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SPECIAL NOTICES.

LECTURES.

MONSIGNOR CAPEL, ON

"THE MARRIAGE TIE."

Lecture at Ford's Opera House on
SUNDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

The proceeds of this lecture will be devoted to the clothing of poor school children by the Young Catholic's Friend Society. Admission, 50 cents. Persons desiring orchestra chairs may secure them at Ellis' music store up to Saturday, but no reserved seats will be sold on the Lecture night. ja8-5t

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G. U. O. OF O. F.—AN ADJOURNED MEETING of Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, 10th inst., at 7:30 o'clock. Important business.

GEO. H. JOHNSON, N. G.
CHAS. H. SHORTER, P. Sec. 1t*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON CITY ORPHAN ASYLUM will be held at the Asylum, cor. 14th and S sts., on THURSDAY, the 10th inst, at 2 o'clock p.m. The public invited to attend. 1t*

HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

Many of the subscribers to the stock of the above-named Association having been prevented from attending the meeting on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., by the severe rain storm, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the Hall southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 13th street on THURSDAY EVENING, January 10th, at 7 o'clock, at which time and place the subscriptions of those who were unavoidably detained will be received. An encouraging amount of stock was subscribed for and paid on at Tuesday's meeting.

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TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE NATIONAL FAIR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The annual meeting of this Association will convene on MONDAY, January 14th, 1884, at noon, in Room No. 1, second floor, Vernon Row, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 10th street northwest, in Washington, D.C.

JAMES S. EDWARDS, President.
GEO. R. REPETTI, Sec'y pro tem. ja5-8t

VIRGINIA REAL ESTATE JOURNAL Free. Describes 200 Piedmont farms. Address W. P. HILLEARY & SON, Warrenton, Fauquier county, Va. ja4-2w*

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OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO. OF D.C.,
WASHINGTON, January 4, 1884.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia will be held on the THIRD MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1884, the 21st instant, at the Office of the Company, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 9th street n. w., commencing at 9 o'clock a.m.

By the charter of the Company the election of seven managers to constitute a board to conduct the affairs of the Company is required to be held at the above meeting.

By the sixth article of the by-laws of the Company it is provided: "At the annual meeting of the Company the first business in order shall be the appointment of a chairman, who shall conduct the meeting and election in accordance with the act of incorporation, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 6 p.m."

Amount of premium notes held by the Company	$1,402,277 00
Amount of cash on hand	1,259 83
Cash received on renewals for 1884, (to Dec. 31, 1883)	10,059 82
Securities	133,999 30
Real Estate	49,600 00
Office furniture and fixtures	500 00
Losses by fire for year 1883, adjusted and paid	2,260 85
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The Annual Statement will be ready for distribution at the Office by the 15th inst.

By order of the Board of Managers.
ja4-dtd J. WESLEY BOTELER, Secretary.

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THE WASHINGTON BRICK MACHINE CO.,
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The annual election for Trustees of the WASHINGTON BRICK MACHINE COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, Room 4, 1420 New York avenue, on SATURDAY, January 19th, 1884. Polls open from 12 m. to 3 p. m.

d19-law4w NATH'L WILSON, Secretary.

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d31-2w S. KATZENSTEIN, Manager.

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Washington News and Gossip.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.—Internal revenue, $214,594.39; customs, $500,377.08.

TO BE EXAMINED FOR PROMOTION.—A board of officers of the corps of engineers, to consist of Col. John Newton, Lieut. Col. Henry L. Abbot, and Lieut. Col. Cyrus B. Comstock, is constituted to meet in New York city, January 25th, for the examination of First Lieut. Eric Bergland and Second Lieut. Lansing H. Beach for promotion.

A BOND CALL PROBABLE.—It is probable that another call for three per cent bonds will be issued during the present week.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR GUNNELL TO SUCCEED SURGEON GENERAL WALES.—It is positively stated on good authority that Secretary Chandler has sent to the President the name of Medical Director F. M. Gunnell to be the successor of Dr. Wales as surgeon general of the navy. The fight for this position has been a very hot one between Surgeon General Wales, the present incumbent, and Dr. Gunnell. The contest is over, however, for the name sent to the President by the Secretary of the Navy will be submitted to the Senate.

NEW POSTAL STATIONS.—The Postmaster General has decided to permit the establishment of one hundred postal stations in New York city, and will allow an expenditure of $24 per annum for the maintenance of each station.

NO ELECTRICIANS.—The Secretary of the Navy has issued a general order abolishing the rating of electrician, the pay of which was fixed Nov. 5th at $50 per month.

CHANGES IN THE ENGINEER CORPS.—The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the corps of engineers are ordered: Capt. Thomas Turtle will be relieved from duty under the orders of Lieut. Col. Wm. P. Craighill, corps of engineers, and will then proceed to New Orleans, La., and relieve Capt. Wm. H. Heuer, corps of engineers, as engineer of the 7th and 8th light-house districts. Capt. Heuer, on being relieved by Capt. Turtle, will proceed to Philadelphia, Pa., and relieve Col. Wm. F. Raynolds, corps of engineers, as engineer of the 4th light-house district. Leave to March 17, 1884, to take effect upon being relieved from duty as engineer of the 4th light-house district, is granted Col. Wm. F. Raynolds. Capt. Carl F. Palfrey, corps of engineers, upon the expiration of his present leave of absence, will be relieved by Lieut. Col. George H. Mendell, corps of engineers, from duty under his orders, and will then proceed to Milwaukee, Wis., and report to Lieut. Col. David C. Houston, corps of engineers, for duty.

