FRENCH BRILLIANT DAIRY SOAP,
Superior, Pure, Odorless and Durable.
FOR SALE BY GROCERS GENERALLY.
Wholesale Depot, 57 Chartres street.

NEW ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 1866.

ACCOUNT BOOKS THIS DAY.
of the finest and a large and assortment of superior and new styles, at 11 o'clock A. M., at his office, No. 42 Royal street.

LECTURES ON PHRENOLOGY.—Prof. Wm. C. Hinckley is giving a series of entertaining lectures on Phrenology at No. 57 St. Charles street. Each lecture is followed by blind-fold examination of the character of character. The Professor also gives private examinations, and delineates the various shades of character, and tells whether the nature of a person's disease with out asking questions. The lectures commence at 8 P. M. Office hours, from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

WATERING THE STREETS.—Mr. Thomas Connolly has undertaken a plan for regularly watering the streets during the spring and summer months. Proprietors or occupants of houses, by paying a light tax, (say, $3 per month,) may secure constant relief from dusty streets while passing their premises, in the summer, as much as desired or demanded. Every merchant, of course, knows how much merchandise, of every kind that may be exposed for retail, is injured from this cause. Almost the whole of the First District is now watered by Mr. Connolly, who proposes to extend his operations over the Second District. Those who may wish to engage his services, can do so by applying at 197 Perdido street.

We are obliged to a gentleman not long since from Vera Cruz, via Tampa, for a copy of Col. H. W. Allen's paper, the Mexican Times. We seen in his letter-head that the editor was going to Texas. He was at Vera Cruz when this gentleman, and, at the latter epoch, intended to return to the capital.

LATEST FROM THE WEST AND NORTH.—We have by the Pelican, Steamer Texas, Wm. Wo[illegible] and the Mississippi, from Cincinnati of the 31st., and from New York of the 30th ult.

AMUSEMENTS.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—Mr. Chanfrau will appear again, to-night, in his popular caricature of "Sam." He is ably supported by Messrs. Walden, Pardee, Rogers, and Davenport, and most charmingly by Mrs. Chanfrau and Miss Adams.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Still another change of programme is announced for this evening by the management. The Irishman's Heart-Strings appears in this laughable pantomime of "Vol-au-Vent." Hernandez is a capital musician, and "Vol-au-Vent" gives him a chance of showing what he can do in that line.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Lotta is winning "golden opinions" from every one. She has drawn the best houses of the season so far on the St. Charles is concerned, all due to the rollicking gayety which seems to be a portion of herself. To-night, she will give a touch of her condition in the "Seven Daughters of Sajan."

MASONIC HALL.—The English necromancer and basilico-thaumaturgist, "Maitland" is exciting marked attention by a series of new and exceedingly curious feats of leger-de-main. He is supported by Miss Jane F. Dillon, the skillful prestidigitateuse. Mr. Maitland seems to be up to date. He combines that knowledge of accomplishes more by deception than others do by pretended supernatural agency. If for nothing else, Mr. Maitland should be appreciated for this frank and most unusual admission.

A PRACTICAL VIEW OF NEGRO SUFFRAGE.—GEN. LEE.—Some of the remarks of Gen. Lee in answer to questions put to him by the Reconstruction Committee exhibit him as possessing a statesmanlike sagacity which is the fit accompaniment of his transcendent military ability. What he replied when questioned as to the probable course of Virginia in reference to negro suffrage, in case of the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment excluding the black population from the basis of representation unless they be admitted to the elective franchise, is notably practical and suggestive. No one can read his laconic but lucid opinions without feeling how forcibly he makes it appear that the only rash and ruinous course of dealing with the subject is to treat it, by the light of experience and according to the requirements of the immediate situation, as purely a question of expediency, and not one to be determined by the arbitrary application of general dogmas. We quote that portion of Gen. Lee's examination to which we refer:

Q.—Would she consent, under any circumstances, to allow the black people to vote, even if she were to gain a larger number of representatives in Congress?

A.—That would depend upon her interests. If she had the right of determining that, I do not see why she would object. If it would be for the interest to admit these people to vote, that would override any other objection that she had to it.

Q.—What, in your opinion, would be the practical result? Do you think that Virginia would consent to allow the negro to vote?

A.—I think that at present she would accept the amendment, and I do not know what will be the future may develop. If it should be plain to her that these persons will vote properly and understand what they are about, she will vote.

By Mr. Blow—Q.—Do you not think it would turn a good deal in the cotton States upon the value of the labor of the black people? upon the amount which they produce?

A.—In a good many States in the South, and in a good many counties in Virginia, if the black people were allowed to vote, it would, I think, exclude proper representation, that is proper intelligent people, would not be elected, and rather than suffer that injury, they would not let them vote at all.

