#### MEWS SUMMARK.

City Affairs.

A young man about nineteen years of age has been collecting money in the Sixteenth ward on the plea that it was intended as a present to an officer. The collector fraudulently represented himself as a clerk in a neighboring drug store.

-Charles O'Donnell, aged eight years, residing at No. 315 South Twentieth street, while chopping ice with an axe on Saturday last, out one of his feet severely. He was admitted to the Pennsylvania Hospital. -William M. Bunn, Register of Wills,

charged with perjury and embezzlement, had a further, hearing before Alderman Devit, on Saturday, and was held to bail for another in-

vestigation on Saturday next.

-Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday after-noon, a fire occurred in the North Baptist Church, Eighth street, above Master, of which Rev. Dv. Heudrickson is pastor. There have recently been new heaters placed in the building, and the hot-air fines were placed too near the wainscotting, thus causing the fire. The Sunday-school was in session at the time, and quite a panic was occasioned among the

-The second anniversary of the Arch Street Mission School took place yesterday afternoon at the mission rooms, Vine street, above Seventeenth. There were a large number of persons present on the occasion, and the exercises we re of an interesting and instructive character, consisting of prayer, singing, and addresses by John Thompson, Esq., B. F. Hines, Esq., Charles Higgins, Esq., and Rev. C. H. Payne.

-Heury Grindrod and Officer Lipp were stranged before Ald. Good, at Germantown, on Friday evening last,

Mr. Baker, a colored man, testified that some time between Christmas and New Year's a stable of Mr. Johnson, his employer, was broken open, and some goods belonging to witness were stolen; he afterwards saw Officer Lipp and he stated that the goods would be returned or that be would return them; witness saw Grindrod the day before the goods were returned, and he said he would return them if the prosecution was dropped; the goods were returned, and witness believed that they were returned by Grindrod, but he did not see who returned them; witness saw Officer Lipp the night before the goods were returned; he told witness that it was not worth while to get a warrant, that he had found where the goods were; witness promised not to prosecute, as the officer had promised to return the goods.

Detective Magnire, who had been detailed by the Mayor to investigate the charges against the efficer, asked that Grindrod be held to bail for having stolen goods in his possession, and that Officer Lipp be held to answer the charge of compounding a

Grindrod was held in \$3000 bail and Officer Lipp in \$1000 bail to answer at court.

Domestic Affairs.

-Yesterday morning the cadet barracks at West Point were partially burned. -It is thought that Minister Schenck may be detained in this country for several weeks

ere he proceeds to England. -The Adelphi Theatre, of Boston, was

House, adjoining it, was badly damaged. -Four vessels are loading at the port of New York with provisions for France. They will each carry out ten thousand barrels of

-The citizens of Leavenworth on Friday made the members of the Kansas Legislature the recipients of the finest banquet ever given in that State. -Missouri, regarding the national capital

as too far East, has concluded to instruct her Representatives in Congress to vote against any further appropriations to it while it remains at Washington.

-Funds and provisions are being rapidly collected in all parts of the United States for the benefit of those who have suffered through the disastrous consequences of the Franco-Prussian war.

Foreign Affairs.

-The navigation of the Seine has been reopened to Rouen. -Small-pox is causing sad ravages in the

Red River district. -The Paris Government claims alone to possess executive powers.

-The Duke d'Aumale has issued an address to the French electors.

-The bridges and railways in France are rapidly being repaired. -Bismarck has protested against the electoral disqualification decree of the Bordeaux

Government. -Bourbaki is reported to have died from wounds inflicted by himself while in a state of temporary insanity.

-It is reported that an attempt was made upon the life of General Trochu in Paris, and that it was unsuccessful. -Over twenty thousand people have asked

permission to leave Paris on account of the privations to which they are subjected. -Minister Washburne is represented as

having become greatly emaciated during his stay in Paris while the bombardment was -The Germans had a series of engagements on the Swiss frontier with the rear

guard of Bourbaki's army during Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. tion of Paris are very contradictory, yet there

-While the reports relative to the condican be no doubt that great suffering continues to prevail among its inhabitants.

