

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"Across the Continent" at the Arch. Pepper and spice, and a good many things not at all nice, are the constituent elements of the piece entitled "Across the Continent," which was produced last evening at the Arch Street Theatre, with the "young American actor" Oliver Dowd Byron in his specialty of "Joe Ferris," otherwise "the Ferret." It is impossible after but a single hearing to give an adequate account of this remarkable performance. The author has expended his ingenuity in cramming the greatest possible number of horrors into the smallest possible space, and it is a sufficient characterization of the piece to say that it is like all the other sensational dramas that have been produced during the past decade, only that it is a little more so. In fact, it is an old play that had considerable popularity at the Bowery Theatre some years ago, with as much additional spice thrown in as it can well carry. The audience is treated to a case of delirium tremens in the first act, and this is followed by an amount of black-hearted villainy and fiendish machinations against virtue and innocence fearful to contemplate, and an appropriate finale is furnished by a battle with the Pagan Indians, just at the critical point of which aid arrives per Pacific Railroad, the train making the good but not extraordinary time of twelve miles in eleven minutes. Mr. Oliver Dowd Byron is not an actor of very exalted genius, but he fully understands the kind of work he has cut out for himself, and his "Joe Ferris" is lively and dashing, and in the style that the galleries delight in. There are a good many persons who have a taste for such pieces as "Across the Continent," and who are not able to appreciate anything better; and there is no good reason why they should not be gratified. It is a serious question, however, for the dramatists of the future to consider whether they will be equal to the demands upon them. Only a certain amount of force can possibly be shed during four or five acts, and when the limit is reached, what are the play-makers to do for the satisfaction of the insatiable appetites of their patrons? There will come a time when the public will weary of the sensations of "Across the Continent," and we take a certain amount of fiendish delight in asking the "young American actor," Oliver Dowd Byron, what he will do then for a fresh sensation?

Edwin Booth as "Iago." In his series of critical reminiscences of the elder Booth, in the volume entitled "The Tragedian," Mr. Thomas R. Gould says with regard to his "Iago" that it varied less than any of his other personations, and the difference of one performance from another was in intensity rather than in any other quality. This is true also with regard to the "Iago" of Mr. Edwin Booth. He played the part last night with perhaps less intensity than he sometimes does, but essentially the performance was the same as it was ten years ago, and Mr. Booth's "Iago" is now, as it was then, his most perfect personation. Mr. Booth has improved in this as in his other roles, but if the improvement has not been great, it is because there has not been room for it. Mr. Booth fits into this part as he does into no other in his repertoire, and while his peculiar mannerisms are more prominent than they are in any except his comedy performances, he nevertheless identifies himself with "Iago" in such a manner as to produce a highly finished and most impressive work of art. Mr. Booth's "Iago" is a splendid animal, soulless, malignant, but inspired by an intelligence that amounts almost to genius; and an open-souled nature, like that of "Othello," has a little hope of escape from the snares set to entangle him as he has of comprehending the motives that inspired them.

The City Amusements. AT THE ARCH the sensation drama of "Across the Continent" will be repeated this evening. AT THE WALNUT Mr. Edwin Booth will personate "Shylock" in "The Merchant of Venice" this evening. THE CHESTNUT will open on Monday next for the regular season under the management of Mr. E. L. Davenport. AT THE NEW AMERICAN MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets, the burlesque of "Poochontas" and the comedy of "The Green-Eyed Monster" will be performed this evening. AT THE AMERICAN a variety performance will be given this evening. AT THE ARCH STREET OPERA HOUSE an attractive programme of minstrelsy is announced for this evening. AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE a number of Ethiopian comedies will be presented this evening.

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MARRIED. BUNTING-MOORE.—On the 2d instant, by Rev. W. H. Furness, D. D., WILLIAM S. BUNTING, of Darby, and ANNIE, daughter of Martin Duke Moore. TAYLOR-FINLEY.—On Wednesday evening, November 20, at the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Alter, No. 834 North Sixth street, by the Rev. Joseph A. Weiss, Mr. WILLIAM F. TAYLOR, of Harford, Md., to Miss MARY M. FINLEY, of this city. No cards.

DEED. GARRISON.—On the 31st instant, CRAIG D. GARRISON, aged 26 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 116 Morris street, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Wharton Street Church Vault. VANHORN.—On the 4th instant, C. ELLA VANHORN, daughter of Thomas B. and Mary Vanhorn, aged 6 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her grandfather, John Martin Weldon, Abington township, Montgomery county, Pa., on Thursday morning, 5th instant, at 10 o'clock. To proceed to Friends Meeting, Abington.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For additional Special Notices see Inside Pages. ACADEMY OF MUSIC. THE STAR COURSE OF LECTURES. JOHN G. SAXE, Esq., THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, Dec. 6. Subject—"Love" (a humorous lecture in verse). This New York Times says of this lecture:—"Mr. Saxe kept the audience in an uproar from the commencement to the close of his poem. Laughter and applause strove long for the mastery, but at the close of the last stanza the latter carried the day." MISS KATE FIELD, Dec. 3. MISS SUSAN B. ANTHONY, Dec. 12. Admission to each Lecture, 50 cents. Reserved seats, 25 cents extra. RESERVED SEATS TO ANY of the single lectures for sale at GOULD & FISCHER'S Piano Rooms, No. 923 Chestnut street, and at the Academy on the evenings of the lectures. Doors open at 7 1/2. Lecture at 8. 12 1/2 3/4.

