AMUSEMENTS.

—At the Academy of Music, this evening, the Richings English Opera Company will present Meyerbeer's opera, *The Huguenots*, when Mr. S. Behrens, the accomplished musical director of the company, will have a benefit. To-morrow evening Mr. Pompeo will have a benefit in *The Bohemian Girl*.

—Bryants' company of skilled minstrel performers will appear at the Arch, to-night, in a good bill. A number of new and original burlesques will be produced, in which the entire company of twenty-two artistes will participate.

—Mr. Joseph Jefferson will appear in *Rip Van Winkle* at the Walnut Street Theatre every evening during the week.

—A miscellaneous performance will be given at the Chestnut, to-night. The *Mott* ballet troupe and Mons. Auguste, the juggler, will appear.

—A variety performance is offered at Fox's for to-night, including comedy, ballet-dancing, vocal and instrumental music, &c. Virian, the comedian, and a number of new artists will appear.

CITY BULLETIN.

—The distillery of Mr. Edward Armstrong, at Twelfth and South streets, was seized on Saturday afternoon by Officer Heiss, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, on Front street, driving a horse with the heels of both forefeet split and tied up with rags and tar. Alderman Colgate exacted a fine of ten dollars, and placed the prisoner under $500 bail.

—A game of base ball was played on Saturday afternoon, at Seventeenth and Columbia avenue, between the Athletic Club, of Philadelphia, and the Star Club, of Brooklyn, New York. The game was suspended at the close of the fourth inning, in consequence of a heavy shower of rain, the score standing, Athletic, 6; Star, 2.

—The alarm of fire last night, about twelve o'clock, was caused by the burning of the distillery at the southeast corner of Twelfth and South streets, lately occupied by Murphy & McGuigan. The upper part of the structure was destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary. The loss is not very heavy.

—The Commissioners of Fairmount Park held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: *President*, Hon. Morton McMichael; *Vice President*, Major-General George G. Meade; *Treasurer*, N. B. Browne; *Secretary*, David F. Foley; *Solicitor*, Chas. Henry Jones.

—The Princeton Presbyterian Church celebrated its Tenth Anniversary last evening, the church, as usual, being handsomely Gaslighted, Gaslighted provided and opened the proceedings with an appropriate address. Rev. Dr. Spear then led in prayer, after which an historical sketch of the Church organization was read by Mr. Jas. McKibben. The exercises were further enlivened by Rev. Drs. Reed, Edwards, Beadle, Henry and the Superintendent of the Sunday School, at the close of which the benediction was announced by Rev. Albert Barnes.

—The stockholders of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts held a meeting, yesterday, in the new building on Broad, between Spring Garden and Sloan streets, southwest corner of Seventh street and Washington square, for the purpose of electing a president and twelve directors. The following gentlemen were chosen—*President*—Caleb Cope; *Directors*—George Fox, Joseph Harrison, William Struthers, A. May Stevenson, James L. Claghorn, A. G. Fell, Alfred D. Jessup, John Sartain, John Bohlen, Dr. F. W. Lewis, Henry C. Gibson, Henry G. Morris.

—The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. F. A. M., commenced their annual session yesterday, at the Hall, in Chestnut street, below Broad. About 50 representatives were present. James Alcorn, M. W. G. M., presided. The following Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year: James Alcorn, of No. 18, re-elected W. G. M.; Robert Wilson, of No. 38, W. G. V.; David C. Johnson, of No. 83, W. G. S.; Samuel H. Brines, of No. 92, W. G. Chaplain; Robert Adams, of No. 25, W. G. Treasurer; James L. Hollson, of No. 23, W. G. A. C.; Henry Arnold, of No. 52, W. G. Orator. The following Representatives were elected to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States—Samuel Hazlehurst, for No. 2; Thomas J. Lyhter, of No. 85.

—The Academy of Music stockholders held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon. The President's report sets forth that 226 entertainments (or operas) were given during the year in the Academy. The receipts were $47,600. Notwithstanding the amount of indebtedness has been cancelled, only a few thousand dollars remaining, and that is provided for. The insurance has been increased. The stockholders, during the year, were admitted to 19 entertainments. The supplementary to the charter, authorizing the extinguishment of an amount of preferred stock issued was accepted, and a certificate ordered to be transferred to the Secretary of State. An election was then held for the Board of Managers for the ensuing year with the following result:

James C. Hand, George Pepper, James Traquair, John P. Steiner, Ferdinand J. Dreer, Frederick Graff, Fairman Rogers, Thomas Sparks, James Cameron, James Haddock, Jr., William Camac, M. D., Henry M. Phillips.

