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FUNERAL OF MR. BERNARD MARIGNY.—The funeral of Mr. Marigny took place on Tuesday afternoon. The weather was very inclement, being both cold and rainy. Many carriages were in the procession. Every one had been deeply moved by the accident which caused the death of this venerable man in so deplorable a manner. The attendance of his remains to their last resting place would have been greater, had the weather been fair. By five o'clock the procession starting from the residence of the deceased, opposite Washington Square, proceeded up Royal street. Some persons thought that at the intersection of St. Ann street the cortege would turn to the left and go to the Cathedral where Mr. Marigny's father was buried in a vault adjoining the tomb where lie the remains of Don Andre Almonastero, and those of Père Antoine and the Abbé Moni, but the head of the procession went on up Royal street to St. Louis, and there took the direction of the cemetery, where Mr. Marigny's remains were finally to lie, commingled with those of his mate. The procession was imposing without, however, presenting anything extraordinary for those who did not know the name of the man to whom these last honors were being paid, but few were ignorant of the event which had taken from New Orleans one of her oldest and most distinguished citizens, and, generally, the people were looking with solemnity upon the hearse which was carrying to its field of eternal rest the body of a man who, during 65 years had represented here, in all their brilliancy of the life, gaiety, wit, wealth, and luxuriousness of society and that domestic domination which he kept up. Mr. Marigny prepared an epitaph to be placed on his tomb, which he communicated to one of the editors of the *Bee* a year ago. It was characterized by his originality, simplicity and wit, being neither ostentatious nor flattering. We regret having forgotten its exact words as this would be the proper place to record them. He has left many manuscripts and it may be found among them.

Thanks to Mr. Ovide DeBuys, Secretary of the Commissioners of the consolidated debt and railroad debt of the city of New Orleans, for a copy of the annual statement of the Commissioners for 1867.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Shakspeare Club, through Mr. W. York Adee, Secretary, for a card of invitation to their soirée at the National Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Mr A. Simon, newsdealer, No 35 Baronne street, has sent us *The American Naturalist* for February, an illustrated magazine of natural history.

REMOVAL OF STREET COMMISSIONER BAKER.—Gen. Hancock issued an order yesterday, directing that the investigation of the charges against Street Commissioner Baker shall terminate, and that the matter shall be put in charge of the District Attorney. The same order appoints Mr. George D. Field Street Commissioner.

Notwithstanding this order the committee of the City Council proceeded further with their investigation last night, whether because ignorant of or in disregard of the order we cannot say. The prosecution protested against further proceedings, on the ground that the defence had reformed and intimidated witnesses. The defence were consequently left to proceed to suit themselves, and witnesses were accordingly examined in the interest of the accused. Strange proceedings!

CONCERT AT DEUTSCHE COMPANY HALL.—A grand vocal and instrumental concert will be given in this Hall to-night by Mlle. Josephine Filomeno, pianist and violinist, assisted by Misses Marion Davis, Gustave Smith, and a number of gentlemen amateurs. Some of the choicest morceaux from the famous operas will be performed.

A card of invitation to an interesting ceremony, which is to be performed at the Rampart street Synagogue on Wednesday, Feb. 12, has been politely sent to us, and by it we learn that Mr John Newman contemplates joining the army of benedicts, upon which he is hereby heartily congratulated.

MATRIMONIALS.—Gen. Randall E. Gibson, of New Orleans, was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of Mr. R. W. Montgomery, late of this city, on the 30th of January, in St. Anne's street Church, New York. We can heartily congratulate the twain.

Our amiable and popular friend Gen. Charles A Labuzan was, we are pleased to state, married last night to Miss Sarah Moody, sister of Col. S. N. Moody, all of this city. They have our congratulations.

Mr. Geo. W Squires, Secretary of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company, has sent us a copy of the Fifteenth Annual Report (1867) of the President and Directors of the Company, embodying a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the company for the year, which shows:

Earnings of the year to be.....	$378,198 57
Operating expenses.....	342,620 07
Hogsheads sugar carried.....	7,511
Barrels sugar carried.....	" 2,510
Barrels molasses carried.....	13,190
Bales cotton.....	6,910
Beeves	16,191
Calves	16,810
Lumber, feet	1,219,680
Miscellaneous, equivalent in bbls. to	10,270

The road, taking all drawbacks into consideration, has been managed under the able and experienced Presidency of Mr. A. B. Seger, with energy and with prudence. Not an accident worthy of mention has occurred on the road during the year 1867, and no passengers have either been killed or injured during all the years the road has been operated by the company.

