show inm to be a man of press, intelligence and common sense. The opinions of such a man must command respectful attention, and are valuable indices to the possible future of political events. In common with Señors Soler and Zulueta, who represent the extreme parties in this controversy, the Captain General pronounces the doom of slavery. Even the men most nearly interested see that the infamous system of forced labor must come to an end. But though the immorality of slavery and the necessity which exists for its extinction are readily admitted, we look in vain for a single practical suggestion which would secure real freedom for the slave. We are perfectly willing to admit with any of these gentlemen that the abolition of the present labor system in Cuba is a very serious question, and that the results of an ill-considered measure might gravely compromise the prosperity of the island. But we submit that all this has been true for twenty years, and will continue true to the moment when the question is finally grappled with, as grappled with it must be, and set at rest for ever. It is little more than a mockery to tell the slaves that in ten or twenty years they will be allowed to go free. Such of them as have not been worked to death under the overseer's whip before that time will be only spondent in the Spanish capital:that to stagger forward to the grave. To give sworn out and helpless men liberty, just at the period when they need a shelter and a refuge, is a heartless mockery and an insult to humanity. If the republican government of be placed at the head of affairs. Spain really desires to win the support and the sympathy of the American people they must pass beyond the mere utterance of common place and enter boldly into practical legisation on this most important question of slavery. Neither hollow promises of future freedom nor fraudulent substitution of a system of Layard, Ambassador of Great Britain, has the contract slavery will satisfy American public papers all ready, and will seize an opportune opinion. If the good relations between the moment for recognition. two countries are to be renewed it must be as the result of the satisfactory settlement of THE "REDS" AND ROYALISTS LIKELY TO BE the slavery question. The moment is a propitious one; the arrogant slave power has been taught its absolute dependence for exist-If the Reds rise to oppose the recognition, the sence on the government of Madrid, and, should Powers just named are expected to intervene an attempt be made to resist the promulgation of laws abolishing slavery, the United States against them as well as in the Carlist war. government, with the full sanction of the Progress of the Civil War-At Cartagena people, would give its moral and material aid

THE ALLEGED REVENUE FRAUDS IN BOSTON, we are told, in some quarters, should not be charged upon the merchants accused of cheating the Treasury, but to our present abominable tariff laws, in the construction of which no two men agree. Our tariff laws sadly need reconstruction and simplification; but still it is somewhat remarkable that in every case of the discovery of these frauds upon the public revenues the defects of the laws are the excuses put in by the guilty parties. The honest merchant, ignorant of the law, or in a case where there is any doubt of the law, can easily obtain an interpretation that will pass his goods from the Secretary of the Treasury.

to the Republic of Castelar.

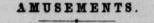
ONE SHALL BE TAKEN AND SOME SPARED .-Commander Braine returns home after his noble and successful efforts in rescuing scores of his fellow men from a horrid and sanguimary fate barely in time to participate in the least sad funeral rites over the remains of a beloved child. Every true Christian will sympathize with him in his sudden and melancholy bereavement.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Senator Lot M. Morrill, of Maine, has arrived at the Windsor Hotel. Congressman Isaac R. Sherwood, of Ohio, is at

the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

A. H. Cragin, of New Hampshire, is again



Wood's Museum-Mr. E. L. Davenport as Rover Last Evening.

