AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—"AIDA."

"Aida" was sung, for the last time this season, yesterday evening, at the Academy of Music, Mme. Ambre, Miss Cary, Signori Campanini and Galassi and Herr Behrens sustaining, as before, the principal parts. So much has already been written of Mr. Mapleson's production of this work of Verdi's that it is only necessary now to note the fact that the final performance of "Aida" was quite as excellent as any previous representation of the opera had this season.

The inclement weather naturally affected the attendance, but the audience was of fair size notwithstanding, and warmly applauded the excellent singing and generous stage setting, which have been marked features in the revival of the opera this season.

"THE MILLIONNAIRE'S NIECE" AT THE GERMANIA.

Baronin von Nordeck ..... Frl. Heller
Eltriede, ihre Enkelin ..... Frl. Bensberg
Wittwe Eleonore Kasebier ..... Frl. Schmitz
Stein, Oberst a. D. ..... Hr. Kessler
August Kulike ..... Hr. Feuchter
August Waselich, } Dienst- } manner } ..... Hr. Rank
Malchen Kulike, } Schwestern, } ..... Frl. Pagay
Clara Wedding, } Kulike' Nichten } ..... Frl. Wagner
Moses Salomon Ippelmeier, Banquier ..... Hr. Bejeck
Leopold, sein Sohn ..... Hr. Lichtenthal
Baron von Illnitz ..... Hr. Sauer
Balser, Schulamtscandidat ..... Hr. Meery

The author of "The Niece of the Millionnaire" was Dr. Schweitzer, social democrat and dramatic poet. After Lassalle's death he was president of the German Arbeiter-Verein. He was also representative in the German Reichstag. In 1871 he withdrew from political life and thenceforward devoted himself to what the Germans call literary activity and wrote a number of dramas and farces. "The Niece of the Millionnaire" was one result. It is called a farce with songs. The hero is a Dienstmann, a very necessary person in German life, who stands on street corners, runs errands, cleans your boots, carries love letters and is very useful in farce sometimes as a *deus ex machina*. But as a hero he is quite out of place. Dr. Schweitzer is wearisome. It takes him an entire monotonous act to show that August Kulike is an honest man. The plot is so feeble that it is scarcely worth recording. After Dr. Schweitzer has made his honest Dienstmann it takes him another act to show in a most wearisome fashion the servility of a curious class of shoddy Berlin society to this honest man, whom they fancy is a millionnaire. Through three long, tiresome acts Dienstmann Kulike, of Unter den Linden, Berlin, is trotted out with a fellow Dienstmann and the ladies of his family to sing classic ting-tangl couplets and to utter wearisome commonplace wisdom and flat absurdities. It is unfortunate that the management of the Germania Theatre, looking over the rich treasures of modern German comedy and farce, stumbled on such a very wretched piece. It would be unjust to criticise the artists who had to play in it.

STEINWAY HALL—CHAMBER MUSIC.

The smaller hall of Steinway's was comfortably filled last evening by a semi-professional audience, anxious to hear the programme of chamber music prepared by Mr. Wilhelm Mueller. The string quartet of the evening was composed of Messrs. Carl Richter, first violin; Mr. M. Van Gelder, second violin; Mr. Julius Risch, viola; Mr. Wilhelm Mueller, 'cello. Miss Lina Anton was the pianist of the evening. The programme was well selected, and consisted of Mozart's string quartet XVII., C major; Tartini's "Le Trille du Diable," and Robert Schumann's quintet in E flat (opus 44). Of the four movements in the Mozart composition the andante cantabile and the menuet allegro were specially meritorious, and, while the entire selection was most ably rendered, these movements were peculiarly well treated. Mr. Richter's playing of the sonata for piano and violin, "Le Trille du Diable," was very fine in tone and phrasing, but he was not so well supported as he might have been, the opening passages of the second movement being rather badly and not at all promptly taken by the pianist. The quintet went very well indeed, and was a thorough success for all the players. The first movement was given with real brilliancy, and the finish and good taste exhibited in the second were most meritorious, its finale being handled with remarkable delicacy. The rapid passages which follow were taken well together and most consistently and clearly phrased, producing charming effects. The final movement was also very evenly done, and its varied expression most intelligently shown, the quintet of players carrying the composition on, most excellently to a well executed conclusion. Miss Anton was very good in the piano score of this selection, showing great improvement on her playing in the Tartini music.

The evening was an enjoyable one, and while the audience was not large it was of such a quality as to make its praise—which was frequently demonstrated—most complimentary to Mr. Mueller and his fellow musicians.

CHICKERING HALL—THE HARVARD GLEE CLUB.

