LOCAL NEWS.

Amusements.

Ford's Theatre having been devoted to "music's home" for weeks past, new changes to the stage set, the drama, "to-night introducing the performance of Mrs. Dove Howard's elaborately conceived comedy of "Pauline," a literary construction in which the fascinating writer, with charming vocalist and actress, Miss Caroline Richings, will personify the character of Gertrude. Mr. Peter Richings in the famous part of Adam Trueman—an impersonation mentioned most favorably with those received throughout the country. During the piece our American prima donna, Miss Richings, will sing one of her popular ballads. On Christmas day, while our cheerful stages were warbling several of our patriotic airs at one of the hospitals for the entertainment of our wounded soldiers, a hero, stretched on one of the couches, raised himself up from his pillow and, after listening attentively to the vocal strains of the young lady, remarked that "since Miss Richings had begun to sing he had no pains from his wounds at all"—quite a compliment to our prima donna's encouraging influence. Tomorrow night, "Estonia" for the last time.

Grover's Theatre.—This evening the popular young actor, Mr. A. H. Davenport, will make his first appearance in the role of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's five-act Comic Play, entitled the "School for Scandal." Seven years ago a congregation of the most eminent comedians of the country were assembled in the old National Theatre (present site of Grover's Theatre) for the express purpose of performing the "School for Scandal," there were Messrs. J. E. Murdoch, Jas. Wallack, Jr., Placide, A. H. Davenport, Edwin Adams, J. B. Howe, and Miss Lizzie Weston and Mrs. G. C. Germon. Since or before that time this composition has never been equalled; but the Canterbury Company which will appear to-night is certainly the company which more nearly approaches the ability of Mr. Jarrett's combination.

Mr. Grover has used his every resource to make this an entertainment what it should be—perfect, a credit to the language, the profession, and to his theatre.

The costumes and appointments, we are informed, will be superb and very appropriate, prepared from the original plot of the Drury Lane Theatre, London.

The cast of characters of this evening is worthy of particular notice; it embraces as follows: *Mr. Davenport* as Chas Surface; Mr. Barron as Joseph Surface; Mr. Rogers as Sir Peter Teazle; Mr. Bokee as Sir Oliver Surface; Mr. Barrett as Sir Benjamin Backbite; Mr. Setchell as Crabtree; Mr. Clifford as Moses; Mr. Wemyss as Careless; Mr. McDonall as Rowley; Mr. Tarr as Trip; Miss Kate Denin as Lady Teazle; Miss Lotty Hough as Mrs. Candour; Mrs. G. C. Germon as Lady Sneerwell, and Miss Isabel Freeman as Maria.

This is truly a perfect arrangement, and with all the labor and expense incurred to produce the piece it should warrant an overflowing house this evening. The beautiful, stirring Coyne comedy of "Everybody's Friend" is now being rehearsed.

The Opera To-Night.—The Italian Opera Company from the Academy of Music, will produce this evening the entire opera of "Traviata." Mlle Cordier, who received such a flattering reception on Saturday in the concert, will appear as Violetta, a role in which she stands unequaled. Signor Maccaferri sings the part of Alfredo; Signor Amodio that of Germont, and Signor Barili the part of the Doctor. The chorus and orchestra are under the direction of Signor Muzio. Verdi's "Traviata" being a favorite opera with our amateurs, we expect an overflowing and brilliant audience. Seats can be obtained at Metzerott's music store.

Odd Fellows' Hall.—*The great Canterbury Company for two nights more.*—During last week this talented company attracted large crowds each night, to witness their inimitable performance, and among the audience each night were not only many ladies, but gentlemen who had never visited the Canterbury; many of whom expressed themselves as agreeably surprised and exceedingly delighted with the talents taken there exhibited. To-night being positively their last night, as the above-named hall, the proprietors have determined that the ladies shall have an opportunity of seeing that superb act, the "Gipsey's Lay!" and it will be performed by the two beautiful favorites, Misses Julia Mortimer and Kate Pennoyer. Many other new and attractive pieces will also be introduced to-night.

The managers will open the "Canterbury" on New Year's Eve, the improvements upon which, when completed, will render it, without an exception, the most magnificent music hall in America.

Remember, to-night will be the last night but one upon which our lady citizens will have an opportunity of seeing the great star company.