AMERICAN IMPORTS IN ENGLAND.—Mr. Packard, United States consul at Liverpool, in his commercial report to the Secretary of State for 1882, says that the total value of import from the United States was $279,759,903, of which $277,472,585 was for free goods, and $2,287,389 for dutiable goods, a decrease of $23,140,124 as compared with 1881. Imports of wheat far exceeded any previous year. From the United States they amounted to $36,216,400—an increase of $2,537,548 over the previous year. The extreme shortness of the American maize crop of '81 was seriously felt during the autumn of 1882. The import of cotton shows the considerable decrease of $7,752,647 as compared with 1881. The import of United States timber during the year shows a fair increase over 1881. The falling off of American tobacco amounted to $314,224. Declared exports to the United States from Liverpool amounted to $34,397,825—$3,627,926 over 1881. The emigration from Liverpool during the year exceeded '81 by 5,419, and amounted to 234,232 persons. The great bulk of the passengers went to the United States. The increase was due to the emigration to Canada. The returns show that the increase was in the emigration of English people. In the case of other nationalities there was a decrease.

A CHRISTMAS CARD FOR THE PRESIDENT.—The President has received a decorated card from the postal administration of the Hawaiian Islands, inscribed with the compliments of the season, including a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

THE HALSTEAD MANDAMUS CASE.—In the mandamus case of A. U. Wyman, United States Treasurer, against the United States ex rel. E. P. Halstead, the United States Supreme Court holds that the United States Treasurer cannot be compelled by mandamus to pay to an administrator appointed by the District of Columbia of a resident of a state the amount of a draft payable to the intestate at the Treasury out of an appropriation made by Congress. The judgment of the court below is reversed, and the cause remanded, with instructions to dismiss the petition.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.—The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday furnished an answer to the resolution of the Senate concerning the sinking fund. The statement shows that the amount of the public debt on June 30, 1865, was $2,680,647,869. The total debt of the United States, less cash in the Treasury, at its maximum point, August 31, 1865, was $2,756,431,571. On June 30, 1883, it was $1,551,091,207, a reduction of the debt, including accrued interest, of $1,205,340,363, or $455,115,333 more than would have been supplied by the sinking-fund had the requirements of the sinking-fund acts been strictly complied with.

GENERAL AGENT CAMERON'S REPORT.—Mr. Brewster Cameron, general agent of the Department of Justice, in his report to the Attorney General, condemns the system of paying marshals and other officers by fees. Abuses are so prevalent and odious that it is not to be wondered that deputy marshals and collectors of internal revenue are shot down as enemies of the people. The appropriation for the examiner service he thinks is wholly inadequate. Instead of $25,000 he wants $70,000. At present there are but three regular examiners. Seven are recommended—one at Washington, two at Atlanta, Ga.; two at Kansas City, Mo., and two at Omaha, Neb.—at $8 per day, the same as special Treasury agents receive. During the last year 285 examinations were made, resulting in disallowances aggregating $311,968.23.

PERSONAL.—Ex-Judge Advocate General Dunn and Assistant Quartermaster General Holabird were registered in New York last night.——Mr. A. R. Platt, U. S. consul at Che Foo, China, is at the Arlington.——Lieut. de Bodisco has returned from his visit to the north and is staying with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Williams, on 30th street.——Ex-Representative Crowley, of New York, and daughter, are at the Riggs.——Ex-Senator David Davis has been elected president of the Illinois Bar Association.——Capt. I. N. Burritt, of the *Sunday Herald*, returned last night from a visit to Susquehanna county, Pa., his old home, where he attended a meeting of the county committee and was elected a delegate to the next democratic state convention.

The House Expenditures.

THE MONEY EXPENDED LAST YEAR IN PROVIDING COMFORTS AND NECESSITIES FOR MEMBERS—COSTLY FUNERALS—PASTE, TOWELS, STATIONERY AND RED TAPE.

The report of expenditures by the clerk of the House of Representatives for the last fiscal year has been printed. It shows that the pay of officers and employes for the year amounted to $315,298.72. Salaries of Capitol police, $18,281.83; uniforms for police, $1,499; cartage, $600; materials for folding documents, $15,768.67; fuel and oil, $6,801.47; furniture and repairs, $7,222.32; packing boxes, $2,700; miscellaneous items, $56,621.27; newspapers and stationery, $43,652.38; postage stamps, $550; one month's extra pay, August, 1882, $35,518.32, and a month's extra pay March, 1883, $34,567.96. In the folding room 1,219 buckets of paste were used, and one man furnished it all at

ONE DOLLAR PER BUCKET,

a pretty good price for paste. One lamp for the post office stable cost $15. For use of horse and carriage for July, John Bailey was paid $77.50. For carriages on July 18th, $23 was paid. Mineral waters for the funeral escort of Mr. Hawk cost $35.22. The casket and entire funeral outfit, including embalming, cost $1,134, while the expense of the escort, including numerous lunches, amounted to $1,779.60. In the month of August 343 dozen towels were washed at an expense of fifty cents per dozen. Ice for use of the House cost 60 cents per cwt. Thirty-seven and a-half dozen cuspadores and spittoons were bought at a cost of $817.50. Thirteen and a-half dozen decorated parlor spittoons cost $337.50. The others cost $20 per dozen. The expenses of the committee that took a trip down the Mississippi in a chartered steamer to examine the improvements of that stream were $4,827.34. This is exclusive of the expense of summoning witnesses and of preparing the report. The cost of taking the joint select committee on American ship building to New York was $1,010.62.

