THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1869.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

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"All's Well that Ends Well" at the Arch.

All of Shakespeare's plays were written for the stage, but like many lesser dramatists, he did not always succeed in hitting the mark squarely, and some of them-principally his early efforts-however well they may have been suited to the taste of his own sames, have gradually fallen into a not altogether illdeserved neglect in the theatres. The public, if its indgment is not always to be relied upon at the moment, is a lolerably good critic in the long run, and although there are some unacted works by the early dramatists that are well worth producing on the stage, with a little ingenious adaptation, the winnowing that Shakespeare's writings have undergone has pretty surely separated the dramatic gold from the dross. Shakespeare's plays may be divided into two classes: plays for the closet and stage, and plays for the closet only. To this last named class belongs All's Wellthat Ends Well. Nothing that the greatest poet of the world has produced can be uninteresting to students of poetry, but more than one of his efforts lacks the dramatic interest necessary to make them successful in the acting, whatever their merits may be as literary performances.

All's Well that Ends Well is one of his plays that have been excluded from the stage. In modern times it has seldom or never been acted, except persaps occasionally as a dramatic curiosity that people are expected to see a few times simply because it is a novelty. The Arch Street Theatre management announce the performance of last night as the first of this play ever given in Philadelphia, and the probabilities are that it was, as there does not appear to be anything known to the contrary. The reason for this neglect is not difficult to come at, and it is very doubtful whether the success of this revival will be so great as to give encouragement for another attempt in the same direction for the next hundred years or so. The production of such a rare play, however, is a matter of more than usual interest to students and lovers of dramatic art, if not to the general public, and it is worth while inquiring into the merits of the comedy, with reference to the reasons for its excinsion from the theatres.

All's Well that Eads Well is based upon one of Boe vaccio's stories ("Decameron," Novel Ninth, Day Third), although Shakespeare probably followed a translation or adaptation that he found in Painter's "Palace of Pleasure," a collection of tales gathered from various sources. The play follows the novel very closely in its plot, for a lack of invention was one of the limitations of Shakespearian genius, and although he sometimes altered and improved certain incidents or introduced new ones, he oftener followed his original with what appears very unnecessary fidelity. In the case before us it would seem impossible for him to have made any material improvenient without an entire alteration of his subject, and All's Well That Ends Well is an example of his inability to triumph over a difficult and unpleasant theme. Shakespeare has done more to render it attractive than would any of his contemporaries if it had fallen into their hands; but in spite of its merits as a literary effort, it is difficult to esteem it except as a very inferior work. The conjectural date of its composition places it after such performances as Richard Night's Dream; The Taming of the Shree; Romeo and Juliet; and King John, in which his genius shone with most brilliant lustre, The internal evidences of the piece, however, would seem to indicate that it belonged to his transition period, after The Two Gentlemen of Verona and Love's Labor Lost, and earlier than the great dramas upon which his fame principally rests. It is a riper work than the two last named, although not as good as either of them for stage purposes, but far inferior in every respect to all the others. The subject itself is offensively coarse, and although few sensible persons will not prefer the honest plain speaking of shakespeare's time to the insinuations of some of the dramatists of our own day, yet such a play as All's Well that Ends Well could searcely have been written for the stage except in a coarse age, and in its original shape it is not lit to be produced before modern audiences.

Independently of the offensive nature of many of the incidents themselves, the spectacle of a young woman pursuing a man who does not love her, and The fifty Amusements.

AT THE CHEANET the interest in the drama of Hented Down appears to be increasing rather than otherwise, and it commenced its second week with a large andience in attendance last evening. The interest of this play is much the same as that which attaches to East Lynne, but it has nothing of that disagrecable morbidness of tone that characterizes that drams, and it is at once purer, more wholesome, and more attractive in every way. The manner in which it is performed by Miss Keene and her company brings out all its strong points, and holds the attention of the audience from first to last. The Chesnut is now more like a drawing room than a theatre, and there is an air of elegance and comfort about the place that makes it irresistibly attractive as a place of resort, independently of the excellence of the performances.

AT THE WALNUT Mr. Booth is attracting as large - AT THE WAINUT MF. Booth is attracting as large audiences as he did at the commencement of his somewhat prolonged engagement, and many per-sons will regret his departure after the present week. This evening Mr. Booth will appear as "Shylock" in The Merchant of Venice, and as "Don Creater de Bazan" in the amusing drama of that name AT THE ARCH Shakespeare's comedy of All's Well

AT THE ARCH SHAKespeare's connecty of Add's Well That Each Well will be performed this evening. DUPREZ & BENEDICT's opening night at their opera-house, on Seventh street, below Arch, at-tracted a large audience, and the troupe made a first-rate start. This band of burnt corkists confirst-rate start. This bank of ournet corkists con-fains an unusually large number of competent per-formers, and the entertainment last evening was up to a high mark of excellence. We predict for them a successful senson as the cosy little theatre they now occupy, which, by-the-way, has been relitted in good style, and is now more altractive than it ever W'ON.

