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Auction Sales.

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs., (Successors to J. C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

CHANCERY SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE, IMMEDIATELY EAST OF AND ADJOINING THE UNITED STATES HOTEL, ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, TO TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1870.

By virtue of a decree passed by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, sitting in equity on the 15th day of January, 1870, in cause No. 1180—on the equity side of said court, wherein Margaret Fitzgerald et al. are plaintiffs, and Jas. V. Fitzgerald et al. are defendants, I will sell at public auction, on the premises, on THURSDAY, the 3d day of February next, at 4 o'clock, p. m., all that piece or parcel of land situated on Pennsylvania avenue, adjoining the United States Hotel, in the city of Washington, all that piece or parcel of land known and described on the plat or plan of said city as Lot No. 8, in reservation numbered 10.

Terms of Sale: Eight thousand dollars cash, and balance in three equal instalments, at three, nine and eighteen months after the day of sale, with interest, for which the purchaser shall give his promissory notes, secured to my satisfaction. All stamps and conveyancing at cost of purchaser. Five hundred dollars cash required at time of sale. If the terms of sale are not complied with within three days after sale, the property will be resold at risk and cost of defaulting purchaser.

JOSEPH H. BRADLEY, Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs.
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BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs., (Successors to Jas. C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED LOTS ON NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NEAR THE DEPOT.

By virtue of a deed of trust dated the 5th day of January, A. D. 1869, and recorded in Liber T & B, No. 7, folio 31, and, at the request of the holder of the note, secured thereby, I will sell on SATURDAY, the 22d day of January, A. D. 1870, on the premises, at 4 o'clock, p. m., lots numbered twenty-two (22,) twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24,) in Wilkes' subdivision of part of Square numbered six hundred and thirty-four (634.)

Each lot fronts 21 feet 6 inches on New Jersey avenue, and runs back to a 10-foot alley, and are improved with frame buildings.

Each lot will be sold separately.

The amount secured by said deed of trust, and to pay which the above sale is advertised, is $1,800, with interest from January 5, 1869, and the cost accruing by virtue of this advertisement.

Terms: Cash; but the Trustee reserves the right to make other terms at the time of sale.

FRED. W. JONES, Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.
ja13-dts

BY CHAS. W. BOTELER, Auct'r., (Successor to J. C. McGuire & Co.) Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Tenth street.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY SITUATE ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF K STREET NORTH AND TWELFTH STREET WEST.

On MONDAY, January 31, 1870, at 4 o'clock, p. m., by virtue of a certain deed of trust duly recorded, January 1869, in Liber ..., folio ..., one of the land records for Washington county, D. C., we shall proceed to sell at public auction the following described parcel of ground lying and being in the city of Washington, D. C., to wit: Being part of original lot number one, of square number two hundred and ninety, beginning for the same at a stake at the southeast corner of said lot one, running thence north sixty feet on a line with Twelfth street west, thence west fifty-six 66-100 feet, thence south twenty feet, thence east twenty-two feet 12-100, thence south forty feet, and thence east on a line of K street north, to the place of beginning.

Terms: One third cash; the balance in six and twelve months, with notes bearing interest and secured by a deed of trust on the premises. $100 down on day of sale. Conveyancing, &c., at cost of purchaser. Terms must be complied with within five days after sale, or the property will be resold at risk and cost of purchaser.

S. M. HALL, Trustee.
CHARLES W. BOTELER, Auctioneer.
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BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs., (Successors to Jas. C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest Corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE ON EIGHTH STREET WEST, BETWEEN N AND O STREETS NORTH, IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1868, and recorded among the land records of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, in Liber T and R. number 3, folio 406, et seq., and by direction of the party secured thereby, we will sell, at public auction, in front of the premises, on TUESDAY, the ... day of February next, at 4 o'clock, p. m., all that piece or parcel of ground and premises lying and being in the said city of Washington, and known and described as being a part of Lots numbered twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven, (27,) in the recorded subdivision of Square numbered three hundred and ninety-nine, (399,) and being contained within the metes and bounds following: Beginning for the same at a point on the line of Eighth street west, one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet north from the southwest corner of said square, and thence running north along the said street twenty (20) feet; thence east to the western or rear line of said lot number twenty-six; ... thence south twenty (20) feet; and thence west to the place of beginning—the same being improved by a good and substantial two-story Brick House.

Terms of sale: One third cash; the balance in six and twelve months, with interest, to be secured by deed of trust on the premises sold, and if the terms are not complied with in five days after the sale, the trustees reserve the right to resell, at the risk and cost of the first purchaser, after one week's public notice. All conveyancing and revenue stamps at cost of purchaser; and a deposit of one hundred dollars must be made at the time of sale.

HENRY A. CLARKE,
WILLIAM A. FENWICK, Trustees.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.
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BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs., (Successors to James C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE ON SEVENTH STREET WEST, ONE DOOR SOUTH OF O STREET NORTH, FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

Under and by virtue of two deeds of trust, from William ... to me, recorded respectively in Liber T and R, No. ..., folio ..., and Liber ... and R. No. 12, folio ..., of the land records for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, I will sell, at public auction, on MONDAY, the 24th day of January, 1870, at 4 o'clock p. m., in front of the premises, to the highest bidder, all that parcel of ground situate in the city of Washington, in said District, being part of lot No. ..., in Square No. ..., according to the recorded plat of said city, and described as follows: Beginning at a point on Seventh street west, distant twenty-five (25) feet south from the northwest corner of said lot; running thence south with the line of said street 22 feet 6 inches; thence west 80 feet 6 inches to the rear line of said lot; thence north ... feet ... inches; thence east ... feet ... inches to the point of beginning.

Terms of sale: One third of the purchase money cash, residue in 6 and 12 months from day of sale, with interest. The purchaser to give his promissory notes, secured by deed of trust on the property. for the deferred payments; $200 down at time of sale. All conveyancing and stamps at purchaser's expense. The amount due under the first of said deeds of trust is $1,0..., with interest thereon from May 1, 1868, and the amount under the second is the sum of $800, with interest from July 1, 1869.

The improvements consist of a two-story BRICK HOUSE.

ANDREW CAREY, Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.
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BY WM. L. WALL & CO., Aucts., New Marble Building, Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Ninth street.

CHANCERY SALE OF A VALUABLE THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLING AND STORE, ON SEVENTH STREET WEST, BETWEEN N AND O STREETS NORTH.

By virtue of a decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, passed the 20th day of September, 1869, in Cause No. 1,344, in Equity, wherein George McCauley is complainant and John J. McCallum et al. are defendants, and by virtue of a further order of decree, made in said cause on the 9th day of November, 1869, I shall proceed to sell, at public auction, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of January, 1870, at 4 o'clock p. m., the piece of land situated in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and being that part of lot number eight, (No. 8,) in square number four hundred and forty-seven, (No. 447,) contained within the following metes and bounds: Beginning on the line of Seventh street, at a point distant twenty feet from the southwest corner of said lot, and running thence north along said street ... feet; thence east one hundred and sixteen feet to an alley; thence south with said alley twenty feet; thence west to the place of beginning.

