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MARRIED.

MIDDLETON—PRUDDEN.—On the 22d inst., by His Honor, the Mayor (Friends' ceremony), Howard W. Middleton to Emma C., youngest daughter of C. Prudden, all of Philadelphia. No Cards.

DIED.

GOGAN.—Suddenly, on the 22d inst., Wm. T. Gogan.
His friends, members of the Eastern Star Lodge 193, A. Y. M., and Fraternal Lodge 198, I. O. of O. F., and the Orders in general, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from Girard College, at 1 P. M., Sunday, 26th instant.

KENDERDINE.—At Lumberton, Bucks county, Pa., on the morning of the 23d inst., John E. Kenderdine, in the 65th year of his age.
The relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral, on First-day morning, the 26th inst., at 10 o'clock, and at Solebury Meeting House at 12 o'clock.

NORTON.—On the 24th inst., after a lingering illness, John Thompson Norton, professor of music, in the 63d year of his age.
His friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the office of George A. Brennan, undertaker, No. 321 S. Sixth street, on Monday, the 27th inst., at two o'clock, without further notice.

PARRY.—On the morning of the 25th instant, Samuel Parry, aged 59 years.
His relatives and friends are invited to the funeral, from his late residence, No. 1604 Mt. Vernon street, on Third-day morning, the 28th, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Abington.

☞ MASONIC NOTICE.—The officers and members of Concordia Lodge No. 67, A. Y. M., and the order in general, are respectfully invited to meet at the Masonic Hall, Chestnut street, on Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, to attend the funeral of our deceased P. M., Brother RICHARD J. HAMILTON. By order of the W. M.
1t* ROBERT HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

CARD—JANUARY 1, 1868.—BYRNE & LANDELL, Fourth and Arch, are prepared to suit families with
HOUSEHOLD DRY GOODS,
GOOD FLANNELS AND MUSLINS,
GOOD TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS,
GOOD BLACK AND COLORED SILKS.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

☞ THE REV. MR. VAN METER, WITH SEVERAL of his children, from the Howard Mission of New York, will be at the First Baptist Church, Broad and Arch street, To-morrow Afternoon, at a quarter past three o'clock.
The friends of the Mission are invited to be present.
A collection will be taken up to aid him in his noble work. 1t*

☞ THE TWELFTH OF THE SERIES OF SERmons to Medical Students by the Bishops and Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will be delivered by the Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D., in St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday Evening next, at 7½ o'clock.
The seats in the middle aisle will be reserved for Students. 1t*

☞ REV. C. D. W. BRIDGEMAN, PASTOR PEARL Street Baptist Church, Albany, N. Y., will preach the fourth of the series of sermons before the Young People's Association of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chestnut street, west of Eighteenth, Sunday evening, January 26th, at 7½ o'clock. Subject—"Ministry, the Work of the Church." 1t*

☞ REV. DR. NEVIUS, MISSIONARY FROM China, will preach in the Tenth Presbyterian Church (Dr. Boardman's), corner of Twelfth and Walnut, to-morrow (Sunday). Annual collection for the Foreign Board of Missions will be taken up in the morning. Service at 10.30 A. M., and 3.30 P. M.

☞ CENTENARY M. E. CHURCH, MORGAN'S Hall, Camden, N. J. On Sunday, January 26th, the Rev. G. D. Carrow, D. D., will preach in the morning, and administer the Holy Communion. Service to commence at 10¾ o'clock. The Rev. Henry Baker, A. M., Pastor, will preach in the evening. Service at 7½ o'clock. 1t*

☞ CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, Eleventh and Wood streets, T. H. Stockton, Pastor. Rev. H. L. Howard, To-morrow, 3½. Opening discourse on "The Religion of the Bible, the Religion of Common Sense." Let the people come—workingmen and their families. All seats free, and all may feel at home. 1t*

☞ REV. A. A. WILLITS, D.D., WILL PREACH IN the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church, to-morrow, at 10½ A. M. Rev. Mr. Van Meter, of the Howard Mission, New York, will be present, with a number of "Little Wanderers," at 7½ P. M., and deliver an address. 1t*

☞ WEST SPRUCE STREET CHURCH, CORNER of Seventeenth and Spruce streets. Rev. Wm. Spear, D. D., will preach on Sabbath morning, 26th inst., at 10½ o'clock, and Rev. Daniel March, D. D., in the afternoon, at 3½ o'clock. 1t*

