

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

OFFENBACH's last work has not only his customary faults, but is not original, selections from his former operas being easily distinguished in it.

From Herr Bjornson's "Arne," The trees' empty leaf beds were bursting their brows, "shall I take them away?" said the Frost sweeping down.

EPHEMERIS. Dogs are worth a dollar a piece in Cincinnati. The board of education—school-boys.

General Buckner has become a life insurance agent. T. Mitchell's confession is generally thought to be false.

New Orleans is to have a new factory with 10,000 spindles. There are 87 in the Senate lawyers and 109 in the House.

Brougham has given his farewell performance in New York. A Vermont says Dexter isn't Dexter, but some other horse.

Negroes and females are added to the old-time list of office-seekers. A burglar was discovered concealed in a peddler's pack, near Joliet, Ill.

Jefferson Davis was present at one of the recent debates in Parliament. In addition to paper collars, paper cuffs, &c., we are to have paper coffins.

The Fall Hill Gazette lately spoke of "Mr. Goldwin Smith's University at Ithaca." Two of the newly elected trustees of the South Carolina University are colored men.

Female Notaries Public are becoming common in Missouri, as well as in Iowa. About twenty-six thousand emigrants arrived in New York during March.

A Chicago saloon keeper has drawn a prize of \$25,000 in gold in a Havana lottery. Sprague is not much of an orator, but his speeches attract a great deal of attention.

is going to be independent of all such annoyances in future. A young man fell dead in the whirl of a German waltz, at Chicago. Let it be a warning to our State Legislators, who are accused of being fond of whirling.

Mr. Bergh has been unsuccessful in his attempt to defend turtles from cruelty, because they are reptiles, and therefore do not come within the provisions of the law for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

All Methodists, whether male or female, are allowed to vote on the question of lay representation, which comes up in all the churches this year.

The beer-drinkers of Louisville are unpleasantly excited over the discovery of portions of a human body in a keg of beer. It is not supposed that they were introduced to give the beer a flavor, but to conceal them.

The English Parliament is having exciting debates on the Irish Church question. The majority sustaining Mr. Gladstone's bill, at its second reading, was 118; a majority but seldom attained in Parliamentary history, for any measure.

In the last illness of the witty George Colman, the doctor being later than the time appointed, apologized to his patient, saying that he had called in to see a man who had fallen down a well.

Andrew Johnson proposes to "devote the remainder of his life as a private citizen to the vindication of his official life and native State, and the obloquy cast upon them." Wherein he cuts out for himself harder work than he has yet undertaken.

Leverrier, the noted French astronomer, has expressed a desire to be relieved from his duties as Chief of the great Paris Observatory. He has become so unpopular with the Parisian astronomers and other savants that most of them have refused to speak to him.

General Dulce, in proclaiming a war of extermination in Cuba, shows that the Spanish spirit of the sixteenth century has not wholly died out. If the insurgents resort to reprisals in kind, it is but in natural self-defence, and the blood is on the head of their adversaries.

The leader of the "claque" at the Paris Odeon Theatre is a wealthy man. He accumulated a fortune by black-mailing dramatists, managers, actors and actresses. Some vain artists often pay him a thousand francs for one night's "enthusiastic applause," with the necessary "encores," calls before the curtain, etc.

The Troy Times, while doing justice to Miss Kellogg's voice, criticises her as follows: "No woman can have the elements of greatness whose soul is not above paint and powder, isane hair, tight lacing and bare arms, and a boneless, nervous, jelly-quivering gait, combined with a Grecian bend. She might well imitate the dignified and ladylike manner of Miss Topp."

CRIME IN THE OIL REGION. The Senate of Pennsylvania passed, on the 5th, a bill to provide a police-force for Petroleum Centre, one of the oil-towns of Venango county. The annexed statements, copied from the Buffalo Express, show the need for this provision, in which the speedy concurrence of the House is to be hoped for.

The petition of a certain clergyman of Petroleum Centre, Pa., a card warning the community against soundrels who have been making a practice of inducing young girls in Petticoat and elsewhere, to leave their homes, under promise of high wages as hotel waiters, and then forcing them to adopt a life of shame.

The Titusville Gazette gives further details of the operations of these soundrels. It says that the town of Petroleum Centre, being without a local government, has become the headquarters of a horde of outcasts from society of both sexes, who have been driven from the large cities on account of their crimes or by their necessities.

Pre-empt among the crimes are those committed by the proprietors of two vile institutions known as saloons, or "free and easy," to which they have time and again brought respectable but needy young girls under the pretext of procuring them for hotel waitresses.

In most cases, professional prostitutes, in these saloons every species of debauchery and vice flourishes under bad whiskey and worse women, and at night a great many of the girls, outside of the slums of the great cities, it is to these places, seeking as they are with everything that is foul, and containing within them all the elements of bodily and spiritual ruin, that they resort.

It frequently occurs that when the girls are at the saloons they are without money, and consequently without means of returning from whence they came; and unless they receive assistance from outside the saloon, their ruin is only a question of time.

The facts we have just given are the worst features of crime at Petroleum Centre, but they are by no means all. Attached either directly or indirectly, or as hangers on to the free and easy, and to other institutions equally as bad, and to the low groggeries and bagalos, are a host of cut-throats and thieves, who together with a lot of gamblers of every grade, from the closely shaved sect down to the half shaved looking pitch-penny fellows, prey upon society.

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The citizens of the place and vicinity have petitioned the legislature to pass a bill authorizing the appointment of police commissioners and of any number of policemen, the commissioners may deem necessary, the maintaining of a stock-pole, and giving the commissioners the authority usually delegated to police courts.

Madame Robin says that she receives on an average thirty calls from strangers the visiting hours of a woman of sensibility. She is a delegate to the police court. The place where the composition of the "Barber of Seville" resided. These visitors, she says, are a great annoyance to her, and she would prefer to be disturbed as little as possible.

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