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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 9, 1862.

Auction Sales This Day.

By E. H. Sybra, at 10 o'clock, at No. 60 Magazine street, matches, shovels, brandy, soap and candles.

By E. M. Jacobs, at 10 o'clock, on Burgundy street, near the corner of Touloux, house-hold furniture.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

That as has been the benefit conferred by the introduction of chloroform, there are at least three very important matters connected with it yet unsettled. The first of these is the manner in which it at times causes death. Another is the method to be adopted, in cases in which it threatens to destroy the patient, with the purpose of restoring suspended animation. A third is the best method of administering it.

If is true that the number of cases in which it has caused death, are as nothing compared with the vast number in which it has been administered. But that is no reason why every effort should not be made to prevent even that small proportion if possible. If our memory does not deceive us, a standard authority writing some time ago states that it had then been administered in some ten thousand cases in Edinburg, without a single fatal effect. Why should it not be so elsewhere? That it is not so, is well known. We have before us now, the following illustration, which we copy from an English paper of the 6th ult.:

"A death arising from the administration of chloroform took place on Saturday last, at the United States Hospital, Bath, during the performance of an operation for the removal of a tumor on the lower jaw of a widow named Sidna Harrison, aged 40. At the inquest, which was held on Monday, at the Guildhall, Bath, the house physician, Mr. Barter, deposed to administering a drachm of chloroform in a napkin, and afterwards a second drachm when the first had evaporated. He put the napkin to the mouth of the deceased, and she took one deep inspiration, when he noticed the pulse suddenly stop. He removed the napkin from her face, and the operation was suspended. She gave a shree or four gasps, and in about half a minute she was dead. Every effort was made to restore animation, but without effect. Mr. Gore, who performed the operation, said that no precaution was neglected which it was considered necessary to take in such cases. On a *post mortem* examination it was found that the deceased was suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart, which, it was stated in evidence, it was impossible to discover during life. The jury returned a verdict that death was caused by the effects of chloroform.

This is a case which goes to support an opinion, which has already a strong hold in the minds of some of the leading members of the medical profession, that the condition known as fatty degeneration of the heart," is one peculiarly dangerous for the inhalation of chloroform. And we think that the larger number of experienced physicians would decline to administer it wherever it was known to exist. Indeed, granting as we freely may, that the evidences is not conclusive on the question, we should deem that practitioner guilty of great rashness who should do otherwise. For it is clear, at least, that there is presumptive proof enough to render it probable that the opinion is correct.

It is stated in the report given above that it was impossible to discover this condition during the life of the patient. We believe that this statement would not be sustained by the profession at large. Fatty degeneration of the heart, where it is of such extent as to be dangerous to the administration of chloroform, will be held, we feel positively certain, to be readily discoverable by the competent physician. It may be often overlooked, nevertheless. When a patient is being treated for other well-marked and serious disease, the medical attendant would be very likely not to examine him for disease of the heart, unless some special appearance or symptom connected with it should attract his attention. Previously to the administration of chloroform, however, to any case in the utmost care should be taken to examine the patient in this respect. In many cases general obesity, or the presence of that whitish round the outer edge of the iris of the eye, technically known as the *arcus senilis*, would at once suggest the probability of the presence of that condition of the heart of which we are speaking. Neither of these may have been present in the case at the Bath hospital; and the physician who administered the chloroform may not have shared our views on the subject. It is to be hoped, however, that as a mere matter of precaution, neither he nor any other practitioner in the present state of knowledge on the subject will think himself in safety disregarding them, as altogether without reason.

Dr. Marcet, Assistant Physician to the Westminster in London, shows that the mode of fatal action by chloroform is by no means settled. He himself contends that it is not owing to its anæsthetic properties, but also partly to spasm of the glottis; and he adds that he cannot agree with Dr. Black, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who says, "Any concentration of the vapor of chloroform which can be breathed is safe: any condition of dilation which causes the patient to cough or hold his breath is dangerous, and, if preserved in for half a minute may be fatal."

Beatties illustrating the anæsthial condition of opinion, or rather the want of knowledge as to the manner in which chloroform produces death Dr. Marcet brings us to the consideration of the method to be adopted in cases of suspended animation under the influence of the anæsthetic. For the case of fatty degeneration of the heart, or for the entrance of the chloroform into the blood, we have nothing reliable. For the cessation of spasm or the glottis, we have the proposition to perform tracheotomy, performed as soon and as rapidly as possible after the detection of the known threatening symptoms, and combined with artificial respiration. And this, briefly, is all that we can confidently say on this part of the subject.

