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THE NEWS THIS MORNING. FOREIGN.—A new group called the Radical Left has been formed in the French Chamber of Deputies.

AMERICAN.—The session of the Court in the Guiteau case was interrupted yesterday by the indisposition of a jurymen; three witnesses were examined, who exposed still further the bad record of the assassin and testified that they had never questioned his sanity.

CONGRESS.—Many new bills were introduced in the Senate; the subject of the Presidential succession and the necessity for a change in the present law was discussed by Messrs. Beck, Maxey and Anthony.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.—An inspection of the theatres of the city has been begun. More of the overdue steamships arrived yesterday; the Bath City has been given up as lost.

THE WEATHER.—Tribune local observations indicate clearing and fair weather and lower temperature, preceded by cloudy and rainy weather.

COMMISSIONER COLEMAN'S IDEA that the street sweepings of New-York should be utilized for filling low lands and fertilizing poor lands is a good one.

MR. HITT, who was called by Mr. Blaine from the post of Secretary of Legation at Paris to take the place of First Assistant Secretary of State, resigns to make room for Mr. J. Bancroft Davis, who leaves a Judgeship of the Court of Claims to return to an office which he held under President Grant before he went abroad as Minister to Berlin.

ONE of the overdue steamships, the Bath City, which sailed from Bristol November 10, for this port, is given up by her agents as

lost. She was sighted November 30 by the Marathon, 250 miles east of Newfoundland, in a partially disabled condition. The conduct of the captain of the Marathon in failing to give her assistance should be sharply investigated by the British authorities.

THE Senator who pays out a considerable part of his salary in sending home his foolish constituents who come to Washington without money enough to buy a return ticket, in the hope of getting an office, is a public benefactor. He refrains from saddling upon the public service incompetent people, and at the same time does the office-seekers a real benefit by promptly discouraging their ambition for a career of dependence and uncertainty.

THE Germans who have been arrested in Chicago for refusing to permit themselves and the members of their families to be vaccinated have plenty of precedents in Germany and England to justify their action. If a man honestly and intelligently disbelieves that the injection of a poison virus into his veins will protect him against smallpox it seems a wide stretch of the functions of law to punish him for acting upon his convictions.

THE latest plan for the Congressional services in memory of President Garfield is much more sensible than the one first broached. A eulogy by some orator of distinction, followed by brief remarks by two Senators and two Representatives, and a closing prayer, is the programme now favored. It is gratifying to see that the volunteer poet, unknown to fame, is left out, and that the solemnity and dignity of the occasion will not be marred by the declamation of sonorous doggerel.

"IT must not be imagined," says The London Times, "that the European Powers can acquiesce in the very wide extension of the Monroe Doctrine implied by Secretary Blaine's 'dispatches.'"

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA. ITALIAN OPERA—LA FAVORITA.

IT is not the fault of Mr. Mapleson and his singers alone that Donizetti's "La Favorita," given at the Academy of Music last night, attracted only a smaller number of people and interested a smaller number of people and interested a smaller number of people.

MR. CONSTANTIN STERNBERG'S CONCERT. A concert was given in Steinway Hall last night by Mr. Constantin Sternberg. The pianist had set up a programme of mixed quality, and to perform it had the help of Miss Rachel Franko, Mr. Richard Arnold, Mr. Emile Gramm and Mr. Charles Werner.

MADAME PATTI IN CINCINNATI. CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—The remarkable auction sale of seats for the concert on December 28, when Madame Adelina Patti will sing the soprano airs in "The Messiah," after the direction of Mr. Theodore Thomas, closed last afternoon.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES. Mr. Mapleson's Company will sing "Aida" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music this evening. It will be the last performance but one in Brooklyn this season.

MR. BECK should relieve himself of that free trade speech before the caucus corks him up. One of the Guiteau jurors has trouble with his head. It should be photographed and sent to Dr. Spitzka to see if it is a case of rhombocephalic malformation.

PERSONAL. Attorney-General and Mrs. MacVough have been visiting Mrs. Garfield at Cleveland. President Arthur's children will remain in New-York for the present. General Simon Cameron is going to spend the winter in the City of Mexico, and will leave his Pennsylvania home in a few weeks.