AT THE ELEVENTH STREET OFERA HOUSE a number of Ethiopian comparison Ethiopian contcalities will be presented this evenitte

THE GRAND CONCERT to be given this evening at The GRAND CONCENT to be given this evening at the Academy of Music in and of the German Theatre ought to attract a large andlence. A number of eminent performers will appear, and a first-class programme will be presented. The entertainment will be under the direction of Mr. isaac L. Rice, a will be under the direction of Mr. isaac L. Riec, a Philadelphia musician, who has recently returned to is after prosecuting a thorough course of musical studies in Europe. The managers of the German Theatre are anxious to commence putting up their building, but they very properly hesitate to do so until they have the necessary funds in hand. This actualishment will sumple a compare and it will not establishment will supply a vacancy, and it will not interfere with any of the other theatres. It will give our German citizens what they have long needed, a first-class place of annusement, and it will be an at-traction to the city and an inducement for Germans in the interior of the State to visit Philadelphia. The theatre on this account alone is worthy of the port of our business men, and we hope not only that the concert this evening will be a pecuniary success, but that the gentlemen who are endeavoring to ge the theatre in operation will receive the encourage-ment they deserve, MAD'LLE CARLOTTA PATTI is announced to appear

in two concerts, at the Academy of Music, on Friday and Saturday evenings next, under the management of Max Strakosch, Esq. Maddle Patti has not ap-peared here for a number of years, and report speaks of here as having improved screening as a single. Show of her as having improved greatly as a singer. She will be assisted by Signor Roacont, Theodore Habel-mann, Theodore Ritter, J. F. Prume, and Joseph Herrmanns.

OPESSOR HERRMANN, the great prestidigitateur, will appear at the Academy of Music on Monday November 1. Herrmann stands at the head of his profession, and some of his feats are very remarkable. THE "STAR" COURSE OF LECTURES,-Mr. Pugh has reason to congratulate himself on the britiliant success of the enterprise he has inaugurated. It was a happy thought to make a combination of the best lecturing talent in the country, and the variety that Mr. Pugh's course offers is not the least of its attractions. Last evening Miss Olive Logau, whose last appearance in this city did not excite much en-thusiasm, was greeted by a tremendous andience that completely filled the Academy of Music to hear her discourse upon the congenial theme of "Guris" 'Girls.

"Girls." To-morrow evening the fourth lecture of the course will be delivered by Mr. R. J. De Cordova, who is one of the most popular of Mr. Pugh's "stars." His lectures are always amusing, and as the comedian of the troupe, if we may call him so, he is an admirable relief to some of the heavy trage-dians, like Summer and Wendell Phillips, who are to appear during the season Mr. De Cordova's theme to-morrow will be "Our New Clergyman." He will also sting to an orchestral accompaniment a new also sing to no orchestral accompaniment a new song entitled "When They Shall Whisper," a copy of which will be presented to each lady in attendance.

THE WHARTON PATENT RAILROAD SWITCH. No appliances that can be devised will make railntely safe, and under the very ravening at

HAGGERTY.

His Escape from the Officers of the Law -A Continuation of the Lagulry into its Circumstances before Judge Allison.

This morning at 934 o'clock Judge Allison, in the Court of Quarter Sessions, resumed the inquiry, Court of Quarter Sessions, resumed the inquiry, begun yesterday, into the circumstances attending

begin yesterna, into the circumstances attenting the escape of James Haggerty. Mr. Petilt, a member of the bar, being sworn. said—I saw the occurrence on Saturday; myself and Mr. Love stopped to see if the Brooks men were in the dock; I saw the van door open and when Haggerty stepped out my impression was that he struck some one; a man followed him to the hotel calling out something; a crowd of men standing in front of the restaurant made a passage way and let Haggerty pass through ; there were about fifty per-sons in the crowd; when Haggerty had passed into the hotel the crowd closed up and began a sham fight; immediately after the crowd left the van I saw two policemen walk out from somewhere very leisnrely; after Maggerty had escaped a number of policemen came up to the notel; I couldn't recognize any of the persons; Mr. Thomas made every effor; to

any of the persons; Mr. Thomas made every chor to pursue, but was prevented. Jas. Clifton, prison keeper, sworn—I came up with the van, on Saturday morning; when we drove into the court-yaad a crowd pressed in against the van and I told them to stand back; Haggerty came out of the van after Albright and hearly knocked me down; I grabbed him by the coat-tail, but he got away, and then I pursued him; I can recognize one of the van after was fained with: I can recognize one of the crowd; his mone was JamesWhetmore, called "Mysterious Jimmy;" but he seemed to be keeping the crowd back.

Albright sworn-I am a day watchman at the Mr. Albright sworn—1 am a day watenman at the County Prison; I came up with the van on Saturday; when we stopped in the court yard 1 told Haggerty that I would go out first, which I did; Haggerty im-mediately followed, springing about two yards; I followed him, but could not get near him in conse-quence of the crowd; they cried "dre" and tried to quence of the crowd; they cried "fire" and tried to keep the officers back; when I got to the steps of the American House I was setzed by the neck and thrown back; I might recognize some of the persons if I saw them again, but I don't know their names; at Sixth and Chesnut streets I saw some persons who had visited Haggerty at prison on Friday; Mullen was there: people are only allowed to converse with prisoners through the coll-door when the keeper is present; I did not see anything of Haggerty after he

get into the crowd, Detective Charles F. Miller sworn—I did not see anything of Haggeriy; I was at Fifth and Chestnut anything of Haggeriy; 1 was at Fifth and Chestnut streets, and noticed the crowd of persons at the hote; 1 was talking with Detective Franklin when I heard the noise; then I saw Mr. Thomas in the crowd with his hat off, and thought they were beat-ing him; 1 ran into the crowd and pulled them apart; I was told that Baggerty had got away, and at once notified the Chief of Police, the Mayor, and Judge Ludlow, and telegraphed all over the city; 1 knew about filteen of the crowd about the hotel by their faces, but know the names of only a few; "Curly" Harris, Joe Burns, Donnelly, Fanner, and a man called "Skinny," were there; 1 will try to find out who the others were who appeared to be find out who the others were who appeared to be

assisting in the escape, James Steel sworn—I witnessed the escape, the crowd, and the blockade: I saw Dutch Ahern, but that was before the escape; the crowd was too large for me to recognize any one.

