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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 18, 1865.

On our second page will be found sheriff's and auction sales, bank notices and various miscellaneous advertisements.

Auction Sales this Day.

By E. M. Jacobs, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, improved property.
By D. E. Murphy, at 10 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, several valuable lots of ground.
By S. Genault, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, improved lots of ground.
By the Sheriff, at 10 o'clock, at No. 43 St. Peter street, the contents of a coffee house.

CREDIT SALE BY THE SHERIFF OF THE CONTENTS OF A COFFEE-HOUSE.—We call the attention to the sale at auction to be made this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the premises, by the Sheriff of this Parish, of the contents of a coffee house situate at No. 43 St. Peter street, Second District. For particulars and terms see advertisement.

We are requested by D. E. Murphy, auctioneer, to call the attention of capitalists and other parties wishing to invest in well located improved real estate, to the succession sale of Louise Daralde, widow of Joseph Soulat Dufossat, succession of John J. Parker, also several other pieces of improved real estate advertised by him to be sold this day, Saturday, February 18th, 1865, at 12 o'clock, M., in the Merchants and Auctioneers Exchange.

MAIL FOR MATAMORAS.—We are informed that a mail, to be sent to Matamoras in charge of a special messenger on the steamtug of Matamoras, will close at the Post Office to-day at 3 o'clock, P. M.

BY TELEGRAPH.

WESTERN DATES OF THE 11th. NEW YORK DATES OF THE 11th.

THE HENRY VAN PHELPS AT MORGANZA.

GOLD 205¾ AT THE CLOSE ON THE 11th.

Gen. Grant Before the Committee on the Conduct of the War—His Account of an Arrangement for the Complete Exchange of Prisoners—The Army of the Potomac Quiet.

THE CASE OF THE ST ALBANS RAIDERS.

(To the New Orleans Bee.)

Morganza, Feb 11—5 P M

The steamer Henry Von Phul passed down at 3 P. M., with Western dates of 11th and New York dates of the 10th.

New York, February 11th.—Gold market dull with a downward tendency, opened at 205¾ and closed at 205¾. Gen Grant was before the Committee on the conduct of the war in Washington yesterday, when, in reply to a question he answered that he had effected no arrangement for the exchange of prisoners, man for man, officer for officer, artillerist for artillerist, party has exchanged the number of prisoners they now hold.

The House took a recess, and the members gathered around to pay their respects to the General, who bowed his acknowledgements and retired. The audience body applauded.

A dispatch from Headquarters Army of the Potomac, February 8th, says: Nothing of interest transpired on the lines to-day.

A Montreal dispatch of the 9th says: The case of the St. Albans raiders was up again to-day, when the prisoners counsel asked for a further delay to examine evidence in addition, which say that four witnesses were sent to Richmond. Mr. Hodgdon's advocate went to Washington and subsequently to Richmond to obtain the evidence to Richmond.

In reply to Sir lester Mr Seward wrote him that the Government could hold no communication or correspondence with him and that he was expected to leave the country without entering the scene of surprise or communicating with the insurgents. He saw the President and the British Consul Affairs without success. He wrote a second letter to Mr. Seward to which no attention was paid. Application for further delay was refused. The refusal is generally looked upon as end of the case against the prisoners.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—With the present week terminates at the Academy the season of the circus and menagerie. On Monday evening the Mammoth Variety Company, which earlier in the winter proved itself, beyond peradventure, the most complete, brilliant and deservedly popular combination of the kind ever presented on the Academy boards, will commence a series of its characteristic entertainments, at least as it is estimated, with certain additions to the corps of artists and to its curriculum of performances which must naturally enhance the general interest of its results.

MID-DAY PERFORMANCE AT THE ACADEMY.—To-day concludes the operations of the circus and menagerie in New Orleans, and the last day is to be commemorated by two performances, one at noon and one at night. As it is well understood that this is the most considerable combination of artists and trained animals that is likely soon, if ever, again to be organized here, the public need scarcely be reminded of the great eligibility of this last opportunity of witnessing their extraordinary performances.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—Miss Henrietta Irving will return to the stage to-night in the character of Adrienne Lecouvreur. The programme also comprises a dance and an amusing afterpiece.