Mr. E. L. Davenport will next Saturday evening Herald Special Report from conclude a fortnight's engagement at Wood's That engagement will have secured Musenm. one or two pleasant and one or two rather important results. Among the pleasant ones may be included the pecuniary advantage which Preparation for Parliamentary Assemstar and manager alike have reaped; among the valuable is to be ranked the reawakening of blage and the Proclamation of an interest in certain time-honored roles to which lately time alone seems to have paid that compliment. Last week Mr. Davenport appeared successively in "Hamiet," "A New Way to Pay Old Debts." "St. Mark," "Black Great Powers' Coalition for Recognition Eyed Susan" and "Jack Cade." Last evening enacted Rover in "Wild Oats." evening he performs Shylock, in the "Merchant of Venice:" on Wednesday he delineates Damon, in "Damon and Pythias;" and the remaining evenings of the week he devotes to "Oliver Twist," MacMahon's Government a Conportraving, we surmise, the character of Bill Sykes, These selections illustrate the versatility of the performer, but do not by any means show him constantly at his best. If the task of doing this devolved upon us we should feel the necessity of "Reds" and Royalist Extremists Likely devising a very different budget. No repertoire would be complete, for instance, which omitted his Brutus in "Julius Casar," and his Jaques in "As You Like it," Still, we are quite satisfied to take Rover as fairly representative of Mr. Davenhis Futus in "Julius Casar," and his Jaques in "As You Like It." Still, we are quite satisfied to take Rover as fairly representative of Mr. Daven-port's taient as a comedian. In the numberless times in which that character has been rendered by him in this city we do not like to seek an excuse for not referring, with some freshness of feeling, if not freshness of diction, to the many and harmoniously blending beauties which he dis-plays in it. At a certain point in his career an actor cannot with grace be asked to present to the public new creations. If he has been true to him-self and his projection of the area produce the old ones with a large proportion of that vitality which first won them renown. This crutical point Mr. Davenport has already passed, and these demands he more than meets. If it would be ungracious to missit upon something new from him it would be still more so to ignore the strength, the delicacy, the refinement, the dignity, the artistic conscience which distinguish most of his characterizations from the vast majority of his characterizations form the vast majority of his characterizations form the vast majority of his characterizations performance last evening was The following special despatch to the HERALD has been received from our corre-MADEID, Dec. 29, 1873. The Spanish Cortes will meet in session on the 2d of January, when Marshal Serrano will GREAT POWERS' COALITION FOR THE RECOGNITION England, France, Prussia and Italy are pledged to recognize Serrano as President on the basis of the French Republic. Minister

those of other star performers who are not without merit. Mr. Davenport's performance last evening was as brave because the other three attributes were maintained and co-ordinated in the presence of very unfavorable conditions. The principal actor himself was suffering from a cold, which velled a voice that has always been remarkable for its sonorous beauty. The demand made upon him was that of personating a youth abounding with animal strength and animal spirits and with a temperament to which joy is as natural an ap-panage as odor is to the flower. Our remarks will not be misconstrued into unkindness when we say that this representation does not recuire less will not be misconstrued into unkindness when we say that this representation does not require less effort now on the part of Mr. Davenport than it did 20 years ago. The will, the pride, the vanity, the ambition, the artistic passion of an a com-plished actor whose triamphs are mostly those of the past will do much toward imitating that youthuiness, the loss of which Mr. Stoddard mu-sically tells us is "a wound no after gladness can ever wholly heal." But these attributes, united with all the mechanical and cosmicle arts of the with all the mechanical and cosmetic arts of the stage, cannot do everything, and at the very best, with all the mechanical and cosmetic arts of the stage, cannot do everything, and at the very best, under such circumstances, a shadow of pensive-ness is apt to fall from the observer's mind across the sunsine of the actor's art. It was so iast night. Mr. Davenport's Rover possessed every beauty which art and experience could give it, and it incked that beauty for which no art and experi-ence can ever completely atone. It reproduced the candor, the courage, the nice sentiment of honor, the pure calvalric feeling, the generous in-stincts, the rollcksome spirit, the innate gentle-manhood of Rover; and in these respects it does not easily admit to competition the imper-sonation of another performer, of whom we can at present think. The good humor that could be ruffied only by an insult; the love of pleasure which was checked only by encroachment upon another's rights or upon sell-honor; the warm passions whose flow toward sensuality was stop-ped and purified by the advent of Lady Amaranth; that rich and happy temperament whose exhiin; at near the do nily by the spectacle of injustice and crueity; all these were very picturesquely and finely portrayed, not in undetached phases, like ele-gant extracts from the book of individual charac-ter, but so as to compose a perfectly articulated and organic whole, full of that symmetry which belongs to a well-considered structure. The only thing lacking was that evanescent attribute which twould be a contradiction to expect Mr. Daven-port now to possess. It is not necessary to Inger over any of the other It would be a contraction to expect all baveler port now to possess. It is not necessary to linger over any of the other roles. Mrs. Davenport acted Lady Amaranth with grace and knowledge. Little would have been left to desire had the auxiliary performers given to their interpretations as much intelligence as they

Steinway Hall-Old Folks' Concert.

