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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING. BROADWAY THEATRE, Broadway, near Broome street. SUNDAY NIGHT. LUCY BRUSHMAN'S NEW YORK THEATRE, No. 77 N. W. CORNER OF BROADWAY AND NASSAU STS. WOOD'S THEATRE, Broadway, opposite the St. Nicholas Hotel. TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE, 201 Bowery. GEORGE CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS. SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS. BRANT'S MINSTRELS. MOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE.

New York, Tuesday, January 23, 1866.

THE NEWS.

CONGRESS.

Yesterday's Congressional proceedings were very interesting. In the Senate the first report from the Joint Reconstruction Committee was submitted, consisting of a proposed constitutional amendment, similar to others heretofore suggested in the House of Representatives, to base Congressional representation on the entire number of population, excluding such persons as are by State laws denied the voting privilege on account of race or color.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The European mails, with our newspaper files, by the Asia reached Boston from Halifax yesterday afternoon, and were despatched for this city in the evening. The news is dated to eight o'clock this morning. The news is dated to the 7th of January. Its chief points were embraced in our telegraphic summary from Halifax, published in the HERALD on Sunday.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Both branches of our State Legislature met at seven o'clock last evening. In the Senate the preliminary report of the State census for 1865 was presented and referred to the Apportionment Committee. The bill empowering the managers of the Five Points House of Industry to bind out children, with their consent, was ordered to a third reading.

what amendments are necessary to be made in our present school laws to secure more effectually the education of every child in the State.

REMARKS.

Despatches from Brownsville, Texas, of the 16th inst. give later and more satisfactory details of the capture from the Mexican imperialists, on the 5th, of the town of Bagdad, and indicate the existence of rather delicate relations between the United States and Imperial commanders on the respective sides of the Rio Grande.

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The bill for the relief of the New York Prison Association was presented. Bills were introduced to change the name of the New York Free Academy to New York Free College, to revive and extend the charter of the New York Female Assistance Society, and to authorize the towns on the line of the route to subscribe and hold stock in the New York and Oswego Midland Railroad Company.

that if he desired to hear any argument on the matter he would give twenty-four hours' notice to the respective counsel.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, before Judge Shipman and a jury, William Kane withdrew his plea of not guilty, and pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with having uttered forged vouchers against the United States, and was remanded for sentence. The trial of William Chase Barney, Reginald Chaney and Benjamin F. Fabian, who are accused of having uttered false and forged bonds, with intent to evade payment of tax on about three hundred barrels of alcohol, was postponed till the 30th inst.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The General Term of the Supreme Court will meet for decisions on the 34th of February. Charles Abernethy and Seth B. Hunt brought suits yesterday in the Court of Common Pleas, before Judge Cardozo, against the Society of the Church of the Puritans, to test the right of the latter to sell pews owned in deed by the former for alleged non-payment of taxes. The litigation seems to be a sequel to the political excitement that prevailed in that church a few years ago owing to the peculiar doctrines promulgated from the pulpit by its pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The trial of General Sessions yesterday Samuel B. Vance, charged with setting John H. Payner with a razor, on the 24th of September, pleaded guilty to an assault with a dangerous weapon. John C. Leonard was convicted of an assault and battery on Louis Meyer, of 37 1/2 Bowery, the complainant alleging that he discharged a pistol at him. Emil Gerolde, indicted for cutting Charles Westfield in the leg with a knife, on the 28th of October, in North William street, was convicted of an assault.

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The Meeting of the French Chambers. Waiting in Washington for the speech of Napoleon on Mexico.

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an equivalent for it, and he should be unwilling to advise in their favor any relaxation of the rigor of the law.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We do not altogether agree with the Secretary of the Treasury in his view of this matter. The law by which a vessel once transferred from the American flag to a foreign one—except in special cases mentioned—was forbidden to be re-registered in the United States, was passed as early as the year 1797. At that time our commerce was a mere cipher compared with what it now is. The voyages of our merchant ships were then confined to a relatively limited sphere, and the circumnavigation of the globe was scarce, never attempted by our ships. Steam navigation was entirely unknown.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The intelligence from the East, which we published yesterday in the letter of our Bangkok correspondent and our extracts from Asiatic papers, was of unusual interest. Our correspondent shows that a vast field for American enterprise is open in Siam. The country exports rice, sugar, pepper, horns, hides and other articles, and imports almost all its luxuries and comforts. A good market for all sorts of muslins, cloths, hardware, machinery, arms, crockery, jewelry and miscellaneous articles exists there, and if properly developed will prove very profitable. The imports have doubled in amount since 1859; but on account of our war the English have had a monopoly of the trade and its benefits.

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