MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"Faust" by the Richings Troupe.

Faust is one of the operas in which the old Richings combination succeeded most decidedly. Their first performance in it was a somewhat dubious experiment, for they had previously confined themselves almost exclusively to works of a much less exacting character; but to the surprise of themselves apparently no less than of the public, they made a decided hit, and the enthusiasm manifested by the audience on the occasion was something to be remembered. Thereafter, *Faust* continued to be one of the most popular works in the Richings *repertoire*. The opera itself is a remarkable composition. Unlike most attempts of the kind, it fairly illustrates the theme, and Goethe's *Faust*, like Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, would seem to be a subject particularly ill adapted for musical treatment. No one familiar with *Faust*, however, can fail to perceive that by some rare instinct of genius the composer has succeeded in catching the spirit of the great poem, and, what is equally remarkable his work combines all the elements of popularity while it satisfies the highest critical demands. *Faust* is an opera that is tolerably sure to please if but reasonably well rendered. If it is given in first-class style throughout, there is scarcely a more impressive work upon the stage. Popular as *Faust* is, however, it is scarcely as well adapted as some others for the opening night of a new season, and for introducing a new and untried company to the public. The leading *roles* are exceedingly difficult, while they do not enable the artists to display the full extent of their vocal abilities as well as some others. This was shown last night by many imprrfections that the general merits of the performance induce us to attribute to nervousness on the part of some of the singers, and to the feeling of uncertainty and novelty that must necessarily prevail on such an occasion.

All the artists, the new comers as well as the established favorites, were well received by the audience on their appearance, and generous encouragement was given throughout the whole performance The hit of the evening was made by Mr. Henry Drayton, who gave a most masterly personation of "Mephistopheles." As a piece of acting it was much superior to Mr. Campbell's rendition of the same *role*, and it may fairly be put in comparison with the great effort of Hermanns. Mr. Drayton has evidently made a careful and artistic study of the part, and his conception of the disguised fiend differs essentially in many particulars from that of Hermanns'. It is less devilish, and it has more of the subtle tempter about it. The "Mephistopheles" of Hermanns will always be a most impressive performance, but the conception of Mr. Drayton appears to have more of the elements of greatness about it. There was a certain stiffness and awkwardness in some of Mr. Drayton's attitudes and gestures which might be objected to, but these might easily be the inequalities of an embarrassing occasion and not inherent defects, and they detracted but little from the real merits of the performance. Mr. Drayton has a bass voice of fine musical quality, and he produced the deep notes of his *role* without difficulty, while the clearness and emphasis with which he enunciated every word was a matter for special admiration. Mr. Drayton will be remembered by many of our citizens on account of the series of pleasant parlor operas which he and his wife gave here some ten years ago. He established himself then as a superior artist, and Mrs. Bernard is particularly fortunate in securing him, as he promises to be one of the most valuable members of her troupe.

Mr. Henry Haigh made a very favorable impression in the early scenes of the opera, but either his voice or his confidence failed him as the performance progressed.

In the garden scene and subsequently he was extremely weak, both as regards his acting and singing. Mr. Haigh's voice is a tenor of good quality, but for some reason he seemed unable to control it last evening and while not disposed to pass a hasty judgment on the strength of a first performance in a new country, and before a strange audience, we scarcely imagine that he will supersede Mr. Castle in the regards of the public.

Mrs. Annie Kemp Bowler, who sustained the part of "Siebel," has a good *mezzo soprano* voice, and she gave a creditable rendition of the *role* entrusted to her. It was as good as the average of "Siebels" that we are accustomed to, while it was far below the personation of Mrs. Seguin. But then Mrs. Seguin is a very superior artist, for whom it would erhaps be impossible to find a substitute of equal gifts. Mrs. Bowler sang the flower song very nicely and obtained an *encore*.

Mrs. Bernard sustained the part of "Marguerite," and as the public are familiar with her representation of this character, it is not necessary to dwell upon it. Last evening Mrs. Bernard did not act or sing with as much spirit and animation as usual, until the church-yard scene, when she seemed to warm up to her work, and she rendered the difficult passages, where the lost girl struggles with the temptations of the fiend, with real dramatic power.

Mr. James Arnold, who has a good baritone voice, which he does not always use with as much skill as he might, appeared to much advantage as "Valentine," and made a better impression than he has done hitherto in anything that he has undertaken.