## OBITUARY.

Thomas William Robertson. This celebrated modern playwright is dead. He was born at Newark-upon-Trent in 1829, was brought on the stage from the cradle, his father being manager of the Lincolnshire Circus, with a family of thirteen children, all of whom embraced the drama as a profession. He was educated at Spalding, Lincolnshire; remained there till the age of seventeen, when he commenced that career which he followed with such persistency and indomitable pluck that success at last crowned his efforts. When but eighteen years of age he translated the Corsican Brothers, Faust and Marguerite, and several other plays for Lacy, the great dramatic publisher and bookseller, London. For a number of years he wrote dramas for the minor theatres, which met with only moderate success. He contributed also to Punch and Fun and various periodicals, and has written leading articles and dramatic criticisms for daily and weekly papers. Yet he struggled on through many and hard privations, and suffered all the well-known

trials of young authors. In 1855 he married a Miss Gordon, an actress. Mrs. Robertson died of consumption about seven years ago. Mr. Robertson's reputation was first established by the comedy Society, brought out at the Prince of Wales Theatre in November, 1865. It was followed by Ours, produced at the same establishment, September 12, 1866; by Shadow Tree Shaft, which proved a failure, I

produced at the Princess Theatre, February 6, 1867; by Caste, another success, first played at the Prince of Wales Theatre, April 6, and by For Love, at the New Holborn Theatre, October 5, 1867, and since that he has written School, Progress, War, and his last play, Birth, is now in rehearsal.

He was a keen observer of human nature, bright, witty, and vivacious, and, instead of following in the beaten track of other authors, he took his materials from whathe saw around him. His characters are those of every-day life; his most ardent admirers, those who know its realities best. Always known as a straightforward, honest man, it is an established fact in London that he never forgot in his prosperity those who had been true to him in adversity.

To show how poor Robertson must have struggled with the scribbler's fate, we append a copy of a receipt which he gave in exchange for a folio of manuscript and ten pounds in 1865. The copy is made from the original: -London, August 3, 1865.—In consideration of the sum of ten pounds, which I hereby acknowledge to have received, I sell you the manuscript which I now hand you, entitled Fassion Florers, a drama in three acts, written and composed by me.
Cio. Thomas Wilmian Robertson.

This play was never produced, and is still in the hards of the purchaser. Among the earliest efforts of Robertson's pen were the comedies of Abroad and at Home and a Home and Abroad, and the drama of Davi-Garrick. Four years since the deceased married his second wife, a German girl, who was born in Baden, and whose acquaintance he had made in London during the season By this lady he had one child, and that sh exerted a strong influence on his after writ ings may be seen in his last drama, War in which the heroine of the play is a German with an intense love for Fatherland.

#### OUR JAPANESE VISITORS.

Berrowing American Ideas- The Object of the Yest of the Special Commissioners. The Washington Republican says: -Governor Jushe Hirobumle Ito, Assistant Minister of Fi-

nance of the empire of Japan and Special Commissioner to the United States of America, is a man of rank, formerly a retainer of Chosin, the second prince of importance in the empire of Japan since the last successful revolution. Through Chosin, Ito was educated and sent to Europe for a short sojourn. After his return from Europe he was made Governor of Hiogo, and from his uniform kindness and courtesy to foreigners resident there won a greater degree of regard from them than any other Japanese official had obtained that had come in contact with them. About a year ago, when the present Government of Japan became consolidated, Chosin was made Secretary of the Treasury. Ito was placed immediately under him, and has since that time really superintended the fluancial affairs of the country.

About ten years since the Japanese Government purchased the machinery and dies of a mint, and had it set up at Osacca, and soon after the works were erected at that place the Japanese Government sent over about two mil-lions of dollars' worth of old Japanese coins to be refined according to the standard of the United States (900). This was done at the instigation of Ito, who had just then assumed his position in the Treasury Department. When this bullion was returned it was coined into money-tokens for the Empire of Japan of the same fineness, size, shape, and value as those issued in the United States. Thus they have burned on Saturday night and the Park | gold coins in all things equal to our double eagle, eagle, half and quarter eagles; in a word, the Japanese Government has taken the decima system of coinage of the United States for the

benefit of their mercantile interests. In conversation with Governor Ito vesterday, he remarked that he had selected our system of coinage after the examination of the reports of agents sent abroad to examine the different ystems, and had arrived at the conclusion that the United States plan was preferable to any other. But it was soon found that further and greater reforms in the financial administration were necessary before it could be said to be on a sound footing. The late revolution has changed Japan from a feudal Government to a consolidated central one. Under the old regime the money that was necessary for the maintainance of the Government was assessed on the different feudal princes. They in turn demanded the money from the lesser nobility, and so it was continued down to the merchant and dealer. Since the ownership of the daimios' territories has been vested in the central government, and the princes and common people being alike subject only to the rule of the Emperor, the old mode of taxation is found to be impracticable. Hence the advent of the imperial commissioner. He visits Washington to place himself in communication with our Treasury Department, and proposes to post himself thoroughly in our different systems of central and local taxation, the revenue and its sources, the tariff and all custom house affairs.

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