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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Triumph of the Holy Writings.—The performance of the play, which is now being acted at six o'clock, Tuesday and Wednesday, should avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of witnessing the finished impersonations of these excellent artists. On Saturday evening the "Charming Widow" was presented in the first of the series of plays, the opportunity of a large audience. Mrs. Watkins, in the character of Francine, proved herself worthy of the high eulogiums bestowed upon her by the first of European critics. It was in this part she passed so triumphantly through the ordeal of a debut before a London audience—the press pronouncing it one of the best pieces of high comedy ever witnessed in the Metropolis. The play in an elaborate manner, and that all the American actresses to eye saw, Mrs. Watkins is the most excellent European in her style. There is nothing false, artificial, or overdone; there is no evidence of effort in her acting. Her great characteristics are mass and mass. She never plays for points, but is superbly equal to the rising to the fall of the curtain. Here is the highest art, the art of the actor. "The Charming Widow" had points of difficulty about it which rendered it meet for exhibiting the stuff of which she is made. After all Mrs. Watkins acquitted herself in this difficult part, her audience testified with enthusiasm.

Mrs. Watkins and the Dequ's gave a capital performance of the old miser, while Mr. Steple, in the farce of "Here's my Wife," he convulsed the audience with laughter. To-night Mr. and Mrs. W. appear in two plays new to these boards, "The Peasant Princess" and "Too Late For The Train." These plays are highly spoken of and will doubtless attract a full house.

A FRANCE FOR FEMALES BENEVOLENCE.—Mrs. General Hawley, the estimable lady of the command in this District, has signalled her arrival in command by prompt and energetic efforts to organize and make available the benevolence of the whole portion of the community. A meeting of the ladies was held on Saturday afternoon, under Mrs. Hawley's auspices, at the Bellamy House, corner of 3rd and market street at which the kind and noble undertaking was commenced of providing for the special necessities of our invalid soldiers, particularly in the matter of bed clothing, and general comforts. The ladies are engaged to meet to continue their efforts, and Mrs. Hawley invites all who will to meet with her for this purpose at the same place on any and every afternoon.

Mr. Scholly's Death.—Mr. Alfred Taylor, a citizen of this city, last night reading in this city, committed suicide on Saturday last at his home in front of the city. It appears that he had been, for some time past, and on the day mentioned, was suffering with a violent dyspeptic attack, which induced a fit of temporary derangement, and he applied it to his head behind the ear, discharging its contents into the brain, producing almost instant death. Mr. Taylor was a gentleman of respectable means and his untimely death is a great loss not only to his family but to his many friends.

The "Herald" on Friday.—The first in Mr. Lincoln's long career on Friday night to which brief allusion was made in our edition of Tuesday, and which is the first of our going to press sheet and consists of a despatch, encircled to the efforts of the nation before such things were done. It was the first time our new fire organization had an opportunity of trying their powers and they gave good account of what they can do.

Local News.—We are indebted to Gen. Hawley, commanding the District, for the following papers from which we extract an interesting budget of the news.

Important to Republicans.—Attention is called to a circular from Captain Henig, chief commissary of the District, which we print in another column.

Report of Attack on Mobile by our Soldiers.—New Orleans, March 18, 1865.

The Picayune Extra.—On Saturday last an attack was made on two batteries defending Mobile bay, by the mobsters. Two of them silenced the batteries, driving the men from their guns. This we obtain from an eye witness of the engagement.

SHIRAZ BAIN.

His Safe Arrival at the White House.

All the Western Despatchers between Washington and New Orleans.

Washington, March 26, 1865.

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He advanced to within fifteen miles of Lynchburg, and the rebels were in the neighborhood. Not a bridge is left on the James between the two cities, and not a railroad bridge between Stanton and Charlottesville.

His destruction of the canal is thorough. One railroad could not be run in this canal in time of peace. It was a two mile canal, and was turned into the canal and washed it out fifteen feet below the level of the hills.

He carried devastation everywhere, and mystified the rebels by the eclaircies of his movements. The rebels had the worst of it, and were forced to retreat, and the most successful of them. The enemy is now in a state of confusion, and it is impossible for them to pass over some of them, and reloaded accordingly.

His march will soon be ready for anything.

Washington, March 26, 1865.

A Paris dispatch of yesterday, received from White House, and a late evening paper, reports the arrival of a steamer carrying a force on the north bank of the Pamunkey, a few miles from White House, at noon on Saturday.

The bridge across the river, which had been partially destroyed by the rebels, has been repaired by a portion of General Robert's command, which was sent to the White House some days since in anticipation of the appearance of Sheridan at that point with his forces. They will have no difficulty in crossing the river, which, it is supposed, would be effected by twelve o'clock last night.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF GEN. DAVIS.

Gen. Lee to be Dictator.

Davis Proposes that Grant and Lee Arrange the Terms of Peace.

The Situation Disclosed to the Washington Cabinet.

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