Jefferson's stip van wincle."

Mr. Joseph Jefferson's first appearance in his wonderful impersonation of "Rip Van Winkle" attracted an unusually large and respectable andience at the Walnut Street Theatre last evening. Of Mr. Jefferson's presentation of the character, it is unnecessary to speak at length. The fame of it is world wide. It is as distinct and remarkable a conception as Edwin Booth's "Hamlet," and Mr. Jefferson may be content to rest his reputation upon it alone. Even under the most favorable circumstances—if a skilful dramatist had furnished the text, and afforded the largest opportunity for a display of histrionic power, the precentation would be none the less deserving of high praise; but it is the crowning triumph of Mr. Jefferson's genius, that out of most beggarly materials he has created such an original and remarkable character. It is of the drama of which we wish to speak. The author, Mr. Dion Boucicault, has won much fame and greater fortune as an adaptor of plays. Some of his productions possess merit, and have been very successful; by far the larger portion of them are merely trash. He makes a hobby of startling climaxes. Stage effect is his peculiar forte. He invariably subordinates everything to the production of surprising situations. He regards the dialogue only as a means to gain this end, and it is not strange that it is always below mediocrity, and sometimes is degenerated to the balacest claptrap and nonsense. This kind or dramatization suits the purpose of a man who writes aimply to make money. His pieces are oftentimes successful, because the popular fancy, is pleased with that which introduces it to pleasant surprises, and to highly dramatic situations. The theatre-going public do not always inquire into the merit of the text, if there is novelty and intensity in the climaxes, but the kind of fame that is won by such means is neither desirable nor enduring. Jefferson's Rip Van Winxle."

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As a nerary work the play of Rip Van Winkle is beneath contempt. The dramatist has taken the most unwarrantable liberties with Irving's beautiful story. Indeed, with the exception of the character of "Rip," as a lazy, good humored fellow, and the incident of the twenty year's nap, there is absolutely nothing left of the original tale. Of course, a more elaborate plot was necessary, but there might have been a closer adherence to the original, and, at the same time, greater effectiveness. Mr. Boucleault, however, has transformed good old Nicholas Vedder, the tavern keeper, into a drunken pauper; has made of Von Brummel, the innocent schoolmaster, a griping money lender, who plays the villain that Mr. Boucleault must have in his dramas; and has introduced a third character, in the person of the of Von Brummel, the innocent schoolinaster, a griping money lender, who plays the villain that Mr. Boucicanit must have in his dramas; and has introduced a third character, in the person of the usurer's nephew, who is not only entirely wanting in the original; but is unnecessary here, and is a most disagreeable and ridiculous personage. In order to arrange a sub-plot, he brings in two children, and in the last act, upon his return from his snooze, instead of "Rip" inding his daughter the mother of a chubby child, he comes in just in time to prevent her marriage with the villainous nephew, and to give her to her long lost, but proportunely and to give her to her long lost, but poportunely returned lover. Instead, also, of his being scolated out of the house by his wife, and laxily wandering off to the mountains, he indulges in a terribly stupid and unnatural dialogue with her upon his merit as a huntsman, and is finally ordered to leave the house forever by his indignant but weeping wife. Upon his return, his wife, instead of being dead as she should have been, is married to the usurer, who maltreats her, and "Rip" simply takes possession of, her, contrary to the Enoch Arden precedent. This, so far from being an improvement is only disgusting.

In Irving's story, "Rip," when he finds himself among the Hendrick Hudson's ghostly crew, becomes intoxicated in consequence of having induged his appetite and taken sundry sly pulls at the flagon. In the drama, he is compelled to drink, and at each swallow, the spectres burst forth into a very melodramatic laugh. Irving made them profoundly silent. The scene in the village upon "Rip's" return is also wretched. The people taunt him as no man ever was tanted in such a situation; and the jests hurled at him are so utterly dismal and dreary, that it is difficult for even a well trained crowd of super-numerales to get up a melancholy stage laugh at them.

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at them. That Mr. Jefferson should have taken this unpromising material, and contrived to arrange a performance which is intensely interesting and amusing, which attracts crowds of intelligent people nightly, and which is an absolute miracle of dramatic art, is the most complete evidence that he possesses that creative power called genius. His own part has evidently been elaborated by himself, and the text has received such additions as his own tasts suggested as possible and advisable. If he had recast the play entirely it would have been equally judicious. as possible and advisable. If he had recast the play entirely it would have been equally judicious. The performance will be repeated this evening, and we recommend those who have not seen it, to do so, for it is one that will have an enduring place in the annals of the stage.

CITY BULLETIN.

