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AMUSEMENTS.

FORD'S OPERA HOUSE.

TO-NIGHT,
Last Appearance of
MAURICE GRAU'S
FRENCH OPERA COMPANY.
Offenbach's Latest Sensation,
LA FILLE DU TAMBOUR MAJOR,
(THE DRUM MAJOR'S DAUGHTER.)
M'LLE. MARY ALBERT, New Prima Donna;
M'LLE. CECILE GREGOIRE Favorite Artist.
A CHORUS OF FORTY VOICES.
A MILITARY BAND ON STAGE,
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Admission, Orchestra	$1.00
Reserved Seats	1.25
Balcony	.50
Reserved Seats	1.00

NEXT WEEK—The Oh! be Joyful Coterie, A FLOCK OF GEESE. oct2

NATIONAL THEATER. *Herrmann.*

THIS SATURDAY NIGHT,
Last Appearance of
THE GREAT AND ONLY
HERRMANN.
MONDAY, OCT. 4TH,
The Famous Comedy and Musical Organization,
THE TOURISTS
IN A PULLMAN PALACE CAR.
"We are all right up to the present time."
PARTICULAR NOTICE.—The managers of the "Tourists" claim the above as the best company of the kind ever placed before the public. The play has been materially altered by Mr. Mestayer, special parts having been written for every member of the company. The music will be mostly new and original with the "Tourists," much of it having been obtained by Mr. Mestayer while lately in Europe, and will also comprise a number of popular melodies already made famous by the "Tourists." The "Tourists'" music is distinctively American, and is of a kind that always appeals to the popular heart. It

SPECIAL NOTICE.

TRAINS FOR NATIONAL FAIR
Leave B. and O. Depot on and after
TUESDAY, OCT. 5TH—
7:45, 9 AND 11:30 A. M.; 1, 1:40, 2:10 AND 3 P. M.
For Return Trains see Blackboards at MACHINERY HALL, entrance to GRAND STAND, and at the RAILROAD GATES. oct2-2w

PEOPLE'S CONCERT.
WEDNESDAY, October 6, at 8 p.m., at the North Presbyterian Church, N street Misses Ewan, and Leavitt, Messrs. Pugh, Read, Bakeman and King. Admission, with reserved seat, 25 cents. Seats and programmes at the School of Music, 707 8th st. Programmes at Metzerott's and Ellis'. sep28-3t

NATIONAL FAIR.

$25,000
IN PREMIUMS!
SECOND EXHIBITION,
OCTOBER 5 TO 16, 1880,
BOOKS OPEN FOR SALE OF SPACE AND RECEIPT OF ENTRIES AT OFFICE, 803 MARKET SPACE. sep13-3w

WASHINGTON GYMNASIUM,
CORNER 6TH AND C STREETS N. W.
BOYS' CLASS in Gymnastics and Calisthenics, Wednesday afternoon, from 4 to 6, and Saturday morning from 10 to 12, under the leadership of Prof. TURK. Terms 50 cents per month. se16-1m

COLUMBIA BICYCLE SCHOOL.
OPEN FROM 9 A. M. TO 10 P. M.
1108 AND 1114 E ST. N. W. sep14-2m

PICNICS, EXCURSIONS, &c.

STEAMER BELLE MAY WILL GO ON her trip to GREAT FALLS on SUNDAY. Leaves foot of Congress st. Is for charter any other day. Apply 73 Water st., Capt. PASSENO. oct1-2t*

PIANOS AND ORGANS.

DECKER BRO.'S Grand, Square and Uprights. Pease & Co. PIANOS. Burdett ORGANS. Prices reasonable. G. KUHN, Sole agent, 467 10th st. sep22-ly

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1 Pommer Square $15
1 Dunham Square 125
1 Conservatory Upright 175
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sep21 1103 Penna. ave.

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WM. KNABE & CO.'S WORLD-RENOWNED PIANOS. New stock arriving. Pianos and Organs at great bargains. Tuning, repairing and moving. **REICHENBACH'S Piano Wareroom,** sep16-1m No. 423 11th st., above Pa. ave.

BEAUTIFUL "SHONINGER" ORGANS and Magnificent HEINE KAMP PIANOS. Everyone's favorite. For sale for cash or upon easy monthly payments, at SIDNEY T. NIMMO'S, aug21- 410 11th street northwest.

