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THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.

WISE'S SUCCESS CONSIDERED CERTAIN.

The following are our latest despatches:—

WASHINGTON, May 27, 1855.

Seventy-five counties heard from give Wise about 6,000 majority, being an American gain over the last Presidental election of nearly 1,600. The sixty-two counties yet to come in gave, at the last election, 450 democratic majority. The Americans here claim that Wise's present majority is 4,300. They give up everything, however—Congressmen, as well as State officers.

The outrageous conduct of the persons who disturbed the meeting of the friends of Mr. Wise last night is universally condemned by both parties.

The election excitement still continues, but no definite returns have been received to-day. The Know Nothings are still clinging to the hope that Flournoy is elected.

BALTIMORE, May 27, 1855.

We have nothing further yet from Virginia, except a rumor from Washington that Flournoy has received some tremendous majorities; but we can ascertain nothing definite.

THE FEELING IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 26, 1855.

There is but little news of interest here, outside of the intense election excitement which has prevailed for the last two days, and that is rapidly cooling down, as the despatches arrive announcing Wise's election to the chief executive chair of Virginia. Up to this morning, both parties claimed the victory, and some little betting continued, at about three to one on Wise; but this afternoon, all parties seem to admit that the Old Dominion has dishonored the draft drawn upon her by the American party, and stands now where she stood in 1840, as firm as her own blue hills, in defence of her ancient faith.

A grand serenade is being prepared this evening for the benefit of the successful candidate, and Mr. Wise is expected to harangue the masses on the occasion. If the official result shall confirm the present impressions, Mr. Wise will have more proudly triumphed than any candidate who ever ventured into the political arena. Braving not only the united opposition of the whig and Know Nothing parties, he had also to meet and overcome a thousand prejudices—strong, powerful prejudices—growing out of the fact that he had been the most unrelenting and unscrupulous persecutor and abuser of the great democratic party, upon whose generous support he now relied for success. Under these circumstances he entered the field, declaring at the same time that "he had no recantations to make"—and by the power of his own indomitable perseverance and untiring energy, he has surmounted all obstacles, and triumphed in a contest which at first appeared hopeless. Let no political aspirant hereafter despair, whatever may have been his tergiversations.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

[From the Richmond Whig (K N) May 25.]

We have returns from only a few places, but we have the gratification of announcing that the American party has made large and material gains. We have not done as well as we ought to have done in this city, but from all other portions of the State from which we have heard the prospect is most flattering. Of course it is impossible to form any decided opinion from the returns before us. We indulge, however, the confident hope of the success of our State ticket. This anticipation is justified by the flattering returns published under our telegraphic head. A few days will decide the result. Till then we may only indulge the pleasing expectation that the glorious Old Dominion has redeemed herself. For the present we may congratulate ourselves on the favorable exhibit of the polls so far as heard from. The prospect is certainly a good one. Every Virginia patriot will unite with us in the hope that it may be realized.

[From the Richmond Enquirer (Administration) May 24.]

The returns so far are not sufficiently full and distinct to warrant any positive statement of the result. The triumphant election of Wise, however, is indicated beyond a doubt. In 1851 Johnson beat Summers in Eastern Virginia more than five thousand votes. We can afford a considerable reduction from this amount, and yet be assured of success. Pierce's majority in the west exceeded twelve thousand. The west will do its whole duty in this emergency. It will give Wise a majority at least equal to Pierce's. Returns from the west will no be received before Monday. Wait until the west speaks

[From the Richmond Enquirer, May 26.]

The returns continue to come in most gloriously From the South west and the Valley we receive accounts which exceed our most sanguine expectations. The election of Wise by an unprecedented majority is conceded even by Know Nothings. All the democratic candidates for Congress are undoubtedly returned. The Legislature is certainly safe.

[From the Washington Union (Administration), May 26.]

About one-fourth of the whole State has been heard from, and although most of the returns come to us in an imperfect shape and in a few instances from irresponsible sources, sufficient is now known to warrant the confident belief of the triumphant election of Henry A. Wise as Governor of Virginia. It is now merely a question of majorities. In making estimates and predictions, the reader should bear in mind that the returns from the western counties of Virginia cannot be received in this city before Monday or Tuesday next.

[From the Washington Intelligencer (whig), May 26.]

The returns which have come to hand of the elections in Virginia are sufficiently numerous and sufficiently accurate, we presume, to show that Mr. Wise is elected Governor of that State—we will not undertake to say by what majority, as that would be at present mere guess work. A few days will advise us.

[From the Washington Sentinel, (hard shell organ), May 26.]

