DAILY EVENING STAR.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE WEATHER.—Thermometer outside the Star office, at 12 m., at 46 degrees in the shade.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE.—Last night, Park Benjamin, recited one of his popular satirical poems entitled "Fashion," to a densely crowded assemblage, the hall being completely filled by a highly amused audience. His numerous hits at the follies of the day took surprisingly. The "nice young man" of the ladies was roughly handled, and his cultivated "moustache" made the subject of special satire. The poet-lecturer in the course apologized for the theme that he had selected, instead of a lofty, heroic subject, excusing himself for not so doing, upon the ground that his mother tongue was not Greek. Neither had he written a pastoral, because the ancient bucolic poets had now "gone to grass." His satire was likewise directed against the ever varying fashions of the highly civilized nations, ridiculing the absurd costumes that were patronized in by-gone times, as well as those of the present day. The ladies, more particularly, were brought under the lash of the satirist, and the Bloomers did not escape; the poet-lecturer observing, that he saw no reason why women should turn themselves into Turks. The heartless man of fashion was minutely criticised; his insolence and egotism were pointed out, looking at every stranger as if he were a wild beast.

Passing on to the fashion of the multitude to always have a favorite of the day, he instanced Kossuth and the *danseuse*—Fanny Ellsler. The passion for "isms" was then dwelt upon, the chief of which, and the parent of all others was "skepticism." From thence the poet lecturer adverted to the fashion of always having some favorite speculation, turning from "South Sea bubbles" to coal and iron mines. The fashion of criticism was likewise touched upon, and the difference between our present race of critics and those of by-gone times made the subject of comment. All that critics now did, was to praise indifferently both good and bad, exhausting every expression of eulogy on every work submitted to their judgment, or should any critic be so honest as to condemn, immediately the whole fraternity assailed him with epithets, attributing his censure to spleen and envy of the "great Mr. Noodle's" works. He regretted that we treasured up all the chaff, and left the few grains of wheat to take care of themselves. Some pungent remarks were made upon the love of our people for titles of militia captains, and of generals, who, however, at the first fire would "cut and run."

The poem was not, however, exclusively devoted to *badinage* and light satire, but contained some fine and truthful observations drawn from the precepts of religion, whose teachings were contrasted with the hollow creed of fashion and its votaries.

CITY CHARTER.—The following amendments to the City Charter have been proposed by the House Committee on the District of Columbia, in the bill for granting the Corporation additional powers:

1. The power to provide for the proper conducting of elections, and the punishment of persons interrupting the same, or guilty of perjury in the event of being challenged as voters.

2. The power to open streets, carriage-ways or foot-ways, and to pave, grade, or otherwise improve them, and to regulate drainage; also, to open new alleys and close old ones, and to dispose of the ground in the last named cases, with power to impose special taxes for improvements.

3. The power to create and establish police and municipal courts, and to establish a house or houses of refuge or correction for juvenile or other offenders, and to provide for the support and government of the same by special tax, or out of its corporate fund, or otherwise; and to pass any and all laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, for the establishment of an efficient police, for the maintenance of order, the protection of persons and property within the said city, and for the punishment, by fine or imprisonment, or both, of offences against the ordinances and police regulations of the said corporation; such imprisonment to be either in the county jail, or in such municipal establishments, workhouses, houses of correction or of refuge, as may be provided by the said corporation for that purpose; and the Marshal of the District of Columbia shall receive and safely keep within the jail for the county of Washington, at the expense or the said corporation, all persons committed thereto under or by authority of the provisions of this act.

4. Additional powers in the levying and collection of taxes.

5. Power to organise a fire department.

A QUESTION AS TO RACE.—Much interest has been excited by a jury trial that has been going on for some time at New Orleans, respecting the origin of a very respectable family of that city, who were accused of negro blood. It came out however, on the trial, that the accusation was unfounded, the origin of the family on the one side being Indian, and on the other Greek. The scandal runs back to the great-great-grandmother of the accused, who was the daughter of an Indian mother by a white father. The grand daughter of the above was a Madame Dimitry, and one of the grand sons of the last named, Mr. Alexander Dimitry, is married to Miss Mills, of Washington, the daughter of Mr. Mills, the Architect. He was made superintendent of the public schools of Louisiana, and subsequently had charge of a private school in Raymond, Miss., with fifty pupils, until the scandal of negro blood broke him up, when he returned to New Orleans. He is a man of very fine talents, with a brilliant black eye, exhibiting the evidences of Indian descent. He graduated with another brother named Nicholas, (who died about eight years ago,) at Georgetown College, with the highest honors.

