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Amusements this Evening. ARCH STREET THEATRE, 8 P. M.—"The Sons of Liberty."

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1868.

The Alaska Appropriation.

The debate in the House of Representatives in regard to the appropriation for the payment of Alaska, has been very interesting. Several important questions have been discussed, and a variety of statements and new suggestions in reference to the new territory have been elicited.

As our Democratic brethren are not a party of progress, and are decidedly addicted to the land-marks of the past, there can be no doubt but that the rule will continue in full force in New York. In times past it has been a most fruitful source of discord—a perfect Pandora box for all the worst passions of the rather excitable delegates to the National Convention.

As to the real value of Alaska, the statements and conjectures are of the most contradictory character. On the one hand, it is deemed as absolutely worthless. Mr. Washburne endeavors to confine the advantages this nation would derive to "the right to governing fifty or sixty thousand miserable savages," at an annual expense of several millions of dollars; and one of his best points in opposition to the appropriation was obtained from a report of a Russian official, which stated, in reply to inquiries of the American Minister at St. Petersburg, in regard to the land system of Alaska, that "the land was perfectly barren, and unfit either for agricultural or grazing purposes, and therefore there was no reason for endeavoring to extend the limits of property in land; that the permanent fogs and dampness of Alaska, and the want of solar heat and light, would make it impossible even to provide hay for cattle."

Admissions to the High School. We published in THE EVENING TELEGRAPH of yesterday a list of the boys admitted to the Central High School at the semi-annual requisition. It is the first class admitted under the new rules of the Board of Control; and as there appears to be among the public a misconception of the workings of the new plan, we will briefly state its operations. Formerly, when there occurred an opportunity for any additions to the High School, word was sent to all the grammar schools, and each was entitled to send to the High School for examination as many pupils as they saw fit. The required number was then selected from those having the highest averages. The questions were given by the Professors, and the answers written at the High School. The new rules entirely alter this plan, and substitute one which seems to us to have many practical advantages.

When a class graduates and room is then afforded for the admission of a new class, a requisition is sent to each Grammar School, announcing that it is entitled to send as many boys as it has divisions. Thus, in the Locust Street School there are six divisions. It is entitled to send five boys. The Principal and Committee of the Directors conduct the examination, and the boys having the five highest averages become, without any examination at the High School, pupils of that institution. The advantages of this plan are obvious. It does away with all examining. It gives the boys a better opportunity of displaying what they know, for if examined by their own school-fellows, they avoid all that too common nonsense, which reduces real ability to little better than imbecility. These are great improvements. The only drawback is that the public cannot know which of the applicants got the highest averages, as they are annexed alphabetically, and the families of the pupils are thus deprived of some commendable pride. But even that was a doubtful advantage, as it tended to rivalry, and caused much chagrin for but little pleasure. We cannot but deem the new system a marked advance, and it must be generally conceded as a reform of great merit and much practical utility.

Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, in advocating the appropriation, dwelt mainly upon the value of the fisheries, and the importance of securing proper depots for the hardy sons of Nantucket in the northern waters of the Pacific. He also contended that on "every one of the hundred Aleutian Islands, as well as on the main peninsula of Alaska, there was to be found the best and toughest ship timber in the world" as well as the "sweetest pasture," and a climate so modified by a salubrious breeze and boiling springs as to make this new region "one of the most comfortable places to live in." As a climax to his eulogy of the value of the Alaska fishing grounds, he related a fish story, which is thus reported in

the telegraphic abstract of the Congressional proceedings of yesterday.

"To show the incredible wealth of these waters he would relate a fish story, which he had heard first ten years ago, and which he laughed at at the time, but which he was assured within the last year was an actual fact. Two schooners from Maine had gone into Behring Straits, which is thirty-two miles wide, and had found the herring packed one upon the other from the bottom of the ocean to the top, so firmly that they could not move. One of the captains attempted to run them down, and ran his vessel upon them, and dragged the vessel and broke its back. (Laughter.) Members might laugh. He had heard the story ten years ago, and last year he saw one of the captains, who vouched for the fact, which he himself did not believe before."

The Two-third Rule of the Democracy.

On Saturday the National Democratic Convention will meet in New York, and probably commence to ballot for the Presidential nomination on Monday. Judging from the indications which come to us from that city, there will probably be a prolonged struggle for the nomination. The divisions in a Democratic convention are generally much more exciting and much longer than those which are witnessed in our own conventions. This is due to the fact that under the rules of the Democratic party, a two-third vote of all the delegates must be given for a candidate before he becomes the nominee. This is an old and organic principle of the Democracy. For thirty-two years it has been in force.

In the Democratic National Convention of 1836 it, in the handwriting of the late distinguished Senator Silas Wright, of New York, was adopted, with scarcely a dissenting vote. In 1840 it was again adopted by the Democratic National Convention, without any dissent. In 1844, after a long debate between the late Benjamin F. Butler, of New York, and Robert J. Walker, it was adopted by a large majority. From that day to this—nearly a third of a century—it has been uniformly adopted by all Democratic National Conventions.