Washington Varieties.—An immense bill of attraction is presented at this place this evening. The great Irish vocalist and comedienne, Miss Kathleen O'Neil, makes her first appearance in two of her best characters. The beautiful and talented Mlle Marie Zoe appears for the first time in the ballet of the *Bouquetiere*. Also, the popular Ben Yates, from the New York theatres. Sam Long, that great comic singer, is a new addition to the company. The renowned A. M. Hernandez appears in two of his best pantomimes, supported by Mons. Scolloy, A. Grossi, and the Lehman family. The famous Budworth Brothers perform in four of their best acts, with other novelties.

Police Matters.—Nathan Thompson and Jas. Digney, violating hack law; fined $1.56, by Justice Thompson.

W. H. Root, drunk in street; fined $1.56, by Justice Clayton.

F. C. McCannon, drunk in street; fined $1.56, by Justice Clayton.

Jas. F. Jonnson and Wm. Nicholdson, disorderly; fined $1.56, by Justice Clayton.

Alexander Robberts, disorderly; held for a further hearing, by Justice Clayton.

A. Woodward, larceny; jail for court, by Justice Clayton.

Fred Mahoney, disorderly; fined $1.56, by Justice Clayton.

Isaac Murray, disorderly; fined $1, by Justice Clayton.

Thomas Rowe, disorderly; fined $2, by Justice Clayton.

Rich Smith, Jennie McLain, Sarah Moore, vagrancy; committed to workhouse.

J. S. Jones, huckstering without a license; fined $1, by Justice Thompson.

Sarah Cook, larceny; jail for court, by Justice Thompson.

James McDonald, drunk and disorderly; turned over to the military, by Justice Thompson.

Jas. Buckingham, disorderly conduct; fined $1, by Justice Thompson.

Susan Dugan, drunk and disorderly; fined $3.56, by Justice Walter.

Benjamin Sterrin, larceny; jail for court, by Justice Walter.

Bridget Kane, larceny; jail for court, by Justice Walter.

Dr. Tanner, accessory to stealing a watch; held for a hearing, by Justice Walter.

Chas. Campbell, drunk and disorderly; fined $2, by Justice Walter.

Chas. Remler, murder; jail for court, by Justice Walter.

Morris Patten, larceny and assault and battery; jail for court, by Justice Cull.

Joseph Gibson, disorderly; fined $5.94, by Justice Cull.

Patrick, disorderly; fined $5.94, by Justice Ferguson.

Wm. Jones, disorderly; fined $4.84, by Justice Stratton.

Geo. Moody, disorderly; security to keep the peace, by Justice Stratton.

Bernard Cooke, assault and battery; fined $1.94, by Justice Stratton.

Peter Sisser, drunkenness; fined $1.94, by Justice Stratton.

Issuing Fraudulent Passes—Arrest.—Lewis Falk has been arrested by the provost marshal, for issuing and selling fraudulent passes granting permission to different persons to carry liquor across the river. Spengler & Co., and their clerks, have also been arrested on the charge of purchasing the same, knowing them to be forged. He is said to have received as high as $100 apiece for some of them.

Arrests for Larceny.—On Saturday last, Officer Burch arrested Benj. Sterrin on the charge of stealing an officer's haversack and belt, the property of Selgear & Co. The samesday he arrested Bridget Kane, on the complaint of Sarah Bishop, for stealing a shawl and veil. They were both taken before Justice Walter and committed to jail for court.

Arrested for Desertion.—Michael Mourne and Thomas Cauley were arrested on Saturday, by Officers Nichol and Frazier, of the Fourth ward, as deserters. Officer Nichol arrested Mourne in the neighborhood of Swampoodle; the other was arrested on Seventh street. They were both taken before Justice Walter, and by him turned over to the military at the Central guardhouse.

Officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons Installed.—All the officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons were, on Saturday, formally installed, with the exception of Mr. Page, the grand master elect, who was prevented from being present through indisposition. A committee was appointed to ascertain and report whenever his returning health will admit of the imposing ceremony.

Remember the Festival of the young ladies connected with Wesley Chapel, which commences this evening in the session room of that church. The reputation of these ladies for rendering these gatherings so pleasant to all who attend, will, we know, secure for them a large patronage.

Number of Patients in the Hospitals.—The number of patients at present in the various hospitals in this city and Alexandria is 13,200.

Rev. Mr. Stockton did not preach in the House of Representatives yesterday, and there was no service there.

Stone Hospital is shortly to be converted into an eye hospital, under the charge of Dr. Hutchinson, an oculist of some reputation.

Wounded Expected.—Seven hundred sick and wounded soldiers are expected to arrive here today, from Aquia creek.

Presentation to Secretary Smith.—There was a large number present at the residence of the late Secretary of the Interior on Saturday evening last, on the occasion of the presentation to that gentleman of a splendid silver service, as a testimonial of esteem from his late associates in the Department. Mr. Smith retires from the Cabinet to operate the honorable position of United States District Judge in Indiana.

