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By Telegraph to the New-York Tribune. Literary and Musical Gossip. [From the Foreign Journals received at the Tribune Office.]

CITY ITEMS.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—The following is the Weekly Report of Deaths in the City and County of New-York for Fifty first Week of 1850—from the 14th of December to the 21st of December.

Table with columns for Diseases, Males, Females, and Total. Rows include Apoplexy, Cholera, Consumption, etc.

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EXCURSION.—The Eagle Guards of this city will, on Christmas day, proceed on a target excursion to Mr. Wm. Shaw's. They expect to meet about 40 musketeers, and will be accompanied by Granger's band and several invited guests.

The "bloys" of Brooklyn are fast earning an unenviable distinction for rowdiness, such as tearing down fences to build bonfires, and other mean peccadilloes.

MILITARY.—Report says that the Thirtieth Regiment New York State Militia is to be transformed into a Regiment of Grenadiers.

The Ladies of the Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica cleared \$400 by their late Fair.

ACCIDENT.—One of the hands employed to discharge the cargo of the brig Adolphe, lying at the foot of Harrison-st., fell into the hold on Saturday, breaking several of his ribs, and otherwise injuring himself so severely as to render his life in great danger. He remains in an insensible state.

VIOLENT ASSAULT.—Officer Falk arrested a man by the name of Andrew Cunningham, at his residence, 43 Main-st., for having beat his wife cruelly on Saturday last, inflicting several severe wounds in the side of her head with a hatchet. He was committed to jail for examination.

CATCH.—On Saturday, officer Clayton arrested a man charged with stealing a gold watch and chain from the store of Mr. Lowe, in Fulton-st. a few days ago, the particulars of which we gave at the time. He will be brought up for examination during the day.

Hall thieves abound. No. 111 Henry-st. and two houses in Scherhorn-st. were entered within a few days. Look out for your doors.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS. We give below a list of Fairs to come off this week in Jersey City.

The Ladies of the D. R. Church of Van Vorst will hold a Fair for the sale of useful and fancy articles, including books and holiday gifts, in the basement of the Church, this evening to conclude with a Festival.

The Navigation of the Passaic with this city remains uninterrupted, with a good prospect of continuing so; and vessels trading to Newark are entering and departing with the same frequency and facility as in the most favored seasons of the year for business. The steamers, both for passengers and freight, are making their accustomed trips, and the sailing vessels of the several freight lines are apparently doing a good business.

The steamer Bay State from Fall River arrived yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, being the only boat that came through on the Boston line.

She met the steamer State of Maine, also of the Fall River line, between Stonington and Newport at 1 1/2 o'clock Monday night, and met the Commodore of the Stonington line at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning of New Haven.

The night on the Sound was the most memorable experienced this season. It was intensely cold with a gale of wind blowing West-North-West.

We are indebted to Kinsley & Co.'s Express for Boston papers.

FROM PORTO RICO.—By the slipper bark Brothers, Capt. Ward, from Guayama, we have dates to the 12th inst. Abundant rains had prevailed throughout the island of Porto Rico, and the prospects for the coming crops were very flattering.

A small parcel of new Sugar had been sold on the north side of St. Thomas. It was generally supposed that Sugars would open at \$1 to \$4 per quality. Molasses 11 to 12 cents per gallon. Nothing had been doing in Coffee, the piking of which had been much retarded by the heavy rains.

Considerable excitement had lately prevailed on the island, occasioned by the report of an intended invasion by Narciso Lopez from Hayti, and heavy detachments of troops had been ordered to Mayaguez, the nearest point to Hayti. A few days previous to the sailing of the Brothers a report had been circulated at Ponce that Lopez had effected a landing about 30 miles to the eastward of that place, from a large steamer, with five frigates, and troops were immediately ordered out at Ponce to meet the invaders.

The Warkegan (Ill) Gazette nominates WASHINGTON HUNT of New York for President and ex-Governor JAMES C. JONES of Tennessee for Vice-President in 1852.

BOWEN BEING OFF.—FRANCIS BOWEN, the would-be Professor of History at Harvard College, has asked Mrs. Putnam not to publish another article on his part in the Hungarian controversy until his nomination to that Professorship has been accepted—and she has consented. Mr. B. evidently fears his fate.

HORRID MURDER.—A horrid murder was committed in the vicinity of Thomastville, (Geo.) about the 7th inst. A person passing by, discovered and apprehended an empty wagon in the creek, and on examining it discovered two dead bodies, one a man, the other a woman, in a decomposed state, both of whom from appearances, came to their death by being suffocated by an ax. The name of the man Durent or Duren Moore. That of the woman, probably before marriage, was Charity Gove, as a letter was found on her person thus addressed, and directed to Living Creek, N. C. It is supposed they were on their way from North Carolina to Florida. The murderer was supposed to be a dissipated young man, who was seen in their company, and his object, no doubt was money, as they were known to have some with them. He was pursued and arrested on Saturday in Hamburg, S. C. carried over to Augusta, and committed to jail. He is said to be a desperate, and well known to the police in Augusta.

