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OPERA HOUSE—At noon. "Si J'etais Roi."

ACADEMY—"Child Stealer."

ST. CHARLES THEATRE—Lydia Thompson Troupe—"Black Eyed Susan" and "Richard St. ve. Bad Dickey."

CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM—No. 40 and 42 St. Charles street.

THE SANITARY AND FERTILIZING COMPANY'S SCHEME.

A DISGUSTING LAW.

The inhabitants of New Orleans will be surprised to learn that the Legislature of the State has undertaken to transfer to a private corporation, entitled the "New Orleans Sanitary and Fertilizing Company," all control over the sewers and outhouses upon the domestic premises of the people of this city. Those of them who know the character of Governor Warmoth will not be surprised to learn that he has suffered the bill granting this privilege to become a law without any opposition on his part, although he stands pledged not only by his oath of office to protect us against such infamous legislation, but by his late public denunciation of all such measures. Does this contradiction of the Governor's words by his failure to act in opposition to this measure not suggest a combination with certain prominent gentlemen of this city, looking to the election of a Senator in Congress and other future ambitious plans with which the Governor's head is so fertile? Is there no reason to believe that the Executive has pledged himself to the incorporators of this company not to veto the bill, in return for their support of his candidate, Gen. West, and for their future co-operation in executing the plans to which we allude?

The act which transfers this enormous power over the outhouse arrangements of the dwellings of the people of New Orleans was passed at the last session of the Legislature, and was retained by the Governor during the intervening time between the adjournment of the body last spring and its present session. We are informed that he expressed himself to more than one citizen as opposed to the law, and in the strongest language of reprobation. He is reported to have said that if American citizens had any right more inalienable than another, it was that of regulating their own dwelling-houses and the appurtenances thereof without any interference of others, while they complied with those laws of police and public health which have been established for the good of the people. But yet we find the Governor entirely silent while the authors of the bill were pressing its adoption by the General Assembly, and knowingly permitting it to become a law by lapse of time. He cannot plead ignorance nor inability to crush the scheme, if he can secure by an overwhelming majority of the two Houses, the election of his Senatorial candidate and the defeat of almost every bill which he thinks proper to veto, as he has all seen he can, he could have had no difficulty in stigmatizing this Sanitary Company's attempt to regulate the private premises of the inhabitants of this city, in proper terms nor in employing such means as must have ensured an approval of his veto by the Legislature. We do not wonder that the Governor was unwilling to place his signature at the foot of this law, because he never would have heard the last of it, and the inhabitants of New Orleans would have been perpetually reminded by the intrusive visits of the officers of the Fertilizing Company, to their domestic premises, of their indebtedness to His Excellency, who has been shrewd enough not to associate his name with a law so offensive. Still he cannot escape his just responsibility as a consenting party, however secretly that consent has been given to so unmistakable a monopoly.

The following statement, which we copy from a cotemporary, gives a correct summary of the principal provisions of this odious statute:

It absolutely prohibits the digging or construction within the city of any sink or privy vault, and compels the filling up of those now existing under the supervision of the Board of Health. It enacts that any property holder who shall fail to have the sink or vaults filled up within the time specified, shall be fined not less than $20 and not more than $100 for each and every offence, and provides for the payment of an army of spies, who shall further the unclean and miserable business.

The bill having abolished all privies, proceeds to endow that most odorous and obnoxious corporation with a deceptive title—the "New Orleans Sanitary and Fertilizing Company"—with the *exclusive* right and privilege, for the period of ten years, to remove any and all fecal matter, excrement, or fertilizing material which may be accumulated under the dry earth system within the city, and the *exclusive* privilege to sell deodorizing and disinfecting material and earth closets. For supplying the disinfectant and removing the product, the company is empowered to charge the modest sum of $1 per box.

We acknowledge receipt of polite invitations, through Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald, to attend the third annual grand mask and fancy dress ball to be given by Ætna Conclave, No. 13, S. W. M., at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Tuesday evening, January 24th; also invitations, through Mr. J. V. De Costa, chairman, and Ferd. Perchelmer, secretary Committee of Arrangements of the first military and dress ball to be given by Ætna and Crescent Rifles Companies D and K of the Louisiana Legion, at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Tuesday evening, January 23d.

Also, through Mr. H. R. Yenni, of the Committee of Arrangements, cards of invitation to attend the second grand annual ball of the New Orleans Rifle Club to be given at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Thursday evening, January 19.

The first number of "Our Home Journal," a new agricultural weekly paper published in this city by James H. Hummel, has been laid upon our table, and judging from its neat appearance and interesting columns and the energy of its publisher, we have no doubt of its success. Mr. Hummel thoroughly comprehends what is needed to make such a journal, devoted as it will be to the industrial pursuits of the South, push its way to public favor.

