#### AMUSEMENTS.

ACADE WYOF MUSIC -The magnificent opera of Il Trovatore seems ramiliar to the walls of the Academy. It was in this opera that the trio of artists, whose memories are en-hrined in the hearts of all opera-goers, Cazziniga, Brignoli, and Amodio, were first introduced to us. We have had individually fine artists in each part, but we have never had, until new, three such grand artists together since the original cast.

Signora Carrozzi Zucchi sang never so grandly before. Her penetrating, passionate volve, full of pathos, was admirably adapted to the grand dramatic music of "Leonora" Her first aria, "Facea In notte," was a test of her style and finish as a musician, independent of her dramatic power. The excessive tenderness of h r solo in the tric of the second act was the very ideal of passion and joy.

The "Amor sul ali rosie" was another admirable morecau of the evening; then the energy of the "Vivia" carried the audience with it. Her last scene of all was acted, as well as sung, with the highest dramatic power. The expression of her teatures s; eaking before the sentiments were given words to. Signora Carrozzi's voice is young, fresh, and even-never shrill, never vel'ed, never showing symptoms or fatigue. She is as fine an actress as we have had, and in the very bloom of her talents and her powers.

Mazzonni was seen to great advantage in the hereic and impussioned part of "Manrico." His voice has full scope in the grand declamation of this music. Still he modulates it with admirable still, moulding it to delicacy and tenderness. He is a fine actor, too, in this immeasurably superior to Brignob: his face is expressive his bearing grand. The "Miserere" was encored, but 'the grand aria of "D' quella pisa;" with the andante that precedes, it was the great artistic effort of the evening.

Bellini, as the 'Count diffuna," was as grand as he was in "Carlo Magno" (in Ernani), "Il baten" was never more admirably sung-so smooth, so tender, so impassioned, iso earnest. His voice is rich. mellow, tuil of melody and richness. We have had no bari one for many years as admirable, for Belliui is an accomplished artist, a fine actor, and poscesses a very handsome person.

The shadow to all this brightness was the contralto, M'me de Rossi. Her voice has neither quality nor power. Several times she was out of tune, and the well-known | duet in the last act, that every young lady in the house could have prompted, she sang incorrectly. Her voice has very little extent, with no chest notes, so effective in a contralto, and reaching the fa and sol only with a shrick.

In no way did Madame de Rossi obtain the sympathies of the audience. All regretted Miss Adalaide Phillips and not been chosen to complete the artistic quartette. The house was croweded and the enthusiasm of o d times came over every one. The artists were cheered, applauded, and called out several times in succession. Il Trovatore is a most felicitous revival, and would bear repetition should there be time. This evening L'Africaine will be given for the third time, with all the additional chorus of the German Opera and an increased orchestra.

This will be a favorable opportunity for those who have not seen L'Africaine and for those who have as it will, with all this extra care and extra numbers, be nearer the manner in which it was originally produced in Paris.

This afternoon the German favorites Habelmann, M'me Rotter, and Hermanns will again appear before us. La Dame Bianche was one of the gems of the German season, and Habelmann's 'George Brown," with Robin Adair-one of the fluest, if not the very finest, thing he sings.

NEW CHESNUT STREET THEATRE.-The Phantom wi I this evening commence the performances here, which will end with the Sleeping Beauty, so that we shall have a wild and poetical legend and a merry tairy tale on the same evening-a varied and charming spectacle.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE,-Mrs. Wood's wit, beauty, singing, and magnificent attire are attracting crowded and delighted audiences.

MR. EDWIN FORREST .- Mr. Forrest has been fulfilling a brief engagement in Dayton, Ohio, in honor of the opening of the new Opera House there. Dayton, moreover, was the scene of his first appearance in thea rical life. The correspondent of the Cincinnati Canmercial writes as follows:-The meident, he relates of his early career on the Western stage are highly amusing, and though his relation of them is quite laughable, they are not wanting in instruction. He is not sensitive on the subject of having been a poor young man, but has an honest pride in being the architect of his own fortunes. His first performances were in Pulla-dephia, but he appeared in Western Ohio as an actor when but eighteen years of age. He played in Dayton in a little brick house which is still standing just across the street from the Opera House, and in Hamilton, Butler county. Be also appeared in Cin-cinnati, and in Newport and L-xington, Kentucky In those days his forte was low comedy. He says, laughingly, that he would give anything in reason, that he could almost part with his darling library, to see himself now as he was then, under twenty years of age, with striped stockings, playing comedy. He says: "O! it must have been mon-trous!"

