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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

- WINTER GARDEN, Broadway, opposite Bond street.
LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE, No. 634 Broadway.
NEW BOWERY THEATRE, Bowery.
BARNUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM, Broadway.
REYNOLDS' MINSTRELS, Mechanics' Hall.

THE SITUATION OF AFFAIRS.

While the federal troops continue to fortify the strong positions they have chosen on the heights from Georgetown to Alexandria covering Washington. General Scott is either making preparations for a further advance movement into Virginia, or to meet the rebels should they attempt to advance upon the national capital.

Butler; but when it is convenient to them to violate the law and to plunder the property of the government, and to break up the Union, they repudiate the constitution and the laws of the United States.

The News. The New York arrived at this port yesterday from Bremen and Southampton, bringing the European mails of the 15th of May, passengers, and \$180,000 in specie on freight.

Adelina Patti made a most successful debut in the Royal Italian Opera House of London. Our latest advices from St. Domingo are from the 10th inst. The papers received from there contain nothing but manifestos and declarations from the people of all parts of the ex-republic, breathing loyalty, gratitude and devotion to the Spanish Crown.

Each additional arrival from South America swells the dreadful account of the numbers destroyed by the recent earthquake in the Argentine republic. At first we were told seven or eight thousand, then not less than eleven, and now, by an arrival at Boston from Montevideo, with dates to the 17th ult., we learn that the number destroyed at Mendoza, and several small towns in the neighborhood of that city, cannot be less than 20,000.

The bids for \$250,000 Central Park Improvement Fund Stock were opened yesterday afternoon at the Comptroller's office, when it was ascertained that only two proposals had been offered. One of these was by James Grunhut, for \$5,000 at 100.01, and the other by C. Suydam, for \$5,000 at 85.

The steamship Goatscalkoos anchored at Quarantine last evening, and will take on board Bartlett's Naval Brigade, for Fortress Monroe. The people of Missouri have been assured that the President will not require that State to take sides in the present conflict.

Hon. William G. Brown, Union candidate, is elected to Congress from the Tenth (Wheeling) district of Virginia. Martin F. Conway is the republican candidate for Congress in Kansas.

Jefferson county, Eastern Virginia, voted on the question of secession as follows:—For, 813; against, 365. The camp at Charlottesville, same county, voted:—For secession, 137; against, 10.

The nucleus of a new regiment has been started in Albany, the object being to raise men who are to swear to avenge the death of Colonel Ellsworth and to serve during the war, each town and ward in the State to send one man, to be armed and equipped by private contributions.

Another prize vessel, the Octavia, has been reported to the Prize Commissioners as having been seized. The next term of the Court of Appeals of this State will be held for the hearing of arguments in Albany, on the 11th of June.

lance in workmen's wages. The communication was ordered to be printed in document form. The report of the Committee on Annual Taxes, making additional appropriations, was adopted, with the exception of the item of \$250,000 for the Harlem Bridge, which was referred back to the committee.

The Republican Central Club held their stated weekly meeting at room No. 24 Cooper Institute, at eight o'clock last evening. The announcement that Carl Schurz, the newly appointed American Minister to Spain, would be present and address the meeting, drew together a very large crowd.

The cotton market continued firm yesterday, while the sales embraced about 8,400 bales, in transit, on private terms. We continue to quote lots from store at 14c for middling uplands. Flour was in fair demand, and common and medium grades were rather firm.

The War for the Union—The Work Done and the Work Before Us. Forty days ago the capital of the United States was in such imminent danger that we of the loyal North were prepared to hear at any moment of the expulsion of our federal authorities and the occupation of Washington by a Southern revolutionary force.

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railway junction, some twenty-five miles in the interior. While the rebels hold that junction, they hold a continuous railway communication from Harper's Ferry to Richmond; but with that junction in possession of our government forces, Richmond and Harper's Ferry are cut off from their railway connection, and the rebels between the two extremes will be driven to a roundabout journey, and one or two inconsequential marches on foot, to form a junction with each other.

It is given out, too, that a rebel force of ten thousand men has been concentrated at this Manassas junction to hold it. They appreciate its importance, and as we have no doubt that General Scott does, we shall be somewhat disappointed if there is not a hostile collision at that point before many days are over, or a prudent retreat therefrom of the rebel army.

The News from Europe—Attitude of Great Britain in Relation to American Affairs. Elsewhere will be found a number of interesting extracts from the London journals received by the New York, together with the text of the English Foreign Enlistment act, a brief summary of which we published the other day.

How Extremes Meet—The Disunion Teachings of the Hon. Benjamin Wood and the Hon. Massa Greeley. Under the kindly teachings of the HERALD, the Hon. Massa Greeley has recently exhibited symptoms of humanity, which we trusted would prove an earnest of a slow but sure recovery from the bloodthirsty spirit which he infused into his paper, a few weeks ago.

Unfortunately for England at the present moment, in her relations with this country, her interests and her sentiments are antagonistic. She abhors slavery, but she must have cotton. Five millions of her people are dependent upon the continuance of the supply of the staple article of Southern produce, and its withdrawal would lead to the closing of the Lancashire mills, the starvation of the disbanded operatives, and possibly to riots and even revolution.

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own people. It would be more difficult, of course, to prevent the agents of the Confederate States coming into England and buying up and fitting out ships for such purposes, because such agents would keep their designs secret till the vessels had put to sea. The difficulty, however, which stands most in the way of anything of this kind being done is the scarcity of money in the coffers of the government of Mr. Jeff. Davis, and that of itself will, if we mistake not, be quite sufficient to prevent the equipment to any great extent of piratical craft abroad.

Lord Palmerston looks at American affairs in a fairer light. His advocacy is unmistakably in favor of the non-recognition of the rebellious States in any way, and of a policy of perfect neutrality. All his speeches bear testimony to this, and he has of late lost no opportunity of saying a good word for us as a nation, and, while deploring our present troubles, of expressing an earnest wish that we might soon resume our normal condition.

Louis Napoleon is now watching the progress and awaiting the maturity of British policy towards the United States, in order that, if Great Britain decides upon interference with our blockade, or in any other way engaging in hostilities with the federal government, he may so far profit by it as to assume a directly opposite policy, and while the English navy is occupied in American waters, take advantage of the opportunity for carrying out his projects in Europe.

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THE ENGLISH ANTI-SLAVERY AGITATORS ALARMED AT THEIR WORK.—From a speech delivered in the English Parliament by Lord Brougham, it will be seen that his lordship takes no such cheerful view of the prospects of slave emancipation from civil war in this country as the Tribune and other abolitionist organs entertain. He considers, on the contrary, that the slave trade is likely to receive an additional impetus from the events transpiring here.

Although from this it is evident that his lordship feels satisfied the South will succeed in establishing its independence, his declarations are not the less noteworthy because of the shortsightedness of that conclusion. He utters not a word of regret at the outbreak of civil war between two great sections of the American people, not a word of sorrow at the prospect (to him apparently certain) of the dissolution of a government which had done so much for the cause of human liberty, not a word of speculation on the influence such an event was likely to have on the destinies of oppressed nationalities.

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