The improvements consist of a newly-built Three-story Brick House, with a good storeroom on the first floor, and dwelling above the store.

The terms of sale, as prescribed by the decree, are: One third of purchase money to be paid in cash, the residue in two equal instalments, at six and twelve months, with interest from the day of sale—the deferred payments to be a lien on the property, and to be secured ... until they are paid. Stamps and conveyancing at purchaser's cost. One hundred dollars will be required to be paid when the property is bid off.

W. E. EDMONSTON, Trustee.
W. L. WALL & CO., Auctioneers.
ja4-3aw2w

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs., (Successors to Jas. C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE ON SIXTEENTH STREET WEST, BETWEEN NORTH L AND M STREETS, IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

By virtue of two deeds of trust dated respectively on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1868, and the 10th day of September, A. D. 1868, and recorded in Libers T and R, numbers seven and sixteen, folios ... et seq., of the land records ..., and by direction of the Treasurer of the First Co-operative Building Association, we will sell in front of the premises, at public auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of February next, at 4 o'clock p. m., all that piece or parcel of ground and premises, lying and being in the said city of Washington, and known and described as being part of lot numbered twenty (20,) in square numbered one hundred and eighty-two, (182,) beginning for the same at a point on the line of Sixteenth street seventeen (17) feet and nine (9) inches south from the northwest corner of said lot, and running thence south ... thence west one hundred and ... (100) feet and six (6) inches; thence north seventeen (17) feet and nine (9) inches; and thence east one hundred and fifty (150) feet and six (6) inches, to the place of beginning, the same being improved by a good and substantial two story Frame House.

Terms of Sale: One third cash, of which $100 must be paid at the time of sale, and the balance in six and twelve months, with interest, to be secured by a deed of trust on the premises sold; and if the terms are not complied with in five days after the sale, the trustees reserve the right to resell at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. All conveyancing and revenue stamps at purchaser's cost.

HENRY A. CLARKE,
WILLIAM A. FENWICK, Trustees.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.
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BY THOMAS DOWLING, Auctioneer. 176 BRIDGE STREET, GEORGETOWN.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE ON GEORGETOWN HEIGHTS FOR SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the 18th of December, A. D. 1869, and duly recorded in Liber T and K, No. 1, at folio 458, and at the request of the party secured thereby, I will offer for sale, on the premises, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, February 2, 1870, at 4 o'clock, all that LOT OF GROUND situated on Georgetown Heights, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on the east line of Congress street one hundred and seventy (170) feet south of the southeast corner of Road and Congress streets, and running thence south with said line of Congress street one hundred and seven feet six inches, to Beall's lot, the northwest corner of Wm. G. Beall's lot, thence easterly with the north line of Beall's lot one hundred and twenty-two feet five inches to the west line of a fourteen foot wide alley; thence north with said line of said alley to the southeast corner of Jonathan Carter's lot, and thence with the south line of said Carter's lot to the beginning.

The attention of capitalists is called to this property, as it is one of most eligible building lots now for sale. It is directly opposite Potter Place, and near E. M. Linthicum's late residence.

Terms: One half cash; balance in six and twelve months with interest, and secured on the property. A deposit of $100 will be required as soon as the property is knocked down, or it will be immediately resold. If the terms of sale are not complied with within five days, the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser.

All conveyancing, including revenue stamps at the cost of the purchaser.

JOHN B. DORNELLY, Trustee.
THOMAS DOWLING, Auctioneer.
ja4-eodts (Star.)

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs., (Successors to Jas. C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE ON NORTH T STREET, BETWEEN VERMONT AVENUE AND NINTH STREET WEST, IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

By virtue of a deed of trust, bearing date on 17th day of November, A. D. 1868, and recorded among the Land Records of Washington county, District of Columbia, in Liber T and R No. 3, folio ..., and by direction of the treasurer of the "First Co-operative Building Association," we will sell, at public auction, in front of the premises, on MONDAY, the 7th day of February next, at 4 o'clock p. m., all that piece or parcel of ground and premises lying and being in the said city of Washington, and known and described as being part of lot numbered three (3) in square numbered three hundred and sixty-one (361,) the said part of lot (3) three being the east twenty-two (22) feet front and running back one hundred and fifty-three (153) feet three (3) inches, the depth of the lot.

Terms of Sale: One third cash, for which $100 must be paid at the time of sale, and the balance in six and twelve months, with interest, to be secured by deed of trust on the premises sold; and if the terms are not complied with in five days after the sale, the trustees reserve the right to resell at the risk and cost of the first purchaser, after one week's public notice.

All conveyancing and revenue stamps at purchaser's cost.

HENRY A. CLARKE,
WILLIAM A. FENWICK, Trustees.
COOPER & LATIMER, Aucts.
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BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs., (Successors to J. C. McGuire & Co.,) Southwest corner Penn. av. and Eleventh street.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED LOTS ON NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NEAR THE DEPOT.

By virtue of a deed of trust, dated the 5th day of January, A. D. 1869, and recorded in Liber T and R., No. 7, folio 31, and at the request of the holder of the note secured thereby, I will sell on SATURDAY, the 22d day of January, A. D. 1870, on the premises, at 4 o'clock p. m., Lots numbered twenty-five (25,) twenty-six (26,) and twenty-seven (27,) Wilkes' subdivision of part of square numbered six hundred and thirty-four (634.)

Lot 25 fronts 21 feet 6 inches, and lot 26 fronts 21 feet 3 inches on New Jersey avenue, and runs back to an alley of 10 feet width; lot 27 fronts about 41 feet 3 inches on New Jersey avenue, and 55 feet 6 inches on North C street. All which are improved. Each lot will be sold separately.

The amount secured by said deed of trust, and to pay which the above sale is advertised, is $4,575, with interest from January 5, 1869, and the cost accruing by virtue of this advertisement.

Terms cash; But the trustee reserves the right to make other terms at the time of sale.

FRED. W. JONES, Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.
ja13-dds

For Sale or Rent.

FOR SALE—A NEW, DESIRABLE SEVEN room FRAME HOUSE, hall, water, gas, &c., on most easy terms. Inquire of GEORGE W. LINVILLE, Lumber Merchant, corner of Second street and Indiana avenue, or at Room 7 May Building, corner of Seventh and E streets. ja18-tf

FOR SALE CHEAP—BRICK HOUSE, SEVEN rooms, water and gas, dry cellar, sewer in front, and pleasantly located. Cars pass the door. Inquire on the premises, 517 D street; can be seen between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m. ja17-6t

FOR RENT—THE NORTH STORE IN "MAY Building," corner of Seventh and E streets. Possession given on the 1st day of February. Inquire at same building, or of DR. J. F. MAY, 511 C street. ja17-dtf

FOR EXCHANGE—A SNUG LITTLE HOUSE, Complete in all respects, in Park avenue, Philadelphia, will be exchanged for Washington property. Apply to J. W. KING, U. S. N., Navy Department. ja11-1m*

HOG AND CATTLE FOOD.

