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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 23, 1869

COAL.—Our friends Messrs. W. G. Coyle & Co., announce, elsewhere, that they are prepared to furnish in all parts of the city, Pittsburg Anthracite and English Cannel Coal (grate and steam size) at the lowest market rates. Office, 138 Gravier street. Yards—corner of Girod and Magazine streets, and corner of Julia and Water streets.

CITY DIRECTORY FOR 1869.—We are indebted to the publishers for a copy of their Directory of New Orleans, for the year 1868, which we shall take occasion to examine, and notice in our next issue.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—The comic operette of Offenbach, "La Belle Hélène," will be performed to-night, Madame Lambelé Albaisi as *Hélène*, Mr. Albert Julien in the character of *Paris*, and Mr. Chamonin as *Calchas*.

NEW ORLEANS, JACKSON AND GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD.

We acknowledge the polite attention of Gen. Beauregard, President of the company, in sending us a pamphlet copy of the Annual Report of the operations of the Road for the year 1868—that is from December 1, 1867, to November 30, 1868; and its general condition, on the latter date, the report being made to the Legislature of the State in accordance with law. We learn from this report that "the road is now well supplied with rolling stock and is in fine running order, excepting wall in that respect with the best roads in the South."

The earnings of the road for the year Dec. 1, 1867, to Nov. 30, 1868, freight, passengers and mails amount to.....$1,344,376 62

Expenditures, operating and keeping the road in repair.....1,040,314 34

Balance of receipts over expenditures.....$303,862 28

The company have funded during the period mentioned, coupons of their 1st mortgage bonds.....$996,000 00

And these remains to be funded in the United States.....121,000 00

The total indebtedness of the company floating and bonded, does not, now exceed, says the report, $4,850,000 00

"This indebtedness the President thinks can be readily managed with the receipts of the road moderately estimated at $1,500,000. We find that favorable settlements or compromises have been made with all the bondholders, Mr. D. D. Withers excepted, who had refused to enter into the arrangement made with the English bondholders in 1868. The company is, however, prepared to pay him off if the suit Mr. Withers has instituted shall be decided against them.

President Beauregard alludes to the importance of connecting the Road with the river. We quote from his report on that subject as follows:

"The commerce of New Orleans being in particularly affected by the heavy charges in freights, drayages and other expenses attending the receipts or shipments of goods, it behooves all transportation companies to devise means of reducing these charges to a minimum. The New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company has already made great annual reductions in her freight charges since the war, and will continue to do so as rapidly as circumstances will permit. A great saving in drayage alone can be obtained by continuing the road to the river, either within the limits of the city or of Jefferson City, thence down the river road to the Southern Railroad Landing depot, at the foot of Girod street. We would thus be enabled to connect at that point with that short but important road. We would be enabled also to establish a depot for the receipt of cattle, etc., from the Opelousas Railroad Depot, at Gretna; and last, but not least, we would also close by the Grain Elevator, Fourth street or Harmony street, which would enable us, as soon as the Mississippi Central Railroad shall have been continued to Pascagoula, and a bridge constructed there across the Ohio river (probably in about two years) to bring down grain from Illinois and the West, when the Ohio and Upper Mississippi are shut up frozen or too low for navigation, which is the case several months in the year. We are now endeavoring to obtain that right of way to the river in anticipation of the future wants of the company."

The report, from which the above is an extract, shows that the financial affairs of the company, considering the disadvantages under which they have labored, are in a shape which promises ultimate extrication, should the business of the road continue on the same scale as heretofore, which there is no reason to doubt. The business of the road, present and prospective, justifies the hope that an era of prosperity for the stockholders and the original friends of the road is not far distant.

We reciprocate in the conduct of the affairs of the company by its distinguished President and its experienced Superintendent, Col. Williams, a combination of all those qualities which mark thorough business men.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The ladies and little folk should bear in mind that the last circus matinée at the academy takes place to-day. Messrs Robinson, Price, Clarence, Lazy Watson, Mlle DeBerg, Sanpsy and Whitney all appear.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—Chanfrau is the noon matinée to-day, and again at night in his previous representations.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Lotta to-night at the St. Charles, for the last time but one, in "Fire-Fly."

Washington Items.