John Bartholomew sworn-About 10 o'clock Saturday morning I was standing in front of Mr. Ahern's office, and observed a number of professional thieves collected about the American House, and thought something must be up; I was told it was the "Whisky Ring;" I saw them there again at 12 o'clock; I heard there had been a dight at the Ame-rican, but when I got there it was over; I saw Orders Thomas, Miller, and Franklin there; "Silm Jim" was one of the crowd; Tom Doran, Dutch Ahern, Harry Farmer, "Peanuts," and John Me-Koon and some strange faces was thore.

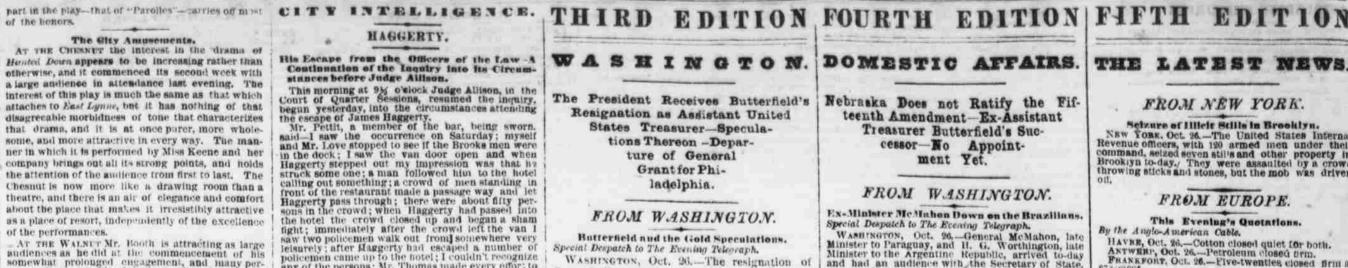
Kuen, and some strange faces were there. George W. Nott sworn—I was a prisoner charged with descriton of my wife, and came with Haggerty on Saturday; he asked me what I was up for, and I on saturaty, he asked me what I was up for, and I told him for describin, and he said nothing more to me; he did not propose escape to me; I was look-ing out of the side of the van when Haggerty es-caped; I saw nothing of the officers; the crowd was too great to admit of pursuit.

Mr. Galton, Clerk of the Court, said Judge Brewster had given him an order to have Haggerty brought up to the old court-room; this was the reason Haggerty was not taken to the new court-room, where they were trying Marrow and Dougherty; I gave the order to bring the prisoner up. His Honor then directed the Clerk to make out construct for the arrows of such of the were

separate warrants for the arrest of such of the par-ties mentioned by the witnesses as in the second ties mentioned by the witnesses as in the crowd as-sisting Haggerty's escape, and suspending further proceeding for the present.

LOCAL ODDS AND ENDS, -- On Thesday evening next the night school for artisans will be opened at the Central High School.

-When the alarm was given through the telegraph to the police stations that "Jimmy Haggerty" had escaped, the Lieutenant of the Germantown district misunderstood the personage, and sent his officers geouting for "Lieutenant" Haggerty. -A match game of base ball will be played this afternoon, at Seventeenth street and Columbia ave nue, between the Keystones of this city and the Atlantics of New York.



EX-Minister McMahon Down on the Brazilians. Special Despatch to The Ecening Tolegraph. WAMBINGTON, Oct. 26.—General McMahon, late Minister to Paraguny, and H. G. Worthington, late Minister to the Argentine Republic, arrived to-day and had an audience with the Secretary of State. General McMahon is very bitter on the Brazilians for the manner in which he was treated. He says his not being in regular communication with his Government was the fault of Braziliand not of Lopez. Reception of Railroad Engineers by the Pre-

Despatch to the Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.-The delegates to the Rall-road Engineers Convention, in session at Baltimore, numbering about one hundred and twenty, header by Charles Wilson and Major C. L. Keoniz, called on the President this morning, and were received in the cast room. The delegates present are from all parts of the country. The President expressed his gratification at meeting the gentlemen representing this class of industry, and expressed sincere wishes for the meanerity and expressed sincere wishes for the prosperity and success of their organiza-

Decision by Delano.

the place of manufacture.

Despatch to the Associated Press. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that viginers are not subject to the special tax on liquor dealers for selling their own products at

The Verger Case.

The Verger Case. In the Supreme Court of the United States to-day, Mr. Phillips said on account of an arrangement in progress between the Attorney-General and the counsel for E. M. Yerger, it was thought best that no motion should be made this morning for further proceedings. If, therefore, there was no objection on the pair of the court, he would postpone moving until a subsequent day of the term. The Chief, Jus-The President this morning appointed Samuel ern District of New York, vice Francis C. Barlow, resigned. Michael H. Collins has been appointed Appraiser of Merchandise at Charlesthe replied that they would consider the matter, and allewer to morrow.



