

extinguished, and may be illuminated again. In the space of a few weeks it may be dead to invade the world. It may sit upon his throne in a darkened sky, like a wan specter reigning over a vast burial ground. It may rise again from his ashes and again support the life which for the moment disappeared, and continue to maintain it for months, years and ages. This may be and doubtless these things have already been.

Yes, the earth has already been wrapped in a shroud of snow and ice, and all species of living things have been thrown into a silent state. And at that time the world was already old. Its living population had already been many times transformed and renewed. The splendid and imperishable forces of arborescent ferns had given place to sunny glades, full of light, perfume and birds of gorgeous plumage. The monstrous and ferocious marian of the secondary geological epoch had made way for the superior species of the tertiary epoch.

Vigorous Life in the Sunspots. Already the penive mammoth was leading his herds through the fields. The rhinoceros was already haunting in the woods. The giant ground sloth was bounding like an arrow through the valleys and the ravines, the bear was sheltering his family in the caves, the apes were gamboling in the fruit-bearing trees, the horse was galloping over the plain, and the nests in the thickets by the brook were overflowing with life and song.

But the temperature dropped to such a point as not to leave a drop of water in the liquid state. A dark sky hung over the world. Nature stood still. The sun was in its faint and feeble life. It was no longer did the birds sing, the plants blossom, the streams flow or the sun shine. This glacial epoch, which is now known as the Pleistocene, was everywhere by geologists, as extended over the entire globe. France, as yet scarcely formed, Switzerland, Italy, the various countries of Europe, Asia and

my laboratory, to go outside, and I asked them, as well as that passed by, if they, like me, saw the star, which had suddenly appeared in the sky. It was not only my wagners and other common men had called the attention of astronomers to a great apparition in the sky, which gave rise to the comet, but it was also the occasion of the comet's coming had not been predicted. The new star had no tail, and it was not a comet. It was like the other stars of first magnitude, and it was not a comet. It was like the other stars of first magnitude, and it was not a comet. It was like the other stars of first magnitude, and it was not a comet.

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Neuralgia Cured in Fifteen Minutes. Mr. J. S. Sturtevant, editor of the Wagoner (Wis.) Post, says: "Last night Chamberlain's Pain Balm cured my wife of neuralgia of the face and tooth in 15 minutes. We would not be without it." 25-cent bottles for sale by druggists.

THE MUSIC WORLD. Patti and Her Concert Troupe Down for Pittsburgh on March 5. THE AUDITORIUM TO BE HONORED. Josef Hofmann, the Youthful Prodigy, Begins Systematic Study. A BUDGET OF GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

In the musical drouth prevailing through this portion of the local season, the assurance of Patti's coming here within a fortnight seems like the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. This event, sure to be one of much significance in the world of fashion, at least, will be held on Saturday evening, March 5, at the Auditorium, Penn avenue.

Of course Adelina Patti is not a great musical artist in the fullest sense of the term. Artistic sincerity and breadth, as well as originality in the creative, are not her strong qualities. She honors more in the breach than in the observance. Her claim to her world-wide fame lies in herself, not in her devotion to art.

But it is equally true that in herself, as an example of a well-kept perfect vocal organ allied to the purest method and a style applied for the class of music she essays, she has a claim superior to that of any singer the present, or the last preceding generation can remember. And from all reports she seems to have preserved her vocal powers to a degree that seems marvelous.

Prize for American Composers. The offer of prizes to American born composers and librettists under 35 years of age, made by the National Conservatory of Music, is a very timely one. It is in these columns that the prizes may be again stated, as follows: For the best grand or comic opera (opera comique), words and music, \$1,000 for the best libretto, \$500 for the best music, \$500 for the best libretto, \$500 for the best music, \$500 for the best libretto, \$500 for the best music.

