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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 15, 1869.

Thanks to Captain Whitney, of the steamship Rappahannock, arrived from Havana, for a late paper from that port.

GRAND CONCERT.—Sunday, at 1 P. M., in the Hall of the Pacific Union Lodge on Esplanade street, at the 5th hold there by the ladies of children of Mary's Society, a grand concert is to be given for the benefit of the widows and orphans in the asylum established by Rev. Father Turgis. A number of the artists of the Opera will assist on the occasion, which, with their efforts and the solicitation of the ladies, will doubtless be rendered one of great interest.

STEAMER IDA.—This excellent steamer, which has taken the place of the A. G. Brown, leaves her wharf, for the lower coast, every Tuesday and Friday, at noon, and not every Wednesday, as we stated erroneously in our Wednesday's issue.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.—A great billiard tournament is to be given this evening, commencing at 5 o'clock, at the German Company Hall, corner of Bienville street and Exchange alley. There will be a number of celebrated players present, the principal game being a match for $200 a side, between Messrs. John Miller and W. M. Rivers. We are much obliged to Mr. Charles Lacombe, proprietor of the St Charles Billiard Saloon, under the St. Charles Hotel, for tickets.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—The opera of "Faust," by Gounod, will be performed to-night, to make up to the subscribers for the performances on Thursday evening last. Mr. Van Hoffen will appear in the great character of *Mephisto-feles*, Mr. Edgel as *Faust*, and Miss Hensel-man as *Marguerita*.

THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AS A COTTON FACTOR.

A bill has been introduced into the Senate at Washington by Mr. Spencer, of Alabama, the professed object of which is "to regulate the price and encourage the production of cotton in the United States." It was referred to the Committee on Finance. The bill provides, that:

"After the 1st of July next the Secretary of the Treasury shall be authorized to purchase all raw cotton, from after the passage of this bill, when the same shall be delivered at any railway station or landing direct receiving and shipping to the port of New York, at twenty cents per pound for uplands, and thirty cents for Sea Island, provided it be in good merchantable order and put up in bales of 400 pounds each. The purchases are to be made through the Secretary of the Treasury's Clerk. Cotton so sold shall be exempt from tax, but if sold to other parties then agents of the United States shall pay a tax of three cents per pound. The cotton purchased by the Government shall be sold in New York at a price not less than five cents per pound in advance of the purchase price, not including the expenses of transportation, storage, etc., as part of the latter, but manufacturers of cotton within the United States shall be allowed a drawback of two and a half cents per pound upon all cotton used by them, and a full report of all transactions under the foregoing provisions shall be laid before Congress at the commencement of every regular session."

This is another of those stultifying schemes devised for the benefit of the Internal Revenue robbers directly, and for the benefit of the Republican party indirectly. It ought to have been entitled "a bill to regulate the robbery of the cultivators of the Southern States, and the confiscation of the cotton, and the transfer of their property in cotton to the pockets of the manufacturers of the same in the New England States." That is exactly what it is. It is an indirect method of confiscation, neither more nor less. The Mobile *Tribune* thus characterizes the infamous proposition, to start the United States Government on its pyramidal travels, and to turn it into a gigantic cotton speculating establishment. Says the *Tribune*, and we fully concur in its opinion:

As a specimen of cool invasion of the rights of property, there is nothing comparable to it in the history of tyrannies, save the vision of Dr. Francia, the tyrant of Paraguay, in forcing the people of that unhappy country to sell their crops of yerbe to him at his own price.

It is a bolder abolition of all distinction between the words *mine* and *thine*, which even the Russian government is too enlightened to be guilty of.

It ostensibly guarantees planters twenty cents per pound for cotton delivered to the agents of the Government at any railroad depot or on a steamer making direct connection with the city of New York. By that every other cotton market in the United States is to be ruined for the benefit of that city. And if planters will not sell to the agents of the Government they are to be taxed three cents per pound, and all this that the manufacturers of New England may be enriched at the expense of the Southern planters. This is equality with a vengeance. The proposition is perfectly monstrous. It would form a precedent which would justify the purchase of all the other productions of the country. If the Government buys cotton why not also buy the tobacco crop, the rice crop, the hay crop and every other crop, and thus control the entire business of every man in the country.

There may be other motives at the bottom of the wild scheme, equally objectionable. Its authors may have in view to counteract the policy of the Southern planters in raising their own provisions, and Western support may be anticipated in carrying out a project so nefarious, or the financiers of the Republican party may wish to obtain control of the cotton crop for the purpose of bringing specie from Europe in furtherance of their plans with regard to the redemption of the greenback currency and the resumption of coin payments. Whatever may be the ultimate object, we hope to see a scheme fraught with so much evil denounced on all sides, and its authors covered with the shame and the disgrace which should cover the purposers of legislation so vicious and so unjust.

Testimonial to Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau.

The committee appointed at the meeting in Parlor F, St. Charles Hotel, January 12, 1869, to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of our citizens on the occasion of the Grand Brevet Major General Lovell H. Rousseau, have reported the following, and requested them to be published in the city papers:

Whereas, the late Brevet Major General Lovell H. Rousseau, on leaving one of this department, as here himself in the high and honorable public office as to render justice and afford peace, security, and order to this community, and by his faithful, kindly and firm, but moderate and strict integrity to win the regard and esteem of all classes;

Be it resolved, That the citizens of New Orleans express their profound sorrow for his sudden decease, their sympathy for the great loss they have sustained by his untimely event, and their sincere sympathy with his family for their severe bereavement.