A very large audience was present in this hall last night. The attraction consisted of a large number of ladies and gentlemen who sang severa vocal and instrumental pieces, which were designated on the programme in language supposed to belong to the olden time, and, according to the announcement, every person who attended the concert was expected to hear nothing but music of a century old, as it prevalied in the New England States. Mrs. Caroline Rich-ings-Bernard is the governing spirit of this organization. There was some good part 10

An Ann Street Game Broken Up-"Can't Gentlemen Play Draw Poker in Quietude !" The clink of ivory chips and the cheery voices of

AHOTHER RAID ON GAMBLERS.

sports broke the air of Ann street and startled he policeman who happened to pass through that avenue at about ten o'clock last hight. The officer bethought him of Commissioner Charlick's oath, and Superintendent Matsell's General Order for the apprehension of all gamblers at play. He found the sounds to come from No. 24 of the street long sacred to newspapers, green baize knights and country verdants. He quickly carried intelligence to the Beekman street station house, and there a posse of police were roused from sleep to capture the daring gamblers. The party was under the command of Sergeant Blair and Rounds man Walsh. The officers, having arrived at the gambling house, found that almost every means had been taken by its inmates to prevent interruption. A ladder was raised to the window. and Roundsman Walsh ascended it. Meantime Sergeant Blair and Officer Hannegan stationed themselves at the door of the room to intercept the fugitives, should the gamblers take alarm at the trial of the windows. The Roundsman was unable to raise the sashes, but the play ers were so eager at their play that they did not hear his efforts. Foiled at every that

unable to raise the sashes, but the play-ers were so eager at their play that they did not hear his efforts. Foiled at every attempt, the officers were compelled to test their patience by waiting. After a silent watch of about three-quarters of an hour. Sergeant litar and officer hannegan waiting at the door of the apartment, and the rest of the posse remaining in the street—the door of the sergeant and his comrade quickly pushed him back and, entering the room, found a game going on. The sportsmen made a ruth for the door, but were caught on the land-ing by the reserve officers. They were quite indignant at the iraid, and were desirous to know if gentiemen could not amuse themselves at draw-poker without being subject to in-terrybion and the diagrace of arrest. Their remonstratices were specially stopped, and they were taken to the Beekman street station house. Their names were taken and they were consigned to prison quarters. The jocose sergeant at the desk but slightly amused them with his comments upon the trades two wither hands Broad, who is thought to have "Their series and John Bennett, a little, sharp feilow, wearing eye-glasses, and seeming the incarnation of respecta-hity, was especially well known to the Sergeant. Mr. Edward Austin, a young an who seems on the most samiliar terms with the poice, is particularly well known to the serge Howells, John Penree, then young an who seems on the most samiliar terms with the poice, is particularly well known to the serge Howells, John Penree, Henry Kodgers and the which, with complete sets of gambling-from the notice, is particularly well known to the sergent. Mr. Edward Austin, a young an who seems on the most samiliar terms with the poice, is particularly well known to the sergent. Mr. Bradley claims to be a farmer from Franklin, Delaware county, he a farmer in Franklin, Delaware county, he a farmer in the sergeant queried, "as the guote of the game were the sengen roused to be a set to a consert to cole an or the place, as they do not was stripped of

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICEE, ** WASHINGTON, Dec. 30-1 A. M.

For New England fresh to brisk southwesterly to northwesterly winds will prevail, with partly cloudy weather and possibly light snow. FOR THE MIDDLE STATES LESS CLOUDINESS WITH

LOWER TEMPERATURE AND FRESH TJ BRISK NORTH-WESTERLY WINDS.

lower temperature and light snow, followed by clearing weather during the day.

southwesterly winds.

Ohio Valley and the upper lake region, generally clear, cold weather, with light northerly to westerly winds.

the day, followed by winds backing to southerly and partly cloudy weather.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past 24 hours in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's Pharmacy.

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IS THE VIRGINIUS SUNK?

Report of an Abandoned Vessel in Eight Fathoms of Water Off Bald Head, North Carolina.

Supposed To Be the Cuban

Filibuster.

THE WRECK A TOTAL LOSS.

