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TRIPLE SHEET.

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1878.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—To insure the proper classification of advertisements it is absolutely necessary that they be handed in before eight o'clock every evening.

The probabilities are that the weather in New York and its vicinity to-day will be warm and cloudy, with occasional showers.

WALL STREET YESTERDAY.—The stock market was active and strong. Gold opened and closed at 100 3/4, selling in the interim at 100 1/2.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE SEVENTH REGIMENT ARMY still roll in, but not quite so fast as could be desired.

THE ENTRINS for the next Saratoga races, elsewhere printed, give assurance of a brilliant turf season on that famous course.

FOUR THOUSAND HOUSES were burned in Tokio, Japan, on the 17th of March. It was a pretty warm Patrick's Day celebration.

MR. JOHN MORRISSEY'S CONSTITUENTS will be glad to hear that the latest bulletins in regard to his health lead to the hope that he will ultimately recover.

NEW JERSEY HAS GROWN so much in love with the title that she proposes to have a range of her own somewhere near Elizabeth. Creedmoor will have to look to its laurels.

THE REV. JASPER of Richmond, holds in equal contempt the laws of the solar system and the filthy lucre of this world. Tempting offers to lecture are made him, all of which he spurns for the sake of the great astronomical and evangelical revival now in progress in his congregation.

THE PUBLICATION in the HERALD some time ago of the recovery of some of the relics of the Franklin expedition has inspired Lieutenant Schwatka, one of our young army officers, to undertake a trip to the Polar regions in the hope of finding the remaining records and relics which are supposed to be buried there.

BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE the filthy condition of the streets and the waste of the public money by the Street Cleaning Bureau gave rise to a general demand for a change in the system of cleaning the streets of the city and in the management and control of the business. A bill in the public interests was prepared by Mr. Thatcher M. Adams, of the Committee of the Municipal Reform Association, which is by far the most complete and acceptable of the street cleaning measures heretofore proposed.

THE WEATHER.—The storm centre which on Wednesday was in the Upper Mississippi Valley, in the vicinity of St. Paul, Minn., has moved slowly into the region north of Lake Superior, and is gradually passing into the northern districts of Upper Canada.

Mr. Sherman's Successful Negotiation—Specie Payments Assured.

The visit of the Secretary of the Treasury, about which there has been so much vain speculation, has resulted very well. He yesterday concluded a written contract with the members of the late Syndicate for the sale of \$50,000,000 of 4-1/2 per cent bonds, the gold receivable for these bonds to be made a part of the reserve for redemption purposes.

We are now able to estimate, with a close approach to accuracy, the resources of the Treasury for resumption on the 1st of January next. The conditions of the new loan are the immediate payment of \$10,000,000, and then \$5,000,000 per month until the total of \$50,000,000 shall have been paid.

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A High Service Supply of Croton Water.

The bill amending the act of 1875 relating to the "high service" supply of Croton water for the upper wards of New York has met, as shown in our Albany despatches of yesterday, with considerable opposition from that section of the democratic representatives of this city known as the Tammany Assemblymen.

It needs but a slight acquaintance with modern financial history and modern methods of transacting business to perceive how strong the government is likely to be for resumption purposes. The most instructive example is afforded by the recent financial history of France. Specie payments were resumed in France, after seven or eight years' suspension, in January last; but the paper currency of France had been at par for the preceding five years.

notes of the Bank of England. Even without a clearing house most debts would be discharged by set-offs, although by a more roundabout method. It is, therefore, futile and childish to parade the great mass of bank credits as a thing to be provided for by specie reserves.

Secretary Sherman will practically resume on the 1st of October, although he is not legally required to resume until the 1st of January. By anticipating the date and receiving greenbacks for customs three months in advance he will forestall any rush for coin at the legal date of resumption by accustoming the country to the new order of things before he is bound by law to redeem. He will thus prevent the 1st of January from being looked forward to as a critical point, and avoid any shock or sudden transition at that date.

Whatever may be thought of the political wisdom or party sagacity of this unique administration, all candid men must admit that it is doing very well in its mode of dealing with financial difficulties. If, as now seems almost certain, it brings us successfully to specie payments at the appointed date, so great and splendid a service will atone for many blunders and shortcomings in the lower element of personal and partisan politics.

Peace Prospects More Encouraging.

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No Friends, but Plenty of Money.

Barbara Allen is dead; but it is not the same Barbara on account of whose charms an over fond youth went to his early grave. Whether anybody ever died for this Barbara; whether any hearts were broken about her; whether any hearts ached even in her years of absence, is not known; but from what little is made out she was clearly a Barbara with a history.

Prohibiting Dangerous Exhibitions.

We are essentially a spasmodic people. We have spasms of political reform, spasms of public honesty, spasms of morality, spasms of sobriety and spasms of humanity. After the Credit Mobilier exposure there was a spasm of virtue at Washington, as there was in New York following the explosion of the old Tammany Ring.

social as well as a strictly economic measure and would form an invaluable basis for the prosecution of all future public and private enterprises. But opposition, grounded merely on a suspicion that something unpleasant may occur if the Commissioner of Public Works, who is intrusted with the carrying out of an important and necessary improvement, should prove incompetent or dishonest, is simply periculo and utterly unworthy of respectable support.

A Terrible Domestic Tragedy.

