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NEW ORLEANS:
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Announcements This Morning.

OPERA HOUSE—At noon, "La Dame Blanche," Evening, "Robert-le-Diable."
CHARLES THEATRE—Miss Julia Thompson—Impossible," Paris, or the Apple of Discord."
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—"The Unlucky Comique Comique—"Rodrigue Cramer."

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST.

In a late issue we chronicled the existence of a fierce contest for the seat of Mr. J. S. Harris, present Senator for Louisiana in the Congress of the United States, whose term expires on 4th March next. This conflict may well be termed irrepressible one from the character of the aspirants, the circumstances under which they meet and the determination which inspires them to win the race. Two other candidates have publicly announced themselves since our comments were made—Messrs. L. A. Sheldon and E. West. The former is at present a member of the House of Representatives, and the latter a member of our City Council. West is said to be trotted out by Warmoth. The contest, as will be seen from the names of the candidates, is entirely between nominees of the different wings of the Republican party. The Democrats abstaining from nominations entirely. All the signs forbode a fierce fight before the thing is finally settled. Since the return of the delegations from Washington, that wing of the party which rejoices in its exclusive equality—"without reference to race, color or previous condition," and which musters under his broad pennant, has grown uncommonly bold and aggressive. They say the carpet-baggers have fed them on promises long enough—that they have "gone back" on all their covenants with them, and that while they (the colored element) have given all the voting, they have simply been thrown the scraps from the tables of the great Belshazzars of the party—Warmoth and his ilk—like dogs in the street. In turns they grow even more truculent and say that the cabalistic writing is already on the wall, pronouncing the early doom of these traffickers in the flesh and blood of their party. They say Warmoth is a swaggerer—that he tries to carry his points, and has carried them so far by bullying and threats, but that his teeth are out and he can bite no more—that his patronage has been all dispensed already, and that every office he has given out made him ten enemies and one ingrate—that his reputed power is simply a scare-crow put up by his henchmen to effect—that he was beaten by Dunn in the last convention of the party, and has been easily check-mated at Washington by the same illustrious champion. They say the game has come when takes must be told and the people apprised of how Warmoth, Lew. McMillen and Company have robbed the State, and by their conduct in high places made the name of Louisiana a hissing and a bye-word with reputable people. They say the facts about the Levees, the Slaughter-house, the Jackson Railroad and the other gigantic wrongs they have perpetrated, must see the light and the people afforded some knowledge of the way in which these large fortunes were obtained with which they are starting to buy the Legislature into a fresh act of submission to their will. Such is the smart talk of Burch, Pinchback and others, field-marshals of their race in the Legislature. On the other hand, Warmoth, who has in the last day or two come to the front and taken active command of the carpet-baggers, is for the first time talking. The threat of investigation into his official conduct and that of his friends, with sly hints at probable impeachment, has taken the starch out of the Governor and put him on the defensive. The Democrats are urged to come to his aid, and the story goes that overtures are being made in all directions to the thirty-six Democrats in the Legislature to support him in this hand to hand contest with a section of his own party. Before falling in with these invitations we presume they will be closely examined and that Warmoth's past conduct will be reviewed for the purpose of ascertaining how far such a man can be trusted.

The Democrats know very well that overtures would not be made to them by Warmoth unless he were in a very tight place and needed their help. They will therefore consider how far it will be proper for them to listen to his proposals. If for the interest of the people of Louisiana to entertain these proposals, they will have it in their power to dictate terms. It is an opportunity when they can perhaps render a great service to their constituents. Let them not listen to evil suggestions, but be on their guard against the tempter.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ACADEMY.—To-day will be a gala day for the little ones, for they can go and see Robinson Crusoe, in his own hut on his island home; make the acquaintance of Friday, the veritable goat, and find monkey, and all the other comfortable arrangements with which Robinson surrounded himself. Then, besides, there is the grand olio performance, which affords a sharp fighting.

Philip Hardwick, an English architect, is dead.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—The steamer Holland from New York for Liverpool, touched at Queenstown yesterday, and proceeded to this port.

Bark Thunsaldin, Captain Vorsatz, from Philadelphia for Bremen, is ashore at Langeroon. All the crew except three sailors were saved.

The Artesian from Philadelphia was spoken. She threw overboard 900 casks of petroleum during the voyage.

[NOTE.]—This vessel mentioned above is probably the ship Artesian, Capt. Smith, from New York, November 28th, bound for Rotterdam.

Rome, Dec. 30.—An exercise of the Tiber has flooded half the city and destroyed a great deal of property.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The Cortes has adopted a resolution expressive its horror of the attempt to assassinate Gen. Prim, and passed a vote of confidence in the Government.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Gen. Prim respectfully declines forwards surgery from his wounds. Several shots have lodged in his arm and in the region of the kidneys, and the condition is considerable. He has, however, effected this transfer of power.

Admiral Topete has assumed provisionally the functions of Gen. Prim as President of the Council of Ministers, as well as the temporary of the counsel.

Señor Zayala has been appointed Minister of Finance.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Several battalions of guards, who were returning from the provinces, have been ordered to the capital. Several companies of the Royal Guard have been ordered to the palace of the King.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Reports are circulated from many quarters that the wounds obtained from the assassination of Gen. Prim were not dangerous, and that he was recovering satisfactorily. Dispatches received this evening from Cartagena, however, state that Gen. Prim is dangerously ill. Dispatches from Barcelona express sympathy for Gen. Prim. Señor Martinez, ex-Minister of Finance, has been appointed Governor of Barcelona, in the room of Prim. Señor Olozaga, Vice Presidents of the Cortes, and Señor Rivero, President of the Council of Ministers, have been appointed Commissioners to proceed to Cartagena for the purpose of taking the deposition of Gen. Prim, who is dangerously wounded. Señor Olozaga, however, is too ill to undertake the journey, and Señor Rivero will proceed alone. Señor Rivero will start this evening. Señor Olozaga will remain in Madrid. Señor Rivero will start this evening. Señor Olozaga will remain in Madrid. Señor Rivero will start this evening. Señor Olozaga will remain in Madrid.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Gen. Prim's wife and daughter left this morning for Cartagena