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Fine STONE and EARTHENWARE of every description.
Hand and machine-made FLOWER POTS of all sizes.
GARDEN VASES, DAIRY and COOKING UTENSILS, PRESERVE JARS, &c.
Florists and the trade supplied without delay, and at the lowest prices. au5-3m

VETERINARY.
Headquarters, 400 14th street.
ALL KINDS OF HORSE, CATTLE AND DOG MEDICINE FOR SALE.
aug21 ROBT. SMITH, V. S.

WE ARE MANUFACTURING SLATE MANTELS, and have a large stock of MANTELS of new and attractive designs, and by examination the superiority of our work is apparent.
HAYWARD & HUTCHINSON,
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NOTICE—Don't forget MME. PIERRE. She is still at her old quarters, 713 11th st. n.w., where Laces and Lace Curtains are repaired and done up equal to new at the lowest prices. sep3-1m*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NEW JERUSALEM TEMPLE, North Capitol st., near B.—Seats all free. Service at 11 a.m. Communion day 1t*

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, Rev. ALEX. KENT, pastor.—Services at Tallmadge Hall, 938 F st., To-morrow at 11 a.m. Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. 1t*

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, corner 8th and H sts.—The pastor, Rev. S. H. GREENE, will preach Morning and Night. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. All cordially invited. 1t*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Dr. CUTHBERT, pastor. Service To-morrow (D. V.) at 11 a.m. and 7½ p.m. Subject at night: "Repentance." All invited. 1t*

FOUNDRY CHURCH.—Preaching by Dr. LANAHAN, at 11 a.m. and 7½, Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Addresses by Mrs. THOBURN, of India, and Miss KELLEY, who will go to India in a few days. 1t*

CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION, 1st st. e., Rev. W. E. PARSON, pastor.—Communion services at 11 a.m. Preaching at 7:30. Sunday school 10 o'clock. All welcome. 1t*

NEW YORK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Principal MACVICAR, LL. D., of Montreal, Canada, will occupy this pulpit To-morrow Morning and Evening. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p. m. 1t*

MT. VERNON PLACE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, cor. 9th and K sts. n.w.—Preaching Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7½ p.m. by the pastor, Rev. W. P. HARRISON, D.D. chaplain House of Representatives. Public invited. 1t*

Y. M. C. A. CHAPEL.—All young men are cordially invited to meet at the close of the Temperance rally in Lincoln Hall To-morrow afternoon to organize a Young Men's Bible class, which will be conducted by Mr. JOS. BOWES. 1t

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, VERMONT AVE., bet. N and O sts.—Preaching by pastor, FREDERICK D. POWER, at 11 a. m. "Our Duty in the Temperance Cause." Also at 7:30 p. m. All invited. Seats free. Mission school on Capitol Hill 3 p. m. 1t*

FREE METHODIST—Preaching by Rev. J. T. MICHAEL in Kindergarten Hall, cor. 8th and K sts., To-morrow Afternoon at 3 o'clock and Evening at 7½ o'clock. Evening subject: "God Demands a Pure Church." Out-door meeting 8th st. and Pennsylvania ave., at 6 p.m. 1t*

REFORMED CHURCH, Sovereigns' hall, 510 11th st. n.w.—Rev. CHARLES F. SONTAG pastor. Services preparatory to communion of the Lord's Supper To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Also service in the Evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Strangers welcome. 1t*

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, cor. of 14th and L sts.—Rev. W. R. ALGER, of Boston, Mass., will occupy the pulpit To-morrow morning and evening. Subject in the morning at 11 a.m. "The Nature and Validity of Religious Faith." Vesper service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. 1t

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Willard Hall.—At 11 a. m. memorial services of the late Joseph D. Hutton and Margaret, his wife, will be held, and a sermon preached by Dr. ELES, acting minister, suitable to the solemn occasion. Seats will be provided for the Good Templars and the friends generally of the deceased. 1t

GALBRETH CHAPEL, L st., bet. 4th and 5th n.w., J. P. HAMER, pastor.—A grand rally on To-morrow, Sunday, October 3, to raise money to repair the church. Preaching at 11 a.m. by Rev. J. F. BUNDY. At 3 p.m. by Rev. A. W. FITCHZUE. At 7½ p.m. by the pastor. Our members and the public generally are cordially invited. 1t*