News About the Prodigies. London sent this scrap of musical news under the heading, "The young prodigy, Josef Hofmann, is about to begin a finishing course of study under Moritz Moszkowski in Berlin. The course will last two years, and Hofmann will not play in public until it has been finished. Little Otto Heggie, played at the Crystal Palace this afternoon with great success.

Crotchets and Quavers. The Glee Club and orchestra of the West Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Mr. George W. Wagner, will give a concert at the Central Presbyterian Church, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Emma Wolcott, Mrs. Nettie McLaughlin, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Jones, Miss Lillie C. Schleiter, Mr. Henry Gerding, and Mr. C. F. Harris took part in a charity concert at the Central Presbyterian Church, on Friday evening.

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ISAHAH AN EDITOR. The Old Prophet Was an Ideal Man for a Newspaper Office. BUT HE WOULDN'T MAKE ONE PAY.

It was but a few weeks ago in Allegheny that men who are fully much older than these people of Palestine did just what Syria and Ephraim did. The men who were determined not to have peace set upon the men who were contented to accept the former conditions and stoned them. Syria and Ephraim made up an army and marched down on Judah.

Isiah an Ideal Editor. Yet Isiah is the best editorial ideal I can think of—saving one who is the best ideal imaginable in any avocation. A man of bravery and brains, with a stout pen and a stout heart; a man who knew men, and was close to the people, and in which he lived, able to sympathize with all that was good in it, and to detect the bad; a man who looked at all things from the point of view of eternal principles, and was on the side of the people, and was on the side of the people, and was on the side of the people.

Let us begin with a lesson in geography. The two kingdoms of the Jews lay side by side of the Mediterranean sea. There had been a rebellion there and the North had broken away from the South. The two kingdoms were alike the two portions of this country which were opposed in the present political situation. The North was Samaria in the place of New York, Judah was the South, with Jerusalem in the place of Richmond. The Southern Kingdom was the one which was especially prosperous. The Northern Kingdom was progressive, commercial and particularly prosperous.

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Mr. LeVie DeWolfe returned from the East yesterday. Mr. E. McClinton, Tyrone, is the guest of friends in Braddock. Mr. Robert Coran, of Copeland, is convalescing from a recent illness. Mr. Rev. Charles W. Smith, of Wilkensburg, is home from a trip to New York.

At the Growing Aggression of the great power of Assyria, the Assyrians, the "Romans of the East," were extending their conquests every day. They were getting near Assyria and Ephraim. The two had accordingly made a defensive alliance as strong as possible, they desired to keep the peace, and they were united to join them against Assyria. But Judah, perhaps persuaded by Isiah, refused to enter into this combination.

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appearance, and direct their treatment to the removal of the cause. Intelligent Patients Able to Diagnose Their Own Afflictions. Many patients have called at the office of Drs. Copeland, Hall and Byers during the past several weeks for various ailments.

Another patient says: "I have been troubled with a chronic cough for months, and my physicians called bronchitis, and I have been treated with various remedies, but I have not been able to get any relief. I have been told that it is due to catarrh, and I want to put an order for your treatment, as you have cured me before." I have cured me before.

Mrs. Zollinger's Wonderful Cure—The Healthy Stomach Secretes Every Twenty-Four Hours to Digest the Food. Dyspepsia, a name given to nearly all stomach and bowel troubles by old-time physicians, is really nothing more nor less than a catarrhal condition of these parts.

She Was Treated for Almost Every Conceivable Disease but the Tumor Until She Consulted Drs. Copeland, Hall and Byers. Mrs. Zollinger, the wife of Mr. Lewis Zollinger, well-known brick manufacturer, resides at Brushen, East End, and has passed through a remarkable experience during the past few years.

Some Uncomfortable Discoveries about the honesty of their transactions. Ahaz, with a derby hat instead of a gold crown on his head, lives here in Pittsburgh. Then Isiah speaks once again of the condition of things in Isiah's country when he wrote the editorials—that is to say, preached the sermons, which we are to study to-day.

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