☞ "JACOB'S NIGHT AT BETHEL"—THE THIRD sermon of the series on "Night Scenes in the Bible," by Rev. Dr. March, to-morrow, (Sunday) Evening, at 7½ o'clock, in the Clinton Street Church, Tenth street, below Spruce. All persons cordially invited. 1t*

☞ OLD PINE STREET CHURCH, CORNER OF Fourth and Pine Streets. The Fourth Lecture to Young Ladies by the Pastor, Rev. R. H. Allen, to-morrow Evening at 7½ o'clock.—Subject. "The Wife." All invited. 1t*

☞ ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, TWENTIETH and Cherry streets. To-morrow being the Fourth Sunday in the month, the Afternoon Service will be omitted. Service in the Evening at 7½ o'clock. 1t*

☞ SERMONS TO WOMEN.—THE SECOND OF the series will be preached in the Church of the Intercessor, Spring Garden, below Broad, by the Rector, on Sunday evening. Service at 7.30. 1t*

☞ CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LOcust street, above Fifteenth.—Preaching To-morrow Morning and Evening, by Rev. Dr. McIlvaine, of Princeton, New Jersey. 1t*

☞ ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, THIRD STREET, below Walnut, will be open as usual to-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Eccleston, of St. Matthew's Church. 1t*

☞ REV. J. A. SEISS, D.D., WILL PREACH ON Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at St. Stephens's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fortieth and Arch streets, West Philadelphia. Services at 10½ A. M., by C. P. Krauth, D.D. 1t*

☞ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHington Square. The Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D., of Newark, N. J., will preach To-morrow 10½ A. M. and 4 P. M. 1t*

☞ CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.—SERVICES to-morrow evening at half past seven. The next Sermon on "The Model Man of the Bible." 1t*

☞ REV. J. F. McCLELLAND WILL PREACH IN Trinity M. E. Church, Eighth street above Race, on Sunday, 26th inst., at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M. 1t*

☞ WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SEVENteenth and Filbert streets.—Rev. Mr. Brideile will preach Sabbath morning and afternoon. 1t*

☞ TRINITY CHURCH, CATHARINE, ABOVE Second street.—Rev. John W. Brown, Rector. Services to-morrow at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. 1t*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANagers of the PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGE COMPANY, held January 23, 1868, C. COLKET, Esq., in the Chair, the following minute was unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed:
"*Whereas*, It has pleased an all wise Providence to remove from our midst the President of this Board, JOSEPH W. RYERSS, Esq., one who has been closely identified with the Philadelphia Exchange Company, as an active and useful member of the Board, almost from the foundation of the institution, and one whose many estimable social qualities and great moral worth made him a favorite with all who knew him: therefore
"*Resolved*, That this Board of Managers have learned with feelings of deep regret of the death of their late esteemed President, Joseph Warn Ryerss, Esq.
"*Resolved*, That in Mr. Ryerss, whether as Director or President, this Board has always found a most active, faithful and energetic member, cheerfully giving his time and valuable services to the best interests of the Exchange.
"*Resolved*, That this Board will attend his funeral in a body.
"*Resolved*, That the Secretary is hereby requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the family of the deceased."
Attest, HENRY D. SHERRERD,
1t§ Secretary and Treasurer.

☞ MR. CHARLES DICKENS WILL READ, AT THE CONCERT HALL, PHILADELPHIA,
ON THURSDAY, JAN. 30,
HIS
"DOCTOR MARIGOLD,"
AND
MR. BOB SAWYER'S PARTY,
(FROM PICKWICK),
ON FRIDAY, JAN. 31,
HIS
"DAVID COPPERFIELD,"
AND
BOOTS AT THE HOLLY-TREE INN.
THE READINGS WILL COMMENCE EACH EVENING AT 8 O'CLOCK, AND BE COMPRISED WITHIN TWO HOURS.
THE AUDIENCE IS EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO BE SEATED TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE READINGS. ja25-tf,rp§

☞ FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, 723 ARCH STREET.
PHILADELPHIA, January 24, 1868.
And at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, A. C. ROBERTS, Esq., was unanimously elected President, W. P. HAMM, Esq., having resigned, and J. HENRY ASKIN, Esq., Vice President.
SAMUEL J. MAC MULLAN,
ja24-3trp§ Cashier.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ MERCHANTS' FUND.—THE FOURTEENTH Anniversary of the Merchants' Fund will be celebrated at the
ACADEMY OF MUSIC
On THURSDAY EVENING, February 6th, at 7½ o'clock. Orchestra will be under the direction of Mark Hassler. Addresses will be delivered by
HON. MORTON McMICHAEL,
REV. A. A. WILLITS, D.D.,
J. GILLINGHAM FELL, and other distinguished speakers.
Cards of admission may be had gratuitously by early application to
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☞ FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, 723 ARCH STREET.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24, 1868.
At an election held on the 14th day of January, 1868, the following-named Stockholders were elected Directors of this Bank:
WM. P. HAMM,
A. C. ROBERTS,
JAS. C. KELCH,
WM. BROOKS,
J. HENRY ASKIN,
ROBERT CLARK,
SAMUEL MILLER,
M. R. HARRIS,
ALAN WOOD,
EDMUND SMITH,
C. C. FRANCISCUS.
ja24-3trp§ SAMUEL J. MAC MULLAN, Cashier.

