

THE EVENING CRITIC.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1868.

Special Weather Bulletin. The special bulletin issued from the Signal Office to-day says: The indications are that cold northeast to southeast winds, threatening weather and rain or snow will prevail in New England, the Middle States and lower lake region during Saturday.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

About People and Things in Washington.

HCP's black goods store, 713 7th st. n. w. Twenty-eight arrests were made yesterday by the police.

STREET LAMPS will be lighted at 5:30 p. m. and extinguished at 11 p. m.

THERE were five fires reported yesterday, three of which were of some importance.

The cells at Police Headquarters were being completely remodeled and replastered to-day.

SIX TRAMPS were put in the cooler on the charge of vagrancy through the medium of Judge Snell to-day.

SAMUEL RILEY fell from his horse and broke his left arm while riding through Tenallytown yesterday afternoon.

A SLIGHT fire was caused yesterday afternoon by a defective fuse at house 926 M street northwest. No alarm was turned in.

DANIEL L. HARBOUR, was fined \$10 by Judge Snell to-day, for assaulting Sara Washington, his servant girl, last Friday, and ejecting her from his house.

Forty young men made an effigy on the corner of Thirteenth and D streets last evening, and were fined \$5 apiece in the Police Court this morning.

AN ORGANIZATION of ladies to assist in the German Orphan Association has been formed, with Mrs. A. J. Williams, president, and Mrs. Theo. Poesche, treasurer.

THERE is no necessity to neglect your business if you will only use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup at once; the most reliable remedy in the world for Coughs, Colds, etc.

THE LIVELY STABLE of David Murphy, on Virginia avenue near Four-and-a-half street, was entirely destroyed by fire last night. The horses and carriages were saved, and the loss will reach nearly \$500.

MR. CLIFF WARREN, of this city, has begun a suit in Chicago against Editor Storey, of the Times, for \$500, the amount agreed to be paid for an advertisement copy of President Hayes' message. Storey refused to pay.

GIBSON'S watch-dog and eavesdropper and boy Friday was on duty last night at the hotels for the purpose of catching any expressions of opinion that might fall from the lips of Judge Snell's decision in the Star-route information cases.

SYLVESTER SMOTHERS is held at the Fifth Precinct station, having been arrested when attempting to sell a roll of about forty yards of carpet, which he acknowledged was given to him to shake, but refuses to say who by.

MR. DOWLING, the auctioneer, appeared at the Washington Market at noon yesterday, and announced that the sale of stalls would be again postponed for one week in consequence of the order of the court temporarily reserving the sale.

The sale will be postponed from week to week until the case in court is disposed of.

FOREMAN SHEDD, of the Franklin Engine, was on his way to the fire at Seventh and D streets early yesterday morning when he discovered that the wind had overturned the lamp in the old Metropolitan Theatre, and that a pile of lumber and shavings had caught fire. Shedd promptly extinguished the flames without turning in an alarm.

MR. E. D. WRIGHT, in the name of the citizens residing in the vicinity of Four-and-a-half street and Virginia avenue southwest, expresses thanks to the officers and men of Company No. 4, of the Fire Department, for their promptness and efficiency in extinguishing a fire in a property during the fire at the stable of Mr. David Murphy.

HERBERT TEST, No. 19, I. O. of Rechabites, held an anniversary meeting in the Curtis School building, Georgetown, Wednesday night. The attendance was large and the program was greatly enjoyed.

A handsome flag was presented to the tent by Miss Bettie Huddleston, which was accepted on behalf of the tent by Mr. W. M. Hall. Among those who participated in the program presented were Messrs. J. G. Bates, warden Sir Henry H. Dade, treasurer, and Sir F. C. Revells, sr., recorder.

AT THE annual election of the Grand Commandery of colored Knights Templars of the District of Columbia, held last night, the following officers were elected: Sir William H. Myers, B. E., grand commander; Sir Nathan Addison, V. E. D., grand commander; Sir A. C. Stewart, grand treasurer; Sir C. A. Lemar, captain-general; Sir J. B. Hutchins, prelate; Sir Jefferson Thomas, senior warden; Sir J. H. Williams, junior warden; Sir Henry H. Dade, treasurer, and Sir F. C. Revells, sr., recorder.

