SPECIAL NOTICES.

Old District Families.

A list of persons now residents of the District of Columbia whose ancestors were living in the District in the year 1800 is being prepared under the direction of the Columbia Historical Society.

This undertaking can be accomplished only through the co-operation of the persons referred to, who are requested to send their names and those of their said ancestors as promptly as possible to the secretary of the society.

Mrs. MARY STEVENS BEALL, 1643 32d st.
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Are you interested in the preparation of printed matter for business purposes—pamphlets, brochures, catalogs, prospectuses, booklets, etc.? Can there be any question about the importance of having it as effective as it is possible to make it? Unless there is something to distinguish it in appearance from the ordinary run of "business literature" it may not be even so much as glanced at. Our experience, gained by twenty years of hard labor and close study has peculiarly fitted us for producing printing that brings results, and it is upon the strength of what we already have accomplished that we solicit a trial order.

BYRON S. ADAMS.
The Model Printery, 512 11th st.
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GLASS IS DECEPTIVE!

It takes "experts" to tell good quality Glass from inferior sorts. Our long experience has taught us to detect the difference. We buy only the best qualities. Let us estimate on Glass you need.

CHAS. E. HODGKIN, Glass Expert, 913 7th st.
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Fashion's Center for Full Dress Furnishings.

Hosts of men would not feel really dressed-up unless their Full Dress Furnishings were bought here. They have confidence in our styles and qualities. You will, too, after once buying furnishings of us.

P. T. Hall, Shirtmaker, Furnisher, **13th & F.**
ja1-14d

Yes, We Are Busy Making Dress Suits. Men tell us every day that our dress suits are the best in town. Popular prices rule here. Come in.

HEBBARD & WINEMAN, 706 NINTH ST. N.W.
oc14-3m,10

ART CALENDARS For Very Little. For a New Year's remembrance let us sell you a Dainty Calendar. Prices cut in half.

Ballantyne's,
428 SEVENTH STREET.
ja1-10d

MASONIC.—BENJAMIN B. FRENCH LODGE, NO. 15.—Stated communication due Monday, Jan. 1, 1900, dispensed with. Special communication, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 7:30 p.m. SHARP; work, E. A. and F. C. degrees. By order of the W. M.
d-30-2t WM. A. GATLEY, Secretary.

SPIRITUALISM. — MRS. ZOLLER, SPIRITUAL MEDIUM, 802 H ST. N.W.—SEANCES SUNDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY EVENINGS. INTERVIEWS DAILY. de9-24t*

YOUR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS THROUGHOUT the winter will demand your wearing Full Dress. Hadn't you better let us make you a new Full Dress Suit? The elegance of Gatchel's tailoring will please you. Fit or no pay.
J. FRED GATCHEL, Tailor, 604 13th st. de30-6d

Flat-opening Ledgers.

—those made by Hodges are the kind that save bookkeepers a lot of labor. We rule blanks, etc., to order. Low charges.

Hodges, BOOKBINDER, 511 9th st.
de30-6d

Rubber Roof Paint.

When your patience has been utterly exhausted by the worthlessness of the ordinary roof paints—let us put on a coat of Rubber Roof Paint, which is guaranteed to be weatherproof and durable. We stop all leaks free. Estimates furnished.

Grafton & Son, Roofing Experts, 1023 8th st. 'Phone 760.
de30-10d

THE REAL ESTATE TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA has declared a semi-annual dividend of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents ($2.50) per share on its capital stock, payable on and after January 2, 1900, at the office of the company. The transfer books close December 26, 1899.

GEORGE E. FLEMING, Secretary.
de19,23,27,30,ja1-5t*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Potomac Electric Power Company will be held at the office of the company, 14th and East Capitol sts., Washington, D. C., WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1900, at 12 o'clock m., for the election of nine directors to serve for the ensuing year, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
de29-3t JAMES B. LACKEY, Secretary.

THE MUTUAL INVESTMENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and other business at the office of the company, 923 F st. n.w., TUESDAY, January 2, 1900, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. All policy holders are requested to vote, as no proxy vote is allowable.

STATEMENT DEC. 26, 1899.

Number of policies in force		164
Insurance in force		$183,883 00
Capital (notes) of the policies in force		51,251 00
Resources:		
Cash in treasury	$1,026 71	
Securities, U. S. bonds	400 00	
		1,426 71
Liabilities: None.		
Due to policy holders		1,426 71
No debts.		

BERNARD LEONARD, President. R. J. BEALL, Secretary.
de29-4t

WANT LIGHT? WANT POWER?