☞ PROF. LOUIS AGASSIZ, Will lecture before the Teachers' Institute, at HORTICULTURAL HALL,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, February 5.
(The date of this lecture was changed from January 28, as at first announced, to February 5, by Prof. Agassiz's request.)
Reserved Seats for the remainder of the course (consisting of Prof. Agassiz's lecture and two illustrated lectures by Prof. R. E. Rogers, of Philadelphia), may be had, if applied for soon, for $1 50 each.
Evening Tickets (not reserved), fifty cents each.
For sale at TRUMPLER'S, 926 CHESTNUT Street. ja25,16t-rp§

☞ THE DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL, AND THE
CAMDEN AND AMBOY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES.
On the Third day of February, 1868, a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on full stock, and in proportion on part-paid stock, clear of tax, will be payable at the Offices in New York and Philadelphia to the Stockholders of the above joint Companies on the books January 15th, 1868. RICHARD STOCKTON,
ja25 6t§ Treasurer.

☞ THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF STOCKholders of the Mercantile Library Company, to consider the proposed amendment to the Charter, will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, February 4th, at 7½ o'clock. JOHN LARDNER,
ja25,4t§4,rp§ Recording Secretary.

☞ THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the "Bird Coal and Iron Company" will be held at the office, 210 South Fourth street, on WEDNESDAY, 5th proximo, at 11 A. M.
JOHN TUCKER, Jr.,
ja25,2trp* Secretary.

☞ HOWARD HOSPITAL, NOS. 1518 AND 1520 Lombard street, Dispensary Department.—Medical treatment and medicines furnished gratuitously to the poor.

☞ NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, WASTE Paper, &c. Bought by E. HUNTER,
de17 2m§ No. 613 Jayne street.

FROM CHICAGO.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 22, 1868.—We are never without a sensation. So accustomed are the public to peruse daily thrilling narratives of highly colored and exaggerated events, that their desire for such in the newspapers has become morbid.

The latest and most ingenious dodge to defraud the revenue was brought to light in a strange manner a few nights since. At a late hour in the night, a policeman overhauled a wagon which was being driven slowly through an unfrequented portion of the city. As he approached, its speed was increased, and a man jumped from the seat, and running in an opposite direction, escaped. The driver was arrested, and with the wagon, which contained a copper still, was conveyed to headquarters. It was then discovered that the prisoner, who exhibited a stolid indifference, and would answer no questions, was not, as supposed, a negro, but disguised with his hands and face blackened. Upon removing the lamp black the features of a notorious character were discerned, who married the no less notorious Mrs. Groendyke, after a divorce from one of her husbands. Upon visiting his residence, where it was supposed the illicit distillation was carried on, a large placard was placed over the door, bearing the words, "*Small Pox Here*," it is supposed in order to prevent a discovery of their operations. The sign having remained a sufficient time without arousing suspicion, they deemed it prudent to move to more secure quarters, when they were discovered.

The ingenuity and skill of the reportorial corps of this city are pre-eminent. A Committee of City Councils have for the past week been engaged in investigating charges preferred against the Police Department. The sessions were private. None were admitted except witnesses, and then only one at a time. Each day the newspapers contained a lengthy report of its proceedings. It was an unfathomable mystery to the City Fathers how such was obtained. The testimony was given *verbatim*. At last the problem was solved. One of the *demi-monde*, who was present as a witness, upon taking the stand, raised her eyes heavenwards, discovering a pale, emaciated face looking at her through a chimney hole in the wall, uttered a shriek and fell, fainting, into the arms of a Councilman. The unlucky reporter beat a hasty retreat. The hole and the room adjoining were afterwards secured from intruders.

A daring and successful robbery was committed this morning on the incoming train of the Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne Railroad, as it was entering the city. Two men, who had been engaged in conversation with a fellow passenger, suddenly seized him, and wresting from his pocket a wallet containing $1,800, jumped from the train and made their escape.