The business of the company has, of course, suffered from the general depression affecting all departments of trade and travel, and in addition to that was seriously impeded by the breaking of the levees, by which parts of the track were overflowed, and the epidemic.

Mr G W R Bayley, its Superintendent and Engineer, states in his report that the embankments across the swamps and marshes must be raised, so as to secure the road-bed against similar inundations. With reference to an extension of the road, he says 80 miles of road-bed are ready for the track beyond Brashear, and the remaining 98 miles pass through a prairie and pine woods country, of easy and cheap construction.

No railway enterprise in the South offers better prospects for lucrative employment of capital than the extension of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, westward to Texas. That extension is indispensable and must be built whenever the attention of capitalists is drawn to the advantages of the investment.

Miss Amelio Garcia, said to be a most beautiful and accomplished vocalist, makes her first appearance at the Academy to-night.

Signor Lotti's fine German opera troupe, last night gave us "Martha," so popular for its melodious and lively music, in excellent style. The aria, "Last Rose of Summer," was sung with magical effect by Miss Clara Lanz, who, together with Miss Marie Frederici and Signor Lotti, elicited the most rapturous applause. Those who do not visit the National Theatre during the engagement of this troupe will miss a rare treat. Gounod's Faust is to be given this evening.

ORDER NO. 49.—This atrocious order of Gen Pope, aimed at the means of subsistence of the Southern press, is so modified by Gen Meade as to be virtually repealed. Public officers are therefore no longer bound to bury their advertisements in silence as newspapers that nobody reads Gen Meade has done the handsome thing in this matter —*Mobile Register.*

A proposition is before Congress to distribute among the suffering poor at the South all the rations of dessicated vegetables remaining on hand since the war. The resolution gives, by the act of apparent generosity is, that the rations are of no use for army purposes. This is like worthy John Sherman's idea in regard to the sale of the remains of the feast he gave to Sir William Ashton—"If there's anything totally unable, let it be given to the poir folk."—*N Y Sun.*

MR BLACKE IN RESPONSIBLE OFFICES.—Her Britannic Majesty, we are told by a cable dispatch, has addressed a letter to the Governor of Jamaica advising him "that henceforward *all responsible offices* in the island will be filled from England."

There is England's confession, after more than thirty years of effort to educate and prepare for self government the emancipated blacks of Jamaica—that the negroes are not fit to rule.—*Fredericksburg News.*

NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE AND RECONSTRUCTION.—*Trenton, N. J., January 31*—The Lower House of the Legislature has passed a resolution instructing the Congressmen from this State to vote against the Supplemental Reconstruction act.

GEN. GRANT AND THE PRESIDENCY.

A few weeks ago none of those whose names have been suggested as candidates for the Presidency, appeared to have a fairer prospect of being chosen by the Conservative people of the United States than General Grant. There was confidence reposed in his honesty as a man, a satisfaction felt with his ignorance of mere politics, and a belief in his sterling good sense that would have carried him into the White House by acclamation in spite of all the wire-workers in the country. The Southern people would have been satisfied with him on account of his magnanimous nature and their trust in his unselfish patriotism and his law abiding disposition. The West would have been gratified, because he was taken from their section of the country and the interests of the North would have been consulted in his selection because to them just now that stability of Government essential to their prosperity, and which it needs so much would have been secured by the selection of Gen. Grant who can impart, more of that quality to the Government than any man in the United States.