CONFESSOR OF ROBBERY AND MURDER.—The Hagerstown News has received a pamphlet, purporting to be the confession of one Charles Wallace, which gives an account of the robbery of Mr. John Fink, at Hagerstown, several years ago, committed by himself and accomplice, named Snelling. This confession was written by Wallace, as he says, from memory, and given by him to Rev. Henry Tracey, at the state where he was burned alive by a mob on the banks of the Mississippi, on the 11th of August, 1850. He confesses to the murder of Miss Mary Rogers, the beautiful girl of New-York, and a number of robberies and other crimes.

The Indiana State Convention has reconsidered the action regarding the right to married women to hold property. The question is again open.

Mr. Charles L. Drew, of Boston, was robbed of jewelry to the amount of \$1,500 on Saturday evening last.

The mail from the South has not arrived. The Snow Storm ceased last night, but the wind blew a perfect gale until morning.

The Boston Railway Ferry Boat is frozen tight in the middle of the River, and passengers cross the ice on foot.

The thermometer at Watervliet has been four degrees below zero—in this city from two above to two below zero.

FROM WASHINGTON. Postage Receipts—Expenses—Who Pays the Piper? Correspondence of the Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 22. The following is a table collated from the books of the Post Office Department, which contains information not transmitted to Congress, that will be found interesting and valuable in a variety of ways.

It will show that those who are inveighing against Cheap Postage with the most zeal and energy are those who are paying least toward defraying the expenses of the Department. The curious will find by an examination of the figures that the receipts of the Department from the Northern or Free States are something over \$1,000,000 more than the expense of transporting the mails, while the receipts of the Southern or Slave States fall behind some \$400,000 of paying this expense. The Northern States are therefore virtually paying something like \$1,400,000 toward furnishing mail facilities to the South. In this state of the case they should talk less upon several points which might be mentioned.

Table with columns: Free States, Receipts, Cost of Transportation. Lists various states and their respective figures.

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It will be seen that I have left out California from either of the above classifications of Free States and Slave States, and have placed it along with the two Territories. Delaware is set down among the Free States and the District of Columbia with the Slave.

Tariff Prospects—Diplomatic Affairs. Correspondence of the Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 21. There is little probability of any efficient change in the Tariff. The subject was before the Committee of Ways and Means the other day, when the majority, with the Premier of the House, Gen. BATES, at their head, refused to report any modification, and they refuse to report against any change until February, which of course prevents the minority from making a counter report, and bringing the matter before the House in time for the action of the present Congress.

It might possibly be got before the House in some indirect way, by the usual resort to Parliamentary tactics; but in that there is an Opposition majority against home manufactures, and in favor of buying the finer manufactures of Europe, and the question remains with the people.

The diplomatic note of the Austrian Minister has been replied to by Mr. WEBSTER, and we shall soon have the correspondence. Mr. McCORMACK of Conn. who was nominated and confirmed some time since as Minister to Austria, has not received his Commission, or had not up to the present time been able to depart for Vienna. It would appear that diplomatic relations with that Government are partially in suspense, until the result is known with reference to the correspondence alluded to. If the Austrian Minister should be instructed to demand a repudiation of the Act of the late administration, all relations must cease, as Mr. WEBSTER defends that Act with his consummate ability. WALTER VAN TWILLER.

The Weather, &c. PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 21. The weather has been miserably horrid during today. The wind has been blowing strongly from the northwest, a number of signs have been blown down, and several persons have, in consequence, been injured.

The City of Glasgow, the pioneer steamship of the recently established line of steamers between Liverpool and this port is expected to arrive on Christmas day. A festive scene is anticipated on the occasion.

AN EXECUTION.—The St. Louis Intelligencer informs us that Jacob Gallagher, convicted of the October term of the Criminal Court, for the murder of Mrs. Mary Crosby, on the 17th of July last, and sentenced to be hung, was duly executed on the 10th upon the lower extremity of Dancona Island. The unfortunate man, up to the moment of his death, continued to assert his innocence. The crowd on the ground was large, numbering perhaps four or five thousand people. The condemned man mounted the steps of the gallows with a firm tread. He conversed for a moment with an undertaker, and listened with an unmovable countenance, to the reading of the death-warrant. He then scrutinized his intention of addressing those present, and stepping to the front of the gallows with a distinct and firm voice, spoke substantially as follows:

"My friends and children, I am now on my dying words. I am an innocent of the crime of which I was convicted, and any of you, I was wrongfully sworn against; I feel as much as a lamb and die happily as a saint."

Then bowing low to the throng, turned and shook hands with those around him, mounted the box of the gallows, and with his hands into his coat pocket, stood unmoved while the Marshal drew a white cap over his face and adjusted the rope, which being done, at 1 1/2 the spring was touched, and the soul of James Gallagher launched into eternity.

