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LECTURES AND LYCEUMS.—From hundreds of villages scattered over the country, comes the call for Lecturers and Lyceums.

A course of lectures before a literary association is now regarded a permanent institution in most of the larger towns and cities. The long evenings which we are now being favored with, suggest and afford the proper opportunity for amusement and instruction, and no more economical plan for instruction suitable for the long evenings could be desired, than to institute Lyceums and debating schools. The popular lecturer is important in subserving these purposes. He will keep the people in practical relation to the arts and sciences, and introduce them to the more familiar details of the advancing philosophers of human life.

Scores of young men are squandering their leisure hours and Sundays in saloons and groceries; cards, drink and midnight uproar being their only delight. They have been reared to hate labor, and as a consequence, are being stung by every vice. Human beings of all ages are found more ignorant of everything, except vice, and in every way more corrupt than corruption. These are the classes that fill the penitentiary, the pauper house and brothel. While the officers of the law are punishing adult offenders, they are permitting new recruits to grow and to ripen, without an attempt to save them. In view of this and much more, we are told that the world is advancing. It may be in rascality and despicableness, but the aged, who compare the days of youth with the present, affirm, that with all the improvements it has not advanced one iota in sound morality or rational happiness. But the prodigality of time, how to meet or mitigate the evil is the trouble. How to remove the curse is the insoluble mystery. We are fearful the consideration is, and an unfortunate one to, that the subject is impracticable, because there does not seem to be virtue enough, or intelligence enough on the part of the people to direct it, and if we await the slow procedure of a reform in public sentiment, the evil may become chronic.

It is not wholly unquestionable, that we can vitalize and moralize the public mind here, faster than some dozen fountains of corruption can vilify and vitiate it. We can try. We are vastly too tolerant of these centres of iniquity, and of the debauchee, whose business it is to debase and to demoralize the mass and bend the moral sciences. He deserves to be treated as travelers say the wild horses of the prairie treat a vicious fellow. The boldest of the herd forming a compact circle or stand with heads outward, and kicking him to death.

The truth is, we are running a fruitless race on the direct road to final perdition in hot pursuit of filthy, rattle boxes and sensual pleasures. A black cloud overhangs us, and the drops of the coming shower are, that in religion we are half alive to intellectual abomination, careless and unmindful of thought, and in morals, shamefully low. With us we are not inherently more vicious than others. But we must have society and places of resort, and we substitute if reading for amusement, and in consequence of the poverty in our villages, under judicious management, and lectures, the people would reclaim hundreds from the evil of their ways, and prevent other hundreds from branching the pestilential malaria fuming from the two former.

Shall we pretend to purify and morality, and remain oblivious and inactive when the Government of society are towards disregard for restraint? If the horrible nefariousness of public morals and crimes and horrible wickedness is not aroused, if good men do not move with vigor to help the unfortunate, our "sun is nearly set."

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Alden, Nov. 1859.

FINAL ADDICATION OF THE OLD LIBERTY POLE.—This iron ribbed and eagle crested symbol of freedom which has stood so many years in the centre of the Terrace towering above all the city, and seeming to bend before the hurricanes of careering storms which have swept against it from the Lake was doomed yesterday to undergo its first and final bow, and possibly ere the reading of this will stretch its hideous length upon the pebble covered pavement. The terrible storm which blew here in the Fall proved enough for its long tried stability and yesterday afternoon as we were passing in the vicinity, its disjointure was being conducted by powerful machinery and the portion above was slowly descending in the arms of two sinewy teams, which were lowered by ropes attached to a street cylinder.

There will be a dreary blank left in the heavens where the grim and stately eagle has sat and sat and sat, seeming to stimgze unmoved by the swelling tone of popularation that has surged beneath him, and whose current flowers have lain in unruffled placidity around the quiet ruins of spring and the tumultuous storms of Autumn. We hope it will speedily replaced although it would be a very severe substitute could be invented with the charm that has hovered about the origina.

THE ITALIAN AND ROMAN PANORAMA.—This evening, at Kremlin Hall, will be exhibited a series of beautiful Italian Paintings representing the different customs of the several Ecclesiastical orders and represe ting the canonized saints and principal characters of the Romish Church. Dr. Cahill of the priests of the entertainment formerly a Roman Catholic and a member of the Brother of the Order of the Jesuits, will deliver an explanatory and instructive lecture describing the ordinary ceremony by which the nuns are devoted to the service of their sisters and describing the secret societies which determine the public rites accompanying the adoption of the veil.