The events of the last few weeks have proved that their belief of his fitness for the Presidency was a mere dream of the people, who thought Grant was a man not only of judgment and of tact, but a faithful supporter of the Constitution of the United States. In that time he has been compelled to show his hand and they have been undeceived. His silence under the persistent attempts of the politicians to obtain an expression of his opinions on political subjects was taken by them as an evidence of his absolute good sense and wary prudence, and his refusal to gratify the curiosity of his questioners rather added to than detracted from his popularity. His action in re instating Mr. Stanton in the War Office and duplicity towards the President, in concealing his intentions from him in that matter, leave no doubt of his accord with the Radical party, and his readiness to obey their behests. His reticence, it seems, did not spring from a disinclination to concern himself with political affairs, but out of the mere secretiveness and obstinacy of his character, in which he was encouraged by the keepers of his conscience, who knew if he opened his mouth to take one side or the other he was gone—that his only chance was by straddling the fence. He has, fortunately, been compelled to show his hand, and his correspondence with the President on the subject of his action in the Stanton affair, a synopsis of which has been given by telegraph, shows the vexation which he feels at the unenviable figure he now cuts before the country. To engage in an epistolary controversy with so skilful a writer and so experienced a politician as Andrew Johnson, shows that Gen. Grant is not possessed of the qualities of mind, which he has credits. The correctness of the statements of the correspondent of the New York *World* regarding the accusations made against General Grant by the President and his colleagues of the Cabinet, is by this correspondence fully established. Gen. Grant does not in plain words accuse the President of being a liar, but in indirect language he charges the President with "many and gross misrepresentations" of his (Grant's) conduct in connection with the Stanton restoration. Gen. Grant, in so charging the President, has forgotten the respect due to the office if not to the man who occupies the Executive chair, and his assertions will only provoke the colleagues of the President to substantiate in his support, under their own signatures, the uncontradicted statements published on their behalf, of their knowledge on the subject in question. Should this be the case Gen. Grant's unsupported assertions will have no more value than those denials peculiar to accused persons.

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New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad.

[From the Mobile Register.]

It is not a matter of surprise that the chief officers engaged in the construction of this road, in their anxious desire to push on the shops and other works of the company within the corporate limits of the city of Mobile, have been compelled to decline the very liberal terms and proffers made by the local corporation. The building of the road is no longer a question for discussion. We are called upon to secure the location of the shops in this city or reject it. Can we afford the latter? To require the company to open streets for the benefit of the city, rather than the railroad, is simply absurd; and we trust the city government will not persist in throwing such impediments in the way of an enterprise promising so much for the immediate and future prosperity of Mobile.

We are advised that the company will submit a final proposition to the Boards at their next meeting. If rejected, the Boards must account for their action to the people, who are unanimous in a wish to see the enterprise perfected. The proposed additional ordinance asked of the city changes in no material respect the grants already conveyed, except so far as relates to the opening of a new street, and it is proposed to release the city from an obligation already entered into, in consideration of what is now asked by the new ordinance. The question of which will not entail any additional expense on the city, as it simply proposes to open one street in place of another. By examining letter and copy of a proposed ordinance fully explain the objects and purposes of the company, and we trust no delay nor legislative quibbling on the part of the Boards may impede this great public work:

NEW YORK, January 23, 1868.

HENRY VAN VLECK, Esq., Chief Engineer N. O., M. and C. R. R.

Dear Sir—The matter of the location of the shops is so important to the company, and the long delay by the city of Mobile in granting us any privileges for them, and the unprepossessing manner in which they did concede the imperfect privileges contained in the ordinance recently passed, has nearly exhausted the patience of our people here. They cannot and will not accept the ordinance which was recently passed, nor can we longer delay the location of our shops, for we must, as soon as possible, locate and prepare for the construction of the car shop. Our cars at Albany are now completed. You well know that we are exceedingly desirous of placing our shops at Mobile, and of having them all together; but if we cannot obtain the requisite legislation from the city to close the street crossing the grounds, it is simply impossible for us to go there. I have determined to make one more effort to obtain such privileges as we must have to enable us to locate our shops there, and have prepared a new draft for an ordinance, which covers what we should have, and we cannot accept anything less than the ordinance we prepared, except in one particular, and that is the opening of the new street 700 feet west of Broad street. Of course we could get along if that clause (the second one of the draft as I have it now) was stricken out entire; but it would be illiberal in the city to do it, inasmuch as for a great part of the way this street will be a new avenue for the one hereto fore agreed to be opened for an 200 feet west of Broad street, and we therefore hope the clause will be left in the ordinance. The proposed ordinance is a short one, are simple and plain, and only cover what it is absolutely necessary for us to have, and we cannot consent that they be changed in any particular, nor hampered, except as they are already, by the provisos which I have added to the ordinance, and which fully protect the interests of the city, and see all that any fair-minded man will ask.