RISLEY & GOODALL'S VARIETE.—Mr. W. R. Goodall's acting in the Drunkard, last night, was inimitable and rapturously applauded. To-night, the same gentleman appears in another of his favorite parts, namely in the Corsican Brothers, in which he certainly excels. Among other novelties we are promised to-night, a new piece, by a well known literary gentleman of this city, entitled Woman's Rights, in which we may expect some capital hits at this new fangled theory. We expect that there will be a crowded house to witness to-night's performances, as much interest has been evinced for the appearance of this new petite comedy.

SANFORD'S ETHIOPIAN TROUPE.—The "nigger" vocalists at Odd Fellows' Hall, draw nightly crowded houses, and make the walls of the building re-echo with the shouts of laughter that their jokes, witticisms and funny sayings excite. Irrespectively of this, they are good vocalists, and their imitation of the Italian Opera, burlesque as it is, is also an excellent specimen of musical vocalization. If it was not for the ridiculous expressions, it being intended as a burlesque, the singers would be appreciated for their vocal performances in this musical extravaganza. In addition to the "nigger" melodies, there are likewise sung in the course of the evening various other ballads, popular favorites, which will be well appreciated by the lovers of good singing. Another attraction at this theatre is the dancing by R. H. Sliter, the champion dancer, and we must not forbear mentioning the extraordinary vocal performances of Herr Liebenstein, the Hungarian vocalist, and to speak in laudatory terms of A. J. Allen, the banjoist. Indeed, the whole company are all old established favorites, for "the New Orleans Opera Troupe" as they are collectively entitled, under the management of S. S. Sanford have always stood "number one" on the list.

HAVE WE A BOURBON AMONG US?—The Rev. Eleazer Williams, will preach at the Church of the Ascension, in H street, between 9th and 10th streets, in the morning and afternoon. The discourses will be in behalf of the St. Regis Indians, and of the Indian missions in general, for which a collection will be taken up both in the morning and afternoon.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Mr. May occupied the whole time that the court sat yesterday, in a continuation of his speech for the Government as prosecuting counsel in the Gardiner case. When the court rose, he had not yet concluded, and it was agreed on the adjournment that the address should be continued to-day. Accordingly, this morning, Mr. May resumed his speech from yesterday, this making the fourth day of his address, he having commenced on Wednesday last. There was a large number of auditors present, the public interest being rather awakened as the *denouement* appears to be arriving.

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH CONFEDERATION.—The American Telegraph Confederation, composed of the representatives from all the Morse telegraph lines in America, hold their annual meeting in this city on the 6th of March.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Many of our citizens are beginning to talk of improvements, to begin early in the spring. Now that property holders are about spending their money to improve their property, would it not be well for our "City Fathers" to appropriate a little to the repair of pavements, filling mud holes, and making the streets safe and clean.

THE HOTELS are still doing a big business; crowds of comers and goers keep the clerks busy late and early; while some have been obliged to refer guests to their neighbors, in order to have them accommodated.

THE MARKETS this morning presented quite a cheerful appearance. Large quantities of provisions of excellent quality, crowds of purchasers, and sales rapid at high prices.

MORSE'S TELEGRAPH.—Professor Samuel F. B. Morse has applied to the Patent Office for a renewal of his telegraph invention for seven years from the 20th of June next.

WATCH RETURNS.—A. Jones, drunk and disorderly, security and costs; J. Noland, drunk and vagrancy, workhouse 30 days.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE HUTCHINSON'S.—Once more our song-loving people are favored with a visit from their old favorites, the famous Hutchinsons. They gave a concert last night in Carusi's saloon to a rather small audience, owing to the unusual attractions of the numerous other fashionable amusements of the evening. To-night they are to give another, as one of them humorously remarked last night, "for the benefit of those crowded out." Though comparatively few, yet the audience last night manifested unusual delight and enthusiasm. For one, as a lover of song, I resolved to forego the theatres, lectures, &c., while the Hutchisons remain in the city, conceiving the opportunity too rare to be disregarded; and I hope all of a similar feeling will do likewise.

This wonderful trio have lost not a cadence of their music, whilst their variety of expression is unquestionably improved. Songs of sentiment, passion and humor, most skillfully contrasted and interspered with impromptu jokes, as characteristic of this gifted family as their genius for song, made up last evening's programme.

