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—The Circus company at the Walnut Street Theatre will give a first-class performance this evening. They conclude their engagement with this week.

—Mrs. D. P. Bowers will appear at the Walnut Street Theatre to night in *Lady Audley's Secret.*

—*Wolves at Bay* continues at the Arch, but will soon be succeeded by *Baly's Flash of Lightning.*

—Nasby will deliver his celebrated lecture "Cussed be Canaan," at the Academy of Music in the evening of Wednesday night.

—The American Theatre will give an entertaining performance this evening.

—The Theatre Comique, Seventh street, below Arch, announces a charming entertainment for this evening. On Monday next the Free-Gaston English comic opera troupe will appear.

—Mr. Carl Wolfsohn's matinee in the foyer of the Academy of Music on Friday afternoon next will be not only a most charming entertainment, but a pecuniary success. The music is all of the most elegant character, the trio by Bargiel particularly, being superior to any composition of its peculiar kind in existence. Mr. Wolfsohn is himself a master—will be supported by the two best artists—in their specialities—in the city. Mr. Heunig, the violoncellist, and Mr. Colonne, the violinist.

—At the Sente-Hassler concert, on Saturday night, there will be fifty superior instrumentalists under the direction of Carl Sentz, and we have reason to expect a performance richer and more perfect than the first purpose the *Sofiroise Symphony* on the 21st of October last. If this, the *Reformation*, be as the only one, it will be sufficient, but we are promised also Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*, than which there is hardly anything more graceful, more winsome, more fascinating in the whole realm of orchestral compositions. Then to this, as a *coda*, comes the wonderfully grand overture to *Rienzi*, by Wagner, the great musical iconoclast and innovator. With brass, and reed, and string, running up to the duties in the orchestra, a grand effect will be produced with this overture, one of the best of its kind ever written. Wm. Scott, Jr., has a beautiful concerto, by Rode, for violin solo, with orchestral accompaniment, and last, though not least in attractive power, is announced the *debut* in our city of the youthful phenomenon, who has set New York critics and dilettanti all with excitement.

Miss Mahlstedt was thirteen years old on Wednesday last, and she is said already to have reached a perfection, a precision, an *aplomb* in her playing, which might belong to a Clara Schumann, or Arabella Goddard.

—The twenty-fifth matinee of the American Conservatory of Music will be given on the 6th of January.

—On Monday evening next Mr. John B. Gough will lecture at the Academy of Music on "Curiosity." The more announcement of this lecture will suffice to crowd the house. The sale of tickets will begin at Gould's, No. 923 Chestnut street, to-morrow morning.

—The first concert this season of the Mendelssohn Society will be given to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at Musical Fund Hall, under the direction of the leader, Mr. Jean Louis. The following programme will be offered.

Overture to "Fra Diavolo" ..... Mozart
Trio from "Die Neugierige Frau" ..... Mendelssohn
The Days That are No More ..... Blumenthal
Air from "La Favorita" (*Soprano solo*) ..... Donizetti
"The Heaven's Tear" ..... Mozart
Soprano Solo with Violoncello obligato ..... Rodeck
I Air from "L'Africaine" ..... Meyerbeer
Air from "I Guirnamenti" ..... Donizetti
"Elegie," for Violoncello ..... Bazzini
Grand Valse ..... Luigi Vannucci
Trio from "Faniska" ..... Basile
The May Queen ..... W. Sir. Bennett

—Miss Kellogg's grand concert comes off at the Academy of Music on Friday evening, and will be one of the most attractive entertainments of the season. The tickets for the lower part of the house are put at Two Dollars, and will be required by those who, while enjoying a distinct Concert, desire to make a portion contribution for the benefit of the Soldiers' Orphans of the Lincoln Institution. The expenses of such an entertainment are necessarily heavy, but it is confidently hoped that the popular name will receive the same liberal patronage that has always hitherto been extended to her. The Family Circle and Upper Tier have been put down at nominal prices for all at any opportunity to enjoy the very pleasant evening that is promised on this occasion.

