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185.....Rampart Street.....185


Amusements This Evening.

ST CHARLES THEATRE—Fifty Thousand Dollars, Striking Oil from Family Jars. To Obtain Revenue.

VARIETIES THEATRE—Benefit of Mrs. Silsbee. Sidney Dixon, "The Lady of Lyons," and "Sixteen Hundred."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Miss Lizzie Hight and Silverdale's Opera.

## NEW TRANSATLANTIC POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

We publish below for the information of our readers, the following notice which has been issued from the Postoffice Department at Washington, touching the new postal regulations between the United States and Great Britain. These regulations take effect on and after the 1st of January, 1870.

It seems that the convention between the United States and France, hitherto in existence, will cease on the same date, in consequence of the failure of the two Governments to come to an understanding. Letters for France will, for the present, be forwarded via England, by a steamer direct for French ports, independent of any agreement between the postoffice authorities of the two countries. An official notice to this effect will be found below:

OFFICIAL.

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS AND THE PUBLIC.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Office of Foreign Mails,
Washington, Dec. 25, 1869.

On and after the first of January, 1870, the single rate of postage (gold or silver or under) for prepaid letters between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland will be reduced to six cents (three pence) per half ounce, or fractional part thereof. A fee of five cents (two pence) will be added to the fixed prepaid rate, to cover the cost of the British transit, and collected on delivery.

The regularity, sufficiency of payment, or non-payment of foreign postage, and the number of unpaid letters, will be indicated by the postmaster who may collect postage to complete, on and after January 1st, 1870.

By direction of the Postmaster General.

JOHN H. BLACKLEY,
Superintendent of Foreign Mails.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS AND THE PUBLIC.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Office of Foreign Mails,
Washington, Dec. 25, 1869.

On and after January 1, 1870, the exchange of mails between the United States and France will cease in consequence of the abrogation of the present postal convention between the Governments, to take effect on that date.

The correspondence addressed to France or received from France, on and after the 1st of January, will be exchanged via England, or other European ports, and transmitted between the two countries by the agent to be employed in the following rates of United States postage, to be prepaid by stamps, at the time of mailing. No money or coin, or United States currency, will be received in payment of postage, or delivery, a matter of indulgence.

Letters, 10 cents for a half ounce or under, and 5 cents for each additional half ounce thereof.

Letters to France must be sent from the United States open, to be examined by the British postoffice, and be forwarded by the British mail packet, and pass in the usual routing place in France and Italy.

Letters for France must be prepaid for the United States portion of the postage, to the British postoffice, or they will not be forwarded. Newspapers, and other printed matter, addressed to France, will be forwarded by the British mail packet, and pass in the usual routing place in France and Italy.

Newspapers, prepaid, and book packets, not exceeding four pounds in weight, will be forwarded by the British mail packet, and pass in the usual routing place in France and Italy.

Letters for