Words cannot express the intense interest which was felt here on Thursday in the Virginia election. Men, women and children, alike, shared in it. In the afternoon the excitement became still more intense. The telegraph and newspaper offices were crowded. The streets were dotted with groups of anxious inquirers after news. The telegraph was too slow for the universal impatience. Indeed, the telegraph was rendered inoperative by a thunder-cloud that came up most inopportunely, and disappointment sat on every face. The anxiety here was but a type of the anxious solicitude that pervadec the whole nation. At the extreme north, as well as at the extreme south, the same restless impatience was felt. There was not, perhaps, a telegraph office in the United States that was not thronged with anxious inquirers. The same state of things existed yesterday. It increased towards night. The impatience became painful. All this is a tribute to old Virginia; and though Virginians ourselves, we must say, a deserved tribute.

One thing was observable. It was that the Know Nothings were dull, flat, and out of spirits. They seemed to feel, notwithstanding their former clamorous boastings, and notwithstanding the fact that no decisive news was received, that they were beaten. It has been said, when great battles are fought on which depend the fate of nations, people at a great distance catch up an instinctive premonition of the result. So it was here on Thursday afternoon. There was an all-pervading premonition of the success of Wise, and the Virginia democracy.

It may be—we hate to contemplate so revolting a contingency—that Wise and the Virginia democracy have been beaten. We say it may be—for our anxiety is so great, and our aversion to bragging so strong, that we will not claim the success of the democracy until we know of it.

If beaten, Virginia will be in eclipse. If successful, Virginia will be effulgent, triumphant, and imposing. She will shine with a new lustre. Her democracy have had to battle with an amalgamation of old and new enemies—with all that is heretical in religion, and unsound in politics. Under a new name, with a new organization, and hitherto unknown tactics, all who oppose democracy have united in a boastful organization. They have presumed upon the triumphs of their affiliated organizations at the North, and their blacklegs and gamblers have been betting upon the same success at the South. They have sought to make the elections in Virginia a sort of game of faro, at which none but gamblers could win.

What the result is we cannot yet determine. Our earnest hope and firm belief is that the democrats are triumphant. We publish below such returns as we have received. It is needless to speculate on them. The precise result of the election will not perhaps, be known until Sunday or Monday. When assured that Virginia is safe, and democracy triumphant, then we will lift up our voice in joy and gratulation.

[From the Washington Organ (Know Nothing organ), May 26.]

The few returns received down to the time our paper goes to press do not authorize us to express any decided opinion on the general result. We are disappointed in the votes reported from Richmond and from Norfolk, as we had been led to believe that the American majorities in those towns would have been much larger and more decisive. It is true that Mr. Wise loses in those places nearly five hundred upon the vote given there to Gen. Pierce, and about four hundred upon the vote given to Governor Johnson. His loss also in Chesterfield upon Pierce's vote is nearly three hundred. In Petersburg, he loses over 200; in Alexandria, about 400; in Campbell county, nearly 400; in Culpepper, 264; and in Ohio county, 382, on Pierce's vote. Corresponding losses throughout the State would leave him in a hopeless minority. But will there be corresponding losses?

We hear a rumor that the Washington *Union* received a despatch this morning, from Richmond, to the purport that several counties on the south side of James river had given Mr. Wise some eight or nine hundred votes increase upon General Pierce's majorities. If this be so, it is ominous of Flournoy's defeat, but we do not believe a word of the statement, for the plain reason that we consider it impossible those counties could have been heard from, at Richmond, early this morning. Another day will elucidate this point. No returns have as yet come in from the west, except from Ohio and Marshall counties, where our gains are large, and probably no further reliable information will be gained from that section for two or three days. So far as we have any reliable information, we see nothing to justify the belief that the American party has been defeated in Virginia.

But, suppose we have been defeated, what then? More than one, aye, more than two Presidents have been elected without the vote of Virginia.

The Metropolitan Police.

THE MORAL OF THE REVIEW OF SATURDAY.

The grand review that took place in the Park on Saturday, and of which no account was given in yesterday's HERALD, has been the subject of no little attention and comment. And well it might be, for it has proved we have a power in our midst which has grown up imperceptibly, but surely, that is now capable of coping successfully with the crime and disorder of this great metropolis. Henceforth there is no danger, no matter what exigencies arise, of a riot similar to that which occurred at Astor place, or such as those that have from time to time, disgraced our city. The efficiency of our policemen would check any such disturbance in its incipient stages; and even if a mob of five hundred men should assemble with an evil of intent, fifty policemen with their batons could march right through them, and disperse them with ease.

The fact is indisputable that the adoption of the uniform has been the means of making our police department what it is. Before its adoption there was no discipline, no order, no disposition on the part of the men to do their duty, nor had they that great stimulus to activity, a spirit of rivalry between the respective companies or the members of the different corps. Now this feeling is rife in the department, and the course of Mayor Wood in establishing public awards for marked acts of bravery in the performance of duty is calculated to increase and intensify this feeling. We may expect that in a few years we will have, in proportion to numbers, as many sharp detectives in our police as similar departments in Paris and London now boast. Already we have men who compare favorably with the best of them; but they are few in number; nor have the police arrangements heretofore been such as to train men properly for great proficiency in thief catching.