A large and fashionable audience last night filled Chickering Hall, the occasion being a concert given by the Harvard Glee Club in aid of the New York Dispensary. The programme was thoroughly enjoyable, and both solos and concerted pieces were rendered with an excellence that indicated long and consientious practice. The selections were as follows:—March, by Becker, "On, Gallant Company!" "The Voyage," by Mendelssohn; solo, "It was not to be," by Abt, sung by Mr. N. M. Brigham; "On the Water" (Abt); piano solo, by Edward B. Perry, from Chopin; "Vintage Song" (Mendelssohn), college songs, "A Legend of the Rhine," duet by Messrs. N. M. Brigham and E. H. Pendleton, Jr., from Kucken; piano selections from Henselt, Von Bülow and Schumann, by E. B. Perry, and additional college songs. The latter were warmly received, and ended a very pleasant entertainment that was evidently pecuniarily profitable to the institution for which the benefit was designed.

"COLUMBIA."

The final rehearsal of Mr. Gilmore's new national anthem took place last evening at Association Hall, in the Young Men's Christian Association building, corner of Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue. The chorus present numbered not less than five hundred of the best singers attached to our church choirs and vocal societies, and all entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the occasion. Printed copies of the music were given to each person on entering the hall, and in less than an hour the singers were made familiar with every detail and prepared for the public performance. The latter will take place on Christmas afternoon at the Academy of Music, instead of the evening of that day, as heretofore announced, unavoidable circumstances making the change necessary. This will enable the members of Mapleson's grand orchestra, Koster & Bial's orchestra and Mr. Gilmore's own superb band to appear in full numbers and add to the grand effect which it is intended to produce. Last evening the piano accompanist was Mrs. P. S. Gilmore, the wife of the gifted composer, a musician of rare excellence. Christmas afternoon, therefore, promises to afford a treat to the lovers of music and those who are curious to hear the new national hymn.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

The Emma Abbott Opera Company were last night in Minneapolis, Minn.

Abbey's new Pantomime Company opened in the Park Theatre, Boston, last night to a crowded house.

At the Park Theatre, Philadelphia, Gus Williams' comedy of "Our German Senator" is being presented.

The Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, will be occupied during the week by "Hooley and Emerson's Megatherium Minstrels."

Maurice Grau's French Opera Company began a two weeks' engagement at the Philadelphia Academy of Music on Monday.

Harry and Rose Watkins will begin a week's engagement at the New National Theatre, Philadelphia, on Monday, in "Trodden Down."

A matinée performance of the "Hearts of Steel" will be given at Niblo's Garden to-day (Wednesday). The play is now running quite smoothly.

Mr. John McCullough will appear in the play of "Damon and Pythias" this afternoon at the Brooklyn Park Theatre, and in the evening as Richard III.

Christmas matinées, in which unusual attractions are offered, are announced by nearly all of the theatres for to-morrow. The usual midweek matinées will be given to-day.

The play at the Grand Opera House matinée this afternoon will be "Everybody's Friend." Mr. Sothern will continue his famous impersonations during the week. He will be followed by Mr. Frank Mayo next Monday.

"The First Life Guards at Brighton," which has been produced more than fifty times at the North Broad Street Theatre, Philadelphia, will be brought to New York early in the coming month. It will be presented here on the stage of the Broadway Theatre. It is said to be an interesting comic operetta.

Boucicault's comedy of "Old Heads and Young Hearts"—second only to his "London Assurance"—will be produced at Wallack's Theatre to-night for the first time in several years. It was the purpose to bring it out early in the season, but the event was postponed on account of the illness of Mr. John Gilbert. The chief parts will be taken by Mr. Gilbert (the old country tutor, Jesse Rural); Henry Edwards, Charles Rockwell, M. Barrymore, Gerald Eyre, Harry Beckett, Miss Ada Dyas, Mme. Ponisi and Miss Rose Wood.

Mr. Bartley Campbell's drama, "Fairfax," is to be produced at the Park Theatre next Monday by Mr. Abbey's regular company—the same that has been playing the piece in Boston, where it met with a warm reception at the hands of the press and public. It is said to contain many elements of success in its plot, dialogue and situations, and although Mr. Campbell did not succeed in placing it first on the New York stage, its developed merit promises to give it equal prominence with "My Partner" and "The Galley Slave."

The following is the projected route of Mapleson's Grand Opera Company after ending the subscription season at the Academy of Music:—Boston, December 29, two weeks, at Boston Theatre. Probable *répertoire* for first week—Monday, December 29, "La Sonnambula," Mlle. Marie Marimon. Tuesday, December 30, "Aida," Mme. Emilio Ambre. Wednesday, December 31, "La Figlia del Reggimento," Mlle. Marie Marimon. Thursday, January 1, "Marta," Mlle. Alwina Valleria. Friday, January 2, "Linda di Chamounl," Mlle. Alwina Valleria. Saturday (matinee), January 3, "La Sonnambula," Mlle. Marie Marimon. Chicago, two weeks, commencing January 12. St. Louis, Mo., one week, commencing January 26. Cincinnati, Ohio, one week, commencing February 2. Louisville, Ky., two nights, February 9 and 10. Cleveland, Ohio, one night, February 12. Philadelphia one week and two nights, commencing Feb ruary 16 Baltimore, three nights and matinee, February 25 26, 27 and 28. New York, March 1.

