

DRAMATICAL AND LITERARY.

"London" at the Walnut.

A large audience was attracted to the Walnut on Saturday evening to witness the first performance of the new play of London, or, The Lights and Shadows of the Great City. This title held out some expectations that were not realized by the piece itself, which might be located anywhere else as well as in London, and there is nothing whatever in its plot, character, or incidents to connect it with the British metropolis. The scenery for the most part consists of views in and about London which have the appearance of being accurate, although some of them are exceedingly indifferent as works of art, but their adaptation to the drama is very much forced and sometimes decidedly inappropriate. The title and the scenery seem to be after thoughts, for which, it may be, we are indebted to the genius of Mr. John S. Clarke, who appears on the bills as one of the authors of the drama. Mr. Clarke we know very well to be an excellent actor, unsurpassed, indeed, in his particular line, whose success in London has been the cause of much congratulation with his admirers here; but up to the present time he has not figured as a play-writer, and we shrewdly suspect that, as his name only appears as part author of the drama under consideration, for the purpose of obtaining an American copyright, he has contented himself with giving it a title. The want of connection between the title and the play is a matter of comparatively small importance, however, if the piece itself has merit. We regret, however, that we cannot speak of it in terms of absolute enthusiasm, as it is a not very ingenious relish of pretty old material, that has done good duty on the boards in dozens of dramas before to-day. Mr. Henry Leslie is well known as the writer of several popular plays, and he has done vastly better work than this, which is not up to the low standard of excellence by which works of its class are judged.

The incidents turn upon the adventures of a girl, "Alice," who, being abandoned in her infancy by her parents, is brought up by a thief and footpad named "Ralph Heron" as his own daughter. Grown to be a woman, she is noticed by a young lawyer named "Harold Forrester," who falls in love with her and who induces his father to employ her as a housekeeper. Here she is discovered by "Ralph Heron," who endeavors to make her furnish him with money, and who on her refusing contrives that she shall be accused of a robbery of his own committing. For this crime she is tried at the Old Bailey, and is acquitted through the efforts of "Toby Mapletoft," a pill vender to whom "Harold" has done a kindness, which he endeavors to repay by getting on the jury, with a determination to stand out against the other eleven, if it should be necessary to save "Alice." After the acquittal of "Alice," it is discovered that her parents have endeavored to repay her for their abandonment by dying and leaving her a large fortune, which in case she cannot be found is to go to the person who has taken care of her. "Ralph Heron" attempts to get possession of this money by secreting himself on board of a steamer on which she embarks for Australia, and throwing her overboard when he has an opportunity to do so unobserved. He then puts in a claim for the fortune, and produces the proofs of his having cared for the girl in her infancy, and is apparently on the point of gaining his object, when "Alice," who has been rescued, steps in to accuse him of attempting to murder her, and to sink into the arms of her lover as the certain goes down. There is a little matter of a forgery committed by "Job Forrester," the father of "Harold," and some comic business thrown in to give the piece a flavor; but for all that London, or, The Lights and Shadows of the Great City, cannot be pronounced a very exhilarating piece.

The performance on Saturday evening was reasonably good for a first night, the leading parts being creditably represented by Mr. Walcott as "Harold Forrester," Mr. Morrison as "Ralph Heron," Mr. Fawcett as "Bob Austin," Mr. Bradshaw as "Toby Mapletoft," Miss Graham as "Alice Heron," Miss Rose Wood as "Lotty," and Mrs. Chapman as "Lady Euphonia." Mr. Morrison had the best opportunities, and he gave an excellent melodramatic representation of "Ralph Heron." Mr. Fawcett also had a character suited to him in the lawyer's office fags, "Bob Austin," but more real humor was shown by Mr. Bradshaw in his personation of the irascible jurymen, "Toby Mapletoft." It would be amiss not to mention also that Miss Mary Barr, who has made a favorable impression during the past season or two in subordinate parts, sang the ballad "Somebody's Waiting for Me" very nicely indeed, and obtained a deserved encore.

The best scenery is that representing London Bridge in the prologue, Charing Cross Hotel and Railway Depot, and the London Docks, with the departure of the steamer Melbourne in the second act. The views of Temple Bar and St. Paul's Church are tolerable, and that of Green-wich Park admirable. Any of our Philadelphia scene painters, however, could have done much better than the best of these performances of the London artist, which will scarcely be considered by the majority of the spectators to be "nearly as good as a trip to London," as is suggested by the play bills.

On Saturday night much amusement was caused by the appearance in one of the boxes of an elderly gentleman in a ordinary coat and an antiquarian white hat of portentous height, whom we imagined to be the original "Solon Shingle." The boys in the gallery, however, discovered a resemblance to Horace Greeley, and called for a speech. The individual in question, however, was not of an oratorical turn of mind, but he graciously bowed in recognition of the applause bestowed upon the piece. Could he have been the author of the play?

