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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

BOWERY THEATRE, Bowery—MORRIS.

BROADWAY THEATRE, Broadway—DR. DELWOOD.

NIBLO'S GARDEN, Broadway—EVON BOY—GIZELLE.

MURTON'S THEATRE, Chambers street—SERIOUS FANNY—TOURNAI.

NATIONAL THEATRE, Chatham street—A MORNING WITHOUT A STITCH.

PROGRAM'S LYCEUM, Broadway—CHILD OF THE MOON—A ROW AT THE LOCKER.

CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS, Mechanics' Hall, 42 Broadway.

FELLOW'S MINSTRELS, Fellow's Mutual Hall, No. 44 Broadway.

AMERICAN MUSEUM—AMERICAN PERFORMANCES.

DOUBLE SHEET.

New York, Thursday, May 8, 1851.

News from Europe.

The British steamship Europa, Captain Lett, is now in her twelfth day, and will be expected at any moment.

Latest News by Telegraph.

An important and interesting telegraphic despatch from Charleston will be found in our columns.

From Syracuse we have a brief report of the Anti-Slavery Convention in that city.

The Agitators, North and South.

We published in yesterday's Herald, a report of the proceedings of the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society.

We publish to-day, as a further corroboration of the doctrine of the agitators and incendiaries North and South.

We put these documents in juxtaposition, not for the purpose of increasing the agitation which at present exists.

The doctrines avowed by these agitators of the North, in relation to abolition.

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are named as being connected with this expedition against Cuba.

It is well known that these gentlemen, and many others who sympathize with them, entertain doctrines favorable to the secession of the South from the North.

and even contemplate, at a proper time, the establishment of a Southern republic, comprising the Southern States, Mexico, Cuba, and the West Indies.

thus forming a new power in that region, separate and distinct from the Northern States and the British colonies.

This dream of uniting the Southern States and Mexico, Cuba and the West Indies, in one great republic, and of keeping the control of one of the principal highways between the commerce of the Pacific and the Atlantic—between China and the Asiatic countries, and London and the countries of the East, has been entertained by many of those adventurers, since the termination of the late Mexican war.

The number of points on the coast of Georgia, Florida, and Texas, which have been named for the sailing of the expedition to Cuba, and the movements being made in those quarters, very naturally suggest some understanding between those adventurers and the Southern secessionists.

The imbecility of the general government at Washington, displayed in the management of the Lopez trials in New Orleans, and in the attempt to involve Gen. Quitman, without sufficient evidence, in a violation of the law, make the men engaged in these enterprises more confident in ultimate success, and of not only overcoming the United States government, and of escaping their vigilance, but also of trying their chances in Cuba.

The rumors of all kinds from the South, coupled with what is taking place in South Carolina and elsewhere, begin to exhibit a very ugly aspect.

It may be the game in which Palmerston and Sir Henry Palmer may try to play trumps. Who knows?

THE WEBSTER INVITATION.—We published, in yesterday's paper, the signatures to the invitation got up for Mr. Webster, to attend a public dinner in this city.

It is stated that he will be here about the middle of the month; and also that the President, Mr. Fillmore, likewise will come on with him, including three of the cabinet, to share in the occasion, and to witness the formal opening of the Erie Railroad, about to be given.

Some singular circumstances are connected with this invitation. It is somewhat strange, that such a long list of names could be procured—names of persons of the highest respectability, at a time when neither of the old parties can draw a respectable meeting at their usual places of rendezvous.

This, we think, the complete breaking up of the two old factions, and proves that they are near the end of their days. Even the attempt to resuscitate one of the old party issues, by the recent explosion of the Legislature in Albany, produces scarcely a ripple in this part of the State.

Another singular feature connected with this subject strikes our nervous system. On looking over the list of names, we find it is formed of men of the highest respectability for wealth and patriotism in the city, belonging to both parties; that a considerable number of the signers are also the supporters of some of the leading abolition journals and Seward organs in this city and State.

If we look over the advertising columns of the daily journals, which advocated Sewardism, and still do so, we find, also, a great many of those who have signed the invitation to Mr. Webster. Many of them are likewise subscribers to abolition journals, both weekly and daily.

These facts present a singular discrepancy in public sentiment, and in the political opinions of the business men of this great community. The abolition movement, in all its various shades, for the last fifteen or twenty years, has been gradually making so much progress in society, as to have drawn within its vortex some of our purest men and best patriots, without their knowing or inquiring respecting the tendency of the opinions which they had apparently formed, or that of the newspapers which they supported.