Making all due allowance for the difficulties of the occasion, the performance last night was a success. The new combination will compare favorably with the old one, and when it gets thoroughly into training, it will doubtless be able to render most of the peras in a creditable and satisfactory manner.

Mrs. D. P. Bowers in "Reaping the Tempest."

Despite the disagreeable sputter of rain last evening, a large audience greeted Mrs. D. P. Bowers, on her first appearance during the present season, at the Walnut Street Theatre. The play presented was a new one, from the French—Frenchy. It is a sensational piece, entitled *Reaping the Tempest; or, Marguerite the Wanderer*. Although moulded on the French idea, and thoroughly characterized by the French spirit, the scene is laid in Germany, in preference to Paris, doubtless for the sake of the effective contrast in colors which the provincial German costume affords. "Margueritte," the heroine, is married to an industrious blacksmith, "Jean Paul Bergen," to whom and to her child she proves faithless, sowing the wind throughout the first act in company with the graceless "Count de Rendorf." The second act brings retribution, according to the immemorial custom both on and off the stage, the "Count" casting off the miserable woman to make room for his lawful wife. In the third act figures the avenger, "Jean Paul" having the poor satisfaction of thrusting a sword through the body of the "Count," while "Margueritte" is smitten with blindness through the agency of a flash of lightning, as she catches a passing vision of her child. In the fourth act comes the atonement, with "Jean Paul" in grief through the abduction of his child, and in prison by reason of that hasty sword thrust, while "Margueritte" floats about the world in poverty and blindness. In the fifth and last act all hands reap the tempest, but the curtain descends upon a tableau not altogether wretched. "Margueritte" has discovered her child and rescued her from the prowling mountebanks who had stolen her, and finally comes upon "Jean Paul," just released from prison, who is now mourning for her as dead. Immediately after they are reconciled, "Margueritte" gives up the ghost, and the thing is consummated.

This medley of *East Lynne* and *The Stranger* has the decided merit of being well arranged, and at frequent intervals there is afforded an excellent opportunity for working up an effective scene of deep dramatic distress. This opportunity is never neglected by Mrs. Bowers in the *role* of "Margueritte," whose power, as is well known, lies chiefly in this particular line. The audience were in thorough sympathy with her from first to last, and were free and hearty in their plaudits.

For the rest, Mr. J. C. McCollom performed the part of "Jean Paul" in a so-so manner, frequently overdoing the thing, as is his fashion. Mr. Benjamin C. Smith, as the "Count de Rendorf," made his first appearance in this city. The sword of "Jean Paul" did not put him *hors de combat* a minute too soon to gratify the audience. Miss Rose Wood, who, we believe, occupied a subordinate and silent position on the boards of the Arch some years ago, likewise made her first appearance in a speaking *role*, in the part of "Leopoldine," the wife of the "Count de Rendorf," and impressed the audience very favorably, both by her voice and manner. The comic business of the piece, in the hands of Mr. Owen Fawcett as "Zahn" was creditably performed, and Little Nellie in the child's part did remarkably well. Putting it all together, *Reaping the Tempest* presents no novelties in situation, but is brisk in action and effective in arrangement and the satisfactory manner in which it is, as a whole, performed, will warrant several repetitions.

The City Amusements.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC the Richings English Opera Troupe will appear this evening in Auber's opera of *Fra Diavolo*, with Miss Blanche Ellermann as "Zerlina." The cast will also include Mr. Brookhouse Bowler, Mr. Henry Drayton, Henry C. Peakes, James A. Arnold, and Mrs. Annie Kemp Bowler.

To-morrow *Il Trovatore* will be given.

AT THE WALNUT Mrs. D. P. Bowers will appear this evening in the new sensational drama of *Reaping the Tempest*.

AT THE AMERICAN Manager Fox has made a decided hit by the engagement of the Kiralfy troupe of Hungarian dancers, who appeared last evening to a large audience who received them in a most enthusiastic manner. These performers are undoubtedly the most remarkable in their particular line that have ever appeared in this country. They are thorough artists, and their dancing, while it differs materially from that commonly seen, has a grace, a dash, and a spirit of its own that is fascinating and inspiring. The troupe consists of eleven persons, two men and nine women, all of whom are first-class dancers. The leaders of the troupe are Mad'lle Haniola and her two brothers, all of whom have fine, intelligent, and unmistakably Hungarian countenances, and apart from its individual merits, their dancing is attractive and fascinating from the contrast that it offers to what we are usually accustomed to. This troupe achieved an immense success in New York, and unlike many of the New York sensations that are turned over to us after they have had their day in that city, they fully deserve all the applause that has been bestowed upon them. The impression they made last evening was unmistakable, and they will doubtless continue to attract crowds to the American as long as they remain there.

