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THE Maryland Legislative expenses

MR. GEORGE W. CRUBSHANK,

THE STATEMENT that State Senator

WE are sorry to learn of the Govern-

SOME of the good people of Delaware

during the summer and autumn.

THE Spanish began by Dr. Balcock was

which seeks legislation against the

manufacture and sale of liquor,

adoption of penal statute against

and a constitutional amendment

of a prohibitory character. The

plan provides for convention of local

delegates to be held in Dover on May

17 and the selection at that time of a

committee of one hundred. These

for the campaign and work to elect to

the Legislature the candidates known

to have pronounced temperance views.

There is no telling what the result will

be, but it is evident that the campaign

will be exciting and one of more than

ordinary interest.

Ex-Gov. EDWIN MORGAN, of

New York, who is a shrewd business

man and financier, takes a hopeful

view of the prospects of the country.

He says "Money is more abundant,

the railroad war is over, the crops

promise well, property, in all probability,

is to be worth in 1882 about as

much as it was in 1881, and the general

affairs of the country will go steadily

forward." He adds that "the coun-

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LETTER FROM CHEVALIER.

BALTIMORE, March 30th.

DEAR EDITORS.—It affords me much

genuine pleasure to again pen you

something in the shape of a letter from

the Monumental City. It has been

some time since I last wrote you, and

good old Father Time has made a few

changes. Our merchants are very

busy filling spring orders, and three

or four very prominent shoe houses are

working day and night; other trades

spring encouragingly. A commercial

traveler in the north and white goods

line informed me that his last trip, was

the best he ever made.

Baltimore is to have the electric

light. Mayor Whyte has signed the

ordinance, and of course that settles it.

Now, whether or not it will brush out

both the Consolidated and Equitable

Gas Companies, over which so much

money has been expended, both in

advertising and otherwise, remains to be

seen. Then we are thinking about an

elevated railroad; the bill for its in-

corporation is quietly sleeping in An-

napolis, and a vast majority of our

residents hope it will remain so. We

don't object one particle to progression

on the part of Baltimore, but we do

seriously object to a dozen or fifteen

men enriching themselves and allow-

ing real estate to decline fifty per cent.

upon the route which the aforesaid

railroad is to be placed. We trust this

present Legislature, that has done

such a vast amount of talking and very

little effectual work, will store away in

its pocket all elevated railroad schemes

which ever came up before its Honorable

body.

Talking about railroads, which are

a nuisance, let me alter the subject a

trifle and give you only a brief outline

of a city railroad, which is a conven-

ience. I refer to the new Cross Town

line, a branch of the North Baltimore

railroad, managed and partly owned

by our popular townsman George P.

Frick, Esq. This line has now been

running a little over four weeks, and

President Hagerty, of the Citizens'

line, has already profited greatly. The

names of prominent Marylanders are

conspicuously displayed on the cars,

and it is a common thing now for

ladies asking one another on their

role. One will say, "I came up to

on the Johns Hopkins," whilst another

will remark, "William Patterson took

me down town and Joe Eager How-

ard brought me home." They are

running full all the time. The drivers

informed me that they have not car-

ried less than 350 passengers a day

since starting. They are in every way

the perfection of neatness, and it is a

line long needed by the residents of the

northwestern section of the city.

This being Lenten season our places

of amusement have not been well

patronized. Last week Ford's Opera

House presented "100 Wives" to only

four houses, and Thatcher's Minstrels

this week certainly fell far short of

what the general management expected.

Nat Goodwin and his charming little

party, through life were at the Holiday

last week, and "Uncle Tom's Cabin"

at the Academy of Music" played only

at an average house. This last piece

is getting played out, and Mr. Bial

should find something new. We saw

it long years ago, and must candidly

confess that it was acted better. The

war and cruel slavery days, one, thank

Providence, a thing of the past; and

poor old Uncle Tom should be

Maggie Mitchell, a favorite to every

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, March 28th, 1882.

It seems to appear to suppress the

items of expense incurred for the Gar-

field funeral on the part of the House

of Representatives has not succeeded.

Two reports, one in the lump, another

in items, are likely to be the conse-

quence. Claims have been audited

amounting to over \$8,000, while bill-

ing more than that amount are unad-

justed. One item of expense is \$1,700

for liquors, wines and lunches, at

Wormley's, \$300 being for "whiskey

cock-tails" alone. Twelve hundred

gloves is another item, and authentic-

ated reports are in circulation that the

excursion was more like an unlicensed

private party than a formal journey

of respect to the late President. Items

for carriage hire are numerous at ex-

travelling rates, and it is indisput-

able that members of Congress, particu-

larly as mourners on the train, were

whiskey and champagne flowed freely

afterward handed in itemized bills of

expense otherwise incurred. It was a

most extraordinary funeral cortege. It

took the Sergeant-at-Arms two months

to gather the items, and such items

probably never were before heard.

Congressman Page who thought the

best way to suppress a scandal was to

bury the items and destroy the origi-

nals has found out his mistake by this

time. After what has come out, no-

thing can be gained by keeping back

any part of the disgraceful performance.

Attention has lately been turned

largely in the direction of the "Peru-

vian Company" investigation. Some

very interesting developments were ex-

pected, especially as several prominent

officials and ex-officials were supposed

to have been implicated in something

unpopular, but with the exception of

occasional glimpses of what the miners

call "paying dirt" it must be said that

Mr. Shipperd's examination has not

panned out as richly as the surface in-

dications promised. The witness has

not risen to the dignity of a second

Oakes Ames, though he has a way of

assuming mystery and leading his hear-

ers to think that he is on the point of

disclosing something very startling.

There is nothing in his testimony to

injure Mr. Blaine or Senator Blair, or

any one else whose names have been

mentioned, except Minister Harburt

of whom the witness took pains to ex-

press a rather damaging opinion. It

is possible that Mr. Shipperd has been

dealing as a person who knows a great

deal if he would tell it in order to ad-

vertise himself and his schemes. He

appears in the committee room as a

smooth, perfectly self-possessed, sharp

man of affairs. Just where the hitch

exists in this Peruvian enterprise does

not clearly appear. Various theories

are held. But perhaps something more

to the point may come out when some

of the other gentlemen are heard from

on the stand. Gen. Harburt is on his

way home, and doubtless he will take

an unkindly view of his story. It is not

at all likely that his story, if that event

will be worth listening to, will be

any more than his testimony to in-

terests him, and he has, moreover, an

emphatic and picturesque way of ex-

pressing them.

The Senate has presented a gold

snuff-box to Capt. Isaac Bassett, Assis-

tant Doorkeeper, who has served as an

officer of the Senate for fifty years, and

is now an active and fine looking old

gentleman. In the short address which

Capt. Bassett made in acknowledgment

NOTICE TO Merchants, Traders and Others.

ALL persons and bodies corporate or politic

in the State of Maryland, who are doing

business in the State of Maryland, and

are not licensed as provided for in the

Act of the Legislature of the State of

Maryland, passed on the 15th day of

March, 1878, and amended by the Act

of the Legislature of the State of Mary-

land, passed on the 15th day of March,

1880, and amended by the Act of the

Legislature of the State of Maryland,

passed on the 15th day of March, 1881,

and amended by the Act of the Legis-

lature of the State of Maryland, passed

on the 15th day of March, 1882, are

noted that the said Act of the Legis-

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on the 15th day of March, 1878, and

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