Butterfield's Successor.

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph. NEW YORE, Oct. 26 .- Butterfield will remain in charge until relieved, although his resignation is in the hands of Boutwell. Speculation is rife as to his successsor. Jacob D. Vermilye, President of the successsor. Jacob D. Vermilye, President of the Merchants' Bank, was offered the place last night, and declined. This is the third time he has rejected it. Judge Folger says he will not take it; so the matter is as much in the dark as ever.

Severe Snow Storm at Buffalo. BUTFALO, Oct. 26.-Snow commenced falling her-last night, and to-day a severe snow-storm prevails.

FROM THE WEST.

Not Ratified.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26 .- An Omaha despatch says that the extensively published statement that the Nebraska Legislature ratified the fiftcenth amen intent last March is incorrect, that body having adjourned, without taking action on it, in February. Governor Butler will probably call an extra session

Disastrous Fire in Wisconsin.

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph. CHICAGO, Oct. 26.-A large fire last night nearly destroyed the little town of Montana, forty miles from here, on the Illinois Central Railroad. About twenty buildings were destroyed in the business tion of the town, including the passenger and fry depots, post office, and stores of all kinds. Sere Several families were thrown out of their homes. The loss is \$60,000, and insurance small. The night was very coid; fire lasted only one hour.

FROM EUROPE.

Paris Tranquil. PARIS, Oct. 26-Noon,-This, cuty is entirely tran-quil. The Government has taken great precautions to guard against disorder, but no manifestation is likely to oc

Serrano Threatens to Resign. MADRID, 15 report

FROM NEW YORK.

NEW YORK. Oct. 26.—The United States Internal Revenue officers, with 120 armed men under their command, seized seven stills and other property in Brooklyn to-day./ They were assaulted by a crowd throwing sticks and stones, but the mob was driven

HAVER, Oct. 26.—Cotton closed quiet for both. ANTWER, Oct. 26.—Petroleum closed urm. FRANKFORT, Oct. 26.—Five-twenties closed frm at

PARIS, Oct. 26 .- The Bourse closed from. Rentes 717, 59c.

FROM CANADA.

Fall of Snow.

TORONTO, Oct. 26. - About four inches of snow fell here this morning. At Walkertown, Port Eigin, and other points in the North and West, about two feet The local Parliament of Quebec is convoked for Nov, is and the Dominion Parliament for Feb. 15.

THE COMMON PLEAS.

Appolntment of Edward M. Paxson to the Victurey. The following correspondence between Governor Geary and Edward M. Paxson has been made

public:— "Executive CHAMBER, HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 25, 1869.—Edward M. Paxson, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.— Sir: Reposing high confidence in you as a gentleman and lawyer, I hereby tender you the position of Associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the City and County of Philadelphia, vice Hon, F. Curroll Brewster, resigned. arroll Brewster, resigned.

"Requesting your acceptance, and an early reply by telegraph and by letter, "I am yours, etc., "John W. GEARY, Governor.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25, 1969.—To His Excellency John W. Geary, Governor of the State of Pennsyl-vania:—Your favor of the 25th instant tendering me the position of Associate Justice of the Court of Common Piezs of the City and County of Philadel-phia vice Hon. F. Carroll Brewster, resigned, has been received. "I accept the position with pleasure, with my thanks for the courteous terms in which you have tendered it. Be assured that I will endeavor to dis-charge the responsible duties of the office with idelity. EDWARD M. PAYSON."

EDWARD M. PAXSON." fidelity.

The Great Rase Ball Match.

At half past three o'clock this afternoon there were about 7000 persons present at the base ball ground, Seventeenth street and Columbia avenue, to witness the match between the Atlantics and the Keystones

DECEASE OF A PROMINENT MERCHANT.-Benjamin S. Burling, a well-known and respected merchant of this city, died at his residence on West Logan Square, yesterday, in his seventy-eighth year. The deceased, for many years, was the senior partner in the firm of Burling & Loughead, doing business at No. 129 N. Front street, his principal dealings being as shipping merchant in the West Indian and South

as shipping merchant in the West Indian and South American trade, but for the past ten years he has not been actively engaged in its transactions. Mr. Burling was born at Newburg, New York, in the year 1791. His parents were Friends, and from them he received a good plain education. In after life he improved all the opportunities at his com-mand for obtaining useful knowledge, and was an agreeable, intelligent gentleman. He came to this city to push his fortunes when a young man, and first engaged himself as supercargo to Batavia, East Indics, for the well-known merchant, Israel Israel, and on his return he was despatched as supercargo to the West Indies by the house of Charles A, Har-per & Co. In 1836 he established himself in the ship-ping business, and had at times a small feet of ping business, and had at times a small fleet of vessels under his control. He was a very benevolent man in an unostentatious way, and was accustomed to give regular weekly stipends to a number of poor people who came to his office by appointment. He continued during life an active member of the So-ciety of Friends, and was wont to attend the Hick-

site meeting-house on Bace street, above Fifteenth FIRE, -At 9 o'clock last night a fire broke out in the barn on the farm of Dennis Buckly at Belmont road and the inclined plane. The structure was totally destroyed, but the live stock in it at the time the names were discovered, were all saved. Loss, \$2800. Insurance, \$1900.

ton, S. C., and Joel C. Winch United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. Butterfield's Resignation. Secretary Boutwell to-day received Assistant Treasurer Butterfield's letter of resignation, and very shortly afterwards went to the Executive

General Butterfield as Assistant Treasurer at

New York was received to-day by Secretary

Boutwell. The resignation will be accepted as

soon as a successor can be found. There are

various speculations here as to the cause of the

resignation. Some say that Butterfield has mixed

in gold speculations, and was afraid to start an

investigation. Butterfield's successor has not

yet been settled upon, and will not be until

Grant and His Lady.