Overcoats For Men. Eisenman Bros., cor. 7th and E.

District Government Notes. A number of property-holders on I street, between Fourth and Fifth, have protested to the Commissioners against the proposed change of grade on that street.

The vital statistics of the District for the month of September was issued by the Health Officer to-day. The number of deaths during the month was 403, an increase of 38 over the corresponding month of last year, and 36 more than the average number of deaths during September for the last years. The decedents were—White, 201; colored, 202. There were 13 deaths from violence; 35 from malarial fever, etc.; 208 from other causes, and 55 from other causes, etc.; 3,050 large tree boxes and 1,900 of a smaller size have been put up around trees; 155 old, decayed and useless trees have been removed and holes have been made and prepared for planting 2,075 young trees. The care of the young trees in the city is so expensive that only a small portion of the appropriation can be used for planting new trees. A movement made to dispense with boxes around old trees has proved impracticable. The Commissioners contemplate substituting for the tree-boxes a cheap guard, which will prevent the gnawing of the bark by horses and other damage to the trees. The report treats at some length of the various ways of destroying the insects, which, however, have all proved to be of very little practical value. The concluding paragraph of the report is as follows: "Notwithstanding all drawbacks, there is no city in this country so well furnished with healthy shade trees, and as to cost, planting and care, we may safely claim comparison for a similar result with any city in the world."

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Real Estate Transfers. E. S. Parker to D. G. Purman, for \$1,068.75, lot 57, square 193; N. W. Fitzgerald to Edward Fitzg, for \$350, lot 44, Fitzgerald's sub-division of part of block 748.

BOY OR GIRL BABIES.

Which Sex Predominates Among the First Born?—An Interesting Social Problem Discussed, and How the Question was Settled.

"Well, gentlemen, it's all right," said a young married youth attached to a Sunday newspaper, rushing into the Tenth-street Police Station a few nights ago with a bunch of prizes upon his features. "It's all right, and the mother and babe are doing well."

"What is it?" exclaimed half a dozen newspaper reporters and policemen in chorus.

"A girl, gentlemen, a girl; and a twelve-pounder."

Then there was a pause.

Suddenly an old veteran of the quill, who has plodded through half a century of births, marriages, funerals, assassinations, horse-races, and such, quietly arose and astounded his audience with the following remark:

"Young man, yours is an exceptional case. You say your first born is a girl. Now let me say that fortune has blessed you, for not more than five in ten of the first born infants are girls. Indeed, I venture the assertion that twenty-five per cent. of the first borns are boys."

This was everybody talking.

All present were married men with families, and those fathers whose first born were boys agreed with the veteran q. d., and the fathers of girls took the opposite side of the case, and the discussion assumed a lively phase, when the veteran q. d. finally suggested that, in order to test the question, each male entering the station up to midnight should be questioned on the disputed point, and then at the summing up the sex of the largest number of first born should carry the issue. It was then 9 o'clock, and the boys awaited the first comer with anxiety, as at that time the score stood seven boys and five girls.

Suddenly the door opened and a policeman with some surprise.

"Say," shouted the crowd, "was your first-born a boy or a girl?" and then paused breathlessly for a reply.

"Why, a girl, of course," answered the officer with some surprise.

This reduced the boys' score one.

In walked another policeman with a drunken man. This officer's first-born was a girl, thus making the score a tie. The boy partly felt a little nervous and one of the officers, approaching the inebriated prisoner, respectfully said:

"You'll excuse the strange question, sir, but was your first-born a boy or girl?"

"Darned if I know, guess not, though, cause I ain't married."

This set the girl party in a roar of laughter.

In this manner the questioning went on until five minutes to 12 o'clock, at which time the score stood: Boys, 29; girls, 24.

The boys' party, though, not having carried the point that twenty-five per cent. of first borns were boys, had still the claim of being in the majority on general results, and, as only five minutes remained, were happy. Just then, however, an old tramp, with a well known one, too, by the way, walked in and requested lodgings for the night.