In yesterday's HERALD appeared an account of one of those domestic difficulties which furnish the greater part of the business of our police courts. Mr. and Mrs. Fogarty, a married couple with three children, were the principal actors in the scene, and as usual the complaints were reciprocal. The wife alleged that the husband, after having deserted her and left her to her own resources for a number of years, had returned and was endeavoring to seize upon the little she had accumulated and to usurp the ownership of a grocery store she had established with her own money and through her own exertions.

If any doubt exists as to the insanity of the perpetrator of this frightful murder and suicide it must be removed by the letter which he addressed to the HERALD before the commission of the crimes, and which is published elsewhere in our columns. In this singular communication a highly respectable lawyer who was retained by Mrs. Fogarty to guard her interests; the Police Justice who protected the wife while acting considerately and kindly toward the husband; an employe of H. K. Thurber & Co., who had befriended the woman and her children, and the murderer's own son are all bitterly denounced as responsible for the tragedy.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

No more miners are wanted in Nevada. Lord Shaftesbury and other enthusiasts will present tracts to visitors to the Paris Exposition. General Grant will dine with the King and Queen of Italy on Saturday and will leave Rome on Monday.

a rifle loaded with a bullet, we are undergoing a spasm of humanity. The picture of the poor young creature through whose brain the bullet went crashing lying dead before the footlights in the tinseled finery of a playhouse has reminded us that it is uncivilized and unchristian to allow such perilous performances at public shows.

It remains to be seen whether this new spasm will pass away without putting a stop effectually to performances that can only gratify a morbid and vicious taste, and that ought never to have been permitted. The character of such exhibitions is well illustrated by the remark of the sister of the girl who was shot dead at the Pawtucket theatre. The deceased was a trapeze performer. "I always expected to hear that my poor sister had been killed by falling from her trapeze," was the remark of the sister when the news of the accident was conveyed to her.

An Income Tax Unconstitutional.

The Committee on Ways and Means has decided by a vote of six yeas against five nays in favor of an income tax. The committee has not yet framed a bill, the vote being merely in favor of the expediency of imposing an income tax, but leaving the details of the measure to be arranged by the majority of the committee.

When the majority of the Ways and Means Committee shall have reported a definite bill we will discuss it on its merits. An income tax is one of the most unfair and unequal modes of raising revenue; but in this country it is exposed to another objection, which will perhaps prove fatal whenever the question shall be adjudicated by the Supreme Court.

A tax on incomes, being a direct tax, is unconstitutional unless apportioned among the States in proportion to their population. The provision of the constitution is that "representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the States which may be included within this Union according to their respective numbers."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

Heldene is in New Zealand. John McCullough is setting in St. Louis. D'Orray Ogden is playing "The Two Men of Sandy Bar" in Australia. Stephen Massett ("Jeems Pipers") is reading and lecturing in New Zealand.

AMUSEMENTS.

CHICKERING HALL—THE VOCAL UNION CONCERT. The Vocal Union of New York have been the center of its first season at Chickering Hall last evening before a large audience. The programme was a long one, and was made up of madrigals, part songs, solo and choruses. The society numbers some sixty-eight members, under the conductorship of Mr. William Wolskefer.

STEINWAY HALL—THEODORE THOMAS' ORCHESTRA.

The sixth and last public rehearsal of the grand orchestra of Theodore Thomas took place yesterday afternoon, and despite the pouring rain filled Steinway Hall with one of the largest and most fashionable audiences that has attended during the season. It is a noteworthy fact that many of the seats at these previous rehearsals were ladies. The programme consisted of the following selections: "Overture," "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Mendelssohn's Cavatina," "Flowers of the Valley" (Euryante), Wagner, Mrs. E. A. Oggood; "The Rose Tree," "The Rose Tree" (Euryante), Wagner, Mrs. E. A. Oggood; "The Rose Tree" (Euryante), Wagner, Mrs. E. A. Oggood; "The Rose Tree" (Euryante), Wagner, Mrs. E. A. Oggood.

LYRIC HALL—GASTON BLAY'S CONCERT.

The concert given by Mr. Gaston Blay last evening at Lyric Hall was enjoyed by a discriminating audience that nearly filled the hall. Mr. Blay is a violinist of undoubted excellence and talent, who plays with pure tone and style, sympathetic phrasing and easy and graceful bowing. The first number given was the opening movement of Beethoven's beautiful sonata in F major, for violin and piano, played by Mr. Blay and Mr. Patison in a thoroughly enjoyable and satisfactory manner.

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RICHARD III. IN COFFEE COLOR.

To the Editor of the Herald:—I saw inserted in your column to day a card entitled a colored tragedian's plea. In which he states a white man styling himself late of Ford's Theatre Baltimore Md which is perfectly correct. He says that the manager was in the front part of the house. Which was partly true. I was there until the middle of the second act after that time I was on the stage until the end of the piece giving instructions. Although I was not in the front part of the house and not the back part. Had B. J. Ford but partially carried out my instructions his performance of Richard would have been better. From the very little I saw from the front I noticed he missed many points that I had instructed him and which he had not been instructed to do. You may instruct a man in many points but you cannot give a man brains and intellect. "There is the patient mad man" is a play that has been made in a man's mind in a days time, as it requires a long time to rise to eminence. About there being one on the stage at the same time, there is no prompter until I arranged my receipts, after that time I was on the stage until the end of the performance. In justice to myself as actor and manager and in self defence I make this statement. I remain respectfully, F. L. YERGANCK, April 11, 1878.