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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

- LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE, 729 Broadway.—Little Don Giovanni. GRAND OPERA HOUSE, corner of 8th av. and 23d st.—Laila Rokri. NIBLO'S GARDEN, Broadway, between Prince and Nelson sts.—Poli and Parker Joe.

THEATRE COMIQUE, No. 514 Broadway.—The Yokes Family. UNION SQUARE THEATRE, Fourteenth st. and Broadway.—Nero Act—Bellestar, Ballet, &c.

TRIPLE SHEET.

New York, Friday, April 19, 1872.

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VANDERBILT'S PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE Harlem and Hudson River Railroad by the construction of an underground road to City Hall Park passed the Senate yesterday by a vote of 22 to 7.

THE ATTACK ON MATAMOROS has, according to our special despatch from that city, for the present been abandoned by the revolutionists under Treviño and Quiroga, who appear to be ill prepared and wanting in the necessary war material for the siege of that important place.

THE JAPANESE UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES.—THE HERALD telegraph news report from Yokohama, which appears in our columns to-day, supplies facts of a most encouraging character, not only as they relate to the just opening prospect of the grand future of the empire, but as they apply for the assurance of the perpetuation of the friendship which exists between the Japanese and American peoples.

A "COLORED GENTLEMAN IN THE WOODPILE"—Bayless W. Hanna has been making speeches to democrats in Indiana portraying to them their duty in the present crisis. He declares that "this government of Ulysses S. Grant has been a perpetual carnival of usurpation, debauchery, corruption and crime."

The New York Charter—The Law under Which the City is to be Governed and the Duty of the Citizens.

The Senate and Assembly yesterday adopted the report of the conference committee on the New York charter, and the bill now goes to the Governor. There is some reason to anticipate that the Executive signature will be withheld; but as the action of the committee of conference was endorsed by more than two-thirds of both houses the bill in such an event would unquestionably be passed over the veto. It is, therefore, certain that the city will have to be governed, for some time at least, under the law proposed by the Committee of Seventy early in the session, and now restored substantially to its original form.

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The full charter as finally passed will be found in the HERALD to-day. It provides for an election for Mayor and Aldermen on the twenty-first day of May, the third Tuesday in the month. Nine Aldermen are to be chosen from each Senatorial district in New York, or forty-five in all, and an elector has the privilege of voting nine times for a single candidate, or of dividing up that number of ballots among several, as he may please.

Several important changes are made in the departments as they at present exist. The authority of the Commissioners of Public Parks is restricted to the parks and buildings thereon and to public places which are of the reality of New York, their control over the streets and boulevards now under their management being transferred to the Department of Public Works. The Department of Docks is abolished and its business is also transferred to the Department of Public Works.

In the general provisions of the charter clauses are inserted against bribery and corruption; giving citizens the right of action when specially damaged through a corrupt vote or dishonest act of a public officer; providing for the examination of public officers on a judge's order; prohibiting double office holding, and for other purposes.

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The Trouble Between France and Germany.

A few mornings ago the London Daily Telegraph published what seemed a sensational article on the relations now subsisting between France and Germany. By some of the other papers the news on which it was confessedly based was questioned; and the correspondent of the London Standard, writing from Paris, pronounced the whole thing an idle and baseless rumor.

It is hardly possible that such statements, published and commented on in two such journals, can be without foundation. It is not conceivable that the Telegraph would so emphatically repeat what it had said, and enter so minutely into details, if the whole thing were an invention or a baseless rumor.

statement. Taking it for granted that the report is founded on fact, it is not to be denied that the situation, as between the two nations, has again become very serious. It is impossible to blame Germany for keeping an eye on the enemy and diligently watching and faithfully guarding its own interests.

The Alabama Claims Question—England's Counter Case in Geneva.

A synopsis of the English counter case against the American demand for compensation for damages inflicted on the national commerce and the naval interests of the republic generally by the Alabama and other British-built or British-equipped privateers during the progress of the war for the Union reached us from London by cable last night.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

WAR DEPARTMENT. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19—1 A. M. Probabilities. Rising barometer will prevail generally on Friday from the lakes to the Gulf and Middle and South Atlantic, with clear and pleasant weather very generally, and northwesterly and southwesterly winds, and extend over New England during the day.

DISCOVERY OF A NEW WORLD.

A despatch from Dr. Peters, of Litchfield Observatory, Hamilton College, announces the discovery of him of another world at two o'clock on Wednesday morning. It was in eleven hours, fifty-six minutes and fifty-two seconds of right ascension and in four hours and forty-one minutes of declination, with a retrograde motion of thirty-nine seconds toward the north, three minutes per day. It is between the eleventh and twelfth magnitude.

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ELLIS WARD ACCEPTS JOHN BIGLIN'S CHALLENGE.

In reply to a challenge emanating from the Messrs. Biglin Brothers, of New York, which appeared in the HERALD last autumn, offering to match John Biglin against me in a shell-bowl race, and which challenge did not specify any limit of time for a reply, please insert the following: I am now ready to enter into terms with Mr. John Biglin for a race to be held at a place agreed upon, half way between home and home, for \$1,000 a side, the race to come off in one week or thereabouts after the agreement in the present contest at Philadelphia. If it is agreeable to Mr. Biglin the match can be arranged at Mr. Patrick Kelly's, 37 Front street, this city, at any time within ten days from date.

ter case—we have the grand essential of the belligerent rights acknowledgment of the Southern confederacy and the reasons for it repeated. Then Great Britain cannot clearly understand the twelve American propositions as sent forth from Washington. She accepts the declaration of the Treaty of Washington in the matter of the duty of neutrals with reference to the delivery of a vessel of war to a belligerent despite the "overstrained construction" put upon the point by the government of the United States.

SALE OF THE LOCKWOOD COLLECTION.

Leavitt's auction room, in Astor place, was crowded last night by the friends of the late Le Grand Lockwood and a number of the prominent art collectors of the city. The interest manifested in the proceedings was very great, and the bidding for the paintings spirited. To-night the more important works will be disposed of, and we expect the competition will be close and keen.

NAVAL ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, April 18, 1872. Owing to circumstances which were unforeseen at the time the order was issued relieving Rear Admiral Smith from the command of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the Secretary of the Navy has ordered that a change shall not be made until June 1. Rear Admiral Smith will be assigned to the Governorship of the Naval Asylum at Philadelphia, and Rear Admiral Gardner to the command of the Asylum, relieved from further duty altogether.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Concert and Operatic Performance for the Benefit of the Woman's Hospital. One of the most interesting and artistic entertainments of the kind given in this city during the present season took place last evening at Robinson's Hall, in Sixteenth street, being the second and last under the direction of Signor Albitres for the above worthy object.

Wallack's Theatre.

The presentation of Dion Boucicault's comedy, "London Assurance," last night was brilliant beyond expectation. It is not often such a treat can be offered to the public in any city as was furnished by the array of talented artists who assembled on the stage of Wallack's Theatre last night. It is difficult to decide which was the leading character of the play, each artist making his own personation in turn the leading feature of the entertainment.

Bowery Theatre.

The attraction last night at this popular east side establishment was Foster's local drama entitled "Moonlight." Although the elements were not at all favorable towards the management, there were nevertheless, a fair house, and the sensation, as usual, afforded general satisfaction.

Metropolitan Gossip.

Bobby Newcomb has a benefit to-night at the San Francisco Minstrels. "Article 47" is underlined at Mrs. Conway's Brooklyn Theatre. "Black Friday" is the title of the coming sensation at Niblo's Garden.