FOR SALE.—A large quantity of Mixed Vegetable for cattle and hog food. It has been pronounced by those who have used it as a superior article.

Will be sold in quantities to suit purchasers. Apply to E. G. WHEELER, Seventh street and Canal Bridge, Washington, D. C.; or H. F. GILBERT & CO., 53 Water street, Georgetown, D. C. ja6-2w

MEMBERS, SENATORS AND OTHERS, CAN be accommodated with elegant ROOMS, newly fitted up, suitable for a mess, parlors and bedrooms attached, at No. 807 E street north, between Eighth and Ninth streets west, convenient to all public places. House is four stories, with front elevation, lighted and heated throughout, and is ready for occupation. Two rooms can be taken furnished for summer as well as winter, being so near the Departments, with all modern conveniences. Apply at house. ja5-eotf JAMES FOWLER.

FOR RENT—FRAME HOUSE, FOUR ROOMS, neat yard in front and side, with excellent water, situated south side of K street, east to corner of Twenty-fourth street. Inquire of S. N. STINEMETZ, 323 Pennsylvania avenue. ja7-tf

AN EXCELLENT THREE-STORY BRICK HOUSE with extensive back buildings, No. 416 N street, two doors east of Four-and-a-half street, between Fourteenth street and ... Window ... East front, with fine shade ... No more desirable residence in the city. May be examined at any time after 10 o'clock a. m. Price $6,000. ja11-1m*

FINE FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT—IN A desirable location. Inquire at No. 288 H street, near Fifteenth.

FOR RENT—AN ELEGANT SUITE OF ROOMS, with Bath Room and Water Closet attached; also, several Single Rooms for gentlemen. Apply at 514 Thirteenth, east side, a few doors north of F street. novt-tf

FOR SALE—A FINE NEW HOUSE, SITUATED in the most desirable location and neighborhood in the city. Terms liberal. Inquire at No. 820 I street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

Wants.

WANTED—A WILLING PROTESTANT WHITE NURSE, from 16 to 20 years of age, to assist in chamber work. Apply at No. 913 F street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

WANTED—A FEW GOOD AGENTS TO SELL STANLEY'S INDIAN CHROMOS in Maryland and Virginia. None but good business men need apply. Call at No. 730 Tenth street, between G and H streets. ja19-3t

L. GRADWOHL, NO. 1112 SEVENTH street, between L and M, (west side,) buys and sells all kinds of ladies', gents' and children's cast-off clothing, underclothing, boots and shoes, hats, caps, blankets, quilts, bedsteads, ... &c. Any note by mail or otherwise promptly attended to.

E. JUSTH PAYS FAIR (CASH) PRICES FOR Ladies', Gent's and Children's Second-hand Clothing, Under-Clothing, Boots, Shoes, &c. No. 420 Ninth street, between D and E streets, third door from Young Men's Christian Association Building. N. B.—Any Note by Mail promptly attended to. nov13-tf

TO THE WORKING CLASS.—We are now prepared to furnish all classes with constant employment at home, the whole of the time or for the spare moments. Business new, light and profitable. Persons of either sex easily earn from 50 cents to $5 per evening, and a proportional sum by devoting their whole time to the business. Boys and girls earn nearly as much as men. That all who see this notice may send their address, and test the business, we make this unparalleled offer: To such as are not well satisfied we will send $1 to pay for the trouble of writing. Full particulars, a valuable sample, which will do to commence work on, and a copy of the The People's Literary Companion—one of the largest and best family newspapers published—all sent free by mail. Reader, if you want permanent, profitable work, address E. C. ALLEN & CO., Augusta, Maine. oc25-3m

WANTED—NEW AND CAST OFF CLOTHING, old Gold and Silver, or any other article of value, at the old-established Merchant Pawnbroker Store of R. FULTON & CO., 351 Ninth street, 4 doors north of Pennsylvania avenue. ja20-tf

Boarding.

BOARDING.—MRS. RUFUS SMITH, of Loudoun county, Va., having rented House No. 453 Tenth street, between D and E streets, has made complete arrangements with ... to keep a FIRST-CLASS BOARDING HOUSE, BY THE DAY OR MONTH. Both rooms on all floors, furnished, single or in suits, with or without board. ja22-tf

FIRST-CLASS TABLE BOARD CAN BE HAD at the AMERICAN HOUSE, corner of Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue, for $20 per month. se28-tf

Lost and Found.

$25 REWARD.

LOST.—Yesterday morning, between 10 and 11 o'clock, on Pennsylvania avenue, D street, or Seventh street, a large POCKET-BOOK containing a check of $115 and valuable papers; also, bills and $30 in money. A handsome reward will be given if returned to the Star office. ja21-3t*

WASHINGTON FACTS AND IMPRESSIONS.

Do not forget the lecture of Rev. L. Dobson to-night at McKendree M. E. church. It will be an interesting occasion.

LORD WESTBURY and Sir Clarence Padgett, of Prince Arthur's suite, have arrived here, and are the guests of Mr. Thornton, the British minister.

THE REPUBLICAN of to-morrow morning will contain the sermon preached on Sunday night last by Rev. Dr. Sunderland, in which he denies the assumption of the Roman Church that St. Peter was at Rome. The sermon is quite long, but it will repay a perusal.

HONS. WM. E. DODGE, George H. Stuart, Felix R. Brunot, and Col. Campbell, members of the Indian Commission, George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Dr. Hall, of New York, with their wives, visited President Grant yesterday, and partook of a lunch which was served at about 1 o'clock.

A DISPATCH was received at the Navy Department yesterday, stating that the Miantonomah and Terror sailed from Boston in the morning, for Portland, Maine, where they are to be engaged in the ceremony attending the arrival of the remains of the late George Peabody. Admiral Farragut is to have charge of the naval force on the occasion.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE having in charge the Paraguayan matters did not submit their report to the Committee of the House on Public Relations yesterday, as was anticipated. Their report will be submitted at the meeting of the committee on Saturday, when it will be reviewed and generally discussed. It is understood to be very severe upon Lopez.

MR. DAWES, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, is in receipt of a vast number of letters from leading Republicans all over the country, applauding his speech in the House on Tuesday in relation to the public expenditures. Several distinguished Democrats have also expressed their gratification at the stand the gentleman has taken.

"THE RECENT ATTACK UPON THE PAPACY," will be the subject of a lecture by Rev. Father White, of St. Mathew's church, at Carroll Hall, on Sunday evening next. It will be in reply to sermons that have been recently preached by Rev. Dr. Sunderland and other Protestant clergymen. The subject is one of great interest, and we have no doubt the learned Father will have a large audience. No man is better qualified to speak on the subject.

