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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 18, 1869.

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Amusements This Evening.

VARIETIES THEATRE—First week of the engagement of Miss Rachel Johnson.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Jessie Lee" and "The Black Sheep."

OPERA HOUSE—"Louis de Lammermoor."

OBEDIENCE TO LAW.

The *Jeffersonian*, commenting upon the letter lately written by Governor Warmoth to General Mower, relative to the alleged disorders in Franklin parish, in which the Governor intimates that severe measures will be taken to correct the evils complained of, says:

"It is time that crime take to the back seat. It is time that officers did their duty. This is what the Governor means. He intends to have the law enforced in Franklin. Laws or no laws is the question."

No objection can be made to the utterance of general sentiments like these. We entirely concur with the *Jeffersonian* in the duty of strict obedience to law by the people of Franklin parish and all other parishes. But we do not acknowledge that the people of Franklin deserve time to be singled out and held up to public censure. We are not aware that they are less a law abiding people than the citizens of Jefferson parish, or the citizens of New Orleans. The last homicide committed in Franklin parish was the cold-blooded murder of an inoffensive young man by the officer commanding the detachment of United States soldiers sent to Franklin to protect life and not to take it. This officer is probably a Northern man, and we have not heard that he has been censured, much less punished. We do not understand that Governor Warmoth, whose duty it is to have the laws of Louisiana enforced and to protect its citizens, has asked for his removal. Now, we think it would become Governor Warmoth, and his organs of the press, themselves to set the example of obedience to law before calling it upon other people. The fact of the matter is that our rulers are largely responsible for the present condition of society in this part of the country as well as in other parts of the country, and have no right to require from the people that good conduct of which they are not the exemplars. It is not permitted to a President, or a Cabinet officer, or a Judicial officer, or a Governor to commit acts of pillage when they do not themselves implicitly and strictly obey the laws. It is required of rulers that they set an example to the people. How has it been, in the United States generally, for some years past, and in the State of Louisiana in particular? The history of the times, the records of the courts, the public press of our newspapers, all testify to the disregard of the obligations of law by the people. The crimes of officers are not set off for our own crimes. That is poor reasoning which answers an accusation by alleging that the accuser is no better than the accused, but we do say that he who charges off another must himself be clear of blame before he can be heard to charge another. He who sits in judgment and naturally expects that the evil in the community and the punishment of it rest with the rulers and the punishment of it with the people. And when a ruler of the people must also be an executive prosecutor of himself, that he has been the case is known to everybody. We are tired of hearing this constant denunciation of Franklin parish, when in reality one we suspect it is that certain men in high places who have been defeated in their schemes in that part of the State, have inflicted a curse on the people there and take every opportunity of misrepresenting them. For every instance of law breaking in Franklin we undertake to say that twenty in the North. The way to teach the people successfully is to remove from them the pressure of misgovernment. There is no danger from the present abuse of a population. Education is the sure knock-down and drag-out treatment of a rapid and infrequent incursion out of the good that was in him until the character of an outlaw came to be attached by the rapid himself as a name appropriate to be coupled. Let the people of Franklin alone. If they have been wrong they will come right again.

THE OPERA—Dr. Ertz's popular opera of Louis de Lammermoor" will be presented this night for the first time this season. Mr. Mencis and Mr. Dumestre, the accomplished tenor and baritone of the troupe, are in the cast. Miss Leipsic personates the character of *Lucia*, which will of course afford an opportunity of judging of her talents.

ST. VINCENT'S HOME FOR DESTITUTE BOYS—We remind our readers of the labor that has been so ably and well performed by the ladies of the Fair, which opens to-day and will be continued on the following days, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Camp street, for the benefit of St. Vincent's Home for Destitute Boys—a cause which strongly appeals to the sympathies of a benevolent public.

We acknowledge receipt, through Messrs. Albert Stucky and Gustave Hennebery, of a courteous invitation to attend the grand ball to be given by the New Orleans Turngemeinde, in their hall, corner Lafayette and Dryades streets, on Saturday evening, 20th inst.

THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP—The rumor that President Grant had tendered to Mr. Thomas J. Durant the appointment of Judge of the United States Court in the Fifth Circuit in preference to that of the Washington circuit in case of the New York Times to be with the consideration. He says no tenders have been made of any of these judgeships. The rumor that Mr. Durant had declined must therefore be equally without foundation.

We strongly suspect the nomination was made by a certain clique in New Orleans who sent it telegraphed from Washington. This is the way knaves is oftentimes manufactured.

For Coughs and Throat Disorders, use Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry. Having for more than fifty years proved its efficacy in the most severe cases, it is offered to the public with confidence that it will prove found more reliable than ever before. For sale by all druggists.

THE SOLDIERS OF THE LATE WAR—The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* admires the spirit that is manifested by the soldiers of the late war. The editor says:

"Every time one of the war is thrown by the wayside, without employment from previous engagements, or from the want of them, he is immediately set down as a mercenary. A mercenary is a man who fights for money. Those who have been in the army are called by this name, and the word is thrown in their teeth, which, for both North and South, are harbingers of better days. And it is true that many of the young people of the men of both sections. It is not creditable for, to reflect that men who have been a credit to the land. We do not make these observations for the purpose of inviting criticism of law by the people. The crimes of officers are not set off for our own crimes. That is poor reasoning which answers an accusation by alleging that the accuser is no better than the accused, but we do say that he who charges off another must himself be clear of blame before he can be heard to charge another. He who sits in judgment and naturally expects that the evil in the community and the punishment of it rest with the rulers and the punishment of it with the people. And when a ruler of the people must also be an executive prosecutor of himself, that he has been the case is known to everybody. We are tired of hearing this constant denunciation of Franklin parish, when in reality one we suspect it is that certain men in high places who have been defeated in their schemes in that part of the State, have inflicted a curse on the people there and take every opportunity of misrepresenting them. For every instance of law breaking in Franklin we undertake to say that twenty in the North. The way to teach the people successfully is to remove from them the pressure of misgovernment. There is no danger from the present abuse of a population. Education is the sure knock-down and drag-out treatment of a rapid and infrequent incursion out of the good that was in him until the character of an outlaw came to be attached by the rapid himself as a name appropriate to be coupled. Let the people of Franklin alone. If they have been wrong they will come right again.

Burning of Plantations by the Cuban Insurgents—Havana Markets—Havana, Nov. 17th—The United States steamer Tuscarora arrived here on the 14th inst. The insurgents have burned the Gloria and Soledad plantations in the immediate vicinity of Cardenas. The Havana banks are closed and generally unchanged.

CONTEMPT OF COURT—While Thad Stevens was a young lawyer, his niece had a case before a red tempered judge of an obscure Pennsylvania court. Under what he considered a very erroneous ruling it was decided against her, whereupon he threw down his book and pencil up his hat in a state of indignation, and was about to leave the court-room, muttering contempt aloud at the bench. The judge straightened himself up full height, and raised his voice of clouded majesty, and asked Thad if he meant to express his contempt for the court. Thad turned to him very deferentially, made a respectful bow, and replied, in tones of earnest candor: "Express my contempt for the court, No, Sir! I am trying to conceal it from myself, as he turned to leave, "and I find it very hard to do it."

The Legal Tender Question.

We have several times referred to the vague expectation on the part of the public that the Supreme Court of the United States would declare the legal tender act to be unconstitutional, and now the Washington correspondent of the New York *Journal of Commerce* intimates that such a decision has already been reached, although, for what reason, not yet promulgated. The *Journal* thinks it very likely that the rumors about the prospective returns to specie payment, at first credited to Secretary Boutwell, and afterward denied by him, have originated in the opinion of the court, of which a hint may have been given, and it adds:

"Our habitual readers know that we have expressed but one opinion on this subject from the beginning. The act will be annulled ere long, either by Congress or the court. A repeal by the National Legislature would be a great blessing to the nation, but a decision of the highest court against its constitutionality would do more for the national credit and the public prosperity than any other event which is within the range of probabilities.