The service consisted of one urn, two goblets, teapot, bowl, and a large salver. The articles were most exquisitely chased, and highly ornamented. On the salver we noticed the following inscription:

> Testimonial of respect
> Presented to
> Hon. Caleb B. Smith,
> Secretary of the Interior,
> December 27, 1862.

During the evening Mrs. Sec. Smith was the recipient of a splendid bouquet, latest work of the Messrs. Smith, of this city, and a valuable diamond ring, from the employees of the Capitol extension, as a tribute of their appreciation of her kindness to the sick and suffering soldiers in this city.

The presentation of the silver service was made by Henry E. Miner, Esq., of Vermont, a clerk in the Pension Office, and that of the watch to Mrs. Smith by B. B. French, Esq., Commissioner of Public Buildings.

The Secretary responded in handsome and eloquent terms, and was loudly applauded. Not having space to give the speech in full, which we regret, we shall have to content ourselves with a few extracts merely.

After extending his thanks, he said:

Gentlemen, you have differed from the common feeling of selfish humanity in the generous outpouring of friendship which you have manifested to-night. Human nature is apt to turn its eye towards the rising sun. There the devotions of selfishness are offered, while the descending luminaries that rose below the horizon will soon be forgotten and utterly neglected. I have passed through a life checkered by some vicissitudes. It has been my lot to occupy different grades of political positions, but I have never witnessed any occasion which has made an impression upon me like that which is witnessed this evening. I have now no longer patronage to bestow, I have no longer offices or emoluments to give. I am powerless to help you to gratify your ambition, or to assist your aspirations; and yet I find manifested here to-night a generous devotion which would be given to him who had all the power, emoluments and offices of the country at his command. [Applause.] It cannot be, then, that this demonstration is one made from selfishness or interested motives—it is not made in the expectation of a return of official favors. A few days hence, I will be as powerless as the most humble of you to assist or aid in the gratification of ambitious aspirations. If there is anything which can afford a pure and unalloyed pleasure to those who have served the public, it is the assurance that their services have been appreciated—the belief that their fellow-citizens, and those with whom they have lived and for whom they have labored, have recognized in their endeavors a patriotic motive and an earnest desire to serve the country. [Applause.]

Gentlemen, I have been associated with you for a period of now nearly two years; and although it has been my fortune to occupy the highest position in the Department of the Interior, to be recognized as the chief and the head of that Department, there has been no hour during all my official connection with you that I have not recognized you as my peers. [Applause.]

My friends, it is but a brief period in the history of nations since our population was less than three millions, and yet we have now reached the colossal proportions of more than thirty millions. Our territory has been extended, our power and importance had been increased until before this unfortunate war began, this American Republic presented to the eyes of the world a nation more powerful, more glorious, and more magnificent than was Rome in the palmiest days of her empire. I shall we abandon all the recollections of the past? I shall we give up all the bright hopes that were centered in the glorious history of our Republic? And for what but to gratify the desires of foreign nations? While the statesmen of England, and of other nations in Europe, who are in favor of the recognition of the Southern Confederacy—while they are lamenting the sacrifices of life, and the loss of blood which this war has occasioned, the tears which they shed are but the tears of the crocodile. [Applause.]

It is not sympathy with suffering humanity which called forth their tears. Lord Palmerston and his ministry would this day see this country clothed in blood, and see the flags of mourning float over every house, with triumph and with pleasure, if it would produce the destruction of what they regard as a hated rival. [Applause.] It is their hatred for American people, their envy of the great Republic of the West, their fears that this mighty nation will overshadow the despotism of the tyrants of Europe, that have called forth these crocodile tears and produced these hypocritical professions of sympathy.

And yet, I lament, my friends, that we are giving encouragement to them by divisions among ourselves, by the want of an earnest, zealous, and persistent effort to sustain this great and glorious Union. We are the only Republic upon the face of the earth that has power and importance sufficient to chill the hearts of tyrants, and to teach lessons of human freedom, [applause,] and when the glorious banner of our country, the stars and stripes of the American Union, shall trail in the dust, the last hope of the patriot will be destroyed, and despotism will reign triumphant. There is one sentiment which we should inculcate, which we should cherish in our hearts, and teach to our children, and that is the sentiment taught by that brave old patriot, General Jackson: "The Federal Union, it must and shall be preserved." [Applause.] No matter what it costs, no matter at what sacrifice, no matter at what expense of blood and treasure. You and I may be called upon to sacrifice our lives and our property, but we must willingly yield them up, if necessary to leave to posterity the rich legacy of this glorious Union. [Applause.]