THE SANGERFEST.—The festival given at Engle and Wolf's farm yesterday, under the auspices of the Mænnerchor, Sængerbund and young Mænnachore, in commemoration of Whit-Monday, was a very pleasant affair. The attendance was large, but as the grounds are extensive, there was no over-crowding and every person had ample opportunity for full enjoyment. The plenic commenced at ten o'clock in the morning, and by that time many families had gathered upon the premises. There were music, athletic sports, miniature theatrical representations, rifle shooting, dancing, and other amusements. At three o'clock in the afternoon the grand concert, in which all the societies participated, was given, and passed off very successfully. Subsequently Governor Geary made his appearance, and was well received. He was called upon for a speech, and made a neat address at the headquarters of the Young Mænnerchor. The night was pleasant, the moon shone brightty, and spices of the Mænnerchor, Sængerbund and the nearquarters of the xoung Mænnerchor. The night was pleasant, the moon shone brightly, and the festivities were kept up until a late hour. Everything was conducted in the most orderly manner, and to the entire satisfaction of all who participated in the affair.

SUICIDE BY SHOOTING .-- A white man, about 45 years of age, was found in a dying condition, on a raft on the west side of the Schuylkill, above Market street, about one o'clock this 'morning. Market street, about one octors the morning. He had a pistol shot wound in his right temple, and near him a Sharp's pistol, with one barrel empty, was found. The wounded man was taken to the Sixteenth District-Police Station, where he lingered in an insensible state until six when he died. The only clothing that the de ceased had on was an undershirt and a pair of pants. He sat down on the edge of the raft, with his feet in the water, evidently expecting to fall into the river after shooting himself, but he fell backward on to the raft, where he was discovered. The Coroner was notified to hold an in-

A Hose Carriage Thrown into the River .-An alarm of fire was caused last evening, by the falling of the wall at Eighth and Market streets. The Northern Liberty Engine Company and the Northern Liberty Hose Company came together at New Market and Green streets, and some of the adherents indulged in a fight. The carriage of the Hose company, which had been borrowed from the Lafayette Hose Company, was taken from those who were with it and was run down to Green street wharf and thrown into the river. The apparatus was afterwards taken out by the Seventh District Police. Chief Engineer McCusker, with commendable promptness, suspended both companies until the matter can be thoroughly investigated.

REMOVED .- The black patch in the pavement in front of the State House, which has been an eyesore to everybody who has passed in that vicinity for several months, has been removed at last. Workmen commenced at an early hour this morning to take up the pitch. This was soon accomplished, and the bricklayers have put the pavement in good order again.

Anniversary .- The Sunday Schools of the Broad Street Baptist Church will celebrate their Floral Missionary Anniversary on Tuesday next. Some choice music and singing are announced, together with an address by the eloquent pastor. Rev. E. L. Magoon. The exercises will be of a decidedly interesting character throughout.

INTERESTING LECTURE .- Prof. F. V. Hayden, M. D., of the University of Pennsylvania, will deliver a lecture this evening before the Odonto-graphic Society, at the Philadelphia Dental Col-lege, No. 108 North Tenth street. His subject will be "The Extinct Mammals of the West."

F NED. Six persons were arrested yesterday for destroying the shrubbery at Fairmount Park. They were taken before Alderman Hutchinson and were each fined five dollars.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. The Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals should look after the passenger railroad companies. The manner in which some of the cars are overcrowded, and the

which some of the cars are overcrowded, and the poor horses are thus compelled to draw loads which they are scarcely able to, is a great outrage. The festival at Engle & Wolf's farm, and the military review at Fairmoutt Park, had the effect of greatly increasing the business on the Giraud Avenue Passenger Railway, but the officers do not seem to have made a proper provision to meet it. There was not a sufficient number of cars to accommodate the people, and many people who had purchased the people, and many people who had purchased exchange tickets were compelled to walk. Every car on the road was crowded with four times as car on the road was crowded with four times as many persons as should have been allowed on it, and two horses were made to drag this immense load over a road with a very uneven grade. The consequence was that the poor beasts were fre-quently unable to perform the brutal task imposed upon them, and there were many stoppages, cars were often thrown from the track, and quite a number were broken. Scattered along Girard a number were proken. Scattered along Girard avenue could be seen platforms, wheels and other portions of broken cars. The horses, when they gave out, were urged to continue their work by constant beatings. The superintendent of the road was stationed at Eighth street and Girard avenue in the afternoon and instead of taking receives to remark the superintendent of the receives the superintendent and instead of taking the superintendent and the superintend meassures to remedy, matters, was very active in packing away people on the platform, when it seemed almost an impossibility to get sufficient

space on the step to put one's toe. THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.—The meeting of the National Board of Trade will commence in this city to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. The sessions will be held in the foyer of the Academy of Music, and will probably be con-tinued several days. Tickets can be had at the Board of Trade rooms, Commercial Exchange, James T. Shinn's drug store, Broad and Spruce, and Simon Colton & Clarke's, at Broad and Wal-

not simon cotton & Chirke's, at broad and war, and simon cotton & Chirke's, at broad and war.