DR. WM. H. REEVES, OF OHIO, WILL discourse in the Christadelphia Ecclesia, McCauley's Hall, third floor, on Sunday, at 11 a.m. Subject: "The Keys of the Kingdom of God in Their Relation to what We Must Do to be Saved." Evening discourse at 7:30. Subject: "The Return of Christ and the Re-establishing of the Kingdom of David." All invited. No collection. 1t*

EPIPHANY CHURCH.—Seats free at evening service by the pastor, Rev. Dr. PARRY, 7.30 p.m. se25-2t

EPISCOPAL MISSION, No. 1216 Maryland avenue southwest. Morning service at 11 a.m. Seats free. sep25,oct2

K. OF P.—All members of the Order, those who have and those who have not uniforms, are earnestly requested to assemble in manner of the hall of Columbia Lodge, No. 11, on MONDAY NIGHT, October 4, at 8 o'clock. By the G.C. oct2-2t* J. E. MITCHELL

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY. The Ninth Annual Session will begin in the College Hall, Colonization Building, on MONDAY EVENING, October 4, at 7 o'clock. Prof. E. F. FRISTOE will deliver the opening address. Subject: Alchemy, or, The History of Chemistry. The public are respectfully invited to attend. oc 2-2t

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, of the District of Columbia, will be held at the Medical Society rooms, 915 F st., on TUESDAY, the 5th of October, at 8 o'clock p.m. By order of the President. JOHNSON ELIOT, M. D.
J. F. HARTIGAN, M. D., Secretary. oct2 3t

A MASS MEETING OF THE FRIEND of Temperance and Good Morals, called by ministers of the several denominations, will be held in Lincoln Hall To-morrow Afternoon, October 3, at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. LANAHAN will preside. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. Drs. RANKIN, REILY and MASON. Music under the direction of Prof. Bischoff. J. G. AMES,
1t* Secretary Com. of Arrangements.

SOUTH WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS, TAKE NOTICE.—The regular meeting of the SOUTH WASHINGTON DEMOCRATIC CLUB on MONDAY EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock, at Becker's Hall, will be addressed by several prominent democratic speakers. All members and public are invited to attend and hear these addresses. By order of the club.
1t* W. E. THOMAS, Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the ANACOSTIA & POTOMAC RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, held yesterday, the following resolution was adopted, ordered to be spread upon the journal, and a copy transmitted to the family of the deceased:
Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from life our esteemed friend and associate, L. W. GUINAND, president of this company;
Be it resolved, That we extend for ourselves and in behalf of all the members of the company our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family in their affliction; the assurance of our appreciation of their loss, the high regard in which we held his character and respect for his energy, ability and integrity, and his unswerving devotion to the interests of this company during its whole existence, many of us having been associated with him since its organization, realizing that its success is largely due to his efforts and perseverance.
Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to send copies of the above to the family of deceased. 1t

ATTENTION! WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS.—The WISCONSIN REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION meets To-MORROW (Sunday) EVENING, October 2d, 1880, at the Veteran Club Rooms, 1425 New York ave., at 7:30 p. m. Important business. All are invited to attend. By order of the Association. D. W. LONGLEY, President.
EDWIN M. TRUELL, Sec. oct1-2t

DR. C. M. LATIMER, DENTIST, HAS removed his office from 624 to 640 I street, southeast corner of 7th st. n.w. sep29 2w

STOP TEARING AND ROTTING YOUR CLOTHES to pieces by the use of Soaps adulterated with Marble Dust, Silex, Talc, Soapstone, Mineral White, Dryers, Clay, &c., and ask your grocer for WEAVER, KENGLA & CO. LAUNDRY SOAP. Every bar and cake is branded with the name of the firm, and is warranted to be made from pure Refined Tallow and Vegetable Oils, and to be free from all adulterations. jy12-3m