Captain Wiltbanks, of the steamship Tonawanda, which arrived here on Sunday from Philadelphia, reports passing a sunken vessel nine miles south of Main Bar, with only her topmasts or topgallantmasts out of water. The steam tug Brandt subsequently visited the spot, her officers concurring in the opinion that the sunken vessel was undoubtedly a square rigged steamship. A pork barrel was floating above the wreck, attached to it by a 12-inch hawser, the hawser having been evidently

The pilots at Bald Head, at the mouth of the river, state that on Friday last they observed near the spot where the vessel lies a large steamship in tow of a full rigged ship, but could not tell whether the latter was a steamer or not. The above facts, taken in connection with the telegram announcing that the steamship Georgia, from Charleston, at New York, had spoken the Virginius in tow off Cape Romain on the 24th inst., at two o'clock P. M., renders it tolerably certain that the sunken ship is the world-renowned Cuban filibuster vessel. It is probable that the Virginius, being already leaky, was so much damaged by the gales about Christmas time that an attempt was made to bring her near enough to this bar to obtain a towboat, and, finding it impossible to get her in before she sunk. her crew were taken off by the man-of-war having her in charge, which then proceeded on its voyage, The sunken ship lies in about eight fathoms of water, with Bald Head light bearing north half east, nine or ten miles distant. A pilot boat from Smithville visited the spot on Sunday evening, and the men who were on her fully agree in the opinion that she is a steamship. Only a few teet of the mainmast is visible above water. and there are numerous spars floating around her which are probably still attached to the vessel by means of the rigging. It is thought that when she was abandoned the pork barrel was placed as a buoy to mark the spot where she went down. The ship is, of course, a total loss, as it will be next to impossible to raise her. In a lew weeks her hull

QUARANTINE LANDING. Dec. 30-1:45 A. M. tine, and could not be boarded.

TERGIBLE DEATH IN HOBOXER.

Yesterday monning a young man, named Martin Mallowney, while crossing the track of the Morris and Essex Railroad, st Grove street, was run over and Essex Rairoad, is Grove street, was run over by a locomotive and his iogs were severed from his body. He lived just long enough alterward to re-ceive religious consolation from a Catholic priest. He had run across one track and escaped an ex-press train sweeping by, but as he stood in fancied security on the other track he met his death. He had borne an irreproachable character and helped to support an aged father and mother.

THE PASSAIC DISASTER.

The Paterson Grand Jury were yesterday engaged all day in the investigation of the disaster at Passaic on December 4, whereby two prominent citizens met their death through the fall of a build-ing belonging to Alired Speer, which is alleged to have been insecurely put up. It is thought not as all improbable that the Grand Jury will indict Mr. speer for manslaughter.

BROOKLYN CORONER'S INVESTIGATION.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Kings ounty Board of Supervisors, Mr. Fletcher, has prepared a report of the result of their investigation concerning the alleged fictitious inquests in the Coroner's office. The committee will report that, though no frands have been found, irregu-larities exist in that office, and that there is room for improvement.

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Ask for Goodall's-The Finest Importent and cheapest Domestic PLAYING CARDS. Beautiful new batterns. Sold everywhere.

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Auction Notice.-Silver Plated Goode and SHEFFIELD TABLE OUTLERY, stock of Wm J. Miler, will be sold at auction at the old stand, 12 Maiden lane, on Tuesisy and Wednesday, December 30 and 3L commandicat 10 october JOSEPH HEGEMAN & CO., Auctioneers.

A-Welcome 1874, and buy your Furs for lady friends and HATS for the gentlement at KNOX'S. These are appropriate gifts for the holidays; both me-ful and ornamental. KNOX'S stores are at 212 Broad-way, in the Freesoft House and Fifth Avenue Hotel.

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A .- Chocolat Menier-Menier's Cocoa-Defies all honest competition. Awarded medal, Vienna Exhibition. Sold by all grocers. druggists and confeo-uoners. Depot 45 Beaver street. MENLER'S UCCOA for broakfast.

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Happy New Year.-Ladies', Misses', Gentlemen's and Boys' Boots, Shoes, India Rubbers and gentlemen's Tollet Slippers, at MILLER & CO.'S, No.3 Union square.

WEATHER REPORT.

Probabili

For the lower lake region increasing pressure,

For the South Atlantic and Gulf States colder and clearing weather, with northwesteriy to

For Tennessee and thence northward over the

For the Northwest clear and cold weather during

The Weather in This City Yesterday.

Averas

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 29, 1873.

used as a tow rope.

probably will be entirely sunk in the sand.

Arrival of the Ossipee Without the Virginius.