The great event of the season was consummated last evening in the Grand Charity Ball, at Crosby's Opera House. It is conceded to have been the most magnificent affair ever witnessed in the West. Gillmore's band, of Boston, furnished the music. The tickets were limited to 1,000, at $20 each, only half of which number were disposed of. Financially, it was a failure. The caterer, who had great expectations of his wines, which were extra of the supper, was disappointed, as but few indulged in the expensive luxury. The costumes were elegant, and in most cases exhibited admirable taste. But I am frank to say that, although the toilette could not be surpassed, they clad but few beautiful women, whom Chicago seems greatly deficient of. Gillmore commences a series of promenade concerts at the Opera House this evening. John B. Gough is giving us "Peculiar People." I cannot vouch for the report that this is the first of a series of eighty-five lectures which he is engaged to deliver to the quiet people of this strictly moral city.

THE COURTS.

SUPREME COURT—Chief Justice Thompson, and Justices Read, Agnew and Sharswood.—This morning Messrs. Wm. L. Hirst and T. J. Barger, counsel for Mr. Sterling, the contestant in the First Ward Select Council case, applied for a writ of mandamus to compel the Committee to issue an attachment to compel witnesses to attend. City Solicitor Lynd opposed the application on the ground that there was no power to issue the writ.

The Court decided that there was sufficient doubt about the question to warrant the issuing of an alternative mandamus, returnable on Saturday next, when the question can be argued upon its merits.

Such a writ was issued.

QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Allison.—A number of writs of *habeas corpus* were heard and disposed of during the morning.

NISI PRIUS—Justice Strong.—Palmetar vs. The Chestnut and Walnut Streets Passenger Railway Company. Before reported. Verdict for plaintiff for $2,116.

OYER AND TERMINER—Judges Allison and Ludlow.—In the case of John Hagen, charged with the murder of Wm. Furman, the jury yesterday rendered a verdict of not guilty.

CRIME.

MURDER IN MEMPHIS.

A Young Man Shot Through the Heart, and Instantly Killed.

(From the Memphis Post, Jan. 24.)

Memphis has had another fearful murder. The victim is Michael Connell. Connell, it is said by those acquainted with him, was a quiet and well-behaved young man ordinarily; but on Saturday night he was on a spree. About nine or ten o'clock he and a man known as Patsey McMahon had some kind of an altercation on Main street, and McMahon called for the police. An officer came and took Connell to the Adams street station-house.

Some time after Connell had been arrested, a friend of his, James Mears, went to the station-house and putting up a forfeit obtained his release. Mears and Connell, accompanied by another man named Thomas Grady, left the station-house after midnight, and started up Main street. What occurred afterward was thus stated by Mears before the Coroner's inquest, which was held at the station-house by Col. Beaumont in the absence of Coroner Conlon, between two and three o'clock yesterday morning.

Owen McPartland met us on the street. This was after twelve o'clock. He followed us up the street, and at the alley between Washington and Adams street, he struck Connell over the head with his pistol. Grady asked him what he was doing that for, and Connell asked him the same. McPartland said, "You ——, I have it in for you, and for your uncle also. I'll shoot him when I see him." Connell and the rest of us hallooed "watch," and when the police came McPartland ran down the alley. I asked the police why they did not go after him to arrest him, and they said they would get him yet and went away. Jack Winters and Tom Costello came along and followed Connell to the corner of Washington and Main streets. Grady asked them what they were following Connell for, and Costello came forward and hit him, and then pressed Connell into a door. When he was against the door I saw Jack Winters shoot Connell. He fired two shots. Costello had him up against the door when Winters shot him. I was standing on the sidewalk at the time. I don't know whether the first shot hit Connell or not. I don't know where it struck. At the second shot Connell fell. I went forward and looked at him. He was bleeding on the ground, and I ran away toward my house, corner of Main and Jackson streets, and then returned shortly afterward.

The jury returned as their verdict, that "Michael Connell came to his death by a pistol shot wound, the pistol being feloniously discharged by John Winters."

Winters and McPartland were arrested by the police and locked up in the station-house. Costello went to the station and gave himself up.

A BOLD FORGERY.

Evil Results of Imagination and Facile Penmanship—Three Checks Forged and one Genuine—A Philadelphia Forger Arrested at Pittsburgh.

(From the Pittsburgh Post, Jan. 24th.)