Grant, accompanied by General and Mrs. Dent,

left on the noon train to-day tor Philadelphia,

to attend the wedding of Bishop Simpson's

daughter. The President will be the guest of

Hon A. E. Borle during his stay in Philadelphia

Appointments by the President.

A. Harlow United States Marshal for the South-

He will return to Washington on Saturday.

The President and Mrs. Grant and Miss Nellie

Grant's return from Philadelphia.

Despatch to the Associated Press.

Mansion, where he had a consultation with the President on the subject. Up to this time

Secretary Boutwell

matter.

was at the State Department and Attorney-General's office during the forenoon. There was no formal Cabinet meeting to-day, though all the members were at the White House this morning.

nothing further has transpired relative to the

A circular from the War Department announces that C. C. Tucker, one of the parties against whom charges were recently preferred in connection with illegal colored bounty fraud actions has disproved his knowledge of the frauds or

FROM NEW YORK.

The Presbyterian Reuslon.

votes and declare the result.

Probable Murder.

of the Sixth precinct, was shot by a man named Mahanken in a saloon, No. 203 Bowery. He was

About 4 o'clock this morning Officer Donald, taken to Bellevue Hospital in a dying condition. Mahanken subsequently surrendered him-

Colored Boanty Frauds.

winter. proper responsibility for them.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 .- The editors of the New York Observer have received returns from more than two-thirds of all the presbyteries, ratifying the reunion of the Presbyterian Church by the required majority. The two General Assemblies will meet in Pittsburg November 10 to count the

compelling him to marry her whether he wills or not is far from being agreeable, in spite of the efforts of the women's rights advocates to educate us up to this point. The sweetness of "Helena's" character, and the whole-souled affection that she manifests for "Bertram," seenre for her more sympathy than most persons in her situation would be entitled to ; but she is very far from being one of Shake speare's most interesting herolites. Indeed. the play is remarkable for its dedeiency in characterization. Most of the personages are exceedingly tame and commonplace, with the exception of "Parolles," who is the real dramatic here of the piece, although he stands a long way behind almost every other comic character that ligures in Shakespeare's writings. The defineation of character is Shakespeare's strongest point, and the deficiency of All's We'l That Easts Well in this partienlar is certainly remarkable. Take up almost any one of his plays, even his earliest efforts, like The Two Gentlemen of Verona and Love's Labor Lost, and the individuality of every person in them, from the highest to the lowest, will be found marked by firm and decided touches. The skill with which he sketches even the most subordinate oharacters, who perhaps have not more than half a dozen lines to speak, is marvellous, and in view of this fact it is certainly a thing to be wondered at that the people introduced in All's Well That Ends Well should be so uninteresting. The only reason that can be assigned for this is that he was hampered by an uncongenial subject that, did not allow his genius fall he was not interested in it himself, and he has falled to make it Interesting to others. We know that it has come to be a sort of high treason to refer to Shakespeare in any other than terms of inudation : critics and commentators compare his works with each other, but then each must necessarily be the hest of its kind, and superior in every respect to the productions of other writers. This is certainly not the proper way to judge Shakespeare, and it is unjust to other dramatists to estimate them by a different standard than is used to test the value of his works. Massinger, Beaumont and Fletcher, Ben Jonson, and other of Shakespeare's contemporaries, have written plays that are very much superior to All's Well That Ends Well in every particular, and that are very much better worth keeping on the stage; and if called upon to name Shakspeare's most laferior work, we know of none among the plays that are assuredly his, that are better entitled to be placed at the bottom the list than this. Notwithstanding its defects, All's Well That Ends Well is full of noble passages that have the true Sugkespearian ring to them. and illadapted as it is to the stage of the present day, if will always be read with interest by students. Why the Arch street management should have

chosen this comedy for a revival we are unable to comprehend, when there remains ugacted such vastly superior works as Gymbeline-a romantic play. commonly ranked as a tragedy, but which is really a comedy in the Shakespearian sense of the word-Winter's Tale; As You Like It: Taming of the Shiperwhich is never given nowadays except in the shape of a farce-Measure for Measure; or even The Two Gentlemen of Version and Love's Labor Lost, both of which last are worth acting. It is true that some of these pieces are occasionally represented, but most of them so very rarely that to ninety-nine persons out of a hundred they would be entire novelties, and it has been long since any in the list have been brought out in this city in such a style as to command general attention.