Q.—Do you not think that the question as to whether the Southern States should allow the colored people the right of suffrage, in order to increase representation, would depend a good deal upon the number of the colored people who might enfranchise to the wealth of the State, in order to secure two things—first, the larger representation, and second, the influence desired from these persons voting?

A.—I think they would determine the question next in reference to their property; in the manner in which them votes would be exercised, whether they consider those people qualified to vote. My own opinion is that at this time they are not sufficiently intelligent, and that giving them the right of suffrage would open the door to a good deal of demagogueism and lead to embarrassments of various kinds; but in the future may prove, how intelligent they may become, with what eyes they may look upon the interests of the State in which they may reside, I cannot say more than you can.

Here we see a great and simple-minded soldier coming at once, by a sort of intuition, to the conclusions of the wisest, calmest, most discriminating and most patient statesmanship. The principle involved in the proposition is one that is self-evident as soon as stated, and one that can never, under any theory or upon any plea, be violated with impunity. It is briefly this, that States to vote, in view of public interests to be affected by popular elections, should determine the exercise of the elective franchise. In other words, the good of the State is the proper measure of that, as of every other political right. Only utter depravity or utter imbecility can deny so plain a proposition. If it is not just and expedient to extend to all the right to make and to administer the laws, it cannot be just and expedient to extend to all the right of choosing those who make and those who administer the laws. The two functions come under the common principle of fitness as determined by the public welfare. A voter is indeed supply a law-maker and a law-administrator in the last of suffrage, he is not exercising a personal privilege but he is discharging a public office. It is no more the natural and unqualified right of every man or of every woman to vote in political elections, than it is his or her natural and unqualified right to be President of the United States, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Rear Admiral in the Navy, or Lieutenant-General in the Army.

Suffrage, then, being a function to be withheld, limited, or extended, as the interests of the State may demand, there can be no doubt whatever as to the ground on which to place the practical solution of the question of negro suffrage. Mr. Sumner, though capable of climbing to very sublime heights of theory, today, does not seem so furious to assert the practicability of a perfect accomplishment of universal suffrage. Mr. Ellsworth describes a barber who shaved his caller, but refused to shave his cobbler, saying "I must draw a line somewhere, and I might as well make it there." There is the same necessity in regard to the right of suffrage. A line must be drawn somewhere. This practical question is precisely where to draw it. But there is little doubt, as we think, that, if fanaticism and partisan interests were out of the way, the whole country would soon decide it to be alike convenient and wise, for the present, to draw a line which would exclude the black population from political functions.

The steamship Huntsville, Capt. Crocker, sailed last evening for New York, with a full freight and the following passengers:

Miss E Fowler, Mrs T Bowden and 2 children, Mrs J Bowden and child, Mrs H Bowden and child, Mrs Dr Bowden and child, Mrs R H Bowden and child, Miss Wood, Miss Bowden, A L Vaughan and others.

The French Exposition.

The programme of the French Exposition is very well defined, and seems to have undergone no further alterations except in the Commission, and the appointment of the workmen and exhibitors.

Before Dec. 1, 1866.—The palace and build[illegible]

Before Jan. 1, 1867.—French artists are to [illegible]

Before Jan. 15, 1867.—The special arrange[illegible]

Before March 1, 1867.—Admission of foreign products at the seaports and frontier towns, and the constitution of the Exposition on natural ground in the Champ de Mars.

From Jan. 1, 1867 to March 10, 1867.—Receiving and classifying goods in the compartments.

From March 11 to March 20, 1867.—Arrangement and classification of goods.

March 20 and 30, 1867.—General cleaning of the palace and park.

April 1, 1867.—Official inspection of the whole exposition.

April 1, 1867.—Opening of the exposition.

April 15 to 30, 1867.—Closing of the exposition.

May 1 to Nov. 30.—Removal of goods and [illegible]

The committee to decide upon the admission of goods have exclusive responsibility, and their decisions are to be submitted to the Emperor in the manner of the commissioners. The [illegible] have been assigned to themselves [illegible]

# The New Orleans Bee.

OFFICE 73 CHARTRES STREET. NEW ORLEANS, WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 1866. Vol. XXVII—New Series. Vol. XVII—Whole—13,752.

## THE PEACE PROCLAMATION.

The Executive proclamation, heralding the restoration of peace in all parts of the United States, is now an official announcement of a very obvious fact, there is a dissent, on the part of the publication of the purpose of the President to retain the views of Congress in regard to the retain the Southern States under a provisional military government and to subject them to the harm of political inequality wherever established in the Federal Congress.

It is important to observe that, undoubtedly the President shows, by the declaration of both Congress and the Executive in the exception Congress and the Executive in the hostilities were not conducted against States as such, but against combinations of individuals, and not with a purpose to overthrow States or their institutions, but to maintain the supremacy of the Constitution without impairing the equality of States. From these facts the President deduces, as the grand principle established by the defeat of the rebellion, that a State has a right of its own will to separate itself from the Union, and that each State ought to form an integral part of the Union.

