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AMUSEMENTS THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

- BOOTH'S THEATRE, 231 st. between 4th and 5th av. Matinee-HAMLET. Evening-ROSE HERRICKS. FRENCH THEATRE, 145 st. and 6th av. Matinee-LA FRANCE DUCHESS. Evening-EAST LYONS.

New York, Saturday, February 5, 1870.

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NOTICE TO HERALD SUBSCRIBERS.

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THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT AMONG CONGRESSMEN.

It is to be hoped, will lead to temperance in debate and in legislation.

GOLD IN ILLINOIS.

The report comes that gold fields have been discovered in Clark county, Ill., and that the people of the neighborhood are wild with excitement and leaving all other business to search for the precious metal.

THE COBBER'S JURY IN THE CASE OF THE RAILROAD ACCIDENT AT CHATHAM, N. Y.

have rendered a verdict that the company was negligent in not supplying enough brakemen, and that one of the brakemen, who was not at his post, probably caused the accident by his carelessness.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMITTEE.

There is to be an investigation by a committee of the Assembly of the way in which business is done in this city by life insurance and other insurance companies, and the investigation is to be a sort of Star Chamber inquest, with closed doors.

SALE OF CADETSHIPS.

We are pleased to notice that the Military Committee in the House at Washington has under consideration the subject of selling by Congressmen of cadetships to the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Congress-Important Measures Pending Before the Two Houses.

There are various measures of general importance pending before each of the two houses. In the Senate yesterday the House bill for the total abolition of the franking privilege in all its ramifications was discussed.

The Senate bill expanding the currency of the national banks to the extent of forty-five millions for the benefit of the South and West (short of currency) is before the House Committee on the subject; but why the Treasury should be called upon to pay two or three millions in interest for this increase of paper money, when it can be saved by issuing greenbacks instead of national bank notes, is a question for serious consideration, as, indeed, is the main question, why should the Treasury pay twenty or thirty millions, more or less, for this national bank currency in preference to greenbacks upon which this interest can be saved?

Southern reconstruction has been settled by the House bill (the same as the Virginia bill) for the admission into Congress of the State of Mississippi. Texas, in her turn, will doubtless be admitted upon the same terms, and then there will be an end of military governors and the Union will be re-established.

The Mormon bill introduced in the House by Mr. Cullom and recommittees to the Territorial Committee is clearly intended as a warning to Brigham Young, with his sweeping pains and penalties of disfranchisement, outlawry, fines and imprisonments against Mormon concubinage, bigamy, Brighamism, polygamy, spiritual wifery, or whatever else that saintly institution of a plurality of wives may be called, and the great high priest and prophet of the saints will do well in putting his house in order for a timely evacuation.

The House passed a bill yesterday for the temporary relief of the poor of the District of Columbia, instructing the Secretary of War to issue rations for this relief. The destitute poor of Washington and Georgetown, which make up the District, are chiefly the negroes drifting into those cities in consequence of the war.

THE EMPIRE IS PEACE.—"L'Empire est la Paix" is an excellent theory, there is no doubt, but the recent performance of Victor Hugo's drama of "Lucrezia Borgia" at the Porte St. Martin theatre in Paris would almost infer that all is not couleur de rose in that gay and festive city.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND WINNIPEG.—The troubles of the New Dominion continue to press hard. In the Newfoundland Legislature on Thursday a resolution of no confidence in the Lieutenant Governor and requesting the formation of another Ministry was carried by a vote of 21 to 3, because the Lieutenant Governor in his opening speech had expressed a hope of confederation with Canada.

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Filling the Harbor.

The question of the right of persons to build extensive structures on the Jersey shore, thus encroaching on the waters of New York harbor, is likely to agitate once more the old topic of jurisdiction, and, as the parties are large capitalists, the topic may be pushed to a legal solution.

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OUR CUBAN NEWS.—The latest intelligence from our correspondents in Cuba is most favorable to the cause of the revolutionists.

Two expeditions recently left Nassau for Cuba, with men, arms and ammunition, and there is every reason to believe that they have proved successful. A steamer is reported to have landed on the north coast of the island with arms and ammunition. In the neighborhood of Santiago de Cuba the Cubans are up and doing.

THE REJECTION OF HOAR.—The Senate did not like Hoar's reading of the reconstruction laws—which which the radical bottom out of those statutes as they applied to Virginia—and that was an important count against him when the Supreme bench was in view.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS IN THIS CITY YESTERDAY. Colonel J. H. Lathrop and Dr. Evans, of Washington; Judge H. S. Matthews, of Syracuse; J. Mattson, of Oswego; Judge W. Blair, of Providence; Judge W. Woodruff and Dr. Woodruff, of Hartford, and General G. W. Dent, of California, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

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PRINCE ARTHUR.

Movements of the Prince Yesterday.—He Takes a Walk on Broadway, Dines with Mr. E. W. Stoughton and Attends the Reception of the Brooklyn Ladies' Club.

Prince Arthur, after his return at an early hour from the charity ball at the Academy of Music on Thursday night, at once repaired to his hotel, notwithstanding the pressing invitations that were extended to him by several well intentioned but altogether too enthusiastic aristocrats to make a night of it and go home with them in the morning.

During the day Admiral Farragut, Admiral Stringham, the nephew of the late George Peabody, E. W. Stoughton and several other gentlemen called upon him to pay their respects.

In the evening he proceeded to the residence of E. W. Stoughton, where he dined by appointment. Among the invited guests present were Mr. Thornton, the nephew of the British Legation, Colonel Eppingsford, Lieutenants Fitzroy and Packard, Mr. Fane, Admiral Coffin, Major General McDowell, Wm. M. Evans, ex-Army General; Judges Mitchell and Woodruff, William B. Astor, Bishop Potter, A. A. Low and Sidney W. Webster. After the dinner Mrs. Stoughton gave a reception, which was well attended, and at which were present many of the elite of our "good society."

At a late hour the Prince bade the family goodby and entered his carriage, when he was driven to the ferry, and shortly afterwards arrived at the Brooklyn Ladies' Club, he having accepted an invitation to attend their reception, which took place last night. When the Prince arrived the excitement among the ladies was immense, and the crushing and crowding that ensued about the doors when it became known that he had arrived was positively appalling.

The Prince on his arrival was at once conducted to his apartment, where he was met by his American hosts, and was received with the most cordial and friendly greetings. He was then introduced to several of the prominent persons present, and for over an hour a sort of levee was held during which every lady present with everybody else to testify in every possible way their esteem and regard for the royal guest.

Among those present were Samuel McLean, H. E. Fitzroy, the nephew of the British Legation, of Long Island; Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Admiral Godon, Rev. Dr. Schenck, Rev. Dr. Starrs, S. E. Chittenden, Dr. H. H. H. and many others. An elegant supper was served on the third floor of the club house at a late hour, which was done honor to by about four hundred persons who were present. The Prince's reception was a very grand affair throughout, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody who attended. Prince Arthur, during his brief stay in this city, has been perfectly at home, and was, as a matter of course, surrounded, while he was present, by hordes of Brooklyn ladies, who are always ready to welcome a royal guest, and to make the prince favor them with a royal smile. The good-natured young gentleman, however, was quite impartial in his attentions, and was equally kind to the young ladies as well as to the old.

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