About the first of January a check for $630, payable to David Hall, was presented at the Southwark National Bank of Philadelphia, and duly cashed. The check bore the signature, apparently genuine, of Mr. Alexander Young, Philadelphia. A few days subsequently, another check, bearing the same signature, and drawn for $760 90, was presented at the same bank and cashed without suspicion. This check was made payable to another individual, whose name we did not learn. The operator seems to have taken a resting spell then until the 20th inst. On Wednesday last the following letter was received at the bank mentioned:

"PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20, 1868.—PAYING TELLER —*Dear Sir*—Inclosed you will find a check for $780 70, which I got on Saturday afternoon. It was too late to draw the money—I had business to attend to here, and had to come on here. You will please send a draft for the inclosed.
"Respectfully, JOHN LAUGHLIN.
"In care of Evans's Novelty Works, &c."

The letter contained a check for $780 70, signed by Mr. Young, and made payable to John Laughlin or order. Suspicion was aroused by the letter, and investigation ensued. Investigation led to the discovery that all three of the checks were forgeries. The matter was immediately placed in the hands of Messrs. Joshua Taggart and George H. Smith, detective officers in Philadelphia, who took prompt measures. The following letter was written to the bank correspondent:

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22, 1868.—*Mr. Laughlin*—Inclosed you will find all you desire from me. We take great pleasure in handing it to you.
Yours truly, GEORGE H. SMITH.

The inclosure was a check which made payable to "Forger" three or five years in the Eastern Penitentiary, or as the Judge shall order. The whole was inclosed in an envelope directed as ordered, and properly stamped and postmarked. With this Mr. Smith started for this city, arriving here about three o'clock yesterday afternoon. He immediately secured the services of Chief of Police Scott, and officer Rivers, who accompanied him to Evans' "Novelty" on Fifth street. There the letter was given to the clerk with proper directions, and the officer waited. Shortly afterwards a young man came in and called for the letter. It was delivered to him and Chief Scott and officer Rivers approached him. He made a sudden dart out of the door, however, and ran like a deer. Chief Scott finally overtook him on Virgin alley, and he was conducted to the Mayor's office. He had thrown the letter away, but it was found on the pavement. He was searched and questioned. He asserted strongly his innocence; but admitted that the last check was forged in a room in the second-story of a building on Sixth street. Another man forged it, however, he states. The others were both forged in Philadelphia. On his person was found a blank check on the First National Bank of Pittsburgh. The prisoner is a young man, who gives his name as John Sargent, and says he resides in Philadelphia. He and another young man arrived here some two or three weeks ago, and made themselves quite conspicuous by their lavish expenditure of money. The friend stated that he had spent considerable time in Arizona, where he had struck a rich lead of silver. He was on his way thither now with his friend Sargent. Their present "lead" seems to have very little silver in it. The "other young man" had not been arrested last evening.

Sargent is in the lock-up, and will be removed to Philadelphia to-day by Detective Smith.

YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

A Chicago Boy Robs His Father's House.

(Chicago Journal, 23d.)

A boy named Sachse, the son of an eminent physician in this city, has been arrested for committing burglary upon the premises of his father.

The juvenile criminal is scarcely more than sixteen years of age, if that far advanced toward maturity. A few days ago, his father, Dr. T. C. Sachse, went to New York city on business, intending to remain a week or two, Mrs. Sachse, being left alone in the house, which is located in Hyde Park, prepared to guard against the depredations of burglars, and secreted $160, with diamond jewelry, valued at $1,000 or more, in the piano, where she anticipated they were safe. The boy by some means became acquainted with the whereabouts of the treasure, and lost no opportunity to become possessed of it. On Tuesday night he made his *coup d' etat* in the regular burglarious manner. He broke a window pane, and so arranged matters as to lead any person to believe that a "professional" had made a descent. After securing the money and jewelry he went to the Michigan Central railroad depot. And awaited the departure of the first train, which he intended should take him where he could not be found by either his parents or the police. He failed to consult the schedule of the arrival and departure of trains, and thereby laid himself open to detection and arrest. He remained here over Tuesday night, and his absence from home being foundation for suspicion, his mother caused the facts to be made known to the police. Detective Simpson and Constable Hartman were on the lookout for him until yesterday morning. They espied him at the Michigan Central depot. They took him in charge, and upon searching his person found only $50 left of the amount he had taken, and a portion of the jewelry. The officers took him to his home, where he confronted his mother in all the consciousness of guilt. Appreciating full well the situation in which he was placed, but little suasion served to draw from him a full confession, and in response to the plea of his mother, he was released. He was yesterday sent on to New York city in charge of a friend, and his father will probably see to his well-being in future.

A Tragedy in the Coal Region.