The stockholders of the Union Bank, of this city, are notified, through our columns to-day, by Mr. Geo. A. Fraser, Cashier of the institution, that a dividend of 4 per cent. has been declared by the Board of Directors, payable on and after the 16th instant.

By another notice it will be seen that an election of directors of this bank will be held to-morrow, Monday, 16th January, at the instance of those stockholders who are opposed to transforming the institution into a national bank.

A great battle near Le Mans, about 80 miles northwest of Tours, was fought between Gen. Chanzy's army and the German forces of Prince Frederick Charles and the Duke of Mecklenburg, on the 10th inst., when the slaughter on both sides is said to have been terrible. The result was in favor of the Germans.

CHEAPEST AND BEST.—Mrs. Witcomb's Syrup for children is sold by druggists for 25 cents a bottle and is an admirable preparation for infantile disorders. 17

For Coughs, Bronchitis and Consumption, in its early stages, nothing equals Dr. Pierce's Alterative or Golden Medical Discovery. 12 6 Also a grand blood purifier and strengthening agent. If gentle and effectual "Liver Pellets" and Tonic Pellets" in connection with the Discovery. Also an especial remedy for Scrofulous and other Humors, or Pimples, Eruptions, Boils, Tetter, Salt Rheum, &c. Sold by druggists.

An intelligent gentleman of St. Louis, writing under date of January 7, says: "You may rely upon the election of Hon. F. P. Blair to the United States Senate from Missouri." Such a result would be eminently satisfactory to the Democracy, who as a high compliment for Gen. Blair, by an honest and able man. He was peculiarly ought to: take the Republicans, if they shouldn't happen, in these days, any more

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THE WATER-WORKS SCHEME.

Senator Campbell has the distinction of having on Thursday last introduced in the body of which he is a member, one of the most seditious bills ever presented for legislative action. It is a scheme which contemplates the sale of the Water-Works of the city of New Orleans to a private corporation yet to be established, upon whom the inhabitants of the city are to be dependent for their supply of water. We have not seen the bill nor are we acquainted with its details, but are satisfied that it covers a gigantic speculation. The title of the act, as recorded in the proceedings of the Senate, is as follows:

"An act authorizing the city of New Orleans to levy water rates upon all property on the basis of water pipes, laid or to be laid, and contiguous thereto; the collection of said rates and the power to sell and dispose of the present water-works and to contract with any incorporated company for the supplying of the inhabitants of the city with pure and limpid water," etc.

The "incorporated company" referred to in the title as above quoted, is not yet in existence and probably will never exist, unless the scheme which includes the sale of the city water-works shall meet with the favor of the Legislature and the bill become a law.

On the same day Mr. Faulkner, of Caldwell, a member of the lower House, introduced in that body "an act to incorporate the Crescent City Water-Works Company," and we presume there is some connection between the two acts.

We have heard that the price has been named—two millions of dollars—and that the public spirited gentlemen who propose to offer that sum for the water-works, and the *friends* of the scheme in the Legislature, advocate the measure on the ground that the money will relieve the city from her present financial embarrassments, which will render unnecessary the adoption of any other measure having the same object. They also pretend that the city cannot manage the water-works by her city-owned officers as successfully as a private corporation, and therefore it is for the advantage of the people of the city that they should be sold to a *bona fide* and *enterprising* company of citizens. *Of course* this company have no other motive than to benefit the inhabitants of New Orleans, but on the part of the taxpayers we enter a protest against our being placed in their merciful hands.

If the officers of the city are unable to make the Water-Works, under the present system, meet the wants and necessities of the inhabitants, or if they cannot operate them as advantageously as a private corporation might be able to do, then let them return to a system which was successful when applied to the administration of the wharves—that is to say, offer them for lease, which will meet the objection of divesting the city of her title to the property, and will enable her to resume control of the works if at any time it should become desirable.

As to the incorporation of private companies for the purpose of supplying water in competition with the city, would then not be a difficulty in permitting such companies to lay down their pipes in the public streets, which should always be under the control of public officers? The distribution of water to the inhabitants, it seems to us, is a part of the municipal government of a city, which permits of no competition or interference on the part of individual members of the community. And once begin to transfer functions, which are governmental in their nature, where would you stop?

