

Charles Prosperi

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The Evening Star, August 27, 1854

Prosperi's Gala Day

Remember Prosperi's grand excursion and concert on Monday. The pieces to be played are Quick Steps, composed by the Professor, in honor of the President's Mounted Guard, the National Guards, the National Greys, the Montgomery Guards, the Columbia Fire Company, and a new piece to the Highlanders. Fr. Prosperi will play Cora Memeria on piccolo flute, and others will give sweet solos, etc. Prosperi-ty be with them.

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Prosperi's Concert Band

This accomplished band made an excursion yesterday to the White House. The day was a delightful one for the occasion. It was neither too hot nor too cold, a gentle breeze was stirring, and the atmosphere was sufficiently clear to display the beautiful scenery on the Potomac. The assemblage was not large, but it abounded in the presence of female loveliness and grace. Amongst the gentlemen present was Major Rowe, lately returned from California. The Major served with General Pierce in the late Mexican war, and has obtained his present rank by actual service. There was also on board Capt. Thornton, who was under Col. Hughes in the Mexican war.

The greatest fete and entertainment of the day was the incomparable band of Prosperi, which discoursed, with the utmost exactitude, the most difficult and charming music, to the great delight of an attentive and appreciative audience. On reaching Mount Vernon, the band played a Sicilian Hymn in a soft and plaintive style, which at once threw a solemn awe over all and a reverence by the uncovering of the head.

On landing at the White House, preparations were at once made for the dance, which to the enlivening and spirited music of Prosperi's cotillion band, was well kept up throughout the evening. We have seldom seen more elegant and correct dancing, and a blending of so happy and joyous a party. Our return trip was equally gay and merry, Prosperi's band playing some beautiful pieces in a masterly style, while the intervening time was filled up by some excellent singing of both ladies and gentlemen. We reached the wharf at an early hour this morning, all highly gratified with the trip, music and dancing.

Mr. C. Columbus was the caterer, furnishing supper, etc., in his usual style. Mr. H. Schad supplied excellent beverages in a satisfactory manner.

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Frightful End of a Day's Picnicking

On Tuesday, a number of ladies and gentlemen of the Sixth Ward spent the day picnicking in Magruder's woods, over the Eastern Branch, and about sunset started homewards in two omnibuses, all in high glee and spirits. The driver of one of the buses drove at a rapid rate, and attempted to cut off some of the distance by taking a new road, when the wheels of the vehicle passed over a stump, jostling the driver from the box, and injuring him slightly, as also Mr. Crause, a musician, who was badly bruised about the head, and Mr. C. Prosperi, who was thrown forcibly on the ground, and one of the wheels of the bus passed over his left thigh, bruising it to such an extent as to confine him to his house. A colored man, who was lying on the top of the vehicle at the time, escaped being thrown off, but child of Mr. Henry Bright was jostled out of the window of the carriage, and badly bruised in the face, as was also

Mrs. Bright, who jumped out immediately after. The body of the omnibus became detached from the coupling, but rested on the springs, and the horses dashed off down the hill towards the bridge, the ladies screaming and some fainting at the time, and for a time the greatest consternation prevailed; but fortunately just before they reached the bridge, Lieut. Stanton, of the V.R.C., (a nephew of the Secretary of War,) seeing the horses without a driver, made a desperate effort, and succeeded in turning the lead horse, thus stopping the coach, when all inside were momentarily expected to be hurled into the branch just before them. Several others were bruised, among them Mr. W.A. Marks, Mrs. Hodges, Miss Alice Russell, Mrs. Marks, and Frank Walsh.

Prosperi. On Monday, November 22, 1886 at 4:30 o'clock p.m., Charles Prosperi in the 52nd year of his age. His funeral will take place from his late residence No. 501 8th street southeast tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at half past 4 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. Funeral in charge of Meade Post GAR.

The Evening Star, November 23, 1886

Death of Mr. Charles Prosperi

Mr. Charles Prosperi, a well-known musician, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home, 501 8th street southeast, in his 51st year. He was stricken with apoplexy last Sunday and remained unconscious until death. He and his brothers, James and Frederick were for many years connected with the marine band. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Musicians' Assembly, K. of L., and of the I.O. of Red Men.

The Evening Star, November 26, 1886

The funeral of Charles Prosperi took place Wednesday afternoon from his late home, 501 8th street southeast, and was attended by McAde post, G.A.R., and the Musician's assembly, K. of L. The remains were interred in Congressional cemetery.