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TRIPLE SHEET.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 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 partly cloudy or fair, followed by increasing cloudiness and rains.

WALL STREET YESTERDAY.—The stock market was dull and steady. Gold was steady all day at 100 1/2.

THE POTATO BUG threatens to eat up Staten Island this summer.

MAY brings the usual gloomy predictions about the peach crop.

CONGRESS OUGHT TO INDORS the views of its two foreign committees in favor of free trade in ocean cables.

WE GAVE ENGLAND iron-clads for war. She has just ordered one of our nondescript catamarans for peace.

THE PENNSYLVANIA POLITICIANS who pin their faith to the greenback hold a State Convention in Philadelphia to-day.

FRANCE KEEPS HER place in the line of progress by making another large reduction in her foreign postal charges.

THE TITHE TOWN OF UNION, in New Jersey, has a model Chief of Police. He has just been convicted of assault and battery.

THE TRIPLE of nearly a million dollars has been added to the Post Office Appropriation bill by the Senate Appropriation Committee.

THE HOUSE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE proposes to repeal the famous Tenth of Officers' act. All the republican office-holders will, of course, protest.

AN AUDITOR to help the Pacific railroads to keep an honest account with the government is the latest pretty wise suggestion of Senator Thurman.

THE OUTLOOK for the Creedmoor international military rifle match next September is brightening. All the clubs are sending favorable responses.

JUSTICE WHEELER'S EXAMPLE in correcting the innumerable abuses of the city prisons might be profitably followed by his magisterial brethren all over the city.

THE TRINITY CHURCH CORPORATION has wisely settled the difficulty with its tenants by making a twenty per cent reduction in rents and renewing their leases.

TWO OF THE THIRD NAPOLEON'S hunting guns captured for a board bill turned up in the courts yesterday. The first Emperor's guns paid bond in another way.

THE CONVICTION of the notoriously bad character, "California George," of manslaughter in the second degree, shows that it is sometimes possible to get a fearless jury.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL of the Reformed Episcopal Church—the highest legislative body in that denomination—will hold its annual session to-day in Newark. The Church has six bishops, one hundred and thirty ministers and about fifteen thousand communicant members.

THE WEATHER.—The low pressures that are now traversing the territory east of the Rocky Mountains extend from the Canadian coast in a general southwesterly direction toward Northern Texas.

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Communism On All Sides—Summer Thunder.

In San Francisco, in St. Louis, in Chicago, in this city, throughout the mining districts of Pennsylvania and in many other places there are so-called Communist preparations or threatenings of revolt against the established order of things—agitators that incite and pretend to organize discontented elements to take a forcible remedy for all grievances they have against society, against authority, against the law, and in short against Providence itself.

Official Language.

In considering the New York official we began with his eyes and then visited his nose. We have shown that he cannot see dirt and cannot smell vile odors. Now, a switchman who cannot distinguish a red light from green would endanger his own life as well as the lives of railroad travelers.

Peaceful Predictions.

The general tone of the European despatches continues peaceful, and in England it is believed that a settlement of the existing difficulties by diplomatic negotiations is now highly probable.

It is still less probable that any insult would be offered to the French Ambassador by the Emperor. What the Union Ferry Company Threatens. The Brooklyn papers are not disposed to look with favor on the decision of Judge Van Vorst cancelling the outrageous leases bestowed on the Union Ferry Company by the Tweed City government at a nominal rent of one dollar a year.

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Chinamen Cannot Become Citizens.

We copy from a San Francisco paper—the Alta California—a decision recently rendered by the United States Circuit Court denying the right of a Chinese immigrant who had applied for citizenship to the privilege of naturalization. This decision will surprise no intelligent lawyer; the only surprise is that such an application should have been made.

Cheap Travel.

It is fortunate that the Legislature is near its final adjournment, as the extraordinarily low fare between New York and Albany might induce a large addition to the lobby forces. Some of the river boats are now carrying passengers for ten cents, and at this rate the entire democracy of the city would be enabled to visit the State capital to look after our local legislation.

War Excitement at Home.

While the general news from Europe is of a more peaceful character to-day the presence of the Cimbric and her mysterious passengers, the statements made by the alleged Russian agents to HERALD correspondents, and the comments of the Canadian press do their best to keep up a war fever on this side of the Atlantic.

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

M. Francois de Corcelle, Secretary of the French Legation at Washington, is at the Albemarle Hotel. M. Outrey, the French Minister, and Count de Suzzano, of the French Legation, arrived at the Hotel Bellevue yesterday from Washington.

Mr. Manuel de Zamacoia, accompanied by the secretary of State, yesterday presented to President Hayes his credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Mexico.

The newest colors are "pique, turquoise, silver-gray, lavender and fawn. We hope soon to chronicle the introduction of the new shades of stoneware, pepper-mint, wheelbarrow, zinc and petroleum.

Rev. W. D. Morgan, pastor of the Third Baptist Church at North Washington, Conn., was thrown from a wagon early yesterday morning and instantly killed. He was returning from a Masonic meeting.

