THE DAILY platficrn, and one which need not be bulls to
cover the broken planks of its predecessors.
Whatever fault the Democracy may find with Whatever fantt the Democracy may find with
Its teachings, they mast admit that tor conIts teachings, they mast admit that tor con-
sistency, hat jewel of greatest political worth,
it far exceeds their own, and upon itr broad, strone planks will conntinae to otand the great
Commonwealth of Pennagivania, for two

Shan We Have a School ot Mussto?
Durixe the lasat and the prosent season a
series of Italian operatic performances have
been given in this elty, in which the vocal been given in this elty, in whleh the vocal
parts, Including the chorus, bave been flled
by native singers. Philiadelphia has thus woon by native singers. Philiadelelhla has thus won
the honorable distinctlon of having Irst prac-
tically proved the frasibility of producing the tically proved the fessiblitity of producing the
finest works of the Italan composers with Americaa artists only; and this success show
further that, with the neceessary faclities of
musical education once afforded for the de velopment of native talent, the lyric drama
conld be naturalized among us, to the could be naturalized among us, to the
extent of making us quite indopendent
eventually of forelgn vocalists. The amaeur perlormances now in progress at Con-
cert Hall, under the ausplces of Mr. PspeliL, have cost him and his puplls
a largo am unt of labor, study, and expense. And just here we are prompted, to ask, What
end, at last, is to be reached by so nuact patient practicee, skllffal instructiton, laboriouas
rehearsals, and the pre eminent success of the rehearsals, and the pre eminent success of the
Fhole enterprise? Is anytbing achieved
either for the mestro, or either for the maestro, or his pupis, or the
public, beyond the ephemeral applause of
room fall of peoplo? Do not connoisseurs in musical art see that the grand object at which
Mr. Perrici aims-namely, the permanent foundation of a school of music on a large
scale in this city, is not attained even by the
most triumphant effects of each successive most triumphant efiects of each successive
representation? Philadelphis has proved the
possibility of suceess in the experiment of giving operatic performances by amateurs,
which places her far in advance of any
oiher city in the Union. Such an
exthibition of thorough musical educaoiher city in the Union, Such an
exthibition of thorough musical edaca-
tion, of brilliant vocalism, of drams-
tic talent, developed under many dimm-
calties, and of completeness in every departmenties, and of completeness performace, has not been wit-
messed elsewhere; and no one will doubt that ir ail this had been done in New York or
Boston, the people would have gone half
wild with dolight and self-complacent congraWild with dolight and sel-complacent congra-
tulations on their sup rier ty over their neigh
bors. Nor would this have satisfed the metropolitan pride of those cities, where
money and encouragement are never given money and encouragement are never given
grudgingly for anything which will redound
to the proft or the gratifcation of their Once upon a time, after great deliberation,
the Quaker City resolved to build an Opera
House-no wo beg pardon 1 Music. This movanie et had two important
objects. The frist was, to compete in some
degree with New York tor the honor and
proft of entertalning and detaining strangers
for a few days wita us, by affording them a for a few days wita us, by affording them a
pice of amusement, in which musiacal per-
formances ot a high order would be the at-
traction; to prevent them from posting off immediately to New York, in which city in-
numerable theatres, ete, enable them to pass
their evenings pleasantly after the business of the day. the projectors of the enterprise
None ot
oxpected or defired to make money directly by it. Indeed, on all occasions, the prices
were eo low that it would be in the power of
all to visit the Academy all to visit the Academy frequently, so that
this elevating taste for music might bo widely
disseminated among the masses as one meanas of humanizing them.