FOR either purpose ELECTRICITY is unexcelled. It is safe—reliable—clean. Hundreds of machines are run by it—thousands of stores and houses are lighted by it. Have Incandescent Arc Lamps put in your store. We furnish lamps and current. 'Phone 1877.

U. S. ELECTRIC LIGHTING CO.,
no1-3m,18 POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER CO.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICE ROOMS For Rent In the National Union Building, No. 918 F st.

Thoroughly fireproof. Elevator service unsurpassed. Rent reasonable. Heat, light and janitor service included. For terms, &c., apply to Secretary of Co., Room 1. de27-10t

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE, Cor. 7th street and Louisiana avenue n.w., WASHINGTON, D. C., December 27, 1899. The stockholders of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown will meet at this office on Tuesday, January 2, from 10 to 11 a.m., for the purpose of electing thirteen directors to serve for the ensuing year.
de27-5t C. W. HOWARD, Secretary.

RHEUMATISM AND NEURALGIA RELIEVED BY **Dr. Jaeger's** SANATORY WOOLEN UNDERWEAR.

The pure wool and peculiar weave excite the skin to healthy action, throw off disease germs and preserve an equable temperature of the body. Ask for Illustrated Catalogue.

"The Jaeger Agency,"
de27-12tf 726 15TH ST.

For New Year's Receptions.

You need some reliable wine and a bottle of Berkeley for the punch. You can safely depend upon whatever we send you. Telephone 1141.

Jas. Tharp, Importer of Wines and Liquors,
de27-10d 812 F ST. N.W.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE Capital Traction Company for the election of directors will be held at the office of the company, Union Passenger Station, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th of January, 1900.

The polls will be opened at 10:30 a.m. and closed at 1 p.m.

G. T. DUNLOP, President.
C. M. KOONES, Secretary. de23toja9in

FOR SALE OR FOR RENT. INTER-OCEAN BUILDING.

The receiver of the Inter-ocean Building Company will entertain offers for the purchase or rent of its nine-story brick and stone building, No. 512 9th st. n.w., with a frontage of 39 feet 1 inch by a depth of 107.17 feet to wide alley. Each floor affords about 4,000 feet of space. Liberal terms will be made with purchasers, or the building will be rented as a whole or by floors. For further information apply to

NATHL. WILSON, Receiver, Pacific building,
Or DUNCANSON BROS., D and 9th sts. n.w.
de11-tf

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STABLE BLANKETS FROM 75c. TO $3.75.
SQUARE HORSE BLANKETS FROM 69c. TO $6.
CARRIAGE ROBES, PLUSH, CLOTH AND FUR, FROM $2.50 TO $25.

Saks and Company,
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE & SEVENTH STREET.
de5-1m

A Perfect Shirt

Should be perfect in three particulars. It should be made of perfect material. It should fit perfectly. The price should be a perfect one, that is, no higher than it ought to be. We make to measure "Perfect Shirts," from

$9.00 for a Half Dozen

up to the finest that can be made.

Woodward & Lothrop.
oc16-20tf

DELIGHTFUL HOMES—
With a great future.
Cleveland Park.
no10-tf Office, 610 14th st.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUTUAL PROTECTION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia, for the election of nine (9) trustees to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, NO. 1406 G STREET N.W., ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1900. Polls open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following is the report of the operations of the company at this date, December 30, 1899:

Amount of insurance	$1,820,542.78
Amount of premium notes held by the company	149,856.21
Cash on hand	4,804.97
Invested in notes secured on Washington city real estate	16,750.00
Invested in debenture and other local bonds	2,000.00
Losses by fire paid during the year	4,262.60
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year	1,133.91

1t JAMES E. FITCH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF MOORE & HILL, 717 14th st. n.w.
Jan. 1, 1900.

We, David Moore, Real Estate Broker of 717 14th st. n.w., and Wm. A. Hill (formerly with Stone & Fairfax) announce that we have formed a partnership under the firm name of MOORE & HILL, to conduct a general real estate and insurance business.

We respectfully solicit the patronage of our friends and the public.

DAVID MOORE.
ja1-2t WM. A. HILL.

Office of WM. E. SHANNON, REAL ESTATE, 1410-12 G ST., AMES BLDG. Telephone 427.

TO THE PUBLIC: FEELING MYSELF JUSTIFIED BY THE DEMAND FOR REAL ESTATE, AND THE INCREASE IN MY BUSINESS, I HAVE LOCATED MY OFFICE AT 1410-12 G STREET, AMES BUILDING.