A CARD FROM MANAGER MAPLESON.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, NEW YORK, Dec. 22, 1879.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

I must once more trespass upon your valuable space to request you to rectify the statement made in your issue of this day to the effect that "it is impossible for Mr. Mapleson's artists to give a Sunday concert exactly as it is laid down in the programme, and that artists are unaccountably indisposed," &c. The official programme, which has appeared *in extenso* in the columns of the HERALD and other newspapers during the past week, was strictly adhered to, and no variation whatever was made in the same.

The programmes of the "Stabat Mater," containing the music and words, is an outside publication with which I have nothing to do, one of which must have fallen into the hands of your reporter. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

J. H. MAPLESON.

THE GRAND BAL MASQUE AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Preparations are being actively made for the grand masked ball that is to be given at the Academy of Music on the 5th of January, under the auspices of Messrs. August Belmont, Philip Schuyler, James P. Kernochan and Herman R. Le Roy—who constitute the Executive Committee—and several hundred other gentlemen whose names and faces are familiar in refined metropolitan circles. It would require half a column of the HERALD to publish the list. The details are not yet perfected, but in a general way it may be stated that the Academy will be put in holiday dress throughout and invested with a beauty that will be novel in every respect. The auditorium, including the stage, is to be floored over, and the lobbies, galleries and boxes will be profusely decorated with plants, vines, festoons and flowers. The scenic artist of Mr. Mapleson is now engaged in painting scenery that will make the stage appear like a fairy spot, one feature of which will be a moonlight and starlight effect, produced by electricity. No expense is being spared in the matter of ornamentation, and if the half is done that has been planned the ball will be the grandest that has taken place in a generation. Most of the private boxes have already been secured by distinguished citizens like the Astors, Vanderbilts, Belmonts, Lorillards and others—a sufficient guaranty that the occasion will be marked by an exhibition of grace, beauty and fashion which is not often to be seen even in so large a city as New York.

HONORS TO A VETERAN.

A dinner will be given by the "Aztec Club" in honor of its president, General Robert Patterson, of Philadelphia, at Delmonico's, in this city, on the evening of January 6. Major General Hancock, who is vice president of the club, will preside. General Patterson, who is a native of the county Tyrone, Ireland, is now in the eighty-ninth year of his age. He received a commission as first lieutenant in the Thirty-second regiment of United States infantry on the 5th of April, 1813. In 1846, on the breaking out of the war with Mexico, he abandoned an extensive manufacturing business in Philadelphia and was commissioned a major general of volunteers. For his dash and courage in this war he was publicly thanked by General Scott. At the outbreak of the rebellion he was commissioned a major general of volunteers, but his active service was very brief.

THE SILVER CIRCULATION.

GENERAL DISPOSITION TO RECEIVE ALL FRACTIONAL COINS NOT CLIPPED OR MUTILATED.

Though a ticket seller of the "L" railroad recently declined to receive from a passenger a silver dime because it was slightly worn by time and long usage, the almost universal custom in this city is to freely accept any American silver coins, except trade dollars, which are not mutilated or clipped. The treasurer of the "L" road denied that he had issued any instructions to refuse silver coins that had merely undergone abrasion in the course of circulation, and the coin clerk of the Sub-Treasury declared that there was no discrimination against light silver if the lightness was the result of natural wear. If he could not distinguish the nationality or denomination he would not take it, but there is no law limiting the abrasion of silver. In various banks, business houses and hotels where a HERALD reporter called yesterday he received a uniformly negative answer to the question, "Do you refuse any American silver because of its being naturally worn on one or both sides?" Silver that is perforated with holes is refused in many places, but in the majority of instances—as in retail grocery and dry goods stores, beer and liquor saloons and like places—even such mutilated silver passes current, the takers being satisfied that they will find other people to receive it. Clipped silver pieces are generally rejected, but as a rule these are not numerous. In banks of deposit they are more particular about the character of the silver they receive, as it has to undergo sharp scrutiny when taken to the Sub-Treasury. It might be thought that at the Post Office the silver presented should be without flaw, but in this respect there is much indulgence allowed. The assistant cashier of the Post Office, Mr. Lounsberry, said:—"We accept a good deal of silver from the public that the Sub-Treasury declines to receive from us, but which we get rid of in various ways, as in wages and payments. It is such silver as passes current everywhere in business, but the Treasury will not accept from us even a half dollar worn like this (showing a fifty-cent piece on which the design and lettering were perfectly legible in front, but blurred and smoothed away on the back). They are still more particular, of course, about gold coin."