At the close of the discourse the Doctor will sing several French and Italian songs. He will appear in a costly costume and during the evening will execute a number of relics pertaining to the Roman worship.

The Doctor assures the public that there is no thing certain about the entertainment and that both the Panorama and Lectures will be interesting to Protestants and Catholics alike. Having travelled for many years in the Provinces and States he comes among us well recommended and to his exhibitions he promises to be highly instructive to old and young.

CANAL BOAT SUNK.—The Lockport Journal of Thursday says that the canal boat Battle lies sunk at the foot of the locks. She was loaded last night with white marble and slate and had on when she sunk a load of 180 tons. She came up last night and just as she was about entering the lock on the north side the steersman missed the light and ran her bow against the stopper between the north and south tiers of locks. The boat must have opened a very large seam as the commenced sinking immediately and in less than half an hour filled entirely and went down. She lies in such a position that boats cannot enter the locks so that she and some of her cargo will be a total loss. Whether the captain is to blame in the case we do not know here, but if he had entered the lock thinking that if they had let her remain and draw the water the seal might have begot at and removed so as to get her out of the manner than it will now be possible to do. She had on a valuable cargo, consisting of marble and slate, some eleven more turns of fire and potatoes. She was insured for Buffalo and was not insured.

THEATRE.—BENEFIT OF MR. GEORGE BARTON.—This young comedian who has become a great favorite during his short stay here among us takes a benefit this evening on which occasion the Fancy Queers will have been induced to remain one night longer appear positively for the last time. The pieces to be presented are, first "The Battle Imp" in which Mr. Barton personates a boy, and Miss Ada in taking the character of Phebe. In the first performance these will be starring by each.

The evening concludes with the well known play of "Jack Sheppard" Miss Ada appearing as the hero, and her sister, Miss Emma as the unfortunate Thames Darrell. Music and dancing will fill the intervals, rendering the entertainment complete and excellent. We hope to see a full house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence the Irish Boy and Yankee girl commence their engagement on Monday evening and will be sure to see them, of course.

A GRAVE CHARGE.—The advertisement of [illegible] in another column, [illegible] charge [illegible] creek, contains a serious [illegible] the matter was the fruit of neglect on the part of the City Council to keep the harbour properly dredged.

If the belief is well founded the Council cannot be too severely censured for such palpable neglect of duty. It is we think, the first public complaint in this regard [illegible] made, and we hope to see its source removed immediately.

VERY UNFORTUNATE.—The American Transportation Company have been very unfortunate during the past season. The propeller Milwaukee is the third one of the line that has been lost thus far. The Propeller Ohio, owned by this Company, it will be recollected went to the bottom of Lake Erie, near the Canada shore, by bursting of her boiler and the Oriental was wrecked on Skillagalee rocks, and proved a total loss. They were all of them first class vessels.

THE YOUNG HORSE THIEF.—The horse, bridle, and saddle offered for sale at the House of Refuge by the boy Reynolds are proved to have been stolen, as we supposed. An officer as Olean telegraphed to Rochester on Thursday morning that the property would be identified, requesting also that all might be detained, together with the thief, until his (the officer's) arrival that evening.

DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.—Two men made an attempt to enter the house of Mr. Childs, of Lockport, a few nights since, while Mrs C. and daughters were alone. They were both armed with heavy bludgeons. Mr C. had a few days previous been changing a large amount of money to gold, and it is supposed they were after it.

ON A TOUR OF OBSERVATION.—The magnates of the New York Central Railroad are on a tour of inspection, preparatory to making their annual report to the stock holders. They stopped, Wednesday night, at the Osborn House in Rochester and left for Syracuse early the next morning.

NEW MUSIC.—Messrs. Blodgett & Bradford, the extensive music publishers of this city, have in press and will shortly issue a new anthem for Christmas, by M. L. Baker, entitled "Shout the Glad Tidings." This anthem is decidedly one of Mr. Baker's finest compositions, and no doubt will meet with an extensive sale among the church choirs who desire something new for Christmas.

MEETING OF THE BUFFALO AND LAKE ERIE STEAMBOAT COMPANY.—This Company's annual election of Directors has taken place. Only one change was made in the board. S. Clement of Chicago, being appointed in the place of Capt. R. B. Ward. No determination was made as to the running of steamers during the ensuing season.