HAVING HERETOFORE MADE SELLING OF REAL ESTATE A SPECIALTY, WILL CONTINUE TO DEVOTE MY ATTENTION PARTICULARLY TO THAT LINE OF THE BUSINESS.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF THANKING MY CLIENTS FOR THEIR FAVORS IN THE PAST, AND RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT THEIR PATRONAGE, AND THAT OF THE PUBLIC.

RESPECTFULLY,
ja1-3t WM. E. SHANNON.

NOTICE—MR. CHAS. L. SELECMAN IS NOW located with WM. E. SHANNON, 1410-12 G st., Ames bldg., as salesman. ja1-3t

OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia, Washington, January 1, 1900.—The Annual Meeting of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA will be held on the THIRD MONDAY in January, 1900, the 15th INSTANT, at the office of the company, No. 902 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m.

By the charter of the company the election of seven managers 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 nine o'clock a.m. and six p.m."

Amount of premium notes	$2,666,207.00
Amount of cash on hand	9,451.31
Securities	266,214.96
Real estate	87,000.00
Office furniture and fixtures	500.00
Losses by fire, adjusted and paid	9,149.06

The annual statement will be ready for distribution at the office of the company about January 12.

By order of the Board of Managers.
ja1-13t L. PIERCE BOTELER, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Washington Jockey Club will be held at 1731 I st. n.w. on TUESDAY, January 9, at 4 p.m. F. I. BURGHER, Secretary.
ja1-3t

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Brightwood Railway Company, for the election of nine directors to serve for the ensuing year, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, 14th and East Capitol street, Washington, D. C., Thursday, January 11, 1900, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p.m. Books for transfer of stock will be closed from January 5 to 11, inclusive. JAS. B. LACKEY,
ja1,5&10-3t Secretary.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE REAL ESTATE TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Capital Stock of THE REAL ESTATE TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, is Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000, fully paid, and there are no debts.

M. ASHFORD, President and Trustee.

WM. D. HOOVER,	ALBERT F. FOX,
E. G. DAVIS,	WARD THORON,
JOHN TAYLOR ARMS,	E. FRANCIS RIGGS,
THOMAS R. JONES,	CLARENCE B. RHEEM,
SAMUEL A. DRURY,	ANDREW PARKER,
LEON TOBRINER,	WOODBURY BLAIR,
CHAS. C. DUNCANSON,	Trustees.

I solemnly swear that the contents of the above statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Corporate Seal.) GEORGE E. FLEMING, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this first day of January, 1900.

CORNELIUS ECKHARDT,
1t Notary Public.

NOTICE—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Cranford Paving Co. will be held at its office, 1418 F st. n.w., Washington, D. C., at 12 o'clock M. on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1900.

J. H. CRANFORD, President.
H. S. HOUGHTON, Secretary. ja1-7t

IF YOU NEED THE SERVICES OF AN AGENT in buying, selling or renting property, placing life, accident and fire insurance, making safe investments, settling estates or legal work of any kind, call on
ja1-6t* GRACE M. THOMAS, 100 Corcoran bldg.

CENTER MARKET.

New Year's Day, 1900.

To Our Patrons:

Grateful for patronage in the past, we cordially invite all our old friends and patrons to continue their favors.

A personal visit to Center Market is always of advantage to the purchaser, as well as to ourselves. That these personal visits may be continued, and, if possible, made more frequent and our patrons have facilities of showing the market to their friends and making engagements to that end, a waiting room for patrons of Center Market, with appropriate rooms exclusively for ladies, has been recently completed in the center of the B street wing. We hope our patrons and their friends will make use of this latest convenience for their benefit.

Center Market will never lose its prominence as the great food center of the District of Columbia. Now that for one fare a person can be brought to it from every part of the District, and that every car line in the District either passes or connects with it, the accessibility of Center Market far exceeds what it has ever before enjoyed. Not only will sight-seers always be here rewarded by displays of food products and table luxuries not equaled by displays in any other market on the globe—but what is of greater importance—the more practical side of CHEAPNESS, combined with EXCELLENCE, always here receives first attention.

Aided by the immense storage rooms in the market structure overhead, where "cold" and "freezing" storage is supplied at lowest rates, dealers in Center Market have here special facilities for holding food supplies and products at preservative temperatures, and of so handling them that the public can be assured of always being able to procure at Center Market the very freshest and the very best—and always at prices, when quality is considered, lower than elsewhere.

Wishing to you all the compliments of the season, and a prosperous New Year, we remain,

Very truly yours,
ja1-2t DEALERS OF CENTER MARKET.

High Arctics

—for ladies or gentlemen—protect the feet, as well as the ankles—save doctor's bills. Easier to put on than boots.

HOLMES & CO., "Rubber Goods," 511 9th st.
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"Always room for more."