It is now conceded by good judges that our police, taken as an efficient active force for the suppression of crime, are inferior only to the police of London and Paris. The latter named have had so much practice in their vocation that it will take some time before our officers will excel or even equal them in adroitness and efficiency.

The police are now regularly drilled under command of Sergeant Major Ricard, and measures are now afoot to introduce additional interest in the drilling exercise, by forming volunteer companies among the men for practice in the use of the baton. The members of the Eighth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Ward Police are about to form into a volunteer company, with officers of their own choosing, to drill, and also to hold themselves in readiness to perform extra duty, should any great emergency arise calling for their services. This is a most commendable effort on their part, and merits the approbation of the press and the public.

PARADE OF THE POLICE OF THE EIGHTH, FOURTEENTH, AND FIFTEENTH WARDS.

After the review in the Park on Saturday, the Eighth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Ward police, commanded respectively by Captains Turnbull, Kisner, and Dilks, had a parade of their own, to show our citizens what they could do in the way of marching. They passed through the Bowery, Astor place, and Broadway, and excited no little attention by their admirable drill. They then proceeded to Lafayette Hall, where they partook of a dinner, and listened to speeches from Alderman J. Barker, Councilman Ridder, and others.

We are informed that these three companies are soon to have a review of their own in the Park, when they will go through the baton exercise, and prove their skill in the use of that effective weapon. The exhibition will be a novel one, and will no doubt attract a large audience.

The Turf.

CENTREVILLE COURSE, L. I.—TROTTING.

The second match between Centreville and Lantern came off on Saturday afternoon. The previous race occurred on Monday last. Each one was for $2,000—the first two mile heats, the second mile heats, best three in five, in harness. Lantern won in the first instance, and Centreville in the second.

As little is known by the public concerning Lantern—these matches marking his first appearance in public—it may not be out of place to say something about him. He was bred in Andalusia, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and sired by Bashaw, the half brother of Andrew Jackson and Saladin, the three most noted sons of Old Bashaw. Andrew Jackson was probably the most celebrated of this family, having sired the famous stallions Black Hawk and Kemble Jackson. Saladin was the sire of the well known Philadelphia Sal and Charlotte Temple, and died about two years ago. Bashaw, the only living one of the three brothers, has probably sired more good trotters than any horse America ever produced, not excepting the famous Abdallah. He is now living, and maintains his pristine vigor even in his old age, and bids fair to be the sire of many a good trotter yet; while his progeny now far outnumbers that of any eastern bashaw. He has been a perfect Turk, and should have been a sultan at least. Bashaw, the origin of this great family of trotters, is claimed by his owners, Mr Weaver and Mr. Saml. McCracken, to have been the sire of the great Lady Suffolk, notwithstanding the prevailing opinion that she was by Engineer, a horse who was never known to have produced a trotter. Engineer, Suffolk's reputed sire, was a horse of no character, until Lady Suffolk became famous, and then his owners, to establish a fame for Engineer, claimed for him the paternity of Lady Suffolk. The appearance and style of Lady Suffolk resembled so much that of the Bashaw family, that persons unacquainted with her recognized her at first sight as a Bashaw. A beautiful specimen of a Bashaw filly, out of a Monmouth Eclipse mare, may now be seen in the stables of Joel Cenahin, on Long Island. At some future day we will say more of this fine stock of horses, in an article giving a general history of the horse, and a biography of the most prominent animals of this country.

Lantern is a very promising young horse, with a fine, open, trotting gait, his carcase apparently lacking in substance; but his limbs show very prominent muscular developements. He requires nothing but age and judicious management to make him one of the very best horses in the country.

Centreville is a noted horse, and a very peculiar one. He is a great-grandson of old Bashaw—one of the family. He was sired by Henry Clay, he by Andrew Jackson, and he by Bashaw. His peculiarities undoubtedly come from the maternal side, as did those of Philadelphia Sal. He is a very fast horse when himself and up to the mark in condition, which is certainly not the case at present. He is a horse that requires a great deal of food, whether at work or play; and appears to have been sadly neglected during the past winter. He requires more care in his food, management, and training, than any other horse that we are acquainted with; and this fact alone, to say nothing of his temper, makes him an unsafe horse for any sporting man to own.

In the two mile race, as we have previously stated, Lantern won. It appeared to be no effort on his part, although Centreville came out ahead in the first mile of each heat. The time, it is true, was nothing to speak of; but it was generally supposed by the majority of the spectators that Lantern was kept back with a view of creating a belief that Centreville could beat him at mile heats. The result of the second race does not seem to confirm this opinion, for Centreville was never headed in it, having taken the track immediately on starting, and retaining it to the end. The time was also much quicker. Centreville was unfit for the two mile contest; but he appeared at home in the second race, although many thought him too weak to get through it, and were betting one hundred to twenty-five on Lantern after Centreville had won the first heat, which was thought to have been lost by the driver of Lantern holding the powers of Centreville too lightly. If that heat had not been lost, the result might have been otherwise. These horses are again matched for mile heats, and will go in October next, when both will be in better condition, and an exciting contest may be looked for. The time made in the last race was 2:36¾—2:34¾—2:37¼.