A MAGNIFICENT CHANDELIER, of the most improved pattern, combining treble reflectors, with twenty-four burners, has just been put up in the Blue-Room at the Executive Mansion, and illumines the room with dazzling brilliancy. At the future receptions of the President the visitors will enter and leave the Mansion by the main door. In the hallway leading to the executive offices, where the Marine band is stationed on such occasions, suitable gas fixtures have been introduced, and hereafter the use of "tallow dips" will be dispensed with.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS have under consideration the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill, which they hope to be able to present to the House on Monday. Colonel Capron, Commissioner of Agriculture, was before the committee for some time yesterday in reference to the appropriations for that Department. The members of the committee express great confidence in the management of that Department, and will report quite liberal appropriations for it. There is also a growing disposition on the part of the House to encourage and sustain it.

FOR THE GUIDANCE of all disbursing officers, agents, or clerks of the United States, instructions have been issued by the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the continuance of the internal revenue tax on salaries. He says: "The question has been submitted to this Department whether the tax on payments for salaries and services in the United States, levied and withheld by virtue of the 123d section of the internal revenue act, approved June 30, 1864, as amended, is governed by the 119th section of said act, as amended, (which latter relates to taxes on incomes, and not to taxes on such salaries.) The decisions of the proper accounting officers and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue have been given on the subject, and in accordance therewith such taxes will be withheld as usual by all disbursing officers, agents, or clerks of the United States."

THE WASHINGTON MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.—Mr. Hamlin introduced in the Senate yesterday a bill to incorporate the Washington Mail Steamboat Company. It names as incorporators Charles Spear, Paul Stevens, W. H. Tenney, Wm. L. Wall, W. H. Philp, George H. Plant, J. L. Savage, D. C. Forney, H. Kilbourn, S. P. Brown, Alexander Hay, A. H. Herr and John Pearson, and fixes the capital stock of the company at not less than $250,000, nor more than $500,000, in shares of $100 each. The company is authorized to establish and run a line or lines of steamers between the cities of Washington and Norfolk and other points, purchase real estate and build the necessary docks and buildings, transport passengers, &c., and issue bonds of the denomination of not less than $100, in an amount not exceeding one half of the capital stock of the company. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

IN THE SENATE yesterday Mr. Ramsey introduced a bill to establish a postal telegraph system. It authorizes the Postmaster General to establish telegraph offices in connection with the post office in every city and village where telegraph stations are now maintained, and at such other places on the line of the telegraph as the business of the company may require; to provide for the reception of messages at every postal-telegraph office, post office, sub-office and street letter-box for their transmission between postal-telegraph offices by contract with the Postal Telegraph Company, and for their special and immediate delivery when letter delivery is provided by law, or within one mile of every postal-telegraph office where there is no delivery, and delivery at special rates beyond such limits, excepting "messages transmitted by night," which shall be delivered the next morning. He is also authorized to provide for the transmission of messages by mail to or from the nearest postal-telegraph office, when received at or destined for any place not having such office; the transmission by telegraph of postal money orders; the transmission of messages by mail in special cases; priority of transmission, and transmission where the whole amount due has not been paid.

The rates to be prepaid for transmission and delivery of messages of twenty words or figures or less, including date, address and signature, shall not exceed 25 cents for each and every 500 hundred miles or fractional parts thereof, measured in an air line; and for each additional five words or figures, or less, one fifth of the above rates. But the rates for messages directed to be transmitted by night, shall not exceed 20 cents for each and every 1,000 miles, or fractional parts thereof; for each additional ten words one fifth these rates. The rates shall be prepaid by telegraphic stamps, and shall cover the expenses of the post office of immediate special delivery, and of transmission by mail, whether to or from any postal telegraph office in the United States. The bill authorizes a contract to be made with the Postal Telegraph Company for ten years, upon their furnishing security for the performance of the requirements.

The Postal Company is authorized to make special contracts for the transmission of press messages, the rates not to exceed five mills per word by night, and seven and one half mills by day, for every five hundred miles. Where the same message is delivered at the same office to several newspapers, but one rate shall be charged, with the necessary cost of manifolding copies when made by the company. The rates for the Associated Press news shall not exceed those now paid by the several press associations to the Western Union Telegraph Company. A postage of two cents shall be paid on each press message, but where copies of the same message are dropped off at several offices, but one postage shall be paid.

The Postmaster General shall from time to time reduce the compensation to be paid to the company, and the rates to be paid by the public for the transmission of messages, provided that the net income of the company, after payment of its operating expenses, shall not thereby be reduced below ten per cent. per year on the capital stock of the company. Telegraph stamps are to be provided; a commissioner of telegraph to be appointed, and punishment is provided for divulging contents of messages or wilfully obstructing their transmission.

The eighth section incorporates Gardiner C. Hubbard, S. W. Bates and Estes Howe, of Mass.; Woodbury Davis, of Me.; A. F. Miller, of Ohio; John F. Tracy, E. D. L. Sweet, of Ill.; R. Blakely, of Minn.; B. F. Allen, of Iowa; W. F. Downs, of Kansas; Chas. G. Hammond, of Nebraska; L. J. Barnes and G. R. Weeks, of Ark.; S. A. Stockdale and J. J. Noble, of La.; C. J. Pollard, of Ala.; John P. King, of Ga.; Peter Parker and Anthony Pollok, of Washington, as a body politic, under the name of United States Postal Telegraph Company.

Finally, it is provided that at any time after five years from its organization the Postmaster General may purchase the property and franchise of the company, on terms to be fixed by five disinterested persons—two chosen by the Postmaster General, two by the company, and the fifth by these four; provided the terms shall be approved and the purchase consummated by Congress.

Society.

Speaker Blaine last night gave a dinner party at his residence, on Fifteenth street. Those present were the President and Mrs. Grant; the Vice President and Mrs. Colfax; Secretary and Mrs. Fish; Secretary and Mrs. Boutwell; Chief Justice Chase and Miss Nettie Chase; General and Mrs. Sherman; General Thomas Ewing, Hon. S. Hooper, and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of Boston.

Mayor Bowen, last night, entertained at dinner the following gentlemen, comprising the Committees on the District of both Houses of Congress: Senators Hamlin, Patterson, Sumner, Rice, Harris, Pratt, and Vickers. Representatives Cook, Welcker, Williams, Gilfillan, Boles, Hamilton, Cowles, Stone, and Knott. Besides these gentlemen there were present, General John S. Crocker, president of the Board of Aldermen; Joseph Williams, president of the Board of Common Council, and Alderman Connolly.

The second of the series of suppers arranged to be given by prominent merchants of the city, took place last night at the elegant residence of H. Semken, esq., on K street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Among the prominent men present were Senator Patterson, Hon. Mr. Bingham, Clark Mills, esq., Colonel John W. Forney, Charles Ott, of the Swiss legation; W. G. Metzerott, Edward Droop, Alex. R. Shepherd, George W. Cochran, J. W. Boteler, and a great number of others. The supper, as prepared by Welcker, was a magnificent affair.