THE VIRGINIA DELEGATION—INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL GRANT.—*Washington*, Jan. 16, 1869.—Five members of the Virginia delegation held another interview with General Grant to-day by appointment. General Schofield also attended the committee to headquarters and introduced them to the President elect. The interview was most gratifying to the delegation. It was soon apparent that General Grant had carefully examined the provisions of the obnoxious Constitution, for he remarked that it contained several clauses for which he himself could never vote. General Schofield also explained the objectionable features of the Constitution, and stated the wrong of forming such a Constitution for the State of Virginia, which General Grant said seemed to be made up as to the sure way of preventing the wrong portion of it by General Schofield, but that O'Neilly was not by the proper means to be used. He suggested several plans for consideration, but each was deemed objectionable. It was finally conceded to ask Congress to pass an act submitting the three upon condition that two clauses should be stricken from the Constitution—one disfranchising the white population of the State, and the other imposing the test-oath oath where it is not imposed by the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution. From intimations given out by leading men in both Houses, it is confidently believed that Congress will adopt this solution of the difficulty.—*Special Dispatch to Baltimore Gazette*

AMNESTY PROCLAMATION.—The drawing of Mr. Evarts does not touch the question hereafter from raising or not whether the proclamation relieves persons disqualified by the fourteenth amendment. It is evidently, however, the sense of Congress that it does not, as that body continues to reserve to itself such ability.

THE NEW MOVEMENT.—There is a growing sentiment among Congressmen in favor of the proposition of universal amnesty and universal suffrage to Virginia as urged by the Conservative delegation. It has made friends in both branches of Congress among those who at first were opposed to the schemes advocated by the delegation.

ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—Mr. Newton has reported to the Senate from the Judiciary Committee a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to be known as article fifteen. The original of this was introduced in March, 1867, by Senator Henderson, consisting in a few lines that "No State shall deny or abridge the right of its citizens to vote and hold office on account of race, color or previous condition." The substitute brought in to-day is equally brief, but more skillfully worded.—"The right of citizens of the United States to vote and hold office shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude." This amendment, to be submitted to the States for ratification, did not receive a unanimous vote in committee, the chairman, Mr. Trumbull, being in opposition. Messrs. Stockton and Frelinghuysen absent at the time, and the vote on its adoption confined to Senators Sherman, Conkling, Edmonds and Ross.

BASIS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VIRGINIA.—After many consultations between the Virginia Congressional and the Republican members with the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and members of the Senate and House, it seems to be pretty well understood that the following definite arrangement has been substantially agreed to:—Following the precedent in the Missouri case, the State of Virginia, upon the admission of Oregon, Kansas and Nebraska, a bill will be prepared authorizing the admission of Virginia upon the adoption of the Congressional Constitution, with the objections thereto in regard to disfranchisement, the test oath and probably some other objectionable features stricken out. When the bill shall be passed it is believed it will be followed by an amnesty bill, either universal or with some few exceptions, to take effect on the ratification of the Constitution. It is said that this adjustment meets the approbation of General Grant, thoroughly furnished and a large number of the prominent members of both Houses of Congress.

They have buffaloes on the American desert as copious trains with a band of music reported to a correspondent.

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THE ACQUISITION OF CUBA.

If it be true, as the telegraph has announced, that the Spanish Government has made overtures to that of the United States having in view the cession to the latter of the Island of Cuba, the motive of the former Government is very plain. It is because they have become convinced their tenure of the Island is near to end, and that the revolutionists are likely to be successful. This proposition to sell Cuba tells the whole story. But it does not follow because Spain is ready to turn the Queen of the Antilles into gold, that the United States are ready to relieve her of the incumbrance at a heavy cost to themselves, or at any cost. Undoubtedly it is for the interest of Spain to part with her colony, and get a large price for it rather than to have the possession wrested from her by violence, a method of separation which would be accompanied by no consolatory consideration. But if that violence is likely to succeed, it is a good reason why the United States should be slow to clouds in any considerable price a bargain for territory, no matter how valuable, which may very soon be beyond the power of Spain to dispose of. Even if the Cuban revolutionists have not gained sufficient strength to turn the scale in their favor, and their final success be yet a problem, they have shown an obstinacy which justifies us in believing that they have the means of prolonging the contest, and this subjecting the mother country to the cost of a long war, a war which the state of her finances makes it difficult if not impossible for her to carry on. And the longer the contest lasts, the more help will the Cubans receive from sympathetic friends in adjacent countries.