Naval Intelligence.

OUR NAVAL CORRESPONDENCE.

SHANGHAE, March 9, 1855.

The United States steam frigate Powhatan, which arrived here a short time back, brings the American Japan treaty duly certified, in charge of Commander H. A. Adams, who proceeds overland to Washington by next mail. The Powhatan relieves the Vandalia, which goes to Hong Kong to recruit and refit. The Vandalia has been lying off the foreign settlement over nine months, rendering great aid and comfort to the American interests. Her officers and men have been on constant duty, and have been much harrassed. The Powhatan remains at Shanghae to guard the American property till further orders.

John D. Storms, fireman, a native of Coharie county, Ohio, died on board of the Powhatan at Simoda, February 24, of typhus fever. He was buried on shore in the American burying ground, and a handsome monument erected over his remains by his messmates.

The Powhatan's officers are—Wm. J. McCluney, Post-captain, Commanding; R. B. Pegram, Henry Rolando, J. W. Bennett, B. S. Lowry, J. Carter, Lieutenants; C. D. Maxwell, Surgeon; J. C. Eldredge, Purser, Ed. Y. McCauley, Master; G. Sewell, Chief Engineer; A. Shriver, Assistant Surgeon; J. H. Jones, Lieut Marines, (on guard at American Hongs, Canton;) J. Faron, G. Gideon, Wm. H. King, H. Fantz, Le Roy Arnold, Mortimer Kellog, Assistant Engineers; Wm. Whiting, Boatswain; T. Roach, Gunner; J. O. Butler, Carpenter; G. Parker, Sailmaker; M. Dudley, S. Craig, Clerks. The Vandalia's are—J. Pope, Commander; T. R. Rootes, Wm. B. Whiting, A. Barbot, G. V. Denniston, Lieutenants; J. J. Mason, Surgeon; T. H. Harwood, Purser; E. F. Gray, Master; S. Freeland, Assistant Surgeon; Jacob Reed, Lieut. Marines; E. B. Beil, Boatswain, T. R. Wilson, Gunner; T. V. Butt, Carpenter; W. Brampton Sailmaker.

The Macedonian was at Canton.

The health of the crew of the Powhatan was not good. She has a constant large sick list. David Fox, of Providence, R. I., marine musician, aged 54 years, thirty-eight years in the service, died on board the Powhatan, March 2. Was buried at sea.

Jose Julio Martin de Gosseo has been recognized by the President as Vice Consul of Spain for the port of Savannah, and Jose Munez as Vice Consul of Spain for the port of Boston.

Dramatic and Musical Matters.

At the ACADEMY OF MUSIC the artists of the La Grange troupe have given "Lucia" twice, and "Ernani" once, to full and appreciative audiences. The principal artists—Mme La Grange, Signor Mirate and Signor Morelli—have made a most favorable impression on the public, and their season will doubtless be a profitable one to all concerned. Every department of the Academy is now well directed. "Ernani" is to be given again this evening, with La Grange, Mirate, Morelli and Marini in the principal parts.

At the BROADWAY THEATRE, Mr. Davenport and Miss F. Vining have concluded their prolonged engagement. Mr. Davenport had a full house for his benefit on Friday night, and, being called before the curtain, said, in substance, "that he was heartily grateful for the golden favors showered upon him. During this engagement the public had bestowed upon his efforts to delineate some of the characters of the divine Shakspere a meed of approval which was the more gratifying as it was unexpected. In return for this great kindness, he had endeavored to make himself worthy of their esteem by throwing his whole soul into those personations, and that he had succeeded the plaudits then ringing in his ears were a sufficiently gratifying proof. He considered that they had called him to a high position in the dramatic world, and so long as he had their support and approval would endeavor to merit their partiality. He desired also to return his sincere thanks to the leading journals of this city, which had so ably seconded the public in encouraging him in his efforts." Throughout his address he was very warmly applauded.

This week, at the Broadway theatre, will be devoted to sick benefits. To-night Mme. Ponisi has her annual benefit, and puts up Shield's tragedy of "Evadne," and Morton's capital comedy, "All that Glitters is not Gold." The beneficiary and Mr. Conway play the principal parts in both pieces.

On Wednesday, at this house, the Misses Gougenheim take their benefit, which will also be their farewell for the present of the New York stage. With the exception of one season in Philadelphia, the Misses Gougenheim have acted in this city ever since their arrival in America, a period of nearly five years, we believe. Their fame has been made here, and the Broadway audience will not forget this appeal from two of its prime favorites. The bill includes "Masks and Faces," with Miss J. Gougenheim as Peg Woffington, and the capital farce "Ladies Beware." We expect to see a great muster of "Young New York" at the Broadway on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Conway has a benefit on Friday, when Mr. Bailey's tragedy, "Waldemar," will be played. It was produced several years ago at the Park.