"Do you often have occasion to refuse silver from people coming here?"

"Not often. You see, five or six hundred people come here in a day, and it would be odd if some of them did not have a mutilated silver coin. Perhaps two or three such cases occur every day. We reject mutilated coin."

"Besides American what other coin do you receive?"

"Canadian almost entirely. Little, if any, silver of any other nationality is presented."

"How much silver do you send to the Sub-Treasury every day?"

"Between $2,000 and $3,000."

"And you can dispose of all the silver they reject?"

"Yes; we can find plenty of people to take it off our hands."

IS THIS THE LITTLE GAME?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

In your editorial of the 10th you advise the repeal of that section of the Revised Statutes which prohibits the appointment in the army of ex-Confederate officers, saying that any such appointees would have to come into the service as second lieutenants, such being the law. True enough, such is now the law. But is the scheme of the ex-Confederates really unknown to the HERALD? Is it not a patent fact that these people, through their friends in Congress, ask for a reduction of the army, so as to obliterate several entire regiments? This having been done, there will be, as was the case in 1869 and 1870, a necessity for the mustering out of the officers rendered supernumerary, which, of course, is to be acomplished at the expense of those who are not ex-Confederates. Then Congress is to be awakened to a sense of its folly in having paralyzed the army, and it will suddenly be augmented by the creation of new regiments, in each of which Second Lieutenant and ex-Confederate Major General this, Second Lieutenant and ex-Confederate Brigadier General that and Second Lieutenant and ex-Confederate Colonel the other will be colonel, lieutenant colonel and major, while those who stood by their country in the dark days will be their juniors. If this is not known let those who are ignorant of the plot go to Washington and mingle with the ex-Confederates who are doorkeepers and clerks and hangers on about the Congressional committee rooms, and if they do not hear all this and more freely talked of it will be because they are deaf. The law provides that the office of General of the Army shall cease upon the occurrence of a vacancy therein. But if Congress has power to repeal the section of the statutes to which you refer it may repeal this law, and the election of a President who is friendly to the ex-Confederates may result in the enforced retirement of the present General and the appointment in his place of one who, while the war was going on, found it inconvenient to remain very long in his vicinity. It is believed that among those officers of the army who fought in defence of their country the sentiment is averse to putting any great amount of confidence in men who, educated at the public expense, took a solemn oath to defend their flag, violated that oath, sought to destroy the nation, and having failed, now not only ask for but demand restoration with "consequential damages." Let these gentlemen have all the civil offices they can fill, but do not confide the honor of the country to such uncertain care.

DECEMBER 13, 1879. OPEQUAN.

ROMANCE IN HIGH LIFE.

A FASHIONABLE WEDDING IN BALTIMORE AND ITS INTERESTING STORY—A RELATIVE OF THE LATE MME. BONAPARTE MARRIES THE WIDOW OF A BOSTON MILLIONNAIRE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23, 1879.

A fashionable wedding was celebrated here to-day around which cluster some romantic incidents illustrative of the old proverb about the course of true love. A few years ago Mr. Frank Brown, of Carroll county, whose estate adjoins that of his cousin, the late Miss Florence Patterson—Mme. Bonaparte's niece—was engaged to Miss Mamie R. Ridgely, a wealthy society belle. The engagement was, however, broken, and Miss Ridgely, while travelling in Europe, met Mr. Preston, a wealthy young Boston merchant. He became infatuated with her and they returned to Baltimore a few months later. After a brief engagement they were married and went to Europe on a wedding tour. About fifteen months after the marriage, however, Mr. Preston, who had been in delicate health, died of consumption. Besides her legal dower Mr. Preston left her nearly a million dollars in cash. Mrs. Preston brought the remains of her husband to Baltimore, and for the past two years has been living here in retirement. Recently she reappeared in society, and among her other admirers was Mr. Brown, her former *fiancé*. He pressed his suit and was rewarded to-day with her hand and heart. Mr. Brown is an ex-member of the Legislature, and has one of the finest imported stock farms in Maryland. He was the principal heir of Miss Florence Patterson. Mrs. Brown is only about twenty-five years of age and is beautiful and accomplished. The newly wedded couple will spend their honeymoon in New York, for which city they left after a wedding breakfast at the residence of Mrs. George Patterson, on Charles avenue.

SEEKING A WANDERER.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23, 1879.