ON FUNERAL OCCASIONS

silk sashes cost $9 each. The bill for a carriage at one time is thus entered: Use of carriage from 2 to 6½, $7; from 6¾ to 10, $5; from 10½ to 1½, $4.50; from 8½ to 10½, $3. The traveling expenses of the congressional committee that attended the funeral of Mr. Orth amounted to $1,104.10. For use of ground occupied by stables on rear portion of lot corner 1st street and Maryland avenue, Mr. Ordway is paid $360 per year. Only one of the members, Mr. Humphrey, used up all his allowance for stationery. All the others drew part of it in cash. The average value of stationery drawn from the fund would not exceed $50. Speaker Carlisle drew $77.54 worth of stationery. Mr. Springer drew, of the $125 allowed him, $62.70 in cash. Mr. Dugro drew $123.42 in money.

RED TAPE AND MATCHES.

Fifty dozen spools of red tape, costing $134, were bought at one time. Stationery issued to the Speaker cost $52.52; the clerk drew $913.73 worth; the sergeant-at-arms got $115.18 in stationery; the doorkeeper $143.34; reporters of debates used up $204.33 in stationery, and the reporters' gallery got $21.86. The committee on appropriations used the largest quantity of stationery, valued at $91.18, and the committee on rules used the least, only $1.44 worth. The appropriations committee used 228 boxes of matches; the doorkeeper's department used 432 boxes, and the post office used 504 boxes. The Speaker's room got away with 36 boxes.

AT THE CAPITOL TO-DAY.

VINDICATING THE AMERICAN HOG.

MEASURES INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES.

BILLS REPORTED FROM HOUSE COMMITTEES

The Senate.

In the Senate this morning the chair presented a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, with accompanying papers, covering the information regarding the condition of the sinking fund, as recently called for by a resolution of the Senate introduced by Mr. Beck. The papers were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Plumb presented a petition, signed by about 20,000 ex-soldiers of the Union army, praying for the establishment of a soldiers' home in Kansas.

THE PORK QUESTION.

Mr. Anthony offered a resolution instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire into the expediency of such legislation as shall enable the executive department to protect our interests against governments which have prohibited or restrained the importation of healthful meats from the United States. At the suggestion of Mr. Van Wyck the resolution lies over until to-morrow.

The House.

IN DEFENSE OF THE AMERICAN HOG.

Mr. Kasson (Iowa) offered a preamble and resolution reciting that certain foreign governments with which the United States have commercial treaties securing to the United States the treatment assured to the most favored nations in regard to the importation of American produce and manufactures have, in apparent violation of such treaties, prohibited the introduction of certain food products of the United States under regulations not applied to like products of other nations, and directing the committee on foreign affairs to inquire into the facts and report what legislation or other action should be taken by Congress or the executive to secure the due observance of such treaties and protect the rights of United States citizens in respect thereto, whether by retaliatory legislation or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Duester (Wis.) offered a resolution directing the committee on commerce to investigate the alleged reasons for the exclusion of American pork from Germany and France, and to recommend such legislation as may be warranted by the facts.

Mr. Browne (Ind.) moved to refer the resolution to the committee on foreign affairs; but on motion of Mr. Reagan (Tex.) it was referred to the committee on commerce.

Mr. Gibson (W. Va.) asked leave to offer a resolution declaring that all laws of the federal government authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquors in the states by wholesale or retail should be made dependent on the parties so authorized first obtaining a license from the state authorities.

Mr. Deuster (Wis.) objected.

BILLS REPORTED BY COMMITTEES.

The regular order being demanded, the Speaker proceeded to call committees for reports.

Mr. Reed, (Me.), from the judiciary committee, reported a bill to fix the time for holding the district court for the district of Maine. House calendar.

Mr. Slocum (N. Y.), from the committee on military affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter. Committee of the whole.

Mr. Slocum also reported back a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for information as to the average number of commissioned officers in the army from 4th March, 1857, to 4th March, 1861, and from 4th March, 1877, to March 4th, 1881, together with a statement of the number tried by court-martial, the number of convictions in which the findings of the court were disapproved and sentence remitted. Adopted.

Mr. Steele (Indiana) from the same committee, reported a bill to provide for the pay and muster of certain officers and men of the volunteer forces. Committee of the whole.

Mr. Vance (North Carolina), chairman of the committee on patents, reported a bill to enable United States courts, in cases of improper grants of letters patent by reason of fraud and misrepresentation, to declare a patent void on application of the attorney general. House calendar.

District Affairs in Congress.

MEETING OF THE HOUSE DISTRICT COMMITTEE—THE HOUSE TO BE ASKED FOR TWO DAYS EACH MONTH.

The committee on the District of Columbia held a full meeting this morning. They decided to apportion the work between five committees—ways and means, judiciary, corporations, claims, and streets and avenues. The chairman was instructed to ask for two days in each month to be set aside in the House for the consideration of District matters; also, to endeavor to have the District appropriation bills referred to the District committee. The sub-committees will probably be announced at the next meeting of the committee. Tuesdays and Thursdays were selected as the days on which the committee will meet. The committee is pronounced to be very favorable in its sentiments towards the District.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

Mr. Hoar presented in the Senate to-day a petition, signed by J. W. Thompson, Anthony Hyde and numerous other residents of Washington, praying for the passage of the bill, lately introduced, for the protection of children in the District. Referred to the District committee.

Capitol Topics.

THE HOUSE RULES.

The House committee on rules will not meet until Mr. Blackburn returns from Kentucky, after the senatorial contest in that state is decided. The first thing to be considered by this committee will be the rules regulating contested election cases. They will also consider some rule to increase the powers of the majority, and to provide that a simple objection shall not prevent the consideration of a bill which has been reported from the committee to which it was referred, as is now the case.