Mr. La Manna, the popular *chef d'orchestre*, has his benefit on Saturday evening next. Miss Rosalie Durand, said to be a vocalist of ability, will make her *début* at the Broadway on this occasion.

At BURTON'S THEATRE, this evening, Mr George Jordan, the popular light comedian of the theatre, takes his benefit, when "Dombey and Son" and "The Comedy of Errors" will be played. It will be a capital entertainment. Burton plays two of his best parts—Jordan does the immortal Mr. Toots, and Mr. H. Hall has volunteered to play brother Dromio to Mr. Burton. On Tuesday, Mr. G. Holland appears.

At the METROPOLITAN THEATRE, Mrs Yoemans, a clever actress, took her farewell benefit on Saturday. We believe that she is going to California. There was only a moderate house. The comedy of "Married Life" was very fairly played, and the part of Henry Dove was exceedingly well acted by Mr. J. S. Clarke, a stranger here. Mr. Clarke has the elements of a capital comedian, and his only fault is a disposition to over-act. The first part of "King Henry Fourth" has been produced here with Mr. Hackett as Falstaff. Also the ballet "La Peri," with Soto as Nourmahal. Miss Jessie McLean, whose *début* in Juliana last winter will be remembered, has played Kate O'Brien in "Perfection." With the necessary discipline in the business of the stage, Miss McLean will be a capital *comedienne*. She is youthful, beautiful and accomplished. Her vocal powers are of a high order.

The present is announced as the last week of the season at the Metropolitan. "King Henry IV." will be played, Mr. Hackett as Falstaff; and the afterpiece is a farce called "Mesmerism." "Masaniello" will be played to morrow night.

At WALLACK'S THEATRE, this evening, "Old Heads and Young Hearts," with Mr. Blake's inimitable Jesse Rural, is the principal attraction.

On Tuesday evening this house will be closed, as the Wallack testimonial at the Academy takes place on that night. The programme for this affair will be found in our amusement columns this morning. We do not remember any previous occasion in this country where the efforts of so many eminent artists were combined for one object. There were scores of other volunteers whose services could not be made available, unless two more performances were given. A very large number of seats have already been taken, and the affair will be a brilliantly successful one. Mr. Wallack deserves the compliment.

THE ENGLISH OPERA at Niblo's Garden bids fair to flourish. This evening Auber's opera, "The Crown Diamonds," is announced, with Miss Louisa Pyne, Miss Pyne and Mr. Harrison in the leading characters. Miss L. Pyne will introduce Rode's air and variations as a *finale* to the opera.

At the BOWERY THEATRE "The Seven Temptations" has reached its fifth week, and it is still attractive. It will be played this evening; also, "The Lonely Man of the Ocean." On Wednesday, Mr. R. Jones, the capable stage manager, has a benefit.

At the AMERICAN MUSEUM, the dramatic selections for this afternoon and evening include the drama called "The Lonely Man of the Ocean" and two pleasant farces.

At WOOD'S MINSTRELS, 472 Broadway, at Buckley's, 539 Broadway, and at Perham's, 663 Broadway, excellent bills are announced for this evening.

DRAMATIC GOSSIP.—Burton's theatre will close on Saturday for the season, but it is said that part of the company, including the manager, will play at Niblo's during the summer. Wallack's theatre will close on Tuesday night week for the season. On Thursday Mrs. Hoey, a capital actress, has a benefit, on which occasion Mme. Krollman, Mrs. Hoey's sister, will make her *début* in New York, and sing an air from "Linda." Mrs. Hoey ought to have a bumper. Mr. Charles Walcot is engaged at Wallack's theatre. Mr. H. Placide will also act there. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Conway are engaged at the Arch street theatre next season. Mr. Charles Fisher and Mr. Hield are engaged at the Broadway theatre next season. Mr. Davidge, Mme. Ponisi and Mrs. Abbott are re-engaged, it is said. Mr. F. S. Chanfrau arrived in town on Saturday, after successful Western engagements, and plays for Mr. S. Jones' benefit at the Bowery on Wednesday. Mrs. M. Jones will also appear on this occasion. Mr. J. Bennett and Mr. Pauncefort, members of the Boston theatre company, arrived in town on Saturday. It was their first appearance in the metropolis of the United States, as they came direct from England to Boston. Mr. W. B. Moore, the capable treasurer of Wallack's, has a benefit on Saturday. The *habitués* of this popular house will not forget him. Mr. George Jordan, of Burton's, is going to Cleveland, Ohio, to play a star engagement, opening on Monday next as Rover, in "Wild Oats." Our Western friends will find him a capital light comedian. Mr. Buckland will shortly open the Montreal theatre; Mr. F. Conway, Mr. H. Hall, Mr. Davidge and other popular artists are engaged to play there during the season. *On dit*, that a well known *litterateur*, dramatic author and amateur actor, enlisted in the army as a "high private," last week; causes of the rash act depression of spirits and a financial crisis. The new recruit had a commission in our army in Mexico.

