

CITY AFFAIRS.

Meetings This Day.

Relief Loan Association, at half-past 7 P. M. Hope Fire Company, at half-past 7 P. M. Bank of Charleston, at 12 M. St. Andrew's Lodge, at 7 P. M.

THE STRAITS SOUTH CAROLINA, from this port, reached New York at an early hour on Sunday morning.

THE COURTS.—There was no business done in the United States and General Sessions Courts on Saturday.

THE EVENING BELLS.—A change will be made this evening and after in the ringing of St. Michael's bells. The first bell will be rung at 9 o'clock P. M., instead of 7, and the last at 10 o'clock P. M., instead of 8.

LAYING A CORNER-STONE.—The public are invited to attend the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Plymouth Congregational Church to-day, at the northwest corner of Bull and Pitt streets. The exercises will commence at 4 o'clock P. M. precisely.

A NEW AND CHOICE HALE.—Messrs. Paul B. Lahané & Co. have just introduced into this market Geo. Cassard & Co.'s Patapoco S. C. hams, a new brand, strictly choice, and what is so desirable to most customers of small size. In fact, these hams rival the celebrated Duff brand. Try them.

NEW ROSIN.—The Wilmington, N. C., Journal reports the first new rosin at that port. It says: "The first lot of virgin rosin of the season was sold in this market yesterday. There were but 10 barrels in the lot, and it was consigned to Messrs. Sprunt & Hixon, by whom it was sold to Messrs. Worth & Worth, at \$7.50 per barrel.

MATRIMONIAL DISPUTE.—Friday afternoon, Aaron Baxter, a colored man, returned to his house on the premises No. 3 Lombard street, in a slightly fuddled condition, which was the cause of a domestic quarrel with his wife, Mary Baxter. Aaron was in no humor for talking, listening to his better half, and quickly pitched into her with his fist and gave her a beating. Not content with this, he seized an axe and pursued her across the yard, but she luckily escaped him. The police interfered, and Aaron was lodged in the Guardhouse, and next morning turned over to Trial Justice Levy. After an examination in which the offence was fully established, Aaron was committed to jail, in default of \$300 bail, to await his trial before the next Court of General Sessions.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER.—Theodore Wilson, a colored youth, was brought before Commissioner Porteous, on Saturday morning, and examined on the charge of having voted when under age at the Bluffton polls, Beaufort County, during the election last fall. The juvenile appearance of Theodore hardly needed the corroborating evidence that he was now but nineteen years of age to convict him of the offence, and, in default of bail, he was committed to jail to await his trial at the April term of the United States District Court.

CLUBS AND STARS.—S. Simons and William Turner, arrested for being drunk and disorderly had having a general fistfight in a house in Elliott street, were sentenced each to pay a fine of \$5 or go to the House of Correction for five days. The cash was scarce among the two men, and they went to the House.

A boozey individual, whose weakness for cocktails had got the better of his discretion, was taken from a recent position on the sidewalk in Meeting street, and lodged in the Guardhouse. He told the Mayor that he had been practicing to do the Japanese trick of swallowing live coals, and was discharged yesterday.

IN AID OF THE FRENCH SUFFRAGETS.—In accordance with the announcement, a collection was taken up at St. Mary's Church, Hazel street, yesterday morning, and upwards of a hundred dollars were realized. This amount is independent of the other collections, and the whole will be devoted to the relief of the distressed French people. Contributions or donations to this object will be gratefully received by the pastor, Rev. O. B. Northrop, northeast corner of St. Philip and Wentworth streets, and also by M. A. De Blaine, Consul of France, at his residence in Broad street, next to the Bishop's residence, opposite Orange street. These donations may be made any time during the week.

CLUBS IN PLAY.—Late Friday night Charles Oliver, a colored man, went into one of the numerous dens on Elliott street, and becoming enraged with one of the inmates proceeded to demolish the furniture. He had just completed the destruction of a bedstead, when a policeman entered and proceeded to arrest him. Charles saw the official club, and seizing a convenient bedpost, he went twenty paces better. The officer hesitated and Charles went at him. The disturber of the peace was, however, captured with the aid of force.

