THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1869.

NEW YORRISMS From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, April 13, 1869. The agritation which the Germans are in, in regard to the question of beer or no beer, will sufficiently excuse my recurrence to the subject. On Sunday afternoon about three thousand of these anti-Rechabites assembled in the Bowery Theatre for the purpose of hearing the question discussed. The convocation was not numerous, you will say, considering the occasion; but then you must remember that nearly every man present was a representative of a score of other men, so that the real audience may be said to have numbered about fifty thousand. The speakers were Supervisor Andreas Willmann, Dr. Hermann Muhr, Mr. Marcus Otterburg, the Rev. Gottfried Scheibel, and Mr. Magnus Gross, all of whom of course were in favor of the proposed amendments. Mr. Otterburg indignantly combated the idea that the meeting was for the purpose of obtaining "free lager." Liberty, not lager, he argued, was the real question of the hour, and his fellow-countrymen were quite as willing to give eternal vigilance as the price of the one, as five cents a glass for the other. And why this bitter opposition to beer? Ginger, choctaw, spruce, and root beer, to say nothing of cider, were pronounced to be innocent warmers of the heart-cockles.

Why this ignorant hostility to lager ? Cider, more particularly, contained quite as much alcohol as this harmless beverage which the tyrannical minority were trying to shut down upon. Was it not, after all, a result of a bigoted stiempt to retain intact the American idea of a Sabbath ? That idea, if it were strictly carried out, would interdict the printing or selling of newspapers, the running of cars and all travelling conveyances, the keeping open of stores or stalls for purposes of traffic, or the doing of a thousand and one things which the necessities of a higher plane of civilization have pronounced The impression gained from the disharmless. courses of the various speakers was that they had come primed with the best lager the season could afford, and that the Germans, carrying out in a way most consonant to their temperaments the old Puritan idea, demanded, not freedom to worship God as they pleased, but freedom to swal low as much beer as they desire on a Sunday. The beer movement occurs just in the nick of time, now that the "bock" season will so soon commence. A few weeks will herald in the change from the jung bier to the bock bier; and those who know what a joyous season that is in the Vateriand will feel a twinge of charity for the German artisan, who, through six weary workdays, looks forward to enjoying one innocent Sabbatical "swill," surrounded by his family.

Dr. R. L. Parsons has been publishing his report in regard to the New York City Asylum on Blackwell's Island. It is not to be expected that any physician holding his position will father an unflattering account. That would be expecting too much from the candor of human nature, and, accordingly, we find that Dr. Parsons has drawn the picture very mild indeed. He is compelled to admit that the number of patients exceeds by several hundred the means of accommodation; but the "attendants" are represented as miracles of suavity and sweetness. It is they, he says, and not the patients, who are visited with blows and abusive language. I am afraid Dr. Parsons is one of those "commonplace men" whom Mr. Reade so felicitously describes in his novel of "It is Never Too Late to Mend." From lunatic asylums all over the country have proceeded flat contradictions of his assertions that in nine hundred and pinety-nine cases out of a thousand, the horrible deeds perpetrated in insane hospitals by keepers upon patients exist only in the diseased imaginations of the lunatics. In the asylum on Blackwell's Island the inmates are so crowded as to be in constant peril one from another; and only a few weeks ago one female patient battered the scull in and scooped the brains out of another one. In spite of this report, the asylum is in about as bad a state as it can be. The visits of legislative committees are always known beforehand, an. the Superintendents have plenty of time to hustle their torture-implements out of the way and put on their "company" manners. At the recent convention of Spiritualists at Cooper Institute, Judge Edmonds was not present, and his absence gave occasion to much scandal. In a letter three-quarters of a column long, addressed to one of the daily papers, he quietly insinnated how obliged he should feel if people would hold their tongues about him and what he does or does not. His argument seems to be that the spiritualism of to-day is only a continuation of the history of the spiritualism of the past, and that the manifestation will grow brighter and more trustworthy with times' flight. I hope so-or that it will speedily die out altogether. The tipping of tables, and the calligraphy of Planchette, and blood-colored initials are interesting phenomena, but they prove no more spiritually than the rope-tying of the Davenports. A. M. Bruzessi, one of the most accomplished teachers of horsemanship in New York, is in such despair at the ravages and incursions of the velocipedes, that he has established a "Riding Club," as the only rival amusement of the kind likely to stand the least chance. The city and suburbs are profusely sprinkled just now with velocipedromes, gymnacyclidiums, bicyclocurricullums, and amphicyclotheatrons, and the two-wheeled "Houyhnhnms" may be seen going in every direction, while the horse champs and paws uselessly in his stable. Gentral Park bids fair to be deprived of the most dashing and picturesque amusement of the season, viz., that of horseback-riding. Meanwhile the Black Crook element has been introduced at these places of public entertainment, where velocipede-dramatic performances are given, and Izion, the Man at the Wheel, has been superseded by woman upon two wheels Last night Henry Ward Beecher, who has not et died of softening of the brain or throat se (from both of which he was suffering at last fabrications), appeared in a new role at the Brooklyn Athenseum-that of chairman of a ee trade meeting, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Free Trade League. Somehow or other, he finds time, apart from his sermons and is rational amusements and his articles in the N.Y. Ledger, to think about trade and finance, and to say something in regard to them that is worth other people's thinking about. He never plods upon any subject. He treats his mind like his mach, and lets thought digest the food he gives it without sickly self-consciousness. His stant aim is to round himself so as to be all things to all men, and this rolling stone, which is constantly on the move, has gathered moss from almost every conceivable subject. Assessor Webb's raid upon the brokers in Wall street, having for its object the collection of one twenty-fourth of one per cent. upon all capital used by them in their business, has not, thus far, been very successful. The brokers banded to-rether and formed a square chevaux-de-frise, invincible as that originated by the Mame-

of all that is known on a subject the public interest in which is being rapidly consigned to the

"James Logan No. 6 (of Hoboken) has gone West. James Logan No. 1 has engaged counsel to look after Mayor Hall's reward. James Logan No. 9 boards at the Putnam House, Fourth avenue. James Robinson (the bummer) has gained thirty-two pounds on Captain Caffrey's generous diet. James Riley, his companion, does chores at the Central Odice; and De Launoy, of the speckled coat and T½ hat, drives a Third_avenue car. Tom No. 1 (McGibney) is pegging away at brogans up the river. Tom No. 2 (Holt) hasn't turned up; and Tom No. 3 (the actual bearer of the James Logan letter; is serving sentence outside this State, and can't be had." "James Logan No. 0 (of Hoboken) has gone West.

As I am about to close this letter the startling rumor reaches me that the smallpox is in this city. Three tamilies in the Sixteenth Ward are said to be stricken with it, and inspectors from the Board of Health are hard at work vaccinating the entire ward. So the rumor goes, but I don't believe a word of it. If there was anything serious, the Board of Health would be the last to move in the matter.

The Dwarf Drama (The Seven Dwarfs) is flourishing at the Bowery. Passini's Mass is to be produced at Steinway Hall on the 30th of the present month, with Miss Kellogg in the principal part. Pantomime will soon put in an appearance at Wood's Museum, Wallack's, the Tammany, and Tony Pastor's. "Poor old Robinson Crusoe" will figure at three of these places, and something else, not yet .decided upon, will figure at the other. ALT BABA.



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DIED.

BARTON.—On the night of Sunday, the 11th instant, in his 25th year, WILLIAM H. BARTUN, son of Samuel and Maria Harton. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully nyited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his father, No. 552 N. Fourth street, on Thursday afternoon, the 16th instant, at 2 c'clock. Interment at South Laurel

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