I would hold before you the example of Hamilcar, when he led his infant son Hannibal to the altar, and made him swear eternal enmity to Rome. I would have you on the altar of our country to swear eternal fidelity and devotion to the Union. When we are animated by that spirit, and come forward on our country's altar with our hearts inspired by that patriotic devotion which will prompt us to any sacrifice that may be required, then we can look forward to a restored Union and reinvigorated Constitution, and behold a happy and prosperous people. We must have that result. I tell you not to lay the flattering unction to your souls that there can be peace on this continent with a dissevered country. Without this there can be no peace on this continent, no preservation of the Union of the States. Terrible as our trials have been, I would suffer them twenty years—for a generation, rather than see one star torn from the flag of my country, one State to be taken from our glorious confederation.

Gentlemen, I have been called to a different field of action. My association with you has been pleasant, and the only regret I feel is that I have been unable to do that for you which the impulses of my heart have prompted me to do. I know, gentlemen, there are many among you who think you deserve more than you have received as employees of the Interior Department, but if I had one heartfelt wish stronger than all others, it has been an earnest desire for the power to gratify those whose merits recommended them as fit subjects for promotion. But there has been a limit to my capacity, to my power, and I have turned with tears in my eyes from the appeal of such for an improvement of their condition, when I felt that inexorable necessity deprived me of the power of gratifying their wishes.

I can only say, in conclusion, that I leave you with a heart overflowing with affection and with gratitude; and I tender you now a cordial farewell, with an earnest prayer for the happiness, the health, and the prosperity of every man connected with the Interior Department. I cannot omit to say that I have been most deeply impressed with the kindness and consideration which has prompted the tribute to Mrs. Smith. That heart is indeed insensible which cannot sympathize with the sons who suffer and who are languishing on beds of sickness or from festering wounds caused by the rebels who are attempting to destroy our glorious Government. I cannot claim for her more than is due others who have endeavored to alleviate their misfortunes and sympathize with them in their sufferings. They have done no more than humanity requires.

It is the duty of all to relieve them as far as possible. They are happy, fortunate, who are able to discharge their duty to the country by ministering to the wants of the brave patriots who endangered their lives, and, without being called upon, to expose their breasts to the bullets of the enemy, and to the murderous attacks which they have been called upon to encounter. I believe Mrs. Smith has been actuated by feelings of humanity in ministering to the wants of the suffering soldiers, and I know she will treasure this token of your regard in grateful recollection.

At the conclusion of this address, the guests were invited into an adjoining room, where a bountiful repast was spread before them.

Services of Rev. Dr. Smith during the Past Year.—Dr. Smith, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church, prior to the commencement of his discourse yesterday morning, mentioned a few statistics with reference to the Judiciary square hospital. During the past nine months there have been received 2,545 patients, who, in connection with those in the Fourth Presbyterian church hospital, have been under his exclusive ministerial care. Dr. Smith, notwithstanding this numerous charge, and the fact of holding eleven services per week, has never failed to meet his pulpit engagements, or visit each family of his congregation three times during the past, as in former years.

In this connection, we cannot forbear calling attention to the fact, that during the early stage of the rebellion, when all was anxiety and apprehension in this city, and the secession feeling seemed to predominate, Dr. Smith was the first to raise his voice in the pulpit in denunciation of this infamous rebellion, and subsequently to offer his services to the Government in a ministerial capacity. So powerful and effective was this denunciation that it brought forth strong and bitter execrations from those who sympathized with the rebellion, and was the cause of great numbers dissolving their connection with the church. Dr. Smith was not, however, swerved from his path of duty, and continued not only by speech to oppose the rebellion, but labored most earnestly in every way to stay its progress. Many a suffering patriot will bear testimony to his unremitting zeal in their behalf up to the present moment. In these labors Dr. Smith has always received the active co-operation of his wife, whose services have proved most valuable.

The Georgetown Councils were not in session last Friday night, a quorum of neither Board being present.

Rev. Dr. Channing's Sermon.—Rev. Mr. Channing preached yesterday morning, to a large audience, in the Senate Chamber. His text was found in Isaiah xxvii 5 and 6: "Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me." "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root; Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit." And again: In James iii 18: "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace, of them that make peace."