As our Democratic brethren are not a party of progress, and are decidedly addicted to the land-marks of the past, there can be no doubt but that the rule will continue in full force in New York. In times past it has been a most fruitful source of discord—a perfect Pandora box for all the worst passions of the rather excitable delegates to the National Convention. In the Charleston Convention of 1860, Douglas received on the 23d ballot 152 out of 252 votes polled. This was the highest he ever received, although 57 ballots were taken. The Convention finding it impossible, because of the existence of the rule, to make a nomination, adjourned to Baltimore. The history of the disruption of the party, and the fatal effect it produced on that organization, is already too well known to need repetition. The rule was adopted at the instigation of the South to prevent the North ever making a nomination disadvantageous to itself, and through it the defeat of the party and the abolition of slavery were brought about. In view of the large number of candidates before that body, and the deep opposition from all the East to the opinions entertained by Mr. Pendleton, there can be little or no doubt but that a long and stormy session will be the result. Mr. Pendleton can hardly receive the necessary two-thirds. Of this there seems but little doubt. The withdrawal of Mr. Hendricks improves his chances, but there can be no question that, holding, as he does, semi-repudiation sentiments, he could not receive any of the enthusiastic support of the Eastern Democracy, even if he be the choice of the Convention. To attempt to speculate as to the result would be idle. The only thing we can see tolerably clear is that Salmon P. Chase will not be the nominee. Time only can show who will be the gentleman to receive the electoral vote of Maryland, Delaware, and Kentucky.

Relieving Distress in Turkey. A letter from Constantinople, in the Semaphore of Marseilles, says: "A difficulty has lately occurred among the domestics of the palace of Top-Capou, where are lodged the wives, concubines, and surviving wives of the late reigns. These people, to the number of 600, have not been paid for an immense time. For two years they have had no new clothes, and, moreover, they complained of being constantly fed. They petitioned the Sultan, and the other day, by order of the grand vizier, two bodies of police took possession of the entrance of the palace, and placed the whole of the persons under arrest. Sixty-one have been sent to various provincial fortresses, 300 have been incorporated in the army, and another 100 await their fate in prison."

Religious Notices. THE DAILY UNION PRAYER MEETING under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be held on THURSDAY, the Fourth of July, in the Chapel of the ARCH STREET M. E. CHURCH, Southeast corner of BROAD and ARCH STREETS, at 11 o'clock A. M. GEORGE H. STUART, Esq., will preside. Address by Rev. Dr. NEWTON WILLITS, T. W. A. G. and others. The public are invited. 723

Special Notices. CENTRAL AMERICA HAS SUBMITTED the most exquisite of all her floral dresses to the people of the United States. In Fashion's "FLORAL" dress, the perfume of the tropics, the fragrance that makes the air of her palaces a luxury to breathe, has been introduced to the reach of the whole American public. Sold by all druggists. 11

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BY ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS a stock vote of the MERRICKVILLE LITIGATION, in and by law as they may deem necessary for the well-being and due management of the affairs of the company. Provided, such stock be not repurchased by the company, with this Charter, or with the Constitution and laws of this State, or of any other State or Territory. The polls will be opened in the LIBRARY, on MONDAY, July 6, and closed SATURDAY, July 11, the hours for voting will be, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. The vote will be by ballot, each ball of stock being entitled to one vote, which must be presented in person. JOHN LARDNER, Recording Secretary. Philadelphia July 1, 1868. 729

CAPE MAY STEAMER. FOR CAPE MAY. ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, and SATURDAYS. The splendid new steamer LADY OF THE LAKE, Captain INGRAM, leaving Pier 15 above Vine Street every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 10 A. M., and returning from Cape May on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, including Carriage Hire. Fare, \$1.50. Children, 75c. Season Tickets, \$4. Carriage Hire extra. The Lady of the Lake is a fine steam boat, with everything necessary for the safety and comfort of passengers. CALVIN TAGGART, Office—No. 38 N. DELAWARE AVENUE. 730

NATATORICUM AND PHYSICAL INSTITUTE. BROAD Street, below Walnut. SWIMMING DEPARTMENT. SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR FOURTH OF JULY. The Bath will open at 6 o'clock in the morning. No lessons given on that day. The hours for Ladies will be from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. The hours for Gentlemen and Juniors will have admission all day. The Institution will close at 9 o'clock in the evening. 713

THE LOUISVILLE Journal did no fighting during the war—that is to say, it abused the Rebels and the Union Army along. So the spirit of Kentucky neutrality, long pent-up, breaks out at last. After asserting that the Senate "will assuredly discard all votes from the South" and "grant, if it shall be found necessary to his election," it sets up this bombastic howl:—"We say further, whether the voice of the North shall be overwhelming or not, the Democracy of the nation, if their candidate for the Presidency shall be manifestly elected in November, will put him in power in March in defiance of all that the radical devil of this world and the worse one can do! Are we asked if they will fight in such a crisis? Yes! yes! yes! fight, if need be, with all the weapons forged in the armories of earth!" Southern Democracy of the Journal type fought once before when the result of a Presidential election was unsatisfactory to them, and got the worst of it.