Now it is a necessity for us to have that matter settled at once; therefore I would ask to give it immediate attention and have the ordinance finally acted upon by both branches of the Council at their meeting on Monday, the 3d of February, or possibly this meeting is on the 4th, and succeed with it if possible; but if you fail in obtaining it, we will make no further effort there, but accept the necessary grants elsewhere with the shops, and you then will immediately go to Pascagoula and select the best grounds you can obtain, make terms for them, get the lowest price you can and refusal, and send same to me, and I will at once advise you of my decision, and if I telegraph you to buy them, you can draw upon me for the amount. I hope that Mobile will not drive us away from them. It is, as you know, a favorite plan of mine, to build five shops there and to make them complete and perfect in every particular; and if you can get the ordinance passed you can make immediate arrangements for the purchase of all the grounds, and we will push for them immediately. I suppose that most of the lands, if not all, must be taken by commission, as it is owned by an estate.

Our bill in Congress passed the House of Representatives on the 21st, and is now in the Senate—I hope it will be passed before any one morning. I am pushing it by letters all I can. They have made our bridges over the bayous and Pascagoula river, slightly test opening into the draft, but I consider it one hundred feet.

We will get all these matters closed as fast as possible, and then I can ask our people to go ahead.

Enclosed you have the ordinance.

Yours, very truly,
JAMES A. HAYNES, President.

There may be truth in wine, as the classic proverb says, but it looks as if there were nothing but fraud in whisky.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Messrs. Editors—A statement appeared in some of yesterday's papers to the effect that we had been arrested, charged with having stolen sugar in our possession. We are the private watchmen of the large new warehouse on the levee. Brought before the Recorder, we proved, conclusively, that we had bought the sugar from the watchman of a steamboat, and His Honor did not hesitate to order our immediate and honorable discharge. We offer this explanation, as law-abiding citizens, in order to set us right before the community.

J. SUERENTINE.
J. MAURICE.

A Pilot's Commission Revoked—Gov. Baker yesterday issued the following:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEP'T, }
New Orleans, Feb. 5, 1868. }

Whereas, an act of the General Assembly, entitled, "An act relative to pilots," approved April 4, 1865, section 14, provides as follows:

"That it shall be the duty of the Board of Examiners of the port of New Orleans to report to the Governor any neglect of duty, drunkenness, carelessness, habitual intemperance, incompetency or misconduct had conduct on the part of any branch pilot, showing that said branch pilot ought to be removed or suspended; and it shall be the duty of the Governor, if, upon due inquiry such report be well founded, to revoke or suspend the commission of said branch pilot."

And whereas, John Nichols, a branch pilot, has been reported to me by the Board of Examiners, as aforesaid, as having gone on board of the steamship Mariposa, on the 17th of December last, while in a state of intoxication unfitting him for the performance of his duty, and owing to which cause the said vessel was run aground, out of the channel, thereby entailing serious detention and expense to said ship; and whereas, the said John Nichols, branch pilot, is further charged with habitual intemperance and neglect of duty.

Now therefore, I, Joshua Baker, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the power vested in me by the law as aforesaid, do hereby revoke and annul the commission of branch pilot issued to and in the name of John Nichols, under the date of March 7, 1865, the said revocation to take effect from and after this date.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, of the above date, and the independence of the United States the ninety-second.

JOSHUA BAKER.

By the Governor:
J. H. HARDY, Secretary of State.

The School Board.—Meeting last evening, Mr. Mount in the chair, and fourteen members present.

Messrs. John Pasley and F. Michinard were elected members of the Board, in the places of Messrs. Stickney and Mueller, resigned.

The Committee on Text Books reported that Gen Manny, agent for the Southern Series of School Books, was unable to supply them on terms as reasonable as other publishers.

The Committee on Supervision, of the Third District, reported on the complaint of Mr. Doberell and recommended that the action of the Superintendent in refusing admission of a pupil known to be colored to the Webster School be now outs before the country. To engage in an epistolary controversy with so skilful a writer and so experienced a politician as Andrew Johnson, shows that Gen. Grant is not possessed of the qualities of mind, which he has credits. The correctness of the statements of the correspondent of the New York *World* regarding the accusations made against General Grant by the President and his colleagues of the Cabinet, is by this correspondence fully established. Gen. Grant does not in plain words accuse the President of being a liar, but in indirect language he charges the President with "many and gross misrepresentations" of his (Grant's) conduct in connection with the Stanton restoration. Gen. Grant, in so charging the President, has forgotten the respect due to the office if not to the man who occupies the Executive chair, and his assertions will only provoke the colleagues of the President to substantiate in his support, under their own signatures, the uncontradicted statements published on their behalf, of their knowledge on the subject in question. Should this be the case Gen. Grant's unsupported assertions will have no more value than those denials peculiar to accused persons.