☞ Hawks, No. 10 Seneca street has received Godey's Monthly, for December, the Comic Monthly and Yankee Notions for January, and the New York Weekly for Dec. 10th.

Legal Record.

SUPREME COURT.—GENERAL TERM.—Hon. B. F. Green Presiding Justice. R. P. Marvin, N. Davis, Jr., and Martin Grover, Justices.

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Belfast and Angelica Plank Road Co., respondents agt Chamberlain et al., appella's, under placed on calendar.

Abijah Mann, Jr., respondent agt John D. Hartt, appellant. Appeal from [illegible] rendered at circuit on verdict of jury. Argued and submitted.

Dewolf, appellant agt Merritt, respondent. Appeal from Wyoming County Court affirming judgment of Justice of the Peace. Argued and submitted.

Chamberlain et al, Executors, &c., respondents, agt March, appellants. Appeal from Genesee County Court, affirming judgment of Justice of the Peace. Argued and submitted.

Hosford, respondent agt McClure, appellant. Appeal from judgment of Erie County Court, affirming judgement of Justice of the Peace. Argued and submitted.

Sherwood, appellant agt Camp et al., respondent. Appeal from order of Special Term sustaining demurrer. Argued and submitted.

Court adjourned till Dec. 8, at 9 A. M.

SUPERIOR COURT OF BUFFALO.—CRIMINAL TERM.—Hon. George W. Clinton, Justice, Heroux and Talbot, associates.

December 3.

The People agt. James Sully. The jury being unable to agree in this case were discharged.

The People agt. Michael Murphy. Burglary, tried and convicted and sentenced to Auburn three years and six months.

The People agt. Deba Wellington. Petit larceny, tried and convicted and sentenced to Erie County Penitentiary three months.

The People agt. George Humphrey. Assault and battery. Trial in progress.

Court adjourned till December 5, at 9 A. M.

OMISSION.—We regret that we omitted the name of Joen P. Grelson, Esq. in our list of Attorneys admitted at the present General Term of the Supreme Court, published this morning.

POLICE COURT BEFORE JUSTICE BIDWELL.—Business at this institution was not flourishing yesterday. There were only three cases on the docket, which we give below.

Andrew Webber was charged with grand larceny, in stealing 100 pounds of wool, together with a sack and blanket from Asa Bacon, of Tonawanda. He plead Not Guilty, and was committed for further examination.

Nathaniel Davis was convicted of vagrancy, and sent once to the Penitentiary for sixty days.

Louisa Holland, charged also with vagrancy was sent to the Penitentiary for sixty days.

☞ We regard it as perfectly proper that the *Republican* should ridicule and scoff at the [illegible] and social arrangements and enjoyments of the Young Men's Christian Union. Its sympathies are not congenial with Christian philanthropy or effort. It sees no [illegible] or aspirations about to [illegible] in respect to [illegible] its hopes or its achievements, hence its calumny and abuse is but the natural emanation of its [illegible] and relish to whatever is moral or elevating in its tendencies. We have no doubt that each of the clergymen who [illegible] at any of its meetings will feel flattered by its attentions. Its abuse is far preferable to its praise.

WEATHER CHANGES.—Although not by any means a radical improvement upon its predecessors yesterday was decidedly more appropriate and characteristic of the season. Opening with a prickly and disagreeable shower of mingled hail and rain, it gradually "tapered off" about mid day into a cold drizzle of the latter. About 2 o'clock P. M. an increase of temperature began to [illegible] the dull murky clouds and a clear, cold [illegible] continuing through the afternoon changed the muddy bed of the streets into a more solid and up-town aspect. There will be no [illegible] of merry sleigh bells in our streets before many days have passed.

LECTURE AT BOONVILLE BY ANSON G. CHESEBRO.—This gentleman, formerly chief editor of the *Express*, and in [illegible] of the Syracuse *Journal*, delivers a lecture on the "Social Relations" in the State of Chester has gained considerable credit as a lecturer and we have no doubt his present effort will be as [illegible] as usual, a success.

THANKS.—We received last evening through [illegible] politeness of the Onondaga Express [illegible] the papers of reverent interest to [illegible] a man who was devoted by on time.

FREE SUNDAY LECTURES.—Mr. R. P. Ambler's