughran; second premium, Alfred G. Geist; distinguished, Leonard Jorrin. Catechism—Silver medal, Thomas J. Gartland; premium, William J. McAleer; distinguished, John J. Sullivan. Elocution—Silver medal (ex aequo), James C. O'Connor and Don Morrison Carr.

Junior classes—First rudiments, division A—First premium, Thomas F. Delihant; second premium, John J. Murphy; distinguished, William A. Fleming. First rudiments—division B—First premium, William M. Parker; second premium, Thomas P. Cotter; distinguished, William R. Loughran. Second rudiments—First premium, Oden Bowie Roberts; second premium, Maurice J. Clarke. First arithmetic—First premium, James A. O'Shea; second premium, Thomas P. Cotter; distinguished, James O'Riely Kuhn. Bookkeeping—First premium, James O'Riely Kuhn; second premium, Thomas P. Cotter; distinguished, William M. Parker. Second arithmetic—First premium, Oden Bowie Roberts; second premium, Clarence M. Roberts; distinguished, Maurice J. Clarke. Catechism—Silver medal, James A. O'Shea; premium, Thomas Delihant; distinguished, Leonard Jorrin. Elocution—Silver medal, William R. Loughran; premium, E. Courtney Ford; distinguished, Charles L. Holzmann. For improvement in penmanship—First premium, John R. Walsh; second premium, Robert E. Henry.

The commencement exercises of the graduates will take place at 10 o'clock to-day. Cardinal Gibbons is expected to be present.

Run Over by a Street Car.

There was another street car casualty yesterday that is liable to result seriously. Little Leonard Koontz, a 4-year-old boy, living at 1007 Eleventh street southeast, was run over by an Anacostia street car at 5.30 o'clock directly in front of his home. His right leg was cut off and the little fellow received other serious injuries. William Martin, the driver of the car, was arrested and locked up at the Fifth precinct station house.

Commodore Easby's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Commodore Easby, retired, whose death occurred at his home, No. 2027 G street, Sunday afternoon, will take place from the Western Presbyterian church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, the Revs. Childs, Chester, McKnight, and Ennis officiating. The interment will take place in the Congressional cemetery.

DEFICIENCY BILL READY.

Breckinridge Reported It, but Mr. Sayers Will Have Charge of the Measure—It Appropriates Nearly $5,000,000.

While Representative Breckinridge yesterday reported the general deficiency appropriation bill to the House, the presumption from this fact that he would have charge of the measure in the House is incorrect. Mr. Sayers, of Texas, will have control of the bill on the floor of the House.

The deficiency bill carries an appropriation of $4,890,593.

Among the interesting items under the State Department are $22,929 for the salaries of the United States commissioners of the intercontinental railway commission and a small appropriation for the bureau at Brussels for the repression of the African slave trade.

Under the War Department is appropriated $14,625 for rent of temporary quarters for the record and pension division from June 15, 1893, to August 1, 1894. It seems that it is expected the survivors of the Ford's theater disaster will return to the old building on the latter date.

No appropriation is made for the Census Bureau, authority being given to use the unexpended balance of the last appropriation, and the Superintendent is authorized to print a monograph on the social statistics of cities.

The Department of Justice receives $708,272, mostly for fees of United States courts. The largest appropriation is $2,314,922 for the Post Office Department. Of this, $1,540,174 goes for mail transportation by railroads. The House of Representatives has a deficiency of $71,288.

SILVER INSTEAD OF BONDS.

Its Use for Paying the Nicaragua Canal Expenses Favored by the House Subcommittee.

The Nicaragua canal bill, which will be reported to the House, has so far assumed tangibility that only one point remains to be settled. That is the question of the kind of funds to be issued by the government, and it was discussed at great length in yesterday's meeting of the subcommittee, a most important proposition being taken up which involves the coinage of silver to defray in whole, or in part, the expenses of the work.

The idea of issuing silver met with great favor from the committee. Roughly speaking, one-third of the expenditures on the canal will be for labor. Silver is the current money medium of Central America, and it was argued that the workingmen could be paid in that coin, and many other expenses as well. One plan discussed was for an issue of $35,000,000 in silver coin, and the same amount in bonds; a second for $55,000,000 of silver and $15,000,000 of bonds, while variations of these combinations were suggested. Difference of opinion were evoked as to whether the necessary silver, should it be decided to use the white metal, should be bought or the bullion in the Treasury utilized. The latter plank met the gre