BOSTON.—The Academy *troupe* had a crowded house for the "Borgia" on Friday night. Singularly enough it drew twice as many people as "William Tell." The cast was the same as at the Academy—Steffanone, Vestvali, Brignoli, Badiali and Colletti. The *Traveller* says:—

The representation was exceedingly good, and the *tout ensemble* was, to our thinking, even more enjoyable, and made a more lasting, deeper impression than when given by the Grisi *troupe*. Then the music had to give way in a measure to the two great *renommées*, whereas, last evening the artists were not so very celebrated as to divert the attention of the audience from everything but their own individual selves.

And the *Journal* remarks—

We have no hesitation in saying that last night's performance of this opera was as good in all respects as any ever witnessed in this city. Lucrezia was finely represented by Steffanone, the passionate character of the *rôle* giving her fine scope for dramatic action, which she took advantage of. The "Com'e bello" and "M'odi ah M'odi" were sweetly sung by her, and elicited much applause. Vestvali's handsome face and graceful person created as much sensation as her excellent action and singing, and we may safely assert that the *rôle* of Orsini was never better filled, in all respects, than on this occasion. The famous drinking song, "Il segreto," received good treatment from this beautiful and accomplished artist, and was warmly applauded. Brignoli has a rare voice, of good compass, and when he chooses can bring down the house.

The *Transcript* has the following in relation to Vestvali and Brignoli, who made their *début* in Boston on this occasion:—

Vestvali played Orsini. Those who have been in the habit of seeing this class of contralto parts filled by females, who in garb of gallant cavaliers still bear stamped on every feature the lineaments of womanhood, have yet a great enjoyment in store for them. Vestval must be seen to be appreciated. There is a dignity in her presence, a freedom from the awkwardness which too often destroys the whole effect of such a character, and a genuine *bonhommie* never overstepping the bounds of the strictest modesty, which made her appearance as Orsini a new pleasure. Fame has not outrun the reality in regard to her beauty. She gave the music of her part better than we had expected, her personal graces having been lauded to such an extent, that we derived the impression she was not much of a singer. She was encored in the drinking song in spite of a manifest disinclination to repeat it. From the enthusiasm her first appearance created, and her evident power to retain the good will of her auditors, we predict for her a place among our established favorites. Brignoli, the new tenor, made quite a sensation. He has a very agreeable voice, not of much power, and in quality of tone strongly resembling that of Mario; particularly in the dying scene was this noticeable, and his method is good.

The theatres in Boston are not doing much. Mr. G. Jamison has been playing at the Museum, and is liked. Miss L. Howard and Mr. H. Farren are playing at the Howard Athenæum. They have produced Mr. Tom Taylor's play, "Plot and Passion." Mr. Farren played Desmarets, Robson's part. At the Boston, Mr. Barry has produced "The King's Rival," written by T. Taylor and C. Reade, for Mrs. Seymour, when she opened the St. James theatre, London, last year. It is founded on Charles the Second's flirtation with "La Belle Stewart," and was a failure in London. Miss C. Crampton is still playing at the National. We have a telegraphic despatch anent the opera, which says:—

"Il Trovatore" is announced for Monday night, and every seat has already been taken.

Mr. Harry Etynge will manage the Howard Athenæum next season. M'lle Nau and Mr. St. Albyn sailed from Boston last week, for Liverpool.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Walnut street theatre has relied upon its stock company the past week. The Arch continues prosperous, and the Museum has had as its star the popular tragedian Mr. J. B. Roberts. This gentleman was presented with a sword on Monday evening last by his friends and admirers.

BUFFALO.—Mr. and Mrs. Florence commence an engagement here to-night. Parodi gave a concert here last Saturday.

DETROIT.—Mr. W. R. Goodall, after a protracted and severe illness, has resumed his profession, appearing on the evening of the 7th inst. as Claude Melnotte, supported by Susan Denin as Pauline. Mr. C. W. Couldock is now playing at this theatre.

CLEVELAND.—The Athenæum opens to-night, with Miss Charlotte Wyette as the first star. She is to be followed by George Jordan; and manager Burton, it is said, will play an engagement there of a few nights.

ALBANY.—The Green street theatre is open. M'lle. Maria Duret was playing there last week. Miss Margaret Mitchell has finished an engagement and goes hence to Boston.

ST. LOUIS.—Mrs. Charles Howard is playing at the People's theatre to full houses. Mrs. Julia Rayne is at Bates' theatre. One of the papers says:—"Her tour to Europe has been abandoned. After fulfilling a few more engagements she finally quits the stage."

MOBILE.—Mrs. Stuart, an actress of considerable reputation at the South and West, died at Mobile on the 14th inst. She has occasionally played at the North, and was once a member of the Park company. Her maiden name was Vos.

