AMUSEMENTS.

—At the Chestnut Street Theatre *The Field of the Cloth of Gold* will be repeated by Mrs. Gates's Burlesque Company every evening during the present week, and a matinée performance will be given on Saturday.

—At Fox's American Theatre, to-night, a miscellaneous performance will be given, when the famous gymnasts, the Carlo brothers, will appear.

—At the Eleventh Street Opera House, to-night, Messrs. Donniorcos & Dixey's Minstrel Troupe will give a first-class performance.

—At the Seventh Street Opera House, Messrs. Dupree & Benedict offer a first-class negro minstrel performance for this evening.

—The panorama representing the Pilgrim's Progress will be exhibited at Concert Hall this evening. This is the ninth week that these beautiful paintings have been on exhibition, and they have been a marked success.

—Signor Blitz, Jr., will give an exhibition of magic and legerdemain, at the Assembly Buildings, every evening during the week, and on Saturday afternoon.

—At the Arch Street Theatre, this evening, Mr. Augustus Daly's *Pride Pere* will be repeated, with Mrs. Drew as "Gilberte."

—Signor Brignoli announces a season of Italian Opera at the Academy of Music, beginning on Thursday of next week, *Il Trovatore*. Among the artists of the company are Madame Gazzaniga, Miss McCulloch and Brignoli. The sale of season tickets will begin at Boner's, 1102 Chestnut street, on Monday next. The following are the operas to be given: *Il Trovatore, Lucia de Lammermoor, Don Pasquale, Martha, The Barber of Seville,* and *Lucrezia Borgia.*

LOPEZ, THE PARAGUAYAN DICTATOR

We annex a sketch of Don Francisco Lopez, the Dictator of Paraguay, whose death we announced in the BULLETIN of Tuesday last:

Paraguay, the country of which Lopez was the absolute ruler, is that portion of South America lying between the Paraguay and Parana rivers, in the form of a parallelogram—nearly five hundred miles long and three hundred and fifty broad. It is less than twice the size of Pennsylvania, and has about one million inhabitants, the most intelligent and industrious of Spanish descent. The climate, though warm, is healthy. The soil is fertile, and a full crop of tea, tobacco, cotton, rice and grain are largely grown. The country declared its independence from Spain in 1810, and from 1814 to 1840 by Dr. Francia with despotic power. His leading policy was to exclude foreigners, and for a period of five were created to control the deed; afterwards reduced to two, of whom Don Carlos Antonio Lopez was one.

He was chosen President, under a loose republican system, in 1845. One of his first acts was to declare religious liberty, although limiting its operations closely, and he was subsequently re-elected Presidents for life. His son, Don Francisco Solano, was born in 1827; educated in England, and in 1853 sent to Europe to rarely several countries. He succeeded his father on the latter's death, in 1862, and continued the course and general policy of the latter, which Paraguay had been governed almost from the day of its separation from Spain. The record of Francisco Lopez, during his merciless power, directed to increase the weight of the Executive by increasing what might and by repressing all that might interfere with him.

The war that has just closed, and through which Lopez attracted so much attention, originated late in the fall of 1864. It was, on the part of Lopez, directed by the same spirit of interference in the affairs of the neighboring country of Uruguay, and feared that she would follow by interfering with Paraguay. It was a contest against the Brazilian policy; and took active steps, banished the Brazilian minister, and invaded the great province of Matta Grosso, capturing its capital. Brazil secured an alliance with Uruguay, and the Argentine Confederation—both neighboring Paraguay—and both were assailed by Lopez.

The war was long, bloody and exhaustive. Whether it was from devotion, as is alleged by his friends, or compulsion, as charged by his enemies, Lopez compelled everything and every person in the country to bend to his wishes. He kept American and English, Germans, French and Spaniards and Germans under absolute surveillance, and, in the relentless determination, faced his increasing foes with armies recruited from women and children. The weight he had to resist was too great. He has fallen—if he has—fighting desperately for a cause that was lost when he lost his river communications. And though his ambition has praise,and his unconquerable pluck has admiration, it is yet unquestionably well for Paraguay and for South America if the intolerant and repressive system of personal government he administered has forever broken down. Under wise laws, freedom and intelligence, Paraguay and its adjacent country may rival any in wealth and influence. They could not move in this direction while he lived.

The allies established a provisional government when Lopez was first driven from the capital, that has remained in power since. It is quite probable that this may now give way to a settled system of a national nature,in some way overseen by the Allies. In the event of the adjustment is important, as one idea of Lopez and Francia had been to keep rival any in trade on the Paraguay river, and thus estop Brazil, Bolivia and the Argentine Confederation from those commercial advantages they might have received and conferred.

