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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

- MRS. F. B. CONWAY'S BROOKLYN THEATRE... LYCEUM THEATRE... THEATRE COMIQUE... OLYMPIC THEATRE... NIBLO'S GARDEN... WALLACE'S THEATRE... UNION SQUARE THEATRE... WOOD'S MUSEUM... ACADEMY OF MUSIC... GERMANIA THEATRE... BROADWAY THEATRE... GRAND OPERA HOUSE... PARK THEATRE... FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE... BOOTH'S THEATRE... METROPOLITAN THEATRE... STADT THEATRE... TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE... BRYANT'S OPERA HOUSE... STEINWAY HALL...

TRIPLE SHEET.

New York, Friday, Dec. 12, 1873.

THE NEWS OF YESTERDAY.

To-Day's Contents of the Herald.

- SALARY STEALERS! PUBLIC VIRTUE AND PARTY PLUNDERING... THE BACK PAY SINNERS AT THE CONGRESSIONAL PILORY... 'PECCAVI!' CONGRESSMEN DEPENDING BACK PAY ROBBERIES... JOVELLAR APPEALS TO THE BRAVO VOLUNTEERS... PERILS OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP! THE VOLUNTEER BLOODHOUNDS... CAPTAIN SURMONT'S VINDICATION... THE RALLY OF THE WORKINGMEN... THE MEXICAN ZONA LIBRE... BOSTON'S LATEST HORROR... IMPOSITIONS UPON AND PROTECTION FOR OUR IMMIGRANTS... TWO MURDER TRIALS IN THE COURTS... DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR! THE ADMINISTRATION VS. THE INFLATIONISTS...

PROFESSOR AGASSIZ.—When a man of Professor Agassiz's acquirements and celebrity is stricken down as he has been the weakness of language in its power to express public sympathy is very painfully felt.

A RIGHTeous SENTENCE.—Recorder Hackett must be recorded as having accomplished a duty. He has sentenced to imprisonment in the State Prison for twenty years a felon who aided in one of the most piratical outrages ever committed in the waters of the harbor of New York.

Salary Stealers—Public Virtue and Party Plundering.

Public virtue is said to be the essential principle and vital spirit of governments like ours, yet a whole Congress gives us irrefragable evidence that it is not unwilling to profit by petty larceny; to plunge its legislative arm up to the elbow into the national treasure chest and pocket what it was trusted to guard.

Investigation has plentifully shown how Congress teems with rogues; but the most flagrant act in violation of common honesty yet brought to its door is that particular appropriation of the public money which it has covered with the thin disguises of the Salary bill.

It would be difficult to overrate the heroism and devotion shown by the insurgents in the seemingly hopeless struggle they have waged unaided against their Spanish oppressors, and we hope the day is not far distant when the American government will put itself in accord with public opinion by adopting a vigorous policy in dealing with Spain.

Indian Outrages in Texas.

The Indians are at it again in Texas, murdering and plundering. From San Antonio it is reported that in a late raid on the Nueces River they killed twenty-four persons, mostly sheep herders; that at Riell's ranch a band of thirty of the redskins succeeded in running off thirty-eight horses; that at one place they came upon two Mexicans, one of whom to save himself jumped into a well, and that the factious savages, thinking it a good joke, threw the other one in, and went on their way rejoicing.

UNHAPPY BAEZ had good reason, it appears, to implore the protection of the United States. According to our late news he is in a critical situation. A formidable revolution has commenced right under his eyes in the capital of St. Domingo.

Was it possible that any considerable number of Congressmen did not clearly comprehend the moral aspects of that thieving vote for back pay? In the Congressional proceedings of the past few days there is abundant answer.

each one accuses the other. It is a continual recrimination, as to whether one honest boy, having stolen with the rest, did not carefully return the plunder from the mere honesty of his nature, before the owner had missed it; or whether another honest fellow, pocketing his share the meanwhile, did not prophetically warn his comrades that it would get them all into the State Prison.

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The Position of Our Citizens in Havana.

In another column we publish a letter from our correspondent in Havana, which depicts in forcible terms the position full of peril occupied by a large number of American citizens whose business compels them to remain in that city.

The Cheap Transportation Question.

There is unusual interest manifested just now in the subject of cheaper transportation for the products of the remote parts of the country, and from the West particularly, to the seaboard and a market.

Death in the Streets.

The Board of Health calls attention, none too soon, to the dangerous condition of the excavations on Fourth avenue, for the Harlem railroad track sinking, both as regards the public health and the risk of accidents to life and limb.

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Our Shipping Interests—The Duty of Congress.

One of the most important duties devolving on the present Congress is that of fostering the shipping interests of the country. The prosperous condition of the iron trade and the difficulties that have occurred in Europe have tended to give an impetus to shipbuilding in the United States which needs very little encouragement to lead to important results.

The United States Navy—Western Men and Eastern Measures.

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The great evil against which we have had to contend has been the disposition of such steamship lines as we have had to depend upon the country for subsidies. This is altogether wrong. A line should be made to support itself without direct aid from the government, and we could have several successful American lines in operation to-day if our laws were such as to enable them to compete with foreign companies.

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tained and when it does not become an oppressive monopoly. Unfortunately, the railroads—which are and must be the great arteries of commerce—have become stock-jobbing concerns, under the control of powerful and irresponsible speculators.

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