MR. BAGLEY'S PLAN TO PREVENT PENSION FRAUD.

Mr. Bagley, of New York, introduced a bill in the House yesterday to provide against fraud in the Pension office. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to appoint in each congressional district of the several states, and not more than ten districts in each of the Territories and three districts in the District of Columbia, to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior, suitable responsible persons to act as pension agents, to prepare the necessary papers, &c., for applicants for pensions. The agents are entitled, according to the provisions of the bill, to $2 fee and $1 postage, and, if the decision be favorable, $15 fee in each case. A fine of $250 and one year's imprisonment is provided for fraud on the part of an agent.

THE HENNEPIN CANAL.

The President sent to Congress yesterday a special message with reference to the construction of the Hennepin canal, together with a communication from the state of Illinois and a copy of an act of the general assembly of that state tendering to the United States the cession of the Illinois and Michigan canal upon condition that it shall be enlarged and maintained as a national water-way for commercial purposes.

HONORS PROPOSED FOR ENGINEER MELVILLE.

Mr. Randall introduced a bill in the House yesterday tendering the thanks of Congress to Engineer Melville for his meritorious conduct while engaged in the Jeannette expedition, and conferring additional rank upon him. A similar bill was also presented by Mr. Bingham.

COST OF THE STAR ROUTE PROSECUTIONS.

Copies of vouchers sent to the Senate by Secretary Folger yesterday in response to a resolution offered by Senator Van Wyck shows the following expenses incurred by the Department of Justice on account of the star route trials: To George Bliss, special attorney, $31,107.59; to William A. Cook, special attorney, $8,449.18; to W. W. Ker, special attorney, $31,877; to R. T. Merrick, special attorney, $17,500; to Benjamin H. Brewster, $5,000; to Allen Pinkerton, detective, $5,745; to A. M. Gibson, special assistant, $5,000; to James M. Semple, detective, $1,233; to H. H. Wells, $800; to W. P. Wood, $136; to W. W. Kirby, $50; making a total of $107,286.60.

SWORN IN.

W. A. Barbot was sworn in this morning as assistant in the folding room, and J. B. Craigmiles was sworn in as page.

THE FEES OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. Casey Young introduced a bill in the House yesterday, providing that the clerk of the Supreme Court shall receive the same fees as are now prescribed by law for clerks of the circuit courts of the United States for like services and no more, and that no fee shall be demanded or received by said clerk from attorneys on their admission to practice in the Supreme Court, any rule, order or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

A HEARING IN REGARD TO PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.

The House committee on agriculture at a meeting this morning discussed, in a general way, the subject of pleuro-pneumonia among cattle. Dr. Loring, commissioner of agriculture, expressed his views on the subject in a short speech. Mr. Grinnell, of Iowa, chairman of the committee appointed at the convention of cattle men recently held in Chicago to visit Washington in the interest of legislation in reference to diseased cattle, was present, and it was arranged that a subcommittee, consisting of Congressmen Hatch, Dibrell, Williams, Winans, Wilson and Ochiltree, should meet the representatives of the cattle interest at the Agricultural department to-morrow. Pleuro-pneumonia among cattle will be the first subject considered in the House committee on agriculture, and it is expected that a bill will be reported within a few weeks.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the House committee on Pacific railroads to-day Monday was agreed upon as a regular day for meeting, and all persons having matters before that committee and desiring to be hear were invited to be present on that day.

WANTED: A POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Postmaster Conger Makes a Vigorous Report on the Subject.

THE INSUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATIONS NOW FURNISHED FOR ONE OF THE BUSIEST OFFICES IN THE COUNTRY—A REVIEW OF PAST EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A SUITABLE BUILDING—EMBARRASSMENTS CAUSED BY THE UNSUITABLE CHARACTER OF THE PRESENT BUILDING—FIGURES WHICH SHOW A WONDERFUL INCREASE OF BUSINESS IN FOUR YEARS.

Mr. Frank B. Conger, the city postmaster, to-day submitted the following report to the Postmaster General:

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the lease on the building at present occupied by the Washington city post office will expire on the 16th day of February, 1885, and desire to submit my reasons why some action should be taken at once looking to the locating and erecting by the government of a permanent building for post office purposes in this city.

Prior to the occupation of the present building the city post office was located in a portion of the Post Office department building fronting on F street. In the annual report of Postmaster General D. M. Key to the President for the year ending June 30, 1878, he strongly urged that some suitable building be provided for the Washington city post office for the reason that it occupied so large a portion of the departmental building as to leave insufficient room for the clerks of the department, and rendered the space available for files and records entirely inadequate, requiring many tons of valuable records to be stowed in the attic of the building, adding greatly to the danger from fire, etc.

Subsequently Postmaster General Key appointed a committee

TO EXAMINE AND REPORT

upon the suitability of such buildings as might be suggested for the use and occupation of the Washington city post office, which committee made a report under date of January 14th, 1878, to the Postmaster General, who transmitted the same to the Senate under date of January 15, 1879, with the statement that while the law authorized the Postmaster General to lease a building to be used for post office purposes in cities where no edifices have been erected by the government for that purpose, yet, as the original design of the post office department building contemplated the use of a portion of it for the city post office, he doubted his authority to remove the said post office to another place without the authority of Congress, and requested that the department be relieved of its embarrassment. In the report of the committee to the Postmaster General three considerations were used as the basis of procedure.

First. The locality, which it was desired should be central.

Second. The construction of the building to be fire-proof and in good sanitary condition.

Third. Capacity sufficient to meet the requirements of the business of the post office.

