LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NOTICES OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FIFTEEN carpenters are wanted at once.

A PACKAGE, containing jewelry, has been lost.

A VERY reliable colored man wishes a situation.

PROF. HUSSELL'S tonic pannacea, for sale by Nairn & Bro.

FURNISHED ROOMS at 494 Massachusetts avenue for rent.

WANTED, by a middle-aged man, a situation as bookkeeper.

PHILP & SOLOMONS have received all the new books.

HOLIDAY presents, in great variety, at Lowe's, 811 Market space.

A NEW and commodious three-story brick dwelling is for sale by Fitch & Fox.

SHAWLS, in great variety, for Christmas presents, at Wm. H. Riley's.

W. F. SEYMOUR, 199 Bridge street, Georgetown, has an elegant assortment of furs.

A MEETING of the Washington and Georgetown railroad directors will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 1873.

THE sale by Wm. L. Wall & Co., auctioneers, of an attractive line of furniture, is postponed until Monday morning, December 23.

R. W. REED & SONS can tell how to enjoy a merry Christmas and happy New Year. They have all sorts of good things.

GREEN & WILLIAMS, auctioneers, will sell, on Friday, January 10, at 4 o'clock, p. m., a two-story frame house and lot, fronting on C street south, between Third and Four-and-a-half west, Island 3.

CITY ITEMS.

H. Herbert.

Ye happy X-mas times—these joyful, generous days—the very time when fancy boxes, cornucopias, bon-bons, and all articles in the line of confectionery make people appreciative of the period and of thoughtful donors; and, now, where to get them? There is no better place than Herbert's, No. 311 Seventh street. He is a descendant of Santa Claus himself, and will almost give away his good things. Step in and see his handsome face smile all over when you ask for candy. Such candy as he has is worth looking at. Call on Herbert.

Beautiful Holiday Presents

At DOCULAMS'

Skirt and Corset Factory, No. 498 Ninth street, opposite Y. M. C. A. building,

embracing real Lace and Linen Sets, Linen Handkerchiefs, Embroidered and Initial Handkerchiefs, French Caps, Lace Undersleeves, and a full line of Fancy Articles especially adapted to the holiday season.

HARVEY & HOLDEN,

No. 1016 Pennsylvania avenue,

have the monopoly of the favorite and well-known brand of Horn Harbor oysters, the first and finest of the season, which they will serve in their popular saloons for ladies and gentlemen, and are also prepared to furnish the same in packages of all sizes for transportation.

To Purchasers of Holiday Clothing.

MARK THE FACT.

We are now offering

Men's Dress Suits from $20 to $30.
Men's Dress Suits from $40 to $50.
Men's Dress Suits from $55 to $60.
Business Suits from $18 to $30.
Business Suits from $28 to $40.
Business Suits from $35 to $45.
Working Suits from $6 to $15.
Working Suits from $18 to $20.
Working suits from $22 to $30.
Overcoats, Melton, from $12 to $15.
Overcoats, blue, brown and gray Chinchilla, $16 to $20.
Overcoats, blue, brown Beaver, $25 to $35.
Boys' Cutaway Suits from $6 to $15.
Boys' Frankin Suits from $10 to $14.
Boys' Chesterfield Suits from $15 to $25.
Boys' Cape Overcoats from $9 to $18.
Youths' Overcoats from $12 to $25.
Men's Talmas and Wing Coats.

NOAH WALKER & CO.,

411 Pennsylvania avenue,

Metropolitan Hotel Building.

Candy's Christmas Acrostic.

CANDY came to Washington,
And opened here his store;
Never on the Avenue
Did the like appear before.
You may guess the crowds of people
CANDY'S opening seen,
And be sure you find the
Number, six hundred and sixteen.
Day and night his sweets are nice,
You may buy the best at the lowest price.

No. 616 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,

1w Opposite Metropolitan Hotel.

LARGE NEW CLASSES will commence the course in the Business College the first week in January; the majority arranging for scholarships at the installment rates. Nearly sixty ladies and gentlemen (twice the usual number) are in the class to graduate next June. 3w

THE new Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., is near several Protestant Episcopal churches.

MRS. LUCINDA B. CHANDLER is at the residence of Mrs. C. B. Winslow, No. 1 Grant place, and will receive calls from 3 to 5, p. m., and will make appointments to hold parlor meetings. 1w

HO! FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Messrs. Goldmann & Steinberg, the enterprising proprietors of the new gents' furnishing goods store, corner Seventh and G streets, have made great preparations for the coming holidays. Their stock of goods is immense, embracing everything for gentlemen's wear, viz: white shirts of the very best manufacture, undershirts, and drawers of all the different kinds, gloves in kid, dogskin, castor, cloth, chinchilla, &c., traveling bags, and jackets, umbrellas, linen and silk handkerchiefs, ties, bows and scarfs, and a great many other articles suitable for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Come in and look at our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Medicated red flannel underwear a specialty.