As to the mode of administering chloroform it is generally known to the profession that Dr J Y Simpson, of Edinburgh, has proposed that it should be done by laying a single layer of a towel or handkerchief over the mouth, taking care not to cover the eyes, and then pouring it drop by drop. In the first case, in which this method was tried, a man who on previous occasion had had it administered in the ordinary way, and required an ounce and a half or two ounces of the fluid to produce anæsthesia, was put completely under the influence by one drachm. This mode has been practised by other practitioners with signal success. It has not been tried, we believe, in this city; where it certainly ought, not more from motives of economy than of endeavoring to render its use more available, in the practice of medical men in the country and on the battle-field. The carrying of chloroform sufficient for the many cases to which it would be so advantageous in the latter occasion, as administered at present, is impracticable. Should the new method prove as advantageous as is represented, this might be perhaps fully accomplished. We have not seen any statement of the length of time required to produce anæsthesia by this method. If it is much greater than that required under the old one, this would much interfere with its advantages in the last instance. The questions merit attention.

ESTIMATED LOSSES OF THE WESTERN ARMIES IN BATTLE, DISEASE AND OTHERWISE.—The Corinth correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, in a letter to that journal, says:

That the people of the loyal States may now fully appreciate the urgent necessity of making the utmost efforts to fill up the ranks of the Western armies before the opening of the fall campaign, I subjoin the following official statement of the losses of the Western Department by battle, disease and otherwise:

Corinth, Iuka, Bolivia, Fort Riley, Jacinto, those mainly wounded and returned to duty.....10,000
Other officers of minor importance.....2,000
Sick in hospitals [dead and absent].....40,000
Killed.....6,000
.....10,000
.....10,000

ARREST OF LOUISIANA SOLDIERS.—In the Washington dispatches to Northern papers the following occurs:

Washington, July 26.—An order was to-day issued from the office of the Provost Marshal, to the effect that all can vehement soldiers found in bar rooms, gambling houses, and other houses of immoral character, will be considered fit for service and made to join their regiments.

PARIS GOSSIP.—A Paris letter to the New York *Tribune* says that "the story even that Napoleon Charles Lucien, Prince Murat, Marine, is about to marry a very beautiful young lady, Miss P., of New Orleans. His Excellency Borders on 60; Mademoiselle barely touches the threshold of 16.

The Fight at Baton Rouge.

The *Delta* yesterday contains some additional facts in regard to the late engagement at Baton Rouge:

It appears that we were in error in stating, in our account of the collision on the river, on Wednesday night, that the United States gunboat Oneida had returned to the city, and that she had brought down the body of Gen. Williams. The facts, as we now learn, are as follows:

The United States gunboat Pancia, at the time of the collision between the Oneida and the Lewis Whiteman, was within sight of those vessels, and hastened to the scene of disaster and rendered efficient service in picking up the wounded, etc., who had been on board the Whiteman. She laid by until daylight, and succeed in picking up the remains of Gen. Williams, and conveying them, as well as the survivors from the Whiteman to the city. The Oneida went on her way up the river.

Capt. J. F. Noyes, of the 30th Massachusetts regiment, who was on board the steamboat Lewis Whiteman, on Wednesday night, when the collision occurred, has escaped by swimming to the Oneida, furnishes us with the following account of this affair:

The Whiteman was going up very near the shore, and when the Williams came in view, the former ran so near the latter as to run into the said. Capt. Noyes states that the pilot of the Whiteman headed her in towards the Osel as he did so purposely. The Oneida was plainly visible, as it was a bright moonlight night; the lights of that vessel were seen, and her whistle was blown twice, distinctly. There was a quantity of money aboard belonging to the Adams Express Company, and a passenger had $1600 in gold in a valise, which was lost. A large amount of merchandise belonging to Mr. Reid, the sutler, was down with the wreck of the Whiteman. A woman, name unknown, living on Customhouse street, was drowned.

Captain Kelly, of the 30th Massachusetts Regiment, was killed in the early part of the battle at Baton Rouge, on the 5th inst.

Lieut. Howe, of the same regiment, who was supposed to have been killed, is still alive, but wounded in the thigh. The wound is not considered dangerous.

From James River.