Only four buildings were named that, in the opinion of the committee, could be made suitable in any way for the purpose of a city post office. They were as follows:

The Imperial hotel, on the north side of E street, between 13th and 14th streets; the present Pension office, corner of 12th street and Pennsylvania avenue; the Lincoln hall building, corner of 9th and D streets, and the Seaton house, on Louisiana avenue, between 6th and 7th streets.

All four buildings were rejected as being unsuitable--the Seaton house being referred to as "of brick and wood, not fire-proof, of average construction, and seven stories high. The changes required to make this building suitable are impracticable."

The committee recommended that a temporary fire-proof building, costing about $45,000, be erected on the open space at the intersection of 7th street and Pennsylvania avenue, on the east side of 7th street, or the purchase of a site in some other locality, and in conclusion said:

"The question may be raised, why a permanent building should not be erected at once and avoid the outlay for a temporary one. To this we would answer that as much as the committee is impressed with the desirability of a permanent building of proportions suitable to the dignity of the nation and its capital city; it is also aware of the impracticability of such a project at this time, and the primary reason that relief is required immediately, whilst the permanent building could not be got ready for occupation in less than four years.

AN EFFORT MADE IN CONGRESS.

This information I have secured from executive document No. 64, Forty-fifth Congress, third session. On the 24th of February, 1879, Mr. Hendee presented in the House of Representatives a petition of W. W. Corcoran and fifteen hundred others for the location of the city post office on square 406, located between E and F and 8th and 9th streets northwest, adjacent to the present Post Office department building. On May 14, 1879, a resolution (H. R. No. 71) authorizing the appointment of a commission to lease a building for a city post office in the city of Washington, D. C., was referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds and reported back on May 19th, and postponed until the first Monday in December of the same year. On May 29th a motion to reconsider was entered, and on the 23d of June the question of postponement was again taken up and the resolution as originally presented passed, and received the signature of the President on the 28th of June, 1879. Under this authority the lease was made for the building at present occupied by the city post office. The lease went into effect on the 16th day of February, 1880, to continue for five years at an annual rental of five thousand dollars.

This embraces substantially all the official information I have been able to obtain, although I have made application at every office in the department, and to the committees of Congress for such records as I have reason to believe might be on file relating to this subject, but have been unable to obtain any other official evidence looking to the erection of a city post office up to the present time. I have reason to believe from statements made to me, which are thought to be reliable, that in addition to the rental, the government has been put to the expense of remodeling, refitting and repairing the building since its lease up to the present time of between

THIRTY AND FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Since my appointment as Postmaster six months ago, I have daily become more and more impressed with the fact that the location of the city post office in the present building was a mistake, and that even if the immense business of the Washington Post Office could be accommodated at the time of its original occupancy, such business has grown so rapidly that it is to-day absolutely unfit for post office purposes. There is not a room in the building where the necessary work can be speedily and economically performed. The various divisions are separated in many parts of the building, and in some cases a division has its work divided up in several parts. The registry division and money order division which should always be on the ground floor convenient to the public, are located on the second floor in inaccessible and out of the way places, it being necessary to pass through narrow dark halls to transact any business in these divisions, and, in fact, all the interior arrangements of the office are such that very little system, and hardly any personal supervision can be given to the work without much additional labor and time. Connected with the office is a mail bag repair shop and mail bag depository. The depository occupies the largest portion of a low, damp, gloomy and unhealthy basement, which is divided into irregular shapes by wooden partitions, greatly enhancing the danger in case of fire, without the possibility of the removal of a particle of valuable material which is stored therein. The mail bag repair shop occupies another portion of the basement, and a considerable portion of the third floor of the building, making it necessary to transfer back and forth between these floors daily some portion of the vast amount of material which is sent to this office for inspection, repair or condemnation, from all parts of the country. Another portion of the basement is fitted up for the accommodation of the employes of the House and Senate post offices which, while very inconvenient for those offices, is the best that can be furnished with the facilities at hand. The remainder of the basement is occupied as store rooms, water closets, boiler rooms, coal vaults, &c., &c. The superintendent of the third division of the railway mail service occupies a large number of rooms in the building as offices, dormitories and store rooms, greatly enhancing the danger from fire, and inconveniencing not only that service, but the city post office by

THE INSUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATIONS

afforded. The carrier division is so crowded and cramped in the room assigned to it that it is impossible to accommodate the entire force of the office; one-fifth of the number of carriers being stationed at the branch offices at Capitol Hill and Georgetown, thus causing great delay, and unnecessary repetition in the handling of mail. The building has not a fire or burglar-proof vault, and the insufficient number of safes allowed to the office makes it necessary to keep the entire stock of stamped envelopes, wrappers and postal cards almost without being under lock and key, the risk from loss by fire or theft being very great. In fact so great is the risk that I keep on hand a stock barely sufficient to meet the daily wants of the public and the departments, making it necessary to send frequent orders to the manufacturers. The accommodations to the public through the carriers' window, and general delivery and box windows are very poor indeed; while the vast number of messengers who several times a day carry mail back and forth from the scores of offices in the various departments of the government are absolutely without any accommodation for the proper transaction of their business, mail matter being thrown on the platform outside of the office, to be cared for by its employes. I believe the building to be absolutely unsuited in any way for a city post office, and further believe it to be unhealthy and injurious to the large number of persons constantly employed within it, especially as thousands of pounds of waste material—condemned leather, jute and cotton sacks, besides the immense quantity of pouches and sacks necessary to keep constantly on hand to supply other offices—are required to be stored in a damp and dark cellar. The three upper stories of the building are entirely unoccupied, but do not add in any way to the facilities of the office, as it is imperative that as much of the business as possible should be consolidated upon the main floor. To show

THE VAST INCREASE OF BUSINESS

in this office since its removal from the department building I have prepared a comparative statement of the service performed during the first year the office was located in its present site and the calendar year of 1883, just closed. A careful perusal of the statement will show that the business in all its branches has increased at an unprecedented rate. The last report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General places this office as fifth in the amount of registered matter handled in the United States. The great increase in the registry business which has taken place within the last few months, caused by new legislation and the action of several of the departments of the government in registering official matter, places it to-day as the third, and will probably place it, before the close of the next fiscal year, as second in importance in the United States, ranking next to New York city.