SAN FRANCISCO.—D. C. Anderson, Wilder, and Mrs. Kent had joined the corps at the Metropolitan, San Francisco; also, W. H. Hamilton. Leach had gone to the American. The Sacramento theatre has fallen into the hands of Venua, King & Ryer. Capt. Burton's command, stationed at the mission of San Diego, had been giving amateur performances. "Bleak House" had been adapted for the Metropolitan by Geo. Loder. Estelle Potter and Neafie were at Marysville. Miss Davenport was at Stockton; she returns home in June. The Chapmans were at Placerville, where two amateurs, Messrs. Westlake and Boustell, had made palpable hits. A Miss Helen Vaux had made her *début* in Sacramento. Mr. Josh Silsbee had closed an unsuccessful engagement at the Metropolitan.

FOREIGN.—There is nothing novel in the late London papers. The subscription in aid of the youngest children of Sir Henry Bishop had reached a comfortable sum. The benefit was to take place at Covent Garden on the 18th. The Adelphi, the Lyceum, and the Princess's were closed. Susini had appeared at the Drury Lane opera in "Don Pasquale," and was liked. Sims Reeves, and others, are giving English opera at the Haymarket. The Athenæum says of Graziani:—

The new baritone possesses one of the most mellifluous voices with which mortal was ever blessed; but he has much of the singer's art to learn, as regards accent, verve, and the power of advantageously displaying his rare gifts. Perhaps, like Madame Rosio, he may profit by his being compelled here and in Paris to study other music and another manner of execution than such as warm and enchant a public in Italy.

And again:—

It does not rain so much as "pour" opera speculations just now. Besides what is going on in Covent Garden, Drury Lane, the Haymarket and the Strand, where Miss Rebecca Isaacs keeps alive a sort of guerilla opera, the Lyceum theatre now bears on "its frontispiece" an invitation from Madame and M. Thillon to the public, to come and see the lady take leave of the stage in a series of representations. We cannot suppose that Madame Thillon, in these, professes to take leave of public life; since, though time is time, her time of retreat should not yet have arrived.

Signor Bottesini has arrived from America. Among other arrivals for the season may be mentioned that of Mrs. Escott, the American lady who has, we have more than once mentioned, sung during a season or two at Naples in light opera with success. Madame Fiorentini has also returned to the Old World.

At a recent sale in London a renowned Stradaurius violin brought the high price of £200, and the well-known violoncello of the late Sir W. Curtis was disposed of for £100.

An English company, under the direction of Mr. James Wallack, is about to proceed to Paris, and will, it is said, commence a series of dramatic performances on the 21st inst. at the Theatre Ventadour.

Mr. C. Mathews, and others of his Lyceum company, have engaged themselves with Mr. Smith at Drury Lane, to appear there in autumn. Mr. C. Mathews to act a stage manager.

Madame Doche was playing in Dumas' "Le Demir Monde," at Brussels.

Miss Catherine Hayes gave her first concert at Singapore, East Indies, on the 16th of March last.

Williamsburg City News.

A FEMALE IN THE CONFIDENCE BUSINESS.—On Saturday afternoon, Mr Hess, butcher, at the corner of Graham avenue and Wyckoff street, was robbed of $200, under circumstances of an aggravating nature. About ten days since, a young German woman, having an infant in her arms, called at the shop of Mr. Hess, and asked to be directed to the residence of a Mr. Myers, a grocery-man. On receiving the information she left, but subsequently returned, and said that he was not the man she was looking for; and, further, that she came over to solicit aid from Mr. Myers, with whom she was acquainted, having arrived in New York penniless, and consequently had to leave her luggage as security for her board. Mr. Hess took compassion upon the poor woman, and offered her an asylum under his own roof for the present. The woman remained there until Saturday, when taking advantage of the absence of Mrs. Hess, she stole the money from a bureau drawer in an upper room, and absconded. On inquiry yesterday, it was ascertained that the stories told by the woman in regard to her baggage were false, and the probability is the affair was a regular confidence game.

TURNVEREINS.—The second anniversary of the Williamsburg Turnvereins is to be celebrated to-day, (Monday.) Early in the morning the members will proceed to the Peck slip ferry, and receive delegations from similar associations from New York. They will also be joined by the Sangerbund and other associations. At Military Hall, in Ewen street, an address will be delivered by the chief of the association. The several societies will then march to Walters' Hotel, on the Newtown plank road, where they will spend the day in gymnastic exercises, instrumental music, and other amusements.

ATTEMPT TO KILL.—A woman, named Anna Suydam, residing in the Fourteenth ward, appeared yesterday at the Fifth district station house, and made complaint against a man residing in the same ward, charging him with assaulting and beating her with a deadly weapon, with intent to kill. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

INSULTING PEOPLE IN THE STREET.—A fair specimen of a loafer, named John McNulty, was arrested late on Saturday night by officer Westerfield, of the Sixth police district, for insulting people on the street. He was yesterday taken before Alderman Eames, and fined $5.