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Impotent Military Orders.

Gen. Hancock yesterday issued the following important orders relative to the Street Commissioner and Recorder Gastinel:

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, }
New Orleans, La., Feb. 5, 1868. }

Special Orders No. 26.

[Extract.]

The investigation ordered by these headquarters, Dec 20, 1867, in the matter of the charges of malfeasance in office, preferred against Wm. Baker, Street Commissioner for the city of New Orleans, will at once terminate. The District Attorney of the parish of Orleans is hereby directed to take charge of this matter, and take such action as may be proper and necessary against the party, proceeding therein by due course of law.

Wm. Baker, Street Commissioner for the city of New Orleans, (military appointment,) is removed from office, and Geo. D. Field is appointed in his place.

Upon accepting this appointment, Mr. Field will forward to this office a copy of the oath prescribed by law.

Arthur Gastinel, Recorder for the Second District Recorder's Court, city of New Orleans, having been declared by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana ineligible to fill said office when elected, but who is now eligible under the laws of the State, is hereby appointed Recorder of said court, provided he duly qualifies and files at those headquarters a copy of the required oath.

Still Harping on Docilitie—Negro Suffrage in the Presidential Campaign—Butler after Stewart—The Fenian People—Commissioners of Patents, &c., &c.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

Washington, Jan. 29, 1868.—The Senate is still engaged in a campaign debate on the House supplementary reconstruction bill, and Mr. Doolittle receives daily the indignant shafts of the Senators who were frightened into action by his recent speech. The bill will soon pass, and its record as one of the statutes at large may be looked for as a fixed fact, as it is certain that the veto which it will receive can be overruled. Such discussions provoke very little interest now. The most unanswerable arguments on the part of the Conservatives have no influence with Congress. Passion, and not reason, continues to rule in the capitol of the nation.

Thad. Stevens and others of his particular sort have determined that the question of negro suffrage everywhere within the limits of the country shall prevail as one of the most prominent planks of the Radical platform in the Presidential campaign. There are some among the Republicans who hope to ward this feature off until after next time, but the consistent and thoroughgoing Radicals, in earnest defence of their creed, will not permit it. They declare that the party must live or die on that issue, and if the General-in-Chief is to be the candidate of the Republican party he must subscribe to that principle, among others, as one of its most prominent articles.

Butler has announced his intention to give Grant and his friends no rest if the former recedes the reconstruction, and in anticipation of that event is already beginning to work against him.

It is very likely that the bill to extend the career of Secretary Stanton will soon pass. At his headquarters here active measures have been taken to consummate its passage, and all the prominent Radicals promise their influence in aid.

Quite a number of reports have been received by Gen. Howard from high officials of the South, in the shape of manifestoes and accounts of the conduct and character of many of the freedmen in the planting districts, and the people of the North will probably find out before long from Radical official accounts that the freed people are not so industrious or enterprising as they have imagined them to be.

Mr. Colfax has ordered the question of who is to be Commissioner of Patents is settled by the nomination of Mr. Bishop (it being considered also as certain that the Senate will confirm the nomination), and Geo. D. Field is appointed in his place.

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(Special Cor. of the Baltimore Gazette.)

The Republican Nominating—A Fearful Weapon—Government Bonds—Telegraph Companies—Stanton for Vice-President, &c., &c.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The revolution is rapidly culminating. All the measures devised by Congress for subverting the Government will be speedily passed.

Another bill is pending in the House empowering the President of the Senate, in cases where *ex officio* he shall succeed in the Chief Magistracy, *to hold over beyond the time for which he shall have been elected as a Member.* This is clearly intended for the benefit of Wade, and is made to fit his case to a hair. It, more than all other, would legalize a usurpation of the Government in case of a failure to elect their candidate *after the 4th of March, 1869.*

In the meantime it is by no means certain that the country may not be plunged into a foreign war. I learn that the leading spirits of the dominant party deem it advisable to consummate the revolution before the country has time to establish hostilities. It is probable, therefore, that our complications with Great Britain will be seized upon to effect their purpose.