But what would the United States gain by the purchase? Is it certain that the inhabitants of Cuba would be willing to be transferred to the dominion of the United States? And would it accord with the enlightened American of public law to force them against their consent to become part and parcel of a nation with which they have little in common and into which they may not wish to be incorporated? It is, we believe, independence these Cuban revolutionists desire. They think they have been exploited upon long enough and do not wish to exchange one owner for another. Again, are the United States in condition to pay in gold a large price for Cuba? We perceive by a late report of an eminent financier, that there were in the Treasury of the United States on the 1st of January last only forty millions of dollars, unappropriated. This sum is needed to pay the interest maturing on bonds. Would the Spaniards take bonds of the United States? Suppose, however, these difficulties were out of the way, there are other questions to be settled before any transfer could safely be effected. There is the question of slavery for instance. What is to be done with it? Does anybody suppose the Cubans are ready to consent to the emancipation of their negroes, and then beggar themselves? Would it do for the United States to compensate them for the loss they would sustain by emancipation, when their own citizens had been compelled to suffer the loss of their slaves without receiving any equivalent? Suppose the price agreed upon and the cession made upon the condition that the inhabitants of Cuba consent, upon what conditions would an election be held for the purpose of submitting the question of ratifying the transfer of the Island? Would the negroes be allowed to vote? If not, why not? Are they not, according to the universal suffrage theory of the United States, citizens of the Island as much so as the negroes in our own States? If allowed to vote, and they ratified the sale of the Island, would it not be a downright act of robbery to take from the white inhabitants of Cuba their property and their right to self-government, by submitting such a proposition to their votes? Is it due to the white inhabitants of Cuba were consulted, they would, of course, wish to make conditions before submitting themselves to the tender mercies of another Government. They would require guarantees for their property, and if refused would oppose the transfer. It is not reasonable to suppose the people of Cuba would be willing to place themselves in a condition to be taxed for the debt of the United States, and to be over-run by an army of foreign office-holders. Nor would a people accustomed to hard money be willing to use the irredeemable paper currency with which the United States are flooded. We do not see how these difficulties could be overcome without trampling upon the just rights of the Cubans, even if they were rebels against the Spanish Government, have not made themselves amenable to punishment by a foreign nation.

In one point of view the desirableness of the possession of Cuba by the United States is so evident as to make it superfluous to say anything with regard to it. But it might be purchased at too great a cost. The abolitionists have boasted that the Federal power, if it true, to merchandise and American products, free access to the ports of the island. But the Cubans, raised in a great measure by the emancipation of their slaves, would be able to consume only very little, and the United States would, on the other hand, lose the duties they now collect on imports of tobacco, sugar and coffee imported from Cuba. In a financial and commercial point of view the operation, perhaps, would not be any more advantageous for the United States than for the Cubans. Spain only would be the gainer. Considered politically, the Cubans would soon see that they had gained nothing by the change, and the United States would, on their part, find little profit to favor from the annexation of a new State the people of which did not assimilate to the rest of the Union.

It is more advantageous for the United States to leave the Island of Cuba to conquer its independence and proceed progressively to the abolition of slavery and to the transformation of its political and social institutions, until the force of events shall bring about a voluntary annexation. In the condition which would operate actually in the cession, we think that the sacrifices would exceed very much the advantages, and we believe that the Federal Government will not be slow to see that the acquisition would certainly give a serious embarrassment.

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR LOUISIANA.—The following is the text of the order pronounced by the Supreme Court, assigning Mr. Justice Swayne to the Fifth Circuit, which includes the State of Louisiana:

At a stated term of the court held on the first Monday of December, it in the year 1868, and of the Commonwealth the 93d, and the 15th day of January, in the year 1869, it appearing to the court that a new allotment of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the said court among the circuits now existing by law is required and is expedient by reason of one of the said circuits, to wit, the fifth circuit, being without any justice of the said court allotted thereto; now be it ordered by the court, in pursuance of the authority conferred and imposed upon it by law, that a new allotment of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the court be, and the same is hereby made, as follows, that is to say, that the said Chief Justice and Associate Justices of this court be, and continue to be, allotted to the first and said fifth circuits, to wit: Noah H. Swayne, Associate Justice of the court be, and he hereby is, allotted to the said 5th circuit in addition to the 4th circuit to which he heretofore has been, and now and hereby is continued.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE—RADICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.—When the Radicals are asked, says the Philadelphia *Age*, to explain their reasons for declaring negro suffrage in the South, and yet voting against it in the North, they point to the vote in Iowa and Minnesota, where the colored men cannot vote and adopted. But look at the facts in these cases. Iowa gave over 15,000 majority for negro suffrage, and by that great defeatment disfavored the right of suffrage on 153 negroes. Minnesota gave over 9000 majority for negro suffrage, and this nobly enthroned the right to vote on thirty-seven distinguished persons of color. But Radicalism is not so liberal where negroes are more abundant. In Missouri it would be a crime to vote for a negro to vote on about 171,000 negroes, and, although the State gave a large majority for Grant, it rejected negro suffrage by a majority of near 30,000. The electoral vote of Connecticut and Ohio was cast for Gen. Grant, but these States, like Missouri, have repudiated the negro theory with reference to an alteration of the elective franchise. Where there are few negroes in the North to vote, the Radicals are willing to give them the ballot, but where many would crowd to the polls, the privilege is withheld.

GRESLEY SPEAKS ANOTHER GOOD WORD.—Thursday's *Times-Democrat* says:

"We are in favor of meeting them in the same spirit. Where no fraud is involved, we hold that an adjournment is a mistake. We have been for overwhelming victories which should be generous, rather than startling. We have no wish to see them leading us by a majority scarcely equal to a corporation election. If no Radical members contested the seats, we would have no objection to admitting them. Southern policy now is to allow all the elements of defeat in to carry out that we can appropriate without the slightest danger. Let them come, and the more negro suffrage members in the better. Let the State of Louisiana be counted, they would, of course, wish to make conditions before submitting themselves to the tender mercies of another Government. They would require guarantees for their property, and if refused would oppose the transfer. It is not reasonable to suppose the people of Cuba would be willing to place themselves in a condition to be taxed for the debt of the United States, and to be over-run by an army of foreign office-holders. Nor would a people accustomed to hard money be willing to use the irredeemable paper currency with which the United States are flooded. We do not see how these difficulties could be overcome without trampling upon the just rights of the Cubans, even if they were rebels against the Spanish Government, have not made themselves amenable to punishment by a foreign nation.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Board of Aldermen.—Meeting last evening and full attendance. The budget for 1869 as passed by the Lower Board, was taken up and the following changes made:

The School appropriation was increased $60,000, and the Contingent Fund reduced same amount.

The Library appropriation was expunged.

A police estimate of $192,000 was allowed.

There was considerable wrangling over the School appropriation.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday.

Metropolitan Police Board.—Session yesterday. Commissioner McDuff in the chair.

The following patrolmen were dropped from the roll, or dismissed from the service:

No. 117, Dan Block; No. —, A. Allen; No. 20, M. Hogan; No. 12, John Doyle; P. Bentley; No. 6, D. Terrebonne; A. D. Serf, P. O. Monaghan, J. J. Doyle, T. Carrigoe, G. W. Sutherland, Geo. Boylan.

Guard to be Patrolman, E. Lobegeiger, No. 75, charged with false imprisonment, was taken up and the sentence on first trial, forfeiture of seven days' pay, was confirmed.

Other trial cases were disposed of, and the Board adjourned.

The Levee Bonds.—The trial of one of the suits against the State Treasurer to compel him to pay salaries of State officers, has developed in evidence the startling fact, that out of $1,600,000 of Levee Bonds issued by the State, only $468,000 were returned to the treasury, $600,000 of the latter amount being in State warrants. There seems to be something radically wrong somewhere about these bonds.

Enrichment in City Statistics.—City money and other city securities, after having recently advanced mightily, were weaker yesterday. New York and other Northern quotations continued to have the same largely into the market, and we may here state that we heard it intimated about the first of the month that they would likely do so, though we doubted it at the time. The price of City Treasury notes yesterday bantered $9000 and $10,000 at 30 per cent. discount, and $10,000 at 30¾.

Proposed Payment Law.—We understand that a series of resolutions are being urged in draft, ing a warrant law to be submitted to the Legislature. It is something very much needed in New Orleans.

Fraud.—Wm. Mesh was arrested yesterday, charged by H. C. Clarke, with obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Picking Pockets.—Jules Essex, said to hail from Chicago, was arrested last night in the St. Charles Theatre, charged with attempting to pick the gentleman in the audience. He was caught in the act.