Robert T. Caulfield, organist of St. Dominic's Church, Lancashire, England, is now in this city engaged in searching for his step-daughter, Miss Elizabeth Luthern, who left Richmond, Va., for Baltimore on the 8th of last month and has since disappeared. Miss Luthern came to this country about a year ago with the family of a Mrs. Caulfield, a cousin of her step-father, who went to Richmond to live. Becoming dissatisfied with her life there, Miss Luthern determined to come to Baltimore to obtain employment here. Mr. Caulfield first went to Washington, where he had a notice of the disappearance read out from the pulpit of each Catholic church last Sunday by order of Archbishop Gibbons. The Archbishop also gave him a letter to the clergy of the diocese, directing that every assistance be granted him in the search. Miss Luthern is described as about twenty-three years old, five feet three inches high, dark complexion, has a cast in one eye and is in delicate health.

UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 23, 1879.

The records of the Cumberland County Court in the case of Mrs. Catharine Zell, convicted of poisoning Mrs. Mary Kiehl, at Carlisle, last May, and sentenced last week to be hanged, were received at the State Department to-day. As the case will probably be taken to the Supreme Court on a writ of error, which must be allowed if application is made within twenty days after sentence of death, Governor Hoyt will wait at least until the expiration of that time before issuing a warrant designating the day for the execution of the condemned.

TELEGRAPH WIRES DOWN.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1879.

The recent storm of sleet and rain has proved very disastrous to the telegraph wires along the Lake Shore Railroad. A number of poles were broken by the weight of the ice, and seventeen wires are reported levelled for a distance of seventy-five miles.

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Henry Stoik, of No. 248 Stanton street, last night cut his throat with a penknife and died shortly afterward.

The directors of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company yesterday elected Mr. Albert B. Chandler president in place of General Thomas T. Eckert, resigned.

On the top floor of No. 262 Washington street, occupied by Messrs. Smith & Jones, dealers in spices and extracts, a fire last evening damaged stock and building to the amount of $3,500. Cause of fire unknown.

A gas jet set fire to a curtain last night on the third floor of the house No. 28 East Twenty-first street, occupied as a dwelling by Charles Brown. Five hundred dollars' worth of property was destroyed.

The grain trade of the Produce Exchange resolved yesterday to suspend the grain "calls" on Friday and Saturday. A ballot will be taken to-day for the purpose of deciding whether Saturday shall be observed as a holiday.

Justin McCarthy and Augustus Thompson, whose gambling house in West Thirty-fourth street was raided by Mr. Whitney of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, in July last, in the Court of General Sessions yesterday pleaded guilty and Judge Gildersleeve imposed on each of them a fine of $250.

Mr. B. S. W. Clark, superintendent of the Board of Public Works, and Mr. H. S. Fish, of Rochester, superintendent of the Western division of the canals, visited the Produce Exchange yesterday. To the Canal Committee of the Exchange they explained how they had succeeded in cutting the ice on the canals during the recent cold weather. The Board of Managers subsequently adopted commendatory resolutions.

SHIPPING NEWS

OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATES OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

Steamers.	Sails.	Destination.	Office.
Gallia	Dec 24	Liverpool	4 Bowling Green
Spain	Dec 24	Liverpool	69 Broadway
Maas	Dec 24	Rotterdam	50 Broadway
Amerique	Dec 24	Havre	55 Broadway
Frisia	Dec 25	Hamburg	61 Broadway
City of Montreal	Dec 25	Liverpool	31-33 Broadway
Mikado	Dec 25	Glasgow	72 Broadway
Victoria	Dec 27	London	7 Bowling Green
Germanic	Dec 27	Liverpool	37 Broadway
Ethiopia	Dec 27	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
Neckar	Dec 27	Bremen	2 Bowling Green
Vaderland	Dec 29	Antwerp	52 Broadway
Algeria	Dec 31	Liverpool	4 Bowling Green
The Queen	Dec 31	Liverpool	69 Broadway
State of Pennsylvia	Jan 1	Glasgow	72 Broadway
Baltic	Jan 1	Liverpool	37 Broadway
Herder	Jan 1	Hamburg	61 Broadway
Republic	Jan 3	Liverpool	31-33 Broadway
Helvetia	Jan 3	Liverpool	69 Broadway
Utonia	Jan 3	London	7 Bowling Green
Main	Jan 3	Bremen	2 Bowling Green
Circassia	Jan 3	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
P Caland	Jan 3	Rotterdam	50 Broadway
Wyoming	Jan 6	Liverpool	29 Broadway
Scythia	Jan 7	Liverpool	4 Bowling Green
France	Jan 7	Liverpool	69 Broadway
Erin	Jan 7	London	83 Broadway
Celtic	Jan 8	Liverpool	37 Broadway
Westphalia	Jan 8	Hamburg	61 Broadway
City of New York	Jan 10	Liverpool	31-33 Broadway
Devonia	Jan 10	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
Weser	Jan 10	Bremen	2 Bowling Green
Batavia	Jan 14	Liverpool	4 Bowling Green
Greece	Jan 14	London	69 Broadway
City of Brussels	Jan 15	Liverpool	31-33 Broadway
Geiiert	Jan 15	Hamburg	61 Broadway
Bolivia	Jan 17	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
Gen Werder	Jan 17	Bremen	2 Bowling Green
Nevada	Jan 20	Liverpool	29 Broadway
Canada	Jan 21	London	69 Broadway
Labrador	Jan 21	Havre	55 Broadway
Rotterdam	Jan 24	Rotterdam	50 Broadway
Wisconsin	Jan 27	Liverpool	29 Broadway