The sermon he said, has never before witnessed the birth of such particular circumstances, and such wonderful combinations as had been delivered by the Christmas festivities just celebrated in our midst and throughout the land. The eloquence of words was inadequate to the sentiments inspired by this prospect. Here shone forth, with peculiar splendor, the great principle of republicanism—disregard of all caste and a fusion of human sympathies and interests unique in one country and people. Here, too, was seen the undisguised beauty of female character, untarnished by the petty prejudices of society; soothing, with home visions, the fevered soul of the dying soldier, or hearkening to the cries of his destitute orphans. Truly it was a contrast, dreadful yet glorious, to the happy days of old. Then, our people rejoiced in plenty, as though it should never end; but their heart had become overgrown with the rankness of artificial wants—their judgments perverted with false notions of gain; and as a consequence, the spring of their liberties was fast losing its purity. Now, although encompassed with almost unprecedented horrors, they had shown a sublimity of purpose, a concord of action, a fertility of resources which earth has never seen before; and which, far from evincing the weakness, has but proved the mighty vigor inherent in our institutions.

The preacher proceeded to specify the chief authors of this great national tragedy, and declared negro slavery to be the great rot that lay sapping the vitals of our freedom, and abhorred any compromise tending to perpetuate the evil. Some have thought that slavery was already dead; but it were absurd to so suppose, while the immense force which defended it still remained unvanquished, and was laying low so many of our brave citizens. He hoped, however, that ere another Christmas our legions should sweep triumphant over the seats of the rebellion.

Improvements.—Mr. William Bradley, marble-worker, is building a three-story brick building on one corner of his lot, near the corner of G and Ninth-teenth streets. The building will be occupied by Joseph Russel & Co., as a restaurant. The work is being performed by Mr. Chapman (mason) and others in a substantial manner.

On the same corner, in the square adjoining Pennsylvania avenue, a wooden building is in process of erection, for the use of Hibernia Steam Fire Company, as an engine house. The building will be a commodious one for that purpose.

Arrest for Stealing a Watch.—On Saturday night last, Officers Fuss and Morris, of the Fourth ward, arrested a man by the name of Dr. Tanner on the charge of stealing a watch and chain, the property of Henry Curtis. It seems the parties were in Hopkins' restaurant at the time, on the corner of Sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue, and while there, Curtis lost his property and accused Tanner of stealing it. He was arrested as stated above, taken before Justice Walter, and no person appearing against him, he was discharged.

Fast Riding.—Last night, about 7 o'clock, three rowdies were seen driving down Seventh street with the horse upon a full gallop. Just as the team was passing B street Officer Frazier, of the Fourth ward, attempted to stop them, but did not succeed. They drove on at a fearful rate down Seventh street, endangering the lives of citizens, and when near the corner of F street they came near running over a man who was crossing the street at the time. These parties are known and will soon be arrested and brought to justice.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.—The following boats arrived at Georgetown since our last: S. F. Trundle, wheat, etc.; M. J. Hull, wood; A. T. Snouffer, wheat, etc.; Sarah Ann, 113 tons coal; John Vanleer, 190 tons coal; Safety Clark, 112 tons coal; J. A. Kroone, 108 tons coal; F. Temple, Amer. Coal Co., 110 tons coal.

The following departed: S. F. Trundle, M. J. Hull, A. T. Snouffer, and Sarah Ann.

Row.—Last evening about 7 o'clock a row occurred on Seventh street, between some white men and negroes, in which one of the negroes was severely stabbed in the left shoulder by some person unknown. Officer Frazier, of the Fourth ward, was called and immediately proceeded to the spot, but was unable to discover the person who committed the act.

Robbery.—Saturday morning last a very valuable quilt was stolen from the clothes line of Mrs. Bradley, a washerwoman, in Bates' alley, by some thief or thieves. Our city has been invested by this class of thieves for a long time, and some measures should be taken by the proper authorities to rid the city of them.

Marriages on the Increase.—In a few preliminary remarks, yesterday morning, the Rev. Dr. Smith stated that the number of persons married by him within the past year was double that of any previous year, with the exception of one, which was a long while back.

Discharge of Disabled Soldiers.—Some 100 disabled soldiers were yesterday discharged from the different hospitals.

Banking Rates.—The following are the rates at which bankers and brokers are buying and selling gold and silver—the legal tender notes being the standard:

	Buying.	Selling.
Gold	30 per c. prem.	33 per c. prem.
Silver	22 "	25 "
Demand notes	23 "	26 "

Banks of issue in Washington and Georgetown:

Washington.	Georgetown.
Bank of Metropolis.	Farmers and Mech's
Bank of Washington.	Bank.
Patriotic Bank.	Bank of Commerce.
Farm's & Merch's B'nk.	