The second object was even a more unsel-
fish one, viz, the creation of a school like the fish one, viz, the creation of a school like the
Conservatoire in Paris, devoted to the develop-
ment and liberal encouragement of native ment and liberal it might be discovered, and
talent wherever it mit
Where the possessor was without sufficient
means to pay for instruction. Well, the means to pay for instruction. Well, the
house was built, and is conceded to be, in all respecta, one of the finest in the world. But
we modestly ask whether either of theso
objects has been accomplished? For a third of the year, perhaps, the house
is rented to operatic managers at a price which renders it impossible for any but the
creme e la cereme to enjoy it. During the rest or the time is let indical representations, for acrobats, or
theat
public lectures, or learnad dogs, or horsepublic lectures, or iearned dogs, or horse-
tamers, er gymnasts, or, in truth, to anybody that will pay for it. The foyer, which was to
bo the school of the Institution, is occupied principally as an eating saloon, whero oysters
and salad are dispensed to weary daneers. We are not informed whether, for the
classical concerts of Messrs. WoLFsours, is gratuitously offered; but we are quite sure is gratuitously ofiered; but wo are quie sure
it ought to bo. Why is it that up to this sime
no effort whatever has been made to carry no effort whatever has been made to carry
out the plan of making it what its name would lead the verdant stranger to suppose it, viz.,
an Academy of Music? $A t$ present the title is supromely ridiculous. Philladelphis might be made the musical Athens of America (if Boston would allow it). In view of the ad-
mirable manner in which Mr. Pwer mirable manner in which Mr. PzekiĽ's
amateur operas have been preesated, it would be superfluous to say that we have a superabundtance of talent lying perdu, as it were,
awaiting, ulike the rlch gold of the mine, the awaitiog, ilike the rich gold of the mine, the
discovery and the magle touch of the ailiful artlist. Wo want such a school, and wo waul love for art among us ; and untll we ralies up musicians from our midst, we must expect to
pay extravagant prices for the imported
opera.
While we have among us who are thoroughly compotent
teachers, to Mr. PeakLLi belongs the credlt
of pro-minent skIII in the -training of his
puplls for thie stage, united with a genuine
ent enthusiasm in his art, and a practical adapta tion of measa for the desired end, which com-
bine to At him peculiarif for the position of
instructor in a publle instilution inse to 日t him peculiarly for the position
intruetor in a publile institution, such as we
ought to establish Gere. We appeal to the
 heelr original design to slip through thetr fingers. They see what can be done wlthout
their co-operation. Let them try how much
more can be doue with it We believe Mr. more can be done with it. We bolieve Mr.
PankiLi has a bigher object than money making. His professional success has placed
him above this depressing neceisity, and with out a higher aim than a meree transient popu-
larity, his persererance would long since have given cut. Who will take the Arst-stops to
establish a real $\Delta$ cadomy of Nusic in PhilaJdsi to the Firkmen.-We notice that created a fund for the purpose of conterring,
free of expense, HIe policies upon the mem-
bers of the Metropolitan Fire bers of the Metropolitan Fire Department
that city, and allowing a certaia amount per
week week to those who may be injured in the per-
formance of their duties. This action on the part of the Empire Clity is one which com-
mends itself to faverabto imitation by the com-
panies of our own and the oother municlpall ties of our conntry. It is an act not only or
justice, but also of pollicy. The success of the nssurance always depends upon the infroquency
of destructive fres, and the infrequency, or leait the extent, of these fires rests with the
firemen. If they should negleet to work with
energy, or should be dethen energy, or should be deterred by faar from
bolaly encountering the flames and subduing
them them in the contest, the loss which would be
incurred by the companies would be immense.
In order, therefore, to relleve the firemen from the thought that should they be injured
in the digcharge ot their in the digcharge of their duty they would bo
fent to the Bospital ; or, should they be killed
heir families would ble their ramilies would be deprived of support,
our Insurance Companies ought to follow the
example of those of the metropolis, and prosent to the relatives of a freman killed suci
a sum as would remove all dread of poerty
and want. With this load taken off munity wound become herculassan ound before
their energy and courage the wildest conflagration would be successfally and speedily

Democratic Cossistexcy.-The Kew
York World and all the other Democratic organs in the country call Congress the
"Rump Congress," If this term means any-
thing, it means that the National Legislature, being an ex parte assemblage, cannot legally
adopt any laws binding uoon the country.
The platform adopted at Harrisburg strongly says, however, "that we owe obedience to the
Constitution of the United States, ineluding
the amendment tronibiting slavery, and under
its provisions will accord to those emanecipated all their rights of person and property." In the "Rump" Congress; and, while declaring
all its proceedings Mlegal, they acknowledge
the fores of tbe Constitutional Amendment passed by it. Such a course is, to say the
least, slighty inconsistent. Risignation or Colonel McKim,-We
regret to understand that Colonel WILIIAM
W. McKis, the able and courteous oftifer
who has been in charge of the Qaartermaster Department in the oity tor aster resigned his position. During his continu-
anee in our midst he has secured for himself reputation for integrity, business ability, an solderly discipline unprecedented in the his-
tor of the Department. He has fullilled wit fidelity the onerous and responsible duties of the public and the with the kindest wishes superiors. He is to be succeeded, it is stated,
by General Gzonas H. Coosmax, who pre viously was in charge in our city. He is one
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