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AMUSEMENTS THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

- OLYMPIC THEATRE, Broadway... HEMMY DENNEY...
BROADWAY THEATRE, Broadway... THE EMERALD KING...
WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway and 120th Street...
NIBLO'S GARDEN, Broadway...
BOWERY THEATRE, Bowery...
FRENCH THEATRE, Fourteenth Street...
NEW YORK THEATRE, Broadway...
PIERCE'S OPERA HOUSE, corner of 52nd Street...
WOODS'S MUSEUM AND THEATRE, Turkish Street...
BRYANT'S OPERA HOUSE, Broadway...
KELLY & LEON'S MINSTRELS, 72 Broadway...
SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS, 55 Broadway...
TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE, 201 Bowery...
CENTRAL PARK GARDEN, Third, Thomas and Grand...
STEINWAY HALL, Grand Concert Matinee...
STEINWAY HALL, Evening...
BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC...
HOOVER'S OPERA HOUSE, Brooklyn...
HOOVER'S (L. D.) OPERA HOUSE, Williamsburg...
NEW YORK MUSEUM OF ANATOMY, 615 Broadway...

New York, Saturday, December 19, 1868.

THE NEWS.

Europe.

The cable telegrams are dated December 18. It is now definitely settled that the Sultan's ultimatum has been declined. In Greece the military reserves have been called out, and various preparations are being made.

Espartaco has been named by the progressives as their choice for king. Serrano, it is said, has resigned the presidency of the Ministry. The election will shortly commence.

A shock of earthquake was felt in Gibraltar yesterday.

The Emperor and Empress of France visited Ischia, late of Spain, yesterday.

Cuba.

The steamer Pelayo sailed from Havana for Santiago yesterday with 1,000 men, to reinforce the troops operating against the insurgents. A general movement upon the centre of the rebellion with the whole force of the Spanish army is to be made at an early moment.

Sandwich Islands.

Advices from Honolulu are to the effect of December. The father of King Kamehameha is dead.

Mexico.

Advices by way of San Francisco state that General Rosas had arrived at the capital and was cordially received.

Congress.

In the Senate yesterday the resolution providing for additional reconstruction in Georgia was reported back with a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

Miscellaneous.

The difference between the United States and Peru, growing out of the detention of the latter government's fleet at New Orleans, are assuming a complicated character.

In the Alaska purchase investigation yesterday Colonel Blinn, the correspondent of the Worcester Spy, said he gathered the facts for his paragraph from other correspondents and knew nothing about the matter of his own knowledge.

Secretary McCulloch, in a private letter to a gentleman in Washington, asserts that the reports to the effect that he is about to retire from office are without foundation.

The Legislature of Arkansas is considering a bill making it a penal offence to belong to the Ku Klux

The town of Augusta is deserted, as an attack was expected.

The farm of Henry A. Wise has been returned to him, and the cent of Libby Prison for one year has been paid to the owner by the United States authorities.

In the Watson & Cray distillery case yesterday testimony was closed, and counsel on both sides briefly addressed the jury.

The steamship Granada, Captain Harris, will leave pier No. 17 East river at three P. M. to-day for Havana, Saint and Vera Cruz.

Prominent Arrivals in this City.

Congressman A. D. Judd, of Chicago, Ill., and Congressman W. H. Barnum, of Connecticut, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Greece and Turkey—War in Europe.

The news of the rejection by Greece of the Turkish ultimatum and of actual collision between ships of the two nations comes rather suddenly on the heels of the hope that diplomatic intervention and the attitude of the Western Powers would prevent a rupture.

The News from Cuba.

By our special correspondence from Havana, published in another column, we have the details of news as given in our telegraphic despatches from that place to the 12th inst.

The French Theatre.

The coming holidays have imparted in advance fresh life and animation to the French theatre, on Fourteenth street.

The Lecture Season.

The lecture season is now at its height in New York. Boston itself cannot boast of surpassing the interesting variety of lectures with which we have been favored during this week.

Post Office Contracts and Financial Operations.

Revelations of fraud, mismanagement and frightful extravagance in the several departments of government at Washington come to us daily.

Sociable of Spiritualists.

Barton, in one of his inimitable personations, in speaking of a lady's age, charitably placed it between eighteen and eighty.

A Mysterious Case of Ruicide.

Coroner Holt's case an inquest yesterday at the Morgue over the remains of John Mooney, who died suddenly at 64 Baxter street, and who it appears was robbed and clubbed by some unknown person on Tuesday night.

Horse Notes.

It was not last summer, as has been stated, that Mr. Bonner purchased Bruno, but quite recently.

Desperate Fight in a Barroom.

Last evening, for some cause or another, John Tucker a bartender in the liquor store of James Norris, No. 617 Washington street, got into a fight with two men named William Briscoe and Patrick Haggerty.

Stabbed Affray.

About half-past seven o'clock last evening, while a man named Cornelius Bourne, who resides at 67 Lewis street, was standing on the corner of Cannon and Livingston streets, he was stabbed in the hip with a large knife by Robert Barkley, causing a serious wound.

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General Grant and Congress.

The impression has gone abroad through the land that the leading radicals of the two houses of Congress have still some misgivings as to the orthodoxy of General Grant, notwithstanding his quarrel last February with Andrew Johnson, and notwithstanding his acceptance of the Chicago platform, with the Chicago nomination.

John Bright and the Gladstone Ministry. John Bright, the greatest tribune of the people whom modern times has known, has at last found the institutions and the public sentiment of Great Britain so changed that he can, consistently with the principles he has always advocated, accept office under the Crown.

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added to the French theatre. It will be thrown open from time to time for balls, affording an opportunity to various societies to evade the exorbitant prices of which the Academy of Music has so long retained the monopoly.

An inaugural masked ball will be given on Christmas eve, December 24, under the patronage of a society of French residents in New York and of the companies of our two rival opera bouffe theatres.

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Professor Von Schlagintweit to deliver his entertaining and instructive lectures in English, in order that our American as well as our German population may enjoy them.

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