NATURAL MINERAL WATERS.
Bethesda, Bedford, Blue Lick, Congress, Deep Rock, Buffalo, Lithia, Rockridge Alum, Geyser, Hathorn, Gettysburg, Friedrickshall, Hunyadi Janos, Appollinaris, Pulna, White Sulphur.
At MILBURN'S PHARMACY,
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THAT OUR PLUMBING BUSINESS has increased so greatly that now our force of Plumbers is larger than is employed by any house south of New York is evidence of the lively interest that is taken in all SANITARY MATTERS by the intelligent PUBLIC. We give especial attention to MODERNIZING DEFECTIVE PLUMBING in city residences.
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THE KITCHENER RANGE. We have endeavored to make a first-class article only, and have spared no expense in the manufacture of our KITCHENER RANGES to secure a cooking fixture that is all that can be desired. That we have succeeded, the number that we have sold and the satisfaction they have given is the best proof. Hundreds of references in this city and Baltimore. We are agents for the BALTIMORE, a portable range of largest convenience and first-class construction, unequalled in this market.
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THE EVENING STAR.

DOUBLE SHEET.

Washington News and Gossip.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.—Internal revenue, $470,771.34; customs, $626,513.40.

THE U. S. S. YANTIC, was put in commission at the Navy Yard here this morning.

THE U. S. S. ALLIANCE, left Portsmouth, N. H., yesterday at 4 o'clock for Hampton Roads.

THE PRICE OF THE DOUBLE SHEET STAR is the same as the single sheet—two cents.

WHAT SILAS SAYS.—Silas Patterson, the auburn-haired and effervescent son of the ex-Senator from South Carolina, is in the city. Silas was asked to-day what he thought of the political outlook. "I don't care a ——," said he; "neither does the old man. The national committee wanted the old man to go down south and take the stump. The old man told them they didn't stand up to him when he was in the Senate, and he —— if he was going there now. Me and the old man are building a railroad in New York, and we don't care for politics. The republican party has gone to the devil, anyhow."

THE VERA CRUZ DISASTER.—Gen. Dumont today received the report of the recent investigation into the wreck of the Vera Cruz. The report says that the vessel was staunch and seaworthy, and was lost owing to the severity of the gale. She filled through openings made by the heavy sea. She was fully supplied with life saving apparatus. The conduct of the captain, officers and crew was gallant, and in no way to be found fault with. Everything possible was done to save the ship.

POSTMASTER GENERAL MAYNARD decided today not to suspend the recent order of the Post Office department forbidding the delivery of registered letters and postal orders to the Kentucky Lottery company. He declines to reverse the past action of the department, at least until the U. S. Supreme Court shall have disposed of the lottery question which is now before it.

IT IS NOT THOUGHT that a successor to Steamboat Inspector Kirby, of New York, will be appointed until Secretary Sherman returns. Among the applicants for the position are ex-Supervising Inspectors General Joseph Belknap and D. D. Smith.

ANOTHER COMET.—The Smithsonian Institution has received the announcement of the discovery by Hasting, at Strassburg, on the 29th of September, 1880, of a comet with a bright tail, in fourteen hours eight minutes right ascension, twenty-five degrees forty-five minutes north declination, with a daily motion of twenty-five degrees in right ascension.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL G. D. RUGGLES, from headquarters department of Dakota, yesterday reported at the War department for duty in charge of the appointment and commission branch of the Adjutant General's office. Gen. Breck, whom he relieved, has gone to his new duties at St. Paul, Minn., Gen. Terry's headquarters.

THE MOONSHINERS WAR IN GEORGIA.—Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue Rogers today received the following dispatch from Collector Clark, at Atlanta:—"A body of thirty armed men entered Dalton, Whitfield county, last night, and forcibly rescued property seized for violations of revenue laws." Mr. Rogers answered as follows:—"Take immediate measures to identify the persons who forcibly released seized property at Dalton; then obtain warrants and call upon the marshal for their immediate arrest. Employ whatever force may be necessary for this purpose. Do not relax your efforts in this direction till every one of this lawless party is in custody of U. S. officers." The acting commissioner also sent a telegram to Revenue Agent Wagner, who is at Atlanta, asking him to co-operate with Collector Clark.

A DISPATCH FROM GEN. SHERMAN.—Adjutant General Drum to-day received a dispatch from Gen. Sherman, in which he states that the President's party will hardly return to Washington before the 7th of November. The dispatch also announced that the Secretary of War authorized the participation of the troops at Fort McHenry in Baltimore's approaching celebration.