The United States steamer Ossipee passed Quar antine about eleven o'clock P. M., followed by the revenue cutter Grant. She did not stop in Quaran-

She did not have the Virginius in tow.

THE GENET CASE.

Sheriff Brennan's office was vesterday the scene of considerable excitement, the occasion being, of course, the Genet case. It was generally understood that the Sheriff's counsel was by no means frightened at the prospect of going into Court and saying his apologies to the Judge for the nonproduction of the escaped prisoner; and for this reason there were many who believed that the reason there were many who believed that the counsel had a sensation in store for the public-that, indeed, the Sheriff had Genet in his custody, and would bring him into Court after everybody had been led to believe that he was not to be found. But there was no such sensation, for Genet is as yet at large, and the postponement of the Sheriff's case, which took place at the opening of the Court, was a result that the good sense of Judge Daniels deemed the best to allow under all the circum-stances. The case will therefore come up again on

HERALD has been received from our corre-

LONDON, Dec. 29, 1873.

The United States steamer Shenandoah, Captain Clark H. Wells, commanding, from the United States, has passed off the coast of Gibraltar.

spondent in the British metropolis:-

ENGLAND.

Discount on 'Change and at the Bank-The Supply of Bullion-Fire in London.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. LONDON, Dec. 29, 1873.

The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 414 per cent, or 14 per cent

HERALD SPECIAL REPORT FROM LONDON. The following special despatch to the

SHENANDOAH.

SPAIN.

Madrid.

Serrano as President.

of a Conservative Democracy.

stitutional Model.

To Be Stamped Out.

TELECRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

OF A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY.

STAMPED OUT.

This news was kept secret, but is positive.

and in Biscay.

The Imparcial says the insurgents of Cartagena

are preparing to fly from the city, and are getting

OFFICIAL CONTRADICTION OF BOURBONIST REPORTS.

Reports have been telegraphed from Bayonne

that the troops in Biscay, under the command of

General Loma, had pronounced in favor of Al-

fonso. They are officially declared to be without

THE UNITED STATES STEAMER.

a fleet of vessels ready for that purpose.

foundation.

MADRID, Dec. 29, 1873.

st the Westmoreland Hotel. Congressman W. H. Barnum, of Connecticut, is staying at the Windsor Hotel.

Captain H. W. Howgate, United States Army, is

quartered at the Astor House. Mayor Silas N. Martin, of Wilmington, N. C., 18

staying at the St. Nicholas Hotel. General John Gibbon, of the United States Army,

has quarters at the Glenham Hotel.

Captain Albert G. Clary, United States Navy, is

quartered at the Metropolitan Hotel. Congressman Joseph H. Sloss, of Alabama, is

registered at the Metropolitan Hotel. George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia Ledger, has

apartments at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. General Ambrose E. Burnside has returned to

his old quarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Congressmen W. S. Herndon and D. C. Giddings. of Texas, have apartments at the Windsor Hotel. Colonel Sam Tate, President of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad Company, 18 staying at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Professor James Orton arrived in the Colon yesterday from his second scientific expedition to South America. He made a special study of the Valley of the Amazon, and, crossing the Andes travelled as far down as Lake Titicaca. He brings a large collection of specimens for Vassar College.

Premier Gladstone has, it is said, cautioned Mr. Arch to beware of using again such threatening language as he uttered lately at Bradford, England, where he said that if Parliament were not careful of the cause of the farm laborers he would lead 500,000 of them even to the gates of St. Stephen.

The ex-Queen Isabella, who is the sponsor of the youngest of his children, addressed a friendly letter to Marshal Bazaine immediately upon hear ing of his condemnation. She has always remembered his service to her throne when she was a child. The Marshal replied with an eloquent letter, which isabella is said to have read aloud. weeping the while, to her triends. "Child of misfortune, come hither," &c.

OBITUARY.

Ishmael Day, an "Old Defender."

Ishmael Day, one of the "Old Defenders," died in Baltimore, Md., on Saturday evening, 27th inst., at the age of 83 years. At the time of the raid of Harry Gilmor into Maryland in July, 1864, Mr. Day was living on his farm in Baltimore county, and acquired national notoriety by shooting a Confed-erate soldier who attempted to haui down a United States flag foating over Mr. Day's resi-dence. Soon after his house, with its contents, was burned. Subsequent to this occurrence Mr. Day was appointed inspector of the Battumore Cus-tom House, which position ne held until his death.