The most ample provision has been made for the entertainment of the delegates during their sojourn'in the city. Business will be transacted during the mornings and in the afternoons the visitors will be escorted to various places of interest about the city. To-morrow afternoon they will visit Fairmount Park. In addition to the various attractions of the Park, W. F. Griffitts, Jr., Commodore of the Schuylkill navy has determined to add to the interest of the occasion. He has ordered out the boats comprising the navy for a review, and as they are always skilfully manned and put through numerous pretty manceuvres, the strangers will no doubt be highly pleased.

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On Saturday a trip along the Delaware and to League Island, and the early part of next week an excursion through the coal regions. An Avenue to the New Park .- It has been

suggested that the Commissioners of Fairmount Park lay out an avenue to the New Park (Lansdowne Estate), from a western and southern part of our city, starting from the corner of Market street (our business thoroughfare) and Forty-second or Chestnut avenue, of a width not less than eighty feet. This grand entrance can be made available at a trifling expense, as but two made available at a trifling expense, as but two or three small properties now obstruct that avenue. It is now laid out and defined to n great extent by the eastern wall of the Insane Asylum, and runs directly to the Park. It will be the nearest road to the Parkfor those below Market street. Those living in the southern part can approach it by way of Gray's Ferry, and through the most beautiful part of West Philadelphia; and those from the business centre and hotels can take Chestnut street or Market street to the new avenue. West Philadelphia is now one of the most rapidly improving and beautiful sections of the city, and as this fine avenue can now be got in proper condition for use at very little expense, the suggestion is worthy of consideration by the Park Commissioners.

BREAKING THINGS .- Three men named Robert Lawson, Henry Womelsdorf and Edw. Carr went into a lager-beer saloon at Front and Richmond Streets yesterday, and were refused drinks by the proprietress. They then went into the street, smashed the windows, re-entered the bar-room, beat the woman and three men who were sitting in the room. The rictous party were then arrested. The prisoners had a hearing before Ald. Shoemaker this morning, and were held in \$1,000 ball to answer.

THE REPUBLICAN REGISTRATION.—The regisring officers of the Republican party will meet in the various election divisions to-day, between 4 and 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of registering the names of the Union Republican voters. A PORTRAIT OF MR. COLFAX.—The National Union Club have an artist engaged in paiating a portrait of Speaker Colfax. It is expected that

n a few days the picture will grace the parlors FATAL KICK.—The Coroner was summoned to Forty-third and Hutton streets this morning, to hold an inquest upon the body of a man named Watson, who had been kicked in the face by a

horse and had been killed thereby. NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

BEVERLY NATIONAL CEMETERY .- The interest ing duty of decorating the soldiers' graves was engaged in on Monday afternoon, at Beverly, N. J., where there are one hundred and fifty Union soldiers buried. The order of the day consisted of a procession,

The order of the day consisted of a procession, and the decorating exercises. In the procession were the Mayor and Council, Rev. Clergy, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Soldiers of late war, under the command of Maj. S. W. Herrick; Marshal, Colonel Green; D. B. Cubberly, J. A. Jackson, Assistant Marshals, all mounted, and headed by the Beverly Cornet Band. Following in line were the teachers and pupils of the Farnum Preparatory School, teachers and pupils of the public schools and citizens, numbering in all about one thousand. On reaching the cemetery, about half a mile from the city, the children were separated, and a boy with a flag and a girl with a bouquet, were placed at the head and foot of each grave, when, at the signal, the firing of a cannon, the when, at the signal, the firing of a cannon, the graves were saluted, and a flag and flowers placed

on each.

The other exercises consisted of prayer, reading from a Bible presented by the soldiers while in the hospital to Joseph Parker, Esq., an address by that gentleman, reading of an ode written by P. S. Snyder, Mayor of the city, written by him for the occasion, and patriotic pieces performed by the band.

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Altogether it was an interesting occasion, and very creditable to the citizens of Beverly. The people of that town had many opportunities of daily showing their love for our brave soldiers daily snowing their love for our oracle soluting during the existence of the large government hospital established among them and continued for two years. These opportunities were never neglected by them, and the graves of the men, whose former homes were in almost every State from Maine to Kansas, will always be regarded as a sacred trust.

CITY NOTICES.

AT THE Arch Street Theatre, Mr. Lewis Baker does "Snorkey" in "Under the Gas Light," and the song of "Ten Little Injun Boye" will be sung. Much interest has been expressed in relation to the pedigree of the aforesaid juvenile sons of the forest, and to put the question at rest, we will state that they are all F. Vs. descendants of those aborigines who first discovered the tine Virginia leaf from which P. Lorillard manufactures his "Yacht Club" Smoking Tobacco. They smoke clay pipes though, and not the genuine meerschaums that Lorillard distributes among his customers. There's history for you.

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