THE BATTERY.—Among the pleasant promenades of our city there are few which are equal in beauty and afford greater pleasure to all classes of our community than this. In the warm, outdoor season which is now approaching, the battery is a favorite resort for the fair sex, and the cool sea-breeze and delightful prospect add vastly to the pleasure of a walk. The ladies, however, do not always promenade in waterproof boots, and notwithstanding their anguine natures, serious consequences are apt to ensue after a wetting in their pedal extremities. The present condition of the well portion of the bathing interdicts all promenading except in India rubber shoes, and steps abroad are often taken to put this popular walk in decent order. The recent rains have diversified the hitherto neat shell battery with puddles, and those which have dried up have left a tenacious coating of mud utterly destructive to tight boots and shoes. Several curious looking caves are also to be seen, threatening the moonlight promenade with very Thalesian difficulties. In the balmy spring which is coming upon us, the whole family of young people look to the battery as a place of amusement, and the interest being general, the matter should be attended to at once.

THE SCHOONER WALTON ASHORE.—A dispatch was received here on Saturday last, from Captain Boyd, of the schooner Walton, bound from New York for this city, dated at Wilmington, N. C., and addressed to Messrs. W. Roach & Co., agents here, stating that the above vessel was ashore about eight miles north of New Inlet bar. No particulars given. The Walton has on board a valuable freight for this city, and the consignees are Messrs. W. Roach & Co., Kilaok, Wickenburg & Co., H. Bischoff & Co., C. Burkmyer, J. McGarret, W. M. Caster, P. L. Guttentim, Dowle, Moise & Davis, R. White, L. D. Mowry & Son, Peizer, Rodgers & Co., J. W. Harrison, D. H. Wood, E. R. White, O. F. Walters, Wagener & Monsees, H. Gerding, J. Gorham, James Chapman, B. O'Neill, J. R. Sarty, G. W. Williams & Co., J. N. Robson, South Carolina Railroad agent, Northeastern Railroad agent.

Information was received at this city yesterday to the effect that the schooner Walton, Captain Boyd, from New York for Charleston, with a cargo of miscellaneous merchandise, went ashore about half-past 2 o'clock of yesterday morning on the beach, opposite Masonboro' Sound, and about fifteen miles above New Inlet. A southeast wind had been blowing during the night, which suddenly shifted around heavily to the northeast, blowing the vessel shore. Captain B. W. Beery immediately went down to the wreck, which was a large wrecking party will go down from the city to-day. The cargo will be taken from the vessel, and an effort will be made to get her afloat, which it is thought, will probably prove successful. No material damage need be sustained by the vessel, unless it becomes injured while in the vessel.

EVENING SERVICE AT ST. PHILIP'S.—St. Philip's Church was crowded last evening with members from all the different Episcopal congregations in the city, and every available seat was occupied. The usual services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Drayton, assisted by Mr. Gadsden. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. James R. Miles. The text, from the text "And if he lifted up," &c., was listened to with deep attention, and the instructive lesson was conveyed with all the force and elegance of the polished speaker.

KU-KLUX WARNINGS.—The Columbia Union says: "Several of the State officers have, it is reported, within the last few days been the recipients of those mysterious bits of paper headed with the usual number of drawings of crooked-legged chicken bones, antiquated skulls, and the ominous K. K. K. and Grand Symbols, or Syclops, or Cyclops, whatever they may or it mean, if they or it may mean anything. We understand his Excellency also received one, conveying to him the important information that the Lord had appointed the writer thereof his assassin, or executioner, which means, in some things, under these circumstances, it is to be supposed."

THE JAPANESE.—No exhibition has been in Charleston for many years which in interest and attraction is equal to that of the Japanese Troupe now performing at the Academy of Music. In all respects it is novel, thrilling and original. The curtain rises on an Oriental scene, and the spectator is at once introduced to the strange speech, customs and attire of a land which we have invested almost with a halo of romance. The performers proceed to work promptly, rapidly, and with a peculiar grace. Little "All Right," scarcely a yard high, dashes upon the stage and commences a series of postures which set at naught the idea that he can possibly possess any bones. He ties himself in knots, looks out with almond-shaped eyes from between a pair of feet wrapped cunningly around his neck, and disappears in a thunder of applause. Yankissa, who deserves to be chief of conjurers, then makes his appearance with two red lanterns than a box and a table, and proceeds to fold a paper. 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