Let none who have the true soul of music—for so perfect has been their training that they seem to sing as artlessly as birds—let none who have already listened with delight fail to hear again. Music is the true poetry of life, and *that* the only recompense for the pork-and-beans, brick-and-mortar realities of existence. Go and hear the Hutchinsons! MUSIC.

BALTIMORE CORRESPONDENCE.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17—10 P. M.

The opponents of the Maine or Prohibitory liquor law were taken aback to-day by the House of Delegates. Mr. Sappington's substitute to the bill, adopted yesterday, was withdrawn, subsequently offered again and rejected, when the original bill was ordered to be engrossed with the amendment to take the sense of the people upon it on the first Wednesday in November next. The engrossing of a bill by our Legislature now is not as it was prior to the new constitution, which requires a majority of the whole number of delegates to carry a bill upon its final passage. It is possible, however, that the House may pass this law, as amended, and thus shuffle the responsibility from themselves to the sovereign people. Novelties, good or evil, are generally popular, and there is a possibility if the bill should pass, it will be ratified.

I am opposed to all species of intemperance, and do not wonder at the anxiety of many to have some means adopted which may serve as a check upon this monstrous evil. I once knew a beautiful bright eyed boy, and when in the sylvan bloom of youth, his young cheeks wore the crimson blush of innocence, intelligence beamed from his modest countenance, and the star of hope fondly hung out to illumine the golden pathway of happiness. There were aged parents, young sisters and brothers, whose hearts beat with delight in anticipation of his future promise. I never saw a boy in whom there seemed to be more perfectly concentrated all the elements requisite to constitute a distinguished man. He possessed both physical beauty and mental grandeur. There was not a blemish in his entire person or boyish character. Mildness, modesty, virtue, innocence, and unostentatious simplicity, crowned with noble manliness, were his peculiar characteristics, though he seemed unconscious of possessing them.

It had been predicted that his future would be a bright career, affording joy to parental hearts, a source of pride to affectionate kindred, and honor to his fellow-men. Years passed on, and I lost sight of this youth. He went forth to mingle and buffet with the rude world. Its chafings and its temptations were more than he could withstand. Ten long years were numbered upon his brow—he had grown to be a man and I again met him. Alas, what a change! I could not but exclaim—

"You've tried the world full soon my lad,
And Willie dear, believe me,
You've found mankind an unka squad,
And muckle e're the've grieved ye."

Yes! the bloom of youth, of beauty, and of innocence had departed from his bright eyes and roseate cheeks. The sweet expression of modest, intelligent boyhood was no longer visible. He had been overcome and caught in the tempter's snare. A wild delirium of intoxication gleamed from his sullen fiery eye. His cheeks, where once sat the fresh crimson tint of perrennial life, were pallid, bloated and repulsive. The neat, cleanly costume was superceded with rags, tatters and filth. He had passed through grades of crime and debauchery, verging almost upon the State's prison. Drunkenness begat idleness; idleness, want; and want, beggary. Thus you have the victim in my mind's eye—a reality which I have failed to paint, even in its true colors.—The last I saw of him was begging for a sixpense to buy rum. Only a few years have been required to produce this lamentable transformation. He has brought aged, whitened locks to the grave in sorrow, and himself into the irretrievable vortex of ruin. O that he may yet be enabled, like him of the Perie's fable, to see the penitential tear and repent! When intemperance comes home with its train of sorrows, as in this case, I can scarcely wonder that its opponents favor almost any scheme to stay the evils thereof.

There is some talk of purchasing the lot of ground on the northwest corner of Holliday street, opposite the theatre, for the purpose of erecting thereon a superb City Hall. Baltimore unquestionably wants such an improvement. A stranger coming amongst us and shown the present old dilapidated, miserable, filthy concern used for that purpose, must form a very unfavorable impression. I have seen barns, I might almost say pigpens, infinitely more commanding in appearance. It is hoped the contemplated improvement may speedily be made. RODERICK.

ANNAPOLIS CORRESPONDENCE.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Feb. 17—8½ p. m.