—The Guardians of the Poor held a stated meeting yesterday afternoon. The population of the Almshouse was reported as 3,327—an increase of 94 over the same period last year. The Hospital Committee reported adversely upon the reception of any more cases of relapsing fever, and the report was agreed to. The following report of the Blind Asylum was presented: Relapsing fever in the hospital; number of cases, male, 27, female, 6; number white 11, black 1; number discharged, white 4, black 1; number died, white 4, black 0; number remaining, white 23, black 6; number originating in the house, white 2, black 0. Cases of Medical Relapsing Fever under treatment since May 24, 1870, 59; black, 4; number discharged—white, 3; black, 0; number remaining—white, 56; black, 2; number originating in the house—white, 4; black, 0; whole number of fever patients—white, 57; black, 97; deaths—white, 29; black, 30.

—The Sangerfest, given by the Mannerchor, Sangerbund, and Liederkranz Halls and Harmonie, at Engel & Wolf's Farm, yesterday, attracted a large number of persons. The Germans were out in full force, and there were the usual enjoyments. There was dancing for concert music, and opportunity for dancing. The Societies also sang several choruses. Shortly after four o'clock there was a heavy shower of rain, which spoiled the festival, and most of the participants who were out got completely drenched, returned to their places in the city.

The arrangements were in charge of a Committee of which H. Nass was President; Sengpiel, Vice President; H. Dieck, Secretary; C. Dewyber, Financial Secretary, and A. Lindhorst, Treasurer. The police arrangements were under the charge of Lieut. Simon Jacoby, of the Schuylkill Harbor force. During the afternoon Mayor Fox was on the ground for a brief interval. Everything passed off in the most agreeable and satisfactory manner up to the time of the storm, and then the crowd came so wet that out-door sports were impossible.

—The registration of the Republican voters of the city preliminary to the delegate election will be made this afternoon in accordance with the following rule: "There shall be a Board of Registering Officers, to consist of the Union Republican judge or regular candidate for judge, and the inspectors of election elected in October preceding, and the executive committee of each election division, who shall enter in a book containing street list, provided for that purpose, the names and residences of all the Union Republican voters known to them, including their respective divisions. No person shall be registered unless he was a qualified voter in said division at the preceding election, except as hereinafter provided for. It shall be the duty of the registering officers to meet at the regular places of holding elections (or at such places as may be provided by registering officers), on the first Tuesday in June, from 4 to 9 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of adding the names of all persons claiming the right to vote, and no names shall be added after said meeting. Such person must prove to the satisfaction of a majority of the registering officers that he is a Union Republican voter, and entitled to vote in said division. Said registry shall be open to the inspection of all Union Republican voters residing in the division. And if it shall be proven to the satisfaction of a majority of the registering officers that the name of any person has been enrolled who is not a member of the Union Republican party they shall erase his name from the list; and no person shall be allowed to vote at any primary election unless his name appears duly registered on the enrolment book of said division. The original copy of each division registry shall be deposited with the president of the Ward Executive committee on the following day, under the seal of the Board of Registry. The president of the Ward Executive Committee shall cause to be prepared a sufficient number of lists of voters for the use of each election division."

NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—By a resolution of the Board of Education, passed last evening, the vacation of the Camden public schools commences on the first of July next, and extends to the fifth of September. In the interval the necessary repairs to the school buildings will be made.

VOCAL MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS.—The Camden Board of Education, at its last meeting, granted permission to Prof. Batchelder to teach a class of forty pupils vocal music at the E. A. Stevens School-house, once a week, the lessons not to interfere with the regular school hours.

BURGLARS ABOUT.—Burglars, during the past few nights, have been quite busy in various sections of Camden. The citizens should prepare themselves to give them a warm reception.

STORE ENTERED.—The store of Mr. Tophill, at Fifth and Division streets, South Camden, was entered by burglars on Saturday night and robbed of various articles.

FINANCIAL.—During the past month the Treasurer of the Board of Education of Camden received $2,533 14; paid out $1,112 56; balance in treasury, $1,425 58.

THE CREAM OF THE NEW BOOKS.

"Carleton's" New Work on the Northwest, "The Seat of Empire."

From Mr. Charles Carleton Coffin's last work, "The Seat of Empire," to be published immediately by Fields, Osgood & Co., with map and some rough illustrations, we take some extracts descriptive of the great reach of country lying between Lake Superior and the great northern bend of the Missouri river:

MINNESOTA THE FUTURE CENTRAL STATE.

With the map of the continent before me, I trace a line from Minneapolis, due north, stretching to Halifax, then, sweeping southward, I trace a line through Southern Florida and Central Mexico. It reaches almost to San Diego, the extreme southwestern boundary of the United States,—reaches to Dalles City, at the summit of the Sierra Nevadas, within a hundred miles of Sacramento. Again, toward the west, it reaches to Salem, Oregon. Carrying it northward, I find that it reaches the Rocky Mountain House on Fraser River—to that region whose beauty charmed Mackenzie and Father De Smet. This river flows through the Rocky Mountains, and at its head-waters we find the lowest pass of the continent. The line may come within sight of the East will what through it upon the extensive lands of Nelson's Land