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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

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THEATRE REPERTORY—DANIEL AND THEATRE.

The News from California—Cheering Accounts from the Mines.

The general depression which seems to be present to paralyze all our commercial and financial operations, arising as much perhaps from local causes as from the reaction of the influence governing the European markets, will be in some degree relieved by the cheering nature of the intelligence just received from California.

In fact at no period of the annals of mining adventure in the Golden State, have the accounts from all parts of the mines presented more flattering prospects, whilst the old diggings are far from being exhausted; new veins and deposits are continually being discovered in other situations, some of them not only rivaling, but even surpassing in productiveness any that had previously been laid bare.

The stories told of the unmitigated richness of that ridge of the Nevada, of which the Iowa Hill forms a part, would appear fabulous but for the accuracy of the sources from whence the information is derived.

None of the numerous companies engaged in penetrating the ridge have failed in meeting with a success exceeding their most sanguine expectations. In a single week the Jamison company alone took out upwards of \$15,000.

In the meantime new towns and settlements are springing up with marvellous rapidity along the whole line of mountainous district thus fortunately distinguished.

At Forest City, Iowa City, Minnesota, Smith's Diggings, Campville, New Orleans Flat, and other favored spots, the influx of population is so great that hundreds are reduced to the same straits as regards accommodation that attended the labors of the first adventurers in these districts.

The results are, however, so encouraging, that but few complaints are heard. This, it is true, is in some degree owing to the less harassing and unhealthy character of the mining operations carried on in this quarter.

Tannelling and shafting have been substituted for the precarious and fatiguing search after the deposits left in the beds of the mountain streams, and the miner is no longer subjected to the vicissitudes caused by too great or too short a supply of water—his labors being now directed by the more certain and unerring indications of geological science, and pursued under conditions more favorable to health.

Whilst, however, the mining and industrial portion of the community are enjoying the advantages arising from this improved state of things, the mercantile classes are still suffering from the effects of that immoderate thirst for speculation which even the severest reverses have failed to check.

Although the markets are hopelessly glutted with merchandise, the importations still continue to present a ridiculous disproportion to the actual wants and demands of the country, and foreign consignments are consequently either disposed of at a ruinous sacrifice, or returned at a heavy loss to their owners.

This is more especially the case with cereal productions, lumber, and other articles, of which the State grows more than is necessary for her own consumption. In such a state of things it is not surprising that whilst other interests are prospering, the commercial classes should derive little or no benefit from causes that usually have a favorable influence upon their operations.

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During the first term of Washington's administration, the opposition to the measures and supposed objects of the federal party was organized under the name of the republican party, under the leadership of Jefferson, Madison, and other Southern statesmen, aided by a considerable number of democrats or republicans in the Northern States.

The following was the result of the Presidential election of 1792-3:—Washington, 132 (unanimous); Adams, 77; Clinton, 50; Jefferson, 4; Burr, 1. Washington and Adams were therefore re-elected.

In addition to the votes of the Northern States, except New York, and including fourteen of the fifteen votes of Pennsylvania, Mr. Adams received the votes of Delaware, Maryland, and South Carolina, which three were the only Southern States in which the federal party at any time obtained a majority at Presidential elections.

The third Presidential election on the retirement of Gen. Washington in 1796, was decidedly sectional in its character. The Northern States generally rallying in the support of Mr. Adams as the successor of Gen. Washington, and the South supporting Mr. Jefferson.

The federal party agreed on John Adams of Massachusetts, and Thomas Pinckney of South Carolina, as their candidates for President and Vice President; the republicans were unanimous in the support of Mr. Jefferson for President, but did not as a party fix upon any individual as their candidate for Vice President.

The present aspect of politics in the United States and the general breaking up of old political parties, with the threatening character of the Nebraska question and other issues connected with slavery and free soil, lead to the conclusion that the election of President in 1856 will assume a decidedly sectional character.

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