—The Handel and Haydn Society had a time honored at the Academy last evening, to hear the performance of "Elijah." The chorus has been judiciously selected, and their number, and proximal last evening 180 effective voices, exhibiting every indication of thorough and careful training under their new leader, Mr. Fritz. The choruses were admirably sung, and the Society is entirely worth the worse for the loss of a little of its "dead wood."

The solos were sustained by Mrs. Mozart, soprano, now an established favorite with our musical people, Mrs. Hope Glenn, contralto, Mr. Jacob Graf, tenor, and Dr. Guilmette, bass. Mrs. Davis and Mr. Graf are, of course, to the business of oratorio solo singing, but both possess the voice, musical education and intelligence to ensure for them very high positions in the most difficult department of music. In the "Elijah" Dr. Guilmette sustains the brunt of the work, and there is nothing more thoroughly satisfactory than the admirable method and grand voice with which the veteran basso delivers the magnificent passages of this great composition. Mrs. Mozart is always good, and sang last night as well as we have ever heard her.

Of course the splendid chorus at the close of the Oratorio was encored by the ill-mannered people who began bustling out the moment the chorus began. This seems to be a piece of chronic bad-breeding which is almost impossible to cure. It is unpardonably rude to the ladies and gentlemen on the stage, and equally so to those who love of fine music and of good manners combine to keep them in their seats. We know of no reply except a short intermission before the finale, which would cure the habitual of the inconsiderate people before the music begins.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

—There are 35,000 French residents in Rio Janeiro.

—The "first shad of the season" was dished up at Charleston, S. C., last week.

—Will dockage sell at fifty cents per pair in Petersburg, Va.

—Victor Hugo reads English, but is unable to speak it readily.

—A direct descendant of Danton, the great revolutionist, is now bailiff of the fifth chamber of the Paris Correctional Police Court.

—The prettiest girl in Norwich, Ct., works for a living—and never had a beau. Who will correct this fault?

—It is proposed at Rome to canonize the Princess Elizabeth, the sister of Louis XVI. of France.

—Among the passengers lost in the ill-fated steamer United States, in the Ohio river disaster, was a young clog-dancer, Billy Barker, well known in negro minstrelsy.

—A tame bear attacked a young man at Gardiner, Maine, recently, tore out one of his eyes, and otherwise lacerated his face.—*Ex.* How very tame that bear must have been!

—Champfleury mentions in his recent volume "On Cats," that among the illustrious men of our times, Victor Hugo, Théophile Gautier, Saint Beuve and Merimée are known to be very fond of those animals.

—Henry Kingsley says that "French people begin their preparation for the day's dinner the moment they get out of bed, while English people, on the other hand, put it off to the last minute, and then begin to cook it in a frantic manner."

—The Paris correspondent of the London *Star* writes: "Four musical readers will be interested in hearing that we are to have another opera of 'Romeo and Juliet.' It is the composition of a French gentleman, and is said to be very good—at any rate, it is good enough for M. Bagier, who purposes producing it at the Italiens in April next, with either Mlle. Patti, or Mlle. Hauchecorne Tamberlik."

—The Duke of Montpensier, the youngest son of Louis Philippe, is a dark-complexioned gentleman of rather slender figure, and, owing to his magnificent mustache, looking like a dashing officer. Although he has served several high offices in the Spanish army, his tastes are literary and commercial, rather than military. He has a very strong resemblance to his brother, the Duke d'Aumale. His other brothers, the Princes de Joinville and the Duke de Nemours, look like men of sixty or sixty-five, although they are considerably younger.

