

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

PIC-NIC OF THE GERMAN SANGER-BUND.—Yesterday was the last day of the Sixth Grand Musical Festival, which the German Vocal Societies or Glee Clubs of the northern, eastern and southern states have been holding for the last few days in this city. We started out in good season to attend the Pic-Nic in Elm Park. Crowds were already there when we reached the grounds. Between eleven and twelve a grand procession of German vocalists and Turners—that is gymnasts—headed by three or four military companies, and accompanied with music, came marching into the Park. There were probably no less than five hundred of the Turners, and they were all dressed alike in pants and roundabouts of white linen. Each glee-club had its appropriate banner, which was hung with garlands of flowers. A large pipe, five or six feet long, and two or three huge beer-mugs, elevated on poles, were borne along in the procession. We also noticed, now and then, a man with an enormous ox-horn strapped on his back, mounted with silver, and filled with beer—a fit remembrancer of the times when glass was not so plenty as now. A volley of thirty-two guns, in honor of the Union, announced the formal commencement of the festival. We heard the number of people present estimated at twenty thousand. The day was spent in social festivities, beneath the inviting shades of the Park, in smoking cigars, drinking lager-beer, and eating sandwiches; in singing songs, making speeches, and snatching to and fro to the sound of music. Mr. Lexow, the President of the festival, had been disabled by an accident, so as to prevent his delivering the oration which was expected. He appeared on the grounds, however, in his carriage, and said a few words, in too low a tone to be heard by any except those close to the carriage. Short speeches were also delivered by Dr. Fersch and others. These speeches were not at all of a political character.

The speakers congratulated their countrymen upon their deliverance from the oppressions of European princes, and the enjoyment of the blessings of freedom. The mission of the Germans in this country, the excellencies of their character, their geniality of temperament, their sincerity of heart and fondness for music, these formed the burden of their remarks. With the exception of a few words uttered by the keeper of a lager-beer saloon on Staten Island, we heard nothing in the least degree offensive to the most enthusiastic or bigoted Know-Nothing. On the contrary, the Germans here assembled often gave unequivocal demonstrations of zealous and patriotic devotion to the country of their adoption. When they fired their salute at the opening of the festivities, it was in honor of the American Union. With their own national airs they mingled those of America. On their banners were the stars and stripes of our own flag. The leader of the Turners marched his men off one side, and made them a short speech. Among other things he complimented the American people, and three hearty cheers—the only ones during his whole address—were immediately given for the Americans.

It is also proper to notice the perfect good order and sobriety which prevailed in the midst of so much jollity and merriment. There was nothing like rowdiness on the ground. We doubt very much if the same number of Americans, or Irishmen, or Englishmen, of the same class of people, could spend a day together in this way without getting into a dozen drunken brawls, and winding up with a general riot and knock-down.

This custom of holding musical festivals is a very old one in Germany, and there is no doubt that it has contributed a great deal to the superior taste which we know they possess in this art, and also to the formation of their social character. Shut out, as the Germans are in their own country, by their despotic governments from all participation in public affairs, these musical festivals have come to supply the place of national celebrations. Hence it is that some of the happiest recollections of their fatherland are associated with the so-called *Sangerfeste*.

Our American people would do well to adopt this custom, which has been introduced among us by the Germans. It seems rather strange, indeed, that it has not been done before this. Our farmers have their annual agricultural fairs. Our professors have their scientific conventions. Our painters and sculptors have their annual exhibitions. Our politicians have their conventions and caucuses. Our clergymen, our reformers and philanthropists have their anniversaries. Why should not professional musicians and the lovers of the art have their annual gatherings, for the purpose of mutual encouragement, and the cultivation of a higher musical taste?—for it cannot be denied that the Americans are lamentably deficient in this respect.

THE FREE ACADEMY.—The examination of the students of this institution commences on Monday next, the 2d of July, and is to continue about two weeks.

The subjects on which the examination is held are those in which the pupils have been instructed for the last six months, and are such as are taught in the best and highest seminaries in this country. The Faculty are pleased with the attendance of visitors on the occasion, and we can assure all those who take an interest in these matters, that they will be well received and politely treated at the Free Academy.

We hear that there is the prospect of a large accession of students, who will present themselves at the examination for admission on the 12th and 13th of July.

The following will be the order of examination for the first week:

Class.	MONDAY, July 2.
Senior	Greek, German and Civil Engineering—Room 17—Prof. Owen, Glaubenskiee and Benedict.
Junior	English Literature, Roman Antiquities and German—Room 14—Prof. Barton and Glaubenskiee.
Sophomore	Logic—Room 27—Dr. Webster and Tut. Huntsman.
	TUESDAY, July 3.
Senior	French—Room 17—Prof. Roemer and Tut. Mudry.
Junior	Ancient Languages—Room 14—Prof. Owen.
Sophomore	English Literature—Room 14—Prof. Barton.
Introductory	Natural History—Rooms 24 and 29—Prof. Doernum.
	THURSDAY, July 5.
Junior	Natural Philosophy and Astronomy—Room 17—Prof. Nichols.
Sophomore	Dis. and Int. Calculus—Room 14—Prof. Docharly.
Freshman	Drawing and Perspective—Room 19—Prof. Daggan.
Introductory	Ancient and Modern Languages—Rooms 24 and 29—Prof. Owen and Roemer, Tut. Silber, Blankiron, Hardy and Murdy.
	FRIDAY, July 6.
Senior	Constitution United States—Room 17—Dr. Webster.
Sophomore	Ancient and Modern Languages—Room 14—Prof. Owen, Roemer and Mudry, and Tut. Mudry.
Freshman	Analytical Geometry—Room 24—Prof. Docharly, and Tut. Palmer and Shelden.