With a mind eminently logical, although he is not a lawyer by profession, the President holds that the Government is bound to look after the phenomena with which it entered into and continued to conduct the armed controversy. He wants a judgment strictly upon the record. And here he comes in conflict with Congress which insists on reopening the trial and changing the issue.

In this proclamation, the Executive head of the United States does solemnly declare that eleven States enumerated are of right, what perfectly in fact, in the Union, and that it is his intention to deal with them accordingly. This distinct position involves the contingency of a more serious collision with Congress than has yet occurred. Conceive, for example, that Congress should pass the Civil Rights bill over the Executive veto by two-thirds of its number, but by less than two-thirds of its number if Southern members were present; and that hereupon the President should inform this body that he would deem it his constitutional duty not to execute the act until it should have been passed by two-thirds of a full Congress, including members from all the Southern States constitutionally entitled to representation. There is no need to continue the hypothesis further.

## Proclamations of the President Declaring the Insurrection at an End.

*Washington*, April 2.—Whereas, by proclamations of the 15th and 19th of April, 1861, the President of the United States, in virtue of the power vested in him by the Constitution and laws, declared that the ports of the United States were opposed and the execution thereof obstructed by the combinations in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, or by the powers vested in the Marshals by law; and

Whereas, By another proclamation, made on the 16th day of August, 1861, in the same year, in pursuance of an act of Congress, approved July 13th, 1861, the inhabitants of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida, except the inhabitants of that portion of the State of Virginia lying west of the Alleghany mountains and of such other part of that State, and the other States before named as might maintain a loyal adhesion to the Union and the Constitution, or might be from time to time occupied and controlled by the forces of the United States engaged in the dispersion of insurgents were declared to be in insurrection against the United States; and

Whereas, by another proclamation of the first day of January, 1863, made in pursuance of an act of Congress, approved July 17th, in the same year, the insurrection was declared to be still existing in the States aforesaid, with the exception of certain specified counties in the State of Virginia. Whereas, by another proclamation, made on the 15th day of April, 1863, from time to time, the inhabitants of the States of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida, and Virginia, except the fifty-eight counties of Virginia, designated as West Virginia, and ports of New Orleans, Key West, Port Royal and Beaufort, South Carolina, were declared to be in a state of insurrection against the United States; and whereas, the Senate and House of Representatives, on the 22d of July, 1861, adopted resolutions in the following words, viz:

*Resolved*, By the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, that the present deplorable civil war has been forced upon the country by the disunionists of the Southern States now in rebellion against the constitutional governments, in some instances, their capital, that in this national emergency, Congress, banishing all feelings of resentment, will do only its duty to the whole country.

That this war is not waged in our part in any spirit of oppression, nor for any purpose of conquest or subjugation, nor for any purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the established institutions of those States, but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution and preserve the Union, with all the dignity, equality and rights of the several States unimpaired; and when these objects are accomplished, the war ought to cease; and

Whereas, these resolutions, though not joint or concurrent, form one substantially, and may be regarded as having expressed the views of Congress on the subject to which they relate, and

Whereas, by my proclamation of the 13th of June last, the insurrection in the State of Tennessee was declared to be suppressed, and the authority of the United States therein to be undisputed, and such United States officers as has been duly commissioned to be in the undisputed exercise of their official functions and whereas, there exists no organized armed resistance of misguided citizens, or others, to the authority of the United States in the States of Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Florida, and the laws can be sustained and enforced therein by the proper civil authority of the State or Federal, and the people of the said States are well and loyally disposed, and have the power to and will conform in their Legislatures to the condition of affairs growing out of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery within the limits and jurisdiction of the United States; and whereas, in view of the facts before recited premises, it is the manifest determination of the people that no State of the Union will hereafter place or tolerate the power to organize any political organization which shall repudiate or refuse to recognize the constitutional amendment aforesaid; and whereas, the Legislatures of the several States have, in the manner provided by their constitutions, ratified the amendment aforesaid, and in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the United States such amendment has become valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution, and is binding upon the States and the people thereof, by the supreme law of the land; and whereas, the Governments of the several States have been certified to me by the Secretary of State as having ratified the said amendment; and whereas, the Legislatures of the States of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, and the Provisional Governor of Mississippi, whose States constituted parts of the Confederate States, have each ratified the said amendment; and whereas, the Legislatures of all the States except Texas, have been in session more than four months, and no State has attempted to withdraw its ratification of the said amendment; and whereas, the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States have ratified the said amendment, and the Legislatures of more than three-fourths of the States, including the Legislatures of all the States in which the said amendment was proposed as a condition precedent to their restoration, have ratified the same; and whereas,