The **Wernicke Bookcase** —always has room for more books—and is always complete, but never finished. It's a system of units—when one unit is filled another is added. Finished in all woods. Very handsome. Sole agents. See it.

JOHN C. PARKER, 617 SEVENTH ST.

BLANK BOOKS to suit every business—in stock and made to order.

Easton & Rupp, 421 11th,
Popular-Priced Stationers. ja1-14d

YOU WILL FEEL AS SNUG AS A BUG IN A RUG with a Miller-made overcoat on. You will feel conscious, too, of presenting a proper appearance. The correct style, Miller workmanship, fit and finish go with all prices. The price varies, of course, with material selected. OSCAR MILLER,
de30-7tf The Proper Tailor, 927 9th st. n.w.

In a petition for divorce instituted by Sallie B. Boxwell against Samuel L. Boxwell, infidelity on the part of the latter is alleged.

NO COMBINATION SHOWN

The Attorney General on Reclassification of Freight Rates.

Says That Remedy for Shippers Lies in Appeal to Interstate Commerce Commission.

In concluding a letter to the interstate commerce commission upon the complaint of shippers that the reclassification of freight rates east of the Mississippi was a violation of the anti-trust law the Attorney General says:

"If the testimony submitted showed a combination among the railroad companies to restrain commerce among the several states I would not hesitate to invoke the remedy provided by the anti-trust law, but to take such action upon the faith of the facts submitted would not only be futile, but absurd. If there be a remedy for the complaining shippers, it lies in an appeal to your commission under the interstate commerce law."

The Attorney General refers to the official classification which had been adopted by the classification committee of the railroads, and to the protests of shippers. He says that the railroad people at the hearing held before the commission refused to postpone the time for the classification to take effect, insisting that they would be willing to consider complaints and correct changes which the practical operation of the rule should prove to be unjust. They stated that they could not ascertain the effect of the cases until the classification had been tried. In passing upon the matter the Attorney General says:

"The protesting shippers assert that increases in rates, to the extent effected by these changes in classification, are without justification, and will result in excessive charges upon most, if not all, of the articles in question. They also allege that hardship and injustice will further result from the changes which will be made in the relation of rates, and especially from the increases in the difference between car load and less than car load charges.

Not Violation of Anti-Trust Law.

"It is apparent from the protests originally filed, and from the resolution and petition presented by the shippers, and from your own communication that it is the charges made, and not the method of making them, which is complained of. Under the classification which has obtained for many years, all freight is divided into six classes. For these classes the railroad companies fix graded rates. A change from a lower to a higher class would increase the rate if the existing rates are maintained. It is against the increased rate thus produced that the shippers protest.

"They claim: 1. The changes will result in unreasonable rates; 2, in unjust discrimination against the small in favor of the large shipper; 3, in charging more for a short than a long haul. Obviously, these are matters for the consideration of the interstate commerce commission. A railroad company may raise its rates to an unreasonable point; it may discriminate among its shippers; it may charge more for a short than a long haul; but none of these acts, however unjust and wrongful, amounts to a violation of the anti-trust law.

"To authorize the Attorney General to direct an injunction proceeding under this law, it must be shown that there is a 'contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce among the several states.' In the first place, there is no contract, combination or conspiracy shown. There is consultation by representative railroad men in committee respecting suggested changes in classification. There is subsequent independent action by railroad companies in the adoption of the new classification recommended by the committee. The testimony taken does not show that any railroad company acted under compulsion of a combination in adopting the official classification. It must be conceded that a common classification by railroad companies operating the same territory is a desirable thing. Will it be insisted that railroad companies cannot consult respecting freight classification? Or that, because one railroad company adopts a certain classification, another cannot? The anti-trust law says there must be a contract, or combination, or conspiracy. This must be shown. And it must be shown to restrain individual action. This is not shown in the testimony submitted.

Restraint of Commerce.

"Moreover, there must not only be a contract, combination or conspiracy, but it must be in restraint of interstate commerce. As applied to carriers, this means a combination to suppress competition. It is only by suppressing competition and arbitrarily fixing rates that a restraint can be put upon interstate commerce. The filing of one official classification does not fix the rates. It places articles in certain classes, but the rates for the classes are determined by the railroad companies outside the classification. If a railroad company maintains the existing rates the change of an article from a lower to a higher class will increase the rate, but, from aught that appears in this testimony, every railroad company using the classification is at liberty at any time to change the existing rates upon the notice required by the interstate commerce act. Moreover, each railroad company is free to take any article out of the existing classification by making a commodity rate. In other words, no suppression of competition, no arbitrary fixing of rates, no restraint of interstate commerce is shown.