Measurement and Incongraphy of Dr. Otis

Dr. Otis, of the United States Army, read a paper on this subject before the National Academy of Sciences, at Washington, yesterday. He said:

During the past two years over nine hundred human crania have been collected at the Army Medical Museum. Three hundred and seventy-six were from the Smithsonian Institution in exchange for subjects of ethnological interest; others by reqeiue of the surgical collection of the late Prof. Wm. Gibson, and the remainder in Europe, others by exploration of tumuli in the Mississippi Valley, by Surgeon Geo. H. Swift, and the remainder from medical officers of the army stationed in the West. Seven hundred and thirty-four of these crania have been measured. After considering the methods of Tiedman and others, Gratiolet, who adopts the mode proposed by Prof. Jeffries Wyman, giving the height of the cranium, the capacity in cubic inches, the indices of the length, breadth and height, and of the foramen magnum in one thousandths of the basi-bregmatic line. The weight has been ascertained by a balance of Becker, of Antwerp, the lower jaw being attached the internal capacity by No. 8 shot; the diameters by Davis & Thurnam's calipers, as made by Charriere; the facial angle by a modification of Busk's goniometer, made by an instrument maker in this city. The dimensions and other measurements by a steel tape measure of Tiemann's make. The general conclusions deduced from these measurements are that the position of the foramen magnum is a more important race character than the facial angle; that the variations in the dimensions of crania of individuals of the same race and sex are so great as to make any generalizations of value could only be looked for in averages obtained by the examination of a large number of skulls, and that the examination of a series of specimens is necessary to determine any ethnological peculiarities have real anthropological significance; that, judging from race character of the cranium, the American Indians must be assigned to a lower position in the human scale than has been believed heretofore; that the so-called pre-historic skulls from California and Illinois, by their pathological state, suggest views favorable to the doctrine of progressive advancement of the human race in brain development; that there is no marked difference between the crania found in the Northwestern and the New England tumuli and those exhumed in Arkansas, Louisiana, and other Southern States and Territories. The former resemble the crania of the Esquimaux, of the Laplander, and other hyperborean races; the latter, in some instances, those of the Aztecs of Mexico, and in others those of the American Indian now existing. The distinctive peculiarities of the skulls exhumed from the Northern mounds is corroborated by the appearance of the long bones. I have been able to reconstruct three skeletons of these Northern mound builders, and to measure the thigh and shin bones of some forty-one others. The shortness of the lower extremities, the incurvation forward, and lateral compression of the tibia, indicate that these remains belong to a people resembling the existing Esquimaux. I may observe in passing, that in almost all cases there were traces of periostitis of the tibia, and that the rude bone and stone implements found in the crypts, together with their results, indicate that they were used in skins, and that the lower limbs were exposed to the inclemencies of the weather. For the study of the skulls I have employed both photography and the instruments invented by Dr. Lucae, of Frankfort, to carry out the method hinted at by Albinus and D'Alton. For purposes of measurement I have found it very faulty, since the image may be distorted either by the position of the object or of the camera, but with Lucae's instrument, described in 1861 in his "Morphologie der Rassenschadel," and adopted by the Ethnological Congress, held in Gottingen in that year, and by Von Baer, Virchoh, and the venerable Rudolph Wagner, millions of the skull may be made, orthographic projections from which two or three copies can be made on bibulous paper, and measurements secured almost as accurate as from the specimen itself, and for practical purposes far more convenient to those made by perspective drawing.

CITY BULLETIN.

—The programme for the celebration of the ratification of the fifteenth Amendment, on the 26th inst., is as follows: A National salute will be fired at sunrise, at one central point not yet decided upon, under the direction of John W. Jackson, Post No. 27, G. A. R. It is requested that all places of business for the day will be closed at 8 o'clock A. M., and that all public and private services and prayer and thanksgiving on the occasion, at 9 o'clock A. M. All civic societies, soldiers of the late war, benevolent associations, citizens of Philadelphia and adjoining States and cities, will assemble on Broad street, at 10 o'clock A. M., all division marshals to report to the Chief Marshal, Thomas Charnock. The assembly will form on the side of Broad street, facing the City Hall, being the 1st division, the right resting on Race, at 1 o'clock, P. M., move at 2 P. M. sharp, and march down Broad to Spruce; Countermarch down Broad to Lombard, down Lombard to Ninth, up Ninth to Chestnut, down Chestnut to Broad, up Fifth to Thompson, up Thompson to Twelfth, down Twelfth to Arch, up Arch to Sixteenth, down Sixteenth to Locust, down Locust to Broad to Horticultural Hall, and there dismiss. A massmeeting will then be convened in Horticultural Hall, at 8 P. M., for the expression of sentiment, which will be addressed by a number of prominent speakers. The mayor, in a proclamation of similar import, will call upon the citizens generally to observe the day.

—The Board of City Trusts held a meeting yesterday afternoon. The committee to examine and receive securities, made a report of the securities placed on deposit in the Fidelity Title and Safe Deposit Company, and was discharged. $48,259 of the Southwark loan, belonging to the Girard Estate, appears never to have been in the possession of the Trustees, but the city paysthe interest thereon regularly. The committee to examine insurances since June 30, 1869, having carefully examined the same on the card lands directed to be insured years, reported them favorably, and they were all confirmed. The Board resolved to complete the widening of Market street, in accordance with the plan of Mr. Girard, commencing at Vine street,—a large amount of property in the insurance was ordered to be effected on the Girard College buildings. The offer of the Reading Railroad Company to give their observing pupils of the College a gratuitous excursion to the coal lands was accepted, and the Finance committee on Household was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

—John Moore has been bailed in $1,000 bail by Ald. Nichols to answer the charge of having committed an assault and battery on Mrs. Bridget Barr, who keeps an oyster saloon at Twenty-fourth and Spring Garden streets. Moore went into the restaurant one day last week and ordered something to eat. After this he insisted on going into the kitchen, and because Mrs. Barr refused to admit him, he picked up a bench and struck her on the head with it, inflicting a severe wound.

