

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

EPIHEMERIS.

Italy had an earthquake last month.
Bierstadt is in Switzerland with weak eyes.
A high life development has convulsed Balston, Spa.
The United States Minister at Hayti is not popular with Salnave.
Large beds of mineral paint have been discovered in Tennessee.
Queen Isabella of Spain now thinks of abdication in favor of her son.
General McClellan has one hundred men at work on the Stevens battery.
General Meade's friends wonder why Sheridan was made Lieutenant General.
In Tennessee, when a horse-thief is caught he has a stone tied around his neck and then is thrown with it into a pond.
The Russian Princess Karageorgewicz is in goal charged with having incited the murder of Prince Michael of Servia.
General Sam. Cary—he of the white kids and gold headed cane—the Ohio workman, has gone to stump Connecticut for the Democrats.
Each side of the Sky, Streak-of-Light and Horned Snake, all three gentlemen of the Lo case, are going on to Washington to see the new President.
A trained elephant attempted to stop a railroad train near Mirzapore, India. Eleven cars were thrown from the track, but the elephant was killed.
A boat constructor in Singapore has swallowed a young lady who had on a diamond necklace valued at fifteen thousand dollars, and the natives are hunting up the snake.
The British Bible Society has sent one million New Testaments to Spain. The Tract Society has not missed this opportunity for distributing its publications in the same country.
Mrs. Grant could not be persuaded to be present at the inauguration of her son. She objected to being stared at by fifty thousand people and having her appearance reported in the newspapers.
Mrs. Gallon, mother of the charming actress now at the Academy, slipped and fell on Friday afternoon, on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, hit her head on a stone and was seriously injured. She is now better.
A box, stated to contain some of the natural products of Florida, was received by Jarrett & Palmer, at Niblo's, the other day, and opened during dress rehearsal on the stage. The appearance of a live and lively alligator caused a stampede among the blondes.
A Kentuckian has invented a wagon on the perpetual motion idea. It goes by a spring which drives the vehicle up hill, and is wound up again by the descent of the wagon on the other side. On a road that is down hill it runs nicely; otherwise it runs down.
ALLIBONE'S DICTIONARY OF AUTHORS. Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, are about to issue the completion of Dr. Allibone's "Dictionary of English Literature, and British and American Authors,"—the first volume of which was published some years since by Mr. G. W. Childs. Persons desiring Vols. II. and III. uniform with the original edition of Vol. I., to complete their sets, are invited to send their names to the publishers.
CONSTITUTIONAL RELIGION. The annexed extract, from Dr. Phillip Schaff's lecture on the Sabbath, will interest many readers:
"The Constitution of the United States, it is true, does not make mention expressly of the existence of God, and perhaps it is a matter of regret that it does not.
"There is a society in existence laboring for amendments to the Constitution of the United States so as to insert in the preamble a recognition of God as the Almighty Ruler of nations, and the Holy Scriptures as the supreme law of the American people.
"I will not assume to question the propriety of such a movement, but I deny that the American Constitution is atheistic.
"It is one thing to ignore a thing, and another to deny it. It is one thing to be silent about a particular thing and another to deny it.
"Now, there is a book in the Bible, the Book of Esther, where the name of God does not occur. Who will say, therefore, that this book is atheistic? So I say, that although the Constitution of the States is silent upon the subject of God, it is the Ruler of nations, it is far from intending to deny the great truth.
"The framers of the Constitution designed to keep it as strictly a legal instrument as possible, and to bring nothing into it which might in any way not belong to it. But Christianity is strictly a religious movement, and it is not surprising that it should be recognized in the oath of office, and the subscription to it. Anno 1789, and also in the incidental recognition of the Lord's day, it being excepted from the working days of Congress; President in signing the amendments to the Constitution in which religious liberty is proclaimed. It is proclaimed as it is from respect to religion, and not from disregard to it."
NEW MAGAZINES. We have received from the publishers the March number of "Peter's" (198 Broadway, New York). Musical Review. It is, as all the numbers which have preceded it, full of interesting musical reading matter, together with three new vocal compositions and four vocal gems, all set in clear musical type, and each worthy the price of the journal. We do not see how any lover of music can afford to be without this monthly, as it is a faithful mirror, reflecting all that is going on in the world of harmony and song, and adding with each number largely to the musical literature of the day.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Stignor Blutz is in Sunbury.
Altoona is raising a company of militia.
Erie is going to celebrate St. Patrick's day.
On Friday evening a daughter, aged about twelve years, of Mr. Haahan, who resides in one of the houses known as "McKnight's Row," North Sixth street, was engaged in filling a coal oil lamp, while lighted, when the oil took fire and commenced burning, within the girl took her apron and put it over the lamp, which she took fire and in a few minutes she was in flames and most horribly roasted before help came. The poor child lingered until yesterday morning, when death relieved her. Her sufferings were most terrible.—Reading Times.
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Certificate of Checks.
The following is the text of the new law in reference to certifying checks by national banks:
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