The station-keeper, who was championing the girl party, proceeded to register him and put him through the sprouts as follows:

"What name?"

"John Bingle."

"Married or single?"

"Single."

Here the station-keeper paused, and biting the end of his pen-holder asked slowly, while the crowd bent eagerly forward:

"Was your first-born a boy or a girl?"

"What's that?" in tones of complete surprise.

The question was repeated.

"Well, see hyar, yez never axed me that question afore. 'Wot's it got to do wid me gettin' married?"

"It's simply to settle a little discussion."

"Well, it's er hard 'un ter answer parly; that's so many on 'em. That was me in it, but I ain't forgot which wuz born first."

"Try and think," said the station-keeper anxiously, in the hope of crowding the boy's score, if he could.

The tramp passed a bit, scratched his head, and with his chin softly and blinked at the gas jets, unmindful of the suspense his delay was creating, then suddenly a bright glow crossed his features as he said:

"I have it, I have it," shouted the boys anxiously.

"It was twin girls."

The boy party turned away disgusted. The score was an even tie, and on the last stroke of midnight from the clock the crowd dispersed.

Antique Furniture at Zimmerman's.

Every large city boasts of its sons or two "Old Curiosity" shops, more or less, and hundreds of antique, old furniture, bric-a-brac, and the like, nassack them eagerly for articles of value. Washington is not behind in this respect. Indeed, it may be said that the establishment conducted by Mr. H. M. Zimmerman, No. 410 Ninth street, is the most attractive of its kind in the country. This morning a reporter of THE CRITIC believing that an item could be unearthed from the great piles of antiquities stored at Zimmerman's, called there and spent an hour, examining great brass fire-dogs with clawed feet that years ago bore the crackling yule logs at Christmas tide, inspecting the workmanship and carvings of old bedsteads and other furniture, and in the possession of our forefathers. Now and then the ticking of an ancient clock, such as our grandfather's (so famed in song) would attract the reporter's attention, and many a study was made through the examination of paintings in oil, cracked and crisped with age, displayed upon the walls. Massive ancient pier glasses and frames, high-backed chairs and rare old china were also studied closely.

The interesting articles were a spinning-wheel and a rare old sideboard over one hundred and fifty years old. The last named piece of furniture is a curiosity. It is constructed of rich mahogany and dies upon its drawers and doors, and is so highly polished as to reflect perfectly pictures hanging on the walls. It is a relic of one of the oldest Eastern Shore families, and worth seeing by everybody. The entire store is a study, and one can spend an hour or two there profitably.

Willcox-Mycatt.

Yesterday afternoon was the occasion of a quiet, but beautiful wedding in our city, the contracting parties being Miss Liza Mycatt, the most popular and perfect lady vocalist in Washington, and Mr. John Willcox, of Pittsburg. The ceremony took place at 722 Thirteenth street, Rev. C. H. Leonard, of St. John's Church, officiating in white satin dress, cut en train, with pointed white trimmings, and elegant jewelry. The parlor was handsomely decorated with rare and beautiful flowers, and presented a fascinating scene very appropriate to the occasion. The presents were numerous and elegant and were much admired.

After receiving their friends' congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Willcox left for an Eastern wedding tour. They will live in Pittsburg, of which city Mr. Willcox is a prominent citizen. Miss Mycatt will be a great acquisition to the social and musical circles of Pittsburg, but we, in Washington, cannot but feel a deep regret at our loss of so beautiful and accomplished a lady.

Gutten's Trial to Proceed Monday.

"Will you go on with the Gutten trial on Monday?" asked THE CRITIC this morning of W. D. Davidge, one of the special counsel in the case.

"Yes, we are all ready," he answered, "and I expect the trial will proceed."

"What was the object in summoning such a large number of witnesses?"

"I don't know but we could have got along with a less number, but we wished to be prepared to meet every point that is likely to spring up in the case. There are certain phases of the case that in all probability the Government will be called upon to rebut in the testimony on the other side. The defense may then claim that it was a part of the Government's case to set this testimony out in chief and in order to avoid any such complication we wish to be in readiness to meet all points bearing on the prosecution's side. You are a pretty good judge of criminal trials and the length of time they consume. How long do you think it will take to get through with this trial?"