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.—A novel breach of promise case, says the Boston Mail, was tried in the Supreme Court at Cambridge on Thursday, before Judge Fletcher, in which Hannah Hatten, a widow lady, 40 years of age, in the millinery business at Lowell, sought to recover damages of a Mr. John Hopkins, a clerk in Faneuil Hall market, who had broken his promise to marry her, on the part of the lady was set up in default.

The Jury returned a verdict of \$1,000 damages for the plaintiff.

VERDICT AGAINST BOSTON FOR LAND DAMAGES.—In the case of Charlotte Harbuck and others of New-York vs. the City of Boston, which has been before the Middlesex Court of the County of Middlesex, the Jury on Saturday returned a verdict for the plaintiffs for the sum of \$10,475 9/4 damages, with a further award of \$2,391, which under the agreement of counsel, is to be added to the verdict, in case the whole Court should decide that the city took an absolute title to the land appropriated. The aggregate amount is \$12,870 9/4. The award of the Commissioners, in the terms of the agreement, was \$7,550. This suit was for the injury caused by the construction of the tunnel for the Cochituate water works. The principal grounds of claim were for the drainage of the wells and springs. The claim was for \$32,000.

Some Hartford rowdies went out to Woodbury's half-way house, the other night, and attacked the owner. He defended himself with an ax, and broke John Burke's skull. Burke is likely to die, and Caldwell has been bound over to the assizes of \$500. [Springfield Republican.]

PLACES OF RESIDENCE.

Table with columns: United States, 21; Germany, 2; Wales, 2; Ireland, 2; Scotland, 1; Unknown, 4.

The above figures show an increase of 8 from the previous week. It will be noted that the number of deaths of children under 10 years was, last week, 188, week before, 170; being an increase of 18.

The chief diseases for two weeks compare thus:

Table comparing diseases for two weeks: Apoplexy, Cholera, Consumption, etc.

The per centage, according to age, for the two weeks, has been:

Table showing percentages by age group: Under 1 year, 1-2 years, etc.

The following is the classification of children and adults:

Table with columns: Men, Women, Boys, Girls, Total. Rows for various age groups.

It will be observed that endemic diseases, as usual, have increased with the cool weather.—Small Pox goes up from 9 to 15, Measles from 8 to 25.

HAUSER THE VIOLINIST.—We are glad to apprise our readers, more particularly than on Friday, of the prospect of the visit of MICHAEL HAUSER the violinist, who is a passenger by the "Baltic," to this port.

This artist, of whom the recent foreign journals make most flattering mention, has just completed a musical tour through Europe visiting in his course all the great capitals, including Constantinople and St. Petersburg. He has given more than 450 Concerts, and has everywhere achieved the most remarkable success, which we have no doubt he will renew in the visit he proposes to ourselves.

That the name of HAUSER is not extensively known among us is no indication of his want of the greatest genius and fame. Scarcely nine out of ten were aware of the name of Ole Bull until he suddenly appeared in our midst, and certainly the same proportion is to day ignorant of Ernst, hitherto accounted the most eminent contemporary violinist. The question, "who is Michael Hauser?" will doubtless be answered in a more agreeable manner by the artist himself than by anything that might be recorded of his triumphant career.

We are especially glad to hear that Mr. Max Maretzek is in treaty with HAUSER for a series of vocal and instrumental Concerts through the Union—and were it only from the fact that for some year or two no "piped piper" of a virtuoso has hidden us into ecstasies, we should predict a career of singular success for a man of real genius. But when to that fact is added the ability of the accomplished artist, success becomes a certainty.

Our musical publishers may find it worth their while to secure the right of publication of HAUSER'S compositions, which we understand are as excellent as his performances.

For our own part, we hail with special pleasure the advent of every really admirable artist, and such we have every reason to suppose Mr. HAUSER to be.

SALE OF STACKS.—We learn that Messrs. Haybold & Andrews, the popular proprietors of the Sixth-avenue and Broadway Stages, have sold out to Messrs. Ward, Boleter & Jaxox. Mr. Bolster is widely known and deservedly popular in the management of Omnibuses, having been concerned in various lines for several years, and for a long time in the old Waverly line which now forms a part of the one he has purchased. Last month Mr. Bolster was the Whig candidate for Assistant Alderman of the Mammoth Ward (the Sixteenth) opposed to another old and highly popular Omnibus proprietor, Charles Lent. Of course both were sound on the Railroad question, but the Whigs did their work fairly in that Ward and Mr. Bolster was returned by a handsome majority.

THE EDITORS OF THE TRIBUNE.—The authorities of our city were yesterday placed in possession of information relative to an extensive gambling operation being carried on by a respectable gentleman in this city, in which a high respectable gentleman has been the victim and loser of upwards of \$15,000. The parties will probably be taken into custody to-day, when an investigation will take place.