AMUSEMENTS.

ARCH STREET THEATRE.—Mr. Lawrence Barrett's "Claude Melnotte" revives the poetry of the part, hackneyed and depoetized by the attempts of se many until the very name of the hero had become a jest. It is a difficult task to revive a serious interest in "Claude Melnotte." Mr. Barrett not only revived the interest in the hero, but gave oack all the ideal, that of Bulwer's romantic and poetical creation. ""Is readings of the well-known passages brought forth all the beauty of language that had grown trife. His earnestness, his passion, deep, intusing itself through all his nature, but never loud; his touching tendencess, the deep remorse which never in his wildest moments left him, all were admirable. Mr. L. Barrett's genus has kept its pomise; it has increased by practice, thought, and study.

Mr. Barrett is a finer artist than when last we saw him. He has years of youth before he attains matutarity; he can aspire to the very highest position in the dramatic art. This evening he will appear in the character of "Charles de aloor," in Schiller's play of The Robbers. This evening he will appear in the character of "Charles de aloor," in Schiller's play of The Robbers. This evening he will appear in the character of "Charles de aloor," in Schiller's play of The Robbers. This evening he words—gardiner her method of pronouncing some words—gardiner for instance—are peculiar, but she played "Pauline" with discretion—sufficient not to mar the interest of the character. Mrs. Thayer was capital as "Mi'me Deschapelles." Mrs. Worrall played the "Willow Melcotte" with great feeling.

New Cheenut Street Theatre — Miss Mitchell continues her Fanchon, of which the public never wears. The enthus asm and desire to see her increase at every performance. Fanchon must be withdrawn this week. Those who desire to see Miss Mitchell in her great character should not tail to take advanges of the recycling. her great character should not tail to take advan-tage of the next three representations. On Monday evening next Maggie Mitchell appears in her speci-nity, The Fearl of Sway; or, The Mother's Prayer. On Saturday afternoon a matinee will be given, when the Fiying Dutchman will be presented for the first time. It has been prepared expressly for the mati-nee performances, and has been some time in prepa-ration.

WALNUT STREET PHEATRE -Mr. John Brougham p ays to the most crowded houses of all the theatres in the city. There is an irresistable attraction about his; it is like an invitation from a friend one cannot resist. Last night, and again this evening he plays the "Kin," in Pecahontas, his own burlesque, and the "Kin," in Productor, his own barriesque, and the finest, not to sav the only, American burlesque ever written. Mr John Dunn, who plays "Captain Smith" (be was, we be seve, the original) has a heau-tiful senor voice, and sings the music of the part with great effect and sweetness.

AMPRICAN THEATRE,—The delightful enterlainments at the American are attracting crowds every evening. The Fowler Sisters, the Wesners, and the new tenor Mr. Heron, are acmirable in their lines. The variety of the entertainment is not the least pleasant feature of the evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC .- The Rave's give a wonderful exhibition of the Trapeze this evening, with the pantomime of the Golden Egg. The three illustrious brothers all appear.

BENEFIT OF JAMES HAMILL, THE CHAMPION OARSMAN.—On to morrow (Friday) evening a benefit will be given at the American Variety Theatre to James Hamill, the champion sculer. A great bill of Loveties has been prepared for the occasion All who wish to see our champion meet Kelly properly in England should bear this matter in mind.

Perelli's Opera—Linda will be repeated to-morrow evening, Miss Denegre having recovered from her severe indisposition. She will positively appear as "Pierotto," logether with Miss newlott as "Lands. The other roles will be the same as in Monday evening's performance

JARVIS MATINEE -At the Fover of the Academy of Music the last of the series takes place at 4 o'clock to-day. The programme is at once classical and popular. The Concerts have been always numerously and inchonably attended.

The Alexandria Habeas Corpus Case. OPINION OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL SPEED.

Considerable attention has been given to the decision of Judge Underwood, in Alexandria, Va., lately, in the case of Thomas Javins, petitioner for a writ of habeas corpus. In May, 1865. Javins assaulted a colored boy, Frank Beall, and in the assault the boy's leg was broken. Javins was thereupon arrested by General Slough. In October, Beall brought an action for damages in the Provost Court, Captain P. R. Hambrick, Judge, and recovered \$500 damages, the Court ordering Javius to be imprisoned till the damages were paid. This de-cision was approved by General Augur, and a few days since was carried into execution by the arrest of Javins and his confinement in the Slave Pen, in default of payment of the judg-ment. He then petitioned the United States District Court for a writ of habeas corpus, to discharge him from this confinement.

The writ was served on Captain Hambrick, who made return thereon that he held the pri soner by authority of the President of the United States. The prisoner's counsel relied upon, first, a former conviction by General Slough; secondly, want of jurisdiction in the Provost Court over a case of this nature. The respondent's counsel argued that the return of Captain Hambrick was conclusive, and upon it the prisoner must be remanded to custody; and secondly, that, if the return did not preclude the Court from going further, the Provost Court had jurisdictions. tion, being the Court designated for the trial of these cases, by the Freedmen's Bureau, in ac-cordance with the rules and regulations of the Bureau approved by the President. Judge Underwood decided that the writ of habeas corpus was not restored by the recent proclamation o President Johnson, and that the return of Cap tain Hambrick that he held the prisoner by authority of the President was conclusive, and the Court could not go behind it. The prisoner was accordingly remanded to confinement under

was accordingly remanded to commement under the sentence of the Provost Court. We learn that the Attorney-General has given an opinion adverse to the decision of Judge Underwood, and that an order has been issued for the release of the prisoner on the writ.— Washington Star, 18th.

MURDER AND LYNCH LAW IN ACCOMAC COUNTY, Va.—On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. Drummond, wite of Captain John Drummond, resident of Accomac county, near Pongoteague, was most brutally murdered by a negro, who was recently in the army. The Newtown Record

was recently in the army. The Newtown Record says:—

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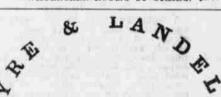
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