ALMANAC FOR NEW YORK THIS DAY.

SUN AND MOON.			HIGH WATER.		
Sun rises	7 22		Sandy Hook	morn	4 01
Sun sets	4 38		Gov. Island	morn	4 46
Moon sets	morn	3 51	Hell Gate	morn	6 31

HERALD YACHT WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.

Dec. 23.	Hour.	Bar. Tech.	Ther. Deg.	Wind.	State of Weather.
Staten Island	Noon.	30.60	39	WNW	Cloudy.
Sandy Hook	4 PM	30.60	38	ENE	Cloudy.
Scotland L'ship	8 PM	30.55	36	ENE	Cloudy.
Narrows	12 PM	30.50	35	NE	Rain and fog.

WESTERN UNION TIME BALL.

NEW YORK, Dec 23—Noon.

The Western Union time ball was dropped correctly today.

PORT OF NEW YORK, DEC. 23, 1879.

ARRIVALS.

REPORTED BY THE HERALD STEAM YACHTS AND HERALD WHITESTONE TELEGRAPH LINE.

Steamer Loudon Castle (Br), Marshall, Shanghai Nov 1, Singapore 10th, Suez 28th, Port Said 30th and Gibraltar Dec 9, with tea, &c, to Henderson Bros. Had fresh monsoons to lat 8; thence to Singapore baffling southerly winds; had strong westerly winds and squally weather across the bay of Bengal to Point de Galle; thence to the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb had light northerly winds and fine weather; passed through the Straits Nov 23; experienced fresh W winds in the Mediterranean; had light baffling winds and fine weather to lon 40; thence to port strong westerly winds, at times blowing a hard gale, with heavy squalls and high head seas. Dec 19, noon, lat 36, lon 10, passed bark Pamplemousses (Fr), standing to the southward under easy sail, with rudder lashed; bore down to her and asked if required any assistance; no notice being taken of our signal, proceeded on our voyage.

Steamer Rhoela (Br), Harlan, Cardiff 16 days, with mdse to Geo F Bulley.

Steamer Avondale (Br), Elcoste, Cephalonia Nov 13, Catalonia 15th, Malta 17th, Valencia 22d, Malaga 24th and Gibraltar Dec 3, with fruit to Lawrence, Giles & Co; vessel to J C Seager.

Steamer Bessarabia (Br), Croskery, Messina and Melazzo Nov 20, Palermo 25th, Valencia Dec 1, Malaga 4th and Gibraltar 6th, with fruit to Lawrence, Giles & Co; vessel to J C Seager. Had fresh NW gales and unsettled weather all the passage.

Steamer Graf Bismarck (Ger), Hoethe, Santos Nov 28 and Rio Janeiro Dec 2, with coffee and 14 passengers to Oelrichs & Co.

Steamer Alisa (Br), Hughes, Cape Haytien Nov 22, Port au Prince 25th, Baranquilla Dec 1, Santa Martha 6th, Greytown 11th and Navassa 17th, with mdse and passengers to Pim, Forwood & Co.

Steamer Canima (Br), Leddicoate, Trinidad Dec 10, Barbados 11th, Martinique 13th and Dominica 14th, with mdse and passengers to A E Outerbridge & Co.

Steamer Santiago, Phillips, Cienfuegos Dec 17 and St Jago 18th, with mdse and passengers to J E Ward & Co.

Steamer Rio Grande, Pennington, Galveston 6 days, with mdse to C H Mallory & Co.

Steamer New Orleans, Halsey, New Orleans 6 days, with mdse and passengers to Clark & Seaman.

Steamer Gulf Stream, Ingram, Morehead City, NC, 3 days, with mdse to Wm P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Manhattan, Kelley, Richmond, &c, with mdse to the Old Dominion Steamship Co.

Steamer Isaac Bell, Gibbs, West Point, Va, with mdse to the Old Dominion Steamship Co.