"There will be understood through all our borders that a contract for the payment of money must be settled as agreed upon by the equivalent of the obligation, and a stimulus will be given to the trade and industrial enterprise that will set every good man to work with a fresh activity. Once let it be published abroad that the United States not only does not propose to pay her creditors in a paper promise, but that under our Constitution she could not make such a tender if she were honest, and the national credit will bound to a height it has not attained for years. And the decision will satisfy reason and common sense. If it be a rightful legislament, it stood, let the hope, for all time as a barrier against the repetition of such a legislation. The deadening to every moral and material interest ever attempted in the history of that nation."

Another Washington correspondent says:

Numerous letters have been received here within the last few weeks, from various parts of the country, in reference to the probable action of the court, but there does not appear to be much ground for any definite settlement of the matter. The exact position of each of the Judges on the subject is freely mentioned in many quarters, but no reliance can be placed on the statement. A deadly well-informed gentleman, who occupies a high official position, says that the whole subject has been discussed and that the Supreme Court is pretty well divided about it. He gives it as his opinion that no decision will be made for some time to come.

NEW YORK AND THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT—The New York Democrats threw on the Legislature and cancelling by their newly elected Legislature of the resolution to defy the Federal Government ratifying the Fifteenth Constitutional Amendment. They claim that resolution was to be construed that Democracy ratify or legislate unconstitutional to do, New York may withdraw its former ratification. This case is complicated by the fact that Gov Hoff has never yet filed the work by Congress, forcing the ratification to the proper department of the Federal Government. The Republicans hold that this is now the matter, and that the new Legislature required to open it. They also make the point that there is a material difference between negative and positive action—between a refusal to ratify and the subsequent act of rescission. They say that a trial to dissolving and a failure does not preclude other trials, but that when the Legislature, there it an end of it. We leave the New York parties to fight their own battles. In doing New York 21 will be doing nothing to settle the question. Indeed, we are satisfied that the amendment is a dead letter. From the date of its ratification, or one more than is necessary. The two-thirds are required to ratify the amendment is a mere precedent to reconstruction—*Baltimore Sun*.

PARKER PILLSBURY ON RECONSTRUCTION—Mr. Parker Pillsbury writes a letter to the New York *Independent* on "The South as It Is." In which he says:

I think the North knows less of the actual South to-day than it did almost any portion of the late Republican boast rule there, and for the same time I do not refer to the white southerners, especially from Democratic counties, are cool heads or unworthy of confidence, as no doubt many I am are. But it is time one thing was said and believed, too, everywhere, and that is, that reconstruction, so far, is a failure. It is a bad failure. From the day of its first to the present time it has been a simple fraud, conceited female. *L'Intercontinental* of to-day, a French paper, says of the affair in New Orleans: "*C'est un scandale*. Shove led in the "Memoirs of Foreign Lands," and some judge so far as to say that the statements in the Uncle Tom's Cabin" were not sensibly refuted, and the falsehoods time put under the guise of partial truth are the most dangerous kind of special pleading that was ever attempted by a fanatical, conceited female. *L'Intercontinental* of to-day, a French paper, says of the affair in New Orleans: "*C'est un scandale*. Shove led in the "Memoirs of Foreign Lands," and some judge so far as to say that the statements in the Uncle Tom's Cabin" were not sensibly refuted, and the falsehoods time put under the guise of partial truth are the most dangerous kind of special pleading that was ever attempted by a fanatical, conceited female. *L'Intercontinental* of to-day, a French paper, says of the affair in New Orleans: "*C'est un scandale*. *Oh! grands nouvelle! la bigote Mrs. Hooker Stowe vient de remplir le silence encore*." —*Ex*.