Thaddens W. Meighan.

Mr. Thaddeus W. Meighan died yesterday, at his residence, 397 South Fifth street, Wilhamsburg. Mr. Meighan was born in Westchester county, and was about 50 years of age. His profession was that of a journalist, which he had pursued with credit and with enthusiastic interest throughout his life. Even as a boy he had a newspaper adventure, and was the proprietor and publisher of a paper known as The Gothamite in those early years. In his manhood he was connected with the Sun-day Times. Of the Ledger he was the first managing editor. From the conduct of this journal he became an editorial writer on the Ecen-ing Express and the Sciencity Free Press. He also attained some fame as a dramatist, and two of his plays, entitled "The Fairy Circle" and "The Waifs of New York," are pieces that the public has always received with favor. He obtained distinc-tion during the civil war, and his genial and happy disposition made him troops of failing, and he rapidly sunk under the effects of consumption, a disease that has been fatal to go many literary men. was the proprietor and publisher of a paper known

below the Bank of England rate. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £33,000. PRESSMEN BURNED OUT.

The offices of Lloyd's Weekly London Newspaper, on Fleet street, were destroyed by fire to-day.

GERMANY.

The Plan of a Regency Abandoned-The Emperor's Health Still Improving.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Dec. 30-6 A. M. A special despatch to the Dafly Telegraph from Berlin says the project to make the Crown Prince Frederick William Regent has been abandoned, in consequence of the improvement in the health of the Emperor William.

AFFAIRS AT THE GOSPORT NAVY YARD.

Arrival of the Powhatan-Present and Future Activity in Building and Re. pairing Vessels.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Dec. 29, 1873.

The United States steamer Powhatan, Captain J. C. Beaumont commanding, arrived at the Navy Yard yesterday morning direct from Rey West, having reached Hampton Roads on Sunday night, making the trip in six days. She had a rough voyage all the way up, and during the trip had voyage all the way up, and during the trip had about 15 fect of her head rail stove in and her barge and third cutter so badly jammed and in-jured that both were hauled in the boat house at the yard yesterday for repairs. The Powhatan is now taking on a supply of 100 tons of coal, and when her repairs are finished she will proceed to Philadelphia to tow the iron-clad Ajax to Key West, stopping here *en route*. Work on the two new vessels has begun actively, and to-day a force of several nundred men was engaged on them. Large quantities of white oak were shipped to Washington to-day to repair the Nipsic. Opera-tions in all the departments of the yard continue to be active, and advices from Washington to-day indicate an increase of the working forces through the winter. the winter.

THE HERALD AND JAY COOKE'S CREDITORS AND DEBTORS.

[From the Pottsville (Pa.) Standard, Dec. 27.] Yesterday's New York HERALD contains, in advance of all its Philadelphia contemporaries, a list of the debtors of Jay Cooke & Co. It is of vastly more interest than the list of that firm's creditors. It was of httle import to know the names of the individuals who suffered directly by the failure of the great banker; more or less, we were all victims of his grand but overreaching enterprise. But from the names and stations of those persons whose "L O. U."-that fatal rock of so many fair hopes-he held, we get a glimpse of the motives of many of our public men in trying to avert the ruin of Mr. Cooke, even while compromising his creditors. Several of these gentlemen have manifested an extreme solicitude in saving Mr. Cooke from bankruptcy that savors more of a pecuniary interest in his fate than of the commiseration of humane men for an unfor tunate fellow-being. Through their influence a large portion of the press of the country a few weeks ago teemed with arguments and appeals for the repeal of the Bankrupt law. Through the votes of several of them a bill, which ought to have been, but was not, entitled. "An act for the relief of Jay Cooke & Co.," was the other day passed by the House of Repre-

sentatives, which accomplishes the desired object. That bill is now lying on the table of the Senate, and a sentiment in favor of its passage by that body is now being manufactured as rapidly as the subsidized organs can grind out editorials.