The Lady of Lyons is to-day for the first conjoint appearance here on Monday evening of Lawrence Barrett and Miss Irving. It is unquestionably a strong combination.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Mr. Scallan will have a complimentary benefit to-night, with a spirited and diversified bill, comprising performances by the Ethiopian Minstrels, as well as of the theatre's regular company. Aside from regard for the beneficiary, lovers of fun would not willingly miss the occasion.

Meantime a grand matinée will be given at noon, including the fairy spectacular drama of Cherry and Fair Star, with songs, chorus-es, dances, &c., and the comic piece, Did You Send Your Wife to the Lake?

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE MISSISSIPPI PASSES.—In consequence of the frequent delays of steamers at the mouth of the Mississippi, the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce has appointed Messrs. Flanders, Fadick and Moulton a committee to report on the subject and to draw up a memorial to Congress for an appropriation for removing obstructions at the Passes. The Chamber also instructed its Secretary to confer with parties in the North interested in the commerce of New Orleans, and to represent to the Postmaster General the injuries to the mail service resulting from the cause in question, in order that they may assist in having it remedied.

Major General Harrow is now commanding the district of Port Hudson and Baton Rouge, with headquarters at the latter place. He is said to take the command with large discretionary powers on the application of the new trade regulations.

The steamship Texas arrived at New York on the 9th. She was appointed previously to leave on her return trip to New Orleans on the 11th, but it is not thought probable, with so short a time for unloading and loading, that she could sail on the day designated.

Egan & King have pure Boss Potatoes, fresh ground Meal and new Beans for sale.

Arrival of the Pauline Carroll.

The Pauline Carroll, from Cairo, arrived last night, with the latest St. Louis papers that have yet come to hand. Their news, however, has mainly been anticipated by Cairo dates and by telegraph.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND MR. SEWARD.

St. Louis papers of the 11th contain President Lincoln's response to the Senate's resolution of inquiry relative to the peace conference, transmitted to Congress on the 10th, and giving a documentary account of that meeting, its results and antecedents, with copies of the various notes, letters, and passports connected therewith.

Accompanying these documents is an elaborate letter from Mr. Seward on the subject to Mr. Adams, American Minister to England, giving his report of the affair with the view of placing the attitude of his Government in a satisfactory light before the world, and to anticipate erroneous statements and views.

Mr. J. H. Langwell, clerk of the Pauline Carroll, has our thanks for esteemed newspaper favors.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Garroting.—Last night, about 11 o'clock, Mr Godfroy, one of the employees of the *Bee* office, was assailed by garrotters at the steps of his house on Burgundy street, and rifled of a valuable diamond ring, a gold watch, and his pocket book containing a sum of money. He was roughly handled, and his neck was badly cut by the garrotters.

United States District Court — Judge E. H. Durell.—In the case of property of Mr. Hyams the rights of intervenors came up for discussion. The question of loyalty and the necessary lien or priviledge on the property came up on the intervention of the Citizens Bank, whose pleading are to be amended to show the status of the management of the concern.

A vendor's privilege of Mrs. Pontalba was allowed, the agent, Mr E. Roche resuming showing his loyal status.

A new application in the case of the Lady Harley, claiming to have sailed from Tampico for Matamoras, but captured off the coast of Texas, 200 miles out of her course, was taken under advisement.

Chicken Thieves.—Owners of fowls in the Bayou road, about Claiborne and Broad streets, complain bitterly about nightly depredations committed on their hen roosts and the mysterious disappearance of their fowls.

The residents of that region appeal to the police for a riddance of the terrible scourge.

First District Court—Judge Howard.—John Brown was tried on the charge of having committed an assault and battery on Caroline Parent, on the corner of Bagatelle and Claiborne streets. Accused was acquitted.