"The Trans-Missouri and Joint Traffic Association cases afford no precedent for the action requested in this case. Each of those associations were formed by a contract, under which the companies selected a central authority to fix and maintain rates. There was an absolute suppression of competition. The power of independent action was destroyed. No company could change a rate fixed by the managers of the association without subjecting itself to a penalty."

Swears Off From Rat Killing.

Killis Willis, colored, declared when he left the Police Court this morning that he would never kill another rat. This is the only New Year resolution that Killis has made. The reason for subscribing to such a pledge was that Judge Scott fined him $2 for cruelty to animals.

Cruelty to an animal of the rat kind was the charge upon which Mr. Chester A. Snow had him arrested yesterday. Mr. Snow's charge was that the colored man had a rat that had been caught by the leg in a steel trap. He crossed Pennsylvania avenue, carrying the trap by a chain. Mr. Snow thought the animal should have been stamped to death and put out of its misery without being carried about in its suffering condition.

Killis objected to any method of killing the rat except by the use of a dog, and after the death had been accomplished by this method Mr. Snow had Willis arrested.

Discussing the case in court, Mr. Snow said he thought a steel trap was an instrument of torture, and that its use should be forbidden.

The colored man said he thought stamping the life out of the rat would have been cruel.

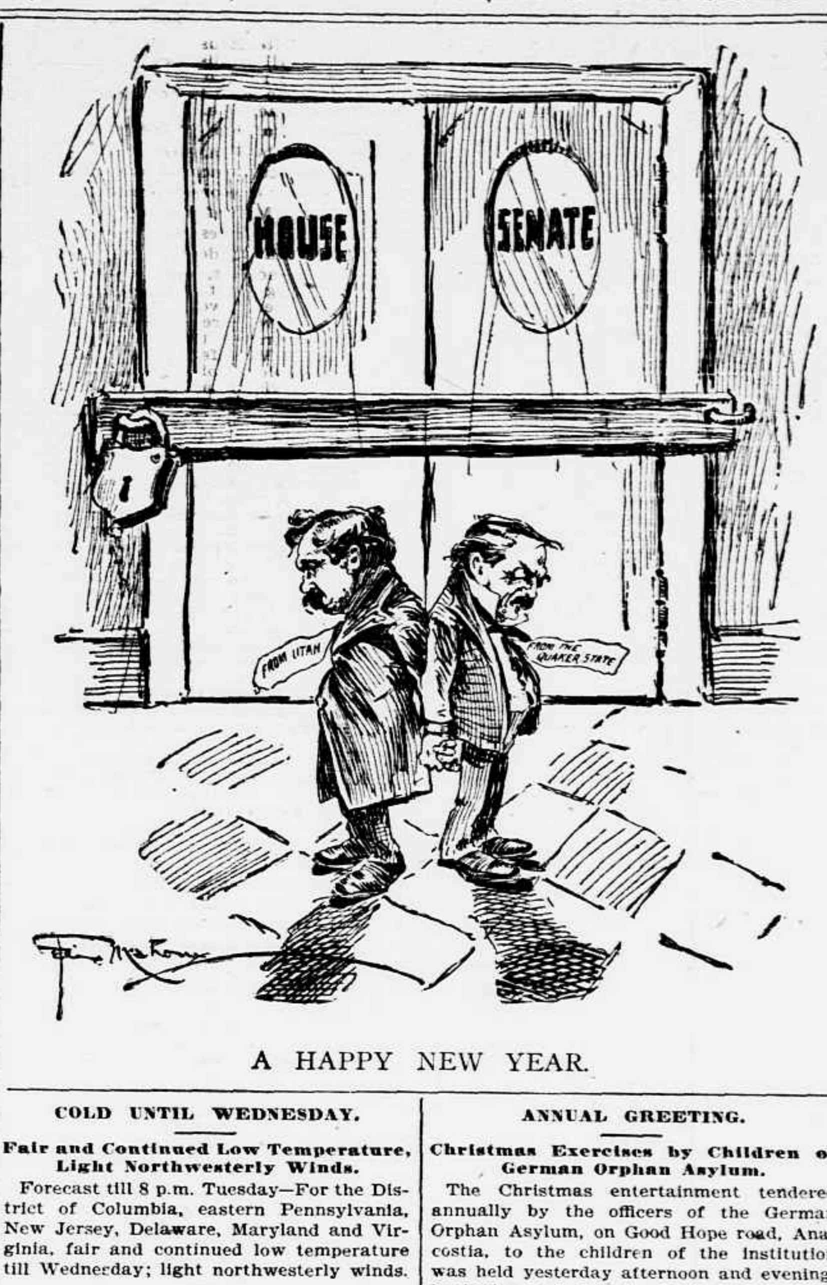
Judge Scott, in imposing a fine, said he did so, not because there was any special cruelty, but because of the exhibition that was made on a public street.