A James river correspondent of the Washington *Star*, under date of the 21st, says:

Some of our officers lately returned from Richmond, where some of their former associates and companions, and had free conversations with them. They said they would clear out the gunboats from the James river very soon, but not by the fog of the 29th.

Their new Merrimac No. 2 is afloat and ready. She is 150 feet long and 45 feet beam. She mounts four heavy guns to the fore and aft, and a broadside. She has iron plates of solid timber on her sides, and that covered with wrought iron plating of four inches in thickness and 24 inches wide. Commander Ridgers, is in command of her. She is to be manned by 200 men, and Captain Wilkes, and every thing will go right under his direction. The cool, courageous and skilful manner in which he fought Fort Darling is among the notable incidents of the war. He was instrumental to test the iron mail of the Galena; and he did it, to the satisfaction of all. She proved to be valuable; and when asked why he did draw off when he discovered the fact, he replied: "I was ordered to test it, and I thought I would make the job thorough."

The State of the Nation—The Government and the People—Future of the War.

Under this heading, the New York *Times* of the 2nd has a lengthy article upon these subjects. We subjoin a few extracts:

In spite of all well-meant endeavors to conceal the fact, a profound gloom has resided upon the public mind in regard to the present and prospects of the pending war. The great many of the people are discouraged and disheartened. And the reason of it is that they have lost *faith* in everybody and everything except their own exhaustless resources and their own indomitable purpose to crush the rebellion, and preserve the life and unity of the nation. They have poured out their treasures and their blood like water; and they do not see the fruits they were expecting and sacrifices. They have given their confidence without stint to the men who wielded the weapons they had placed in their hands, and they do not find that confidence justified by success. They have waited patiently week after week, month after month, through the slow revolving seasons of a whole year, for the coming brilliant and decisive, promised them from day to day, and though every hour mourns its dead, and every household has friends who will return no more forever, the victories are yet delayed and seem indeed farther off than when the war began.

In the existing crisis of the war, when the country is disheartened by protracted and disastrous campaigns, when the army suffers for lack of vigorous, competent and harmonious leadership, President Lincoln can do nothing better calculated to restore the failing fortunes of the nation than to place at its head the ablest soldier which its ranks supply. Let him be selected with due care and discrimination, and let him be ultimately told that he is expected to give to the nation a speedy, complete and thorough victory over the rebellion. It is for the President to designate the successive steps to that victory; but the specific points that are to be occupied and held by the armies of the Union. But with that his interference should end. Neither Gen. Halleck, nor any other man fit to fill that post, should take it without complete and absolute authority in everything relating to the military operations of the war. If he is advised to be asked it should be followed. The country demands for the army, what the army itself requires, a *competent, absolute and responsible head.*

COL. W. H. ALLEN.—We see it stated by the *Delta* that Col. W. H. Allen, who was taken prisoner at Baton Rouge, was mortally wounded. The same paper says he fought bravely. Col. Allen is well known to our community as the commander of the Fourth Regiment Louisiana Volunteers. The colonel is, we believe, a planter and resident of West Baton Rouge.

TELEGRAPHIC TREACHERY.—*Protection of the Railroad.*—The correspondent of the New York *Tribune* gives the following:

All efforts to open the Memphis and Charleston Railroad between Grand Junction and Memphis were abandoned, as heretofore stated, some days ago, owing to the swarms of guerrillas that infest the country through which it runs. Strange to say, that while the railroad was being destroyed in every possible manner, the telegraph between Grand Junction and Memphis was not interfered with, every morning the operators had expected to find Memphis silenced, but always elected electric responses from that point. The rebel magnanimity toward the line was too extraordinary not to be suspicious, and upon close investigation it was found that some enterprising telegraphist in the Southern interest had tapped the line between Moscow and Memphis, and was very leisurely intercepting military correspondence for the benefit of rebel generals. Whether he was, the Yankees got the better of him in the end. By a clever understanding between the two ends of the line, the transmission of bogus dispatches, by no means calculated to give aid and comfort to the enemy, will pass daily over the wires until the rebels will see fit to abstain from tampering with them. I have seen some specimens of correspondence carried on by the Union operators for the edification of the rebel spy. If the rebel generals are not kept in a constant state of excitement and alarm, it will not be for the want of the sensational element in it.

Block houses and other means of protection of the most approved description stationed for guarding purposes along the railroad lines are now being constructed in large numbers.