The decrease of 21 per cent in the amount of money-orders issued at this office I attribute to the fact that persons who have remittances to make within the United States find it much more convenient and only a trifle more expensive to patronize banking institutions rather than subject themselves to visiting the inconvenient and out-of-the-way office now used for money-order purposes. This is especially the case with ladies and aged people. On the other hand, the amount paid on money-orders at this office shows a very gratifying increase of 42 per cent.

In the last annual report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, showing the amount of postage collected on second-class matter at sixteen of the principal post offices in the United States, Washington was not included. From the amount of postage paid to December 31, 1883, compared with cities given in that report, Washington now outranks Toledo and Baltimore, standing fourteenth on the list, and only lacking five hundred dollars of exceeding Pittsburg and St. Paul. This shows a very gratifying increase in circulation of Washington newspapers.

THERE ARE SEVERAL SITES

in the city which would be suitable for a post-office building, but I hope whatever action is taken that the united support of the entire population of Washington may be given to the efforts to secure from Congress an appropriation for a site and suitable building, leaving the question of location to be determined in such manner as Congress may direct after the appropriation has been made; for the reason that if any particular site should be selected it is more than likely that conflicting interests would be able to combine to defeat the erection of a much-needed public building, which would accommodate the post office business for years to come, and be an ornament to the capital city of the United States, and I would respectfully suggest that if any recommendation is made by you to Congress, looking to the erection of a post-office building in this city, that the bill prepared should be so guarded as to prevent, if possible, such an undesirable ending of whatever effort may be made.

FIGURES SHOWING THE INCREASE OF BUSINESS.

Appended to the report is the following comparative statement of the service performed by the Washington city post office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, and the calendar year ending December 31, 1883:

Comparative statement of the service performed by the Washington City Post Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, and the calendar year ending December 31, 1883.

	1880.	1883.	Increase.	Per cent.
Number of pieces of mail received for city delivery	....	63,[illegible]3,452	....	....
Number of pieces of mail delivered and collected by carriers	10,695,718	16,969,707	6,271,898	59
Total number of pieces of mail dispatched from this office	24,457,525	54,827,392	30,369,867	124
Number of registered letters, parcels, registered package envelopes and pouches received and dispatched	463,886	1,238,553	774,667	165
Number of domestic and international money orders issued	32,771	27,020	5,751	21 decrease
Amount received for same	$525,810.03	$439,163.51	86,646.52	20 decrease
Number of domestic and international money orders paid	56,625	86,298	29,673	42
Amount paid on same	$665,452.84	854,532.53	189,079.79	28
Number of postal notes issued	....	3,855	....	....
Amount received for same	....	$8,526.71	....	....
Number of postal notes paid	....	15,367	....	....
Amount paid on same	....	$25,755.58	....	....
Deposits received	$1,120,603.08	$1,423,881.80	303,278.72	27
Deposits made	$898,641	$968,400.00	8,975.90	10
Amount paid on second class matter mailed at this office	$1,545.54	$17,816.16	16,270.62	292
Total amount of postage dues collected	$4,699	$4,290.00	409.00	10 decrease
Number of pouches and sacks received, issued and condemned	464,066	737,000	272,934	59
Number of sacks and replaned wooden labels handled	139	1,051	920	139

SOCIETY NOTES.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Waite were at home last evening, assisted by Miss Waite, Miss Reed and the Misses Berdan. To the inclement weather was due the comparatively small number of guests present, though those who came were well rewarded by the brilliant appearance indoors in such striking contrast to that without, and the evening passed off most pleasantly.

Baron and Madame Von Eisendecker, the German minister and wife, gathered about them last night quite a large assemblage of prominent society people, among whom were Minister West and daughter, M. Roustan, Mr. and Mrs. de Struve, Baron Von Schaeffer, Count Lewenhaupt, Hussein Tewfik Pasha, Mr. de Melsbroeck, besides a number of attaches and members of the diplomatic corps, and Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and General and Mrs. Sheridan.

The marriage of Miss Louise Taylor and Mr. Lyndon Stevens took place at the New-York-avenue Presbyterian church last evening at six o'clock, Rev. Dr. Bartlett officiating. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Harry Taylor, upon whose arm she entered the church. Her dress was of white Lyons satin, made with long train, over which fell the tulle veil. The entire front breadth was embroidered with leaves and flowers in white. Her jewelry was diamonds. Miss Taylor carried a large bouquet of white roses, loosely tied together with satin ribbon. The chancel of the church was filled with growing palms and ferns, about the reading desk. Upon the cushion on which the couple knelt were quantities of roses and other cut flowers. The best man was Mr. Hood, of New York, who came over for the occasion. The ushers were Messrs. McCarty, Howard Goodrich, Theodore F. Dwight, J. E. Wilkins, Stanley Brown and E. S. Maunder. Following the wedding came a short reception at the home of Miss Taylor, after which Mr. and Mrs. Stevens left for the north. There future home will be in New York, where they will pass the present winter at the Gilsey House.