GOLDMANN & STEINBERG,

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WHITE, clean, sound teeth, all may have by using daily THURSTON'S Ivory Pearl Tooth Powder; price, 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

BEAUTIFUL, soft, glossy hair; all desire it, all may have it by constant use of THURSTON'S Parisian Optique. Price, 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

LIGHT COLORED Kid Gloves are very stylish when not soiled. JOUVEN'S Inodorous Kid Glove Cleaner will renovate them thoroughly; price, 25 cents per bottle. All sold by druggists and fancy dealers.

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and appropriate for all seasons, at

MARKWITZ'S,

No. 439 Seventh street, between D and E, embracing choice Paintings, Chromos, Engravings, Photographs, Picture Frames, all styles and sizes, in walnut, gilt, velvet, and Picture Cord and Tassels, Rings, Nails, Gold-plated, Tinned and Wire Centre Picture Cord, with a full line of Paperhangings and Window Shades.

FURS! FURS! FURS!!—The largest and cheapest assortment of ladies' and children's Fancy Furs for the holidays, at reduced prices, at DITTRICH'S, the manufacturer, 714 Seventh street northwest, centre of the square—sign of the "Big Bear."

THE BEST TABLE BOARD the market affords is furnished at the Marston House, on Fifteenth street and New York avenue. Also several handsomely furnished front and back rooms.

THE LATEST SENSATION.

$4 Scotch Bottom Gaiters.
$4 50 Stitched Boots.
$5 50 Good Calf Boots.
$5 00 Custom Made.
$1 50 Ladies' Button Gaiters.
$1 French Kid Button.
$1 50 Children's Button.
White Gaiters and Slippers.
Rubber Boots and Shoes, all sizes, at

HEISKELL'S, 402 Seventh street.

WONDERFUL.

I. George Combs, 906 Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets, is selling the finest French candies at the low price of 40 cents per pound. A call will satisfy all that he is selling the same goods which are usually sold for 70 cents.

I. G. COMBS,

906 Pennsylvania avenue.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, if you wish your wearing apparel cleaned in a first-class manner send them to A. FISHER, 418 Ninth street, opposite Patent Office. The Professor will give you satisfaction without fail. Kid gloves cleaned nice and cheap.

THE LIGHT-RUNNING "DOMESTIC"

Sewing Machine is the best of all. The perfection of stitch on all kinds of goods, great range of work, ease of operation, noiseless, (or more nearly so than any other shuttle machine,) self-adjusting tensions, simplicity and durability of all parts is not equaled in any other machine. Office, 935 F street, Masonic Temple.

M. F. ADAMS & CO., Agents.

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The Washington City Savings Bank,

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FOR NEW YEAR CALLS—

Full Dress Suits,
at $60, at $35, at $40, at $45, at $50, at $60.

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National Savings Bank,

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BERMAN & BRO.'S,

305 Seventh street, three doors south E.

HOLIDAYS.

WHERE TO GET SUITABLE PRESENTS

A Novel Display of Gifts—Important Information About Fashionable, Useful, and Cheap Souvenirs.

Christmas holidays, the season of rest and merry-making, are close at hand. What a world of pleasing, delightful anticipations are centred by old and young in this religious festival! How like a boon the occasion is to the majority of mankind! And what a beautiful custom is this presentation of gifts that has from the beginning sweetly adorned and commemorated to the whole civilized world this sacredly festive anniversary!

Nothing is so decidedly provoking as to gaze upon a multitude of attractive presents and yet be unable to make suitable selections—those adapted to each individual, male and female friends, and consistent with one's relations thereto. To combine the useful with the ornamental, the novel and elegant, the practical and esthetic, in one satisfying present, that will please and be unexceptionable, is rather a difficult undertaking, and is just now puzzling the heads of the old and young; and, for the benefit of our readers, we propose to give a few brief descriptions of appropriate souvenirs, also state where they can be found:

Bray & Brother are deserving of cheers; in fact, "renewed applause," for their place of business, 361 Pennsylvania avenue, is thronged with happy purchasers of canned goods, tomatoes, peaches, Winslow's corn, and of coffees, old Government Java, Maracaibo and Rio, and choice roll and firkin butter, and the best family flour, and raisins, citron, figs, dates, dried peaches and apples, Atmore's mincemeat, and all possible good things in the grocery line. Hurrah for Bray & Brother!