The Federal Government is rapidly absorbing all power, even in respect to matters of private concernment. The telegraph companies have submitted to the demands of Congress, and private dispatches are now read under the manipulations of spanielized officials. Washburne, of Illinois, has prepared a bill for this purpose. We are told that it has received sufficient opposition from the lines now established under State authority. No wonder. People cannot be made fools and deceptions in the rules and arbitrary decisions of the chair, for which they have no appeal by the rules. They declare they are powerless in the face of usurpation, and that the voice of a majority is not allowed expression. It is expected that a majority of the members will assemble to morrow in the Senate Chamber to hear the decision. They deny the eligibility of Billings, Richards, Pierce, Saunders and Walker to seats, on the ground that the former are not citizens of the State.

Walker was a judge of election and ineligible under Gen. Pope's order. There is a strong opposition among the Radicals to the application to be sworn in. This result was predicted as soon as the vote was taken in the Senate ordering the discussion of the Reconstruction bill to be proceeded with.

The Radicals are in a rage over some reported remarks of Gen. Sheridan, in the presence of a number of gentlemen, in which it is said Judge Field declared, in very positive terms, that the Reconstruction measures of Congress were unconstitutional. Judge Field was granted leave of absence in order to make their investigation.

On consideration of the Constitution being in order, Bertonneau, of Orleans, moved to reconsider the 155th article of the minority report, adopted as an article of the Constitution Carried, and the 140th article of the minority report adopted as a substitute, reading as follows:

ART. —Institutions for the support of the insane, the education and support of the blind and the deaf and dumb, shall always be fostered by the State, and be subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the General Assembly.

Wickliffe, of Orleans, moved to reconsider, so as to amend article 153 of the minority report, adopted as article 141 of the Constitution. Carried, and the article amended by striking out the words "this article," and inserting the words "the articles of the Constitution."

After considerable discussion further articles of the Constitution were adopted under the head of Militia, as follows:

ARTICLE —MILITIA.

ART. 143. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to organize the militia of the State, and all able bodied men, citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 years, not disfranchised by the laws of the United States and of this State, shall be subject to military duty.

ART. 144. The Governor shall appoint all commissioned officers, subject to confirmation or rejection by the Senate, except the staff officers, who shall be appointed by their respective chiefs and commissioned by the Governor. All militia officers shall take and subscribe to the oath prescribed for officers of the United States Army and the oath prescribed for officers in this State.

ART. 145. The Governor shall have power to call the militia into active service for the preservation of law and order, or where the public safety may require it. The militia ordered in active service shall receive same pay and allowance as the U. S. army.

TITLE X—MODE OF REVISING THE CONSTITUTION.

ART. 146. Any amendment, or amendments, to this Constitution, may be proposed in the Senate or House of Representatives, and if the same shall be agreed to by two-thirds of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on their journals with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and the Secretary of the State shall cause the same to be published three months before the next general election for Representatives to the General Assembly, in at least one newspaper in every parish in the State, in which a newspaper shall be published; and if, in the General Assembly elected next after such proposed amendment or amendments, the same shall become a part of this Constitution. If more than one amendment shall be submitted at one time, they shall be submitted in such manner that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately.

The Convention adjourned till 10 A. M., Thursday.

BINGHAM DENOUNCED AND THREATENED.—We copy as follows from the special Washington dispatch of the Louisville *Courier* of the 27th:

Congressman Bingham has waked up something else besides the ghost of the murdered woman, Mary Surrat. He is in receipt of numerous letters from the South, denouncing him for his last reconstruction measures, and one of the letters from Boston threatens him with personal violence.

A Houston (Texas) paper gives the following rather sensible advice to young men about to visit that place in search of business situations: "Stay away; there are no vacancies" here. Stay where you are; pull off your coat, take hold of a plow. Stay away from the cities. Times are hard, 'tis true; they will never be flush unless we all learn to depend on our own resources, and work out our own salvation."

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

Bill Forfeiting Southern Railroad Lands Referred.

Consul at Matamoros---F. W. Scott.

Secretary of War to Employ Counsel to Defend Reconstruction Officials.

Order from Gen. Howard.

Georgia Relief Law Passed.

The Southern Conventions.

Disruption of Florida Convention Probable.

FROM EUROPE.