FROM FRANCE—THE PRESIDENT'S HOME PASSAGE *Herald*, Nov. 17—The steamship Europa, Capt. Duncombe, of the General Transatlantic Company, which arrived here on Monday, made the shortest ocean passage on record. The Panama left Sandy Hook on the 30th ult., at 3:35 P. M., and arrived at Brest, Nov. 8, at 8 A. M., thus making the run in eight days, six hours and thirty-five minutes actual time. This is equivalent to seven days, twenty-one hours and thirty-five minutes to Queenstown, which has never yet been done.

The "Twenty-Sixth" in Paris.

NO DISTURBANCES IN PARIS—SUCCESS OF NAPOLEON'S PREPARATIONS—APPEARANCE OF M. GAGNE.

[From Our Original.]

Those persons who look for disturbances in Paris on the 26th of October, find themselves most egregiously disappointed, as not the slightest appearance of an assemblage is to be seen this afternoon in any of the great thoroughfares. The Place de la Concorde and the vicinity of the Legislative Palace are quite deserted, not an individual more than on ordinary days being visible. The weather is magnificent, a warm sun shining out brightly, but even that temptation has not induced the population of the capital to abandon their firesides out doors. We can not too earnestly congratulate them on their prudent reserve. His Majesty the Emperor, accompanied by Gen. Fleury, about 2 o'clock, proceeded by the promenade conducting from the private gardens of the Tuileries to the terrace facing the Place de la Concorde, and walked up and down for some time. Toward 3 o'clock about one hundred and fifty young men, followed by a dozen open cabs, went down the Rue de Rivoli from the Rue St. Florentin to the Tuileries, seemingly expecting to be stopped and dispersed. No notice, however, being taken of them, they stopped for some time in front of the private garden adjoining the palace, and then disappeared. At 3 o'clock M Gagne came to make his demonstration. He placed himself at the foot of the Obelisk, and as soon as about a hundred persons had collected, he pronounced a speech, in which he declared that the happiness of the country consisted in a complete reform of the present system; that all the State business ought to be participated, and particularly the legislative chamber. He ended by vociferating, "Down with the Legislative Body." This harangue was received with ironical applause and laughter, some persons even throwing him eggs, as if to a mountebank. A sergeant de ville then told him to move on, which he did, leaving the crowd behind. He is an old man, with white hair, and having the appearance of being touched in the head.

CURIOUS RESULT OF ILLEGIBLE WRITING—A London letter to the Boston *Advertiser* says:

In connection with a letter received from his lordship, Hylton, a curious story is told. The letter treated of an important matter and embodied much of the wit and wisdom of the writer. The gentleman to whom it was addressed—no doubt Mr Helps himself—called in the aid of a government clerk, upon whose head he is very skilful in deciphering handwritings, and he gave in writing the version of it. That version resulted to the clever and deep. Further investigation by the writer revealed that the government clerk's rendering was totally wrong. For instance, he had rendered a certain sentence "that," for the writer of the letter had never intended it. Not to the government clerk, for he was a plain, practical man who knew nothing of the science of Robert and Scott. Added to which, no one completely new no leave no trace of their existence. He was about 18 years of age, and Gantz about 21 years old. Both were natives of the city. Ross father resided south of the river, and his was Coroner Keene, who will hold an inquest today.

The deceased were both horribly mangled. Ross throat had evidently been cut by one of the missiles and his body was almost covered with wounds. Gantz's head was terribly mutilated, and the eyes were protruding from the sockets. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from the visitation of God.

Burning of Mississippi Steamer—The steamer Grand Duke, from Memphis, Nov. 15th, for Vicksburg, was burned to the water's edge on the night of the 14th. Loss $100,000; insurance $50,000.

Fire at Masonic Hall—The fair which has been going on at the Masonic Hall for the benefit of Father Sheehan's Church, closed on the 16th inst., this evening. The restaurant table is presided over by Mrs. Lowell (Mr. J. Lowell). The post-office is kept by Miss Emma Thacker, and the following ladies are invoice worthily preside or assist as the various tables: Misses Daisy Smith, Officials Whitfield, White, Butler, Rymes, Gouche, Aikens, Richardson, Farrar, Riley, Dunn, Dix, Horner, Hanley Barry, Mrs Manning, Marshal, Quester, and others.