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General Smith, from the Committee on Permanent Organization, then submitted the following list of officers:

President, Major-General John M. Schofield. Vice-Presidents, Major-General Thomas L. Crittenden, Colonel Hall, Colonel Hendrickson and Colonel Hartranft. Colonel Hall, of Ohio, Colonel Hendrickson, of New Jersey, Thomas, of Minnesota, and Major-General A. E. Burnside, Recording Secretary, Major-General Julius White, of Illinois. Corresponding Secretary, General J. A. Campbell, of District of Columbia. Treasurer, Col. W. W. Wheeler, of Illinois.

The report was laid on the table until the regular meeting.

At noon the Army of Ohio met in Caledonia Hall, General Cox in the chair. The nominees for officers, above given, were unanimously confirmed. General Schofield then took the chair, and General Crittenden, Colonel Hartranft, Major-General Thomas, and all the staff officers, connected with the Army of Ohio, were made members. The Constitution and By Laws were then adopted, and the Society formed.

An adjourned meeting of officers was held at the Sherman House Hall, for the purpose of organizing a Society of the Army of Georgia. General H. W. Slocum was appointed temporary Chairman, and Captain Brown, Secretary. A committee of one from each State had five officers of the following gentlemen as permanent officers of the Army of Georgia.

President, Major-General Slocum; Vice President, Generals Davis, Jeff. C. Davis, A. S. Williams, Mower, W. F. Ward, Barrett, Jackson, Carlin, Morgan, Casey and Wolcott. Corresponding Secretary, Captain B. Taylor. Recording Secretary, Captain B. Taylor. Executive Committee, Generals Davis, Jackson, Barnum and Mitchell, and Colonel L. Jones. Treasurer, General Whittemore.

The report was adopted, and on motion of Gen. Barnum, the initiation fee was dispensed with, and all honorably discharged officers of the Army of Georgia were entitled to membership upon signing the roll. The meeting then adjourned to meet at half-past 10 A. M. to-morrow morning, when constitution and by-laws for the government of the society were to be submitted.

The business meeting of the Army of Tennessee convened this P. M. in Crosby's Music Hall. In the absence of the President, General Rawlins, Vice-President General Giles A. Smith took the chair, and a committee of seven was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

A committee of ten was then appointed to designate the place for the next meeting.

Gen. A. Horbort, after preacing with some eloquence on the necessity of a permanent organization that a committee be appointed of the Army of Tennessee to attend the inauguration of Gen. Grant, and tender fitting congratulations to him.

On motion of Governor Fletcher, the discussion on General Jefferson's resolution was postponed until 11 A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, a committee was appointed to wait on Generals Grant, Sherman and Thomas, and request them to meet the members of the rank and file of their old commanders some time to-morrow.

The meeting then adjourned until 10 A. M. to-morrow.

The armies of the Cumberland and Georgia held their joint meeting this afternoon at McVicker's Theatre, General Thomas presiding, assisted by Vice Presidents of the Society.

General Thomas congratulated his comrades on the happy auspices under which they had gathered.

The Rev. J. Bristow, of Kentucky, was announced as Chaplain for the day.

General Gross, the Treasurer, made his report, showing the receipts of the Society to have been $186,575, and the expenditures $180,352, balance, $6,223.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at Indianapolis.

The Hon. Granville Moody offered a long preamble and resolutions, as follows:

Whereas, The National Lincoln Monument Association of Washington has adopted a design for a monument, prepared by Clark Mills, which, when completed, will be accepted as a work of art, &c.; and *whereas*, among the figures already selected for the base of the monument are to find Generals Grant, Sherman, Howard and Wormsley; and *whereas*, the name of General George H. Thomas has been before the board of managers, and it would be accepted at their earliest meeting; therefore, the Army of the Cumberland hereby tender their most heartfelt gratitude for this; that we have learned with pleasure that an equestrian figure of General Thomas will be placed by the side of the other heroes named, and that we pledge ourselves to co-operate most cheerfully with the board of managers in furtherance and completion of the work.

The resolutions were received with great applause. In this movement General Thomas was taken completely by surprise. He came forward and with great emotion said he felt obliged for the honor conferred, but he had done nothing but his duty, and he had tried to do that with all his heart. He earnestly desired that the committee would lay the resolution on the table.