The public property should be held inviolate as a security for the city's creditors and to the advantage of the people. The power to tax the inhabitants should not be, and cannot be delegated to any private corporation, as the bill in question evidently authorizes. Nor should the inhabitants be compelled, as the bill provides, to pay for water which they do not use. Are not the City Water-Works already pledged as security for the payment of the city's obligations, and would it not be an act of bad faith to disturb the property while it is in that condition? We think the Legislature should not interfere in any greater extent than is absolutely necessary with the municipal affairs of New Orleans, or any other city in the State. The City Council, it may be presumed, is entirely competent to administer the affairs which are under their charge, and no one, except these generous incorporators who are before the Legislature, seeking to relieve the Council from their appropriate duty in the matter of furnishing water to the people of the city, has asked the Legislature for any action in this regard, nor has any good reason been assigned for the measure upon which we comment.

We call upon Gov. Warmoth to exert his authority towards defeating a scheme so reprehensible.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Grand Fancy Dress and Mask Ball.—We have the pleasure of returning our thanks to Mr. M. Sherbevine, Secretary of Jackson Fire Engine Company No. 18, for invitations to attend their grand fancy dress and mask ball, on Saturday evening, the 28th instant, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Telegraph.—The storm on Friday night destroyed the telegraph lines leading to the North and West, and in consequence, the evening papers were unable to furnish their subscribers the usual war news.

A New Vessel.—Captain McCaup, of the Harbor Police, yesterday received his new boat. She is a small screw steamer, admirably fitted for police purposes. A number of gentlemen steamed down the river in her, yesterday, visiting the iron-clads, and returning to the city.

A Little More Light.—The Custom-house, which has been for years in a dark state of gloom, is about to present a more cheering appearance to the people who have occasion to visit its doors during the night. Workmen are busily engaged in laying extra pipes around the building, to supply eight gas-lights on Canal street and six on the lower side of Custom-house and Peters streets, making a total of twenty-six additional lamp-posts on the premises.

The Whisky Duty.—One of our large liquor dealers has just had about $5,000 on a heavy invoice of Irish and Scotch whisky, and in consequence of Secretary Boutwell. The law of 1870 fixes the duty on brandies and other articles distilled from fruit or grain, and the duty on which is not otherwise provided for, at two dollars a proof gallon. The merchants have been selling their liquor on the basis of two dollars a gallon, and now find to their dismay that another clause in the law provides for whisky, rum and gin, making the duty on all such articles two dollars and fifty cents, and thus causing a loss of fifty cents a gallon to the importers, who with drew their whisky and sold it under the impression that the tax was only two dollars.

Deputy Sheriffs vs. Thieves.—We are informed that the paragraph which appeared in this column in our edition of yesterday, under the heading of "Deputy Sheriffs vs. Thieves," was entirely wrong so far as it concerns the Parish Prison and Deputy Sheriff Bell, such attempts of prisoners to escape having been made during the attempt of the two men referred to to escape from the custody was made at the First District lock-up, and that parties have since been released on bond by Judge Abell.

Fourth District Court—Another Event Consigned with the Past of the St. Charles Hotel.—A petition has been filed in this court by Wells, Fargo & Co., the Managers of the Overland Express Company, against one Lewis Paul Eaton, which is as follows: Wells, Fargo & Co., incorporated under the laws of Colorado, represent that Lewis Van Eaton, alias John J. Livingston, alias John Phillips, a resident of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, is indebted to petitioners in the sum of $6000.

Defendant, by means of forgery and false pretences, obtained from them the above sum of money, and now holds the same.

Petitioners further represent that there is property within the jurisdiction of this court belonging to said defendant that they desire said property to be attached to satisfy the demand of petitioners.

The petition purporting has been sworn to by Alexander B. Stuart, the agent of said Wells, Fargo & Co.

Upon petitioners giving bond in the sum of $6000, a writ of attachment has been issued as prayed for.

Sixth District Court — Judge Olivier Finishes the Docket of Cases.—Of late the Hon. Judge of this court has been much relieved from annoyance from the unwillingness of counsel to answer the demands of said court. On Saturday the 7th instant, the docket was cleared of all cases, and the judge was enabled to repair to his residence at Algiers, and to have something like a rest from his arduous labors. It is very much to be regretted that the majority of them are criminal cases, and arise out of the political excitement of the past year. It is a fact that the majority of them are for political offences, and mostly for the violation of the election laws of the State of South Carolina, in voting. Politicians, and especially Democrats, should be careful how they conduct themselves at the polls in 1872 and 1874, for the Democratic party will be the only party that will be allowed to vote. It's over-zealousness in 1870 will be severely felt by the Democracy in the shape of the disfranchisement of many of its leaders. Let the Democracy of Louisiana be careful how they conduct themselves at the polls in 1872 and 1874, for the Democratic party are of the opinion that