AN AFFAIR OF HONOR.—The New York *Herald's* Washington correspondent says:

An affair of honor was to come off at Arlington House on Monday, but was frustrated by the vigilance of the police. It appears that Capt. C. M. Mackenzie, of Her Britannic Majesty's royal army, while at table at Willard's a few nights ago, asserted the superiority of England over American arms. Capt. Whittemore, of the United States volunteers, who was present, expressed his predecessor for the Springfield over the Enfield rifle. The English Captain called him a fool, and instantly had a cup of tea thrown in his face by Capt. Whittemore. The result was a challenge from Capt. Mackenzie, which was accepted by Capt. Whittemore after having resigned his commission. After the acceptance it is said the English Captain desired to back out, but was informed that he must either fight or take a public horsewhipping. The meeting was then arranged for this afternoon in the vicinity of Arlington House, but the police were at hand, and succeeded in arresting Capt. Mackenzie. His opponent escaped from the fields as the driver of a pie wagon standing near at hand, and has not yet been arrested.

DEFECT IN THE CONFISCATION BILL.—Again, the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, under the above heading, has the following:

Fears are expressed that there may be an open hole in the Confiscation bill, that may to some extent neutralize its beneficent provisions for emancipation of the slaves of rebels. There is no clause rendering such enactment of freedom permanent, by providing for furnishing the negro with evidences of his freedom, or for examining into his case and deciding whether he really is free; and without such examination and free papers, it is feared is may go hard with many of them yet.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

OFFER FROM MAYOR OPDYKE.—Mayor Opdyke has offered to head with a subscription of $1000 a fund for raising a special bounty for the benefit of regiments now in New York Regiments in the field. Mr. Morris Ketchum and other gentlemen expressed their willingness to take similarly contribute for the same purpose. This is a move in the right direction, and far better than waiting for official action.

THE PARK ENCAMPMENT.—Some fourteen or fifteen new tents were put in the Park on the 26th ultimo, and the place is as lively as it was a year ago. There is no connection to the drawing and the usual concert accompanying this pleasure way of recruiting. Volunteers come in quite freely.

Says the *Times* of the 27th ultimo:

The steamship Garde Mobile.—Mention has been made previously of the presence here of Colonel Jerome Churchill, secretary of the great Italian Liberator. Colonel Garibaldi has started the idea of organizing a *Garde Mobile*—a cosmopolite reserve, which shall garrison all the forts and fortifications in the country, and so put at disposal for active operations the hundred thousand men now required for that duty. And the reason of it is that they have lost *faith* in everybody and everything except their own exhaustless resources and their own indomitable purpose to crush the rebellion, and preserve the life and unity of the nation. They have poured out their treasures and their blood like water; and they do not see the fruits they were expecting and sacrifices. They have given their confidence without stint to the men who wielded the weapons they had placed in their hands, and they do not find that confidence justified by success. They have waited patiently week after week, month after month, through the slow revolving seasons of a whole year, for the coming brilliant and decisive, promised them from day to day, and though every hour mourns its dead, and every household has friends who will return no more forever, the victories are yet delayed and seem indeed farther off than when the war began.

GEN. BUELL'S MOVEMENTS.—The following item, which occurs in the Corinth correspondence of the New York *Tribune*, may not prove uninteresting at present:

I learn from Northern Alabama that General Buell has commenced opening the campaign against the rebel forces in Eastern Tennessee. The successful foray of the rebels upon Murfreesboro, has proved to be quickening his movements. It is to be hoped that he will strike a blow at Chattanooga before up the enemy there shall have had time to fortify lonely and Tennessee. That the enemy's force in this is equal to any emergency I know Whether Buell is equal to the task of Commander-in-Chief has changed to the better remains to be seen.

The Murfreesboro' surprise and disgraceful surrender of 2000 infantry and a battery to 4000 rebel cavalry, under Forrest, must be remembered—has satisfied the people here that the Union will survive the loss of the services of Colonel Cristenden. He was a second-rate Indiana politician. He was also inferior in the Army of the Ohio never took much stock in him. His appointment to a Brigadiership was opposed by the most sensible of the volunteer officers, and his subsequent promotion to the command of a division was considered a mistake. His appointment as Provost Marshal, and his subsequent assignment to the command of a division, were both unfortunate steps, as well as other promotions among Congressional districts. By his leaving many of these mistakes in the form of incompetent Generals have bemuddled upon the army.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE SUN,
FRIDAY MORNING, August 8 1862.