Whitsunday or Whitsuntide.

THE PENTECOSTAL FEAST OF THE HEBREWS.

The Feast of the Pentecost was celebrated yesterday by our Hebrew fellow-citizens, it being the fifteenth day after the seventh of Nisan, which was the second day of the Passover. It is also known as the "feast of weeks," because it is celebrated seven weeks after the feast of unleavened bread. This festival was ordained to allow the Jews an opportunity to acknowledge the authority of the Deity. They repaired to the temples and there made floral and pomona offerings of the first fruits of the harvest to the Most High. They also gave thanks to God for the law which was given them from Mount Sinai on the fifteenth day after their departure from Egypt.

It was the custom to bring a meat offering to the Lord on the morrow after the seventh Sabbath. Each Israelite offered up seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock and two rams, for a burnt offering, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings; also two waive-loaves, of two-tenths deals of fine flour baked with leaven, to accompany them.

During the past week the Hebrews have been celebrating that most important event mentioned in the Old Testament—the reception of the Ten Commandments by Moses on Mount Sinai. This was preparatory to the feast of the Pentecost celebrated yesterday.

Our Roman Catholic population also observed yesterday as a solemn festival, it being the anniversary of the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, as related in the second chapter of Acts.

Police Intelligence.

ARREST OF A STREET PREACHER—HIS COMMITTAL TO THE TOMBS.

Yesterday morning an aged looking man named William Bryan thought proper to address a small crowd of people assembled in the Park on religious matters, without having the necessary license for so doing. As the Mayor had issued strict orders to arrest all street preachers who had no license, an officer was despatched from the Chief's office, who informed Mr. Bryan that his preaching was a disturbance of the peace, and that unless he could produce a license for this kind of public oratory, he could not remain on the steps of the Hall any longer. The preacher, however, insisted on addressing the people, and would not be governed by persuasion at all. So the officer was obliged to conduct his reverence to the Tombs. Here Justice Bogart took the complaint of officer Bloomer, but previous to pronouncing his decision in the case, told the prisoner if he would promise not to go back to continue this street preaching, he would allow him to go at liberty. But the reverend gentleman seemed quite stubborn, declared that he had a perfect right to preach the gospel of Christ just where he pleased, and in conclusion said, in a very emphatic manner, that he would make no promises whatever in relation to the matter, and would sooner be committed to the Tombs than give up his right to preach in the Park or elsewhere on Sundays. The magistrate seeing that Mr. Bryan was determined to go to prison, told him very frankly that as he would not accept the offer of freedom, he would be obliged to send him to the City Prison for a few days, where he might, perhaps, be of some service in preaching to those sinners within that office. The sentence was received with a spirit of the most perfect nonchalance by the prisoner. We understand that the order of the Mayor relative to street preaching during the summer will be vigorously enforced, and all those persisting in the right of preaching without license will be brought before a magistrate and punished for their obstinacy.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

A boy named Patrick McGee, residing at No. 69 James street, was stabbed in the back by some unknown sailor, at a late hour on Saturday night. The wounded youth and the sailor were quarrelling at the time, just in front of the former's house, when the latter, as is alleged, drew his sheath knife and stabbed McGee in the neck, inflicting a dangerous wound. The assailant, on seeing that he had severely wounded McGee, ran off and escaped in the darkness of the night before the alarm had been raised. McGee was conveyed to the New York Hospital, where he now lies, suffering acutely from the effects of the stab. As the assailant is not known it will be a difficult matter for the police to arrest him.

ARREST OF AN ALLEGED BURGLAR.

Yesterday a fellow named John Smith, alias James Gross, was brought before Justice Bogart, at the Lower Police Court, charged with having burglariously entered one of the lodger's rooms at the Eagle Hotel, corner of Frankfort and William streets, with intent to steal there from. Smith was caught in the act by the proprietor of the hotel. Lieutenant Dalton, of the First Ward police, who was in the neighborhood at the time, was called in and took the gentleman into custody. In searching Smith's person, a spurious Mexican dollar, four trunk keys, a door key, two skeleton keys, a nail, piece of candle, half box of matches, and a dirk knife with two blades, were found. Mr. Butsford, the proprietor of the hotel, having preferred a charge of burglary against the prisoner, the magistrate committed him in full for trial.

ANOTHER STABBING CASE.

John Montgomery was arrested yesterday by officer Folger, of the Fourth ward police, charged with having stabbed Charles Lynch, of No. 6 Beekman street, with a carving knife, inflicting a deep gash in his neck. Luckily for the complainant the knife did not sever any of the arteries of the neck, a large flesh wound being the sole result of the stab. The affray was occasioned in consequence of some hard words that took place between the accuser and the accused, relative to the peculiar qualities of some well bred fighting dogs in Water street. Justice Bogart committed the prisoner to the Tombs in default of $500 bail.

CHARGE OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.

William O. Kinzey, proprietor of 319 Eighth avenue, preferred