"About three weeks."

"What, as long as that?"

"Yes, if both sides propose to examine all the witnesses they have summoned."

"Well, I hope it will be shorter than that and the judge will not let the time be wasted unnecessarily."

Judge Rollins Declines.

District Attorney Rollins, of New York City, who was invited by Acting Attorney-General Phillips to assist in the prosecution of the assassin Gutten, to-day notified Judge Phillips of his declining to accept of his appointment to the office.

It is too late now to invite the assistance of our counsel, so that the case will have to be conducted on the part of the Government by District Attorney General Porter, of New York, and Mr. Davidge, of the District Bar.

Quarterly Examination of the Normal School.

The first quarterly examination of the Washington Normal School (Miss L. E. Smith, teacher), took place at the Franklin building this morning in the presence of a large assemblage of the friends of the aspirants and the patrons of the school.

The District Attorney, Judge Conkling, and the most interesting character, consisting of efforts in elocution, music, botany, composition, teaching in primary school, and many of the useful sciences. It was gratifying, indeed, to find that the pupils realize the proficiency of these young ladies in the various departments of useful learning and in the broader fields of feminine culture and English literature. A wise man has said that the genius of our manhood is inherited from our mothers, and it is a gratifying reflection that these young ladies, who are to be in part the future matrons of the country, are receiving at our normal school the foundation upon which is to be built the superstructure of a high moral character and intellectual excellence. When these young ladies have passed their last examination with credit and honor they are licensed to go forth into the world with the certificate of the school, and they are capable of assuming the rearing and instruction of the rising generation.

Republican Central Committee.

A special meeting of the Republican Central Committee was held last night at the National Veteran Club-room on New York avenue, the President, A. M. Clapp, in the chair, and James M. Gregory, secretary.

The chair read a brief address of thanks to the committee for honoring him with the position of chairman, and hoped the Central Committee would maintain its self-respect, and meet the respect of the public.

W. C. Chase congratulated the Central Committee on having secured a thorough Republican chairman, and introduced a series of resolutions looking to the restoration of the elective franchise in the District of Columbia, which, after considerable discussion, was adopted. The committee on rules asked for further time in which to report a constitution and rules, on account of the absence of the chairman, Dr. Tindall. A motion was made to declare the office of vice-president of the Central Committee vacant, held by Isaiah Washington (colored), and considerable discussion followed; finally, the chair declared the motion out of order until the committee fully organize and adopt rules and by-laws, and the meeting adjourned.

A Verdict for an Architect.

James H. McGill this morning obtained a verdict in the Circuit Court against Jas. A. Hoffman, architect, for \$330.

The plaintiff is an architect by profession and was employed by the defendants to draw plans and specifications for the "Citizens' Market," at the corner of Rhode Island avenue and Ninth street, Washington. As was alleged, the defendant claimed that he was entitled for his services and labor 5 per cent. upon the estimated cost of the building (\$7,000) to be erected, and which made him entitled to \$350. He was paid \$50 on account and sued for the balance.

Action of a Building Association.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the North Washington Co-operative Building Association, last night, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by them, merging the association into the Equitable Co-operative Building Association.

That as the association is a building association, and its success unquestioned:

Whereas it has been demonstrated that the North Washington Co-operative Building Association is a building association, and its success unquestioned:

Resolved, That the board of directors direct the secretary to call upon the members of the association to transfer their subscriptions to the third series of the Equitable Co-operative Building Association.

The treasurer of the association, Mr. James Ragan, will pay in full to the subscribers, on presentation to him of their receipts, all money paid in by them.

The secretary of the Equitable is James H. Saville; vice-presidents, H. H. Twombly and Thomas Somerville; secretary, John Joy Edson.

Warm Clothing for the Boys.

Give your little boy warm clothing for the winter. Suits which for fit, wear, and style, are certain to give satisfaction, can be found at the well-known clothing house of B. Rossman & Co., 909 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

A Magnificent Sign.