This has been the most exciting day of the Prohibitory Law's existence. The substitute of Mr. Sappington, adopted yesterday, referring the question of a Prohibitory Law to the people, without detailing its condition, was to-day reconsidered by a vote of 40 to 26, and then rejected—yeas 27; nays 37. The bill was then engrossed for a third reading; but the rules were suspended to allow the third reading of the bill, when the first section being read, Mr. Devecmon, from Alleghany, moved to put it upon its passage without any further teading, and remarked that the provisions were sufficiently understood by the House, and that no more light could be shed by the "mumbling" manner in which the clerk reads. This remark directed all eyes upon the clerk, when that high-minded and honorable gentleman from Baltimore County, Jas. Turner, Esq., demanded an explanation of Mr. D., who said by the term "mumbling" he meant that the continual noise upon the floor prevented an understanding of the verbage of the bill. We know that Mr. D.'s sense of honor wouldn't allow his casting any reflection upon the gentlemanly and efficient clerk. The House refused to suspend the reading of the bill, which being gone through with to the 7th section, was, on motion, ordered to be printed together with the amendments, and made the order of the day for to-morrow (Saturday) at 12 o'clock. During the warm debate this morning, many personal remarks were indulged, and divers "Sirs, I beg your pardons" "on the wing." The gallery entrances were densely thronged; whilst our olfactories detected something more ardent than "Adam's Ale!"—prompting the thought of a compound mixture of serious attempts at reform and "Old Rye!"

The Speaker, Hon. J. F. Dent presides to the great satisfaction of every member.

A large number of local bills engaged the attention of the Senate to-day. The President of this body also is quite dignified in his mandates.

A most important bill passed the Senate yesterday, (and is now a law,) relating to vagabonds, paupers, &c., in Baltimore city. It is a something which has been long needed to stay that mighty tide of human depravity in that populous place. Its provisions are most rigid, and if carried into effect, will cause the friends of morality everywhere to rejoice in seeing the once lost sons of men redeemed.

We regret to notice an instance wherein the Legislature is verifying the old apothegm—"straining at a gnat and swalling a camel." To explain: a few weeks gone, the per diem of the postmaster, page, folder and furnace-keeper on the part of the House was fixed at $3, leaving out of the account the hall keeper and the light-attender, Messrs. L. Gouty and J Branzell, whose duties require more attention and labor than the above named combined, and for it receive only $1.50 each a day. A few days since they petitioned to be placed upon an equal platform, which petition was committed to the Committee on Claims, who, this morning reported *unfavorably* thereon! This is a crying shame and fully tests the inconsistency of that committee. Verily, in a modern Maryland House of Delegates have we seen exemplified the by-word "making fish of one and flesh of another!" We hope, however, they will yet be considered. There are many species of legislative abuse which we may take occasion hereafter to notice.

A correspondent in to-day's Baltimore Clipper is amenable for the report of Col. McKaig, delegate from Alleghany county, having insulted delegate Cook, of Howard, the other day, in a debate, and of the latter's having sent the Colonel a challenge to mortal combat, which was subsequently withdrawn. Well, this is news to us; but, perhaps, as we may have been imitating the owl at the time, and lost "the item," we ascribe to the Clipper's nuncio all the credit of having forwarded "the very latest from the State Capitol!"

The ball on the night of the 15th, we learn, was well attended. Our informant thinks the disciples of "poor Job" were not too many, while the upper circles were quite numerous. Any how, he says, "it was a fine affair." No doubt of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, of the Society of Friends, give notice that they will discourse, scripturally, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, on this (Friday) night. *Deo volente*, we shall strive to be present, and should anything new turn up, thereupon you shall hear from SEVERN.

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jan 24—tf

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MARRIED.

In the Church of the Ephiphany, on the 16th instant, by the Rev. J. W. French, Dr. WILLIAM B. MAGRUDER to SARAH, eldest daughter of the late Abraham Van Wyck, of this city.

On the 16th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Hodges, J. A. THOMPSON to Miss ELIZABETH M. TURTIN, both of Prince George's county, Md.

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By order of the Light-House Board:

THORNTON A. JENKINS,
feb 16—3tawt24th Secretary.

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feb 16—Th&S2w*

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jan 26—eotf

BUILDING LOTS.—A variety of city building LOTS for sale on accommodating terms. Also, Dwellings. Apply to MYERLE & WEBB, Real Estate Agents, few doors east of National Hotel.
jan 24—eo2m

FOR RENT—The two three-story WAREHOUSES on 9th street, opposite the west end of Centre Market, at present occupied by S. J. Radcliff. Possession to be had on the 1st April next. For terms apply to John H. Semmes & Co., next door. MURRAY & SEMMES.
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