Attention, Afflicted!—Dr. Vellny is yet engaged in an extensive practice in this city, and we would call the attention of the poor, puny, emaciated victims of their own sins to the best sources of remedy. First, give up your present course of life at once and forever; and secondly, call on the most skilful physicians, (and none are better than Dr. Vellny,) and be cured of the disease which is now undermining your constitutions and sending you to a premature grave.

Go to Whitehurst, 434 Pennsylvania avenue, to obtain superior Likenesses at reduced prices. Fine Card Vignetts, formerly sold at $5 per dozen, now selling at $4; half dozens, same rate. Colored Imperials reduced from $30 to $20; selling whole size colored at only $4. I will excel in "*Colored Carte de Visite*," having secured the services of a superior artist for that branch of business. Likenesses of many of those fallen in battle can be obtained here; also card photographs of prominent men, both civil and military. nov 21—1m

India Rubber Goods.—It is not necessary for Mr. H. A. Hall to enumerate the different styles and kinds of Rubber and Gutta Percha manufacturers goods he keeps (he has them all) on hand; and a glance into the beautiful store or list of prices given by his attendants, will convince any one that his establishment is *really* the only *India Rubber Warehouse*, and is located at 310 Pennsylvania avenue, next door to Messrs. Harper & Mitchell's Dry Goods warehouse, between Ninth and Tenth streets. dec 8—1f

A Word of Advice.—Those who have been doctoring for weeks and months without obtaining relief, should consult Dr. Fishblatt, whose office is at No. 421 E street, corner of Eighth street, and be radically cured. Twenty-five years experience has established Dr. Fishblatt's reputation as a physician. Recent cases cured in a few days. Charges moderate. DR. FISHBLATT,
No. 421 E street, corner of Eighth,
Opposite the General Post Office.

India Rubber Goods.—The place to buy your RUBBER COATS, LEGGINS, CAMP BLANKETS, HAVELOCKS, HAVERSACKS, and every article made from INDIA RUBBER, is at H. A. HALL'S India Rubber Warehouse, where you can obtain them at manufacturers' prices, 310 Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets. oc 22

India Rubber Boots and Shoes.—The above articles are sold *cheaper* at H. A. HALL'S India Rubber Warehouse, 310 Pennsylvania avenue, than at any other store in this city or vicinity. This is so. Call and satisfy yourselves, 310 Pennsylvania avenue. no 22—1f

Desirable India Rubber Goods.—Mr. H. A. Hall has just received a lot of Officers' Long and Light dull finished Coats; also, dull finished Ponchos, extra large sizes; also, a lot of blue English Talmas, very long, at $10 each; which he is selling at manufacturers' prices, at his India Rubber Warehouse, 310 Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets. oct 27—1f

Georgetown Marine List.

ARRIVALS.

Schrs. J. C. Calhoun, Murch, Boston, merchandise; Washington, Bodine, Staten Island, merchandise; Davison, Jackson, New York, merchandise; John Cadwalader, Clayton, Philadelphia, coal for Government; Louis Clark, Steisor, Philadelphia, coal for Government; barge Young America, Houghton, Philadelphia, coal for Government; boat John P. McDevitt, McDevitt, Philadelphia, coal for Government.

DEPARTURES.

Schrs. Heroine, Champlin, New London, Conn., coal; Charles A. Hacksher, Stubbs, New York, coal.

DIED,

On Saturday, December 27th, about 10 p. m., Mrs. Mary E. Crosson, wife of Dr. H. J. Crosson, after a brief and severe illness.

Her friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, which will take place from No. 527 H street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning next.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ Mutual Fire Insurance Company.—Notice, interest on all premium notes given for policies will be due and payable at the office of the Company on MONDAY, December 29, 1862. If not paid at or before that time, the policy will be cancelled. CHAS. WILSON,
dec 19—1t Secretary.

MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 29th, 1862.

DRAMATIC READINGS,
by
JAMES E. MURDOCH,
at the
House of Representatives of the U. S.

The proceeds to be appropriated by the State Associations for the relief of our
SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

PROGRAMME—PART I.

Poem—Building of the Ship - - - - - Longfellow.
Selections from the Tragedy of Hamlet—
In Dialogue and Soliloquy - - - Shakespeare.
Poem—Drifting - - - - - - T. Buchanan Read.
Ancient and Modern Greece—Extract from the Poem of the Giaour - - - - Byron.
Ballad—On Board the Cumberland; or, The Fight with the Merrimac - Geo. H. Boker.

PART II.

