## THE NEW NORTHWEST, THURSDAY, OOTOBER 14, $\mathbf{1 8 8 0}$



## LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

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tarrytown-a baboy's death-Etc.
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New Yote, September 25, 1880. The New Yorker who lives the average gentle life, dividing it between the Stock Exchange, Del monico's and everywhere elve, a la fantaisie, has
no idea of the private dramas dally performed for nobody's benefit, but which are as painful to witthe post office, for example-a prosaic stone build ing in itself; but watch for an hour or so the poste restante windows. The enormons immigra tion of the present day gives rise to an immense addition to the letters which are intended to remain in the post office till called for; and probably there is no city in the world which receive New York. It is almost awful to observe the ever-waiting crowd one by one asking with a
beating heart fora letterwhtelt has not beating heart for a lefter whtel has not come-or
receiving from the impassible clerk a missive which brings happiness or sorrow to the poor ex patriated creature who has news from the old of the dead letters. Something must come of them, or they would accumulate in mountains. At any rate, the stold stone building stands in
the City Hall Park, while the moving multitude of expectanta weep or langh, aceording to the new of expectants weep or langh, aceording
their transatlantic letters bring them. son on Thuraday to participate in the festicities on Tarrytown on the occasion of the dedication of a new monument to the patriot captors of Major Andre. It was a great day in Westchester county and the people joined in it with more zest on ac count of-the erection of Cyrus W. Field's monu-
ment to the traitor Arnold's go-between and spy ment to the traitor Arnold's go-between and spy.
Field has his monument fenced in, and Dean Stanley's inseription glitters upon it; but I am safe in predicting that at some not. distant day on
will-be pulled down and thrown into the Hudson. It ought to be done while Dean stanley is on his second visit to this country. It is amazing that Cyrus W. Field should spend his money on such an unworthy object, while somewhere on the eas
side of this island, in an unknown grave, rest the ashes of Nathan Hale, the martyr spy of the Rev-olution-a younger, handsomer, braver, nobler man than Andre-who, thoughtless of self (and Andres mind had no room for anything but himself, died regretting that he had but one life to
give for his country. the Baron de Reiffenberg, representative of one of the oldest and wealthiest families of the Kingdom of Belgium, has died at the hospital attached to the penitentiary on Blackwell's isiand and been buried in Potter's field. His is another instance of the superiority of actual fact over romance.
Fifteen years ago he came to New York, rleh, Fifteen years ago he came to New York, rich,
handsome and well educated. In three years of handsome and well educated. In three years of from home told him he had reached the end of his from home told him he had reached the end of him
môney. Then he married a young girl, Annie Sweeney by-mame, and sank, step by step, until he became the denizen of an Italian tenement house in Mulberry street and a common thief. Business is on a boom, and every merchant sieeps the sleep of ease and contentment, conscious Wares. The theatres have not done well during
the "hot spell," but every cool night made up the the "hot spell," but every cool night made up the
aremige; and whencthere was a bona fide attraeaverage; and when there was a bona fide attrac
tion there has been most encouraging support.
Just so with the hotels, all of which are filled and Just so with the hot
The arrival of the Egyptian obelisk at its doek, and the advent of Senator Conkling with "the greatest effort of his life," have been the local
sensations of the hour. Both attracted crowds of sensations of the hour. Both attracted crowds of
spectators, who would like yery much to hear the little story that each holds inclosed in a granite
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