

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—8-8-10—The Sign. AMERICAN THEATRE—2-15—The Sign. BLOOM—2-15—8-15—The Sign. BROADWAY THEATRE—2-15—8-15—A Royal Rogue. CARNEGIE HALL—2-30—Concert. CASINO—2-15—8-15—Floradora. HARLEM THEATRE—2-15—8-15—When Knighthood Was in Flower. MADISON SQUARE THEATRE—2-15—8-15—Hunt-Wentworth's Experiment. EDEN MUSEE—The World in Wax. LUXEMBOURG THEATRE—2-15—8-15—Mrs. Danvers' Defence. GARDEN THEATRE—2-15—8-15—The Professor's Love Story. GARIBOLDI THEATRE—2-15—8-15—David Harum. GRAND OPERA HOUSE—2-15—8-15—Ward and Wives. HARLEM OPERA HOUSE—2-15—8-15—The Gay Lord Ques. HERALD SQUARE THEATRE—2-15—8-15—The Girl from Ipanema. IRVING PLACE THEATRE—2-15—8-15—Urie! Acoosta—8-15—Die Heine. KEITH'S—Continued Performance. KATHLEEN THEATRE—2-15—8-15—Sweet Nell O'Donnell. KOSTER & BIAL'S—2-15—8-15—Vauville. LUXEMBOURG THEATRE—2-15—8-15—A Royal Family. MADISON SQUARE THEATRE—2-15—8-15—My Lady Love. MADISON SQUARE THEATRE—2-15—8-15—My Lady Love. METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE—2-15—8-15—Der Fliegende Holländer. MURRAY HILL THEATRE—2-15—8-15—The Man from Mexico. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN—9-8—Art Exhibit. NEW-YORK THEATRE—2-15—8-15—The Giddy Tramp. PASTORAL—Day and Night—Continued Show. PROCTOR'S—Continued Performance. REPERTORY THEATRE—2-15—8-15—The King. ST. NICHOLAS SKATING RINK—8-15—Hockey Match. VESTRY THEATRE—2-15—8-15—The King. WALLACK'S THEATRE—2-15—8-15—Janice Meredith.

with a few thousands invested by careful trusts, in gilt edged, low interest bearing bonds, returning just enough for her absolute necessities, would have her income cut in two. The business man or financier with hundreds of thousands of dollars in stocks, paying a larger return and practically as safe, but not ranked as investments for trustees, would be exempt. No amount of diligence or discretion on the part of officials can make the personal tax law anything but a premium on the hiding of capital and the evasion of the tax in perfectly legal ways. The remedy of more stringent laws is sometimes proposed. But they would only tend to drive personal property further into hiding, and it is to be remembered that the capital which it is most desired to reach is that which can most easily move, while the widows' and orphans' trust funds are tied down to bear the heavier burden the more drastic the law is made. Probably the people of this State are not yet prepared for the abolition of direct personal taxes, and the devising of any substitute for them is a difficult problem. It is, however, a problem which our lawmakers ought to be at work upon. It is discreditable to them that they have for years been tampering with the subject, listening to reports of committees and uniformly surrendering and confessing their utter incompetence to deal with a complicated question of practical government. Personal taxation in this State is not merely a farce; it is an iniquity.

all sorts are not deserted until dinner time is near, and New-York between 5 and 6 o'clock becomes a city of light without peer in the glitter of its buildings. It is true that most of its streets and avenues are not illuminated as brightly as those of Paris and some other Continental capitals, although the sums paid out of the city treasury for gas and electricity are prodigious; but its high buildings are brilliantly outlined at nightfall. To see New-York after dark from the ferries is well worth a long journey.

The suggestion was made long ago that if the Federal Government could be persuaded to turn over that agreeable island to this city for conversion into a public park, and to establish its military post elsewhere, the benefit and advantage to New-York would be highly acceptable and gratifying. It is unfortunate that the New-Yorkers of earlier generations did not take a long look ahead and decide to reserve both Governor's Island and Blackwell's Island for public pleasure grounds. It is not probable now that either of them will ever be transformed into a place of general recreation. But how much the attractions of the metropolis would have been enhanced had these two islands been included in the park areas!

