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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT. BOOTH'S THEATRE—THE HELEN. NIBLO'S GARDEN—LEAL. STANDARD THEATRE—OUR COUSIN GERMA.

TRIPLE SHEET. NEW YORK, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 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 moderately warm and cloudy or partly cloudy, with light rains and morning foginess.

WALL STREET YESTERDAY.—The stock market was fairly active and generally feverish in tone. Gold was steady at 100 1/2.

THE UNION FERRY COMPANY has of course won in the Senate. It has killed the reduced fare bill.

THE FIRE UNDERWRITERS recommend an advance in rates. A reduction in expenses would be better.

ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the drive of the Coaching Club to Philadelphia. Twelve hours is the schedule time.

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE is very wisely averse to hasty action on the Funding bill. A decision, however, is promised next week.

IF THE ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE of investigation does its whole duty it will probably be found that reforms, civil and otherwise, is sadly needed in the civil courts.

FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS the State of Pennsylvania has been generally allowing an annuity to her veterans of the second British war.

A PRETTY SOLID PETITION was presented in the Legislature yesterday. It came from some of the leading dry goods houses and represented a capital of two hundred million dollars and annual sales amounting to the enormous figures of one thousand million dollars.

OHIO has a new thing in strikes. Some time ago the salaries of the township assessors were cut down, and the Hamilton county gentlemen refuse to go to work until their compensation is restored.

THE SECOND DAY of the President's visit to Philadelphia appears to have been spent very pleasantly. He and the members of the Cabinet who accompany him met the real representatives of the city at the Commercial-Exchange and on the excursion down the river to Chester.

MME. RACHEL, of enamelling fame, whose importance upon the rich and aristocratic members of her own sex some years ago in London formed the fashionable sensations of the time, has just been sentenced to penal servitude in England.

THE WEATHER.—The centre of lowest pressure continues in the lake region, with continuous rains over all the territory north of Tennessee and east of the Mississippi River.

England and Russia—Peace or War? Our London news groups in one despatch rumors of extremely diverse effect, and this exhibits happily the uncertain and contradictory state of opinion in Europe on the great fact that is before all the cabinets.

with the changes Russia proposes in the Ottoman Empire, it does not follow that the war will occur immediately. England has more than once seemed disposed to make this a campaign in which there would be no battles save those on the exchanges and where no other endurance would be called into play save that of the respective purses.

For the sake of illustration we suppose a case which we are willing to submit to Mr. Montgomery Blair or Mr. David Dudley Field for their judgment and comments on the legal points involved. We will suppose that in the early part of the year 1876, the Governor and Legislature of Florida being republican, with a strong probability that the State would go democratic in the following November, an extra session of the Legislature had been called and a law passed taking the choice of Presidential electors from the people of that State and giving their appointment to the Legislature.

Now, to pursue the illustration, let us suppose that the republican Legislature of Florida had adopted that method because they feared the loss of the election in a popular vote, and let us suppose further that the fear had been verified by the election of a democratic Governor and Legislature by a large majority on the very day when the outgoing Legislature were choosing those republican electors.

But the projected agreement was only to prevent accidents. It did not touch the marrow of the difference between the two Powers. It referred to dangerous likelihoods that it was deemed wise to exclude before proceeding to the elaborate examination of the differences to be reconciled, lest some mischance might plunge the two Powers into a conflict that all the diplomatic labors were intended to prevent.

A new bill for repaving Fifth avenue has been introduced in the Assembly. It authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to contract for paving the avenue, from Waverly place to Fifty-ninth street, with such pavement as he shall select, and places the cost one-half on the property owners on the line and one-half on the city at large.

That the gloomier anticipations are not without good reason in the attitude taken by England is, therefore, very clear; but, though war seems to be the necessary consequence of any failure to satisfy England

assessed for the moiety than allow the avenue to remain in its present condition. Mr. Bergh should be the last to object, since it is decidedly a cruelty to animals to drive horses over such a wretched and dangerous pavement.

Science and Theology.

We reproduce as much as we can find space for of Mr. Froude's article in the May-June number of the International Review on "Science and Theology." The appearance of this distinguished author as a contributor to an American periodical is noteworthy, and the subject he has undertaken to discuss is of universal interest.

Most undoubtedly, modern science has effected a great change in the interpretations which religious men give to the Scriptures and in their views of the character of the sacred writings. The conflict once supposed to exist between the Bible and modern astronomy, and later between the Bible and modern geology has been dismissed from the minds of Christians, these sciences being fully accepted and the adverse interpretations of Scripture abandoned.

Bold as it may seem we hazard the declaration that religion may exist quite independently of the Bible. "Righteous Abel," the first martyr, offered acceptable sacrifices, although there was then no Bible and the "walk with God" and Abraham, Job and the other patriarchs had his blessing, although none of them ever saw or heard of a Bible.

Repeal of the Bankrupt Law.

By a large majority the House voted yesterday to concur with the Senate in a repeal of the Bankrupt law, sweeping it entirely away so far as new cases are concerned, but continuing it in force for winding up the proceedings which may now be pending under it.

Put It In the Bill.

Mr. Bergh objects for himself and, as he alleges, for other owners as well, to the assessment of half the cost of the work on the property on the line. The avenue, he says, has already been paved three times, and it is unjust to compel the property owners to pay half the expense now. There is no good reason why the entire cost should not be made a general tax, but a large majority of the property owners would, we believe, rather be

Running Their Heads Against a Wall.

With the best intentions in the world the New York prohibitionists seem resolved to do nothing to practically promote the cause of temperance. Believing the "importation," manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks to be crimes, demoralizing to the citizen and unjust to the State, they know neither compromise nor constitution, and demand that they shall be forbidden by law under the penalties imposed on felonies.

lieve that this year's event will command as much attention throughout the country as did the first Anglo-American university boat race. Rowing has made long strides since Harvard was pitted against Oxford. The sliding seat, which has been universally adopted in England, has greatly relieved the strain upon the muscles of the back. It may be said to have created a new fascination for the sport, even among its ardent admirers.

Passage of the Excise Bill.

The Holahan Excise bill passed the Assembly last evening on the motion to reconsider the former adverse vote being called from the table. The law provides that licenses for the sale of liquor to be drunk on the premises may be granted by the Excise Commissioners to persons other than the keepers of inns, taverns and hotels, on the application for such licenses being approved by the Commissioners of Police, or by the Superintendent, where there are no Commissioners.

Massachusetts has tried prohibition and is now under a carefully framed and stringent license law. There is a Board of License Commissioners in Boston, of which Mr. Thomas J. Gargan, an ex-member of the State Legislature and a temperance man, is president.

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Secretary Thompson, of the Brook Department, will return to Washington on Monday. The paragraphs of the press seem to be playing out. Danbury News.—"If the dogs have to wear muzzles now they will be obliged to travel around in a bank vault by the last of August."

Pacific Railway, has returned to Ottawa from England, after an absence of six months. We suggest that a statue of General Snowball Jackson be erected on Boston Common as soon as a statue of General Grant is erected at Atlanta, Ga.

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Chicago, who has withdrawn from the House of Commons, after whose Raphael painting lately sold for \$125,000, recently paid \$70 for a dinner which he enjoyed by himself. Jim Lane says that although the Goddess of Liberty on the new dollar seems to be in very good training he will fight her for the championship of America, and afterward tender her for her.

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