Persons passing along F street to-day were attracted by the magnificent formation of the newly erected fence on the north side of that thoroughfare, between Ninth and Tenth streets, in an attractive business directory, so to speak, conspicuous among the advertisements thereon being an announcement that "THE EVENING CRITIC" is the newest paper published in Washington, displayed in letters of mammoth size and most artistically. "Did ever anybody see the likes of them CRITIC people?" remarked a broad-faced, old-fashioned morning who, while observing, was admiring the excellent work.

"Here they is lettin' folks know ag'in that they is around, and you bet they don't stand on no expense." Everybody spoke in tones of praise when viewing the board to-day, and marveled at the skill and taste displayed by Montrop, the artist.

Overcoats

For Boys. Eisenman Bros., cor. 7th and E.

We have little pity for others until we are in a situation to claim it for ourselves.

THE COURTS.

PROBATE COURT—Justice Hagner.

Estate of John M. Belt; first and final account of Chas. Mackall, executor, approved and passed. Estate of Ann Eliza Laub; first and final account of William A. Gordon, executor, approved and passed. Estate of James Green; inventory of personal estate returned by administrator (\$39,95). Estate of Ann Hines; petition of Betsey King, for letters of administration, filed. Joint guardian and suit dismissed in the case of Kirk, Rigles vs. Crawford et al., on trial.

CIRCUIT COURT—Justice MacArthur.

Hobbs vs. Schaffer; judgment below affirmed. Cook, Jr., & Co. vs. Kirk et al.; plaintiff called and suit dismissed in the case of Kirk, Rigles vs. Crawford et al., on trial.

PERSONAL.

JOHN McCULLOUGH is in Pittsburg.

HON. WILLIAM E. CHANDLER is in the city.

SECRETARY BLAINE will return from New York to-morrow.

ARCHIBALD FORBES, the famous English correspondent, is at the Ebbitt House.

THE PRESIDENT will arrive here from New York on the limited express this afternoon.

GEN. E. W. RICE, who has been spending some time in Arkansas, returned to the city to-day.

CHIEF CLERK BROWN, of the State Department, who had charge of the French guests, has returned to the city, and Assistant Secretary Walker Blaine, who accompanied the German guests, is expected to-morrow.

COL. H. MARTIN WILLIAMS, of Missouri, the apostle of Greenbackism, is at the St. James. Col. Williams has been speaking in New York for the last twenty days. He is on his way to Missouri.

EX-PRESIDENT DIAZ, of Mexico, is 60 years of age, the largest man in that country, and has been married three times, but he has ventured matrimony again, and this week was wedded in the City of Mexico to Miss Romero Rubio, a pretty maid of 18.

MRS. SARAH JEWETT, who graduated from one of our Washington departments in a desirable position in dramatic circles as a charming actress, is spiteful toward Mary Anderson, and recently pronounced her a reporter as being "too utterly ridiculous for anything."

PROBABLY not one of the numerous anecdotes that have witnessed Herrmann as an interested spectator as Gen. Sherman. The General has a penchant for all things pertaining to the stage, but as he is in the procession box seemed more engaged by the magic than by a drama. He chatted with Herrmann between the acts, and the latter gentleman presented Gen. Sherman's daughter, Miss Sherman, with one of the doves which figure in his ring and pistol feats.

FINANCIAL.

To-day's Stock Quotations.

The following observations of the transactions in the financial market to-day, together with opening and closing quotations, are furnished by the banking house of H. D. Cooke, Jr., & Co., 1429 F street, Washington, D. C.

Table with columns: NAME OF STOCK, Opening, Closing. Includes American District, U. S. A., Canada Southern, etc.

MIXING STOCKS.

Table with columns: NAME OF STOCK, Opening, Closing. Includes Arizona, Carbon, Excelsior, etc.

WASHINGTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The following are the closing quotations of the Washington Stock Exchange to-day:

Table with columns: NAME OF STOCK, Bid, Asked. Includes United States 4 per cent. coupon, etc.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.

Table with columns: NAME OF BOND, Bid, Asked. Includes Permanent improvements, etc.