A farewell address was presented yesterday to the Right Rev. Bishop Oxenden, Metropolitan of Canada, by the clergy and laity of Montreal. His Lordship left Montreal last evening for Quebec en route for England.

Governor McClellan has appointed as New Jersey Commissioners to Paris, George H. Cook, of New Brunswick, and Jonathan H. Blackwell, of Trenton; also as Visa Warden Hamilton Hill, of Burlington county.

At the meeting of the Associated Press yesterday resolutions were adopted expressive of this body's appreciation of the late William Otis's virtues and ability. A high tribute was paid to his skill as president of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

On Monday our Superior Court was fifty years old. Mr. A. F. Warrenton, its first appointee as stenographer, attained his fiftieth year on the same day. Mr. W. Coughlin inquires whether, although the events occurred 3,000 miles apart, the Court was created for him, or he was born for the Court?

It is believed by the New York Herald that H. Charles F. was not an Ohio boy. Mr. Hayes would have found him in about twenty minutes. Perhaps he had been in the regular office seekers of the State might have had him to get him out of the way.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution says that republican editors know nothing of the negro or his character. "They do not know how confiding he is, nor how easily he is deluded. They seem to be aware of the fact that only the vicious and idle class of negroes can be induced to seek homes in Liberia. It is perfectly natural that if they are idle and vicious here they will be still more idle and vicious there."

The Secretary of War yesterday appointed the following visitors to the West Point Military Academy at the annual examination in June.—Professors A. S. Yen-nah, of the University of Virginia; John C. Roper, of Boston; Rev. F. B. Wheeler, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; David A. Wells, of Connecticut; Captain S. R. Franklin, of the United States Navy; Rev. James Lewis, of Howell, Mich.; and Brigadier General C. C. Auger, of the United States Army.

Not the spirit materializer, of Memphis, Mo., whom thousands have looked to see, was exposed on Monday by J. H. Pattee, of Monmouth, Ill., who attended a seance and spirited animal, through a ring he had prepared for that purpose, into the face of one of the spirits which appeared at the aperture of the cabinet. The face at once disappeared, lights were brought in and Pattee was found with his face covered with the animal stigmata. The affair has created great excitement in Memphis.

AMUSEMENTS.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE—MISS JEWETT'S. If Miss Sara Jewett has ever entertained any doubts as to her popularity among New York playgoers they must have been dispelled by the large audience that filled the Union Square Theatre yesterday afternoon on the occasion of her first benefit. The play chosen for this interesting event was Sheridan's "School for Scandal." This sterling comedy has probably been played in this country oftener than any other one play, and we have seen greater names in its cast than in any other. A history of the "School for Scandal" in New York would be almost a history of the stage in this city. Few actors or actresses have failed to appear in it, in one part or another, and it has retained its popularity with every generation since 1785, when it was first produced in this country. For benefit occasions it has always been a great favorite, and we have seen it often at such times that it has been the only play that was exceptionally strong. Miss Jewett appeared for the first time as Lady Louisa; and we must say at once that the part lies entirely outside of her talents. Taking this into consideration she did very well. Miss Jewett is essentially an actress, with a winning manner, sweet, pathetic voice and a certain amount of dramatic talent. Instead of the full should it become vacant, out she is not a satisfactory Lady Louisa. She needs more brilliancy, more petulant wit, and more capital, but she has the power to give proper effect to the famous scene scene. With her personal appearance no one could find a fault. Her costume was "ravishing" and set off her every whitened line of her face to the greatest advantage, and she gave weight and brilliancy to her eye. Mr. Charles Coghlan's Charles Surface found favor in London, for he played it as few comedians. He must confess, however, that we did not altogether enjoy his interpretation. There was an artificiality about it that we do not find in the character. Charles Surface should have more jollity than sangfroid. Mr. Parvillo played Sir Peter for the first time, and he was excellent in the part. Indeed, we never saw him one better, and that who was John Gilbert. Mr. T. E. Morris was a good-natured Sir Oliver, and Mr. Floyd was a good-natured Sir Henry. The comedy was good, and it is a quality that Sir Benjamin should not possess. Mr. Crisp as Joseph Surface evidently had no conception of the part, for he played it as few comedians. He must confess, however, that we did not altogether enjoy his interpretation. There was an artificiality about it that we do not find in the character. Charles Surface should have more jollity than sangfroid. Mr. Parvillo played Sir Peter for the first time, and he was excellent in the part. Indeed, we never saw him one better, and that who was John Gilbert. Mr. T. E. Morris was a good-natured Sir Oliver, and Mr. Floyd was a good-natured Sir Henry. The comedy was good, and it is a quality that Sir Benjamin should not possess. Mr. Crisp as Joseph Surface evidently had no conception of the part, for he played it as few comedians.

LYCEUM THEATRE—"LOVE'S SACRIFICE."

