

LETTER FROM ATLANTIC CITY. Close of the season. Satisfaction of the hotel-keepers. The sports of the Fall. Improvements. A Presentation from the city of Philadelphia. (Continued from the Philadelphia Bulletin.) ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 24, 1868.—The season at this favorite sea-side resort is fast drawing to a close, though at present the weather is decidedly more pleasant than at any time during the whole year. Taking all things into consideration, I think the hotel-keepers feel well satisfied, they certainly can have no reason to complain, for business for them was never better, every house on the island, from the smallest to the United States, being full during the whole of the season, and part of the time they could not accommodate half of those who applied for rooms. There is to be no great many improvements made before the next season commences, among which will be the enlargement of the Surf House. Mr. Thompson, the present lessee, has demonstrated the fact that he can keep a hotel, and cater to the comfort as well as to the amusement of his guests. The Surf House is situated back about 400 feet from the main avenue, and some four or five squares below the railroad depot. It can now accommodate, conveniently, between four and five hundred people, and it is the intention of the parties owning it to so increase its size and conveniences that it will be second to none. Mr. Thompson will again have charge next season of a large quantity of ground, nearly a mile below the Surf House, and extending from the main avenue to the beach. I am informed it is their intention to proceed forthwith to erect a large and commodious hotel, to be used exclusively for excursion parties. I believe it is the intention to name it "The Breeze" at Cape May. If this design be carried out, it will work wonders toward the future success of this place. It will have the effect of opening all the lower part of the city between the Surf House and the new hotel, which will no doubt be covered with handsome cottage residences, built by some of your wealthy citizens for their own occupation. Another thing; the bathing is a great deal better further down, the tide not having so much effect in cutting out and making the bars. It will be an easy matter for the company to extend their track from the Y down to the new hotel.

Speaking of the Railroad Company, I was informed that their receipts during the month of July, 1868, were nearly \$10,000 more than in July, 1867. The company is well managed. Horace Whitman, the Secretary, Mr. D. H. Mundy, Agent, and Mr. Curtis, Superintendent, are all the right men in the right places. The conductors are affable, gentlemanly and obliging. Mr. O. Beecher runs the last Express. William Johnson and Archibald Fields change about in running the Mail trains. Their whole attention is given to their business, and they are untiring in efforts to make the passengers comfortable, and to run their trains on time.

At the United States the season has been one of uninterrupted enjoyment and festivity. Not a night has passed without some kind of amusement, either a hop or a concert. This was, in the main, due to Messrs. Brown & Woelpper, the proprietors, ably assisted by Simon Hassler, of your city. Simon was always moving, in fact, he is of a restless disposition, seldom satisfied except when riding the horses for his fine orchestra. The Light House Cottage, so called from its proximity to the Light House, and the White House, also, afforded scenes of mirth and enjoyment, they had their hops and concerts, and superb ones they were, and attended by the elite of the place. The Light House Cottage is situated near to the beach, and is a beautiful place. A high water, the tide flows up under the front porch. The weather is clear and pleasantly cool, the air bracing and invigorating. We pass the time now in sailing, sheephead fishing and gunning. The season for fishing and gunning has just about commenced, and in another week you will be able to see some of our hotel-keepers, who have been working hard all summer, with their guns and fishing tackle, etc., on the way to the inlet to take the boats, and then away to Brigantine and Long Beach, where they spend a week or so in this favorite sport. Some of them will take a Sibley tent along and camp out the whole time in preference to staying in the city, or stopping under a roof. The game consists of wild duck, wild turkey, snipe, etc. For my part I prefer the fishing, for it is not accompanied by so much hard labor, fatigue and exposure as gunning, and it is equally as exciting. Who has been fishing for sheephead and snapping mackerel once that will not want to do again, providing he has luck and catches three or four of each kind, especially when they weigh eight or ten pounds a piece? Why, luck of this kind makes an amateur feel so proud that he can hardly contain himself.

During the coming winter the city authorities should turn their attention to the improvement of the place. They collect a handsome revenue from the hotels, store-keepers and others, during the summer, and they are under but small expense, and that only for salaries. There are streets to be opened and graded, and there should not be an avenue that is not opened to the beach, properly graded, and with either a nice plank or gravel walk to the shore. They should not expect the summer residents to take up their abode here, pay Councils a heavy license, and then compel them to pay taxes for grading, etc. It is not right, and if not remedied will eventually drive people to seek some other quarter for investment. Public spirited and enterprising men should constitute their City Council and fill the municipal offices. The Cove, where several drownings occurred this season, has been roped in as securely as possible, and placarded "dangerous" in all conspicuous places.

On last Tuesday evening William F. Fleming, special officer here, was presented with a handsome gold badge of office by a few of his Philadelphia friends. The presentation was made by Richard Wafer, Esq., of your city, and received on behalf of the "special" by Albert Brothers, Esq., after which all present partook of the hospitality of the receiver of the star.

Thursday evening's train took from us Habeman, Jean Louis and Mrs. Schimpf, so, I suppose, we shall not hear their charming voices at this place again this season. Should anything of interest occur you shall be advised promptly by Yours, M.C.