Ship Anahuac (Br, Boston), Jackson, Iloilo Aug 5, with sugar, &c, to Ira Bursley; vessel to Vernon H Brown & Co.

Ship Telefon (Nor), Petersen, Antwerp 26 days, in ballast, to order.

Ship Privateer (of St John, NB), Cox, Dunkirk 26 days, in ballast, to J W Elwell & Co. Dec 5, lat 45, lon 41, fell in with bark Sophia, of Liverpool, in a sinking condition; took off captain and crew (15 in number) and brought them to this port.

Ship America (Port), Soares, Oporto 35 days, in ballast, to G Amsinck & Co.

Ship St Nicholas, Stackpole, San Francisco 113 days, with mdse to Sutton & Co; vessel to W R Grace. Crossed the Equator in Pacific Sept 10; crossed the Equator in Atlantic Nov 21, in lon 36 W; was 3 days N of Hatteras; Oct 21, lat 50 40 S, lon 50 W, spoke ship Geo Peabody, from Callao for Europe; Nov 1, lat 29 S, lon 24 30 W, a German bark showing ABPN, bound SE; 10th, lat 20 05 S, lon 27 50 W, bark JCLF, from Waterford for Saigon; same time, bark ACWT, bound SE; 13th, lat 17 31 S, lon 28 29 W, bark RCPT, from Hamburg for Rangoon; same time, bark Kongsek (Nor), for Pernambuco; 15th, lat 12 57 S, lon 30 02 W, bark RDGM, from Buenos Ayres for Cork; 16th, lat 10 43 S, lon 31 W, ship WTDM, from Liverpool for Rangoon; 20th, lat 23 08 S, lon 33 47 W, ship Columbia, from New York for Japan; 25th, lat 63 04 N, lon 39 50 W, ship Glenhaven (Br), from Montevideo for Pensacola.

Bark Clifton (of Gibraltar), May, Adelaide 105 days, with wool, &c, to order; vessel to J W Bordeaux. Passed the Cape of Good Hope Oct 19, called at St Helena Nov 12, and crossed the Equator 25th, in lon 31 10; from the Equator, to lat 15 had light southerly winds; then took the NE trades and carried them to lat 28 30; thence to port had a continuation of stormy and unsettled weather, with rain squalls and fog.

Bark Nordcap (Nor), Onansen, Gloucester 26 days, with salt to Bockmann, Oerlein & Co. Came a northern passage, and had fine weather.

Bark Sarah Chambers (of Dorchester, NB), Rutherford, Hull 25 days, in ballast, to Funch, Edye & Co. Dec 9, lat 46, lon 42, spoke bark Wm Cocboran (Br), from Liverpool for New York.

Bark Beatrice (of Annapolis, NS), Bowlby, Maryport, 33 days with pig iron to Hephensen & Reynolds; vessel to master. Came the middle passage and had bad weather.

Bark Gyller (Nor), Ostensen, Kragro 57 days, with empty barrels to order. Dec 17, 200 miles S of Sandy Hook, spoke bark Norge (Nor), from Belfast for New York.

Bark Hannah Blanchard (of Windsor, NS), Williams, Antwerp 34 days, in ballast, to J F Whitney & Co.

Bark Boschetto (Ital), Caprilo, Amsterdam 43 days, in ballast, to Austin Baldwin & Co.

Bark Ivy (of Quebec), Dumas, St Nazaire 42 days, with iron ore to order; vessel to master. Came a Southern passage and had fine weather.

Bark Gustavo (Ital), Cafiero, Oporto 40 days, in ballast, to Lauro, Storey & Co.

Bark Ricardo (Ital), De Gregori, Savona 52 days, in ballast, to order.

Bark Francesco Danovaro (Ital), Schiaffino, Savona 58 days in ballast, to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Lucedio (Ital), Balestrino, Catania 68 days, in ballast, to order. Passed Gibraltar Nov 5.

Bark A T Stalikneht (Ger), Schutt, Rio Janeiro 52 days, with coffee to Edward Murdock. Crossed the Equator Nov 23, in lon 33; had very unsteady trades.

Bark Kallisto (Nor), Stray, Rio Janeiro 50 days, with coffee to Johnston, Perry & Co; vessel to C Tobias & Co. Crossed the Equator Nov 24, in lon 33 W.

Bark Alice Campbell, Eaton, Montevideo 60 days, with hides to C G Ramsey & Co; vessel to Brett, Son & Co. Crossed the Equator Nov 26, in lon 37 40 W.

Brig Gustavo Adolf (Swe), Olson, Bilbao 45 days with iron ore to order; vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Brig Johanna, Ray, Rio Janeiro 58 days, with coffee to Brown Bros; vessel to Swan & Son. Crossed the Equator Nov 13, in lon 30 25 W.