All's Well That Ends Well, as produced at the Arch. is decent, but with the main idea eliminated it is a good deal like the play of Humle' with the part of "Hamlet" left out. It could not well be given in any other shape, however, and as a dramatic curiesity it may draw through the week, but it is cerminly not entertaining enough to prove such an atwaction as was Twelfth Night last season. The different characters are creditably represented, but as might be expected. Mr. Craig, whose good luck as first comedian consigns to him the only good acting

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best auspices, and with the most perfect mechanical contrivances, there will always be something to fear from the mistakes and neglect of the most careful employes, and from those accidents to machinery, bridges, and the roads themselves, against which no forethought can provide. It is certain, however, that an approximate degree of security can be obtained, and the whole public, even more than the railroad companies, is interested in every contrivance, that will tend to diminish the liability to accident. A more perfect discipline is being introduced rapidly on most of the great roads of the country, and the ingennity of engineers is taxed to invent such appliances as will prevent any ili onsequences from human negligence, and the result is that railroad travelling is being, too gradually it is true, relieved of many of its most unpleasant features. The weak parts on railroads are the switches. It is through the misplacement of these that the great majority of accidents occur, and consequently the attention of railroad men has been particularly directed to them, with a view of diminishing as far as practicable the causes of danger. Many contrivances have been tried that possess much merit on certain points, but their always fall something short of perfection. A large number of accidents occur every year at railroad switches that do not reach the ear of the public, and they are a constant source of dread to the engineers and others who know the danger, and who are obliged to run constant "lisks of life and limb from them. The great desideratum is a switch that will be, to a certain extent at least, automatic in its action, which cannot get out of order, and that cannot be left in such a condition, through neglect or intention, as to risk the safety of an advancing train. All these conditions seem to be fulfilled by Wharton's patent railroad safety switch, which was yesterday subjected to a great number of very severe tests, in the presence of a number of representatives of the press, railroad men, and others, on the Pennsylvania Railroad and the West Chester Road in West Philadelphia. The important feature of this switch is that on a double track railroad it leaves the main track open under all possible conditions for an advancing train, and it is impossible to go upon a siding except by backing. The construe tion and action of the switch are very simple, and yet it is impossible to give an intelligent description of its operation in words; it is sufficient to say that it was subjected to every test that the ingennity of the persons present could devise, even to taking it to pieces. If the switch is set wrong, the first wheel of the advancing locomotive

throws it into its proper position again, and it is an impossibility that the train should leave the main rack under any circumstances, On a single track road, of course, a somewhat inferent arrangement is necessary, and there the switch is so contrived that it must always remain set for the main track, except when it is in the hands of the operator, so that it is unpossible for him through any negligence to misplace it. The locomotive engineers, who are prst-rate critics about a matter of this kind, express the atmost confidence in this invention; and it has already proved its utility by

preventing several accidents on the railroads where it is in operation. A number of these switches are use on the Pennsylvania, the Reading, and the Baltimore Roads, and during the past year they have fully demonstrated their utility and safety. They also have the merit of saving wear and tear in the track and the wheels and axles of cars and comotives, and in passing over them no jar and shock are felt, as in the case of the switch in common use. This improved switch is the invention of Mr. Thomas Wharton, Jr., who has labored assiduously to perfect it in every particular, and he appears now to have accomplished all that could be desired.

WEDDING INVITATIONS ENGRAVED IN THE NEWEST AND BEST MANNER LOUIS DREKA, Stationer and Engraver, No. 1028 CHESNUT Street.

-At Point Breeze Park this afternoon there will be a trot between Victoria, Moscow, and Fanny for a purse of \$300. -A steamer has been recommended to supply the

place of Penrose Ferry Brilge. —The 1st Regiment of Artillery of New York will

visit Philadelphia en masse some time during the coming spring. —Any number of doors of dwellings are found

open at night by the police. _The Finance Committee of Councils has agreed

to appropriate \$700,000 additional for park purposes.

A NEW STEAMSHIP.—The success which has attended the freight route of the Lorillard Steam-ship Company between this port and New York is shown by the fact of their adding another new from steamship to their line this fail, besides having others in the course of construction. The new ves-sel, known as the Regulator, was lagnehed on the light has from the ship vard of the mean series. 16th inst. from the ship yard of Reaney, Son & Arch old, at Chester, Her dimensions and model such as will insure large carrying capacity on a very light draft of water. The hull and deck beams are of iron. She has four iron water-tight buikheads, and is built throughout of the best materials. Her and is built throughout of the best inactrats, the dimensions are as follows:-Length on loaded water line, 168 feet; do, on deck, 181 feet; breadth of beam, 35 feet; depth, 19 feet linch; between decks, 8 feet 9 inches. She will be ready for sea about the 16th of November, and will be commanded by Captain L. W. Pennington, of New York, an officer well known in the steam marine of the country. well known in the steam marine of the country. She will be in this city about that time, and will their be open to the inspection of the public,

A DEAR RIDE .- Mr. J. W. Paxson, a resident of Green street, keeps his carriage. Yesterday he went to Twenty-second and Washington streets on busi-ness, and while he transacted it tied his horse to a telegraph pole. A certain John Callahan, at the time rather under the influence of liquor, came along, and desiring a ride, unhitched the animal, jumped into the wagon, and drove off. At Fifteenth and Christian streets he ran into another wagon and smashed the one he had "horrowed." Police officer O'Brien, who stood by, noticing John's tight condi-tion, took him into custody, and afterwards, Mr. Paxson appearing and identitying his wagou, Alder man Dallas committed the festive Callahan to an swer for its theft.