**The City Amusements.**  
At the Walnut, the Galton troupe will appear this evening in the comic opera of *Ching-Chong-III and Captain's Trick*. Miss Susan Walton and her company have been attracting excellent audiences to the Walnut during the past two weeks, and their popularity seems to be upon the increase. As they will close their engagement on Saturday next, their admirers should make the most of the remaining opportunities to see them.  
At the Walnut, the new drama of London, or, The Lights and Shadows of the Great City, will be performed this evening.

At the Arch, a new comedy drama, by Mr. John Brotham, entitled *The Right of the Right of the Right*, will be produced this evening. The play with the author in the leading role of "Ned McDermott."  
At Duprez & Bennett's Opera House, the new burlesque of the *Blackstone*, the *Mill-er and his Men*, and a great variety of other comedies will be presented this evening.  
At the Elverson's Opera House, General Grant, Jr., who is said to be the smallest Ethiopian comedian in the world, has been engaged and will appear this evening with other attractions.  
Singer Blutz and his son will give a exhibition of magical feats at the Assembly Building this evening.

Read Jurors and the Legislature.

Your readers should have their attention called to a bill introduced in the House at Harrisburg by one of our city members, which is now pending, and may pass unless some effort is made to defeat it. I have no means of ascertaining whether or not it will pass, but it is, however, to the effect that it shall be unlawful for road jurors to assess any part of the damage occasioned by the opening of new streets on owners of property. This in itself would be outrageously unjust to the city, for which the member cannot give any excuse satisfactory to his immediate constituents or the people of our city at large. It is a well-known fact that property is often largely increased in value in consequence of the opening of new streets. There has been a number opened in our city entirely at the cost of persons owning property that would be benefited by it, and that at their own request. Streets are now usually opened or extended by parties interested in doing so, for ordinary purposes; and the city, if visited by the proper committee, if it is thought advisable, they so report. When a road juror is asked for, who assesses the damages which must be put on the city or property owners benefited thereby, generally have a full right to pay, and property owners seldom if ever anything like the amount of the benefit accruing to them. The bill further provides that all awards of road jurors now pending, where any part of the damage is assessed on the city, shall be declared null and void, thus asking the legislator to pass upon a measure that he cannot know anything about. The following questions by some member of the House might probably give some information.

The questions are, Will the mover of this measure inform the House whether he knows anything about the opening of Antioch street? Whether he was assessed, on the ground of being benefited, for any part of the damages resulting from the opening of said street, and whether the passage of this act would relieve him from the payment of the assessment if affirmative answers are made? It would be legislation to meet private interests. It is hardly possible that the Legislature would pass a bill so entirely unjust. The time allowed to all parties between the road jurors' award and the Court's confirmation of the same is ample to give all parties interested time to make their grievances known to the Court. If just the jurors' award is set aside.

Philadelphia, Jan. 31, 1870.

Foreign Items.

**El Djebel.**—An Arab paper published at Constantinople, has just been suspended for two months on account of a recent article in which it stated that it was broken up by agents of Turkey and Egypt, the Arab subjects of the Porte would have risen in insurrection.

**The Russian papers** announce an important discovery by Carlson, a learned Norwegian, which will give a great impetus to Siberian trade. He had cruised for scientific purposes in an expedition undertaken last summer to the Karian Sea, which washes the southern part of the Isle of Nova Zembla and the Government of Tobolsk, and is covered with eternal ice. In this ice a passage was discovered which, for several months in the year offers a convenient path for traffic between Siberia and the Norwegian harbor of Tromsøe. This discovery was made at the same time by the Englishman Walker.

**The Bombay Gazette**, speaking of the present working of the Indo-European Telegraph, complains that, whereas in other countries telegrams come in anticipation of the mails, in India the mail anticipates the telegrams. On the same day that English extracts were published in that paper to the 19th of November, they received telegrams from London of the 8th and 9th of the same month (received when the contents of the papers of later date were familiar to them). On the day following they received a telegram of the 10th of November, and further old telegrams since which they have published, not as news, but as curiosities of telegraphy. If this state of things is to continue, the Gazette says it would be far better to have a telegram at all. Would it not be possible to keep back the news by the mails until all the missing telegrams drop in? The interest and excitement would be just the same in the long run. It is a most uncomfortable idea—that of mails anticipating telegrams. For aught we know, some telegrams may take years to come from the other end of the world if it has become entangled at the bottom of the sea, and our great grandchildren may be knocked up in the middle of the night by the arrival of the news of their grandfather's birth long after his decease. The telegraphic communication is a marvel of science, and very convenient if it is properly worked, but we expect it to convey news rather than history, and the wires will be of very little use if, instead of flashing their intelligence with a regularity we can depend on, they take to playing these electrical tricks.

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CONGRESS.