Atout this time, he had a trained dog who knew

as much as a great many people, and was quite a successful performer. The dog was a frisky tellow, and as his master was called by his profession to be up late at night, was up first in the morning. They occupied the same apartment, and on one occasion the dog took advantage of the leisure time his habits as an early riser gave him, to guaw and tear one of his master's only pair of boots. It would not do to kill the dog, and young Forrest had no money to get another pair of boots, and no credit either. So he had to presend to have a sore ankle, and putting a bandage on the afflicted member managed to borrow an old slipper, with which he hobbled about until the close of the week, when his wares falling due, he was competent to the purchase of a pair of

shoes. The boots were a total loss. One summer's day young Forrest started at dawn to walk irom Dayton to Cincinnati, and concluded, when he had accomplished part of his journey, that his movements would be facilitated if he could appropriate a skiff on the Great Miami, and float down as far as Hamilton. The boat he wanted revealed itself on the opposite side of the river. He threw of his clothing and swam for it, but found, before reachhis clothing and swam for it, but found, before reaching it, that it was secured; so he turned and swam back, and resumed his walk. He arrived in Cincinnati carly in the evening, having walked all the way from Dayton and taken a swim. On making his appearance, he heard that the farce of Aliss in Her Teens was to be played in Newport and that one of the actors cast for the play was very drunk, and could not appear. Forcest was wasted if he had ever played the character, and said that he had, and would play it then for a consideration. He named five dollars as the sum, and the offer being accepted, he played that night, after his con. He named are dollars as the sum, and the offer being accepted, he played that night, after his walk from Dayton, and got his five dollars (though there were but eight dollars and thirty cents in the house), and felt rich. Sufficient for the day was the

This incident shows the exceeding activity, energy, and power or endurance of the young man—the hardihood and capacity which were the invested capital that have made his fame and fortune.

Opening of a New Dramatic Temple.

TURNER'S DAYTON OPERA HOUSE-MR. FORREST AS VIRGINIUS.

The Dayton Opera House was inaugurated last Monday evening, January 1, 1866, Mr. Edwin Forrest appearing on that occasion in his great character of Virginius. He is said still to retain a superb voice, and that overpowering eloquence which has made him so justly celebrated in his delineation of the Roman character. We subjoin the opening address, which was delivered by Mr. McCullough, the leading actor of the new company :-

When Icarian Thespia, at an early age, His debut made upon the Athenian stage, Of rough-newn wood the awkward car was made Whereon, for tapestry, the olive's leaves were laid. Not then in lefty hall rustic the list'ners were; Their seats the verdant earth; their canopy the air. Their bachanual hymns, attuned to lute and lyre's

Were madly sing, and echoed from the hills around; And with satiric farce, and dance, and choral song. The players strove to amuse the assembled throng;

Contented they to win their merd of praise, If suddence laughee or lossterous about would raise, No vet on man (to his barbarous state 'twas owed) The Muses' wondrons gate had been bestowed, On such rude stage was precian drama born, For inture years and Altic race to adorn, From these Relienic scenes, and from such classic

Tern to survey the drama on our native shore Where faues like this delighted chousands view;
Where faues like this delighted chousands view;
Reared to Thalia Melpomene and vou.
A lew short years agone and forest wilds appear,
The Indian and the pale face for empire struggled

here, Nor Dayton chasie, a Forrest greets in temple fair. By Turners grandly reared with loyal pride and In their extent, this temple's walls include As fair a sight as over nose as viewed; Where no tude bacch corain, nor yet the ruder

Ofends the tasteful eyes despels the illasive dream. Exhausting bere their canning and their skill, (By science faught, by science gaided still), A tistic hands, in their respective parts Excelled toemseives excelling in tasir arts. Excelled tormenves excelling in their arm. here floods of light, with brilliant sunlike ray, buspet the night and shed the sheen of day.

To please the eye has been the artist's care;
To instruct the mind shall be the actor's share. Here on there boards their various course shall run, In native garb, the plays of Avon's sons;
His deathless name with indeless have a growned re-

Great Shakespeare's praise; admiring worlds resound. Here Kowles, and Massinger, Ford and Home, Otway, Congreve, Sheridan, a classic host shall

With all the other bards, in turn to give Their works to please, and in your memory live, On this stage, enamored of his Juliet's eye, Shall Romeo love and grieve, and grieving die. Here Hamlet grave, his moon with method well

arranged. His latter's ghost shall mee —that lather be avenged. Here, liowling forth his curse, shall lie the royal Lear;
And pity for Cordelia claim the gentle tear;
And shall the Moor iair Desdemona slay,
Himse f Iago's dupe, to jealous rage a prey;
Macheth shall plunge his blade in noble Duncan's

treast,
And fail to appease the shades of Macduff's race oppressed; Theze, and the whole offspring of tragic muse, Shall with The.ia come, (nor will their queen Shall with The la come, (nor will their queen refuse Burlesque and tarce their fi ting time and place),