The performance of "Love's Sacrifice" at the Lyceum Theatre last evening for the benefit of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, Lake Mohogan, N. Y., was in every way successful. The performers were all amateurs, and they acquitted themselves with credit. We have seldom if ever seen better amateur acting. The drama, "Love's Sacrifice," is not one to especially attract a nineteenth century audience, but it held the attention of that assembled last evening through five long acts. The bright particular star on this occasion was the young lady who played Margaret Elmore. Mrs. Merrill is a remarkably handsome woman, with a fine stage presence. In her acting she showed a thorough knowledge of stage business, and her performance was very effective. She would attract attention on the professional stage. She was warmly applauded throughout the play and called "beloved" by the audience. Other stars were Miss Bird, as Matthew Elmore, showed the most power, while the gentleman who played Frank Dumont showed perfect greatness familiarity with the stage. Mr. Witherington, as the young man, Mr. Henderson as Eugene DeLorne, Mr. Hamberg as St. L., and Mr. Housen as Jean Ruc, did capably. The costumes were gorgeous and altogether the play gave great satisfaction to a large and fashionable audience.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—"DUMB LOVE."

A curious composition by Jerome Hopkins, called a romantic opera in four acts, was put on the stage of the Academy of Music last night for the first and probably the only time. It was not a success. It lacked dramatic power and cohesiveness. The text is full of slang and the story consists of more absurdities than a comedy. The music is very tame, and the acting is in the shape of bits of pleasant music, all the more pleasant because in sharp contrast with the story. The play is a "Dumb Love" as a whole is entitled only to the briefest of obituary notices. Under the circumstances it is scarcely surprising that the play was not a success. The audience good-naturedly sat through the performance, although the people in the upper tiers were anything but dumb over the recurrence of frequent wails and counterpoints. Though Mr. Hopkins has done some things musically he has this time wandered beyond his depth.

STEINWAY HALL—CONCERT.

A vocal and instrumental concert was given at Steinway Hall last evening for the benefit of the charity fund of Laurel Church, Order of Eastern Star. The financial result was, unfortunately, not favorable, the audience being extremely small. The musical entertainments, however, were very good, and were generally well interpreted by the respective artists, among whom may be mentioned the names of Dr. George V. Johnson, who sang "The Song of the Lark," Mr. George W. Morgan, Miss Maud Morgan, Miss Octavia Gorman and Miss Josephine Ackermann. A fine string quartet was also present.

TROPICAL FISHES AT THE AQUARIUM.

The New York Aquarium has acquired a large number of rare and beautiful tropical fishes from Bermuda and adjacent waters. Most of the specimens were captured by the aquarium expedition, the remainder being contributed by Mr. G. M. Allen, an American collector, who is an enthusiastic pisciculturist. The tanks now present a beautiful appearance, for there are no less than fifty-four angel fishes, nine thousand crabs, two hundred black and twelve yellow grunts, twelve scorpionfishes, a most remarkable looking fish, thirteen herrings, twenty red squirrel fishes, ten blue and white striped snappers, and many other species. There are also six siphonids, or Bermuda lobsters, with several colors; some 200 of the most beautiful acromion and sea anemones which were taken from the reefs and shoals. Some of the specimens from deep sea dredging are extremely rare. Those interested in natural history should see the collection, and they will be surprised to find that the specimens are so numerous, for it is very difficult to keep them alive in confinement.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

Mr. H. H. Humphries gives a concert to-morrow night at Chickering Hall. Mr. Frederic Gray's cantata of "Lalla Rookh" will be given this afternoon at Chickering Hall. Most of the combinations now on the road are breaking up, and the members are on the lookout for watering places.

This is the last week of Signor Patrio's cannon ball act and of his wife's wonderful feat of instantaneous memory. Both are worth seeing. Hermann, the celebrated magician, has just returned from a South American tour. He is en route to Europe, but expects to visit the United States next season.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Newark Home for the Friendless they gratefully accepted Miss Emma Abbott's offer to give a concert in aid of the Home, and made her a life patron of the institution.

Fritz, "our German cousin," at the Standard Theatre, has little occasion to grumble at the New York public. He has been well sustained, and in his own unique and humorous way has well repaid his audience for their attendance.

ART NOTES.

The last of this season's monthly art receptions and social reunions was held at the rooms of the Art Students' League last evening. It was a "students' night." The rooms were but pleasantly filled, and the art display was thoroughly enjoyed in conjunction with some refreshments. The exhibition consisted of pictures in oil and oil studies, water colors, drawings and etchings. Among the examples in oil we noted S. W. Van Schick's excellent "The Song," which the hanging committee of the Academy a few years ago relegated to the corridor; Walter Sirlin's "Patriotism," and a female head; and a sea anemone and sea anemone and sea anemone. Among the water colors were several Winslow Homer's, a fine little study of a young girl, by J. H. Smith, a good head by J. H. Smith, two of J. G. Brown's effective Grand Manan sketches, a study by Shelton, some by James M. Hart, examples of Swain Gilman's, a good head by William M. Chase, and a study of a young girl. Among the water colors were several Winslow Homer's, a fine little study of a young girl, by J. H. Smith, a good head by William M. Chase, and a study of a young girl. Among the water colors were several Winslow Homer's, a fine little study of a young girl, by J. H. Smith, a good head by William M. Chase, and a study of a young girl. Among the water colors were several Winslow Homer's, a fine little study of a young girl, by J. H. Smith, a good head by William M. Chase, and a study of a young girl.