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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

- THEATRE: BOWERY-PALAZZO-STREET BY TOWN... BROADWAY THEATRE... BURTON'S THEATRE... NATIONAL THEATRE... BROOKLYN LYCEUM... CHRISTIAN MINISTERS... FELLOWS' OPERA HOUSE... AMERICAN MUSICAL... WASHINGTON HALL... SATTERLYN'S COSMORAMA...

DOUBLE SHEET.

New York, Saturday, January 18, 1851.

Summary of Late Intelligence.—Chop Postage Triumphant in the House of Representatives.

We are happy to have it in our power to inform our readers, this morning, that postage reform has at length been carried in the House of Representatives. The reduction on the rates is not so much as we were in favor of; but we are satisfied, for the present, with the reform that has been made.

The Colonization of Liberia.—The Slave Trade between Brazil and Africa.

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The News by the Franklin and the Asia.—The Treaty with Switzerland.—Question for the United States Government.

The news brought by the steamers Franklin and Asia, has no more important fact in it than that connected with Mr. Dudley Mann's progress in arranging the terms of a treaty of reciprocity between Switzerland and the United States.

There is for the extension of those commercial treaties, upon the condition of which our foreign trade hereafter will so largely depend; yet, on that account, it is not the less important that we should be alive to the urgency of the occasion.

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Some months ago we had good reason for complaining against certain British aggressions in Brazil; and while we, at that time, censured the burning, by the steamer Sharpshooter, of several Brazilian vessels, we expressed our sense of the difficulties surrounding the action of all engaged in the suppression of the slave trade, and declared our fears that the zeal of the agents of the British government might be carried beyond prudent limits.

The facts to be found in our columns are such as will excite public attention. The letter of Mr. Gorham Parks, formerly Consul at Rio de Janeiro, is based upon statistics now before the Senate of the United States; and we are satisfied that they present grounds for the interference of the government.

No one can read the record of facts made by the Rev. Mr. Gurley, and now placed in our columns, without being satisfied that the African has an independent home, where he can enjoy any measure of liberty and honorable position to which his talents and industry may lead his ambition.

In the arrangements made between the National Council of Switzerland and Mr. Dudley Mann, we have a deep national sympathy. The terms are generally important, and when the subject comes before the Senate of the United States, we trust there will be none of that disgraceful delay and shuffling which have characterized that body in connection with Mr. Spier's treaty with the government of Nicaragua.

The New Case and the Form of Pleading.—In our paper, on Monday, we published an able opinion, delivered by Judge Edmonds, in the case of Dolinger vs. Gibson, upon the scope and effect of the article which declares that "all forms of pleading heretofore existing, inasmuch as the provisions of this article, are abolished."

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Again, at pages 138 and 139, the Commissioners commend the simplicity and brevity of the earlier pleadings in the courts of common law; but they object to the different forms of legal actions, and to the narrow rules of construction, of the pleadings adopted by the courts.

The legal profession seem to have wholly misapprehended the nature and object of this change. Instead of continuing the use of legal forms in cases depending upon the application of legal principles, they have framed their complaints in the manner of pleading in equity, where a discovery was sought.

The GREAT INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, on WORLD'S FAIR.—We publish, in another column, a variety of interesting information concerning the great industrial exhibition, or world's fair of 1851.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER to EX-GOVERNOR YOUNG.—The friends and admirers of ex-Governor Young, will give that gentleman a complimentary dinner, at the Irving House, this evening.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.—The steamship Cherokee will be due on Monday from Chagres, with two weeks later news from California.

INTELLIGENCE FROM BUENOS AYRES.—The bark Marion, Capt. Lowery, arrived yesterday morning with dates from Buenos Ayres to the 1st ult., at which time the port of Montevideo remained strictly blockaded by the French fleet.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.—THE TWENTY-FIVE STORIES CALAMITY.—OTHER BUILDINGS FALLEN AND TOTTERING TO THEIR FALL.—INVESTIGATION BEFORE CONGRESS.

At about 10 o'clock yesterday, Coroner Geer empaneled a jury for the purpose of investigating the cause of the terrible calamity and death of six persons by the falling of six houses in Twenty-first street, on Wednesday last.

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