Thanksgiving Day—Tuesday Thanksgiving Day, by proclamation of President Grant, the Custom-house and various public buildings will be closed. The courts will also be closed.

Sale of Hotel Furniture—The great sale of the furniture of the St. Charles Hotel commenced yesterday and will continue to morrow, Friday.

The Late School—The session of 1869-70 of the Law Department of the University of Louisiana opened yesterday with the introductory lecture of Hon. Christian Roselius, Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Civil Law.

The Professorship of Admiralty Law has been resigned by Mr Alfred Phillips, and Carleton Hunt, Esq., appointed to fill the vacancy.

Horrible Accident—Two Men Killed by an Explosion of Torpedoes—About o'clock last evening, as three men, John Ross, George Gantz and Thomas Angelina, were engaged in hunting a buoy containing about 2,000 pounds of powder, in the wholesale confectionary store of Messrs. H. Miller & Co., Nos. 50 and 52 Camp street, a terrific explosion took place, which has been elevated nearly to the upper story of the building, causing the terrified people to rush into the streets in the belief that the end of the world had arrived. The explosion was heard in every part of the city, and even across the river in Algiers. Of course this panic was to be expected. But an act more wild blows from a more ignorant. The *Herald* correspondent called for Ross, but he was not much sad for disposing a desire to reassure his son for his absence and for the satisfaction. At the same time he expressed a wish that he is to be back responsible or at the search for all the evil, both of the local Legislature which he supposed in advance, with the same desire to do no harm.

The cut under all the most to the determination of the Union men to crush H. Rusk all the back to life. The Democratic whites since the last War and Democracy have Pandemonium has been and is in the South, and the Rio Grande will be closed. The Democratic whites since the last War and Democracy have Pandemonium has been and is in the South, and the Rio Grande will be closed. The Democratic whites since the last War and Democracy have Pandemonium has been and is in the South, and the Rio Grande will be closed.

The Farmer and Chief Justice.

No men are more easily cast led to fair prices than truly qualified and competent teachers. And this not hasty because of the value they give in to sums, but because of the saving of time and money necessary to prepare for their profession. Since the days have passed of geese in their primitive state, and of the necessity to hand dollars on capital of time and money sufficient to have made them rich in a particular line, there is not any mechanical art. Few persons can estimate the time and labor where results are produced with ease and in a moment; they must see the labor performed.

A plain but true story is told of Abraham Lincoln called at the office of a slaveholder to see justice in the South, and asked him a very plain question that could be answered in an instant—yes or no.

"No," was promptly returned.

The farmer was disgusted. The decision was worth to him many thousand dollars—a client, now about to retire, asked the Justice his charge for the information.

"Ten dollars," was the reply.

"Ten dollars!" ejaculated the astonished farmer, "ten dollars for merely saying 'No.'"

"Do you remember," said the Judge, dryly, remarked the Chief Justice, "I have spent many years reading them and studying their contents to learn to answer 'No.'"

"Right! right! I understand!" responded the honest farmer; "I cheerfully pay the ten dollars."

THE ELECTIONS—Seven States held elections on November 2. The total result is gratifying to the Democracy, and correspondingly annoying to the Republicans. For the first time in seventeen years, the Democrats have the majority in the Government of the State of New York. New Jersey has again recorded her faith in Democratic principles. Mary land is overwhelmingly Democratic, and so is Alabama. Illinois has turned its back on the Republicans. Minnesota is indifferent, the majority for the Republican candidate for Governor falling off from the last election materially. Wisconsin, too, shows signs of revolt from Radical rule. But the saddest fate of all for the boasting Radicals is the considerable falling off in their latest returns denote but Chafin (Rep.) received 70,182; Adams (Dem.) 48,59?; Republican majority 21,590. There was a labor ticket that received 12,800 (mostly Democratic votes during the Republican majority to 8?01. Last year Chafin's majority was 36,8?0—eight times as large as his present majority. In the Senate, as also in