Joint Festival by Saengerbund.

The Saengerbund held a joint Christmas and New Year festival last night at its hall on C street. The entertainment was under the auspices of the ladies' club of the organization. President Claudy of the 'Bund inaugurated the ceremonies of the evening with a pleasing address. A heavily laden Christmas tree was stripped of its wealth of presents, the prizes being distributed as they were drawn. Just before midnight a song service began and continued until the new year was fairly ushered in. The ladies of the Saengerbund will receive today from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Sons of Jonadab Election.

Centennial Council, No. 4, Sons of Jonadab, has elected the following officers: Worthy chief, Fred McAleer; vice chief, Jas. E. Hayes; patriarch, Henry Yenney; recording secretary, D. F. Brown; financial secretary, Wm. H. Young; treasurer, G. G. Campbell; guide, Chas. Lewis; assistant guide, A. M. Williams; inside watch, N. S. Cook; outside watch, Felix Yenney.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

COLD UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

Fair and Continued Low Temperature, Light Northwesterly Winds.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Tuesday—For the District of Columbia, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, fair and continued low temperature till Wednesday; light northwesterly winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast—The storm central Sunday over Lake Superior has moved to the New England coast, and has caused snow in the lake regions, the Ohio valley, the middle and north Atlantic states.

Rain has fallen in the south Atlantic and east gulf states and in the Pacific states.

The pressure continues high north of Montana.

The temperature has fallen in the middle Rocky mountain and northern plateau regions, has risen in the middle and lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and in the middle and north Atlantic states, and has remained nearly stationary elsewhere.

Snow will prevail in New England, followed by clearing Tuesday, and generally fair weather elsewhere.

Brisk variable winds will prevail on the north Atlantic coast, shifting to northwesterly, and light northwesterly winds on the middle and south Atlantic coast.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, —; condition, —; receiving reservoir, temperature, 33; condition at north connection, 8; condition at south connection, 4; distributing reservoir, temperature, 33; condition at influent gate house, 3; effluent gate house, 3.

The Sun and Moon.

Today—Sun rises, 7:23; sun sets, 4:45.
New moon, 8:52 a.m. today.
Tomorrow—Sun rises, 7:23.

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 5:27 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 6:27 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. Arc lamps lighted at 5:12 p.m.; extinguished at 6:42 a.m.

TAKE A TRIP SOUTH.

Gridiron Club and Guests Leave for South Carolina Metropolis.

About forty members of the Gridiron Club and several especially invited guests left yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Charleston, S. C., where they will be the city's guests for two days. The party traveled in a special train over the Southern railway.. Arriving in Charleston this morning the newspaper men will be taken in hand by prominent citizens of the South Carolina metropolis, and tonight will be banqueted at the Charleston Hotel. Elaborate preparations have been made for the dinner, and, in fact, for the entertainment of the Gridironers during their stay in the city. They will be lunched and conveyed to all of the interesting and historical points about Charleston. The return trip will begin Tuesday evening, the party expecting to arrive in Washington Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Funeral of Richard R. Riley.

The funeral of Richard R. Riley, a well-known printer, took place Saturday afternoon, the services being conducted at Wright's undertaking establishment by the Rev. E. D. Baily. The remains were buried yesterday at Annapolis, Md.

Mr. Riley was a son of the late E. S. Riley of the Maryland Republican, on which paper he learned the printer's trade. He came to this city over twenty-five years ago and had worked in a number of the local offices. His bright, genial disposition made him many friends, and he will be greatly missed by his associates. He had suffered several months from a disease of the heart, but not until a month since did it take the serious turn which caused his death at Garfield Hospital Friday last.

FRIED ONIONS

INDIRECTLY CAUSED THE DEATH OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST GENERAL.

It is a matter of history that Napoleon was a gourmand, an inordinate lover of the good things of the table, and history further records that his favorite dish was fried onions; his death from cancer of stomach, it is claimed, also, was probably caused from his excessive indulgence of this fondness for the odorous vegetable.

The onion is undoubtedly a wholesome article of food, in fact, has many medicinal qualities of value, but it would be difficult to find a more indigestible article than fried onions, and to many people they are simply poison, but the onion does not stand alone in this respect. Any article of food that is not thoroughly digested becomes a source of disease and discomfort whether it be fried onions or beef steak.