At the request of General Thomas, all of the Vice Presidents, stepped forward, and in a ringing voice put the resolution. With one accord the entire assemblage rose to their feet, and shouted a prolonged "aye," that fairly shook the building.

The convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning.

A meeting of the Thirteenth Army Corps was held in the Circuit Court hall this afternoon, at which Major-General John A. McClernand presided.

The annual fee for membership is one dollar. The organization includes all officers who participated in the corps as members, as well as all persons to whom General McClernand reported as to his superior officers.

A number of officers joined the association.

A committee was appointed to perfect the organization of the corps, and a badge was accepted which contains the monogram "13 A. C."

The meeting then adjourned until to-morrow.

The Opera House was crowded this evening to its utmost capacity with soldiers of the grand armies and citizens. Major-General Thomas presided, and introduced Lieutenant-General Sherman, who made an address of welcome as follows:

Fellow Soldiers—It is made my pleasing duty to address you, this evening, words of welcome for deeds that have been spread before you from the capital of Illinois, through the land of Lincoln and the village. You have come together, the representatives of the great volunteer armies, which responded to her country's call in her hour of danger, and fought her battles marching step by step, and sometimes far apart yet, always in unison. [Cheers.] At her bidding you returned to your homes as farmers and as mechanics, as citizens and as soldiers, and after a short rest you have again assembled as it were upon a pinnacle, to look back toward that vale wherein you struggled so long, to gaze upon the fruits of the spoils of the greatest interest, and to live over again those days and days and months of despair anguish or of joy.

I know that you have laid aside forever the feelings of animosity and anger which you may have entertained, and that you have dropped into oblivion the little jealousies and rivalries of our honor. You now stand here with hands extended in fraternal friendship.—You have shed your blood in the fight to defend the flag of your country on land and on the ocean, and fought for the Union of our fathers—[cheers]—and the flag of our whole country. [Cheers.] No more grateful reflection now intrudes you, but just pride in your own actions and a deep, intense love of the comrades who stood by your side in the hour of deadly strife and encouraged him you in the hour of victory.

Happily, my friends, you did not belong to that class of our people to whose hearts was planted from youth the pernicious doctrine of State power, and that the citizens should have a part of the country before them the whole. You were reared in a better school, and taught to revere the Constitution of the whole country, and to love the wise, good Influences under which are secured the largest measure of security and happiness consistent with the safety of the whole.

We believe that the will of the majority should rule; we believe that in this we have discovered a guarantee for the best hope from the earliest history of the world ravaged and afflicted the human family, but we were no exception to the general rule that minorities will not always bow gracefully to the decision of the majority, and from that we meet assailing the privileges of our birthright by force. You may search history in vain for a more flagrant violation of faith than that which resulted in our civil war, forever were people more ruthlessly, more unnecessarily engaged into a long and bloody conflict; never was a nation so utterly unprepared. The attempt to prepare for the danger was called cowardice, and the whole civilized world was taught to believe that the broad stripes and bright stars were to be trailed in the dust, the stars sunk forever from view, and that our fair fabric of Union would be broken up beyond hope. Our attempts to reason were laughed at; our laws were divided to scorn; public property was seized, and a war begun. Men would their chosen leader in vain attempt to avert the storm; statesmen expressed the best parental remedy; and not until this time was the last arbiter resorted to. The patriotic sons of the Northwest rushed into the field, and offered their life and his service to defend and maintain the government against all its enemies, and swore an oath that rebellion and anarchy should not rule the land, but that liberty, justice and law should be restored to their rightful throne. [Cheers.]

He has kept his word, and you now behold the good ship of State again full rigged, and once more on her free course toward a glorious future. You know that the flag is still there. Not a star has been lost, not a stripe dimmed. That same flag you have followed so often in the fire of the scorching sun, by the moon's pale beams, by the light of the blazing pine torch, now waves aloft in the air, and upon it, shall I see those on which you who represent this ideal volunteer, the higher honor that can be conferred upon you, and be credited by mortals on earth.