War Lyric—The Stars and Stripes - Francis de Haes Janvier.
The Rising, (1776;) or, The Patriot Parson—Extract from the new Poem, the Wagoner of the Alleganies - T. Buchanan Read.
The Light Brigade; or, The Charge of the "Six Hundred" at Balaklava - - - Tennyson.
Selections from the Tragedy of Julius Cæsar, embracing Mark Antony's Soliloquy over Cæsar's Body in the Capitol, and the Funeral Oration in the Forum - - - - - - - - - Shakespeare.
The Oath,—(Hamlet: "Swear by my Sword." Ghost: "Swear.") - - - Shakespeare.
A POETIC INVOCATION TO PATRIOTISM.

Reading to commence at 8 o'clock.

Tickets of admission, price Fifty Cents; to be had at the hotels and book stores.
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DRAKE'S PLANTATION BITTERS.

They purify, strengthen, and invigorate.
They create a healthy appetite.
They are an antidote to change of water and diet.
They overcome effects of dissipation and late hours.
They strengthen the system and enliven the mind
They prevent miasmatic and intermittent fevers.
They purify the breath and acidity of the stomach.
They cure Dyspepsia and Constipation.
They cure Diarrhœa, Cholera, and Cholera Morbus.
They cure Liver Complaint and Nervous Headache.
They are the best Bitters in the world. They make the weak man strong, and are exhausted nature's great restorer. They are made of pure St. Croix Rum, the celebrated Calisaya Bark, roots and herbs, and are taken with the pleasure of a beverage, without regard to age or time of day. Particularly recommended to delicate persons requiring a gentle stimulant. Sold by all Grocers, Druggists, Hotels, and Saloons. P. H DRAKE & CO., 202 Broadway, New York. se 26—6m

☞ The Ladies of Wesley Chapel propose holding a FESTIVAL in the Lecture Room of the Church, corner of Fifth and F streets, commencing on Monday evening, December 29th. The public are respectfully invited to attend.

Ticket, admitting a gentleman and lady during the Festival, 50 cents, to be had at Shepherd's Book Store, corner of Seventh and D, and at the door of the church. dec 27—3t*

☞ NOTICE.—Come One! Come All!—The exhibition of Fletcher Chapel Sabbath School will take place at McKendree Chapel, situated on Massachusetts Avenue, between Ninth and Tenth sts., on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December, at 7 o'clock p. m. Doors open at 6½ o'clock. Admittance for adults, 25 cents; children, 10 cents.
dec 27—3t*

☞ The Great Pennsylvania Route.—The quickest and safest route to the Northwest and Southwest. Two through trains daily, and one on Sunday. Soldiers' tickets at Government rates to all the principal points in the North and West. For tickets and further information apply at the office of the "Great Pennsylvania Route," northeast corner Pennsylvania avenue and Sixth street, under National Hotel. Office open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., on Sundays 2 to 4 p. m.
E. O. NORTON,
aug 8—1y Agent.

☞ Special Notice.—On and after Tuesday, April 1, 1862, the trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will commence running daily, (Sundays excepted,) leaving this Station at 7.40 a. m., and connecting at Washington Junction with Mail Train for all parts of the West via Wheeling or Parkersburg. Through tickets sold and baggage checked. W. P. SMITH,
M. of Transportation B. & O. R. R.
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☞ Weston's Progress of Slavery.—Copies of this work are for sale at the office of the National Republican. Pamphlet edition, 25 cents. Bound edition, 75 cents.

☞ Batchelor's Hair Dye—The Best in the World.—William A. Batchelor's celebrated Hair Dye produces a color not to be distinguished from nature; warranted not to injure Hair in the least; remedies the ill-effects of bad dyes, and invigorates the Hair for life. GREY, RED, or RUSTY HAIR instantly turns a splendid Black or Brown, leaving the hair soft and beautiful. Sold by all Druggists, &c.

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WANTED—A HOUSE, furnished or unfurnished, on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Fourth and Twentieth streets, with from six to fourteen rooms, at a reasonable rent. A first class tenant can be secured. Please address "O. B.," Box 506, Post Office. dec 27—2w

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HOUSE WANTED, if possible, in the central part of the city—from about Six to Twelve Rooms. A fair rent will be paid, and the best of tenants can be secured. References given if required. Please address "P. O. box 590." de 24—1w

Quartermaster's Depot,
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 12, 1862.

WANTED! WANTED!—100 Experienced CARPENTERS for the Quartermaster's Department at Alexandria, Virginia. Applications to be made to Mr. J. Dougherty, Superintendent, at this depot. C. B. FERGUSON,
dec 13—1m Captain A. Q. M., U. S. Army.