The Misses Mackall gave a german last evening which proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Among those present were Mrs. Plater, Misses Morgan, Cox, Lockwood, Beall, Alexander, Billings, Stevens, Jones, Barbarin, Dougal, and Mackall, and Messrs. Hollerith, Calhoun, Davis, Marbury, Stayly, Smith, Mackall, Hardie, Towers, Dodge, Harban, Dougal, Morgan, Buchanan, Stevens, Leach, and De Bodisco. The german was led by Mr. Hubbard Smith and Miss Fanny Mackall.

Mrs. Fleming held a charming reception yesterday afternoon. Though the invitations named the hours to be from four to eight, the guests did not really begin to arrive until after five, when the rooms were soon filled by a pleasant concourse of friends, who had ventured out, feeling certain from experience on similar occasions last winter of the cordial, hospitable welcome and enjoyable entertainment awaiting them. The table presented a handsome appearance, being laden with everything to tempt the appetite. Mrs. Fleming was assisted in receiving by her daughter, Miss Fleming, her son's wife, Mrs. Lee Fleming, who is visiting there at present, and Miss Civalier and Miss Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Pollok, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hayes also held receptions last evening, which were quite largely attended, in spite of the inclement weather, and were greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Particularly delightful are the evenings at the spacious and elegant Pollok homestead, where one is always sure to find pleasant and congenial company, most charmingly entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey, of 417 New Jersey avenue, gave a handsome dinner party of twelve covers last evening in honor of the Misses Grey, who are on a visit here from England.

The officers now stationed at the barracks of the Washington Arsenal have issued cards for a grand ball to be given on the 14th inst.

Secretary and Mrs. Frelinghuysen's cards are out for Thursday evening receptions during January.

Invitations will shortly be sent out by Miss Maud Davidge for a dancing party, which will be the first of a series to be given during the winter.

Mrs. M. L. Staunton, of St. Louis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. W. J. Armstrong, 1629 Connecticut avenue.

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AMONG THE CALLERS at the White House to-day were Senator Sewell and Representatives Dunham, Slocum, Ochiltree, Anderson, O'Hara, Peelle and Luna. Representative Luna was accompanied by the delegation of Indians now in the city.

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NOT CONNECTED WITH THE LOTTERY.—The managers of the cotton exposition to be held in New Orleans have written to the Postmaster General denying the statement made to him by Mr. West Steever that they were connected in any way with the Louisiana Lottery company.

Telegrams to The Star.

A FEMALE COLLEGE BURNED.

THE ELMIRA MURDER MYSTERY.

STORM ON THE ATLANTIC COAST.

The Northern Pacific Presidency.

A WALL STREET RUMOR THAT SENATOR SHERMAN WAS OFFERED IT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A Wall street rumor says John Sherman was offered the presidency of the Northern Pacific railroad, but he refused because his resignation as Senator would give the democrats control of the Senate.

Destructive Fire in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Fire broke out shortly after noon to-day in the cellar of the five-story brown stone building No. 20 north 3d street, occupied by Kohn, Leberman & Co., manufacturers of shirts, etc. Thus far the fire has been confined to the basement, which is stored with stock valued at $10,000. The stock of Aub, Hackenberg & Co., silk manufacturers, who have an office on the second floor, and of Gans, Arnold & Co., No. 22 north 3d street, were damaged by water.

Disastrous Fire in Columbus.

A FEMALE COLLEGE COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

COLUMBUS, GA., Jan. 9.—A disastrous fire visited this city at two o'clock this morning, resulting in the complete destruction of the Columbus Female College. The fire originated from a defective flue and when discovered was so far under way that it could not be controlled. The water in the hydrants was frozen and worked against the firemen. All the inmates were aroused in time to escape. The building lost $22,000 in actual cash, and was insured for $20,000. The furniture was insured for $5,000. The entire loss is estimated at about $30,000, the loss over the insurance being between $4,000 and $5,000. The college is the property of a stock company, of which J. R. Glenn, the president, owns about $20,000. It was established seven years ago and was in a flourishing condition. The attendance was about 120 young ladies. The establishment will be rebuilt.

Death of a Prominent Lutheran Divine.

OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 9.—Rev. G. T. Stelling, D. D., president of the general synod of the English Lutheran church, aged 66, died yesterday of congestion of the brain.

The Storm on the Coast.

DAMAGES DONE AT CAPE MAY, LONG BRANCH AND ATLANTIC CITY.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Jan. 9.—The storm last night, during which the wind blew a gale for about two hours, carried away Denizot's pier, and the board walk below Grant street. The beach drive is considerably damaged.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 9.—The southeast gale of last night blew in a very high tide at high water. About 5 o'clock this morning great damage was done by the sea to property along the beach front. Boarding-houses, stores, dwellings, bath-houses and other buildings have been washed away and carried to sea. Howard's pier is more than half washed away. Much damage was also done to the South Atlantic City and West Jersey railroads, and their trains are not running from this place to-day.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Jan. 9.—Sixty feet of the Long Branch iron pier was washed away by the storm last night. The pavilion was completely demolished, having been struck by a piece of an old wreck.

Suicide of a Cousin of Mrs. Grant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—A telegram from Daggett, Cal., says that J. W. Dent, a cousin of Mrs. Gen. Grant, killed himself at Alvord mine on Saturday last. Poverty and sickness are the causes assigned. He leaves a wife in poor circumstances in this city.

The Bartholdi Statue Fund in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—A committee of leading citizens, headed by General Sherman, and including ex-Senator John B. Henderson, ex-Congressman E. O. Stanard, Dr. W. G. Eliot, chancellor Washington university, G. B. Allen, and James E. Yeatman, has been appointed to take charge of the popular subscription to the Bartholdi statue fund which is being made here.