The reason why any wholesome food is not promptly digested is because the stomach lacks some important element of digestion, some stomachs lack peptone, others are deficient in gastric juice, still others lack hydrochloric acid.

The one thing necessary to do in any case of poor digestion is to supply those elements of digestion which the stomach lacks, and nothing does this so thoroughly and safely as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Dr. Richardson, in writing a thesis on treatment of dyspepsia and indigestion, closes his remarks by saying, "for those suffering from acid dyspepsia, shown by sour, watery risings, or for flatulent dyspepsia, shown by gas on stomach, causing heart trouble and difficult breathing, as well as for all other forms of stomach trouble, the safest treatment is to take one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal. I advise them because they contain no harmful drugs, but are composed of valuable digestives, which act promptly upon the food eaten. I never knew a case of indigestion or even chronic dyspepsia which Stuart's Catarrh Tablets would not reach."

Cheap cathartic medicines claiming to cure dyspepsia and indigestion can have no effect whatever in actively digesting the food, and to call any cathartic medicine a cure for indigestion is a misnomer.

Every druggist in the United States and Canada sells Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and they are not only the safest and most successful, but the most scientific of any treatment for indigestion and stomach troubles. ja1&4

ANNUAL GREETING.

Christmas Exercises by Children of German Orphan Asylum.

The Christmas entertainment tendered annually by the officers of the German Orphan Asylum, on Good Hope road, Anacostia, to the children of the institution was held yesterday afternoon and evening, beginning at 3 o'clock. During the evening about 400 visitors were present. Superintendent Henry Ermold and Mrs. Ermold gave a cordial welcome to the guests. The building had been decorated throughout with evergreens, particularly the amusement hall on the first floor, which was the scene of the exercises. Donch's Orchestra was stationed in the hall, and in another part were a platform and a handsomely decorated Christmas tree. All the officers of the asylum were in attendance.

After an overture by the orchestra and the presentation of the children at the Christmas tree, Mr. Jacob Jose, president of the German Orphan Aylum Association, made an address of greeting. Mr. Simon Wolf of the board of directors also spoke during the evening. The program rendered by the children was as follows: Greeting, Hattie Joachim; song, Christ is Born to Us Today; chorus; recitation, The Meaning of the Children's Christmas Tree, Marie Kennelly; song, Christmas Bells, quartet and chorus; recitation, Shoes or Stockings, Marie Westnedge; song, O Ring Ye Merry Bells, chorus; recitation, A Message From Santa Claus, Lina Ermold; song, O Come, bly bear Kriss Kringle, quartet; recitation, The Little Children Sitting in the Room, Marie Almendinger and Marie Veily; song, Honor to God in Heaven, chorus; dialogue and song, Pelzmarkl and Christkinlein, Marie Veily, Lina Ermold and the chorus; recitation, Holy Christ, Ernst Brunner; song, He Comes, He Comes, the Strong Hero, chorus; recitation, A Letter From Santa Claus, Edith Evans; song, Come With Singing, chorus; recitation, Thanks of the Children, Eddie Kennelly; concluding song, Praise to God, chorus.

Gifts of toys and useful articles as well were made to each of the fifty-two children, each child receiving several presents. Superintendent Ermold and Mrs. Ermold were also remembered with gifts, as were all the employes of the asylum. After the exercises a generous repast was served to the guests and children in the dining room.

YESTERDAY COLDEST OF SEASON.

No Warmer Weather is Probable Until Wednesday.

The last day of the year was the coldest of the present freezing spell, the thermometer at 2 a.m. yesterday morning registering 3 degrees above zero at the weather bureau, while many self-registering thermometers on the heights near the city put the mercury at that hour as having been at zero. The weather moderated during the day, however, and reached a maximum of 23 degrees about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The snow of last night, falling, as it did, upon streets in many places very slippery, caused early morning going today to be both difficult and hazardous; but those who fortunately possess sleighs found the conditions greatly improved.

The weather bureau holds out no promise for any material progress toward warmer weather until Wednesday.

The Spoliation of Garfield Park.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

I wish to thank you for the outspoken manner in which you have denounced the proposition to donate so much valuable property to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and to say that while the people of Southeast Washington, it is believed, fully agree with every word you have written on that subject, we are especially interested in the preservation of Garfield Park. The pride of our city is her parks, and there are few, if any, more beautiful that the eastern portion of the park named. This is the only one of any size with which the southeast has been favored, and the proposition to despoil it ought to be repugnant not only to the residents of this section, but to every citizen of Washington, and, in fact, to every American who takes a pride in the beauty of his capital city. The beauty, freedom and quiet of this park were the attractions which led many of us to locate and invest our money in this section, and the building of a railroad in the park would render the whole neighborhood so undesirable that many of us would feel compelled to abandon our homes and rent them for what we could get. A railroad through Scott Circle or Lincoln Park would drive every citizen away from those beautiful sections, and yet their homes, while more valuable in themselves, are not more dear to them than are ours to us, many of which represent the savings of a lifetime.

