

One of the most brilliant and successful events of its kind which ever took place in Washington appears to have been the ladies' reception and tea-party lately held in the rotunda of the Capitol in aid of the Garfield fund. The dome was transformed into a scene of rare beauty and attractiveness, and throughout the entire evening a continuous stream of humanity poured through the rotunda, the distinguished people in civil, military and naval and official life, the President was in attendance for so long time as his official duties would permit, and Cabinet members, Senators, Representatives, Judges of the Supreme Court and Foreign Ministers were present. The ladies were in several states had sales tables, either separately or conjointly, and these were arranged in the most beautiful and elaborate manner. The Vermont and New Hampshire table was especially ornate and attractive, having a column supporting the canopy, and was composed of white and purple lilacs. The ladies in charge here were Mrs. Susan Blair, Mrs. M. J. Tyler, Mrs. Pay, Mrs. Tatnell, Mrs. Hall, Miss Swann, and others. The table was taken down at 10 o'clock, and those at the New York table. It is estimated

The bill enlarging the scope of the Department of Agriculture, which passed the House of Representatives last week, has a serious opponent in the Senate. It is said to be doomed to a long lumber on the files of the Senate. The Senators are averse to the bill because it would give the President might become a member of the President's Cabinet.

Reports from various points along the lower Connecticut valley show that the farmers are busy with their planting but are a good deal belated hand on account of the cold weather. The farmers are not using much less than usual of commercial fertilizers is reported. The amount of land planted with tobacco this year is about the same as in the other years, while the acreage of tobacco will equal, if not exceed, the average of former years.

The judicial career of Judge Westbrook of New York is being investigated, and one of the items of interest is the fact that he was paid \$5,000 by Judge Hilton or his attorney to influence his decision in the substation of one of the cases of Alexander Stewart in the city of New York. Judge Westbrook is a native of New York, this state, and who, it will be remembered, was the attorney for Alexander Stewart in the case of Alexander Stewart's will, claiming to be his son.

William M. Quinn, aged 12 years, at Erieville, killed McPadden Quinn, aged 13 years, at Erieville, this state, and who, it will be remembered, was the attorney for Alexander Stewart in the case of Alexander Stewart's will, claiming to be his son.

Chas. D. Noble. Noble, who is a powerful man, was seen in the crowd. The crowd was so large that many persons watching until the afternoon was about up. The crowd was so large that many persons watching until the afternoon was about up. The crowd was so large that many persons watching until the afternoon was about up.

The snowfall showed little sign of abating at Wednesday through fine weather, but on Thursday (yesterday) there was another heavy snow storm which has resulted in last evening the snow fell rapidly, completely whitening the ground. Early this morning the wind shifted to the west and from the hill towns are undoubtedly enjoying (?) the novelty of a few inches of snow on the level. It is probable that some of our neighbors near Mr. Blanton has been shivering in their coats and winter wraps all the week and there has been no more snow.

The absorption of too much lager beer by James Boyce and James Manning, last Saturday night, was the occasion of much trouble to them and to the community, making so much disturbance on the streets at a late hour that night-police-men Alas, after being taken care of by the police, they were flung overboard by the police, and in the struggle which ensued, Carey's head struck against the pavement, inflicting such force as to make the blood flow freely.

Boyce was finally arrested and placed in Mr. Manning's car, and taken to the hospital up for the night. Boyce's injuries do not seem to have been very serious. Both, when lying down, were in the bottom of lager beer cans in their pockets, partly covered with snow, when finally taken by the officers, was found at the "Jeffersonian club" headquarters.

—William Coumbis has moved into his new house. Z.

**Grates.**

—The telegraph office will be moved to E. L. Walker's store.

—The operators at the Green Mountain telegraph line met at Phelps's hotel on Tuesday.

—Mr. Geo. M. Barrett, who has recently sold his store, is 77 years old, and had been in business in this town over 50 years.

—A. M. Wright, recently a tuner at Estey's organ factory in Concord, N. H., is now employed in the tuning department of the Emerson piano company, Boston.

—Ed. L. Walker has bought (G. M. Barrett's) store and resided here, and where he will keep a general assortment of goods. Mr. Walker is a worthy young man, and has about thirty years' experience in the mercantile business, and his many friends will wish him success in his new undertaking.

**Guliford Centre.**

—Rev. A. R. Truxut will preach here next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

**West Halifax.**

—Francis May is very sick, also a little child of Fred Rice.

ing officers for the year ensuing: F. R. Smith, superintendent; P. G. Hubbard, assistant superintendent; J. H. Brown, secretary; and W. H. F. Barber, musical director; Miss Katie Davidson, assistant organist.

—The Jones, son of Frank Jones of Worcester, has begun his year of clerkship for the U. S. War.

—Charles Davidson and family of Brooklyu, N. Y., are expected the summer. They are departing at the home of the father of Mr. Davidson, R. B. Barnard.

—Mrs. Hannah Harlan and Mrs. Ella Winslow have been residents of this place, have come back to reside.

—Frank Stearns of Brooklyu, N. Y., is in town on a visit.

—A local meeting at Badwaga next Tuesday, May 23d.

—Rev. E. R. Titus held a reception at his parlors on Wednesday evening, May 17th. It was a social occasion, both old and young participating to the number of 60 or more. Cake, ice cream and lemonade were served. The entertainment was well sustained by a select reading by the pastor and also by singing and instrumental music.

—The Rev. Mr. Titus is anxious for the interests of this people and wishing his efforts for the bene-  
fidence. May he be blessed with the reward he wishes.

Let us sing music, let critics play their trade,  
Let leaders lead, let followers follow;  
For all who love the cause will follow  
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Some attention, it would seem, was paid to domestic medicine in the fourteenth century. Here is a genuine recipe of that date: "For to make a good salve for the cure of all the grees and wyres grees green molten, and heines grees and the white of egges half roasted, and do therewith the white poppye seed, enoynt hit therewith with oyle."—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

In Norway woodpeckers damage telegraph poles by boring through them, supposing that the holes are made by the insects which the worms are caused by insects upon which they feed. Bears also remove the supports of the telegraph poles, and the prospect that the lumbering is produced by the woodpeckers and the bears is not unfrequently mistaken. Indeed, like reason, is not infallible.

To remove old paper from the walls of your rooms, dampen it with saleratus and water.

To dissolve one ounce of green copperas in a quart of boiling water, to destroy foul smells.

Scour iron, tin, or copper with kerosene; wash in hot suds and polish with dry whitening.

Apply hot alum-water with a brush to all cracks, closets, bedsteads and other places, to destroy vermin.

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