THE PRODUCTS OF CALIFORNIA.—From the California papers we learn that the following estimates are made of the leading crops now maturing in that State:—Wheat, 25,000,000 bushels; oats, 2,500,000 bushels; barley, 10,000,000 bushels; hay, 500,000 tons. The agricultural products of that State are more than double the gold and silver products thereof in value, and yet only about 7,000,000 of the 50,000,000 acres of arable land are in cultivation. It is asserted that the State has not grown rich by mining; but now that the tendency is to concentrate mining interests in few hands and to cut up large and unproductive landed estates into "small farms to be cultivated by the large number of laboring immigrants constantly arriving, the increased wheat production of California is equal to 20 per cent. per annum.

AN IMPROVEMENT.—The New York State Agricultural Society has adopted regulations by which its books of entry for cattle, horses, sheep, swine, poultry and machinery for the exhibition of 1868 will be closed two weeks before the fair, which is to be held at Rochester, September 29 to October 2, inclusive. The Secretary announces that it is in contemplation to close the entry-books next year, in all classes, at least two weeks before the fair. Such a practice will result in relieving the week of the fair of a large amount of preliminary work and confusion, and better enable the officers of the society and exhibitors to do the legitimate work of such exhibitions—that of making awards and exhibiting animals and articles.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, late Minister to England from this country, is expected to arrive in New York next week, having left Liverpool on Saturday last. There is a proposition to tender him a public reception and other honors, in token of the public appreciation of the very able and satisfactory manner in which he has represented this country in Europe during the last six years. Mr. Adams declined the invitation to a banquet in his honor in London a short time ago, but it is thought that he will not object to an ovation at the hands of his own countrymen.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL of the Catholic Church, to take place at Rome in December, 1868, promises to be the most imposing affair since the days of the Council of Trent. To it every high dignity is required to repair. When we consider the extent of the influence of the Church, we can imagine the character of the convocation.

GENERAL McDOWELL has been relieved from the command of Arkansas and Mississippi, and General Gilliam appointed his successor. This is unexpected. What was the cause? Until the order was issued even the sages of the correspondent office at Washington never foresaw it.

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PATRICK O'ROOPTY AND HIS COFFIN. Patrick O'Roonty was a pedlar doing a prosperous business. Patrick, fearing his heirs might spend too much money on his funeral, had a coffin made to his measure. He paid \$10 for it, and said he had saved \$40, for had he left it for his sons to buy after his decease, they would have bought a fifty dollar one, the spendthrifts! Patrick put his coffin in the barn, and for some weeks kept his clothes in it. But some wicked thieves got into the barn, and stole the whole contents, clothes, coffin, and all.

"Whist! woe is me," said Pat. "Now I shall have to go into being buried all my life, and naked besides, in the winter season. What a bit of a fool I've been, jist." Truly Patrick was a little of a fool. But the \$40 he saved on his coffin will yet buy him an elegant suit of ROCKHILL & WILSON'S CLOTHES. ROCKHILL & WILSON don't keep coffins, but they do keep clothes. Come and get your measure taken, or else select from the immense stock of ready-made goods now on the counters of ROCKHILL & WILSON, Nos. 603 and 605 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA. 61834P

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FOURTH OF JULY EXCURSION TO ATLANTIC CITY, VIA CAMDEN AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD. Round Trip Tickets sold on FRIDAY, July 3, and SATURDAY, July 4, will be good to return on any of the trains on SUNDAY and MONDAY, July 5 and 6. FARE.....\$1.00 723 D. H. MUNDT, Agent. PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD. FOURTH OF JULY EXCURSION TICKETS, will be sold at reduced rates between all Stations on the Reading Railroad and branches, good from FRIDAY, July 3, to SATURDAY, July 11, 1868. 627744P

GRAND EXCURSION TO CAPE MAY ON THE POINT OF J. L. V. On SATURDAY, July 4, the splendid new steamer LADY OF THE LAKE, Captain INGRAM, will leave Philadelphia at 6:00 A. M., and return on MONDAY, July 6, at 10:00 A. M., and on FRIDAY, July 3, at 10:00 A. M., and on FRIDAY, July 3, at 10:00 A. M., and on FRIDAY, July 3, at 10:00 A. M. Excursion Tickets, 10 cents, each way, 10 cents. Excursions leaving at 8 and 10 A. M., will have several hours to spend at either place, and those for Wilmington can take a delightful stroll along the romantic shore, and see everything necessary for the day and comfort of passengers. THE LADY OF THE LAKE is now running regularly between Philadelphia and Cape May, leaving Philadelphia on THURSDAYS, THURSDAYS, and FRIDAYS. Fare each way, \$1.25, including carriage hire. Servants, 50c. Children, 25c. Season tickets, \$10, carriage hire extra. G. H. HUBBARD, Captain and Agent, 713 Office No. 38 N. DELAWARE AVENUE.

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