Larceny of Whisky.—Martin Finnerty was arrested yesterday, charged with having in his story, corner of Howard and Perdido streets, stolen whisky, which he had in his store. The charge against him is made by R. H. Weeks, a levee clerk. Finnerty's clerk, charged with receiving it, and Henry Wright, colored, drayman, for bringing it to the store, were also arrested.

Pilfering Doings.—A young man named Harry Coles has been arrested, charged with falsehood. Coles, it seems, left St. Stephen's Institute and attempting to commit a burglary. He is reported to have been detected in the act.

James Hill has been arrested, charged by Capt. Spencer with the theft of $300.

Receiver Baxter sent James Ward and Jim Harper before the First District Court for trial on charges of larceny.

Mr. Francis Cooper was knocked down Thursday night by two unknown men and robbed of all he had. No one has been arrested for the crime.

John Miller was arrested upon a charge made of stealing a watch and chain on Saturday last. Peter Lerres, from William Roberts, William says that he was accosted by Miller under pretense that he (Mr.) wished to purchase his watch, and that as soon as he had allowed Miller to put hands on it that Miller refused to give it back. As the police officer took the latter in charge he made a desperate effort to make his escape, Williams had to give sight of the man, get another officer, and then have his man hunted up anew. He (Miller) was finally arrested by Officer Pizzigliano.

Burials.—*District Court.*—*Judge Cooley.*—F. M. Fisk vs. Gibbs, Bright & Co. Result instated Feb. 19th, 1861. W. B. Lancaster and H. Hunt counsel for plaintiff, Alfred Hennen for defendants. Allegations of the defendants demosing a commercial firm of Liverpool, England, and indebted to the petitioner in $6000, and due by the latter to defendants on about 1854 casks of cotton seed oil cake weighing about 140 tons, valued at about $25,000. Petitioner and house dealing for years 1857 and '58. The jury yesterday rendered a verdict for plaintiff for $16 7s 1d., Eggleston for the latter, without interest, plaintiff paying costs of court.

James Harvey, Syndic of the Creditors of John F. Wetzler and his securities. Suit instituted August 15th, 1866. L. Bright for plaintiff. W. H. Hunt and W. R. Miller and others, for defendants. This is a suit for $8536, for $4536 Confederate, New York, 1862, to recover said amount in U. S. currency, being proceeds of property sold by sheriff Wetzler. C. C. Darrington and others for the $4000 Confederate money. The jury yesterday found a verdict for defendant. Mr. Mills made the point that the suit was not an ordinary one when Confederate money only was current, he compelled the officer to receive such currency, and could not go behind such action. This is in conformity with a late decision of Chief Justice Chase.

Alleged Fugitives Arrested.—Two men, named Wm. Hudson Hudson Haddox, arrived in this city Friday morning in charge of officer Kelly, of Vicksburg, charged with having some time last May fatally shot a man named Kelly, at Bolton's store, Morehouse parish, in this State. The prisoners say that the homicide was committed by a man named Johnson, and that they are innocent of any participation in it. The arrest was made by virtue of a requisition from Governor Warmoth.

First District Court—Judge Abell.—James, alias Francis O'Brien, tried for burglary, but convicted of larceny, was sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary.

Noel Soniea, for assault on John Lyons, was fined $5.

H. Seiler, for assault and threatening Ed. Manig, fined $10.

A motion to quash the indictment in the case of the State vs. Bachoon & Morgan, was argued by Col. Field, and taken under advisement by the Court.

Court Items.—Judge Colleau, of the Seventh District Court, will probably render his decision to-day, in the suit of Folkem and others, testing the constitutionality of the one per cent. tax.

The suit on behalf of the children of the late Gen. F. Knight and wife, against the Pontchartrain Railroad Company, for damages for the death of Mr. and Mrs. Knight, alleged to have been caused by the cars of the company in running over the deceased, will be tried to-day in the Sixth District Court.

Recorder Gastinel's Court.—Henry Evans and Mrs. Evans, charged by Mr. Delamore with assault and battery; John Miller, charged by Wm. Robertson with robbery; James Reilly, charged with like offense by Bernard Gaudin and John Tool, similarly charged by Thos. W. Lawler, were remanded yesterday for further examination.

SAILING OF THE CORTES.—The steamship Cortes, Capt. Horatio Nelson, sails this morning at 8 o'clock, for New York direct, with a full freight.