[From the Harrisburgh Telegraph.]

About a month ago, Captain E. Godfrey Rehrer, son of Major T. J. Rehrer, of this city, mysteriously disappeared from his residence, in Schuylkill county, and as nothing could be ascertained in regard to his fate, it was supposed he had been foully dealt with. Last evening a telegram was received by the father of the murdered man, stating that young Albrightson, the son of one of Captain Rehrer's partners, had divulged the facts of the murder. From a relative of the deceased we obtain the following particulars: It seems that one of the partners, named Smith, had employed two men who resided at Tamaqua, to put Capt. Rehrer out of the way, which they did, and threw his body into one of the slopes among the mines, and by fastening heavy weights to it sank it to the bottom, a depth of three hundred feet. Shortly after the disappearance of Capt. R., Smith sent a letter to the assassins, advising them to leave. This letter remained in the post-office, and was finally sent to the dead letter office, where it was opened, and immediately sent to the police officers of the place where Mr. R. resided. These officials at once charged Albrightson with being connected with the affair, when he divulged the whole matter, but said he knew nothing of it until after Captain R. was missing. The assassins are now in the jail at Buffalo, New York, one of them having in his possession the watch of the murdered man. The other parties implicated are in prison at Pottsville. The mine in which the body was placed is to be pumped dry, in order that the remains may be recovered. Further particulars will be anxiously looked for.

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

ABYSSINIA.

King Theodorus in Camp—Rebel Chiefs in his Front—Native Encouragement to the British—A Battle Imminent.

ZOULLA, Abyssinia, Jan. 14, 1868, by way of London, Jan. 24.—Information has been received here—British expeditionary post No. 1, in the line of march from Annesley Bay—from the headquarters at Senafe, post No. 2, that King Theodorus is in camp in a position situated between Wadela and Dalanta, near the palace at Magdala, where it is presumed all the captives are at present held. Native rebel chiefs have drawn their forces in his front, and by this hostile attitude aid the operations of the English. The powerful Wagshum, or governor, Gobazyd (or Gabazyse), of Tigre, is also near. He is friendly to the foreigners and has sent a message to this effect to Major-General Napier, the British Commander-in-chief. Napier will probably advance from Senafe to Umtalla, which will be designated as English post No. 3. A fight will occur soon; perhaps before the English march over the ground between Senafe and Umtalla.

SPAIN.

Revolutionary Excitement in the Provinces—A Rising Against the Queen Expected.

LONDON, Jan 24, 1868.—A despatch from Madrid, dated to-day, says that news has been received there from the provinces of Aragon and Catalonia that a speedy rising was anticipated in favor of the eldest son of Don Juan. The widow of Don Carlos had sent forty million reals to aid the insurrection.

AUSTRIA.

The Imperial Army Ordered to be Ready for the Field.

VIENNA, Jan. 24.—His Imperial Highness the Archduke Albrecht, in command of the Austrian army, has been ordered to prepare and make ready to take the field.

RUSSIA.

Reply to French Assertions—Russia Confident of Her Strength, but Peaceful.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 24, 1868.—The *Journal of St. Petersburg*, official organ of the government, has an article in reply to the assertions made by some of the Paris newspapers relative to the attitude and intentions of the imperial government, particularly towards the East.

The *Journal* says that the empire of Russia is great, powerful and strong in its resources. It is equal to France. At the same time it is neither her wish, nor perhaps her policy, to seek to extend her frontiers, but on the contrary to endeavor to maintain peace, so as to insure a continuance of progress. She bears no ill will or hate to the other Powers of Europe, but does not wish to see any one of them claim particular preponderance in the influencing of its affairs, nor will Russia allow others to arrogate such a position.

The article concludes with the assertion that whatever Power precipitates war in Europe just now will insure for itself and deserve the execration of history in the future.

AMUSEMENTS.

DICKENS' READINGS.—Concert Hall was crowded again last night, upon the occasion of Mr. Charles Dickens's fourth reading. The history of "Little Dombey," from "Dombey and Son," and the famous trial from "Pickwick," were the selections for the evening. The general feeling in the audience was that the impersonations, for such they really were, of last evening were the most effective of any Mr. Dickens has yet given. The trial had been read before, and many persons present had heard it, but somehow instead of losing in effectiveness, familiarity only brought with it additional power and intensity. Mr. Winkle and the stupid little judge were beyond all question the most graphic and life-like characters presented. But Sergeant Buzfuz was very good, and indeed so were all the others but Sam Weller, who never can be correctly drawn while each individual retains in his mind his own private and fixed opinion of Samuel.