You know and well recall how long the war seemed to us in its progress, but how short, now, looking back at it from the period of little more than three years. How inconceivably short, then, will it appear to those who in a hundred years hence will grope through the pages of history to learn of the deeds of the men whose name that live millions of people to relief, when no single act of oppression or tyranny was ever alleged. We were left to fight while still in the vigor of life and health, to record the deeds of valor, and to lay down our lives, with the motives and feelings that actuated the Revolutionary sires, sages.

Many a time and oft, you have lain upon the bare ground, with no canopy above you but that of the canopy of the clouds of glistening stars, and I know you have thought of the time to come, when, safely housed in peace and security, surrounded by admiring friends, you would be crowned with a tiara of fame, and wear a new hangs over your dream, and enjoy the honor. Four of our comrades, who have served distinguished service, recented here, will address you and tell you of the deeds of valor, and of the long, long, weary and attentive ear, and when you go back to your homes, be it that all that these scenes, thoughts, dispersed in the flesh, yet live in the spirit, as strong and enthusiastic as they were years ago when in the very death grapple with the enemies of your country and civilization.

In the name of the committee that has made the preparations for this, I thank you all a cordial greeting, to the veteran of 1861, and to the recruit of 1865; yes, to the converts of the very last hour of grace, and to the sacrifices of the people of Chicago who have provided the means. I bid you welcome, and assure you that a sea, and yes you at every freeide, and in the name of every patriot of the Land, I give you welcome, and tell you the lightning's flash is not swift enough to satisfy the throbbing hearts to know what is done here this night.

The presence of the men about me, their high offices and the duties they have left to be with you here, is sufficient to attest the interest and gratitude on the occasion, and in their names, too, comrades all, I bid you, you thrice welcome. [Tumultuous cheers.]

After addresses by Generals Belknap, Oath, Cox and Coggeswell, representing the different armies, the audience dispersed.

LITERATURE AS A BUSINESS.

BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Among the multitude of letters received so many are from various kinds of assistance, there are none that we neglect or refuse with more sympathy and regret than those who ask for literary assistance. They are of two kinds. Those who request us to read and criticise manuscript work without developing, and those which ask us to make interest with editors and publishers for the sale of manuscripts. A few words of explanation may relieve a persistent refusal to comply with such requests of its apparent unkindness.

No man can read and form a judgment of any manuscript work without devoting to it much time and thought. To express such results in any form that will be useful to the author will require even more time. If the work is not favorably regarded the critic risks the displeasure of the man sensitive of mortals—the author; if it be partly good and partly bad, the task becomes even more laborious.

Horace Greeley is reported as saying that he could write a book in a month, but that he cannot do two days work in one day. To send to such men additional work, in which they have no personal interest, where there is no claim of friendship, is not warranted by good discretion. If there were no other reason for refusing such work, it is sufficient to say, It is not in our line. And in a field laid down, and wisely, never, under any circumstances, to read, review or criticise manuscripts.

But it seems, to hundreds of persons, as if one who was frequently placed in the front rank of editors and publishers, might at least use his influence in inducing them to accept the literary productions of an unknown writer. It seems very selfish to refuse so easy a task.

A publisher, whether of books or newspapers, is a merchant. He sells literary wares. Of course, if he is a respectable man, he will not sell goods that are positively mischievous. But, within that limit, he offers to the market such goods as his customers will buy. A publisher acts under precisely the same commercial rules as do manufacturers of carpets, of dress-goods, of hats, of ironware, of boots and shoes. In none of these cases does the merchant ask what the people ought to want, but simply what do they want. Every merchant knows that what will sell. The goods selected may be poor, in bad taste, but if they will sell, the merchant buys. He does this, knowing that he leaves behind him unbought wares, which are better adapted to