RAILROAD STOCK.

Table with columns: NAME OF STOCK, Bid, Asked. Includes Washington & Georgetown, etc.

INSURANCE AND SURETY COMPANIES.

Table with columns: NAME OF COMPANY, Bid, Asked. Includes Washington City Gaslight, etc.

TO BE TRIED FOR BRIGANDAGE.

A dispatch from Constantinople announces that the arrest of the kavass of the American consulate at Salonica for brigandage has been satisfactorily arranged by Said Pasha and Gen. Wallace, the minister of the United States. The governor of Salonica delivered the kavass to the American consul, and the consul proceeded to the disposal of the Porte for trial by ordinary tribunal, not by court-martial, a representative of the American consul to be present.

Gladstone says he is by blood a Scotchman, by residence a Londoner, by marriage a Welshman, and by birth a Lancashire man.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—BOY, WITH REFERENCES, to run press. McKibben's Printing office, 82 D street, N. W.

A FIRST-RATE RESTAURANT COOK, who can be relied on, can find permanent employment and good pay at 1315 Penna. avenue, 82 D street, N. W.

WANTED—A GIRL, to do housework, 1213 SEVENTH STREET, N. W.

OFFICIAL SENTIMENT.

Gov. Long, of Massachusetts, Makes an Enthusiastic Addition to Proclamation Literature.

Whereas it is a good and ancient custom to set apart after the harvest a day for public thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God,

Now, therefore, I, John D. Long, Governor, by and with the advice of the council, appoint Thursday, the 24th day of November next,

to be a day of public thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, do we give thanks.

Thou bleesest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy; they also sing.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

O minister of the fruits and flowers. We own Thy wisdom.

Whereby these humble hands of ours May share the work of Thy hand.

Apart from Thee we plant in vain The root and sow the seed; Thy early and Thy later rain, Thy sun and dew we need.

Our toil is sweet with thankfulness, Our burden is our boon; The curse of earth's gray morning is The blessing of its noon.

And still with reverent hearts we eulge Thy gifts each day renewed; The good is always beautiful— The beautiful is good.

Given at the council-chamber in Boston this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixth.

JOHN D. LONG.

By His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the council.

HENRY B. PIERCE, Secretary.

God save the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Boys' Winter Clothing.

The most beautiful styles in boys' clothing are now exhibited at the reliable and popular boys' clothing house of B. Rossman & Co., 909 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Parents will find excellent goods there.

Fatally Injured.

COLUMBUS, Mo., Nov. 11.—Eugene Dayton and Fireman Purdy were fatally injured last night by the derailing of a passenger train which ran into some cows. No one else was injured.

Religious Festival.

Waugh M. E. Church, corner of Third and A streets northeast, Rev. W. Downs, pastor, has been the scene of more than ordinary religious interest this week. Miss Jennie Smith has been present and singing in hymns. Quite a number have made a profession of religion. Each night the altar has been crowded with penitents. There have been as many as twenty-seven forward at one time for prayers. There will be another day meeting to-morrow from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., conducted by Miss Smith, who will also lead services on Sabbath.

An Advance in West-bound Freight.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has notified the other trunk lines of its intention to make a general advance of West-bound freight rates from New York to Chicago, commencing on Monday next. The tariff will be: First-class, 90 cents; second-class, 50 cents; third-class, 40 cents; fourth-class, 28 cents; being an increase of 15 cents, 12 cents, 10 cents, and 8 cents, respectively. Corresponding advances are made to all intermediate points on West-bound traffic. This action, the company's official state, is taken independently and without reference to the course of other lines.

Fearful Elevator Accident.

The elevator in the Belvidere Hotel, Eighteenth street and Fourth avenue, New York, fell yesterday afternoon from the fifth story to the basement, the hoisting wire having given away. Six persons who were in the car were more or less injured. Joseph and Martin Macdonald, Cubans, each sustained a severe shock; Robert Dickel, aged 19 years, the elevator boy, sustained a compound fracture of the right leg; John Mercer, porter, aged 31 years, had both arms and legs broken; and William C. Burns, aged 23 years, had the right ankle and