Fourteen Inches of Snow in Kentucky.

RICHMOND, KY., Jan. 9.—There is a depth of fourteen inches of snow here, the heaviest ever known in central Kentucky.

Burned to a Crisp.

SAMUELS DEPOT, KY., Jan. 9.—Robert Runner, aged 85 years, living alone, was found this morning burned to a crisp. The remains were found lying in front of an old fashioned fire place.

The Oregon Navigation Company.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—President Coolidge, of the Oregon Navigation company, has appointed G. S. Morrison to investigate the affairs of the Oregon Navigation company on the Pacific coast. Mr. Morrison leaves for the west to-morrow. Officials of the Oregon Transcontinental company state there is nothing in the published rumor of the discovery of additional liabilities of $1,500,000 in the Oregon Transcontinental company.

Going to Examine the Cable Railroad.

NEW YORK, Jan 9.—The members of the Rapid Transit commission left here this morning for Chicago on a Pennsylvania railroad train. Their object is to examine the system of operation and construction of the National Cable Railroad company's road in that city. The members of the commission were accompanied by a number of prominent citizens and railroad officials, and will be joined at Philadelphia and Pittsburg by property owners there. The party before returning will visit and inspect the Pullman Palace Car works at Pullman, Ill.

Nominated for Mayor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 9.—At the republican convention here to-day William B. Smith, the president of select council, was nominated for mayor on the first ballot. The vote stood, 698 for Smith and 3 for Richard Peterson. Chas. F. Warwick was nominated for city solicitor.

The Elmira Mystery.

THE IDENTITY OF THE MURDERED GIRL NOT YET ESTABLISHED—THE AUTOPSY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Jan. 9.—The police have discovered little that throws light upon the identity of the murdered girl who was found near the cemetery here. The most important fact that has been established is that the girl, with a German male companion, arrived in this city last Friday on a New York, Lake Erie and Western "Wild Cat" train. They visited two eating saloons in the vicinity of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western depot, and were closely observed by the proprietors, who identify the body quite positively. In an answer to questions the couple said they were from New York. The autopsy which was held yesterday afternoon by Drs. Way and Eldred revealed that the girl was in excellent health. Two wounds were found, one on the forehead and one back of the ear. Neither were fractures of the skull and did not cause death. Either might have stunned the girl, who afterwards might have been frozen to death after being thrown under the bridge. The hands, which were calloused, would indicate that the deceased was a working girl. The theory that the murder had been committed to hide another crime has been exploded by the result of the autopsy. The girl is said to have had a gold watch, gold bracelets, a gold ring and some money. All of these were gone when the body was found. It is hardly possible that the deed was committed for purposes of robbery. The conductor of the "Wild Cat" train is likely to prove a very important witness, but he has not yet been found. The shoes worn by the deceased bore the mark of a New York manufacturer, whose goods are not handled in this city.

General Foreign News by Cable.

ROSA BONHEUR WELL AGAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Rosa Bonheur, the celebrated painter, who has been quite ill, has recovered her health.

THE POLICE IN SYMPATHY WITH THE NATIONALISTS.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Dublin correspondent of the *Times* states that the action of the police at the meetings of the Nationalists and Orangemen, at Dromore, on the first instant, have shaken public confidence in their neutrality, they having treated the Orangemen with marked brutality while clearing the streets. It is generally believed that the police sympathize with the Nationalists.

Telegraphic Briefs.

The fire at Stillwater, Minn., was got under control after the cooper shops and boiler shops had been destroyed. The other buildings were saved. It is thought that the loss will be within $100,000.

Henry Gallien, deputy New York state controller, died at Albany this morning after a lingering illness. He had been employed in the controller's office since 1860.

The Freedman's Savings Bank.

FIGURES FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER KNOX.

The annual report of Mr. John Jay Knox, commissioner of the Freedman's Savings and Trust company, for the year ending December 31st, 1883, contains some facts and figures of general interest. The receipts were $205,811.34 and the balance on hand was $13,157.57, making a total of $218,968.91, and the expenditures, including dividends, were $207,108.84. The fifth and final dividend of 7 per cent was declared last May, making a total of 62 per cent in all that has been declared in favor of the depositors. During the year 185 lots of the real estate belonging to the concern were sold. Of these 168 are located at Ivy city. During the year $185,594.12 was paid in dividends to 20,027 creditors. Of this sum $6.21 was paid to 1 claimant, $3.10 to another, $84.69 to 19 claimants, $19,451.84 to 2,113 claimants and $166,286.72 to 17,893 claimants. The payments on account of dividends since the present commission assumed the management aggregate $576,220.63 to 45,993 claimants. The total amount paid in dividends since the failure has been $1,630,400.29. The total number of claims is 61,131, but many of the creditors have never put in their claims. It is presumed that some are dead and that others have never yet heard that they can realize anything. Over forty thousand claimants, entitled to an aggregate sum of $192,353.33, have not called for their money.

THE ALLEGED BRITISH SPY.—The Postmaster General has directed the chief inspector, Mr. Sharpe, to investigate the allegations made in a resolution reported in the House yesterday from the committee on post offices and post roads, which stated that it was reported a British spy named M. E. O'Brien had been allowed to tamper with the American mails in the city of New York. It is stated at the Post Office department that nothing is known of such a proceeding.

THE HARTFORD.—Rear Admiral Hughes, commanding the Pacific squadron, telegraphed from Valparaiso yesterday that he would leave that port to-day for Honolulu, in the Hartford.