All that is genteel in this kingdom and desirable for the ladies, as they well know, can be found at William's, 907 Pennsylvania avenue. It is not for us to know what ladies wear, and we blush to be in possession of the fact that ladies wear undergarments, and yet William yesterday actually had the hardihood to display before our profane eyes what he called an "elegant assortment of them," and some corsets, mysteriously marked "J. B. P.," whatever that is. We thought at first that they were for the C. C. P. Club, but our friend Shaller says the club don't wear corsets. But what took our eye was his real laces, his superb black dress silks, his cloak velvets, a splendid lot of wrappers, sleeveless velvet waists, velours centiure "Louis XV.," and in some beautiful neckties the whole history of Abelard and Heloise was recalled. Seal skins and Scotch turbans, and a thousand and one remarkable things for sale, made the visit to William's as pleasant as a week with the Arabian Nights entertainment. Please step in, and see for yourself.

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Good Advice.

"Pray for a bold spirit and a strong mind" when you pass I. Becker & Co.'s, No. 301 Pennsylvania avenue, or you will surely be tempted to step in and open your purse for a fine suit of clothes for dress or business, warm and durable furnishing goods, gloves of all kinds and best makes, plain and fancy neck ties and everything that a gentleman may want to wear. Becker & Co. are merchant tailors of well established repute, and from a finely selected stock of French and English goods will make garments to order.

American Life Insurance.

The American Life Insurance Association are engaged in perfecting an organization in the city which is so near completed that they will hold a meeting in a few days for the election of directors. It was an association of this kind that paid a policy of $15,000 on the life of Mr. Greeley to his daughters.

EDUCATIONAL.

Meeting of the County School Trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the County Schools met yesterday evening at their rooms, over the Bank of the Metropolis, on Fifteenth street, opposite the Treasury, the president, D. L. Miller, in the chair, and Chas. Douglass, secretary. The new member, Mr. A. D. V. Burr, was present for the first time.

Mr. Pollict, from the committee appointed to investigate the disorder among the teachers in the Barry Farm school, submitted a report, in which they stated that disorder had been found in the school, and that it would be unwise and detrimental to the interests of education to continue all the present teachers in the same building. They recommend that the principal, Mrs. V. L. Douglass, be transferred to some other school in the county, and that Mr. W. H. Harris be transferred to her school.

A letter was read from Trustee Mitchell setting forth that Mr. Harris objected to being transferred.

Mr. Pollict said this was rather dictatorial on the part of the teacher.

Mr. Harris, the teacher, who was present upon invitation of the board, stated his objections to being transferred, and said the objection was made on his part owing to the distance from his residence, and in consequence of the state of his health he would not be able to walk the distance from Sixteenth and M streets to Barry Farm; and further, he did not desire to take any part in the difficulty between Mr. Douglass and Mr. Brown, as both gentlemen were his personal friends, and by his taking this school a wrong feeling might be created.

Mr. Pollict assured Mr. Harris that politics should not be in the way, as he would protect him therefrom.

The secretary, Mr. Douglass, stated upon request of Mrs. Douglass that all difficulties that may have existed have been settled, and that all disturbances have ceased; therefore any teacher the board may feel disposed to place at Barry Farm will have a harmonious career while there.

Mr. Talbot said the committee had determined to make the transfer, and if Mr. Harris did not go then some one else would have to, as the change must be made.

After further expression of opinion, the report was adopted.

Mr. Brown made a motion, which was adopted, closing the schools from December 21 to January 6.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Mitchell, Burr and Stick was appointed to investigate the charges made against the secretary regarding some stoves in his possession said to be the property of the board; after which the board adjourned.

CITY SMALL TALK.

To all paying their taxes this month a discount of seven per cent. will be allowed.

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IMPROVEMENT.

MEETING OF PROPERTY HOLDERS.

What Four-and-a-half Street Cost—An Itemized Bill Submitted—All Parties Satisfied.

The property-holders on Four-and-a-half street held a meeting last evening at Reinforth hall, Hon. F. A. Boswell in the chair, and R. A. Bacon secretary.

The committee appointed to wait on the Board of Public Works, of which Mr. Bacon was chairman, reported, submitting an itemized bill of the expenses for the work done on Four-and-a-half street, as follows:

ITEMIZED BILL OF PATRICK CULLINANE.