Musical and Dramatic Items.

—Mr. William E. Sinn, well known as the late manager of the Chesnut Street Theatre, has assumed the charge of the Front Street Theatre, Baltimore, which was opened last night under his auspices. The inauguration of Mr. Sinn's new enterprise was an immense success, the house being filled to repletion almost as soon as the doors were opened, so that the sale of tickets was stopped shortly after half-past seven o'clock. Mr. Sinn is an enterprising manager, and we hope that he will be able to keep this sort of thing up for the balance of the season.

—De Bar's Opera House, St. Louis, was opened a few evenings ago for the season, with Mr. John Collins, the popular Irish comedian, as the star of the occasion. One of the St. Louis papers speaks thus of Mr. Collins' appearance:—

"The first appearance of Mr. Collins, and the inauguration of the season, drew a large attendance to this establishment last evening. There must have been at least nine hundred dollars in money taken at the box office. Those who recollect Mr. Collins ten or twelve years ago, could not fail to recognize the same sprightly comedian and clever vocalist in 'Sir Patrick O'Plenipo' and 'Teddy the Tiler,' his initiatory efforts on this occasion. Between pieces Mr. Collins was brought before the curtain, and responded to repeated, not to say boisterous calls, in a very brief and graceful speech. He said that he had been absent from St. Louis so long a time that he had fancied he had been forgotten. The sea of smiling faces that greeted him on the present occasion, however, convinced him to the contrary. He trusted that his friend De Bar-r-r would better consult his interest in the future, and not permit him again to be so long away. He returned his thanks for the decided mark of appreciation shown him, and promised to do all within the scope of his abilities to prove himself worthy of such an ovation.

—The Parepa-Rosa English opera troupe opened last evening at the French Theatre, New York, with Balfe's opera of *The Puritan's Daughter*. This work has never before been produced in this country.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—Only seven plans have been submitted in competition to the Board of Commissioners for the erection of the public buildings on Independence Square. Among these contributors are four Philadelphians, Messrs. John McArthur, Isaac H. Hobbs & Son, Samuel Sloan, and J. H. Windrim. The perspective designs submitted are masterpieces of architectural details, being generally five feet in length and of proportionate height. It would be invidious, and might be judged impertinent, at this time to comment in detail upon the separate plans in advance of a thorough examination by the Committee on Plans. One fact, however, is patent to every observer on the first glance, and that is that architects pay as much attention to the ruling fashions in building as the ladies do to their millinery toggery. Every plan submitted, with one single exception, has an outcropping of the French roof mania in various degrees of horridness, in one case the artist piling them up on different series of buildings, rising one behind another like so many cheese boxes, until the height of six stories is reached, including the basement. The committee will make their decision this month on these plans, paying a premium of $2000 for the design having the most merit, $1500 for the second best, $1000 for the third, and $500 for the fourth.

All the buildings now on the square are to be removed, except Independence Hall, which will remain insulated, and must not be disturbed. The buildings are to be fireproof throughout. No wood is to be used in their construction, except in the doors and windows. The stairs to be marble; the roof to be composed of incombustible materials laid on iron framing. No hollow partitions to be admitted anywhere throughout the buildings. All the exterior walls are to be faced either with marble, granite, or hard sandstone, as may best comport with the style of architecture that may be adopted.

The magnitude of the buildings can be judged from the fact that the accommodations for the following departments are required, besides some fifteen surplus rooms:—City Councils, 8 rooms, 7400 square feet; Mayor and Police, 14 rooms, 4900 feet, with cells for 100 prisoners; City Controller, 5 rooms, 2950 feet; City Treasurer, 5, 2344 feet; Law Department, 6, 2771 feet; Water, 7, 5325 feet; Highways, 4, 1788 feet; Survey, 4, 2919 feet; Markets and City Property, 2, 1000 feet; Building Inspectors, 2, 648 feet; Boiler Inspectors, 3, 972 feet; Health, 6, 5780 feet; Fire, 2, 1600 feet; Receiver of Taxes, 5, 4000 feet; Fire Alarm Telegraph, 2, 1900 feet; Court rooms, 24, 28,429 feet; Board of Revision, 4, 2050 feet; Recorder of Deeds, 4, 6200 feet; Register of Wills, 4, 1880 feet; Sheriff, 4, 2705 feet; Guardians of Poor, 3, 2196 feet; Port Wardens, 2, 800 feet; City Commissioners, 6, 2550 feet; Coroner, 4, 1773 feet; Girard Estate, 2, 1000 feet; Controllers Public Schools, 6, 9600 feet; Gas Office, 1, 10,000 feet.