ART EXHIBITIONS. MODERN PAINTINGS AND JAPANESE CURIOUS—MR. SHINN'S PASTELS—MERYON—MONET AND MANET. The American Art Galleries are at present occupied by two collections. One of these, belonging to Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick, is a splendid collection of modern paintings, with a sprinkling of masterpieces attributed to early English and Continental masters. The other is made up of antique and modern Japanese porcelains, bronzes, ivories and other objects belonging to Mr. Cesar Casaroli, of San Francisco. Among Mr. Kirkpatrick's foreign pictures there are one or two interesting examples, "Arab and Hound," a small panel by Gustave Boulanger, is perhaps the most satisfactory of them all. But there is nothing of notable quality in any part of the collection, and most of the pictures, like the "Little Girl in Blue" given to Hemmer and the "Still Life" catalogued as by Volon, are of distinctly inferior quality. The old masters are wisely catalogued as "attributed" to this famous name or that; they make an unimpressive group. The first rate things in Mr. Kirkpatrick's collection are the works, chiefly landscapes, by American painters. These include some charming productions of Messrs. Milliner, Currier, Chase, Dewey and others, with a capital harbor scene by Mr. H. W. Ranger. The Casaroli collection is unremarkable, but contains some interesting pieces. The sale of the latter begins on next Monday afternoon and continues through the four following days. The paintings will be sold next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The galleries will then be filled with the modern paintings collected by Mr. George H. Tynes, of Holyoke.

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THE QUEEN'S HEALTH.

Disquieting reports come from London to-day concerning the health of the Queen. It does not appear that Her Majesty is in an immediately precarious condition. She has for the last day or two, however, not been as well as usual, and symptoms or ailments which in a younger person might be passed over lightly must be regarded more seriously in the case of one of her venerable years. For the Queen has now far surpassed the fourscore years which the Palmist declares to be attained only with burdens and sorrows. Several years ago her reign became the longest one in English history. To-day her life exceeds the span of that of any other sovereign upon the English throne. At nearly eighty-two years her health must be an object of profound solicitude, and the slightest impairment of it must be regarded with anxiety.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE MERIT SYSTEM.

We have not joined in the criticism passed upon Governor Odell for wishing to reorganize the State Civil Service Commission. That body is one which maintains close personal relations with him, comparable in some respects with that which Cabinet officers maintain with the President, and it is unquestionably the intent of the law which made the tenure of the Commissioners dependent on the Governor's pleasure that he should be free to constitute the Commission to reflect his own ideas. The work of Colonel Burt, who has been since the administration of Governor Morton the minority member of the Commission, has commended him to the favor of a large number of active Civil Service reformers, and they strongly desired his retention by Governor Odell. Having looked to Colonel Burt so long as a chief bulwark of the merit system of this State against the attacks of politicians, they are perhaps not unreasonably grieved at his retirement and inclined to look with some foreboding to the future.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO THE DEMANDS OF THE POWERS.

The Chinese Government has agreed to the demands of the Powers. The question now is how to enforce that agreement. It may prove more troublesome than the question of securing the agreement. The Sultan, it is said, has renewed an old decree forbidding Jews to remain in Palestine for more than three months. It is aimed at the various traders, but more especially at the various colonies connected with the Zionist movement, for the decree expressly forbids the acquisition by Jews of landed property. It is believed that the true motive of this action is to be sought in St. Petersburg. As most of the colonists in Palestine speak German, their presence is jealously regarded by the Russians as a means of promoting German expansion in Asia Minor. The "Kovos Yevreya" frankly admits as much, declaring that it is "particularly disagreeable and trying for us Russians" to see how the Germans continue to consolidate their position in the Near East. "We can live in peace with Turkey," continues the writer, "and help her to dispose of or to prevent conflicts between her Mahomedan and Christian population, but that is impossible if in political matters Turkey has counsellors whose interest it is to fish in troubled waters."

PHILADELPHIA ON WARREN'S ISLAND.

A log house, to cost \$55,000, is being erected by a Philadelphia on Warren's Island, Gilkey's Head, in the Delaware Bay. The log house is to be built on the site of the old log house, which was burned by the British in 1777. The new building is to be built of the finest timber cut on the island. An expert log cabin builder from Virginia is superintending the erection of the building, and the work is progressing rapidly. The house will contain a dining room, a kitchen, a living room, a bedroom, a bathroom, a laundry, and a storeroom. The house will be finished in the summer of 1901.

