THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

The "Veteran Observer," whose candid observations on men and things form an attractive feature of the New York Times, has written an elaborate article on the public lands and the future of the great West, from which we take the following extracts:-

"Very few persons have a correct idea of the real "Very few persons have a correct idea of the real magnitude and value of the public domain, or of the necessity of grants of lands to railroads. From ignorance, as well as depravity of mind, there has recently been great opposition to railroad land grants, which if not made will leave the Union Pacific Railroad a monopolist of the land route over the continent. The Union Pacific does not go through the best lands of the Government, aor on the most favorable route. I think I can give a brief digest of the facts regarding the public lands, which is of much interest. I shall not include Alaska, for I presume it will be long before any one will want to buy land there. That Territory, however, includes nearly four hundred millions of acres. Nor shall I include the lands east of the Mississippi, where the Government still holds sixty millions of where the Government still holds sixty millions of acres. But from the Mississippi to the Pacific, where railroads must be made, the Government holds lands

41.07	OHO HARA	Acre
1.	Iowa, Missouri, and Arkansas, in which no grants will be made	16,000,00
42.	Dakota and Wyoming	45,295,28
3,	Montana	86,904,60
	Kansas	
	Nebraska	
6.	Colorado and Idaho	17,800,00
7.	New Mexico and Utah	24,140,00
8.	Nevada and Arizona	135,000,00
9.	Minnesota	36,776,17
10.	California, Oregon, and Washington	201,000,00
11.	Indiana	44,154,00

Aggregate west of the Mississippi.....993,742,562 "There are in round numbers one thousand milions of acres of public domain between the Mississippi and the Pacific. If the Government grant to the Northern and Pacific Railroads (and to the former its grant is made equitably, and it would be a want of good faith to refuse it, for three thousand miles, at twenty sections, 12,800 acres per mile, the whole amount would be 38,400,003, a traction over a thirtieth part. Double this, and the Government will be immensely the gainer, and it is the only mode by which these lands can ever be settled.

"A very large portion of these lands, especially those on the route of the Northern Pacific, are rich and grable. In Minnesota and Dakota there are nearly two hundred millions of acres of public lands, two-thirds of which lie on the direct line from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains in Moutana. Here is generally a high plain, fertile in soil, admirably watered, and producing the best of grapes and small grain. In Montana, also, there are many valuable lands. Now, it will be observed that the whole vast domain 1 have described is unsold and unappro-

"It happens unfortunately that our Government printing is always so far behind that it is impossible to get the official reports till two years after they are made; but I will take 1866 and 1867 as examples. The Commissioner of the Land Office makes the following report of lands disposed of:

In 1886. In 1887. Two years

 Sold for cash
 Acres, 388,294
 Acres, 46,619
 Acres, 61,619
 Acres, Acres, Acres, Acres, 388,294 756,619 1,144,9134,629,312 7,041,114 11,670,426

"I presume the lands taken for roads were only those for which details were made at the time; no to grants made by law, to take place in future. The above table presents some curious facts. First, we see the actual settlement of the land is rapidly increasing, for the amount disposed of in 1867 was fifty per cent. greater than in 1868. Next, we observe that the largest quantity is taken under the Homestead act. Is there not a good deal of speculation under that? But, strange to say, the next largest quantity is under the Agricultural College scrip. The public lands have been the great outlet scrp. The public lands have been the great outlet for the overflowing population of the country and the ambitious politicians. They have operated as a national sewerage. What will happen when the sewerage is gone? But, in the meantime, the public lands have been the inducement to the vast, flowing. impulsive, aggregating people, from every clime and nation, who have gone and are going west of the Mississippi. I present below some of the probable results of the census of 1870, compared with that of

	In Inchi.	In 1870.
Minnesota	172,123	500,000
Iowa	674,943	1,100,000
Miss' uri	182,612	1,530,000
Kam s	107,206	350,000
Arka: 38	435,450	600,000
Nebraska	28,841	100,000
Montana, Idaho, and Dakota	2,576	100,000
Colorado and New Mexico	117,559	150,000
Arizona, Nevada, and Utah	47,130	100,000
California, Oregon, and Wash-		
ington	429,122	1,000,000
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"If this estimate be correct, the population west of the Mississippi is now greater than that of the whole of the United States in 1800, and is increasing whole of the United States in 1800, and is increasing at the rate of 70 per cent. per annum. It is also plain that the northern rim is increasing at the greatest ratio. In the vast country which lies between the forty-second and forty-ninth degrees, there is a country very productive of grass and small grains, although corn will never be very abundant there. The centre of the corn region will always be in the Ohio valley.

there. The centre of the corn region will always be in the Ohio valley.