S. Vidon was before the jury and found guilty of an assault and battery on Mr. J. A. Ivy, who was called from the corner of Gravier and Carondelet streets to Dr. Elliot's stable.

The Legislature.

FRIDAY, February 17, 1865.

Senate.—The Senate came to order at twenty minutes past 10 o'clock, a quorum present.

The minutes of the late proceedings were read and adopted.

The Committee on Printing reported the approval of bills for printing, amounting to $10,791 99. Adopted.

The Committee on Auditing and Supervising the expenses of the Senate reported a number of bills approved.

Mr. Montamat gave notice that he would introduce a bill relative to the appointment of the General Assembly.

Mr. Hart presented a petition of the lady managers of the Orphans Home, for material aid, which was read and referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

On motion of Mr. Montamat, the joint resolution from the House, relative to the adoption of the proposed amendment of the Constitution ratifying the proposed amendment was passed through the readings and finally adopted, by 18 ayes against 1 nay. Mr. Jones who voted in the negative, gave as his reason for the negative vote, that the delegation from Louisiana had not been received in Congress, and that he could not see why this should be considered a day of one day in the Union the other day counted.

Mr. O Connell offered a joint resolution to offer the thanks of the General Assembly to Mai Gen. Banks for his advocacy of the cause of Louisiana in Washington.

Explaining the resolution, Mr O Connell improved the opportunity with a severe rebuke of the course pursued by Mr. Th. J. Durant in endeavoring to reduce this State to the position of a conquered territory. The speaker was particularly bitter in answering the different aspects the conduct of Mr. Durant assumed, according to the phases of the history of the rebellion and the occupation of the city by the Federal troops.

The resolutions were laid over under the rules. The Senate then adjourned till Monday next.

House of Representatives.—A journal was present at the usual hour, the Hon. S. Bishop, Speaker, presiding.

Prayer by the Rev Mr. Thomas

The minutes were read and approved.

The following notice given by Mr Balzer and omitted in the report yesterday, appeared on the minutes Notice of Mr. Balzer, that he intends to introduce a bill, repealing the several acts, incorporating the Carrollton gas light, special privileges to the Masonic Grand Lodge, as at present organized.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs Boyd Robinson and R. Miller for one week, and to Mr. Regan, because he was summoned as a witness to a military court.

The bill to regulate the fees of jurors of the peace and constables throughout the State was taken up and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A petition of the society of the colored veterans of 1814 and 15, for relief, was read and laid over under the rules.

Bills for the relief of two Orphan Asylums, at Baton Rouge, and one for the management of the Asylum of the dead dumb and blind, were adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that he will introduce an act for the empanelment of certain Senators, on the charge of malfeasance in office, in absenting themselves from their duty temporarily.

Mr. Breckenridge gave notice that he would introduce a resolution fixing the hour of the meetings of the House at 11 o'clock A M.

The bill regulating boarding-houses passed its second reading and was ordered to be engrossed for the third reading.

The militia bill was then taken up, but it was soon found that there was no quorum. A motion to adjourn was responded to with 30 ayes and 28 nays. A message from the Senate then announced the concurrence of that body in the joint resolution ratifying the amendment of the United States Constitution abolishing slavery. The speaker then announced that the House stands adjourned until Monday next, 12 M.

The steamship Fung Shuey, Capt. Hildreth, takes her departure for New York direct, this morning at 8 o'clock, with the U. S. mails, a full cargo and the following passengers:

A M Smithson, Cap F D Hamilton, Gen C Bonnell, J A D Lake, Wm Lesac Mrs Meredyer and 2 children Mrs M Waters, Mrs Maguire, Mrs Baker and child, Mrs Stout.