The story of little Dombey was very pathetic. Unlike nearly all of the other tender and sorrowful creations of the great master, it lost nothing by incarnation in his own person. The oppressively dignified Dombey stood before us in all his pompousness and pride. Mrs. Chick fussed and cackled by the bedside of the dying Mrs. Dombey, right there upon the platform. Mrs. Pipchin glared upon us with those ogreish eyes of hers, and smacked her lips over the hot mutton-chops required by her constitutional peculiarities. Mr. Blimber and Miss Cornelia, the leaden-eyed boys, the miserably vivacious Mr. Feeder, and the stupid, inane, good-natured Mr. Toots were all there, so life-like and so in accordance with our conceptions, that everyone felt that an introduction would be entirely unnecessary. Mr. Toots was the finest personation of them all; and is, we think, the best Mr. Dickens has yet given in these readings. It was observable that the reader was more effective in the pathetic portions of this story than he has been in others he has read. Heretofore we fear everyone has felt Mr. Dickens' simulation of feeling to be artifice, and nothing more. Last night he somehow managed to reach the hearts of his hearers, and to moisten the eyes of some of the more sensitive of them. Altogether this entertainment was more enjoyable than any of the others, and we feel assured that Mr. Dickens made a mistake in not offering it on the first evening.

THE THEATRES.—Mr. John E. Owens will appear this evening in *Solon Shingle* and *Everybody's Friend*. This will be Mr. Owens last performance of these two dramas. On Monday, Mr. Owens will appear in the original comedy of *Self*. Lady Don will conclude her engagement to-night at the Arch with *Single Life* and the *Married Rake*. At the Walnut Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams will appear in *All Hallow Eve*, *In and out of place* and *Barney the Baron*. At the American a varied bill is offered.

HASSLER'S AFTERNOON CONCERTS.—On Monday afternoon next Mr. Hassler will give another of his charming matinées at Concert Hall. The following programme has been prepared:

1. Overture—Don Juan.....Mozart.
2. Waltzes—Fontaine.....Lumbye.
3. Song—The Maid of Inda.....Kücken.
4. Le Premier Amour (cornet solo).....Neuman.
(Performed by Mr. Wm. Ewers.)
5. Overture—Der Freischütz.....Weber.
6. Erinnerung an Tannhauser.....Wagner.
7. First Finale—"Martha".....Flotow.

The last concert of this series will be given on Monday, February 10th.

CARL SENTZ announces a repetition of the beautiful serenade, by Titl, which was performed with such skill by Messrs. Busch and Küstenmacher at the last concert, when it created quite a sensation. Mr. Carl Roese will play the charming "Invitation to the Dance," by Weber, one of the happiest composers for the piano.

THE MENDELSSOHN SOCIETY has been busily engaged in rehearsing several new works, and announces its second subscription concert of the season, at Concert Hall, on February 20th. This is a young and lively society, destined to effect much good in the cause of music.

CARL WOLFSOHN is to play the Sonata Eroica at his next Beethoven Matinée on Friday. These are very interesting concerts, and should be heard by all piano students.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—The French Comic Opera Company, of New York, will appear in this city at the Academy of Music, February 11th, in Offenbach's opera *Le Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein*. Copies of the libretto can be procured at the Academy.

PHILADELPHIA OPERA HOUSE.—The famous burlesque entitled *The Black Book* will be given to-night at this opera house. It is a humorous adaptation of *The Black Crook*, and is said to be intensely amusing. It has had a prolonged run in Boston and New York, and has been warmly eulogized by the press of both cities. It is placed upon the stage here in first-rate style, and the cast includes the most accomplished performers in the troupe. There will be singing, dancing and Ethiopian eccentricities and comicalities.

SIGNOR BLITZ.—The Signor has taken Commissioner's Hall, West Philadelphia, for this week only. Those who desire to visit this great magician before his permanent retirement must do so at once.

ELEVENTH STREET OPERA HOUSE.—An entirely new burlesque entitled *The Arrival of Dickens*, will be given this evening. It is filled with laughable situations, local hits, humorous dialogue, and the characters are personated by the most popular members of the company. Lew Simmons will represent Charles Dickens. Mr. J. L. Carncross will sing several favorite ballads, and there will be singing, dancing, and the usual miscellany.

FROM NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Messrs. Charles O'Conor, R. B. Minturn, D. D. Field, Jackson S. Schultz, Parke Godwin, Royal Phelps, Wilson G. Hunt, Cyrus W. Field and others have invited the venerable William Cullen Bryant to meet them at a free-trade dinner at Delmonico's on the 30th inst., and Mr. Bryant has accepted.

