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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

- OLYMPIA THEATRE, Broadway.—THE FANTASIES OF WIZ WILLY WINKLE. WOODS MUSEUM, Broadway, corner 30th st.—Performances every afternoon and evening.

TRIPLE SHEET.

New York, Monday, December 12, 1870.

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WILL GENERAL BUTLER'S POLICY in regard to the fishery question prove another Fort Fishery affair?

WHERE'S GERRIT SMITH?—It is stated that in fifty-nine counties in Illinois the anti-whiskey or prohibition candidate for Congressman at large received not a single vote.

"RED HIDE" is the euphonious name of the "big Indian" of the tribe of the Ojagallas, in Upper Missouri. "Red Eye," otherwise known as "tanglefoot whiskey," has been chief slayer among all tribes of American savages for many years.

SENATOR DRAKE won't take the position of Judge of the Court of Claims just now. He wants to remain in the Senate until he can get a chance at Carl Schurz on the revenue reform question and the general question of Missouri politics.

HANLOS, the Philadelphia child murderer, was sentenced in that city on Saturday to be hanged for the most revolting crime that has been made public for many years.

THE Albany Journal (republican organ) favors the admission of ex-Governor Vance as the new conservative United States Senator from North Carolina.

General Grant as President of the United States and as Head of the Republican Party.

General Grant, in the White House, has two important parts to play—that of statesman and that of politician; that of President of the United States and that of head of the republican party. In other words, he is charged with the duties of the Queen of England and the labors and responsibilities of her Prime Minister.

As President of the United States General Grant has proved himself, to the satisfaction of the country, a careful, thoughtful, honest and conscientious public servant. His last annual Message amply illustrates his desires and his purpose to give in every department of his great office a good account of his stewardship.

Where lies the remedy? In a general reconstruction of the party machine, beginning with the Cabinet. Since Jackson we have had no President fully equal to the management of his party.

The example of Jackson, then, is the example for Grant. Jackson, elected first upon what at that day was the unparalleled victory of New Orleans, had to make his capital and consolidate his party for his second election.

clean sweep, as a political sensation, would wake up the sleepy heads throughout the country; but even a partial reconstruction with some new pieces of timber of the Old Hickory quality would be a great hit.

Forney, as an active party engineer, at all events, would be at this time to General Grant worth a dozen Greeleys in the Post Office Department.

There is no use in being thin skinned in dealing with the rhinoceroses of party politics. A party, like an army, must have a disciplinarian at the head of it, or it will become demoralized and an easy prey to a disciplined enemy.

The reports from the theatre of war in France stir the blood again and revive the interest, which was drooping over a monotonous story of defeat and disaster grown old.

The removal of the Tours government to Bordeaux, although apt to discourage the people, not only as an evidence of weakness, but as a very undignified display for a government of France, would be a good thing in the main if it carried all the politicians with it.

OUR CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE.—We publish in this morning's HERALD letters from our correspondents in the Central American republics, as well as from these republics in South America on the Pacific side of the Continent.

The Late Military Operations in France and Their Results.

The recent desperate efforts of the French to relieve Paris from the strangling coil of the German armies may in a general parallel be compared with the closing scenes in the war of our Southern rebellion, both in the objects and their results.

Now in these late operations of the French Trochu in Paris occupied the position of Lee at Richmond and Petersburg; King William, with his besieging army, the position of Grant, the Army of the Loire the position of Johnston and Prince Frederick Charles the position of Sherman.

But while history, in the closing struggle for Richmond, may thus be said to be repeating itself in the struggle for Paris, the parallel ceases when, in the two cases, we touch the strength of the armies engaged.

PRUSSIA AND THE BONAPARTE DYNASTY.—In the London clubs and other high places there seems to be a growing feeling that the Prussians intend to restore Napoleon to the throne of France.

"FOOLISHNESS" DOWN SOUTH.—The Mobile Register thinks the game practised by ex-Governor Smith in "holding over" as Governor of Alabama, after he had been thoroughly whipped at the polls, might be repeated once too often, and relates a homely anecdote in this connection.

European Despatches by Mail.

The European mail of the 2d of December supplies an ample and varied report of the progress of affairs in the Old World to that day.

The Chicago Tribune, after rapping the Tammany leaders over the knuckles for their supposed intention of running Hoffman for President in 1872, remarks that the "republican party must slough off a good many experiences that have accumulated upon its back during the past ten years in order to fortify its positions for the next Presidential campaign."

OPERATIONS ON THE LOIRE.—As details of the operations on the Loire reach us it becomes more certain that the result of the battles near Orleans was to split De Paladines' army in two.

THE CHINESE AND THE CHRISTIANS AGAIN.—From London we have it by cable that intelligence has been received there to the effect that more hostile demonstrations have been made against the Christians.

A CONUNDRUM FROM THE INTERIOR.—The Rochester Democrat (republican), referring to the telegraphic announcement about certain removals in the New York Custom House, accompanied by the statement that "they were all appointees of Senator Fenton," remarks:—

DONN PIATT, the correspondent, and Clinton Rice, the councillor of McGarrahan, of claims notoriety, came within an ace recently of having an old-fashioned duel at Bladensburg, one of the kind we used to read about when men did not care for their skins at all, but would rather have them perforated than take a nose pulling.

Theatrical and Other Sermons Yesterday.

Yesterday Brother Beecher abandoned the sombre style of delivery with which he had surprised his fashionable congregation for some weeks past, and was himself again.

At the New England Congregational church the "Promethean sparks" of Rev. Mr. Richardson's thoughts flashed out spontaneously and brilliantly upon his hearers, illuminating their hearts with the light of salvation.

It was observed that all the churches were well attended. Nor was this unexpected. The present season is the greatest known to Christians.

THE BRITISH PREMIER AND THE POPE.—Premier Gladstone's note in reply to that of Edmund Dease, M. P. for Queen's county, Ireland, imploring the intervention of the British government in the interests of the Holy Father, has, as was to be expected, created a considerable amount of excitement in the British Isles.

THE SITUATION AT HAVRE.—A rumor prevailed in Brussels on the 8th instant that Havre had been occupied by the Germans, but it was undoubtedly premature, as yesterday we published a despatch from that city, dated also on the 8th, which reported that French iron-clads had been ordered to repair there immediately and aid in its defence.

THE RAILWAY LAND JOBS OF THE FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.—We give a list of them in another part of this paper, and a startling exhibit it is, too, of the appropriations of the lands of the American people by these railway lobby jobbing combinations in Congress.

General Grant has broadly hinted in his Message that these greedy railway land sharks have had enough; but how are they to be prevented from taking more and more, until the last acre of our once