23,722 square yards new brick pavement laid, at 80 cents per yard, $18,902.40; 771 square yards old brick pavement relaid, at 25 cents per square yard, $192.75; 1,192½ square yards brick pavement on edge laid, at $1.61 per yard, $1,920; 7,898 9-12 running feet, 5-inch new curb and setting, $1.20 per foot, $9,067.40; 2,691 1-12 running feet, 4½-inch new curb and setting, at 80 cents, $2,152.80; 3,232 9-12 running feet 5-inch curb reset, at 20 cents per foot, $646.12; 59,481 cubic yards grading, at 18 cents per yard, $11,446.90; 56,601 cubic yards of hauling, at 10 cents, $5,648.10; 48,323 square yards macadamized pavement, at $1.35 per square yard, $65,236.05; difference between board price and cost on 1,309,998 bricks, at $2.75 per thousand, $3,404.50; hauling 7,898 9-12 feet of 5-inch curb from Sixth street wharf, at 7 cents per foot, $552.46; hauling 2,691 feet of 4½-inch from Sixth street wharf, at 6 cents per foot, $161.46. Total, $139,994.78.

CULLINANE'S SEWER BILL.

Nine thousand six hundred and forty-two lineal feet of 18-inch Scotch tile, and laying, 80 cents per foot, $6,484.80; 1,795 lineal feet 15-inch Scotch, at $1.40, $2,507.70; 908 lineal feet 15 by 9 connections at $1.50, $1,362.50; 49 lineal feet 15 by 12 connections, (for alleys,) at $1.60; $67.20; 106 manholes, twelve feet deep, $8,942; $1,241 cubic yards excavation, $6,618.40. Total, $26,949.40.

W. A. WILSON, FOR TRAPS, (GRATE PATTERN.)

Four hundred and ninety-seven lineal feet Scotch tile, at 50 cents, $427.30; 48 receiving basin traps, at $114.50, $5,156.10; 113 cubic yards excavation, at 40 cents, $45.20. Total, $5,628.60.

For trees and wooden boxes, at $4, $3,900; repairing water service, $1,153.50; removing old material, $2,987.00; inspector, removing fire-plugs, &c., $1,811.10. Grand total, $179,441.94.

Amount charged to United States, $12,590.50; amount charged half intersection of streets, $16,866. Total, $29,196.50. Balance, $150,245.44. Add five per cent. for general expenses, (for engineering, clerks, &c.,) $7,516.16. One third assessed on property fronting on the street, $52,753.87; 950-1,000 per foot for each property holder.

Mr. Cramer said that he had carefully measured the material in front of every man's property, and the report was the same of the board of Public Works, and they had carefully distributed make an allowance to the property-holders for the material.

Mr. Bacon thought that the only heavy charge was in the grading, hauling, and tree-boxes; beyond that he did not think the property-holders had any cause to complain.

Mr. Boswell suggested that the question was whether the price allowed were correct for the actual manner in which and whether the work had been performed to contract.

Mr. Herforth said that there might be twelve inches of stone laid, but he did not think so. He was not opposed to the board, but wanted the contractor to do justice.

Mr. Bacon had a large bill to pay, and had watched the work, and from F street to Pennsylvania avenue he was perfectly satisfied with the work; what the rest of it would be could not yet be stated.

Mr. Cramer said the engineer had inspected the street in forty different places, and pronounced it a very fair showing.

Dr. Bliss said that while the work had been in progress the Board of Public Works had given attention to every complaint made, and had it remedied as far as lay in their power. The contractor was compelled to keep the street in repair for eight months. He, for one, was perfectly satisfied, and should pay his bill.

The report was received, and the meeting adjourned.

Remember Your Pastor.

In this season of holidays let us remind our readers in country parishes not to forget their pastor. If he is a poor man in this world's goods, as almost all country clergymen are, there is no gift more grateful and welcome than the payment of insurance on his life presented to him by the parish. It may be an insurance payable to himself when he reaches middle life or old age, or payable to his wife at whatever time he may die. It is a gift which will be remembered and blessed by the recipient long after all other gifts commemorating this joyful season of the year are lost and forgotten.

A certain amount of wealth is as necessary for the comfort and prosperous life of the pastor as it is for any member of the parish. The necessities of both are alike. But his business of preaching the Gospel brings no accumulation of wealth with it, as does the business of other men. While he is sometimes receiving less for his weekly labors than the carpenter who built his pulpit or the upholsterer who cushioned it, he is called upon to work longer and to expend more than either. His wants, his thoughts, and his sympathies must be "all things to all men." He must beg for the poor and he must entertain the rich. And lucky is his wife if she finds, after the stranger who has taxed her hospitality is gone, a bank-note under the pillow, as a recognition of her kindness.