A brilliant and stylish party was given by Mrs. Robert Farnham, at her residence, Eleventh and M streets. Among those present were many of our distinguished citizens and families. At 11 o'clock a sumptuous and elegant repast was served by Shaffield with his usual good taste.

At Marini's Academy, on E street, the society of young gentlemen of Washington, formed for the purpose, accompanied by their lady friends in elaborate toilettes, assembled and engaged for several hours in the giddy mazes of "The German." By the way, this fascinating dance is becoming quite a feature in fashionable circles.

The Wisconsin "Sociable," at Harmonial Hall, last evening, was a grand affair. Among the distinguished persons present we noticed Senator Howe and lady, Representative Sawyer and lady, Representative Cobb, Ex-Senator Fulton, Col. Allen and lady, of Milwaukee, Ex-Governor Dole and lady, Mr. Mansfield, Judge Rixford and lady, Col. Daniels, Major Haynes and lady, Capt. Town and lady, L. B. S. Miller and daughter, Dr. W. W. Miller and lady, with a large number of others sojourning here. The music was furnished by the Marine band, and dancing was kept up until a late hour. Much credit is due to the committee having the matter in charge.

Amusements.

WALL'S OPERA HOUSE.—Although there has been no diminution in the numbers who attended to witness the excellent drama of "School," yet Miss Louisa Keene is determined to afford our play-goers an opportunity of witnessing all the latest and best comedies and dramas. To-night "Tolsetta, the Saucy Housemaid," will be produced for the first time in this city. On Monday night "Champagne, or Step by Step" will be produced.

NATIONAL THEATER.—Large audiences continue to attend the performances of the Lingard burlesque troupe. The burlesque of Pluto is capitally rendered, the main attraction being Miss Alice Dunning's singing and acting.

DR. SCHOPPE.—The case of Dr. Schoppe is an illustration that the manufacture of sympathy for a person accused of crime may be carried too far. It will be remembered that one of this doctor's patients died while attended by him, and he proved to be her heir. The matter of fact community in the midst of which the event occurred did not like the looks of the transaction, and the results of the investigation was that the doctor was placed on trial for murder. He was found guilty. He had friends enough to make a noise, and German societies and all other sorts of societies were appealed to, and considerable interest was excited. So much of this sort of capital was made that the pressure of public opinion seemed likely to overrule the not very strong evidence of guilt. Finally, Schoppe's friends appealed to some men learned in the law in Berlin for an opinion that it would be unjust to hang a man on such evidence as the accused was condemned on, when, lo! there is returned for answer that this very man was forced to leave Berlin years ago for the crime of forgery. Hence comes up the thought that all the testimonials Schoppe brought from Germany—which first made him friends here—were forgeries, and also the thought that familiarity with that sort of crime is what would best enable him to forge a will in the name of his whilom patient. Certainly the sympathy went too far when it went to Berlin.

THE warning of the Avondale disaster has been heeded in the Illinois mines. The Northern Illinois Coal and Iron Company have completed the work of connecting the La Salle and Rockwell shafts, so that now in the case of fire the miners have means of escaping at three shafts.

THE NEWS BY CABLES

THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

The Eastern Rites, And the Rights of the Church—Free Masons' Protest.

ROME, Jan. 20.—The organization of the Committee on Eastern Rites and Apostolic Missions is now complete. The commission is largely composed of Eastern prelates, but includes among its members Bishops Augoutem, Toronto and Burlington.

Cardinal Antonelli has assured the French Ambassador that the Pope will never hesitate to maintain the rights of the Church as equal to the State.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—The Free Masons of Germany have adopted an address, protesting against the tendency of the Ecumenical Council towards the doctrine of the syllabus.

FRANCE.

A New Law in Relation to the Press.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The Ministry has declared its intention of proposing that all offences of the press be tried before a jury; but as this proposition has not yet become a law, Rochefort, whose trial soon takes place, will not have the privilege of a jury.

The Radical journals charge the Government with pressing the arraignment of the Deputy for the purpose of avoiding the operation in his case of the proposed law.

PARAGUAY.

Lopez in the Field Again, and the Brazilian Army Checked.

LONDON, January 20.—Advices from Rio Janeiro to the 31st ultimo have been received. President Lopez had appeared on the field again, with a force of 5,000 whites and 15,000 Indians, and had stopped the advance of the Brazilian troops.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Death of Gottschalk, the Pianist—Progress of Emancipation in Brazil—The Whereabouts of Lopez.

NEW YORK, January 20.—The steamship South America, from Rio Janeiro, December 25, brings the melancholy intelligence of the death of Louis H. Gottschalk, the celebrated American pianist and composer. While giving a monster concert at Rio Janeiro he fell senseless at his instrument during the performance of his favorite composition, "La Morte." He was taken to Tijuca, where he lingered three weeks, and expired on the 18th of December.

The Emperor of Brazil sent continually during his illness to obtain tidings of his condition. His funeral was conducted by the Philharmonic Society of Rio, and was attended by an extraordinary number of persons of all nationalities. The remains were deposited in the cemetery of St. John the Baptist.

The emancipation movement was making great progress in Brazil.

The Brazilian Minister of Agriculture who was averse to American immigration has resigned.

News from Paraguay contradicts the reports that Lopez had abandoned the country. He was fortified at a post called Panadera, in the mountains of Maracaiga, and well supplied with provisions. A thousand of his men had made a raid on the cattle depot of the Brazilian army and captured it, but they were subsequently dispersed by Gen Camara, recaptured the cattle which the enemy were driving away.

Deserters from the Paraguayan army represent that the war is not over, but has entered on a new and remarkable phase. Lopez had concluded an alliance with the Carguay Indians, who had offered to furnish him with 15,000 fighting men, and provisions for seven years. Lopez had an army of 4,000 men and boys, with thirty field pieces.

The Brazilian Government has ordered an investigation of the conduct of the American Presbyterian missionary, Rev. Geo. Chamberlain.

The United States flag-ship Lancaster, with Rear Admiral Lanman on board, arrived at Bahia Dec. 23d. All on board were well.

Telegraphic Summary.

THE political news in London yesterday was unimportant and meagre.

A MEETING of the workingmen of St. Louis took place last night, and steps were taken to establish a co-operative store.

THE new cable, in the interest of the French company, to connect England and Brest, has been successfully laid.

A DISPATCH from Grand Tower says the steamer Lady Gay, bound from St. Louis for New Orleans, sunk at 1 p. m. yesterday. No lives were lost. No particulars.

W. P. MAULSBY, of Frederick, Md., has been appointed Judge of the Sixth judicial district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Nelson.

THE British ship Indian Chief, from Cardiff, with railroad iron, previously reported ashore on the outer bay, at Mobile, went to pieces on Wednesday. She has broken in two. The crew were saved, with 250 bars of iron.