At present these departments are scattered through the city, and are troublesome to find when wanted.

AN APPEAL TO THE CHARITABLE.—Mrs. C. S. Wilson, a Union widowed lady who resided at Savannah, Ga., during the war, is now in this city, soliciting aid from our citizens. She bears letters of endorsement from Senator John Sherman, the late Governor John A. Andrew, A. C. Barstow, Mayor of Providence, R. I., General Q. A. Gilmore, and others. She has in her possession also the following and other endorsements from General Grant:—

"WASHINGTON, D. C., July 3, 1866.—The agents of Bureau of Freedmen, Refugees, and Abandoned Lands, Savannah, Georgia, will relieve the distress of a truly loyal woman—one who did all she could during the Rebellion for the relief of Union prisoners confined in the South—by issuing to her such rations as she may require from time to time.

"U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant-General.

"Mrs. C. S. Wilson, Savannah, Ga."

At the outbreak of the Rebellion, she states, "her property consisted of eight or ten domestic servants, bank stock of some eighty thousand dollars, and a house in Savannah, all of which was lost. She is now entirely destitute. From the commencement of the war until its close, Mrs. Wilson devoted the most of her time to the alleviation of the sufferings of the Union prisoners, and for that purpose made long and expensive journeys to Richmond, Andersonville, and other prisonpens through the Southern States, and often suffering the most terrible hardships.

"In addition to her care and attention to the living (and when they had no one to care for them), she attended to the burial of the dead, marking the graves, etc.

"In consequence of such hardships and exposure, her health became seriously and permanently impaired, and she is unable to pursue any active occupation.

"She seeks a plain home in an inexpensive section of the country, where she may spend the remainder of her days without starvation. She thinks that with a small house that would cost in the neighborhood $2500 she could, with such light employment as she could find, eke out a livelihood. She has been encouraged with the hope that Congress would make an appropriation in her behalf, but is weary with the delay, and is suffering from present destitution. She ventures to apply to the good citizens of Philadelphia with confidence that they will severally contribute the few dollars that will enable her to pass the remainder of her life without absolute want."

Mrs. Wilson has been assisted by Messrs. James H. Orne, James L. Claghorn, George H. Boker, Jay Cooke, and other prominent citizens. Any contributions for her relief may be sent to her, care of James L. Claghern, Esq., at the Commercial National Bank.

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF REVENUE DETECTIVE JAMES J. BROOKS—NO CLUE AS TO THE ASSASSINS—EXTREMELY CRITICAL CONDITION OF THE WOUNDED MAN.—There has been considerable excitement created in the community by the bold attempt made yesterday to assassinate Revenue Detective James J. Brooks in the liquor store of John C. Keenan, on Front street, near Arch, the particulars of which occurrence, in addition to those furnished yesterday, are as follows:—

Detective Tryon followed the cab containing the would-be assassins along St. John street to Buttonwood, thence to Sixth street, thence to Spring Garden and to Fairmount Park, where all trace was lost. Lieutenant Brurein, of the Seventh Police district, procured a carriage, and also tracked the vehicle to the park. He drove through the park on both sides of the Schuylkill, but failed to procure any further information as to the course pursued by the cab. Later in the day Detective Frankin scoured the park, and on inquiring at the approaches to the various bridges, he came to the opinion that those fleeing had not gone across the Schuylkill.

United States District Attorney A. H. Smith and Marshal Gregory yesterday afternoon waited upon Mr. Brooks, and having obtained from him a recital of the facts, immediately telegraphed to the authorities at Washington, and in a short time received an order to offer a reward of $5000 for the arrest and conviction of the would-be assassins. In the evening Mayor Fox also called upon Mr. Brooks, and took an ante-mortem statement, on which several warrants were issued, and up to this time five persons have been arrested, and are now in custody at the Central Station. No new facts have been developed as to whom the assailants were, and it is generally believed that at least two of them were strangers in this city. Of course the hack and horses belonged here, but as it is held that the assassination is the result of long deliberation, it is not likely that the men would hire a team for this expected assassination, for if they did so, it would be comparatively easy to find out to whom the vehicle and animals belonged, and who was the driver.