SUPPEN DEATH OF A PROMINENT MERCUANT.— MF, Arthur Thatcher, of Messrs, Reeder & Thatcher, No. 14 N. Fourth street, died at his residence, N. Fifth street, last evening, suddenly. Mr. Thatcher, has been actively engaged in the hardware business in the neighborhood of Fourth and Market for over thirty years as a member of the irres of James J. Duncan & Co, and Reeder & Thatcher, Mr. Thatcher was aged about sixty years, and yesterical was actively engaged in the prosecution of his business. He leaves a large number of friends to moura his cha-rity, kindness of heart, and self-snerificing spirit. As INFLUX or Survey.—There has been more sil-

AN INFLUX OF STLYKE.—There has been more sil-ver received and handled at the United States Mint, in this city, during the past month, than has been forwarded to this depot for at least fifteen years. There is a great demand for the bars (bullion) for shipment to foreign countries and for domestic use among the plate makers. among the plate makers.

CAUGHT .- Yesterday afternoon, while the lady o out out. - Irsteroug attention, while has tempo-rarily absent, James Jackson and James Milonald entered, and gathering together a lot of clothing, some leweiry, and a small amount of money, issued from the front door. They were observed coming out, and the alarm being given, Policeman Mathes captured them. Alderman Myers committed them to answer. to answer.

Accident, This morning a colored man named Charles Ross, 25 years of age, was so badly minred by the falling of a girder upon him at Tweifth and Buttonwood streets, that his life is in great perill A pair of shears by which the girder was being holsted, slipped, and the girder fell. The unfortu-nate resides at No. 1016 Sergeant street, and thither he was removed. he was removed.

ROBBED.-Before daybreak this morning the tavern at the corner of Loid and Fitzwater streets was entered by a thief who came in through an un-fastened cellar window. He decamped, undiscovered, with \$25 worth of clothing and \$15 in money.

OVEREDARD.—About 3 o'clock this morning Frank Merrick (colored) fell overboard into the Delaware river at Walnut street wharf. Officer John Kohane, of the Third district, fished him out.

self and is now in custody.

GRASPING.

A Returned California Pioneer puts in a Claim for the Entire Town of Clayton, Delaware. It is quite a common occurrence in this country, remarks the Wilmington (Del.) Commercial of yesterremarks the winnington (Del) *Commercial* of yester-day, for some main or worman to tarn up and claim the ownership of a large tract of land on which a town or city now stands, by virtue of some old titles, deeds, or other papers of dead and forgotten people, and sometimes, as in the case of Mrs. Gaines, at New Orleans, such claimant is wonderfully success-ted. We in pairways the source for here both the setty for the source set. ful. We, in Delaware, have so far been pretty free from such excitements; though we have at times heard rumors of the heirs of some old family putting in a claim for a large part of this city. Now ever, we are like to have a genuine sensation in this

The great Pacific Railroad has scarcely been opened before there comes speeding over it from the Golden State a gentleman who claims the ownership of one of the newcal and most thriving of our Dela vare towns-Clayton, in Kent county.

Some years ago a man named Richard Thisert held ossession of about one hundred acres of land in Kent county, through which, in course of time, the Delaware Railroad passed. As, owing to the indif-ference of the Smyrnians, the railroad did not go to that town, a station, colled Survina station, was built, mainly for the accommodation of its people, in about the middle of the Tibbett farm. Around this station. the minute of the trought faint. Around the solution which was ended Clayton. About eight years ago Richard Th-bert, at an advanced age, died, and his onnucal af-fairs not being left in a satisfactory condition, his land was disposed of at Sherifi's sale, Dr. William Daniels, of Smyrna, and Mason Balley, of Kenton. Damiers, or Siny rha, and Mason Balley, or Kellon, becoming the joint parchasers. They wisely made the most of their bargata -built houses, sold lots, etc., and Clayton waxad strong and langued at Sinyrma for not being on the railroad, and for being an old fogy place generally. The rest of the story we will let the Clayton Herald tol. It is an follows:-

The rest of the story we win let the caryon Arson tell. It is as follows:-"About three years ngo, a man claiming to be Richard Thibett's brokker arrived in the vicinity, and stated that the land having been catalied by their father to Richard, during their life, and at has death, to him, he was the rightful owner, and offi-menced or was about to commence, a suit for the their rather to frictian, that has the state of the state of the first to first, he was the rightful owner, and off-menced, or was about to commence, a suit for the hand. In a short thue, however, this claiming bro-ther seemed to have got a theat in his ear, and sud-denly disappeared; whether he went down in a cave, or up in a balloon, we have never been able to ascertain, and whether he disappeared by fair play or foul play, the oldest inhabitant has never in-formed us. —And now comes on John Whortenby, halling from the far off State of California, and claiming to be the nephcy and legal heir of the aforesaid Richard. This last claimant evidently means dusiness, having caused to be served upon the femant, Mr. Glimore, a writ of electment to try and determine the filte. —We understand that Dathel's and Bailey, the owners, or holders of the farm, are very much agi-tated in regard to the matter, whole partless who have purchased lots from the different noiders and made improvements thereupon, are alt assite, and we learn a meeting is soon to be held to range a fund to resist the clauning of the man from

nothers and finade improvements thereipon, are all astir, and we learn a meeting is soon to be held to raise a fund to resist the claming of the man from the Golden State. "The present owners of the land hold that Hon, N B Subtract

N. E. Smithers, some years ago, drew a deed for this same land from Richard Tibbett to isoac Bazell, and hat Hazell deeded back to Tibbett, all of which was tone with a view to break or out the entailment, and hat when the late Chancelor Harrington. President if the Delaware Railroad, procured depot grounds rom Tibbeti, he examined the title and was satisfied

"On the other hand, Hons. T. F. Bayard and W. G. Whitely are Mr. Whortenby's counsel, "When doctors disagree who shall decide?"