ITALIAN OPERA. Good Programme for the Coming Season—A Galaxy of Brilliant Artists. For months past rumor has been busy with Mr. Mapleson's name in connection with the New York Academy of Music. Mr. Mapleson is the lucky, plucky and energetic manager of Her Majesty's Opera, London, an institution that, in spite of a calamitous contagion by which Her Majesty's Theatre, together with its valuable musical library, rich and extensive wardrobe, and other costly properties was totally destroyed, has proved a brilliant and powerful competitor of the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, and which Mr. Gye is the director. Guided by the light of late and reliable intelligence, we are enabled to state that the Academy of Music has been leased for the fall and winter season of 1868-9 by Mr. Mapleson. Usually Mr. Mapleson has visited the more important cities of Great Britain about the close of the Court season in town, and distributed opera with his hand to the lovers of the luxury in Liverpool,

Dublin, Birmingham and other populous cities. But the clear and substantial success attained throughout the entire London season just closed, by Miss Kellogg, whom he introduced abroad, appear to have opened his eyes to the fact that metropolis which reluctantly permitted her to seek triumphs in a foreign land should be brought into closer artistic communion with London and Paris. Acting upon the reflection, he applied and obtained the lease of the New York Opera House, as above stated, and has matured all his plans for transferring Her Majesty's Opera Company to this city by the 15th of October, at which date the full season of six or eight weeks will probably open. The company has found abundant favor with the London habits—the late season having been remarkably prosperous, and the leading members. The principals are Miss Tietjens, Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, Miss Sibilco, Signor Buitrini, and Mr. Saffroy, the robust baritone noted on the stage. The band and chorus has won reputation under the inspiring control of the famous Arrilti. In reviewing the season which ended the first instance, the London press intimated in recognizing the triumph achieved by our fair countrywoman, Miss Kellogg, whose popularity conduced greatly to the pecuniary success that crowned the impresario's illustrious efforts. The result of Miss Kellogg's immediate and finally-maintained success was that in Paris, Madrid and St. Petersburg, each made her an offer and exercised the greatest influence to induce her to accept of the star attraction for the ensuing seasons. But Mr. Mapleson desired equally to retain her services, and to his earnest solicitations she graciously yielded. Her engagement with the London manager has therefore been renewed for one year. After singing here she is to return to London to open the regular season of 1869. Strictly speaking, she has been constantly successful in her efforts. Her high rank as a vocalist, but circumstances have for the moment veiled her talents and practically placed her out of the field. What Nilsson is to Paris and what the Marchioness and Laura have been to London, Miss Kellogg is to New York. Abroad she has been justly hailed and adored as an American queen of song, and we take it as a compliment to her to mention her name as one who she has so promptly secured our favorite the opportunity of receiving the congratulations which await her from friends at home. Miss Kellogg will create an unusual interest, as a dramatic prima donna she is to-day unmatched and her fame unlimited. Her advent will be hailed with acclamation.—From the Season, August 21.

Of course, Mr. Mapleson will visit Philadelphia, where opera is supported even more liberally than in New York.

CITY BULLETIN. PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, Monday, Aug. 24th.—The cattle market was dull this week, but prices were without any material change. About 2,200 head arrived and sold at 70¢ per lb. for extra Pennsylvania, and 65¢ per lb. for fair to good do., and 56¢ per lb. per pound gross for common as to quality. The following are the particulars of the sales: Price of 105 A. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 B. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 C. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 D. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 E. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 F. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 G. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 H. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 I. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 J. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 K. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 L. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 M. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 N. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 O. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 P. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 Q. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 R. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 S. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 T. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 U. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 V. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 W. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 X. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 Y. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2 105 Z. Christy & Bro., Western, grs. 70¢ 8 1/2

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BODY RECOVERED.—The body of Miss Isabella Smith, who was drowned at Torrepeda, on Friday, was recovered yesterday afternoon, between Bridesburg and the Pea Shore, by Augustus Hudson and another young man, who were engaged in fishing.

FOUND DROWNED.—The body of a man was found in the Delaware at Shippen street wharf this morning.

REAL ESTATE.—We call the attention of our readers to the card of Wm. L. Crocco, to be found in our Real Estate column. Persons desirous of purchasing or renting cottages at Capo Island would do well to consult him.

CITY NOTICES. SILENT TESTIMONIAL to the Gold Medal Range. UNIONVILLE, Chester county, Pa., 11th Month 27, 1866. FRIEND J. S. CLARK: I am now ready to continue the Gold Medal Range is just the article needed by all householders, and its introduction into the range business, I think it every way more desirable than the Welcome Range I have just torn out. It warms two rooms perfectly above the kitchen, and sends into the sitting room a fine volume of hot air when the registers upstairs are closed. We have now tried the range fully with cooking, heating, baking and warming, and it gives us entire satisfaction, and will only say, in conclusion, that our call at thy store was a very fortunate one for us. Very truly, your friend, THOMAS F. SEAL, Gold Medal Range at J. S. CLARK'S, 1005 Market street.

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We have just received in detail the statement of the operations of the CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY for the first six months of the current year. The figures are: Gross Earnings, Operating Expenses, Net Earnings, \$607,634 93 gold. \$171,953 63 gold. \$435,681 30 gold. As the first train passed across the mountains on the 18th of June the road was not fairly open for the legitimate traffic until July 1st. The above is practically the business on 90 miles to Cleo; although 25 to 35 miles of disconnected roads were worked on the last slope it was no source of profit; moreover much of the freight would naturally be held back for the continuous rail. The gross earnings for July were \$200,000 00 Gold.

First Mortgage Bonds of CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD. Paying 6 per cent. interest in gold. Principal also payable in gold at 103 and accrued interest.

THE UNION BANKING CO., N. E. cor. Fourth and Chestnut Sts., PHILADELPHIA. Authorized Capital, - - 81,000,000 Paid in Capital, - - 8100,000

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JAY COOKE & CO. DEALERS IN ALL GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. We will receive applications for Policies of Life Insurance in the new National Life Insurance Company of the United States. Full information given at our office.

WE HAVE FOR SALE a limited amount of the stock of the PEABODIE AND HIGHTSTOWN RAILROAD, which is GUARANTEED SIX PER CENT. by the Camden and Annapolis Railroad. For particulars, apply to BOWEN & FOX, 13 Merchants' Exchange.