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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

- GILMORE'S SUMMER GARDEN. BARNUM'S HIPPODROME. BROOKLYN PARK THEATRE. FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE. THEODORE THOMAS' CONCERT. LYCEUM THEATRE. METROPOLITAN THEATRE. SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS. WALLACK'S THEATRE. BOWERY OPERA HOUSE. ROBINSON HALL. WOODS MUSEUM. THEATRE COMIQUE. METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART. PARK THEATRE. OLYMPIC THEATRE. BOOTH'S THEATRE.

TRIPLE SHEET.

NEW YORK, MONDAY, MAY 31, 1875.

From our reports this morning the probabilities are that the weather to-day will be clear or partly cloudy.

SUNDAY RIVER AND BAY EXCURSIONS have begun and will add much to the comfort and health of the working community.

THE DANGER which attends the illumination of Catholic churches had a terrible illustration in the Holyoke disaster.

THE RIFLE MATCH.—Our riflemen will sail so soon that there is little more chance for practice to perfect their skill for the great international match which is to take place in Ireland next month.

LOUISIANA.—We print to-day another of Mr. Nordhoff's letters from the South, in which he reviews the political history of Louisiana in recent years.

THE ENGLISH ARMY.—Some time since, during the administration of Mr. Gladstone, the Queen issued a warrant abolishing the purchase of army commissions.

THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE.—We referred yesterday to the remarkable number of destructive and fatal fires. There was the awful disaster at Holyoke and the conflagrations at Worcester, St. John and Great Bend.

The President's Answer at Last—General Grant Upon the Third Term.

The letter addressed by General Grant to General White, the President of the Pennsylvania Republican Convention, which we print this morning, is the most important political declaration he has made since his accession to office. It will be remembered that the State Convention of the republican party in Pennsylvania passed a resolution declaring that the nomination of any President for three or more terms would be a violation of a sacred tradition of the constitution.

We have never had this fear. But behind Grant there were elements which could not be overlooked. Their influence was felt more and more every day. There was the war spirit—our almost barbaric reverence for the conquering soldier—which gave so much power in our politics to Washington and Jackson.

The weather yesterday was unfavorable to religion. As we said last week it is hard to expect men who have but one day out of seven to find relaxation and pleasure to forego those privileges for the sake of a sermon or a prayer.

THE HARLEM PEST FLIES become more of a nuisance as the heat of summer grows stronger. Our reports show how dreadful are the swarms and how dangerous the miasma of those pestiferous swarms, and the true facts are presented to the people and to the authorities, who upon this evidence are bound in duty to the whole city to take immediate action.

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more familiar with the sword than with the pen. It is meant to satisfy the long repressed demand of the country. It is the surrender of Grant to public sentiment. It is his confession that Caesarism is something more than a "HERALD sensation," inspired by a dislike to himself and his party.

We shall be surprised if the country accepts this as a satisfactory declaration from the President. It is an evasive letter. It would have been much better for his fame, and even for the welfare of the party which he proposes to serve if he had not written it.

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The Musical and Dramatic Season.—The theatrical and operatic season of 1874-5 ended formally on Saturday night with the close of spring. It was certainly successful in New York and in many respects brilliant.

The summer season, which has just commenced, will be one of the most enjoyable and brilliant, as far as music is concerned, that New York has ever experienced.

The Coolie Trade.

We have been disposed in this country to regard the coolie trade as only another form of slavery, and the British Foreign Anti-Slavery Society has in many recent publications taken the same view.

The Bessemer Problem.

The fifty thousand Americans who have either started or are about to start for Europe, who have been watching with so much interest the construction of a steamer that would take away the terrors of that fearful Channel passage by abolishing sea-sickness, will be disappointed by learning that the Bessemer steamer, which was to be a success, has failed.

A wise suggestion when it says "that were the single principle that a contract to labor is a civil debt, and nothing else, fairly carried out there would be very little oppression."

The Dead of the Republic.

To-day with appropriate ceremonies the citizens and soldiers of New York will decorate the graves of the brave men who perished in defence of American freedom. If there is a rebel soldier's grave in any of our cemeteries the flowers of spring will be laid upon that humble mound as freely and as tenderly as they will be upon the last resting place of him who died that the Union might live.

Political Blackmailing.

We wonder if Governor Tilden really sees the position into which he is slowly drifting on this question of the removal of E. DeLafayette Smith from the office of Corporation Counsel.

Portugal and Slavery.

The announcement that the Portuguese government has abolished slavery will be received with gratification by all who believe in the march of civilization.

The American Temperance Union.

The American Temperance Union held a meeting yesterday afternoon. The society is said to be flourishing, but is not quite as prosperous as the taverns.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

The estimated value of the last French vintage is \$400,000,000. Mr. John T. Raymond, the actor, is among the late arrivals at the New York Hotel.

Money and Merit.—We observe in one of the English papers a singular observation which might be not without value in this country. Speaking of Admiral Sherard Osborn the editor describes him as one of the "best specimens of a very fine class of naval officers, who know his profession thoroughly and at the same time understood politics and business."

The Sharkey Case.

The last news from Havana announces that the Spanish government still retains the condemned murderer Sharkey in custody, and that there has been no change in his condition so far as his return to the United States is concerned.

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