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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

- BOVEY THEATRE, BOWERY—JONATHAN BRANDED—OLD BULL—GOLDEN FARMER. BROADWAY THEATRE, BROADWAY—LADY OF LYONS—DORIS—CUT DIAMOND.

NEW YORK, Thursday, April 7, 1853.

The News.

A resolution, proposing to throw open the doors of all executive sessions, except upon such nominations and treaties as absolutely require secrecy, gave rise to a very interesting debate in the United States Senate yesterday.

On reference to our special despatch from Washington, it will be seen that an unusual number of nominations were yesterday confirmed by the Senate.

A rumor is afloat in Washington of a contemplated change in the cabinet. Messrs. Dobbin and Cushing are to swap places—else the latter gentleman will be sent abroad.

Another spirited debate took place in the State Senate yesterday, upon the question of the final passage of the amendments to the constitution, in which Messrs. Cornell, Jones and Cooley were the chief speakers.

In the Assembly, Mr. Loomis introduced a bill, which we publish in full, to punish any person who shall hereafter attempt to bribe a public officer, and especially members of the Legislature.

A meeting of those friendly to the erection of a monument to Henry Clay was held in the hall of the Assembly, last evening.

The democrats are believed to have made a clean sweep in Rhode Island—having elected their candidates for Governor and Congressmen, and secured majorities in both branches of the Legislature.

Nearly two-thirds of the newly elected members of the popular branch of the Connecticut Legislature are in favor of the Maine Liquor law; however, it is supposed that the Senate will be able to frustrate any attempt the former body may make to enact such a stringent measure.

These having friends on board the steamship Union, which left Aspinwall for the port on the 18th, it will be gratified to hear of her safety. The El Dorado, which arrived yesterday, reports that the Union broke a crank, and was obliged to return to Aspinwall.

Mr. J. J. Hicks, who had been committed by the Recorder for contempt, in refusing to answer certain questions propounded to him in the investigation of the frauds charged against the Common Council.

The business before the Board of Aldermen last evening was entirely of a routine nature, and a considerable amount of it was transacted, as will appear in our official report.

In the Board of Assistant Aldermen, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department sent in his official return, showing the election of the ten assistant engineers, and asked for their confirmation.

We annex a brief summary of a portion of the contents of today's inside pages:—Address of John C. Devereux, Esq., on William Penn, before the New York Historical Society; Interesting Statistics of the Mexican Republic; Police Reports, including the examination of a romantic female thief, charged with larceny and burglary, and being a fugitive from justice in Boston; Communication from Mr. Swartwout, relative to the late Benjamin Birdsall; Commercial, Marine, Theatrical, Judicial and Miscellaneous Affairs, &c.

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Now, if there be one sane man in New York who believes that the clouds of dust which obscured the sky in Broadway last week, would have suffered the slightest perceptible diminution from a sprinkling with a watering pot filled at each hydrant, and emptied, drop by drop, in advance of the sweepers, we abandon the discussion.

We might rest here, were it not, as we said above, that our purpose is not to defend Arcularius, but to bring to view the real objects against which our reforming energies ought to be directed.

The Canal Enlargement.—Mr. Cooley has not travelled to Egypt for nothing. Almost any man's ideas are enlarged by the Pyramids, except the man who saw them and thought they were very much out of repair.

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Arrival of the El Dorado. SAFETY OF THE STEAMSHIP UNION—TWO DAYS LATER FROM CUBA.

The El Dorado brings the gratifying intelligence of the safety of the steamship Union, which had returned to Aspinwall to repair. She had broken her crank pin.

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