"In the brief tables above, the reader will get a comprehensive view of the magnitude of our public domain, and of the true mode of improving it. If we suppose the grants made to all the Pacific and other railroads to be 120,600,000 acres, there will ramain \$73,000,000 unsold and unappropriated. In 1867 we consumed seven millions, and at that rate it will take 125 years to use up all; or taking out uncultivable lands, one hundred years. In the meanwhile we shall annex half of what remains in America, especially the wild lands, so that we need not be alarmed for want of land. No pent-up Utica confines us—no narrow river limits our ambition—till the vast continent is embraced by the Anglo-Amerithe vast continent is embraced by the Anglo-Ameri-

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements. AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC the Richings English Opera Troupe will commence a brief season of six nights and one matinee this evening with the comic opera of The Postillion of Lonjumeau. This work was very popular some years ago, but it has seldom been represented of late, and to most persons it will be an entire novelty. It contains some very pleasant music, and its performance this evening ought to

attract a large audience.

To-morrow Mr. S. Behrens, the able and popular leader of the orchestra, will have his annual benefit, when Meyerbeer's great opera of The Huquenots will be given for the first time in this city in English. The cast will include the full strength of the company, and the erchestra and chorus will be largely increased. Mr. Behrens has many friends in Philadelphia, and such an attraction as he offers should insure him a full house.

On Wednesday Mr. A. S. Pennoyer, the business manager, will present The Bohemian Girl for his benefit. This occasion will be made interesting by the first appearance in this city of Miss Emma Howson, who will personate

On Thursday evening Mr. Henry Drayton will have a benefit, and on Friday Wallace's opera of Lurline will be performed for the benefit of Mrs. Bernard. This lady is entitled to the credit of having established English opera in this country on a permanent basis, and at the close of the season she should receive from the opera-goers of this city a hearty recognition of her services. The box-sheet is now open at Boner's, No. 1102 Chesnut street, and at the

AT THE WALNUT Mr. Jefferson attracted crowded and fashionable audiences all last week by his personation of "Rip Van Winkle." and as the play-going public not yet had enough of "Rip," Mr. Jefferson will endeavor to accommodate by appearing in the part every evening during the present week.

AT THE ARCH Bryant's Minstrels will commence an engagement of two weeks this even-ing. This troupe is one of the best, if not the best, in the country, and those who witnessed their performances last season will certainly have a desire to see them again.

AT THE CHESNUT a variety performance will be given this evening. This is the last week of the present combination. An interesting collection of anatomical curiosities are on exhibition at No. 1205 Chesnut

THE New York Dramatic Fund will have a benefit some time during the present month at the Academy of Music in that city, when Hamlet will be performed with the greatest cast on record. The distribution of the parts is as fol-

lows:- "Hamlet," Edwin Booth: "Laertes," Charles

Fechter; "Ghost," J. W. Wallack; "Horatio," E. L. Davenport; "Polonius," John Brougham; "First Grave Digger," Joseph Jefferson; "King," L. R. Shewell: "Orric," J. Lester Wallack; "Second Actor," Barney Williams; "Ophelia." Miss Charlotta Leclerg; "Queen," Mrs. J. W. Wallack, J. will be worth going to New York.

Wallack. It will be worth going to New York to see such a combination as this.

THE SENGERFEST.—To-day Whitmonday is being celebrated in the usual manner by our German citizens. The principal point of attraction is at Engel & Wolff's farm, where a local Sangerfest is being held, and in which the Mænnerchor, Junger Mænnerchor, Sængerbund, and Harmonic Singing Societies are participating. Two bands of music have been engaged and a fine time generally will be indulged in. The above societies formed this morning at their headquarters, and after parading through our principal thoroughfares, proceeded to the

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Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue, in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand millions of dollars, coupon or registered bonds of the United States, in such form as he may prescribe, and of denominations of five hundred dollars or some multiple of that sum, redeemable in coin of the present standard value, at the pleasure of the United States after 30 years from the date of this issue, and bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum; which said bonds and the interest thereon shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes or duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by or under State, municipal, or local authority and the said bonds shall have set forth and expressed upon their face the above speci-ned conditions, and shall, with their cou-pons, be made payable at the Treasury of the United States; but nothing in this act. or in any other law now in force, shall be construed to authorize any increase whatever of the bonded debt of the United States.

Section 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of any of the bonds issued under this act, at not less than their par value for coin, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the redemption of any of the bonds of the United States outstanding and No. 1117 CHESNUT St. known as 5-20 bonds, at their par value, or he may exchange the same for such 5-20 bonds or for par, but the bonds hereby authorized shall be used for no other purpose whatsoever.