singing last night and one or two well rendered singing last night and one of two wen rendered solos. The voices are naturally good, and the training of the *ensemble* is excellent. But no mu-sical critic can approve of such a desecration of the clivine art as took place at Steinway Halliast night. Without reference to the individuality of the sing-Alternation of the state of the state of the sing-divine art as took place at Steinway Halliast night. Without reference to the individuality of the sing-ers and instrumentalists an impartial critic can-not but come to the conclusion that these old folks' concerts are not calculated to bring credit to the cause of true art. When a musical organization is obliged to depend upon outlandish dresses, which by no means represent truthfully the dresses of our ancestors, for attraction, and use orthography purporting to be that of a century ago in their announcements and pretend that their musical selections are "as old as the hills," when modern composers supply the best part of the music, it can only be placed under the same category as the Woolly Horse or the Fill Mermaid. Music is too sacred a subject to be polluted by such humbug. In the programme was Adam's "Cantique de Nöel," which was so magnificently sung on Christ-mas Day by Mile. Octavie Gomien, and which was unfortunately entrusted to a tenor on this occa-sion. We can only designate the musical enter-tainment last evening as an insuit to the cause of real musical art.

Musical and Dramatic Notes.

Jonann Strauss is about to take his orchestra to Paris to execute his own composition.

The opera of "Aida" is to be represented next season at the Royal Theatre of Berlin, in the German language.

Mr. Henry J. Byron, the author of good burlesques and poor to middling dramas, is about to become manager of the Criterion Theatre, London, "Ell Perkins" lectures or talks at Association Hall this evening. This will close the "Galaxy' course. The objects to be treated of by the lec-turer are "His Small Family of Perkinses."

Miss Ada Dyas will make her debut in America at the Fifth Avenue Theatre on next Saturday in "Man and Wife." Mr. James Lewis, who has but recently recovered from a dangerous illness, reappears on the same occasion.

It is understood that Mr. Daly has declined to produce at his Flith Avenue Theatre Mr. Boucicault's third repentant gift to the outraged muses in the shape of legitimate comedy. "A Bridal Tour" is the name of the piece.

The first performance of "Pombal," the play by Dr. Juhus Werther, was very well received at the Stadttheater, Leipsic, Germany. The expulson of the Jesuits from Portugal by the Marquis of Pombal forms the groundwork of the plot.

A commission of authors and dramatic composers has absolved M. Sardou from the charge of plagiarizing "Uncle Sam" from the writings of MM. Jules Barbler and Alfred Assolant. They might have absolved him of copying from nature also.

A new composer of power seems to be promised in M. Gooatti, a French musician. He is now only 25 years of age; yet his opera of "Goti," composed within a year after he left the Academy of Music at Bologna, has achieved a wonderful success in that city.

"The Paris dramatic repertoire is a disgrace to the capital of a great country," says the Paris American Register in a recent number. Yet this repertoire appears to be the only source whence our adapting and imitating authors can draw inspiration.

A judicious pruning, in accordance with our suggestions, has done much to make Boucicault's comedy, "A Man of Honor," run smoothly. As the piece was played last evening at Wallack's it gained in every way by the excisions. The prologue has been brought into reasonable length. and the third and fifth acts are much improved. A fine marine piece has replaced the daub of the first nights in the first and fifth acts. A full audience enjoyed last night the acting of Mesura. Wallack, Fisher and Beckett and of Mmes. Ponisi and Jef-

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Loss \$50,000.

At half-past eleven o'clock last night fire was discovered on the fourth floor of the five story iron front building No. 68 Greene street, occu-pied as a warehouse for furs. Julius Sarnér owned the property on the floor where owned the property on the floor where the fire originated and his loss will probably foot up to about \$25,000. The second and third floors were occupied by T. J. Cooke and Henry Hood, and their stock was greatly damaged by water. Their loss is estimated at \$20,000. The first floor and pasement were occupied by Slyster, Brush & §on, whose loss is about \$10,000. Despite the efforts of the firemen it was found necessary to send out a second alarm to call for additional assistance, and when this arrived the dames were readily gotten under control. The losses are all covered by insurance, but the names of the companies could not be ascertained last night. The building belongs to the Lorillard estate and is fully insured.

FIRE AT NEW HAVEN.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 29, 1873. About one o'clock this afternoon a fire was dis-covered in the residence of Mrs. Philip Marett, on Church street. It was caused by a defective hot air conductor. The building was saved. It was owned by John E. Sheffield and was damaged to the extent of \$3,000; insured for \$2,000 in the Niagara, of New York, and for \$2,000 in the Orient, of Hartlord. The furniture was damaged \$1,000; insured for \$2,000.

