MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements.

AT THE CHESTNUT Knowles' beautiful play of *The Hunchback* will be performed this evening, with a strong cast. Mr. W. S. Fredericks will personate "Master Walter," Mr. E. L. Davenport "Modus," Mr. Charles R. Thorne, Jr., "Sir Thomas Clifford," Mrs. Scott-Siddons "Julia," and Miss Ettie Henderson "Helen." It will be a treat to see the part of "Modus" represented by such an actor as Mr. Davenport.

AT THE WALNUT Mr. Edwin Booth will appear as "Richard III."

To-morrow evening Mr. Booth will personate "King Lear," for the first time in this city.

AT THE ARCH the drama of *Across the Continent* will be performed this evening.

AT MRS. WARNER'S CIRCUS, Tenth and Callowhill streets, performances will be given this afternoon and evening.

AT THE AMERICAN MUSEUM AND MENAGERIE, Ninth and Arch streets, dramatic performances are announced for this afternoon and evening.

AT THE ARCH STREET OPERA HOUSE those who desire to pass a pleasant evening will find abundant entertainment in the programme announced for to-night.

AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE an interesting variety of songs, burlesques, dances, and Ethiopian comicalities will be presented this evening.

SIGNOR BLITZ and his son have again appeared at the Temple of Wonders in the Assembly Building. They will give performances this afternoon and evening, when they will exhibit the "Double-headed Sphynx," the "Grand Oracle of Memnon," "Bobby," the birds, and many wonderful magical transformations that will interest and astonish both old and young.

THE GRAND BAZAAR in aid of the Baptist Home, now being held at Horticultural Hall, is a handsome display, and as the object is a most worthy one we commend it to the favorable notice of our readers.

A GRAND GERMAN SANITARY FAIR will be held at Horticultural Hall from December 12 to January 2.

THE BEETHOVEN SOCIETY, under the direction of its leader, Mr. Carl Wolfsohn, will celebrate the Beethoven centennial anniversary by a grand concert at the Academy of Music on Saturday evening next. The programme for the occasion will consist of the overture to *Egmont*, the chorus "The Heavens Proclaim," by the society; "Concerto for Violin," by Mr. W. Stoll, Jr.; scena and aria, "Ah Perfido," by Mrs. Gibson Peacock; "Chorus Fantaisie," for piano, chorus, and orchestra, by Mr. Wolfsohn, the society, and the orchestra, led by Mr. Simon Hassler; the *andante* and *finale* of the C minor symphony, by the orchestra; the quartette from *Fidelio*, by the society; trio, "Tremate empi Tremate," by Miss Clara Lauderbach, Messrs. E. Dillingham and G. A. Comly, and the chorus "Hallelujah," from *The Mount of Olives*, by the society.

THE FIRST SOIRÉE of the Abt Male Singing Society will be held at City Institute Hall, N. E. corner of Eighteenth and Chesnut streets, on Friday evening next, under the direction of Mr. Michael H. Cross. A fine programme of classical and popular music will be presented.

CITY ITEMS.

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The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 28 North Nineteenth street, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 1 o'clock. To proceed to Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

LAKE.—On the 9th instant, JACOB LAKE, in the 60th year of his age.

The relatives and friends, also the butchers and drovers, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 1426 North Fifth street, on Thursday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. To proceed to Laurel Hill Cemetary.

TOY.—Suddenly, December 13th, at Summit, N. J., Miss ANNA JULIA TOY, daughter of the late Isaiah Toy, of Palmyra, N. J.

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At the annual meeting of the Union League of Philadelphia, held Monday evening, December 12, 1870, the following gentlemen were elected to serve as officers and directors for the ensuing year:—
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A dividend of TEN PER CENT. has been declared on the capital stock of the Company, clear of State tax, payable in cash on the 28th day of December next to the holders thereof as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 22d of December, payable at this office.
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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY have declared a dividend of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT., payable at their office, No. 303 WALNUT Street, upstairs, on and after TUESDAY, December 20, 1870.
12 14 6t L. CHAMBERLAIN, Treasurer.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PARDON.—Application is about to be made to his Excellency John W. Geary, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a PARDON for JOHN HASSAN, Jr., convicted of larceny, and now confined in the Eastern Penitentiary. [12 14 4t*

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, TWENTIETH and CHERRY Streets.—During the Advent Season there will be choral service and sermon every WEDNESDAY NIGHT at 7½ o'clock. Sermon to-night by the Rev. A. LOUDERBACK. Subject—"Hell." 1t*

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