PERSONAL.—Mr. and Mrs. John Russell Young are at the Arlington.——Chief Clerk Whitney, of the Bureau of Statistics, has returned from his vacation tour, bringing home with him Mrs. W., who has been spending the last three months among the lakes and mountains of Maine.——Representative Gibson, of Louisiana, is at the Riggs.——Mr. O. L. Pruden has returned from Barnegat, and was at the White House on duty yesterday.——Mr. Gladstone walked eight miles the other night to reach home after a railway journey.——Senator Conkling is a courtier as well as a statesman. In his Cleveland speech he referred to Cincinnati, where he was to speak the next evening, as "the Paris of America."——Admiral Porter, M. de Bille, the new Danish minister to Washington, and Hon. George Harrington were registered in New York last evening.——Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, arrived in the city to-day.——Senator George H. Pendleton's family will arrive at Newport in a day or two and remain at their cottage there until Christmas.——The Rt. Rev. Bishop Green, the venerable bishop of Mississippi, is expected to arrive in the city this evening. He will be the guest of Mr. R. Colburn, No. 1515 Vermont avenue, and will leave on Tuesday next for New York, to attend the meeting of the general convention.——Governor Ordway, of Dakota, is in the city.——Chief Clerk Hogg, of the Navy Department, has moved in from Mount Pleasant, and now occupies as his residence No. 1133 14th street.——Representative Ketcham is in town for a brief visit.

Political Notes.

Hon. John G. Carlisle left last evening for Ohio, in which state he is to speak once a day (Sundays excepted) until election day.

Mr. S. S. Cox has also gone to Ohio, and will speak in the district he used to represent in Congress.

The young ladies composing the Philomathean Society of Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga., elected Gen. Hancock an honorary member, in return for which he wrote them a note accepting with thanks.

Ex-Congressman and ex-Governor Throckmorton is the principal opponent of Senator Maxey in the latter's efforts to secure a reelection to the U. S. Senate. Throckmorton appears to have the support of the leading democratic papers of Texas and it begins to look as if he would beat Maxey.

The following congressional nominations have been made: William A. Russell, republican, 7th district Massachusetts; J. N. Buffum, greenback, 5th Massachusetts; C. H. Adams, greenback, 3d Illinois; Francis R. Gilbert, democrat, 21st New York. H. A. Balcorn declines the democratic nomination from the 33d New York district, as does Henry Hilton in the 20th.

Hon. Carl Schurz addressed a large meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, last night, speaking in the German language. With Hancock in the White House, he said, war would speedily be declared against the national banking system, and great financial embarrassment would be threatened thereby. The meeting was highly enthusiastic.

General Wickham, chairman of the republican state committee of Virginia, has issued an address to the republicans of that state which includes a letter from Chairman Jewell, of the national committee, to the effect that the latter committee are desirous of carrying Virginia, and will use all honorable means to that end. General Wickham calls upon every republican in the state to use his efforts and do his whole duty towards carrying the state for Garfield.

Postmaster James, of New York city, in a note to S. S. Cox states that the sacks of campaign matter—alleged to have been sent by the democratic committee under an illegal use of the franking act—were not opened at the New York office; that he was notified they had been sent by mistake, and he returned them to Washington without having them opened; also, that none of the matter was addressed to Mr. Cox nor was his frank used on any of it.

General J. H. Ketcham has been renominated for Congress from the 13th district of New York by acclamation. He is now serving his sixth term as the Representative from that district, and, as his nomination amounts practically to a re-election, will doubtless have a seat in the next Congress. Both as Commissioner of this District and as a Representative in Congress he earned the good will of the people of this District.

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

THE TELEPHONE INSIDE OUT—WASHINGTONIANS TO THE FRONT—GOV. SHEPHERD'S MINING VENTURE—THE MARKETS—STOCKS AND PROVISIONS—HOW THEY ARE DEALT IN—"CORNERS"—PERSONAL GOSSIP, ETC.

[*Correspondence of The Evening Star.*]

NEW YORK, October 1.