SAILING OF THE CONCORDIA.—The steamship Concordia, Capt. Sears, sails this morning at 6 o'clock, for Boston direct, with a full freight.

Louisiana Items.

The *Machachebi*, of the parish of St. John Baptist, says:

The heavy rains of the past few weeks have stopped field work, and may create serious damage to the crops. Disease has also generally manifested, and low lands are completely overflowed. Canes already planted and near cane which will be large, but the cane already planted where the land is not properly drained.

The petite rond is almost impracticable, and in the south part of the parish vehicles have to pass through the yards.

The Pilottes' *Banner*, of St. Mary, says:

TWENTY DOLLARS A MONTH.—Some of our planters have requested us to state that they are paying twenty dollars a month to hands for cabins, wood, etc., and can't get a supply of field hands even at that price. Prices have ranged from fifteen dollars per month last to twenty dollars per month, and that without a Bureau, and without meddlers of any kind.

See Murphy.

[From the Mobile Tribune.]

The case of the above named person is causing some hard feeling among the members of the negro family at Washington, the Southern "Scallies" on one side, and the crowned monarchs on the other.

Miss Sue Murphy is the owner of a farm near Decatur, in this State, and her claims is for damages inflicted on her property during the Federal occupation of North Alabama; the commanding officer at the time having found it necessary to raise fortifications on the land and cut it up with several trenches.

Miss Murphy was a minor at the time, and her parents are said to have been "rebels," but her cousin's heart led her to treat sick Federal soldiers with kindness, and on that her friends base her claims to "loilty."

Her claim for damages is a mere trifle in itself, amounting only to some five or six thousand dollars, and would be granted without discussion, but for the precedent it would set.

The oldest "loilty" of the South is waiting on the tip-toe of expectation, ready to rush into the Treasury the moment the door is open to Miss Murphy.

We hear of one "loil" fellow from Louisiana with a claim of $600,000, and he is probably but the type of a large class.

No wonder the crowned monarchs of Radicalism show symptoms of displeasure. This sudden rush of so many Southern meadicants demanding the price of "loilty" in such a fashion, is enough to cause confusion there. Southern "loilty" never was considered for the sake of raising eleimosne, but voters. Let Southern "loilty" be encouraged then, and manhood thereof restored, with equal rights, and defiance towards its enemies, in future.

REMONSTRANCE AGAINST UNITED STATES, } WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4, 1868.

Mess Ins Murphy—I have seemed to be examined the papers which you have filed for obtaining damage done to your property in Decatur, Alabama, by United States troops.

Loyalty is clearly proven, and the claim seems to be entirely a just one, if any such claim is allowed. It is a matter left entirely with the government by the army in States that were in rebellion against the Government is allowed, I would respectfully recommend yours.

U. S GRANT, Lieut. Gen.

The Paris *Patrie* states that in consequence of the numerous furloughs lately granted, the French army does not number at present more than 364,000 men under the flag.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

Congressional Proceedings.

The Georgia Legislature.

The War in Cuba.

Miscellaneous Matters.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, Jan. 22—SENATE—A resolution was passed ordering the stoppage per claims against the Department of the West printed.

A petition from a number of physicians for reduction of the tariff on certain drugs.

Several petitions for female suffrage were presented.

The Senate discussed State rights, connected with reillroads, until adjournment.

HOUSE.—A bill was introduced repealing the fifty per cent. provision of the bankrupt law.

A bill was introduced disinhibiting the Southern States of gold and providing for the census, in specie payment.

After various private bills, the Denver Railroad was returned to adjournment.

Ketchum has been re elected from Nebraska.

Stanton authorizes the statement that he did not order Sanbin to cope with Grant.

Mosby, member of the House petition the Senate to confirm no more of Johnson's nominations.

A resolution was referred to the Committee on Elections, by a vote of 15 yeas to 13 nays.

Lieut. Gov. Dean, President of the Senate, and President of the Board of Police Commissioners, in conformity with a resolution of the Senate, reported that he had appointed Commissioner Shakespeare Police District for the current year had been made, as provided by law, and forwarded to the several councils and boards of police embraced in the Metropolitan District, but as yet no acknowledgment had been made by those bodies that the estimate referred had been received. Spread on the minutes.

Senator Kellin introduced a bill to facilitate public improvements, which was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Ray introduced a bill to facilitate the operation of Asst. B. Norwood, Sheriff of East Feliciana parish. Received.