And sature rend the mask from folly's face. t though in mimic lite man's manners are por-Still shall chaste virtue's laws and nature's be obeyed;
So none may say with cold reproving sneer
'Tis but a school for vice and scandal here.
For the pure mind can wit with wisdom blend,
And teach that Vice must fall—Virtue triumphant

A New Air Line to New York.—A bill was introduced by Mr. Stevens in the House of Representatives for a new railroad from Washington to New York. The preamble sets forth that the necessities of the Government require the construction of a national military and postal railroad between the cities of Washington and New York. Among the corporators named are Alexander T. Stewart, Henry G. Stebbins, Marshall O. Roberts, Alexander S. Diven, C. G. Miller, R. B. Minturn, D. Hoodly, Charles A. Secor, Dean Richmond, H. B. Ciaffin and William B. Doncan, of New York; Judson Kilpatrick and Marcus L. Ward, of New Jersey; J. W. Forney, Morton McMichael, and others, of Pennsylvania; George W. Riggs and H. D. Cooke, of the District

of Columbia; B. F. Newcomer and George C. Small, of Maryland. The second section authorizes the company, in the name of the United States, to survey, locate, construct, equip, maintain, collect tolis upon, and enjoy a continuous line or railway, with one or more tracks, between the cities of Vashington and New York. The capital stock is to be ten millions, ten per cent, of which is to be subscribed. Government is to have two Directors in the company, to be appointed by the President. The route is to be through the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey; and tirst-class passengers are to be carried at three cents per mile, and the road is to cross the Susquehanna river above tide-

COMPENSATION FOR AMERICAN WORKS,-Washington Irving realized a handsome fortune from his writings, as did also Mitchel, the geographer. Professor Davis received more than \$50,000, and Professor Authon more than \$60,000. The French series of Mr. Bolmar yielded him upwards of \$26,000, and the school geography of Mr. Morse more than \$20,000. A single medical book has procured its authors \$60,000. The first two works of Miss Warner brought her about \$20,000; Mr. Headley has received about \$40 000, and Ike Marvel (Mirchell) about \$20,000. Miss Lesley's cookery and receipt-books have paid her \$12,000, and the Rev. Albert Barnes has realized more than \$30,000 by his publications. Mr. Prescott, the historian, received more than \$100,000 from his books. The present sale of each of Mr. Ban croit's volumes yields him more than \$15,000. and he has thirty one years for future sale, Judge Story died in the receipt of more than \$8000 per annum for his works. In three years Daniel Webster's works paid \$25,000. Kent's Commentaries have yielded to the author and his heirs \$180,000, and Webster's Dictionary also at least \$180,000.

AN OFFICER DISMISSED THE SERVICE .- An official order from Washington was received on the instant, at the headquarters of the Military Division of the Tennessee, at Nashville, dismiss ing from the service Major Thomas W. Sweeney of the 16th United States Infantry, for absence without leave. The Nashville Union says:-"We learn that Major Sweeney, whose regument, as is well known, is stationed at this place, made application some time since for leave of absence which was refused. The application was made he second time, with a similar result; and then Major Sweeney, without permission, absented himself from his regiment, and the above order was issued in consequence of such action. If we are not misinformed, he had been eighteen years in the Regular Army, and was also appointed Major-General of Volunteers. He holds the office of Secretary of War of the Fenian organization."

THE BEST JOKE OF THE SEASON. -It is well cnown that the Grand Jury have been forging thunder-bolts the last ten days, to be let loose on the liquor-sellers of this city, says the Cleveland Leader. The bolt fell on Saturday but is noticed elsewhere. But—Consistency! thou art a jewel. The Grand Jury came in on Saturday norning all save one member, nameless here forever more. An attachment was issued to secure the attendance in court of this loiterer, About half an hour after the set time uncertain steps are beard on the stairs as of one plodding up with difficulty, and in a state of great dis-couragement. The janitor opens the door, when he is addressed by Mr. Grand Juryman with, "C-can z' tell (bic) me where (bic) the Grand Jury room (hic) is ?"?

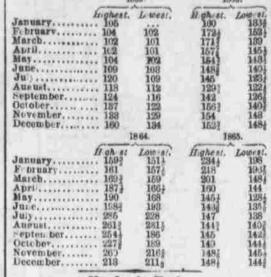
DEATH OF A VENERABLE KENTUCKY REBEL. Hon. Thomas B. Mouroe, late of Kentucky, died in Pass Christian, Mississippi, on the 23d ult. He was by descent a kinsman of President Monroe, and was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, in 1791. In 1822 he was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Adair, and in 1835 made a Judge or the United States District Court, which office he filled tall September, 1861 when he seceded, went to Nashville, took the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, and finally 'represented' Kentucky in the Rebel Congress. He lost two sons in the army, one of whom was killed at Shiloh, and the other died of wounds received in the same battle.