That most remarkable instrument, the telephone, has passed two very important stages of existence, and is now about to enter its third and fourth. The telephonic system now in operation consists of the Bell, Edison and Gray patents, and they are all practically under one management. The Bell Telephone company was originally formed with a capital stock of $1,000,000, in shares, at par value, of $100 each. As soon as the instrument became popular the stock rose in value to a fabulous amount,—some say as high as $1,100 a share was paid,—and the stock was quoted among unlisted stocks at $800a $1,000. No sooner had this state of things appeared, than a successful attempt was made to water the stock. It culminated in an increase of capital from $1,000,000 to $15,000,000, the share being still $100 each. Even at this figure, the stock is quoted to-day in Boston, (the only place where it is openly dealt in,) at $90 a share. Two weeks ago it was quoted at $70. Notwithstanding all this, and that several men have made fortunes out of the stock, there has never been a dollar of dividend paid on it, and the Telephone company is in the market to-day to borrow a million dollars on the company's notes, to bear 6 per cent interest. This goes to show the immense expenditure that has been made for the purchase of patents, poles, instruments, wires, offices, lawyer's fees, etc. I have spoken of four stages of the telephone's existence. The first was the formation of the company. Second, watering the stock. Third, borrowing $1,000,000. The fourth, and now very important, is

PROSPECTIVE COMPETITION.

This is from the People's Telephone Company, an organization composed principally of Washington gentlemen, and some capitalists of New York and Cincinnati. Hon. Richard C. McCormick is president, and Simon Wolf, of Washington, is one of the directors. George Harding, of Philadelphia, is the chief attorney. The claims of the People's Telephone Company are: first, priority of invention over all, in that a man named Drawbaugh, of Pennsylvania, invented the telephone in 1868, and proves the invention by over fifty living witnesses. The inventions of Bell, Edison, Gray, &c., were taken out,—none earlier than 1876, I think. Second, that the new company has, in its patents beside the prior invention, the right absolute to make a more simple, cheap and perfect telephone than that now in existence. In fact, it is proposed to furnish the use of the new telephone for a little more than half the price now charged for use of the Bell telephone, and they expect to make an immense amount of money out of it. The questions of priority of right, of patents, &c., now goes to the courts, and it is claimed that the new company has an excellent case. It is certain, in any event, that the scheme is backed by wealthy men, who have already spent $50,000 and engaged to spend twice that much more in a short time; and it is also certain that they have been offered $200,000 for half the stock and one share more, which means control.

WASHINGTON MEN SEEM TO HAVE BENEFITED right along by the telephone. Assistant Postmaster General Brady, with a small investment, made a fortune out of it. Theo. N. Vail, formerly chief of the railway postal service, who was fortunate also in getting in at about $50 a share, is now living in Boston, and is one of the managers of the Bell company. A dozen others that might be named in Washington and Georgetown have substantial reason to be very glad of the invention. Every one who has had anything to do with the thing has grown in pocket so rapidly that his surprise reaches him to believe almost any hope probable of fruition.

GOV. SHEPHERD'S MINING VENTURE.

A gentleman who has just arrived from San Francisco says he saw a man from Batopias, Mexico, who says Governor Shepherd will in a very few years be the wealthiest man on this continent. He says the ore in sight and on the dump of the mine will make tons upon tons of pure silver at a small cost. Governor Shepherd has already left Chihuahua for San Francisco to get the mill machinery that was sent from here to him, and proposes to erect it at once and commence shipping silver bullion. That company has already paid two dividends, with its pitifully meagre facilities for manipulating the ore. Governor Shepherd writes here with impatience at the delay in receipt of the machinery.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN NEW YORK.

New York seems now to be the central point of operations for most of the men of prominence in Washington affairs in the past. Take for instance, the board of public works. Governor Cooke is here as frequently as his health will allow, and when he cannot come, his son Harry is on hand attending to their mining and other business affairs. By the way, Gov. Cooke's mine at Leadville, the Adelaide, has again appeared among those with a hopeful future, and is valuable. S. P. Brown passes through here every few days on business connected with an immense saw mill and lumber tract near Montreal, owned and operated by him and Assistant Postmaster General Brady. He is making money. A. B. Mullet is here nearly all the time, interested in a mining corporation, and "whooping it up" for Hancock. He has soured on the republican party, and will vote with Dana. The other members of the board of public works are seldom here. Magruder is in mining, and lives in Washington yet. Henry A. Willard was here last week for a day or two, and Cluss sticks closely to his architectural work in Washington.

