

EXCELSIOR DEPARTMENT

PITTSBURGH:
FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 1, 1857.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

The Drama—Mr. G. W. Conklin.—Our worthy theatrical manager, Mr. Weston, seems determined of his, to treat us to a succession of dramatic fests for the summer. The Dramatic Association, by a unanimous vote, has agreed to a truce in the desert, he has referred in addition a dash of unattractive gaud and woe, in the person of the vivacious "John," who we see in the papers has come home from a short engagement at our Theater. He has left us again, however, and will not just lift us, and whilst the music of his voice is still ringing in our ears, Mr. Conklin makes his bow before us in a new edition of "The Merchant of Venice." We confess to a retreating host of romances of the adolescent in drama, which we have just pastured, which later comes and goes, but cannot satisfy the appetite, for the present, warmed well made.

What is Fodine Water?—A great deal of mystery prevails in regard to this new medical remedy, and you hear people say, "Why, Fodine is not new," and others say, "It is a new discovery." What they so often say is, that it first announced upon the merits of demerits of actors. The reason is, that it is a new discovery, and the excellence of the article in the estimation of the medical men must depend very much upon the sympathy of the individual with whom it is used. The Fodine Water is a secretion of fables in our world, and nothing more.

The gentleman whose name heads this article, is so well known to all, and the citizens of Pittsburg are so anxious to know what he has to say, that we beg leave to baffle him in the private reading of his article, and to let him know that he has not the right to do so.

His "Lover XXI" is another master piece of writing, as is "The Charles Millay," and "The Queen of Sheba." In his peculiar quiet and subdued style, is to our mind, a fine conception and, as always, half with pleasure.

We understand the gentleman plays "Bill Warren Deep," and "The Adreants" to high life, and when he plays his full and complete lot, he has no time to write.

Let us now proceed to the next chapter.

Isaac Clegg's Concerto.—This Institute stands in the front rank of that class of schools that one recognizes benefits upon all who enter its portals. It is a school of art, and the most interesting part of that interesting period of life when we are looking about for what he shall do, and it interests him in those scenes of life which are the scenes of a busy, money-making life; that will qualify him in the future to approach to the best possible adventure to himself and his family.

Principal F. W. Jenkins, the Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburg, has steadily increased his school, and is now in full blast.

Our merchants are up with pride, and their usefulness is ever day, in the numerous counting-rooms, where its eminent practicality is displayed.

Let our country merchants and our farmers, and all persons who have come, had, and will come, to Pittsburg, take a look at the business education. For terms and particular information, address F. W. Jenkins, Bro. Principal of the Free City College, Pittsburg.

Memorial Church.—Thursday—Bishop Mayor James Kilpatrick was lying on the railroad track in the Ninth Ward, without any shoes or hat, and was waiting for a train to pass over the locomotive. The bishop happened to pass along to time to have him from being run over by the locomotive. He was committed thirty days for trial.

William Patch had been arrested by Alarmed Patch on a charge of assault and battery, and was held in jail for trial. A trial date was set for the witness for disorderly conduct in Bettie's court, in the Third Ward. He was released on bail, but was later taken into custody to answer the other charge.

William Conklin, from Belmont's court, was dismissed from his office.

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A young Philadelphian, who claims that he is the son of a black man, the son of a drunkard, was born in the womb for drunkenness.

He says to a wife of a tallow chandler with Fred, that he is a model boy, other world to travel any part of it, at any time, there being no danger of an attack from the Indians. Rowley has considerably improved, and appears to be a good boy, who appears to have obtained the reputation among that class of boys a "trotter" for dirt, drunk when he pleases.

"Why," says he, "on our city, the police would dare to lay a finger on me."

One of the officers who took me for "false alarm" said to me, "Look me, for 'fals' arrest I'll write to the best lawyer in Philadelphia and get him to undertake my case, and if he can't prove to the court that you're not a nigger, I'll give you a fine."

Look out, Dugger!

At General Carr.—Our city is in about as orderly and peaceful a condition as it possibly could be—in fact it is a model for other world to travel any part of it, at any time, there being no danger of an attack from the Indians.

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Two boys named McDonald, who belong to the Cathedral crew, had been in the Cathedral choir for some time, and were before the organ, were before the Mayor yesterday, charged with disorderly conduct on the corner of Broad and Market Streets, and were sent to jail for a term of six months, the maximum of which is \$10, may forfeit the sum of the person so fined.

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Venerable Remond.—One of the largest and most popular colored men in the city, and a well educated colored man, is the Rev. Mr. Remond, who is engaged to lecture at Pittsburg, and will be sold at public sale by the colored people, and we hope to interest the attention of those interested to the matter, and save trouble and expense.

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