IMPORTANT TO DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.—The Soldiers and Sailors' National Union League of Washington has issued an address, urging all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors to preserve their discharge papers, and not to part with them to speculators for any sum.

-The Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Reporter has just entered upon its fourteenth vol-ume, enlarged and improved. Dr. S. W. Butler, the able and accomplished editor, remarks, in a leader, that the work is a complete success, and he tenders his thanks, with compliments of the season, to the medical profession of the United States for their very engaging natronage in States for their very encouraging patronage in past years.

-The Springfield Republican says:-In the winter of 1865 there were eight carrier boys era-ployed to distribute that paper in Springfield. Three of these boys are now cashiers of banks in or near Springfield.

The Fluctuations in Gold. The fluctuations of the premium on gold since the suspension have been as follows:-LADIES' FANCY FURS.



Murder in Paris. Yesterday Mr. Charles E. Whitehead, the counsel for the French Consulate, executed a commission regatory in the United States District Court, taking testimony in regard to the murder of Thomas Laverque.

It appears that Thomas Laverque, a Judge of one of the French Courts, and a man aged seventy-eight years, while coming from London to Paris in October last, made the acquaintance of a young Frenchman named Gabriel Poncet. Os the 5th of that month the Judge and young man walked out together to spend the

On the next day the body of the old Judge was found in the Bois de Boulogne with several stabs in the breast and the pockets rifled. The young Frenchman was arrested, but showed no proof Under cross-examination he stated that he had been a water at Fijux's Hotel, in New York, and who his sequaintances had been there. Hereupon a commission rogatory was sent to this city, through the French Consul, to examine whoever might have knowledge concerning the matter.

The commission executed, it was discovered that Gabriel Ponzet came to this country an escaped forcat from Cayenne. That he worked during the month of August last at Fliux's Hotel, in Waverle place, and being then quite poor ne was sent by the liberality of Mr. Wiedenkeler, a compatriot, back to France, where, on his arri-

val, he was arrested for this murder.

But the link in the proof obtained which will weigh heaviest with the accused, was, that he had sent a box with some presents in it to the friends who had aided him at New York. The box being intercepted was found to contain the watch and other valuables of the murdered man. The commission, with all the evidence, was returned this day to the Tribunal of Versailles that had issued it.—N. Y. Heraid.

Fight Between Rebels and Union Men in Tennessee. From the Nashville Union, 5th.

A gentleman from Overton county arrived in this city yesterday, who gives us the particulars of a difficulty between four or five returned Rebels, and as many late Union soldiers, which cannot but be read with interest at this time by the mass of the people who are anxious to see law and order restored throughout the country. It appears from the statement of the gentleman in question, that ever since the return of these parties (and they both reached home at about the same time), there has been a eud existing between the parties, and on Thursday last it culminated in a fight, in which Mr. Whitlock, a Union man, and a Mr. Barr, a returned Rebel, received slight wounds from pis tols. The parties were attending a vendue and foolishly commenced a discussion on politics, which resulted as we have already indicated.

A Story of the King of Portugel.

A Parts letter-writer says:—
"Last week a young foreigner, dressed with perfect simplicity, went into Devi-me's, the gunsmith's shop on the Boulevard des Italiens, and asked for a double-barrelled gun to shoot wild new explosive balls. M. Devisme happening to be in his shop, entered into conversation with the young man, and at once recognizing a genuine Nimrod, remarked that as it was abourd to try either guns or balls in a mere shooting gal-lery, he invited him to his country place at Argenteuil, where he was going to shoot the following day, and would be very happy to be ac-companied by his new acquaintance. The young man asked how long it would take to reach his house. 'Two hours,' replied Devisine; 'I start by the ten train. In half an hour we snall reach our destination, and it will take us about threequarters of an hour to try the guns, and half an nour to return; but it occurs to me that 11 is breakfast hour. I can offer you a cutlet and an omelet, hunter's fare. Bravo! said the young foreigner, i'l accept.' After selecting his gun, Devisme inquired his name and address. The young man took the pen from M. Devisme, and wrote in the book of addresses 'Roi de Portugal, Grand Hotel.'"

A New Haven firm lest \$300 in bills three years ago, and discharged their Irish porter on suspicion of their. Recently the fragments of money have been found in a mouse nest. Pat is restored to his place, having been in the army during his vacation.

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