

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

The attention of the amusement going public in St. Paul last week was divided between Haverly's Mastodon minstrels and the revised and so-called moral version of "East Lynne."

On the 19th inst. the St. Paul Dramatic club will give an entertainment at the Athenaeum.

On the 21st the St. George Benevolent Society, a newly organized Bohemian Catholic society, will have an entertainment at the same place.

On the 1st of February the St. John's Benevolent society will have a ball at the same place.

On the 6th of February the Germania Singing society will have its annual concert and ball at the Athenaeum.

On the 8th of February the Concordia Lodge, A. O. U. W. will give a ball at the Athenaeum in honor of the grand officers of that order, who will be here at that time.

On the 16th of February the society Leuciburgia will give its annual ball at the Athenaeum.

On the 18th of February the brewer employes will give a ball at the same place.

On the 20th of February the grand carnival of the Germans will take place from the Athenaeum.

Miss Gertrude Corbett.

Many St. Paul friends will be pleased to learn that Miss Gertrude Corbett has returned from several years absence abroad and will visit the home of her youth in a professional capacity.

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A Wonderful Memory. Julia Rosewald, the prima donna with the Abbott opera company, has, perhaps, the most astonishing memory on the lyric stage.

Death of Caroline Richings Bernard. The GLOBE, a few days ago, announced the serious illness, at Richmond, Va., of Caroline Richings Bernard, her disease being smallpox.

A Slight Misunderstanding. They were horse fanciers, and were speeding a team out on the road to Grose Point, and after a long discussion of their favorites, one of them leaned back in the buggy, let the reins drop loose, and said:

Germania Society. Germania is the name of a singing society started on January 5th, 1878, by some German American young men, who, under the leadership of Prof. Theo. Henninger, have done a great credit to the musical element of our city.

Beethoven Society. It is a young one, and was fathered by Dr. Goodrich. Only since September last the society exists, and to-day it ranks with the best recognized singing societies, not only of this state, but of the world.

Showing Up. [New York World, Jan. 8.] Mr. Cyrus W. Field has published the following clear and concise report of the condition of the fund which he took charge in behalf of Mrs. Garfield and her family immediately after the attack on Dec. 14, 1862.

Aboard. John McCullough is playing in Boston. The Fay Templeton Opera company is in Texas.

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Patt's three performances in Chicago netted \$23,000. Lotta's brother, George Crabtree, is in Paris studying art.

German Society Concert. The concert of the German society, the Great Western band and Seibert's orchestra at the Athenaeum-to-night will be one of unusual merit.

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OVER THE OCEAN.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—In the chamber of deputies Gambetta ascended the tribune and read his bill for a revision of the constitution. The principal points of the bill are as follows: Election of life members by both chambers voting separately instead of by the senate alone. Instead of senatorial colleges which have been chosen by the communes one to be elected by each 500 electors. The principle of the scrutin de liste to be inscribed in the constitution, the details to be subsequently settled by ordinary law. The senate to be deprived of the power of restoring members stricken from the budget of the chambers of deputies. The final clause of the bill provides for discontinuance of public prayers at the opening of the legislature.

The preamble to Gambetta's bill says: France has manifested by the recent elections a desire for wise and moderate revision of the constitution. The principle of the scrutin de liste is a corollary of universal suffrage and will secure the voting of independent action to those elected. It therefore became necessary to settle this question promptly. Matters of detail and application are reserved for the end of the present legislative session.

At this announcement reading of the bill was interrupted by various remarks of approval and disapproval. Gambetta added: "We shall prove to you in this discussion in the most vital interest is at stake. We will not ask urgency. You can decide as to that after the preliminary consideration of the bill."

Henry Adrien Prost DeLoughner, eminent French anti-quarian, is dead.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The session of the landtag opened to-day. In the royal speech the paragraph concerning the church expresses lively satisfaction at the government being able to establish the regular administration in the several Catholic bishoprics.

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GENERAL FOREIGN.