Of the old contractors perhaps only Jno. O. Evans, Lewis Clephane and Dr. Filbert made large sums of money. Jno. O. Evans can round up a clean million, and is making yet. He and wife were at the Oriental Hotel, Coney Island, all summer. Clephane is in Washington and Dr. Filbert in Philadelphia, both suffering from sore wrists caused by exertions in coupon clipping. Of the other close friends of the Shepherd "ring," as it was called, Hallet Kilbourn is here very often. He has important mining interests in Colorado, and seems to live in luxurious comfort at the Gilsey House. The other intimate of all—poor W. S. Huntington—is dead.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Gen. Belknap is pursuing a quiet and lucrative law business here. Ex-Secretary Bristow and Saml. J. Tilden, both lawyers and always "in the hands of their friends," occupy law offices in the same building. Captain Frank Hollingshead has been at the St. James two weeks, returning to Washington from a summer stay at Saratoga. U. H. Painter has spent half the summer at Fifth Avenue Hotel. Closs, the "lobbyist from away back," known for 30 years in Washington, has transferred his speculative mind to the Boreel building, where ex-Senators Chaffee, Dorsey, McDonald, ex-Congressman Elkins and Senator Jones run the mines of Colorado and the Comstock. Congressmen Page, Hubbell and Calkins are also frequent visitors to that building. Henry Semken, John W. Boteler and A. S. Solomons are here laying their winter supplies. Gen. James Casey, of New Orleans, lives here now. So does John Flagg, formerly reading clerk of the Senate. General Geo. B. Este, General H. G. Worthington, Judge Carpenter, of South Carolina, Detective Moore, of the Treasury, the ever present Flanagan, John Coyle, and a dozen familiar faces from the front of Willard's, may be seen in front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel almost any evening. Frank Alfriend, the genial secretary of the Senate committee on commerce, and E. E. White, of Louisiana avenue, are together at the Gilsey. James I. Christie, deputy sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, was last week chosen judge at a baby show at Dover, N. H. Mr. Christie is a bachelor.

George Alfred Townsend is living in style on 23d street and John G. Moore comes weekly to New York from Buffalo to pocket his large dividends from the *Graphic.*

CONDITION OF THE STOCK AND PROVISION MARKET.

"Better you look out of dose brovision fellows," said a Teutonic friend, as he walked along Broad steeet yesterday. "Dey can skin you kwicker as dose stock fellers."

"What's the matter, Jones?" asked a friend.

"Better you look out! Dots vots de matter."

"What did they do to you?"

"I had swenty-five dousand dollars dot I make of M. K. and T. in Brince and Vitely's, contrary of dere advice von dot office in Willard's. Den coom to New York; I hear you can buy und sell veat, oats, corn, flour, bork and provisions. Vell, I buy some, und I sell some, und I straddle und I gig, und I go short und I go long. But mebbe you can oxplain of me, vere is dot margins, oder odervise dot $25,000. Say. No foolishness. Is dot Pound Prook road cheaper as de Paltimore und Botomac, oder de Paltimore und Ohio? I go home by competition routes."

The poor fellow had not understood the margin business, whereby you never see the object dealt in, whether it be stocks, cotton, breadstuffs or provisions. He has inquired into the theory since, and I learn that he knows now exactly what he should have done in the first place, before his first speculation brought him the $25,000. The grain and provision business in the way of speculation here now is precisely the same as the stock speculation, known to everybody, and as intricate in detail. The difference only is: in stocks you put up a margin per cent and never see the stock, but shoulder the loss or pocket the gains; in grain you put up the margin per bushel, and in flour or provisions, lard or cheese, the barrel or pound, and do precisely the same thing. It is a quick way of making a fortune. Lots of people do not, however, make fortunes that way. If they have money and want to be heroic about it they bet on the election.

CORNERS.