This is also a question of patriotism. When the great life of our martyr President went out the whole American people bowed in grief at the decree, and one respect in which that grief took form was in the dedication of this park to his memory. To despoil it now would be repugnant to the patriotic sense of every American who loves the memory of Garfield.

The abolition of grade crossings, the reputed cause of this measure, is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but other cities are able to accomplish such achievements without the destruction of their parks, and we appeal to the sense of beauty, justice and patriotism innate in the American people to prevent the enactment of any measure looking to the spoliation of these beautiful grounds.

L. N. FOUTS.

Held for Grand Jury.

Thomas Creek, colored, was held in the sum of $2,000 security by Judge Kimball today on a charge of undue intimacy with Carrie Jackson, colored, thirteen years old, who was the prosecuting witness. Policemen McDonnell and Howard of the eighth precinct made the arrest, and Dr. Curtis of Freedman's Hospital was an important witness in the case.

Theft of a Turkey.

George Lee, colored, was in Judge Kimball's court today on a charge of stealing a turkey from J. B. Crab, and he was asked what made him "crab" the fowl. He denied that he had taken it, but the proof was against him, and the penalty was $10 or thirty days.

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WORK OF THE CHARITIES.

Organizations Able to Meet All Demands Upon Them.

Despite the cold and snowy weather which has prevailed in Washington for more than a week, the poor people of the city are found this New Year day in fairly comfortable circumstances. So far as can be learned through the police and other channels there is absolutely no suffering for want of fuel or food within the limits of the capital city. The charity organizations, it is stated, have fully met every demand made upon them. Especial efforts were made late Saturday and yesterday to provide all who were in need that the beginning of the final year of the century might be marked with good cheer in every household, even down to the most indigent of Washington's population.

The agents of the Associated Charities and the Citizens' Relief Association worked earnestly and zealously Saturday and attended to the calls for aid received up to that time. Yesterday there were some additional appeals, and these were met without delay. Today the central office of the Associated Charities at 811 G street was open up to 1 o'clock. During the morning about a dozen persons applied there for aid. A number of other cases came to the attention of the agents in their respective districts. In each instance the wants of the applicants were fully met, and it was believed that the poor are today in better circumstances, all things considered, than for many winters past.

The Associated Charities and the Citizens' Relief Association are preparing for the winter's work, and to that end the finance committees of the two organizations have issued a joint appeal, in which, after giving figures showing the amount of good work accomplished in the past year, it is stated:

"Our purpose is to encourage thrift, find employment for those needing it, lift families and individuals out of the pauper class and collect and deposit savings, and, where relief is found by our trained and experienced agents to be necessary, to see that it is provided, either through churches, benevolent associations, or individuals, or, if the cases have no relation to any of these, from the funds of the Relief Association. Under the methods thus outlined a large and wholesome reduction of expenditure has been made. The whole trend of modern, enlightened charitable work is in the direction of prevention, and we appeal with confidence to the public to sustain us, and to enable us to reach larger and better results in that direction, while at the same time relieving all actual distress. The number in the community contributing to these purposes has been relatively very small, and we desire to enlist the interest and help of all residents, no matter how little they may be able to give, as all general relief work, with the other purposes for which we are laboring, now devolves on our associations.

"Contributions may be sent to Beriah Wilkins, Post building, treasurer of the Citizens' Relief Association, or to John Joy Edson, Washington Loan and Trust building, treasurer of the Associated Charities, and those who wish their gifts to be devoted exclusively to relief purposes or to the purposes of the Associated Charities may so designate, otherwise they will be apportioned by the committee as the situation may require."

Insane Woman Becomes Violent.

Ada Rich, a colored woman, about thirty years of age, an inmate of St. Elizabeth's Asylum, who has been at her home in Hillsdale on parole from the hospital since Thanksgiving day, became quite violent early yesterday morning, and her mother was compelled to seek the assistance of the police and have her conveyed to the Anacostia police station. It is alleged Ada smashed a lot of window glass and threatened she would burn the house. She was yesterday sent back to St. Elizabeth's Asylum.

The Capital Traction Company has recorded its first accident for the new year. Grip car No. 13 and trailer No. 223 came together, but no damage was done. The accident happened about 1:45 o'clock, but probably on account of the snow storm, the policeman who reported the affair to police headquarters forgot to tell where it occurred.

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