Of the 241,854 immigrants landed at this port last year, 115,829 were Germans, and 69,958 Irish. The Northern German Union is expected to shortly take in hand the sanitary regulations of emigrant vessels from German ports. The assets of the German society were increased $2,000 during last year, and the number of its members increased by the addition of 200 to 1,017.

Charles Blondell, a clerk in the employ of Mr. B. T. Babbitt, of No. 69 Washington street, had $250 dollars stolen from a pile of bills which he was counting in the Metropolitan National Bank, yesterday, while his attention was temporarily attracted by a confederate of the thief.

Our gift lottery swindlers, having been flanked by Postmaster Kelly, who sends their letters to the Dead Letter Office, have transferred their business to the Brooklyn Post-office.

The names of 600 subscribers are recorded on the books of the Blot Club, the lists being open at the drug store opposite St. Paul's. Each subscriber may always be sure of having a seat, though no special one, at the hour specified by him; he will also enjoy the liberty of taking a non-subscribing friend to dine or lunch with him.

Dealers in whisky feel very confident of a reduction of the whisky tax from $2 per gallon to $1, and, as a consequence, only slight purchases are made of the bonded article. It is not so with "free" goods, and these change hands frequently at less than $1 50 a gallon. To-day, a number of lading officers are to be relieved from duty, and a reduction of the force in other departments of the Revenue service is probable within a few days. The seizures made are unimportant, and the goods are generally held subject to proof of the tax having been paid. One or two distilleries are in full operation in this city. How the proprietors contrive to manufacture whisky upon which must be paid to the Government $2 for every gallon produced, and afterward dispose of the same for $1 50, is a problem that distillers and Revenue officers may solve.

THE ABBE LISZT TO THE MESSRS. CHICKERING.—The Abbé Liszt, the greatest of European pianists, has just addressed to the Messrs. Chickering the following letter, the only testimonial in favor of a piano-forte maker which he has ever given in Europe or America:

[TRANSLATION.]
"ROME, Dec. 26, 1867.

"*Messrs. Chickering*: It is very agreeable to me to add my name to the concert of praises of which your pianos are the object.

"To be just I must declare them perfect, and *perfectissimes* (*superlatively perfect*).

"There is no quality which is foreign to them. Your instruments possess in the supreme degree nobility and power of tone, elasticity and security of touch, harmony, brilliancy, solidity, charms and prestige; and thus offer a harmonious ensemble of perfections to the exclusion of all defects.

"Pianists of the least pretentions will find means of drawing from them agreeable effects; and in face of such products—which truly do honor to the art of the construction of instruments—the role of the critic is as simple as that of the public; the one has but to applaud them conscientiously and with entire satisfaction, and the other but to procure them in the same manner.

"In congratulating you sincerely upon the great and decisive success obtained at the Exposition at Paris, I am pleased to anticipate the happy continuation of the same in all places where your pianos will be heard, and I beg that you accept, gentlemen, the expression of my most distinguished sentiments of esteem and consideration.
(Signed) "F. LISZT."

NOTRE DAME.—The choir of this grand old cathedral has been restored. The French journals protest against the demand of ten *sous* which is made by "Le Suisse" an entrance fee. They say that the cathedral belongs to the people, and all the cost of its restoration was at their expense, and that the demand of ten cents to see it is a swindle.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

—Offenbach is forty-nine years old.

—Snow-shoe races are exciting the Kanucks.

—Dade city is the latest western mushroom.

—Queen Victoria don't like hash.

—Mr. Dickens walks ten miles in and around Philadelphia every day.

—The man who ran up a bill fell off when he came to settle it.

—Some of our earthquake has visited England.

—A favorite dish of the Chinese is balls of cotton fried in oil and stuffed with beetles.

—Mario is not succeeding at St. Petersburg. His reception was as cold as the climate.

—Mr. Charles Francis Adams has the largest private library in New England—18,000 volumes.

—The ruins of an Aztec city have been found twenty-seven miles from Santa Fé.

—Ole Bull has had a torch-light procession from the Scandinavians of Madison, Wisconsin.

—Mrs. Mary Clemmer Ames is to publish a new novel in the Spring.

—Wall street was excited Tuesday by a report that Wood and Washburne had shot each other.

—A young woman flogged a man on a New York ferry-boat Tuesday morning, for insinuating that her name was Mary Ann.

—The bed of iron recently found near Chester, Morris county, N. J., has been tested and found to be of the finest quality.

—There are twelve miles of