Section 3. That the payment of any of the bonds hereby authorized, after the expiration of the said term of thirty years, shall be made in amounts to be determined from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury, at his direction, and by classes to be distinguished and described by the dates and numbers, beginning for each successive payment with the bonds last dated and numbered, of the time of which intended payment or redemption the Secretary of the Treasury shall give public notice, and the interest on the particular bonds so selected at any time to be paid shall cease at the expiration of three months from the date of such notice. Section 4. That the Secretary of the Treasury

is hereby authorized and instructed, with any coin in the Treasury of the United States, which in his opinion and discretion can be conveniently applied to that purpose, to pay at par and cancel any six per cent. bonds of the United States of the kind known as five-twenty bonds, which have become, or shall hereafter become redeemable by the terms of their issue. But the particular bonds so to be paid and cancelled shall, in all cases, be indicated and specified by class, date, and number in the order of their numbers and issue, beginning with the first number and issue, in public notice to be given by the Secretary of the Treasury, and in three months after the date of such public notice the interest on the bonds so selected and advertised to be paid shall cease. But it shall be competent for the holders and owners of any of said bonds, Cabinet Makers' and Undertakers' so specified for payment, to exchange the same for bonds issued under the authority of this act, at any time before the end of the notice pro-vided for in the second section of this act. Section —. And be it further enacted, That Hair Seating, Curled Hair Bedding

the United States bonds purchased and now held in the Treasury in accordance with the provisions relating to a sinking fund of section five of an act entitled "An Act to authorize the issue of United States notes, and for the redempissue of United States notes, and for the redemption or funding thereof, and for funding the floating debt of the United States," approved February 25, 1862, and all other United States bonds which have been purchased by the Secretary of the Treasury, with surplus funds in the Treasury, and now held in the Treasury of the United States, shall be cancelled and destroyed. A detailed record of such bonds so cancelled and destroyed to be first made in the beaks of the destroyed to be first made in the books of the Treasury Department. Any bonds hereafter applied to said sinking fund and all other United States bonds redeemed or paid hereafter by the United States shall also in like manner be cancelled and destroyed, and the amount of the bonds of each class that have been cancelled and destroyed shall be deducted respectively from the amount of the class of the outstanding debt of the United States. In addition to other amounts that may be applied to the redemption or payment of the public debt, an amount equal to the interest on all bonds belonging to the aforesaid sinking fund shall be applied, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall from time to time direct, to the payment of the public debt, as provided for in section 5 of the act aforesaid.

Section (no number). And be it further enacted. That the Eccretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to receive gold coin of the United States, or bullion, on deposit for not less than thirty days, in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, with the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the United States authorized to receive the same, who shall issue therefor certificates of deposit, made in such forms as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, and said certificates of deposit shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per centum per annum, and any amount of gold coin or bullion so deposited may be withdrawn from deposit at any time subsequent to thirty days from the date of deposit, after ten days notice, and on the return of said certificates. Provided, that the interest on all such deposits shall cease and determine at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Treasury, and not less than twenty-five per centum of the coln and bullion deposited for or representing said certificates of deposit shall be retained in the Treasury for the payment of said certificates, and the excess beyond twenty-five per centum may be applied, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, to the payment or redemption of such outstanding bonds of the United States heretofore issued and known as the fivetwenty bonds, as he may designate, under the provisions of the 4th section of this act, and any certificates of deposit Issued as aforesaid, may be received at par with the interest accrued thereon, in payment for any bonds authorized

to be issued by this act. Passage of the Tax-Tariff Bill. WASHINGTON, June 6 .- The House, at 3.45 this afternoon, passed the bill to reduce taxa-tion, with Schenck's tariff bill attached.

FROM THE WEST.

Hospitality of St. Louis. Sr. Louis, June 6.—The Merchants' Exchange to-day, at noon, adopted a resolution to co-operate with the City Council in providing for

A Reception of the Governor and other State officers of Indiana. of the Governor and other state omeers of indiana, and ether parties who will visit St. Louis on Wednesday, on the occasion of the opening of the St. Louis, Vandalia, and Terre Haute road.

The party will be welcomed on the arrival on Wednesday evening by the Mayor of this city, and Thursday morning they will go on a river excursion, returning at noon, when they will be received on Change by Lieut.-Governor Stannard, and during the afternoon visit Shaw's Garden, Fair Grounds, and

suburbs of the city. FROM BALTIMORE.

A Colored Man Cut in Two BALTIMORE, June 6.—A freight train from Phila-delphia for this city, this morning, near Back rice, run over and killed an unknown colored man, segac.

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