Senator Ray, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported favorably, with amendments thereto, on bill granting State aid to the Mississippi and Mexican Gulf Ship Canal Company. Ordered to be printed.

The following petitioners were dropped from the roll, or dismissed from the service:

No. 117, Dan Block; No. —, A. Allen; No. 20, M. Hogan; No. 12, John Doyle; P. Bentley; No. 6, D. Terrebonne; A. D. Serf, P. O. Monaghan, J. J. Doyle, T. Carrigoe, G. W. Sutherland, Geo. Boylan.

Guard to be Patrolman, E. Lobegeiger, No. 75, charged with false imprisonment, was taken up and the sentence on first trial, forfeiture of seven days' pay, was confirmed.

Other trial cases were disposed of, and the Board adjourned.

The Levee Bonds.—The trial of one of the suits against the State Treasurer to compel him to pay salaries of State officers, has developed in evidence the startling fact, that out of $1,600,000 of Levee Bonds issued by the State, only $468,000 were returned to the treasury, $600,000 of the latter amount being in State warrants. There seems to be something radically wrong somewhere about these bonds.

Enrichment in City Statistics.—City money and other city securities, after having recently advanced mightily, were weaker yesterday. New York and other Northern quotations continued to have the same largely into the market, and we may here state that we heard it intimated about the first of the month that they would likely do so, though we doubted it at the time. The price of City Treasury notes yesterday bantered $9000 and $10,000 at 30 per cent. discount, and $10,000 at 30¾.

Proposed Payment Law.—We understand that a series of resolutions are being urged in draft, ing a warrant law to be submitted to the Legislature. It is something very much needed in New Orleans.

Fraud.—Wm. Mesh was arrested yesterday, charged by H. C. Clarke, with obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Picking Pockets.—Jules Essex, said to hail from Chicago, was arrested last night in the St. Charles Theatre, charged with attempting to pick the gentleman in the audience. He was caught in the act.

Larceny of Whisky.—Martin Finnerty was arrested yesterday, charged with having in his story, corner of Howard and Perdido streets, stolen whisky, which he had in his store. The charge against him is made by R. H. Weeks, a levee clerk. Finnerty's clerk, charged with receiving it, and Henry Wright, colored, drayman, for bringing it to the store, were also arrested.

Pilfering Doings.—A young man named Harry Coles has been arrested, charged with falsehood. Coles, it seems, left St. Stephen's Institute and attempting to commit a burglary. He is reported to have been detected in the act.

James Hill has been arrested, charged by Capt. Spencer with the theft of $300.

Receiver Baxter sent James Ward and Jim Harper before the First District Court for trial on charges of larceny.

Mr. Francis Cooper was knocked down Thursday night by two unknown men and robbed of all he had. No one has been arrested for the crime.

John Miller was arrested upon a charge made of stealing a watch and chain on Saturday last. Peter Lerres, from William Roberts, William says that he was accosted by Miller under pretense that he (Mr.) wished to purchase his watch, and that as soon as he had allowed Miller to put hands on it that Miller refused to give it back. As the police officer took the latter in charge he made a desperate effort to make his escape, Williams had to give sight of the man, get another officer, and then have his man hunted up anew. He (Miller) was finally arrested by Officer Pizzigliano.

Burials.—*District Court.*—*Judge Cooley.*—F. M. Fisk vs. Gibbs, Bright & Co. Result instated Feb. 19th, 1861. W. B. Lancaster and H. Hunt counsel for plaintiff, Alfred Hennen for defendants. Allegations of the defendants demosing a commercial firm of Liverpool, England, and indebted to the petitioner in $6000, and due by the latter to defendants on about 1854 casks of cotton seed oil cake weighing about 140 tons, valued at about $25,000. Petitioner and house dealing for years 1857 and '58. The jury yesterday rendered a verdict for plaintiff for $16 7s 1d., Eggleston for the latter, without interest, plaintiff paying costs of court.

James Harvey, Syndic of the Creditors of John F. Wetzler and his securities. Suit instituted August 15th, 1866. L. Bright for plaintiff. W. H. Hunt and W. R. Miller and others, for defendants. This is a suit for $8536, for $4536 Confederate, New York, 1862, to recover said amount in U. S. currency, being proceeds of property sold by sheriff Wetzler. C. C. Darrington and others for the $4000 Confederate money. The jury yesterday found a verdict for defendant. Mr. Mills made the point that the suit was not an ordinary one when Confederate money only was current, he compelled the officer to receive such currepcy, and could not go behind such action. This is in conformity with a late decision of Chief Justice Chase.