We have seen "corners" *ad libitum* within a year. The opium corner was the funniest. Mr. Opium is an expensive fellow. London, Smyrna and America were (as the festive Cuba in the days of Sumner and the "bad man Grawnt," to drop like a ripe apple into the lap of the American republic, and drag Hayti and San Domingo along,) to hold their supply while the opium corner sent opium beyond the reach of the druggist. But the druggist was supplied, London and Smyrna sent it by the ship load, and "Who wants opium?" is now the question. A wheat corner caused millions of losses last year. James Keene was persuaded against his will into it, and gave no attention to it. He lost $1,200,000 in it, but made over $8,000,000 in stocks during that time. The western sufferers who persuaded Keene ask now, "What business had Keene to save his money that way without letting us know?" Keene is a modest man—out of politics, where he is more violent than in anything else. By the way, what *are* Keene's politics?

But lets talk of corners. The Armours, of Chicago, bought provisions last spring and since. They gathered in Chicago ten million dollars worth at a time in their own yards, and loaned money daily while they held it in stock, paid for. Nothing could break them but the new pork packing season, which commences November 1st next. The pork corner is gone with millions to the Armours. They had no partners or advisers. Now they are buying wheat. They evidently like the corner business. Mr. Armour would undoubtedly rather have a corner than be President,—till he feels like cornering the Presidency.

A few large dealers here tried recently to corner the coffee business,—Brazilian coffee. But at Rio, and I forget the name near Rio, which is to Rio as Giesboro' Point is to Washington—a place where they ought to have a fresh vegetable ferry. At Rio, I say, they are receiving larger amounts of coffee than ever. At Rio and Santos the receipts and the shipments eclipse history. So the coffee corner is broken, and you can get *cafe au lait with milk in it,* at any hotel yet at the usual price. (Please excuse modern French).

There is another corner that you ought to know about. It was a successful, unpatriotic, and mean one. That is the corner they have had on ice.

The Farragut Statue.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS DEDICATION.

The statue of Farragut, by Mrs. Vinnie Ream Hoxie, has been placed in position in Farragut Square, as already stated in THE STAR, and the dedication ceremonies will take place after the meeting of Congress, on a date to be designated by the naval authorities. Before the statue was raised to its position documents containing the following memoranda were placed in a copper box, which was embedded in the pedestal of the statue:

"David Glasgow Farragut, the first Admiral of the United States Navy, was born at Campbell's Station, near Knoxville, East Tennessee, on the 5th day of July, A. D. 1801. He was appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy Dec. 17th, A. D. 1810. He served during the war between Great Britain and the United States, declared A. D. 1812, and in the war between Mexico and the United States, declared A. D. 1846. He served with great distinction in the defense of the National Government during the war of the rebellion, A. D. 1861 to 1866. He received successive promotions in recognition of his valuable services, and on July 25th, A. D. 1866, he was commissioned the first Admiral of the United States Navy. He died August 14th, A. D. 1870, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, after devoting a life-time, with great honor, to the service of his country.

A grateful nation now erects this statue to his memory.

A. D. 1880."

"The Congress of the United States of America, by a joint resolution, approved April 16th, 1872, instructed the committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on public buildings and grounds to inspect all such models for a colossal statue of the late Admiral Farragut, as might be presented to them, and to select from such models the one that should, in their judgment, be the most faithful likeness in form and feature, and the most appropriate to commemorate the deeds and character of the said admiral. Many skillful artists competed for the honor of making this statue, and the committees were unable to agree. Congress, therefore, extended the time which had been set for the selection, but the committees were still unable to agree. Congress, therefore, by a joint resolution approved June 22d, 1874, authorized the Secretary of the Navy to contract with some suitable and skillful sculptor for a bronze statue of Admiral Farragut, as authorized in the joint resolution of April 16th, 1872, and provided that the selection of the sculptor should be made by the Secretary of the Navy, the general of the army and the widow of Admiral Farragut.

These commissioners, so appointed, selected as the artist, Vinnie Ream, of Washington, D. C. Her model of Admiral Farragut, in plaster, was completed A. D. 1880, and by direction of Hon. Richard W. Thompson, the present Secretary of the Navy, was delivered at the United States Navy Yard, at Washington, D. C., Commodore John C. Febiger, commanding, to be reproduced in bronze under the supervision of William H. Shock, engineer in chief U. S. navy. By his order, the metal made use of for the purpose, was the bronze propeller of Farragut's flagship, the Hartford, in which the admiral achieved his most signal victories. The bronze which impelled his victorious ship now presents his image to posterity.

The work of casting in bronze was done under the direction of Chief Engineer William B. Broo