Foreign and Domestic Markets.

Miscellaneous Intelligence.

Washington, Feb. 5—Beatty elected from Ohio in place of Hamilton deceased, was sworn in.

The bill forfeiting Southern railroad lands, after being amended to except the Nashville and Decatur road passed. Yeas 36, nays 73. The bill declares forfeited to the United States all public lands granted in 1856, in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Florida to building Railroads, and declares such lands open to Homestead entry and settlement under him.

Rights of American citizens abroad was resumed.

A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to employ counsel to defend Grant, Meade, Hogan and any other officer or person entrusted with the enforcement of the reconstruction acts, against any suit or proceedings in any court in regard to official acts, passed. Adjourned.

SENATE.—The bill authorising the Secretary of War to employ counsel to defend Reconstruction officials, passed.

RECONSTRUCTION RESUMED.

The bill forfeiting Southern railroad lands was referred to the Committee on Public Lands with instructions to report back the question of who is to be Commissioner of Patents is settled by the nomination of Mr. Bishop (it being considered also as certain that the Senate will confirm the nomination), and Geo. D. Field is appointed in his place.

Mr Baker, in accordance with previous notice, moved a reconsideration of the resolution subsidizing instruction in the French language in the primary departments of the schools in the First and Fourth Districts.

After considerable discussion the resolution reconsidered was adopted by a vote of Yeas 61, nays 7; so that French will not be taught in the primary departments of the schools of the First and Fourth Districts.

The President of the Board, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Superintendent of Schools, were appointed a Committee to wait upon General Hancock in regard to the action of the City Council, in reducing the appropriation for the public schools from $490,000 to $240,000—a sum insufficient. We are surprised at this action of the Council, and hope they will take no such steps. Our financial condition requires the reduction.

The resignation of Robert Hare as a member of the Board, was accepted, and the Board adjourned.

First District Court —Judge Howe.—In the case of Jas. Cretland, charged with assaulting Deanna Riley, the jury failed to agree and a new trial was ordered.

In the case of Cornelius Murphy, charged with larceny, the jury also failed to agree, and a mistrial was declared. Murphy was a police officer, and obtained money from P M Redan by giving an order on the City Treasurer when pay day came around. Redan, Treasurer's office of President in former days, and this consideration alone would doubtless be one great recommendation to the Presidency. A ruler who is patriotic, discreet and just, and is able to resist encroachments from any side, would be a blessing to the American people, and they appear to have come to the school era when they have found such a man in Gen. Grant."

In the case of Chas. Hayes, accused of assault and battery, the District Attorney entered a *nol. pros.*, as the accused is dead.

Recorder Latten's Court.—An affidavit was filed by Jno. McCormick against Jas. Gallagher, alias Sydney, for obtaining money under false pretences. Jno. McCormick, as boarding master, arrested the accused $36, and 16 dollars had deserted.

Amadie, a colored boy, about 16 years old, surrendered himself, on the charge of stabbing a white boy named John Smith, intent to shoot and other works of the company within the corporate limits of the city of Mobile, have been compelled to decline the very illiberal terms and proffers made by the local corporation. The building of the road is no longer a question for discussion. We are called upon to secure the location of the shops in this city or reject it. Can we afford the latter? To require the company to open streets for the benefit of the city, rather than the railroad, is simply absurd; and we trust the city government will not persist in throwing such impediments in the way of an enterprise promising so much for the immediate and future prosperity of Mobile.

We are advised that the company will submit a final proposition to the Boards at their next meeting. If rejected, the Boards must account for their action to the people, who are unanimous in a wish to see the enterprise perfected. The proposed additional ordinance asked of the city changes in no material respect the grants already conveyed, except so far as relates to the opening of a new street, and it is proposed to release the city from an obligation already entered into, in consideration of what is now asked by the new ordinance. The question of which will not entail any additional expense on the city, as it simply proposes to open one street in place of another. By examining letter and copy of a proposed ordinance fully explain the objects and purposes of the company, and we trust no delay nor legislative quibbling on the part of the Boards may impede this great public work:

NEW YORK, January 23, 1868.

HENRY VAN VLECK, Esq., Chief Engineer N. O., M. and C. R. R.