CRIME IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29, 1873. Christine Smith, aged 24, a servant, gave birth to a child this evening at the residence where she was employed. A physician was sent for, but when he arrived she said she did not need his services. This aroused suspicion and a search was made, which revealed the dead child in a trank with a string around its neck. The woman was placed under arrest.

A boy of fourteen years was arrested to-day on a charge of committing rape upon a child four years old. THE CONGRESSIONAL TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29, 1878.

The Windom Committee have gone down the river to the proposed site of the Port St. Philip Canal. They will return here to-morrow.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

C. C. Fulton, of the Baltimore American, is going to Texas.

Journalistic Modesty- Motto of a Southern paper-"Defies Refutation." A new daily paper, called the Morning News, has

been started at Montgomery, Ala. A new weekly paper called the La Salle (Ill.)

Reporter, has made its appearadce. A new liberal republican paper, called the Ontario County Journal, has been started in Canan-

dalgua, N. Y. Edward Warwick, editor of the Lebanon Patriot, is a candidate for the office of assistant clerk of the

Ohio State Senate. Mr. Ingalls, of the Watertown (N. Y.) Times, has sold his interest in the paper, but will continue to act as one of its editors.

George Marden, of the Lowell Courter, is a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Colonel Sawyer's newspaper in Atlanta, Ga, is to be called the Commonwealth of Georgia. It will be conducted on pure Jeffersonian principles. Pat Donan, the red hot Southern supremacy and

State sovereignty editor of the Lexington (Mo.) main is to start a paper in Cojumpin S. C.

stances. The case will therefore come up again on Monday next. Meanwhile it may be said that Genet is in Canada, and that just what part of it he is in is known to the authorities. "In a week he may be ours," to use the language of one of the sanguine deputies.

A Special Election Ordered for Assemblyman, vice Henry W. Genet.

Yesterday Sheriff Brennan received the official proclamation of the Governor, ordering a special election in the Twenty-first Assembly district, for member of Assembly in the place of Henry W. Genet, on Friday, January 20, on the ground that he (the Governor) has been notified that Henry W.

A FRIGHTFUL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 29, 1873.

The Rev. Peter Keog, pastor of the Presbyterian church of St. Andrews, N. B., fainted and fell in front of a train on the New Brunswick and Canada Raliway, at McAdam Junction, this alternoon, and his head was completely severed from his boay.

NEW HAMPSHIRE POLITICS.

LANCASTER, Dec. 29, 1873. It is understood that a majority of the delegates thus far elected from Coos county to the Republican State Convention are favorable to the nomina-tion of Colonel William D. Weeks, of this town, for Governor.

GANADIAN FOLITICS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29, 1873.

The following despatch has been received and published in the Gazette (official newspaper), addressed to the Governor General, the Right Honorable Earl of Dufferin :--

orable Earl of Dufferin :--Downing STREET, Nov. 29, 1873. My Lonn-I have received and laid before the Queen Your Lordship's despatch No. 267, of the 7th of Novem-ber, reporting the proceedings of the Dominion House of Commons, on the reassembling of Parliament, on the subject of the charges brought by Mr. Hantington against your Ministers, acquainting me that, after lengthened debate on and amendment moved by Mr. McKenzie to has placed his resignation and that of his colleagues in your hands, and that you had the reupon called on Mr. McKenzie to itorm is a which you agree with Your Lordhip inved a has been reached by a First that the result accessing of a second by the second applica-tion of the machinery of a tree Parliament. Thave acted provide the machiner in which you have acted in cor-provide the machinery of a tree Mailesty's entire ap-provide the machiner in which you have acted in cor-metances of no ordinary difficulty. Thave, act. KINDERELEY.

· A BARROOM TRAGEDY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1873. To-night three roughs entered the restaurant of William Hile, a German, on Delaware avenue, between I and K streets, northeast, and between I and K streets, northeast, and
 asked for drinks. Being refused, they assaulted and beat the wile of Hile, who in response to her cries for help, entered the barroom with a double-barreled shot run, one load of which he discharged. The contents struck his wife in the back of the head, instantly killing her. The other load, wounding one of them in the shoulder.
 Hile went to the station house and gave himsel un, The three roughs were arrested.

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