It is well to remember that your pastor cannot live on spiritual riches, although he may have an abundance of them. As a man he needs the same temporal comforts and conveniences of life that his parishioners need, and the necessity for them increases in proportion as his family cares increase. Has he a wife and children? His wants are the same as those of any other household in the parish; and the probability is that his salary is not more than enough to supply these wants, even if he gets it when it is due him.

You should not divert your affections from him because he is not a perfect man. Parishioners themselves are not always perfect. You may think he is disposed to rule, rather than to teach, in the parish; to dictate, rather than persuade; to disagree, rather than to sympathize; to look at you and all your accomplishments only through the small pieces of his study window. All this may be regretted and, perhaps, improved. No doubt St. Paul had his disagreeable side. But, notwithstanding all the lack of perfection that you find in your pastor, is he not a minister of the Gospel, who has devoted his life to a profession in which there is no wealth for him to enjoy, but a legacy of poverty for him to expect?

When, after a devout and industrious life, age cripples his usefulness and a young generation is crowding him into retirement, is there anything left to him but poverty, unless some kind parishioners have acted upon our suggestion and endowed his old age with a life insurance or an annuity?

People who are living in comfortable circumstances have only a vague idea of what poverty means. To this poor clergyman it means more than self-denial. It is pain, mortification, abasement, physical suffering. It is an ignoble termination of a benevolent life. Better for every parish, now, at this joyful season of the year, to devote a fund for the purchase of a life or an endowment insurance for their pastor, rather than to raise money to paint the meeting-house, to resent the Sunday school, to buy a bell or an organ, or to do anything else of a merely temporary character. Insurance is a life-long benefit to your pastor. It is for his present comfort of mind, and for his sure protection against that future poverty which, without this, must be his sad reward on earth.

A Good Company.

The New York insurance commissioner says in one of his reports, speaking of the Equitable Life Assurance Society: "The corporation can be said to stand and distinguish the commencement of the recent astounding progress in the business of life assurance."

In 1869 the Equitable Society took a position at the head of all life assurance companies, and has annually transacted more new business in life assurance than any other company in the world—each year gaining upon the confidence of the people by its usefulness, security and liberality. "It has no longer a successful competitor, and in the proud position which it has reached, now holds, at the head of our assurance companies, must be recognized the good-will of the people, whose preference it has gained because it has answered their requirements most completely in everything that pertains to life assurance.

Election of Officers.

At a regular communication of Laurel Wreath Lodge No. 149, A. F. & A. M., held at Laurel, Md., on Monday evening, the following officers were elected and installed: John Chrismiller, W. M.; James Carter, S. W.; Wm. M. Harrison, J. W.; Jacob H. Plowman, secretary, and John D. Latchford, treasurer.

At the regular meeting of Centennial Lodge No. 14, F. A. A. M., on Thursday night, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: H. A. Whitney, W. M.; D. Schlosser, S. W.; T. J. Edwards, J. W.; A. T. Longley, treasurer; Thos. Thompson, secretary.

At the meeting of Lafayette Lodge No. 19, F. A. A. M., held the same evening, the following officers were elected: Joseph F. McCoy, W. M.; Burton R. Ross, S. W.; Nicholas E. Young, J. W.; D. S. Jones, treasurer; Richard J. Blacklock, secretary; I. Stoddard, tiler.

At the annual conclave of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John R. Thompson, E. C.; Samuel Tanner, Generalissimo; Thos. Marshall, C. G.; W. H. Brown, Prelate; Frank G. Daniels, S. W.; W. T. Kinsey, J. W.; Thos. S. Mitchell, Warden; Robert Ball, Treasurer; A. T. Langley, Recorder; I. Stoddard, jr., Sentinel.

A New Church.

The McKendree Methodist Episcopal congregation having, in June last, decided upon "a new departure," their old church, which had stood for twenty-eight years, was torn down. The new church is already so far completed as to admit of the occupancy of the basement. The first public service will be held to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock. Bishop Ames will deliver the discourse on the occasion. Rev. S. B. Wilson, formerly pastor, now of Foundry, will preach at night. The opening services will be under the direction of the pastor, Rev. G. W. Cooper, through whose encouragement the enterprise was inaugurated.

Medical Society.

The Collegiate society of the National Medical college met at the college building last evening at 8 o'clock, the president, Dr. E. M. Schaeffer, in the chair.

Dr. Gleason read a very interesting essay upon "Anesthetics."

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Dr. J. K. P. Gleason; vice president, Dr. Wm. T. Ramsey; secretary, James M.