UNITED STATES PENSION OFFICE, No. 737 SANSON STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3, 1870. By a decision of the Commissioner of Pensions, no witnesses will be required at this office for the quarterly payments beginning December 4 and June 4 of each year. In March and September witnesses will be required as heretofore, in all cases except "dependent fathers." The following order will be observed in paying:—Monday, Dec. 5, A, B, C. Tuesday, Dec. 6, D, E, F. Wednesday, Dec. 7, G, H, I. Thursday, Dec. 8, K, L, M. Friday, Dec. 9, N, O, P, Q, R. Saturday, Dec. 10, S, T. Sunday, Dec. 11, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. No Pension will be paid out of the regular turn. This rule is positive. A. R. CALHOUN, U. S. Pension Agent, 12 1/2 3/4.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS. OFFICE—No. 104 SOUTH FIFTH STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1, 1870. NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Department of Highways, for labor done or material furnished during the year 1870, are requested to present them for payment on or before the 15th day of December, in order that they may receive the proper attention of the Committee on Highways. MAHLON H. DICKINSON, Chief Commissioner of Highways, 12 1/2 3/4.

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"REMINISCENCES OF THE EAST" WILL BE REV. DR. MARCHE'S LECTURE IN WEST ARCH CHURCH, EIGHTEENTH and ARCH Streets, On TUESDAY, Dec. 6, at 8 P. M. It will be deeply interesting. Rev. Dr. March has recently returned from the Holy Land. Tickets, 50 cents. To be had at Gould & Fischer's, No. 923, and Boner's, No. 1102 Chestnut street; Smith & Son's, No. 1510, and Dr. Bowers', No. 1300 Market street; Dr. C. R. Keeney's, No. 1601 Arch st. 12 1/2 3/4.

UNION LEAGUE HOUSE, BROAD STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5, 1870. The annual meeting of the Union League of Philadelphia will be held at the League House on MONDAY EVENING, December 13, at 7 o'clock, at which meeting there will be an election for officers and directors for the ensuing year. GEORGE H. BOKER, Secretary, 12 1/2 3/4.

NOTICE—UNION LEAGUE HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1870. The first ART RECEPTION OF THE UNION LEAGUE will be held at their House, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, December 8, 9, and 10, at 8 o'clock. Members can obtain tickets for their families and friends at the Secretary's office, GEORGE H. BOKER, 12 1/2 3/4.

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OFFICE VOLCANIC OIL AND COAL COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2, 1870. The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per share, due and payable on and after 2d inst. THOMAS J. MAGILL, Secretary and Treasurer, 12 1/2 3/4.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

BEADQUARTERS UNION REPUBLICAN CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, No. 1105 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, November 23, 1870. At a meeting of the Committee, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted:—That the Registering Officers of the First Senatorial District, consisting of the Republican Judges and Inspectors who served at the general election in October last, and three members of the Division Executive Committee, shall meet at the regular places of holding the elections in said district, or such place as the Registering Officers may select, on SATURDAY, December 3, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of correcting the Registry of Republican voters. That the Union Republican citizens of the First Senatorial District shall meet in their respective Election Divisions on TUESDAY, December 6, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock P. M., at the usual place of holding delegate elections, and elect one Delegate from each Division to a Senatorial Convention, to select a candidate for Senator from said district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. W. W. Watt. That said Convention shall meet, in accordance with Rule 5, for the government of the Republican party, at JEFFERSON HALL, SIXTH and CHRISTIAN Streets, on WEDNESDAY, December 7, at 10 o'clock A. M. That the Republican Judges and Inspectors who served at the general election in October last shall conduct said primary election, and where vacancies occur such vacancies shall be filled by the remaining election officers, in conjunction with the members of the Division Executive Committee.

JOHN H. HILL, President. JOHN McCULLOUGH, Secretary, 11 2nd. M. C. HONG, 11 2nd. OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, November 1, 1870. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of National and State taxes, payable in cash, on or after November 30, 1870. Blank powers of attorney for collecting dividends can be had at the office of the company. The office will be opened at 9 A. M. and closed at 3 P. M., from November 20 to December 3, for the payment of dividends, and after that date from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. THOMAS T. FIRTH, Treasurer, 11 1/2 1/4.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office No. 237 S. FOURTH Street. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20, 1870. DIVIDEND NOTICE. The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on Wednesday, the 14th of December next, and reopened on Tuesday, the 10th of January, 1871. A dividend of FIVE PER CENT. has been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear of State tax, payable in cash on the 27th of December next to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 14th of December. All payable at this office. All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped. S. BRADFORD, Treasurer, 12 1/2 3/4.

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