WANTED.—Five Hundred good, sober, and experienced TEAMSTERS, for the Quartermaster's Department in this city.

Apply to C. H. Snow, General Superintendent, at this office. J. J. DANA,
de 13—1m Capt. and A. Q. M., U. S. Army.

WANTED.—Ladies and gentlemen to consult La Voisine, a descendant of Astrologist to Napoleon the Great, on all affairs of life, at 411 Eleventh street. Diseases examined and cured in a few sittings. dec 6

WANTED.—At the New York Employment Agency Office, No. 311 Ninth street, near Pennsylvania avenue, TWENTY-FIVE (25) White and Colored GIRLS, with good references, as Cooks, Chambermaids, Laundresses, Waitresses, Nurses, and Seamstresses. Also, young Colored Men, to wait on tables in Private Families or Hotels. Also wanted, houses immediately, with or without furniture. Employers in want of good help, will find it to their advantage to call.
may 28—tf N. H. MILLER.

WANTED.—For a gentleman and his wife, a Double Parlor, with first-class furniture and board. Price not so much a consideration as a nice place.

The best city reference given and required. Address "Banker," at the City Post Office.

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EASTERN PRODUCE.

2000 barrels	Apples,
7200 do	Potatoes,
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In store, and landing, by
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By J. C. McGUIRE & CO., Auctioneers.
OLD BOOKS AT PUBLIC AUCTION.—On MONDAY EVENING, January 5th, 1863, commencing at 6½ o'clock, we shall sell, on the first floor of the Auction Rooms, a large number of Old Books, accumulation of some time, of a dealer in this city, now declining the business. Will be sold positive, and continue each evening until all are disposed of.
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PEREMPTORY SALE OF NEW BOOKS SUITABLE FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—On TUESDAY EVENING, December 30th, commencing at half-past 6 o'clock, we shall sell, on the first floor of the Auction Rooms, about 300 volumes of handsome Bound Books, suitable for Presents during the Holidays, consisting of—
Annuals and Albums, Souvenirs,
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ELEGANT AND RICH
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SUITABLE FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS,
AT AUCTION.

On TUESDAY MORNING, December 30th, commencing at o'clock, at our Auction Rooms, continuing until all are disposed of, the stock of an importing house
FROM NEW YORK,
all manufactured in the very best and richest manner, and warranted free from moth, and as represented, consisting of

Real Royal Ermines,
Hudson Bay Sables,
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A very extensive assortment of valuable
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We respectfully call the attention of the public to this stock of elegant Furs and Robes, made up by one of the best manufacturers of Broadway, New York, for retail trade, and to be sold for no other, without reserve.
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GOVERNMENT SALE OF CONDEMNED SUBSISTENCE STORES AT AUCTION.—On TUESDAY MORNING, 30th December, 1862, at 10 o'clock, we will sell, in front of the Auction Rooms, a lot of Condemned Subsistence Stores, consisting of

35 Barrels Pork.
244 bbls. Salt Beef.
2962 lbs. Bacon.
70 bbls. Flour.
867 lbs. Green Coffee.
388 lbs. Split Peas.
784 lbs. Rice.
1 bbl. Beef Tongues.
2 bushels Onions.
22 gals. Molasses.
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Terms cash, in Government Funds.
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A. Q. M. U. S. A.
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BATH HOUSE AND FIXTURES AT AUCTION.—By virtue of a deed of trust made by Challan, McGhana & Co., for the benefit of the creditors of said firm, I will, on TUESDAY, 30th instant, at 12 o'clock M., on the premises, expose to public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, that well-known establishment, the Metropolitan Baths, containing 14 Iron Bath-tubs (vapor and shower,) 2 Boilers, Oil-cloth on the floor, Matting and Carpeting, 6 Oak Arm-Chairs, 6 dozen Towels, 14 Mirrors, 14 Combs and Brushes, 14 Soap Dishes, 14 Flesh Brushes, Gas Fixtures, 6 Muslin Curtains, Walnut Desk, Lounge, and many other articles too numerous to mention, together with the lease of the premises.

The sale offers an inducement to persons wishing to engage in this business, which recommends it to their especial attention.

S. S. WILLIAMS, Trustee.
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CHOICE BUILDING LOT IN PRINTING OFFICE SQUARE AT AUCTION.—On MONDAY AFTERNOON, the 5th of January, at half past four o'clock, we shall sell, at auction, one of the most desirable Lots in Printing Office Square; said Lot Fronting 22 feet 4½ inches on First street west, and running back 130 feet 4 inches to a 20-feet alley, being the second L