SUGAR.—With light receipts and very limited supply in the market, and a fair demand, prices have still further improved, and we quote fair to prime at 6½@7½c for Good Common to Prime at 7½@8c, and for Fully Fair to Prime. We have no receipts, nor sales, reported, since last week.

MOLASSES.—The supply on the levee is light, and the demand has been confined to about 70 bbls. at 45c, a little lower than previously quoted. Week's receipts, 200 bbls.; exports, 348 bbls.

FLOUR.—Arrivals during the week of 1200 bbls. Entire, on the levee, was of red at $4 75@5 00; white at $5 00@5 25; extra at $5 50@5 75; double extra at $6@6 25; and family at $6 50@7 50 per bbl., according to quality and brand. We have had a fair demand for red, and to-day sold at public auction on the levee, 400 bbls. Kaiser was sold at $5 12½@5 25 per bbl., according to quality. Sales of white were made at $5@5 25 per bbl., according to quality. The city bakers have manufactured and sold to your writer 250 bbls. Extra Family, at $6 50 per bbl.

HAY AND BRAN.—The market is bare of either, and nearly every week we have advanced former prices. The last week's receipts were extremely light, say for Northern Hay, and $1 50 @ 1 62½ per 100 lbs. for Western Hay, and $1 50 @ 1 62½ per 100 lbs. for Bran. There have been no receipts of Bran for some time.

CORN.—There is little or none in the market. To-day's receipts were 1000 bushels prime yellow and white at 52 @ 53 per bushel. Week's receipts, 12,000 bushels.

OATS.—The supply is extremely light. We have heard of no sales to-day. Yesterday's sales were at 42½ per bushel, and the week's receipts, 2000 bushels, showing a lower rate.

WHISKY.—Receipts to-day of 31 bbls. at 21 @ 21½ cts. per gallon. Week's receipts, 200 bbls. at 21 @ 21½ cts. per gallon.

WESTERN PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.—The supply is extremely light, and very high prices are demanded for city consumption is needed for the demand for city consumption is needed for the

Cleared at Philadelphia for New Orleans, July 25th—Bark St James.
Cleared at Boston for New Orleans, July 26th—Steamship Florida.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Sailed from Hamburg for New Orleans, July 6th—Bark Ida.

EXPORTS.

NEW YORK—Per bark Sea Bright—663 hhds sugar.

IMPORTS.

NEW YORK—Per ship Golconda—1400 bales hay.
NEW YORK—Per brig Yankee Blade—30 bbls flour
NEW YORK—Per brig Ann Eliza—100 bags bran; 15 bbls flour; 200 bags butter; 100 bbls apples; 3 0 bags nails; 270 bbls flour; 1 cask and 1 do to J B Hyde & co.
NEW YORK—Per schr Manhattan—5 cs and 1 do to order.

EXPORTS BY THE RIVER

COAST—Per schr Mary Anne—40 hhds sugar to Hawkins & Norwood
COAST—Per schr Lizzie—30 hhds sugar to E Roman & co.
COAST—Per schr Sister Ellen—120 hhds sugar to H Oakey & co.
COAST—Per sloop Emma—100 bbls corn to order.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTM'T OF THE GULF,
NEW ORLEANS, August 7, 1862.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 209.

A Commission of Enrollment is hereby established, consisting of three officers, one from each District, and a President. The Commission will have its sessions at the Provost Marshal's Office in each District as occasion may require. They will meet at the Provost Marshal's Office in the City of New Orleans, and will have the power to examine all persons claiming exemption from the Conscription of Public Service, and to grant certificates of exemption to those entitled thereto.

Defending the city against the Government of the United States, and all persons in the employment of the Confederate States, are considered as in the public service, and will be exempted from the operation of the Conscription Act.

Applications for exemption must be made in writing, and will be addressed to the Commission. Blanks for this purpose will be furnished at the Provost Marshal's Office in each District.

The Commission will have the power to administer oaths, and to examine witnesses on the subject of applications for exemption.

The Commission will have the power to call for the production of books and papers relating to the subject of applications for exemption.

The Commission will have the power to issue certificates of exemption, and to revoke the same.

The Commission will have the power to punish for contempt, by fine not exceeding $100, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for false swearing, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for false certificates, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for false personation, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for bribery, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for conspiracy, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for forgery, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for perjury, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for subornation of perjury, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for embezzlement, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for larceny, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for receiving stolen goods, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for obtaining money under false pretences, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for obtaining goods under false pretences, by fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

The Commission will have the power to punish for obtaining property