The process of correcting this state of things has only begun. Nothing can thoroughly purify the political atmosphere but continual agitation of the slavery question within the limits of the law and the constitution, and by supporting and backing such men as Henry Clay and Daniel Webster. The respectable and influential men of this city, who, in times past, formed the nucleus and strength and influence of the two old factions, are gradually coming to their senses under the wholesome agitation which has been going on for some time past, for patriotic purposes, and for the preservation of the Union.

We have already seen the recantation of one of the leading journals of Wall street, and the repudiation by the senior editor, and his associate, who was weak enough to be duped and led astray by the influence of such men as William H. Seward and Thurlow Weed, and their clique of politicians. The merchants, mechanics, and other respectable people, who have signed the invitation to Mr. Webster, are some of them, in the same position as the Courier and Enquirer, and like that journal, are coming back to constitutional ground, to the principles which were recommended by the father of his country, in his farewell address, after he left the first presidency of the republic.

Looking at this invitation, at the circumstances attending it, at the men who have signed it, and at the crisis into which we have been precipitated—the movement which is now going on North and South—the approaching presidential election—and the coming of Messrs. Fillmore and Webster to this city in a few days—looking at all these matters together, we think we can see a little light ahead, which, with care and attention, may yet be made to enlighten and enlighten the whole State of New York, heretofore so blighted by the two factions of agitators, headed, the one by Martin Van Buren, and the other by William H. Seward, for a long time past.

OFFICE SEEKING.—The death of the late Philip Hone has created a vacancy in the Naval Office of this city, and already whole flocks of office seekers connected with the whig party, have been circulating in regard to it. We have heard it stated that several half-dozen of these eagle eyed office hunters watched the health of Mr. Hone for several days before he died. The moment his last sigh escaped, they posted off to Washington, and we believe that efforts have been made in all directions to influence the President and the cabinet in their selection of the person to fill the vacancy.

We have heard, that of the numerous individuals who aspire to the office, only two have any reasonable claim or influence—Mr. Egbert Benson, well known in the whig ranks, and Mr. Caleb S. Woodluff, late Mayor of New York, are the two most prominent candidates. The first has the friendship of Mr. Clay; the latter that of Mr. Webster. The chances of both are about equal, according to all accounts. What a day may bring forth, however, no one can tell. The office of Naval Officer, with its contingent, is supposed to be worth ten, fifteen, or twenty thousand dollars, according to the smartness of the person who holds it, and his aptitude for business and keen scent for the spoils.

A NEW PARK.—The Mayor proposes to the Corporation to purchase ground somewhere to the north of the streets now built on, for the purpose of having a splendid park, similar to Hyde Park, in London, or the Champs des Elysees, in Paris. It is a capital idea. There is a piece of ground, covered with old forest trees, containing three hundred acres, between the Third avenue and the East river, and north of Fortieth street, that would furnish a most admirable site for such a purpose.

More is expected from the Tribune of yesterday published intelligence from China to the effect of February, which that paper called "later advices." News from China to the effect of February, was published in the English papers of the 10th of a year, which was received by the Niagara, at Boston, last week.

HONEST BACKING OUT FROM A TREASONABLE COURSE.—THE COURIER AND ENQUIRER ON THE SCORE OF REPENTANCE.—It will be recollected that our contemporary, the Courier and Enquirer, for some years past, has been an advocate of Wm. H. Seward, particularly after a certain pardon had been granted—and a very warm one, too, at the time when he addressed his recent treasonable and atrocious letter to the Boston abolitionists. This course of the Courier and Enquirer caused great offence to its supporters and patrons, many of whom, during the last year, have withdrawn their support from that establishment, and conferred it on one or other of the journals which support the compromise measures brought about by the great influence of Messrs. Clay and Webster. The effect which this has produced on the financial affairs and cash accounts of the Courier establishment, has so operated on the mind of the proprietor and principal editor, James Watson Webb, as to induce him to come out, openly and manfully, and repudiate Henry J. Raymond, his associate editor, and his doctrines, which had hitherto appeared in that journal. As this is one of the most curious versions to the compromise faith that we have heard of in this latitude, we annex the recantation of Mr. Webb, in his own words, excluding some of the tears, and sighs, and mournings, as matters at which the public will only laugh, but for which they will care nothing. Here is the political sinner's repentant bulletin and confession:—

Now, we called from this city for Europe on the 1st of December, 1849, and we left the Courier in charge of our assistant, Mr. Henry J. Raymond, who, up to that period, was not more than a man of ordinary talents. He was, by a friend of the compromise measures of the late Congress. He, however, had been elected to the late Legislature, and it cannot be contended that, during his absence, he gradually became imbued with anti-slavery doctrines, the spirit of which unaccountably appeared in the columns of the Courier and Enquirer, although on the very day of his departure, we left on record our protest against the Whimot protest, and the doctrines which that protest was intended to sustain.

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