The hours of examination are 8 1-2 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 to 5 1-2 P. M.

THE INMATES OF OUR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.—Yesterday afternoon the Board of Governors held an interesting meeting at the Rotunda in the Park. Governor Townsend presided, and there was a majority of the members in attendance. The following report of the number of persons in the different institutions under the charge of the Governors was read:

NUMBER REMAINING FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, AT	
Bellevue Hospital.....	653
Lunatic Asylum.....	583
Alms House.....	1,045
Penitentiary.....	251
" Hospital, from Penitentiary.....	180
" " from workhouse.....	117
Workhouse.....	765
Small Pox Hospital.....	2
Randall's Island.....	733
" Hospital.....	232
City Prison.....	232
2d District Prison.....	30
3d District Prison.....	18
Colored Home.....	245
Colored Orphan Asylum.....	180
Children at Nurse.....	191
	5,711
Decrease 40.....	
Number remaining June 16.....	5,751
Admitted.....	1,354
	7,105
Died.....	35
Discharged.....	1,271
Sent to Penitentiary.....	108
	1,294
Remaining.....	5,711

Mr. Eldridge, warden of the work house, presented a communication relative to a fight among female prisoners on Sunday evening last. He had punished them by shower-baths, &c.

Dr. Ranney, physician to the Lunatic Asylum, requested an appropriation of twenty-five dollars for the celebration of the 4th of July, by fireworks, &c. A committee was appointed to consider the matter, with power to make the amount fifty dollars.

Communications were received from Dr. Sanger, physician of Blackwell's Island, and Joseph Keen, warden of penitentiary, stating that two prisoners had made their escape on the night of the 22d inst.

An amusing incident here occurred in the meeting. Three little boys from Randall's Island, all pretty nearly of a size, made their appearance, and announced that they had a communication to make. Gov. Townsend received them with politeness, and told them to make their wants known to the board. Master Haggerty, a bright little fellow, then stated, in a clear and distinct voice, that they had been appointed a committee to wait upon the Governors, and solicit them to select an orator for their Fourth of July celebration at Randall's Island. Governor Townsend said he should be most happy to do so, and suggested the name of Governor West. The latter responded to the compliment, and consented to entertain the children with an oration. The boys then left to carry the news to their playmates.

On motion of Governor Taylor, the salary of the warden of the workhouse was increased to \$2,000 a year. Gov. Duke strenuously opposed the motion, on the ground that the salaries of the other officers would have to be raised, and it would increase the expenses of the department \$70,000 a year.

The following removals and appointments were made by resolution, Gov. Duke voting in the negative in each case:

That Joseph Keen be removed from the office of warden of the penitentiary and be appointed warden of the workhouse.

That John Fitch be removed from the office of warden of the alms-house and be appointed warden of the penitentiary.

That Jonathan Stearns be removed from the office of warden of Randall's Island and be appointed warden of the alms-house.

That Herman Eldridge be appointed warden of Randall's Island.

These changes, on motion of Governor Taylor, are to take effect on the 15th of July next.

After the transaction of some other business, of no general interest, the board adjourned to meet at Randall's Island on the 10th of July.

ANOTHER CASE OF SUICIDE.—Coroner's Inquest.—This morning Coroner O'Donnell held an inquest at the New York Hospital upon the body of a young woman named Harriett O'Callaghan. From the testimony taken before the Coroner it appears that the deceased is married. Some time ago her husband went to sea, since which she has not heard from him, and thinking that he was dead, determined to destroy herself. Accordingly she last evening procured and took a quantity of arsenic. She was soon taken violently ill and was removed to the New York Hospital, where she died about one o'clock this morning. She had, on previous occasions, before her marriage, attempted to kill herself in the same way.

The Coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide by arsenic.

FALLING OF A FRAME BUILDING.—Two men severely injured—Narrow escape of four others.—About eleven o'clock yesterday morning a number of men were at work raising a frame building at the corner of Third avenue and Seventy-sixth street, the property of Thomas Starr, the building not being properly secured with braces, fell with a tremendous crash. There were six men at work in the basement and one on the first story. Four of them escaped miraculously without injury, the other two, named Samuel Helms and William Quebeck, were seriously bruised. Mr. Starr's father-in-law had his collar bone and thigh broken. They were conveyed home and attended by physicians.

ALDERMANIC VISIT TO BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.—The Committee on Alms-Houses of the Board of Aldermen will make a visit of inspection to the institutions on Blackwell's Island on Friday next.

SAILING OF THE ATLANTIC.—The United States mail steamer Atlantic, Capt. West, sailed from this port at 12 o'clock to-day for Liverpool, with 226 passengers. She also carried out \$797,763 89 in specie on freight.