THE American ship Mermaid, Captain Cowrel, cleared from Mobile for Pensacola, on the 14th instant, went ashore on the west bank of the outer bar on Wednesday morning. Efforts were made to pull her off, but failed. It is hoped that she will be rescued.

THE London Times of yesterday has an article four columns long, reviewing Mrs. Stowe's new book on the Lord and Lady Byron matter. The writer admits that there is a likelihood of Lady Byron having been deceived by her husband's inveterate passion for mystification, and that she really believed him incestuous.

A FEW days since it was positively and officially announced that Raspail, one of the leading members of the Radical party of the Corps Legislatif, was dead. At three o'clock this afternoon the report was first contradicted, and the deputations which were on their way to Paris to attend the funeral have been notified of the facts of the case. Much indignation is expressed at the unknown author of this cruel hoax.

THE following news items we have received by the way of Havana, of yesterday's date: Arrived, steamers Columbia and City of Mexico. Exchange on London, 11¼a 12¼ premium; Exchange on the United States, long, light; currency 17¾ discount. On Tuesday evening the bands of the different volunteer battalions in the city serenaded ex-secretary Seward. Several thousand people assembled in the street in front of the hotel, and the Marta was splendidly illuminated. The officers of the volunteers and many others entered the hotel, where Col. Zulueta delivered a speech of welcome, saying the serenade was a manifestation of the loyal sentiments of Spaniards for their distinguished guest. Mr. Seward shook hands with all the officers and replied briefly to the welcome. He complimented the people on the improvements they had made since his former visit. All nations, he said, were interested in the permanent peace and prosperity of Cuba. I pray God this progress may continue, and peace and harmony be restored to the island. Referring to Spain, he expressed the hope that the political situation of the country that was the most ancient ally of America would result in a safe, happy and speedy issue. Mr. Seward's remarks, from beginning to end, were strictly non-committal in the matter of the insurrection. Ten of the gunboats that recently arrived from New York have gone to sea. Their destination is unknown.

THE Association for the Prevention of Gambling in New York last year expended $18,150. The number of persons reported as frequenting gambling houses was 768, and the number of places closed through the instrumentality of the association was 230.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

LOUISIANA.

A Bill to Give $1,500,000 to the Berwick Bay and Texas Railroad—A Thousand Shares of the Mississippi Valley Navigation Company—Looking After Half a Million Dollars—The Hall of the House Granted to Female Suffrage.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 20.—In the Legislature bills were introduced to confirm the charter of the Berwick Bay and Texas railroad giving a million and a half dollars if the road be completed in twenty-eight months; authorizing the State to subscribe for a thousand shares of the stock of the Mississippi Valley navigation; a resolution inquiring what disposition had been made of a half million dollars drawn from the State to purchase machinery for the penitentiary, and a resolution inquiring whether members of the House have received bribes for votes; a joint resolution passed appointing a committee to consider the erection of a State House was also introduced; a resolution granting the use of the hall of the House for a lecture on female suffrage was passed.

KANSAS.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—The Kansas Legislature, yesterday, adopted a resolution memorializing Congress to provide for an early apportionment under the new census. Also, a resolution recommending the removal of the national capital to the Fort Leavenworth military reservation.

OHIO.

The Fifteenth Amendment Adopted.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 20.—The House has adopted the resolution ratifying the fifteenth amendment, completing Ohio's ratification. The vote stood yeas 57, nays 55. The reformed Republicans voted in the affirmative.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, January 20.—In the Senate assembly to-day resolutions were introduced against the treaties for the acquisition of foreign territory without the approval of the House of Representatives.

IOWA

CHICAGO, January 20.—The Iowa House of Representatives to-day ratified the fifteenth amendment by a vote of 83 yeas to 12 nays. It was ratified by the Senate yesterday.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Reception of the Austrian Embassy by the King—Severe Gale.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—The steamer Idaho has arrived from Honolulu.

A Hawaiian Prince and the members of the Austrian Embassy to China, Japan and South America are among the passengers.

Sandwich Island advices are to January 4. The Austrian frigate Danan put into Honolulu to repair extensive damages received in a cyclone in the Japan sea.

His Majesty King Kamehamea had received the Austrian Embassy, and the usual complimentary addresses were made.

Dr. Hoffman has been appointed Austrian Consul at Honolulu.

The Japanese Commissioners had made their first official visit to the King, accompanied by the American minister and his secretary, upon which occasion the Minister of Foreign Relations presented their credentials from the Mikado, and explained the object of the embassy.

A terrific gale has visited the islands, and all the vessels in the harbor of Honolulu dragged their anchors. The Austrian frigate Danan went ashore.

WHISKY FRAUDS.

Proceedings Against a New York Alderman and Others for Alleged Illicit Distillation.

NEW YORK, January 20.—Affidavits have been made against Alderman James Barker and others, the proprietors of a large distillery on Eighteenth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, charging them with the illegal evasion of the payment of whisky taxes to the amount of $846,000. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the proprietors. Barker has surrendered himself to the authorities. As the alleged offence was committed over two years ago it is probable that the proceedings will be barred by limitation.

MEXICO.

Affairs in the Usual Chaotic Condition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Mexican advices, via Mazatlan, represent the country in an unsettled condition.

A revolution is impending in several States.

The hatred of the Mexicans towards foreigners is manifested in many instances.

Lozada had raised an independent standard at Tepic, and called a convention for the 15th of January to frame general laws for the government of the State.

The Mexican steamer brings $353,000 in treasure from Mazatlan.

THE CHINESE.

Measures to Prevent the Importation of Women—Another Outrage on the Celestials.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—The heads of the principal Chinese companies have decided to make another effort to suppress the importation of Chinese women.

A large number of Chinese prostitutes were arrested here last night at the instance of the companies, and the matter will come before the courts to-morrow. In the mean time the prisoners are confined in jail.

The Chinese quarters in the town of San Jose were burned yesterday, rendering homeless about a thousand Chinese.

Latest Telegraphic Brevities.

A convention of colored people, to provide measures for the education and general welfare of that class throughout the State of Missouri, met at Jefferson City on Wednesday.

Four pieces of artillery, with officers and men and ammunition for firing a salute of one hundred guns, left Fortress Monroe yesterday morning for Richmond.

The total fall of rain for the present season in California is eight hundred and forty-four inches, about the average of preceding years.

The monitors Miantonomah and Terror, with the Leyden as an escort, left Boston yesterday for Portland.

Ex-Gov. Low, the newly-appointed Minister to China, has reached San Francisco, on his way to Pekin.

It is again asserted that the Central Pacific railroad has purchased the California Pacific railroad, and that the price paid is $6,000,000.

Several citizens have been arrested in Warren county, Georgia, for alleged offences committed several months ago. Considerable alarm exists, and many persons are reported fleeing from the district, where martial law prevails.