Mayor Fox late last night issued a proclamation in which he offered a reward of $1000 for the apprehension of the would-be murderers.

Mr. Brooks was perfectly sensible during the night, though he suffered intense pain. He frequently expressed his belief that he would not recover, but was unable to give any clue as to who the parties were. This morning he seemed worse, and the chances are that he will not survive much longer. The ball, which passed through a lung, is still in him.

COMMISSIONER'S CASE.—This afternoon, before United States Commissioner Clarke, Osborn Conrad had a hearing upon the charge of using cancelled revenue stamps upon a promissory note, contrary to law.

John A. Anderson sworn—I live No. 315 Crown street; I know that Mr. Osborn Conrad removed internal revenue stamps from one note and placed them on a new note of a different date; I think it was on the twenty-second of July last; Mr. Conrad was the maker of the note from which the stamps were removed, and was also the maker of the new note; April 21 was the date of the first note, and July 21 or 22 was the date of the new note; the first note was not negotiable; I wanted to raise some money on it, and the party from whom I was to get the money told me that it was not negotiable; I came back to Conrad, and asked him to give me a negotiable one; he refused at first, but afterwards said he would give me one for $200 instead of $300; then he gave me a negotiable one for the $200; that was the consideration, the second note bearing $100 less; there were three five-cent stamps on the note dated in April; the stamps were taken off the old note and put upon the new; objected to his taking them off; I thought they might be considered as old stamps, and would not be taken: Conrad said he would take them off carefully, remarking that it would save him fifteen cents; I objected, because I was afraid he would tear them; I sold the new note to Mr. Weber.

The hearing was adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.—M. Thomas & Sons sold the following properties at the Stock Exchange today, at the prices annexed:—

4 shares Mercantile Library Co.	$8·75
1 share Reliance Insurance Co.	$45
95 shares Empire Transportation Co.	$53
26 shares Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy, and Lancaster Railroad	$56·75
$1500 Union Passenger Railway Co. 6 per cent.	84 p. c.
100 shares Union Passenger Railway Co.	$42·25
Three-story Brick Store, No. 343 N. Third street, above Vine, 20 by 128 feet	$9500
Three-story Brick Dwelling, No. 828 N. Tenth street, below Parrish	$3500
Lot of Ground, Howard street, south of Cambria, 18 by 110 feet	425
Two-story Brick Factory, Ashland street, Doylestown, Bucks county	$2000

GOOD FAITH IN INSURANCE.—The Franklin Fire Insurance Company, Alfred G. Baker, Esq., President, have promptly, and without any abatement, paid the total amount for which the firm of Joseph F. Tobias & Co. were insured with them, in the matter of the destruction of the Patterson bonded warehouse several weeks since. A noteworthy feature of this liquidation is the fact that a portion of the above loss was sustained upon goods stored in Section H, in reference to which compartment many insurance men claimed they should incur no liability, as it is alleged the destruction was owing to the falling of the walls. But the Franklin honorably refused to plead such a palliating circumstance, and discharged the amount claimed to the every dollar.

TO MEET the wishes of the frequenters of Atlantic City the Camden and Atlantic Railroad Company has agreed to continue its fast express train, starting from Vine street wharf at 3·15, every day for the remainder of this week. We learn they also have it in contemplation to run this train down *every Saturday* for the remainder of this month, returning about 7·24 A. M. on Monday.

This will give our citizens a splendid opportunity of visiting this fine "City by the Sea" during the lovely month of September, which is conceded to be the finest of the year, both for bathing and fishing, and also for the exhilarating atmosphere. We advise all to go who can.

FURTHER HEARING IN GENERAL ZULICK'S CASE.—This morning, at 10 o'clock, an adjourned hearing in the case of General Samuel M. Zulick, charged with perjury, was heard before United States Commissioner Clarke.

Mr. William L. Hirst, Jr., appeared for Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Robert E. Randall for General Zulick

Mr. Valentine, Assistant United States District Attorney, having been subpœnaed as a witness in the case on behalf of the prosecution, and being unable to attend on account of the critical condition of Revenue Officer Brooks (shot yesterday), by whose bedside he was detained, the hearing was deferred until to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon.