IMPORTANT TO ALL INTERESTED .- THE arrears of Pensions must be applied for within five years after the death or discharge of a soldier, sailor, or marine. Those who fall to apply lose \$96 per year. There are thousands in our midst, widows, dependent fathers and mothers, and orphan children. who are entitled, but who have not yet applied for a pension. All who think they are entitled should at once call on Messrs. ROBERT S. LEAGUE & CO. No. 135 South SEVENTH Street who will promptly obtain their pensions, or cheerfully give any information, free of charge. Remember that the five years' limit allowed by law is fast drawing to a 7 30 close.

threatens to resign the regency in case of a rupture between the Unionists and Progressists. Burlingame's Embassy.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 26. - The Chinese Embassy, after having visited the capitals of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, left to-day for the Netherlands.

This Evening's Quotations. By the Anglo-American Cable.

LONDON, Oct. 26-Evening. Consols, 931, fat both money and account. United States 5:208 of 1862, 81%; 18658, 81%; 18678, 82%; 10-408, 76%. Erre, 21%; Hilnois Central, 97%; Atlantic and Great West-LIVERPOOL, Oct. 26-Evening, -Cotton closed steady

and unchanged; the safes reached 12,000 bales, of which 4000 were for export and speculation. Western Flour, 288, 96. Refined Petroleum, 18, 8%d.

LONDON, OCL. 26-Evening, -Linseed oil, 629–12s. Refined Petroleum, 1s. 8d. 6(1s. 8)4 d. QUEENSTOWN, Oct. 26.—The steamship City of Washington arrived at 3 P. M. to-day.

FISK, JR.

He Addresses a Letter to President Grant-A Characteristic Note. From the N. Y. World of this morning.

Although a month has passed since the great gold explosion in Wall street, the matter still continues to agitate the public mind, and promises to do so for some time longer. A new phase of the great scaadal is just now the thence of common discussion among the Wall street people. It has given new interest to the history of the panic, and the question "Where is this all going to end," is passed from the to lip. This is a commence that no one has yet been able to undrom that no one has yet been able to is a continuum that no one can yet, that the end is solve. Everybody knows, however, that the end is not yet, and what the end will be no one can tell. A Washington despatch, published in a morning jour-nal of vester-lay, has evoked the following communi-cation from James Fisk, Jr.:-

MR. FISK TO PRESIDENT GRANT, GREETENG,

To the Editor of the Wardd-Sir:-In the Washing-ton correspondence of the Herabi this morning I read the following paragraph:-

ton correspondence of the Herafd this morning i real the following paragraph:—
Is the course of conversation row correspondent remarked upon the hold attempt of Mr. Fisk to obtain from the President advance information regarding the linantial pole of the Government. The President's reply was substantially as follows:—
"I don't know but I should have felt insulted by such a period like field of the Government. The President's reply was substantially as follows:—
"I don't know but I should have felt insulted by such a period like field. Field field of the Government. The President's reply was not a man so destinute of morel coarce acter, I didn't think it warth noticities.
My first feeling on reading this was naturally one of indignation that a geutleman occupying the highest station in the land should use such language concerning one with whom he had maintained friendly relations, and from whom he had maintaine i notifing but acts of kindness.
But, after a moment's reflection. I felt that I was mistaken in attaching the last importance to this statement. It is obviously a pure invention of the venerable Scot who presides over the Herafd. It is simply imposed that the President can have used any such language about inc. General Grant nover would have accepted the nospitality and shared the table of a man whom he bedieved to be so destitute of noral character as this canor) pretends.
General Grant spent three hours at any table on one occasion, and mais the control partice junct for a many spent three hours at any table on in may comparate the mais character is well known to many goadlemen who were with us, and who know that our tracter heraft partice is this and the president can be a desting the last of a many both the bedieved to be so desting the last of a many hom heraft partice partice is on the last the solution in my comparative as the sector of the most friendly character. It is not the sector of the most friendly character. It is not the sect

lations were of the most friendly character, his family have repeatedly accepted trifting at my hands, of such a nature as are perfectly at my hardes, of sterna hardere as the perfectly project among friends cand which I mention now with no in-tention of implying that they have placed Gene-ral Grant under any obligation, but which no geniteman would accept from one when he did not consider a friend. Indeed, so perfectly casy have been the relations between us, that General Grant has always dis-pensed with these little formalities of acknowledg-pensed with these further county eminent her ment which other gentlemen, equally eminent, bless intimate with me, have thought it necessary observe (not even thanking me for them, and t

observe (not even thanking me for them, and the numerous little services which it has been my filea-sure to render him have been treated on both sides as a matter of course, just as they should be between friends quite at ease with each other. On the very occasion on which this *Herald* inven-tor pretends that General Grant fell so insulted our corporation was most acreeable and lasted nearly

onversation was most agreeable and lasted nearly

an hour. Having thus shown the absurdity of the Herald story, it is not necessary that it should receive any further notice. General Grant cannot be expected to publish a disavowal of all language that sensa-tional reporters may put in his mouth; and as he has never contradicted one of my statements hitherto, I shall not trouble him to confirm this in detail, though he will undoubtedly do so, if called upon. Yours truly, JANES FISK, JR,

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