—The journeymen varnishers held their annual meeting last evening. A resolution proposing that the apprentice shall be for a period less than three years, nor without a written obligation between himself and his employer that he will serve such term faithfully, and, should he leave before his time expires, it shall be the duty of the employer to notify members of the Union working in such shop to notify the Union, that he may be prevented from working in any other shop represented in the Union, was adopted.

—The opening trot of the spring season took place yesterday afternoon at Point Breeze Park, between the sorrel mare Lady Lightfoot and the brown mare Ida, the former to wagon and the latter to harness, for a purse of $200, mile heats, best three in five. The trot was close and exciting, and was won by Lady Lightfoot in three straight heats. Time, 2:33½, 2:33, 2:33.

—The Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the Grand Temple of the State of Pennsylvania will be celebrated at Concert Hall on Monday this evening, when addresses will be made by Thomas M. Coleman, Rev. R. L. Agnew, Rev. Wm. B. Cullis, and G. W. T. A. H. Senbower.

NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

IN TROUBLE.—This morning a woman, residing in South Camden, was taken before the Mayor on a charge of arson, and held to answer at court. It is said that fire was discovered in the house where she resided in two places, and that circumstances are pretty strong against her.

THE FRUIT SEASON.—Fruit-growers in Hammonton, Vineland, and other places in close proximity to Camden, are making extensive preparations for the season, and anticipate an abundant crop of berries. They assert that the indications of a prolific yield, at this season, were never better. They are also making their arrangements with the railroad companies for conveying them to markets in the most expeditious manner. In Camden, the West Jersey and Atlantic Railroad Companies have both laid connecting tracks with the Amboy road, so that cars coming up both roads can proceed to New York without delay or interruption. Every facility will be given by the companies this year to transport the different kinds of fruit.

BOUND AT LAST.—About a month ago the City Council ordered the Committee on Streets of Middle Ward to deposit all the street dirt, and other garbage in a pond of stagnant water at Seventh and Line streets, and yesterday they commenced. This pond, during the summer, has been a nuisance! but from the nature of the stuff to be thrown into it, it is a question whether it will not be made a greater nuisance this fall and winter.

FREE PEWS.—The free pew system has been in vogue in the Second Presbyterian Church of Camden for the past year, and has worked remarkably well. More revenue was derived, by two hundred dollars, than under the renting plan, and it is determined to continue it.

RUNGOUTS.—Under the zealous and efficient labors of the Rev. F. B. Ross, Pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist Church, of Camden, during the past month, twenty-five new members have been received into full fellowship.

ORGANIZED.—The citizens of Mount Ephraim and vicinity have organized an association for mutual protection against horse-thieves, burglars, and other desperadoes. They have resolved to pursue,and, if possible, capture and bring to punishment all such outlaws.

ANNIVERSARY.—The first anniversary of the Union Institute of Camden will be celebrated on the 21st instant, the proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the Camden Literary and Library Association.

THE ROADS.—Much complaint is made of the bad condition of the roads on which toll is charged, throughout Camden county. In some instances, it is said, they are almost impassable, and yet the tolls are demanded.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NEWSBOYS' HOME—THERE will be an exhibition at THE WILBURN, ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS, EASTER MONDAY afternoon, April 18th, for the benefit of the NEWSBOYS' HOME. Tickets for sale on the Hall from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. every day, and at Robbins, Clark & Biddle's, 1124 Chestnut street. ap11,3t

CAMDEN AND AMBOY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. TREASURER'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, April 11, 1870. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Camden and Amboy Railroad and Transportation Company will be held at the Company's office, in Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, the 10th of May, 1870, at 12 o'clock M., for the election of seven Directors, to serve for the ensuing year. SAMUEL J. BAYARD, apll 11tl my3 Secretary C. A. & R. R. & T. Co.

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, April 11, 1870. The Directors have this day declared a dividend of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents per share, for the last six months, payable on and after the 15th instant, to the legal representatives, on and after the 1st inst., clear of all taxes. A. C. L. CRAWFORD, apll-2tl5 Secretary.

OFFICE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, 310 Walnut street. PHILADELPHIA, April 11, 1870. The Board of Managers have declared a semi-annual dividend of Three Dollars per share on the capital stock, clear of State tax, payable on and after the 15th inst. The transfer books will be closed from this date until the 25th inst. apll4tap25 C. G. CONGDON, Treasurer.

LOST OR MISLAID—A PERPETUAL Policy of Insurance, No. 25,320, issued by the Fire Association of Philadelphia, dated April 1, 1870, for $5,000, on the stock of goods of Thomas Wattson & Son, No. 339 Market street. Any information thereof will be received by the Company at their office, No. 429 Walnut street.

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