The steamship Evening Star, Capt. Bell, will leave her wharf at 8 o'clock this morning for New York via Havana, with a full cargo, the mails for Havana and the following passengers:

FOR NEW YORK.—Peter Mine, Thos Brunne, C Jacquet, wife and child, A F Stone, J M Ramsay, D P Jaffan, A F Stone, Mrs Fanny Lobstelle, D Rosbie, T Wear and lady, J Express, F F Fraser, Abe Will, A W J Reglicot, L O Benedict, R W Rixsey, A L Field, Mr and Mrs Bruce, Mr and Mrs E Reid, Mrs H Woodruff, S Monce, John Lains, Mrs K G Hopkins, Geo W Cleveland, S S Navans, Mrs Sevens, S Dunn, G W Boynton, S Fartie, E Fryer, C Burrage, Cash 12 Opers.

FOR HAVANA.—Miss C Gerardy, Mrs. Gen. Folsom and three children, Miss Tate, Mrs Alfred Gaudin, Caroline Gaudin, Henriette Gaudin, A Minerva, servant, Mrs. S D Jenner, child and servant, M A Hart, L Dufilho, Mrs F M Bastian, Julie Ulvroach, A Bonnet, Jean A Condee, J N Hugh, C de S H J Haight, Mrs. A Miss Lathrop, Gen. J Hubbard, S Hamilton, Mrs Swanton, P A Burgoyne, F Moody, Gr ge Moseley, J Bentzeon, Mrs. Hollsworth, Miss H Cowyer, S Shannon, Peter Simpson, J H Reilly, C W Hurley, J Tallmire, G W Dauber, M Pepper, F McCulligan and 30 in the steerage.

[From the True Delta, last evening.]

The Draft.

Capt. Hibbert announced yesterday that the draft would be resumed on Wednesday morning. There are nearly 200 names drawn for the Fourth District, leaving something more than 200 to complete the drawing for that section.

In the meantime, the office is open for listening to reasons for exemption and deciding upon the qualifications of substitutes. These can be presented as soon, and will be accepted if satisfactory.

IMPORTANT RUMOR.—We heard a rumor [illegible] that [illegible] to be known to [illegible] interested to know [illegible] protested.

The Chessboard of the War—A Northern Estimate of Hood's Campaign.

[From the Army and Navy Gazette.]

Now that Sherman's unparalleled campaign is closed, it is ready to be a rapid, dazzling and terrible defeat of the most promising and dangerous offensive campaign ever undertaken by the Confederacy. It was a campaign not only devised in Georgia, but in Virginia also, and had the sanction of Davis himself, as an able editorial of a New York contemporary states.

"It is very easy to invite him now for the blunders he has made in sending Hood toward Sherman's rear, and leaving the road through Georgia open to the latter. But we venture to assert that there was not a single General in the Confederacy, nor is there one in Europe, who would have imagined, under the circumstances, that Sherman would do what he has done, and, therefore, have taken precautions against it. The march to Savannah, which has no precedent in the history of warfare, and the [illegible] exploits, is not that Davis is a great fool, but that Sherman is what an English journal recently pronounced him, "the greatest of living Captains." The passage of the great St. Bernard by Napoleon proved not the stupidity or incapacity of Melas, but the skill and audacity of the adversary.

Our own belief is that Sherman's great campaign will be found to have cut the Gordian knot of the war. By wisely dividing his army, and then whipping the adversary's entire force with one half, he has put at one stroke almost of the enemy—a fatal superiority of pieces on the board of war. For soon as that simple discovery was made known to the Southern people, the cry for terms began to burst forth. It was a splendid stroke, to be ranked as one of the most brilliant of its character. I believed it was that character from the moment I saw Johnston's army in front of Atlanta last summer, and from the day on it was in which the rebels could depend. Our occupation of the Mississippi from their transMississippi Department, and not only to Hood's army [illegible] but Sherman's march free cut him off from the East by the annihilation of nine-tenths of one of the finest quadrilateral in Europe. Reliant upon the [illegible] upon Thomas's army, and more if he wastes it, and upon the armies around Grant the heavy reinforcements ordered to Lee, given an overwhelming force in order to drive Sherman from South Carolina to disband Sherman. The resistance of the army of Lee is what we understand by all historical parallels. It has always been [illegible] to close with the enemy, and [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] to