Brig Restless (of Salcombe), Hannaford, Santos 50 days, with coffee to order; vessel to master. Crossed the Equator Nov 27, in lon 39 30.

Schr Manuel R Cuza (of Port Jefferson), Baylis, Rio Janeiro 51 days, with coffee to order; vessel to A Abbott. Crossed the Equator Nov 26, in lon 40 20.

Schr Sarah W Hunt (of Bath), McFadden, Maracaibo 16 days, with coffee to G Amsinck & Co; vessel to B J Weinberg & Co. Dec 17, lat 32, lon 75, spoke schr Wm Martin, whaler, 30 days out, clean.

Schr Eva L Leonard (of Boston), Torry, Cape Haytien 20 days, with logwood to Thackray & Co; vessel to Parsons & Loud.

Schr Joshua Grindle (of Belfast, Me), Freethy, Cape Haytien 12 days, with logwood and coffee to A Lussier; vessel to J H Winchester & Co. Had fine weather to Cape Hatteras; thence 5 days with strong NE winds.

Schr Addie Wessels, Olin, San Andreas 20 days, with cocoanuts to G Wessels.

Schr George K Hatch (of Portland), Murphy, Caibarien 10 days, with sugar to order; vessel to J H Winchester & Co. Was 5 days N of Hatteras with easterly winds.

Schr My Rover, Brown, Charleston 7 days, with naval stores to Charles Platt; vessel to Evans, Ball & Co.

Schr Gertrude E Smith, Jameson, Baltimore.

Sch E C Allen, Eddy, Bath for New Orleans.

☞ Bark Nebo (Nor), from Galway, which was anchored below for orders, came up to the city 23d.

PASSED THROUGH HELL GATE.

BOUND SOUTH.

Steamer City of New Bedford, Davis, New Bedford for New York, with mdse to the Old Colony Steamship Co.

Ship Wildwood, Sawyer, Boston for New York, in ballast, to master.

Schr Theodore Dean, Evans, Boston for New York.

Schr French, Vangilder, New Haven for Baltimore.

Schr Palos, before reported in the roads above, passed in AM.

BOUND EAST.

Steamer Glaucus, Bearse, New York for Boston.

Steamer Acushnet, Ellis, New York for New Bedford.

Bark Samuel H Nickerson, Kimball, New York for Corunna (and anchored in Hart Island Roads).

Schr R A Forsyth, Hobbie, New York for Stamford.

Schr James English, Barker, Elizabethport for Providence.

Schr Red Jacket, Kendall, Port Johnson for Salem.

Schr Nellie Chase, Crandall, Amboy for Portland, Me.

Schr Champion, Norton, Amboy for Boston.

Schr Fannie F Hall, Chapinin, Amboy for Boston.

Schr Wm F Burden, Adams, Amboy for New Bedford.

Schr J S Terry, Raynor, Amboy for Providence.

Schr Helen A Ames, Endicott, Philadelphia for Boston.

Schr Matilda Brooks, Jones, Galveston for Providence.

The above outward bound vessels and about 30 others which came through previously, including bark Premier McKenzie, remain in the roads above.

Steamer Chesapeake, which came to anchor in the roads last night, proceeded early this AM.

CLEARED.

Steamer Wisconsin (Br), Bentley, Liverpool via Queenstown—Williams & Guion.

Steamer Gallia (Br), Cook, Liverpool via Queenstown—C G Francklyn.

Steamer Diomed (Br), Jackson, Liverpool—Booth & Co.

Steamer Olympia (Br), Craig, Bristol, E—Henderson Bros.

Steamer Amerique (Fr), Jonda, Havre—Louis de Bebian.

Steamer Felicia (Ger), Muller, Laguayra, Porto Cabello, &c—Dallett, Bouiton & Co.

Steamer George W Clyde, Winnett, Charleston—J W Quintard & Co.

Steamer Wyanoke, Couch, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond—Old Dominion Steamship Company.

Steamer Wm Woodward, Young, Baltimore—J S Krems.

Steamer Pioneer, Platt, Philadelphia—Wm P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Glaucus, Hearse, Boston—H P Dimock.

Ship Rona (Br), Clements, London—James W Elwell & Co.

Ship Donald McKay (Ger), Ihlder, Bremen—J F Whitney & Co.

Bark Herald of the Morning (Nor), Eckstein, London—Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co.

Bark Erbrin (Nor), Pedersen, Cork or Falmouth for orders—Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Gladovia (Br), Knowlton, Marseilles—J F Whitney & Co.

Bark Lindesnaes (Nor), Tonnesen, Barcelona—C Tobias & Co.

Bark Carmella C (Ital), Gargullo, Gibraltar for orders—Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co.

Bark Guinevere (Br), Pitman, Doboy,