PEACH MARKET.—The following are the arrivals to-day at the Delaware Avenue Peach market:—

Propellers W. Whilldin, Decatur, and Roanoke, from Sassafras River, Md.; Meinder, Whorton Creek, Md., with 11,639 baskets.

Barges Charles, J. Collins, Blue Mountain, and Willie and Walla, from Odessa, Del.; Charles Lafferty, from Bohemia, Md., and Madison, C. and D. Canal, Del., with 14,500 baskets.

Sloop Fanny, Liston's Tree Farm, Del., with 600 baskets.

Steamers Jersey Blue and Perry, from Symrna, Del., with 4200 baskets.

Prices range from 60 cents to $1·10 per basket.

AN ITALIAN BARQUE ON FIRE.—At 7 o'clock this morning the Italian barque Assunter, lying in the Delaware at the foot of Willow street, was discovered to be on fire. The Northern Liberty Fire Company were quickly on the ground, and succeeded in saving the vessel from destruction. The fire was confined to the forecastle, where it originated from the explosion of a barrel of varnish. Two of the crew were badly burned about the face, hands, and feet while attempting to extinguish the flames.

DEATH OF AN OLD SEAMAN.—We notice with regret the decease of Captain William H. Merry, of general debility and paralysis, in New York city yesterday morning. Captain Merry was one of the oldest of Marine Inspectors of the United States, and the First Surveyor of the Bureau Veritas—the Paris Lloyd's—appointed by Mr. Charles Bal for the United States. He was a man of undoubted ability and integrity, and his loss will be regretted by the whole shipping trade, by whom he was highly esteemed. His funeral will take place from Trinity Church at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

THROWN DOWN STAIRS.—The second story of a building at Seventh and Bedford streets is occupied by James and Hannah Coyle and Ellen Ferris. Yesterday, this trio got into an altercation, which was wound up by Ellen Ferris being thrown down a flight of stairs. James and his wife were arrested for the offense, and locked up for a hearing. Ellen was taken to the Hospital.

USING A BLACKJACK.—William Casey last night got into a disturbance with Albert Lindsay at Perkiomen and Wylie streets, during which Albert received some ugly wounds from a blackjack, which is alleged to have been wielded by Casey. Anyhow, Casey was arrested for it, and held for a further hearing by Alderman Pancoast. The injured man was removed to his residence, No. 757 West street.

[*Received too late for Classification.*]

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THIRD EDITION

AVONDALE.

Further Particulars of the Distressing Catastrophe—The Excitement in its Vicinity—Preparations for Entering the Shaft—Measures to Relieve the Sufferers.

FROM THE COAL REGION.

Further Particulars of the Avondale Disaster.

SCRANTON, Sept. 7.—The following despatch to the Scranton *Republican* has just been received from Avondale:—

The Steam Fan.

6 O'CLOCK A. M.—The train, with a donkey engine and fan, have just arrived. They will be hauled up the hill to the mouth of the shaft at once, and all haste made to put them in place and get ready for work.

Preparations for Clearing the Shaft.

8 O'CLOCK A. M.—The engine is nearly ready, and preparations are going on rapidly. A rope has just been stretched around the shaft, and a large police force been deputized, who are under the charge of Chief Daniel Brown, of Plymouth, assisted by Levi Carvickauer, constable for Plymouth township. The ground has been cleared of all not actually engaged in busy preparation. The hill side rising abruptly back of the shaft is crowded with women and children, and men from other localities.

Prevalent Opinion that Every Miner is Dead.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.—The most experienced men all agree that every person in the mine has perished. Preparations are hastily being made to force air down the shaft. A descent will be made within an hour.

Meeting of Operatives.

A meeting of miners has just been convened in the woods near by, James George acting as President. He stated in a spirited speech the object of the meeting.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Granite for the New York Post Office.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—It is understood that the contract for furnishing the granite for the New York Post Office has been awarded to Dixon & Co. at 65c. per cubic foot dressed, delivered at the site. If this is correct, public protest should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury to see no change is made in the specifications, in justice to the other bidders. It is impossible to deliver the granite, as called for in this case, at the price named, without serious loss to the contractor. There must be some jockeying in the matter.

Revenue Seizures.

Despatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Supervisor Drummond, of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, in the case of the distillery of J. McCoy & Co., seized by him some time ago near Davenport, Iowa, has obtained a judgment for forfeiture.

FROM EUROPE.

This Afternoon's Quotations.

PARIS, Sept. 7—2 P.M.—The Bourse is excited, but firmer. Rentes, 70·35.

HAVRE, Sept. 7.—Cotton opened quiet and steady.

Arrivals Out.

QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 7.—Arrived, steamship Malta, from New York.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 7.—Arrived, steamship Baltimore, from Baltimore.

LONDONDERRY, Sept. 7.—Arrived, steamship Hibernian, from Quebec.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.
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NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Fruit and Floral Evening Reception, BANQUET, MUSIC, SPEECHES, ETC., TO BE GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY, FRIDAY EVENING, September 17.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are now being solicited for this object, and with good success.

The members of the Horticultural Society are earnestly invited to make contributions of Black Hamburg Grapes, and other fine fruits, for the occasion.

Tickets for members of the Society will be offered for sale in a few days. [8 31 1t4p

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FOURTH EDITION

THE MINING DISTRICT.

Men Descend the Heated Shaft of the Avondale Mine—Volunteers to the Rescue—Men and Machinery to Clear the Pits—No Hopes of Discovering the Unfortunate Men Alive.

FROM THE COAL REGIONS.

Fifty Volunteers to Descend the Heated Shaft.

SCRANTON, Sept. 7—9 A. M.—At a meeting of the miners the President stated the object to be to organize a force of fifty experienced men from among the representatives of the several districts present to hold themselves in readiness to volunteer to descend the shaft. He stated that seventeen miners were these from Hyde Park, and called for nominations from the other localities.

Thomas J. Phillips Superintendent of the Jersey Mines, waited upon the meeting to say that when the preparations were ready, carpenters, machinists, and others would give place to the miners, who should co-operate with the owners of the company in exploring the mines.

The Fan Started.

9·15 A. M.—The engine and fan have just started, and every pulse is quickened at the busy hum they create.

Miners Coming to the Scene.

9·30 A. M.—Miners are coming in from all quarters in great numbers. J. C. Wall has just arrived with three hundred miners from Coalville.

Ready for Work.

9·46 A. M.—The fan worked only a few minutes on trial, when it stopped to connect the canvas air conductor, which will reach to the bottom of the shaft, 237 feet. All is nearly ready, and the miners are close at hand and a roll of their names is being called.

10·15 o'clock.—A fan has just been started. Forty-six miners have been enrolled under the superintendence of James George, of Plymouth, and Henry W. Evans, of Pittston. George Morgan, of the Nanticoke mines, was appointed foreman on the part of the miners, and Thomas E. Davis, of Nanticoke, and John H. Powell, of Taylorsville, as advisers. They are to have the direction of the operations after the descent is made.

The First Descent.

10·20.—Thomas Carson, superintendent of the Hampton Mines, and John P. Davis, carpenter at Avondale, are making the first descent of the shaft. They proceed only one hundred feet, and lower three lamps, which burn freely. Obstructions prevent the lamps from reaching the bottom within fifteen feet.

10·45 A. M.—Carson and Davis remain in their position, reconnoitring the shaft. The lamps still burn, and the fan continues to force down air.

Aid for the Sufferers.

The Rev. Thomas P. Hunt appeared on the ground, and after a few remarks, proposed the following gentlemen as a committee to solicit aid for the families of the sufferers:—E. C. Wadhams, James McAlarney, J. Fuller Reynolds, G. Evans, Dr. Richards, Jacob Roberts, J. W. Eno, H. J. Gapie, Harry Hakeson Shaffer, B. J. Woodward, R. N. E. Woodward, Robert Boston, Nathan Van Horn, F. Thercer, H. Turner, H. H. Harvey, Richard Stillwell, and John B. Smith. Small books previously prepared were handed to all the committee men present, and a canvass of the immense multitude here is progressing.

More Men to the Rescue.

11 A. M.—The two men ascended from the shaft, and the miners' committee are getting ready to go down. They will take axes, saws, etc., to clear away the passage.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Dead Secretary—The President's Circular to the Heads of Departments.

Despatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The following is a copy of a letter sent to the heads of all departments of the Government, by order of the President, to-day:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Sept. 7, 1869.—It is my duty to inform you that the Hon. John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War, departed this life at twenty minutes past 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

In consequence of this afflicting event, the President directs that the Executive Department of the Government be careful to manifest every observance of honor which custom has established as appropriate to the memory of one so eminent as a public functionary and so distinguished as a citizen.

HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

The Departments to be Closed.

In accordance with the above, the various Secretaries have addressed letters to the heads of bureaus under them, suspending business to-morrow and on Thursday until after the funeral obsequies shall have been concluded.

Acting Secretary Richardson, of the Treasury Department, to-day issued the following order:—

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Sept. 7, 1869.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. John A. Rawlins, deceased, late Secretary of War, Custom Houses will be closed, public works under control of this department suspended, and flags kept at half-mast during Thursday, Sept. 9, and the day on which the obsequies of the deceased will be solemnized.

W. A. RICHARDSON, Acting Secretary.

FROM NEW YORK.

In Respect to His Memory.

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—In consequence of the death of Secretary Rawlins, the flags on public buildings, hotels, newspaper offices, and shipping are hung at half mast.

Sheridan Shook.

United States Collector of Internal Revenue, has surrendered himself to the warrant for embezzlement, and given $2000 bail.

FROM EUROPE.

The Egyptian Cotton Crop.

By Anglo-American Cable.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Despatches received from Alexandria report the cotton crop in the interior of Egypt as excellent in quantity and quality.

Prussian Ministerial Responsibility.

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—At the next session of the Prussian Diet the Liberal party will introduce a proposition for ministerial responsibility.

The Emperor's Health.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—The *Journal Officiel* to-day contradicts the alarming rumors of the Emperor's health, saying that the Emperor attends to his affairs daily; that he has suffered some from rheumatism, but at no time has his condition been such as to cause the least anxiety.

The sessions of the Senate have been closed.

Defeat of the Carlists in Spain.

MADRID, Sept. 7.—Estartus, at the head of a band of thirty Carlists, were yesterday defeated by a body of national troops near the city of Gerona. Estartuf himself escaped and fled to the mountains, but many of his men were captured. This is the last Carlist band known to be on Spanish soil. It is reported that there are four hundred Carlists at Perpignan, on the French border, ready to enter Spain. The Government has taken measures to prevent such entry.

Affairs in India.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Despatches from India state that half of the municipal council of Saigon, in Cochin China, is hereafter to be chosen from French and Americans born in the country, while native Agamites and Chinese are made eligible to the Council.

This Afternoon's Quotations.

By the Anglo-American Cable.

LONDON, Sept. 7—4 P. M.—Consols, 93 for money and account. American securities firmer. Five-twenties of 1862, 83; ten-forties, 75¾; Illinois Central, 94¾.

LONDON, Sept. 7—4 P. M.—Cotton heavy. California Wheat, 11s. 2d.; red Western, 9s. 10d.@10s.

HEARINGS AT THE CENTRAL STATION.—This afternoon, at 2 o'clock, before Alderman Kerr, at the Central Police Station, Bridget Donahue had a hearing on the charge of larceny, and was discharged.

Annie Allman, a colored female, was charged with cutting another female lady named Annie Johnson. The dispute arose over a cream-colored gent that both admired. The prisoner was held in $300 bail to keep the peace.

William Smith (colored) was charged with the theft of two horses and a wagon from A. R. Neese, of Holmesburg. Smith was captured while trying to sell the team for $100, at Twenty-third street and Columbia avenue. Held in $2000 bail for a further hearing on the 9th instant.

Daniel Lee (colored), aged 23 years, was accused of stealing a bank-book and some pension papers from his mother, who is blind. Held in $600 bail for a further hearing to-morrow.

FIFTH EDITION

THE LATEST NEWS.

The Richmond Conflagration—Disaster in Baltimore—Revenue Receipts—Market Quotations.

FROM THE MINING REGION.

Latest Particulars of the Disaster.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

PLYMOUTH, Sept. 6—9 P. M.—Very little progress so far has been made beyond erecting the steam fan at the top of the shaft, by which fresh air is now being thrown down. Several attempts to descend have been made, but had to be abandoned, as the air is still too foul to live in. It is believed, however, that a descent can be made some time during this afternoon, and large crowds of people are congregating around the mine anxiously waiting the result of the effort. All hope of rescuing any of the unfortunates alive seems to have been given up.

FROM BALTIMORE.

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