New-York Daily Tribune.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1901.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—Alarming reports regarding the Queen's health were circulated in England; an official announcement said that the strain of the last year had told upon the Queen's nervous system and her physicians advised that she should keep perfectly quiet in the house and abstain from transacting business. A public discussion was held at Manila of the bill providing municipal government for the Philippine Islands. Secretary Chamberlain has invited Premier Bond, of Newfoundland, to visit London and attend a conference with French representatives on the Treaty Shag question. General Kitchener reports that he has a body of Boers by a force of New-Zealanders and Bushmen in Africa. General Colville was returned on pay by the British War Office; it was denied that Mr. Kruger had decided to visit the United States. The British Cabinet considered the Nicaragua Canal Treaty as amended by the Senate, but the conclusion reached was not made public. Many Russian students have been expelled from Port Arthur, because of their military service. The Council of State of France rejected the appeal of Count Esterhazy against the decree cashiering him from the army. The bi-centenary festivities continued in Berlin. The Council of State of Americans received decorations of the Legion of Honor for work in connection with the French Expedition.

COLLEGE FREEDOM AND LICENSE.

The little flurry on the Pacific Coast caused by the dismissal of Professor Howard, of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, for conduct unbecoming a scholar and a gentleman, has been prolonged, with some indications of artificial encouragement, by the voluntary withdrawal of two or three of his sympathetic colleagues. Thus far, however, there are no signs that the country is alarmed for the safety of its educational institutions, and on the whole we should say that the incident was not unlikely to have salutary consequences. There is reason to think that the air which college instructors of a certain type have been breathing of late years needs to be cleared, for their own sake as well as for the general advantage. In order that a more distinct view may be obtained of their real place in the order of existence. We are not lacking in true respect either for the scholars of eminent character and attainments whose influence upon the thought and life of their time is gratefully recognized, or for the great majority of inconspicuous instructors who do their appointed work with a devotion and a thoroughness which are perhaps too seldom estimated at their real value. But in contrast to such men there is a small class of college professors in whom an erroneous conception of their own natural ability, and especially of their aptitude for public affairs, has been unhappily fostered by the newspaper attention which they expectily solicit, and who have consequently come to look upon themselves as authoritatively commissioned to direct the progress of events. Hence they occupy their excessive leisure in communicating to the world their views on all conceivable subjects, excepting, perhaps, those which they are expected to investigate and employed to teach, and are not infrequently enabled to obtain a notoriety which rewards their cheap ambition, but which is out of all proportion to the value of their opinions. It may be well to add in passing that they do not often actually impede their connection with the college to which they are a detriment, and possibly in condemning Professor Howard's excursion far outside his sphere of duty and the limits of decency some credit should be given to him for a certain sort of courage. But assuredly that is the single concession which it is permissible to make in his behalf. The quality of the man and the grossness of his offence are sufficiently indicated in these phrases, taken from his harangue denouncing the dismissal of Professor Ross last November: "I do not worship Saint Mark Street; I do not reverence 'Holy Standard Oil' nor do I doff my hat to 'Celestial Six Companies.'" There is no manly assertion of principle in this, but only a gratuitous exposure of venomous personal hostility to interests and individuals identified with the foundation and support of the institution which employed him, to which he owed unswerving loyalty and from his connection with which his vulgar utterances derived the only importance they possessed.

THE SHIPPING BILL.

There is now a hopeful prospect of agreement among Republican leaders in the Senate upon modifications of the Shipping bill designed to make it more sure of accomplishing its essential purpose. Those who have believed with Senator Frye that the bill in the form in which he has so ably and zealously defended it is safe and sufficient, and those who have feared that it involved possibilities of discrimination or against various interests and classes of shipping which might impair its usefulness by distributing inequitably the public money it appropriates, are said to be ready to adjust their differences and unite in support of a measure which will then presumably command the votes of a majority in each branch of Congress and the approval of the country.

PERSONAL.

M. Osis, of Paris, has instituted a prize of 500,000 francs to be awarded by a committee of the Paris Press Syndicate to the author or authors of a work adjudged by the committee to be the most meritorious, whether from the artistic or industrial point of view, or on the ground of general service to humanity. A correspondent of "The Boston Transcript" tells this story about the reception of Lord Roberts at Cowes: "One of the addresses to be presented to the Field Marshal at East Cowes had been most carefully printed on costly vellum, in an exceedingly elaborate manner. It was finished and ready for presentation when, at almost the last moment, somebody discovered that the initials of the donor of a true soldier's heart were missing. The magic letters V. C., indicating the Commander-in-Chief's possession of the Victoria Cross, had been forgotten. There was a moment of consternation, and then it was decided that it was absolutely necessary to get a fresh address struck off. 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