Continued from the Fourth Edition.  
The Senate took up the currency bill, and upon the suggestion of Mr. Sherman, the pending amendment of Messrs. Morton and Sumner were withdrawn, when he submitted an amendment as a distinct section, providing that any banking association located in any State having more than its proportion of circulation may be removed to any State having less than its proportion, under such rules and regulations as the Comptroller of the Currency may approve.

Continued from the Fourth Edition.  
Mr. Cullom offered a resolution calling for information as to the amount of tax collected for the year 1869 on liquors and tobacco in each Congressional district. Also, the aggregate amount collected from all sources in each Congressional district. Adopted.

Mr. Logan offered a resolution to invite the National Labor Union, in session in Washington, to have an address delivered by one of its members in the hall of the House of Representatives some evening this week, on the principles and object of the association. Adopted—75 to 38.

Mr. Marshall offered a resolution declaring that the constitutional authority to levy taxes does not include any power to impose duties for any other purpose than the collection of revenue; that a tariff levied for any other purpose than that of revenue, and especially if levied to foster and encourage one section of the country or one class of citizens at the expense of other sections or other classes, is unauthorized by the Constitution, unjust to the great body of the people, and injurious to almost all other industries, and directing the Committee of Ways and Means to prepare a bill in accordance with those views.

Mr. Kealey moved to lay the resolution on the table.  
The morning hour having expired, the resolution went over until next Monday.

Mr. Ingersoll offered a resolution directing the Committee on the Postal Telegraph to inquire into the whole subject of telegraphing throughout the United States, and authorizing it to send for persons and papers.  
The House refused to second the previous question—45 to 75—and the resolution went over.

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The House refused to second the previous question—45 to 75—and the resolution went over.

Mr. Schenck offered a resolution calling on the President for information as to the trial of E. M. Verger, of Mississippi, for the murder of Major Joseph G. Drake, U. S. A.; the cause of the delay in the promulgation and execution of the sentence; and what agreement has been made by the Attorney-General to suspend action in the case, by what authority, and with what object. Adopted.

By Mr. Merrill (Pa.), relating to the Central branch of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.  
By Mr. Merrill (Me.), to increase the pay to jurors in United States courts.  
By Mr. Van Trump, to repeal the act of the 2d of March, 1865, relating to habeas corpus.  
By Mr. Wilson, in relation to settlers in the late Sioux Indian reservation in Minnesota.  
By Mr. Morgan, to abolish the Department of Agriculture.

By Mr. Asper, to declare Grand River, in Missouri, non-navigable.  
By Mr. Armstrong, to provide for the redemption of all existing United States bonds, and issuing therefor an equivalent amount of notes bearing interest.  
By Mr. Nicodem, to repeal the act giving the right of way to the Hudson River West Shore Railroad Company.  
By Mr. Wells, fixing the pay of Senators and Representatives at \$2000 a year, and reducing mileage to 10c per mile, from March 4, 1870.

By Mr. Heaton, as to a rectangular system of land survey for post routes in the Southern States.  
By Mr. Jencks, to revise and amend the statutes relating to patents and copyrights.  
By Mr. Holman, extending to December 1, 1872, the time for filing claims for additional bonds.  
By Mr. Strickland, for the extension of the Portage Lake Canal to Keewauqua Bay, Michigan.  
By Mr. Pritch, to grant belligerent rights to the Republic of Cuba. He moved his reference to a select committee of seven.

Mr. Banks moved to refer to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, which was agreed to—yeas, 125; nays, 14.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, January 29, 1870.  
MORSE B. HOLLS, Bankrupt, formerly of the firm of HORN & HOLL, and not to be described in the notice given, the Court ordered that the application for a discharge stand over until Wednesday, the 10th day of February, 1870, next, at 10 o'clock A. M., so that all parties may appear and show cause why he should not be discharged.  
Witness the Hon. JOHN CALDWELL, Judge, and the seal of said Court. G. R. FOX, Clerk.

**ESTATE OF EDWARD SHIPPEN BIRD,**  
deceased.  
The Auditor appointed by the Orphans Court for the City and County of Philadelphia to audit, settle, and adjust the account of EDWARD SHIPPEN BIRD, deceased, and to report thereon, do hereby have notice in their hands, with their reports, prepared for the purpose of the appointment on THURSDAY, February 11, 1870, at 11 o'clock A. M., at his office, No. 77 WALNUT Street, in the City of Philadelphia.  
JOHN GLAYTON, Auditor.

**NOTICE.—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY**  
having been granted to the undersigned by the Orphans Court of Philadelphia, do hereby give notice to all persons indebted to the same, to make payment, and those having claims against them to  
**DANIEL McMULLAN,**  
No. 1274 North FRONT Street.  
Or to **GEOURGE J. FRANK, Esq.,** their Attorney,  
South Broad corner FIFTH and WALNUT Streets, Philadelphia, Jan. 31, 1870. 117m

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