The national Parliament at Florence is summoned by royal decree to meet on the 7th of March.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE DOCTORS—THE REPLY TO THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT.—The National Medical Society have prepared and distributed the following memorial:

To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Whereas it has been stated in a published circular that the persons endeavoring to form a medical society on the basis of "equality before the law" have maliciously and falsely attacked the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, we deem it but just to the public, as well as ourselves, to make the following statement of facts:

Within the past few years some colored physicians, regular graduates of medical colleges, and of untarnished character and reputation, having held positions as surgeons in the Union army during the rebellion, have settled in this city and secured to themselves a large professional practice.

There being only one medical society in the District where all licenses to practice must be obtained, and all advantages flowing from medical and professional discussions were to be enjoyed, it became the duty of these colored physicians to obtain license and membership, in order to keep up their medical education, and derive all the advantages from weekly professional discussions.

The Medical Society of the District of Columbia has, on two different occasions, refused to elect these colored physicians to membership, acknowledging that the color of the candidates was the reason for so doing, and some of its members have refused to consult with them because they were not members of the society.

This was in June, 1869. Hoping that discussion of the subject would aid in securing justice, we were content to await the result.

January 3, 1870, by a vote of 26 to 10, the society refused to consider a resolution offered by Dr. Reyburn, which read as follows, viz:

Resolved, That no physician (who is otherwise eligible) should be excluded from membership in this society on account of his race or color.

Some of the present officers of the society have refused to consult with the colored physicians, but instead thereof, have taken charge of patients who were under their care, without giving them the customary notice of their dismissal, in direct violation of the ethics of the profession.

These colored physicians have applied to the society for membership, but were rejected by a large majority, although the board of examiners reported favorably on them. At the last election of officers in this society, held January 3, 1870, the chairman of this board was removed, and a gentleman, late of the confederate army, well known for his opposition to the admission of colored physicians, was elected in his place, thus insuring their future defeat. Other gentlemen who served during the war in the confederate army are now prominent in the control of its affairs.

At the same meeting a white candidate, a gentleman of high professional standing, and occupying an important official position, was objected to solely on the ground that he was believed to be in favor of the admission of colored members.

Again, the circular published by the committee of the society states that their weekly meetings are "social reunions." These meetings are conducted under strictly parliamentary rules, from the opening to the adjournment, and only professional questions, essays and papers are brought forward for discussion, and gentlemen are even required to obtain permission of the president to retire from the meeting. If these meetings, held in compliance with the charter of the society, are only social reunions, then the meetings of all bodies not strictly parliamentary are social reunions.

Other colored men will soon graduate from medical colleges in the United States and throughout the world, and their rights should be protected and guaranteed within this District.

It is a fact worthy of note that this is the only country and the only profession in which such a distinction is now made. Science knows no race, color, or condition, and we protest against the Medical Society of the District of Columbia maintaining such a relic of barbarism.

We, for the reasons stated, and in accordance with the spirit of the times, ask Congress to grant a charter to a new society which will give all rights, privileges and immunities to all physicians, making only the presentation of a diploma from some college recognized by the American Medical Association, and good standing in the profession, the qualifications necessary for membership.

Signed by Robert Reyburn, M. D., President; John G. Stephenson, M. D., Alex. T. Augusta, M. D., D. W. Bliss, M. D., Silas L. Loomis, M. D., W. G. H. Newman, M. D., R. J. Southworth, M. D., Joseph Taber Johnson, M. D., John Edwin Mason, M. D., committee; C. Adams Gray, M. D., secretary.

CHARGE OF FORGERY.—Saturday afternoon, the case of Isaiah Beckett, colored, charged with forging the name of Henry D. Gunnell, commissioner of the Seventh ward, on orders to the amount of from $500 to $600, came up for a hearing before Justice Walter. The accused, was foreman of the commissioner, and had charge of the repairs of streets, &c., and that it is customary to issue orders to laborers, signed by the commissioner, which are honored by the corporation.

L. G. Hine, esq., appeared for the prosecution, and Messrs. J. E. Norris & Son for the defence.

Mr. Gunnell pronounced the signatures to be forgeries. Mr. H. T. Vernon testified that Beckett presented an order to him for $21, to which was attached the name of Henry D. Gunnell, and presuming it genuine, cashed it, but subsequently he ascertained that the name of Gunnell had been forged, although it was impossible to say that Beckett forged the name.

Other witnesses testified that Beckett had conversed with parties to whom he admitted that if he knew as much as he should have known he would make dollars where he made cents, as there was a party in the Seventh ward who was trying to injure his character by asserting that he was to be removed from office on a charge of forgery, and from the general tenor of the conversation the witnesses were impressed with the idea that Beckett had been writing forged orders on the commissioner of the Seventh ward.

The evidence and argument yesterday was confined to the forged order on Mr. Vernon, in which it was not clearly proven that Beckett forged the paper; but counsel for the prosecution contended that the passing of the forged order by Beckett was conclusive of a guilty knowledge of its being a forgery.

Without concluding, the case was continued until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

CAPTURE OF RUNAWAY GIRLS.—Yesterday morning Detective McDevitt received information from Baltimore and the description of two young women, aged respectively about 17 years, who had run away from the homes of their parents in that city. Mr. McDevitt immediately set about to apprehend them, and tracked them to a house near the toll-gate leading to Bladensburg. Before the officer reached the house in question, the birds had flown, but he ascertained that they had gone to a house on D street, between New Jersey avenue and First street. Mr. McDevitt called at the house in question, where he found the girls answering the the description given him, and took them to police headquarters, from whence he telegraphed the fact to Detectives Smith and Pearson, at Baltimore. The girls told the detectives that they had come to this city for the purpose of taking situations in the Treasury Department, but judging from their pertness and levity while in custody here, it is natural to presume that their intentions were to lead a life of prostitution. Detectives Pearson and Smith arrived here yesterday afternoon, and departed for Baltimore with the runaways in the 5:45 train. The girls are quite prepossessing and appear to be of good parentage, and it is hoped upon their return home they will reflect over their folly, and remain beneath the parental roof, flowers of virtue and comforts to their kindred. Mr. McDevitt deserves much credit for the promptness in which he acted in the above matter, as it is more than probable that the speedy apprehension of the girls has cheated some brothel out of its wages of sin.

TRIAL OF STEAM FIRE ENGINE.—The new steamer, recently built for this city, was tried yesterday afternoon in front of the Bank of Washington, in the presence of the board of fire commissioners and a large crowd of spectators. The fire was started in the furnace at 2:26 o'clock, and in exactly five minutes a stream was thrown a distance of 250 feet through 250 of hose and and a 1¼-inch nozzle.

The next trial was made with two streams through one-inch nozzles, which were thrown a distance of two hundred and twenty feet. Three streams were then tried with three quarter-inch nozzles, the water being thrown for a distance of one hundred and forty feet. Several other trials were made with the same success. The highest pressure at any one time was one hundred and seventy-five pounds water and ninety pounds of steam.

The trial was made through rubber hose, and was entirely satisfactory to the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. The engine was built by Silsbee & Co., Seneca Falls, New York, and is said to be far superior to the Amoskeag pattern now used by the department.