TUNIS, Jan. 14.—Gen Logerart has seized several valuables at Sfax, as hostages for payment of the war indemnity exacted by France. He threatens severe measures if the money is not forthcoming by the end of July.

VIENNA, Jan. 15.—A St. Petersburg correspondent writes the coronation of Car Alexander III. has been postponed until July, as the czarina expects to be confined in May. The winter palace is closed for reconstruction, so as to stand quite isolated.

Venue's Predictions for January. [From the Almanac for 1882.] The year will enter fine and moderate in the majority of sections, but with falling temperature toward or on the 3d, and cold snap, varying in intensity according to location, between the 3rd and 5th days. Heavy snowfalls probable throughout Central Canada and southward to New York and Washington, with considerable blizzard about the end of the week (7th). In the middle of the week, the weather will give a very cold term in northern and western sections, moderating toward the end of the week to heavy snowfalls in Canada and northern states and rains in more southern sections. Unsettled and stormy but moderate weather will likely characterize the entry of the third week, with blustry and drifty weather in the west and rain to the southward, followed by still milder weather and alterations of snow, sleet and rain in northern sections. An occasional fine day between these disturbances. The 25th is likely to bring lower temperature. Week likely to end mild, with snow and rains extending southward to New York and Washington.

Respect for Parents. (Boston Journal.) In this country there is a lack of genuine respect for parents on the part of children. There are thousands of sons and daughters who permit their parents to suffer in their old age, and thousands more who are utterly wanting in decent regard for those who have reared them in their years of helplessness. However common this trait may be, it is a most unnatural one. In many cases, the parents do not possess that deep affection which the President's mother had for "my baby," but this circumstance cannot lessen the obligation of children to honor their parents and, in their old age to protect them from want and to shield them from adversity. No generous man will be unkind to his parents or permit them to suffer while they can be relieved by any act of his. Doubtless somewhat of General Garfield's success in life was due to the fact that "James," to use the aged mother's words, "was always a good boy."

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Praise of Women.

Says Jared Sparks: I have observed among all nations that the women ornament themselves more than the man; that wherever you find them are the same civil, kind, obliging, humane, tender beings; that they are ever inclined to be gay and cheerful, timorous and modest. They do not hesitate, like men, to perform a hospitable or generous action; not haughty nor arrogant, not supercilious, but full of courtesy and fond of society; industrious, economical, ingenious, more liable, in general, to err than man, and performing more good actions than he. I never addressed myself in the language of decency and friendship to a woman, whether civilized or savage, without receiving a decent answer. With man it has often been otherwise. In wandering over the barren plains of inhospitable Denmark, through honest Sweden, frozen Lapland, rude and churlish Finland, unprincipled Russia, and the wide-spread regions of the wandering Tartar, if hungry, dry, cold or sick, woman has ever been friendly to me, uniformly so; and to add to this virtue, so worthy of the appellation of benevolence, these actions have been performed in so free and so kind a manner that, if I was dry, I drank the sweet draught, and if hungry, at the coarse morsel with a double relish.

At the beginning of his theatrical career, Mr. W. J. Florence, the popular comedian, played "general utility" at the Lyceum Theatre, New York, then under the management of Mr. John Brougham. Among the new pieces produced by that gentleman was one that created no little sensation at its first representation. It was called "A Row at the Lyceum Theatre, or Greenroom Secrets." Each member of the company appeared on the stage as himself or herself, wearing every-day costume, and the scene was the green-room of the theatre. The performance was exceedingly realistic, and went off capitally, until the entrance of Miss Buggins, debutante, who—as previously arranged—after looking over the part allotted to her, objected to the "business," and insisted on having something more tragic. While she was making matters disagreeable on the stage, a stout middle-aged man, dressed in Quaker garb, rose in the centre of the stalls, and exclaimed: "That woman looks for all the world like Clementina! Her voice is very like, the form is the same." After a pause, he added, "It is my wife!" and rushed toward the footlights, shouting, "Come off the stage, you miserable woman!"

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