

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—8:15—Chorus. BELLAIR THEATRE—8:15—The Model and the Heroine. ... NEW YORK THEATRE—8:15—The Light That Lies in Woman's Eyes.

Table with 4 columns: Page, Col., Page, Col. Lists various amusements and their locations.

New-York Daily Tribune

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1904. THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CONGRESS—Senate: The Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill was without debate. ... HOUSE: The vote on the resolution unseating Mr. Howell (Dem.) and re-electing Mr. Cramer (Rep.) was 187-100.

FOREIGN—Japanese warships engaged the Russian fleets and batteries at Port Arthur, following a torpedo boat attack made at midnight.

DOMESTIC—The work of cleaning up Baltimore and preparing to rebuild after the great fire was begun. Mayor McLane declined all help from outside cities.

CITY—Stocks were strong. The Board of Aldermen voted a franchise for the New York, Rochester and Boston Railway Company.

THE WEATHER—Indications for to-day: Increasing cloudiness and cold. The temperature on yesterday: Highest, 15 degrees; lowest, 30.

THE FIRST BLOW.

Japan has struck the first blow, and she has struck swiftly and hard. Her night attack upon Port Arthur apparently resulted in no injury to herself, but in a serious loss to Russia.

THE SPIRIT OF BALTIMORE.

The early reports of a catastrophe are usually exaggerated, so that a feeling of relief follows the receipt of later intelligence. But in the case of Baltimore, while the largest estimate of the amount of property destroyed has been discredited, there seems to be substantial reason for believing that the direct loss is not less than \$75,000,000.

the slain." The controversy between the advocates of big battleships and those of small, swift torpedo boats and cruisers has been long and animated. This incident at Port Arthur has given to it perhaps the most significant data available since the beginning.

That the Japanese have struck such a blow is not, on the whole, surprising. It has long been known that they have been aiming at sea power, and that they have accordingly been paying exceptional attention to the perfecting of their navy in every detail.

REBUILDING BALTIMORE.

When Baltimore once faces the task of replacing the structures which have just been destroyed, the opportunity will be afforded for adopting a new policy. Although the municipal authorities must have been aware that many of the old buildings were not fireproof, it was hardly practicable to compel the owners to tear them down or make costly alterations in them.

A GREAT IDEA.

It is more or less credibly reported from Albany that a member of the Assembly representing Tammany Hall, and incidentally, we suppose, some local district, has introduced a bill providing that the Board of Education shall have free use of the mails.

THE SUPERFLUOUS CORONER.

The superfluity of the coroner has long been recognized by everybody but the coroner. He is a survival of conditions which long ago passed away, and at needless expense performs functions which might better be intrusted to other agencies of government.

Baltimore is a conservative city, but a greater degree of energy could not have been shown anywhere under similar circumstances. The prevailing temper is well illustrated in Mayor McLane's declaration: "Baltimore will now enter undaunted into the task of resurrection."

January 1 next their medical functions to the jurisdiction of the Health Department, where they manifestly belong. Then on the expiration of the terms of the present coroners, one year later, their judicial functions are to be performed by the city magistrates.

This is a sensible solution of the problem. It will save a considerable sum of money to the taxpayers, and ought to result in a much more satisfactory administration. There is absolutely no sense in keeping a corps of physicians independent of the Health Department for work part of which it has to do anyhow, and, as the city magistrates can now hold inquests, no new power is conferred upon them.

Chief Croker's recommendation for the establishment of a system of salt water supply in this metropolis, for the prevention of the spread of serious conflagrations, deserves careful consideration on the part of our municipal authorities.

Secretary Wilson of the Cabinet is quoted as saying that, from his point of view, there seems to be too wide a difference between the prices paid to raisers of cattle on the plains and the figures which the consumer is compelled to pay for beef.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

A new weekly made its appearance at New-London, Conn., last Saturday. It is called "The Binnacle," certainly a novel name for a paper devoted to higher citizenship and to the plain truth.

WHAT HAPPENS.

That city is akin to love. Every quick provoker. For when engagements are announced 'We're by that feeling moved.

NAMES.

Bellinda and Rebecca. Helmholtz and Sue. Hannah and Amanda. What has become of you?

AN ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis T. Luquer Lane, of No. 40 West Forty-ninth-st., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gertrude Luquer Lane, to W. Alexander Rembert Hall, of this city.

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Society's programme for last evening was well filled. Among the dinners given last night were those by Mrs. Frederic J. de Peyster, at her house in East Sixty-sixth-st.; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden, Sr., at their house in Fifth-ave.; Mrs. E. E. Howard, at her house in East Sixty-fourth-st.; Mrs. Edwin Gould and Mrs. John S. Pillsbury. Theatre parties were given by Mrs. Clarence Jay, Mrs. Miss Callender, who afterward took their guests home for a supper. There were also a number of subscription dances, the Fortnightly Dances taking place at the Livingston Hotel, under the patronage of Mrs. Charles E. Sawyer, Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Mrs. Herbert Parsons, at Dodworth's the new tapistry gallery, and the music for the dancing was furnished by the Marine Band.

The Russian Ambassador and Countess Marguerite Cassini, who were to have been among the guests, sent their regrets to-day. Mrs. H. A. Taylor, wife of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, gave a luncheon to-day in honor of Miss Shaw.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

WHITE MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Reasons Why the National Government Should Have It in Charge. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: A few days ago the writer was surprised to read an editorial in The Tribune opposing the White Mountain Reservation as something outside of the functions of the federal government.

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