LOCAL BREVITIES.—Before the adjournment of the Letter Carriers' Convention sine die, a resolution was adopted that the convention resolve themselves into a permanent organization, to be called together whenever the president may deem it expedient.

The Washington Gas Light Company have given to the Provident Aid Society, for the poor of Washington, ten thousand bushels of coke, and Mayor Bowen has given an order on Mr. Peter Campbell for one hundred bushels.

Collector F. A. Boswell was tendered a serenade by the South Washington Brass Band, but was not at home. There was no speech making.

At a meeting of delegates to the District Grand Lodge No. 5, Order of B'nai Brith, the following officers were elected: E. Goldman, G. N. A.; Charles Herzberg, G. A.; S. Wolfe, G. T.; S. B. Gump, G. S.; A. Kerngood, G. B. F.; S. L. Hable, G. Sch.

The steamer E. C. Knight arrived yesterday from New York with a full freight for Washington merchants.

Dry Goods.

Very little has been doing during the past week in unbleached domestic fabrics. Brown shirtings and sheetings are dull, but prices are without any quotable change. Laurel D and Indian Head standards are held at 16 cents; Wachusetts and Adriatic at 15½; Laurel H 14½ cents.

Prices for bleached shirtings and sheetings are well maintained; but the transactions from first hands for the week have been comparatively light.

Corset jeans sell readily for immediate demands. Indian Orchard at 13 cents; Amoskeag at 14 cents; Laconia at 15 cents.

Rolled jaconets are in fair demand for the season and prices are steadily maintained. Lonsdale 10½ cents; Warren 11½ cents; White Rock 10½ cents for white, 11½ cents for high color.

Cambrics are in rather better demand, but without any marked activity. Prices firm. Hastings at 8½ cents; Amoskeag 9 cents; Arcadia 9½ cents.

Denims and cottonades are more called for and prices are firmly maintained.

Printing cloths are without change, except that prices are not quite so firm as they were last week. The market price for 64 standard is about 8 cents.

Prints are not in as much demand as had been anticipated, owing to the backwardness of Southern purchasers; but the spring styles are now in good supply, and jobbers must soon lay in their supplies for the early trade. Prices, however, are very firm, and manufacturers are looking for an advance as soon as the season is fairly open. A considerable number of purchasers are in town from the South and West, and the great abundance of money at this centre will have the effect to make holders less eager than usual to force sales. Sprague's new light fancies are selling at 11½ cents to 12½ cents, less 4 per cent., 30 days.

Ginghams are in better demand, and the better styles are selling freely. Prices are unchanged. Lancasters sell at 17 cents; Lancashire 15; Glasgow 16.

Woolens generally are dull.

Cloths are in slightly increased demand. The clothing manufacturers are picking up their assortments, but prices are a trifle lower on the average. The failure of an old-established cloth house, last week, though from causes outside their regular business, had a slightly depressing effect.

There is a better demand for light spring cassimeres, and the prospect is more flattering for this class of fabrics; but prices are unchanged.

Satinets are dull. Tip-top No. 1 sell for 90 cents.

Flannels are in fair demand. Sales to the usual extent at this season. Prices steady.—*N. Y. Independent*, 20th.

The Prince of Wales and the Free-Masons.

The Prince of Wales was on Wednesday evening admitted a member of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England. A large company of Masons assembled at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, and the Prince was introduced and welcomed as a member of the Lodge. His royal highness, who were an ordinary Master Mason's apron and the Order of the Garter, was then invested with the "clothing" of a Past Grand Master, his titles being announced by Sir Albert Woods. The Prince remained to hear the business of the evening, which was the resignation of office by the Earl of Zetland, the Grand Master, and the nomination of the Earl de Grey, and Ripon as the Earl's successor. In the course of the evening the Prince was "saluted" with the royal sign, which, we are told, "appeared to give him gratification and no little astonishment."

In the course of the proceedings, the Prince of Wales said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren, allow me to tender you my warmest and most sincere thanks for the great honor you have conferred upon me this evening. For a long time past it has been my wish to become a member of this ancient craft. Although, brethren, I was initiated in a foreign country, I at the time felt—and you will agree with me—that Freemasonry is one and the same in all countries; we are all fellow-craftsmen; and I can assure you I feel it is a great honor to be here to-day, admitted a member of the Grand Lodge of England. [Cheers.] Allow me to thank you once more, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the kind words you have spoken and for the cordial manner in which you and all the brethren have received me this evening. [Applause.]—*Liverpool Mercury*, *Dec. 3*.

THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—During the past year the appropriations of this Board to the missionaries under their care were $115,740. The whole number of missionaries in commission during the year was 546, who have located in the States named as follows: Arizona, 1; California, 10; Colorado, 1; Missouri, 40; Nebraska, 6; New Jersey, 17; District of Columbia, 2; Florida, 1; Illinois, 79; Indiana, 35; Iowa, 54; Kansas, 19; Kentucky, 19; Louisiana, 3; Maryland, 9; Massachusetts, 1; Michigan, 5; Minnesota, 31; Mississippi, 1; New Mexico, 1; New York, 28; North Carolina, 8; Ohio, 45; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 66; South Carolina, 3; Tennessee, 7; Virginia, 2; Washington Territory, 1; West Virginia, 13; Wisconsin, 31. The number of churches and missionary stations wholly or in part supplied, as reported, is 834; number of newly organized churches, 60; admissions on examinations, 2,792, and on certificates, 1,930; making a total admission of 4,722. Number in communion with churches connected with the board, 36,078. The number of Sunday schools is 460; teachers, 3,800; scholars, 30,345. Number of parishes, 2,683.

Of the 546 missionaries who have been in commission during the past year, 120 have sent in no special report. The total amount of all receipts from all sources was $157,-223.23, to which add balance on hand, $19,-448, the available resources of the board during the year were $176,665.23. The payments during this period were $115,818.09, leaving a balance in the treasury at the date of report of $60,848.13. The amount due the missionaries at the same date was $12,-500, leaving an unexpended balance of $48,348.13. One hundred and thirty-seven boxes, barrels and packages of clothing, valued at $24,123.85, were received and distributed among the missionaries, and nineteen boxes, barrels and packages, of which no valuation was reported, the value of the whole being probably $27,500.

THE London Skating Club spent £400 in preparing a basin in the Regent's Park, wherein it might safely enjoy its favorite amusement. The other day it arranged, in anticipation of a severe frost, that the basin should be filled with water. With water accordingly it was filled in the morning, ... when the members of the club went to look at the ice—lo! all the water had drained itself away. The bed of the basin proved to be gravel, and not, as was supposed, the London clay.

NORFOLK complains of a lack of banking capital, there having been four millions of banking capital there before the war and not over four hundred thousand dollars banking capital there since the war.

CORPORATION GAS-LIGHT.—We have two full moons this month. The first occurred on New Year's day. The second is due on the 31st.