Alleged Fugitives Arrested.—Two men, named Wm. Hudson Hudson Haddox, arrived in this city Friday morning in charge of officer Kelly, of Vicksburg, charged with having some time last May fatally shot a man named Kelly, at Bolton's store, Morehouse parish, in this State. The prisoners say that the homicide was committed by a man named Johnson, and that they are innocent of any participation in it. The arrest was made by virtue of a requisition from Governor Warmoth.

First District Court—Judge Abell.—James, alias Francis O'Brien, tried for burglary, but convicted of larceny, was sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary.

Noel Soniea, for assault on John Lyons, was fined $5.

H. Seiler, for assault and threatening Ed. Manig, fined $10.

A motion to quash the indictment in the case of the State vs. Bachoon & Morgan, was argued by Col. Field, and taken under advisement by the Court.

Court Items.—Judge Colleau, of the Seventh District Court, will probably render his decision to-day, in the suit of Folkem and others, testing the constitutionality of the one per cent. tax.

The suit on behalf of the children of the late Gen. F. Knight and wife, against the Pontchartrain Railroad Company, for damages for the death of Mr. and Mrs. Knight, alleged to have been caused by the cars of the company in running over the deceased, will be tried to-day in the Sixth District Court.

Recorder Gastinel's Court.—Henry Evans and Mrs. Evans, charged by Mr. Delamore with assault and battery; John Miller, charged by Wm. Robertson with robbery; James Reilly, charged with like offense by Bernard Gaudin and John Tool, similarly charged by Thos. W. Lawler, were remanded yesterday for further examination.

SAILING OF THE CORTES.—The steamship Cortes, Capt. Horatio Nelson, sails this morning at 8 o'clock, for New York direct, with a full freight.

SAILING OF THE CONCORDIA.—The steamship Concordia, Capt. Sears, sails this morning at 6 o'clock, for Boston direct, with a full freight.

Louisiana Items.

The *Machachebi*, of the parish of St. John Baptist, says:

The heavy rains of the past few weeks have stopped field work, and may create serious damage to the crops. Disease has also generally manifested, and low lands are completely overflowed. Canes already planted and near cane which will be large, but the cane already planted where the land is not properly drained.

The petite rond is almost impracticable, and in the south part of the parish vehicles have to pass through the yards.

The Pilottes' *Banner*, of St. Mary, says:

TWENTY DOLLARS A MONTH.—Some of our planters have requested us to state that they are paying twenty dollars a month to hands for cabins, wood, etc., and can't get a supply of field hands even at that price. Prices have ranged from fifteen dollars per month last to twenty dollars per month, and that without a Bureau, and without meddlers of any kind.

See Murphy.

[From the Mobile Tribune.]

The case of the above named person is causing some hard feeling among the members of the negro family at Washington, the Southern "Scallies" on one side, and the crowned monarchs on the other.

Miss Sue Murphy is the owner of a farm near Decatur, in this State, and her claims is for damages inflicted on her property during the Federal occupation of North Alabama; the commanding officer at the time having found it necessary to raise fortifications on the land and cut it up with several trenches.

Miss Murphy was a minor at the time, and her parents are said to have been "rebels," but her cousin's heart led her to treat sick Federal soldiers with kindness, and on that her friends base her claims to "loilty."

Her claim for damages is a mere trifle in itself, amounting only to some five or six thousand dollars, and would be granted without discussion, but for the precedent it would set.

The oldest "loilty" of the South is waiting on the tip-toe of expectation, ready to rush into the Treasury the moment the door is open to Miss Murphy.

We hear of one "loil" fellow from Louisiana with a claim of $600,000, and he is probably but the type of a large class.

No wonder the crowned monarchs of Radicalism show symptoms of displeasure. This sudden rush of so many Southern meadicants demanding the price of "loilty" in such a fashion, is enough to cause confusion there. Southern "loilty" never was considered for the sake of raising eleimosne, but voters. Let Southern "loilty" be encouraged then, and manhood thereof restored, with equal rights, and defiance towards its enemies, in future.

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Mess Ins Murphy—I have seemed to be examined the papers which you have filed for obtaining damage done to your property in Decat