Dear Sir—The matter of the location of the shops is so important to the company, and the long delay by the city of Mobile in granting us any privileges for them, and the unprepossessing manner in which they did concede the imperfect privileges contained in the ordinance recently passed, has nearly exhausted the patience of our people here. They cannot and will not accept the ordinance which was recently passed, nor can we longer delay the location of our shops, for we must, as soon as possible, locate and prepare for the construction of the car shop. Our cars at Albany are now completed. You well know that we are exceedingly desirous of placing our shops at Mobile, and of having them all together; but if we cannot obtain the requisite legislation from the city to close the street crossing the grounds, it is simply impossible for us to go there. I have determined to make one more effort to obtain such privileges as we must have to enable us to locate our shops there, and have prepared a new draft for an ordinance, which covers what we should have, and we cannot accept anything less than the ordinance we prepared, except in one particular, and that is the opening of the new street 700 feet west of Broad street. Of course we could get along if that clause (the second one of the draft as I have it now) was stricken out entire; but it would be illiberal in the city to do it, inasmuch as for a great part of the way this street will be a new avenue for the one hereto fore agreed to be opened for an 200 feet west of Broad street, and we therefore hope the clause will be left in the ordinance. The proposed ordinance is a short one, are simple and plain, and only cover what it is absolutely necessary for us to have, and we cannot consent that they be changed in any particular, nor hampered, except as they are already, by the provisos which I have added to the ordinance, and which fully protect the interests of the city, and see all that any fair-minded man will ask.

Now it is a necessity for us to have that matter settled at once; therefore I would ask to give it immediate attention and have the ordinance finally acted upon by both branches of the Council at their meeting on Monday, the 3d of February, or possibly this meeting is on the 4th, and succeed with it if possible; but if you fail in obtaining it, we will make no further effort there, but accept the necessary grants elsewhere with the shops, and you then will immediately go to Pascagoula and select the best grounds you can obtain, make terms for them, get the lowest price you can and refusal, and send same to me, and I will at once advise you of my decision, and if I telegraph you to buy them, you can draw upon me for the amount. I hope that Mobile will not drive us away from them. It is, as you know, a favorite plan of mine, to build five shops there and to make them complete and perfect in every particular; and if you can get the ordinance passed you can make immediate arrangements for the purchase of all the grounds, and we will push for them immediately. I suppose that most of the lands, if not all, must be taken by commission, as it is owned by an estate.

Our bill in Congress passed the House of Representatives on the 21st, and is now in the Senate—I hope it will be passed before any one morning. I am pushing it by letters all I can. They have made our bridges over the bayous and Pascagoula river, slightly test opening into the draft, but I consider it one hundred feet.

We will get all these matters closed as fast as possible, and then I can ask our people to go ahead.

Enclosed you have the ordinance.

Yours, very truly,
JAMES A. HAYNES, President.

There may be truth in wine, as the classic proverb says, but it looks as if there were nothing but fraud in whisky.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 5, 1868.

COTTON—The sales to-day amounted to 3200 bales at about previous rates. We continue to quote ordinary at 15 to 15¾c, good ordinary at 16¼ to 16¾, low middling at 17¾ to 17¾, middling at 17¾ to 18, and strict middling 18¼ to ——.

The movement was checked by dark and rainy weather, and during the early part of the day prices showed increased weakness, figures being accepted in exceptional cases, which indicated a further decline, and considerable reluctance of the business being either at the inside rates in the above quotations or at a fraction less, but at a later hour the encouraging portion of the financial telegram displayed more confidence on the part of factors and rather stimulated the demand. The supply was moderate, but there was no pressure to sell, and we would not doubt have been on a more liberal scale.

COTTON STATEMENT.	
Stock on hand September 1st, 1867, baled	15,826
Arrived to-day	5,328
Arrived previously	408,089—413,417
	429,673
Cleared to-day	226
Cleared previously	320,649—320,947
Stock on hand and on shipboard	102,826

The clearances were exclusively for New York.

FREIGHTS—Are unchanged.

SUGAR—The receipts this morning comprise 111 hogsheads. The supplies are insufficient for the demand, which is active, and prices are still higher. All the receipts are sold, and the sales of yesterday and to-day, not reported, comprise 400 hhds., at 9 to 10c per lb for inferior, 10¼ to 11¼c for common, 12 to 12¾c for good common, 12¾ to 13c for fair, 13¼ to 13¾c for good fair, 13½ to 13¾c for fully fair, 14c for pr