Resolved, That the fact that in other invested with great powers, should bequeath to his family no other heritage but that of an honorable name, the record of a life of devoted patriotism and distinguished for his strength, gentleness and more eloquently than words the spirit of the distinguished deceased, and the shrine of his bereaved widow and family, the gratitude and generosity of this people.

Resolved, That our citizens who share the foregoing sentiments be requested to co-operate with the committee of twenty-five, appointed by the president of this meeting, in the objects for which that committee was created.

The following named gentlemen will compose the Executive Committee to carry out the views and wishes of the friends of the late General Rousseau, as expressed at the meeting at the St. Charles Hotel, on Tuesday evening last:

Thos. Sloo,	Charles Briggs,
Perry Fuller,	John Williams,
Alfred Hennen,	J. Ad. Bisland,
A. M. Fortier,	John G. Gaines,
J. R. Beckham,	Wm. B. Pike,
Richard Taylor,	Thos. Hoffman,
J. Finnessy Smith,	C. Cayzac,
Reuben Johnson,	H. Castera,
E. J. Hart,	Jos. Bendix,
M. Hyams,	Alex. Walker,
J. O. Nixon,	C. A. Weed,
R. Chambers,	A. D. Gaiter.

The above named gentlemen are respectfully invited to meet at the office of the Continental Mutual Insurance Company, this day (Friday), at 12 o'clock, noon.

A full attendance is earnestly requested.

THOS. A. SLOAN, Chairman.

New Orleans, Jan. 15, 1869.

THANKSGIVING OF A BOY SERVING.—A Washington correspondent says:

Somewhere Grocery, who had defeated a large contract of tobacco in New Orleans, and placed it in the custody of the Marshal, was compelled to detain seven days more for further information. Grocery has received intelligence that every pound of the tobacco he had loaned had disappeared from the warehouse, and that no trace of it could be found. The Marshal was evidently ignorant of how it had happened into custody. Grocery had had occasion to suspend Collector Tisdale, at Mooney, La., and in reply received a telegram from Tisdale in these words: "Go to hell. That's how you. If you want to suspend me come here and do it."

The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* remarks that "the best sides of the South are now at home. They are the plow, the loom and the anvil."

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Victims of the Steamboat Explosion.—The following are the names of the unfortunate who have come by their death or injuries received by the explosion of the boiler and burning of the steamer Glide, so far as names of the victims have been reported in our issues of yesterday, having been reported in our issues of yesterday:

1. Walter Allen, colored, steward of the boat—died Wednesday at Charity Hospital.
2. Minnie Hines, deck hand—died Wednesday at Charity Hospital.
3. Thomas W. Shepard, bar-keeper, died Wednesday at home, on Mandeville street.
4. George Shepard, his brother, and assistant bar-keeper—died Wednesday night at the same, on Mandeville street.
5. L. W. Clayton, first clerk—died at home in this city yesterday morning.
6. Geo. Wood, pilot—died yesterday in this city.
7. Charles Conklin, mate—died yesterday in this city.
8. John Anderson, first engineer—died yesterday in this city.
9. Gil G. Jarrett, pilot—died yesterday at Charity Hospital.
10. Michael Roach, deck hand—died Wednesday night at Charity Hospital.
11. Peter Logan, deck hand—died yesterday at Charity Hospital.
12. George Stone, deck hand—died Wednesday night at Charity Hospital.
13. Major Randall Marston, 1st U. S. Infantry; died yesterday, at 167 Canal street, in this city.

Major Marston's name was confounded with that of Mr. T. W. Marsden, the well known president that hereafter the mail of every Senator who may be elected, would, in all probability, be contested by one or more contestants, if for no other purpose than to obtain a per diem. Such a precedent would simply be a premium to contest a seat—for there are plenty of half-witted men with plenty of unpossessed time, who would not hesitate take advantage of such an opportunity.

The resolution, with the amendment of Senator Ogden, was adopted.

Pinch (Rad.) introduced a bill to amend section one of an act organizing the Parish Courts of this State, etc., which was read twice by title, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill appropriating the sum of $9500 to pay for the losses of the building used as a State House, and meet expenses incurred for the removal of State property from the Mechanics' Institute, etc.

Lynch (Rad.) called up his joint resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to pay the sum of $685,660 17, loaned the State upon 685 Levee Bonds, and $1,000 in cash, which were pledged as collateral security, and that redeem said bonds and negotiate the same to the best advantage.

The resolution was made the special order for Tuesday next.

Bacon (Dem.) called up his joint resolution to inquire what modification, if any, ought to be made in the law establishing a Metropolitan Police District. Referred to the Committee on City Charters.

The House joint resolution closing those portions of Royal and Conti streets on which the State House is situated, during the sitting of the Legislature, so as to prevent the passage of all classes of vehicles, was concurred in.

The Senate then went into Executive Session.

House—The House met at 12 o'clock, M., C. W. Lowell, Speaker, in the chair.

Fifty-five members present.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Wiltz (Dem.), of Orleans, offered a resolution ordering the Register of Voters, in respect what warrants have been issued by him, and for what purpose.

A communication was received from the State Auditor in relation to the employment of additional forces in his department. Received and filed.

A resolution by Wiltz (Dem.), of Orleans, ordering 150 copies of the "manufacturers bill" to be printed for the use of the House, was adopted.

A resolution by Faulkner, (Rad.) of Caldwell, requesting the Governor to furnish the House with a copy of the annual report of the Eagle Mill of the Land Office, as soon as practicable. Adopted.

A communication from the Lincoln Monument Association was received and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The Committee on Enrollment reported several bills correctly enrolled.

Reese, (Rad.) of Lafourche, of Committee on Public Lands and Levees, reported back to the House several bills from that session, agreeably to resolution.

Message from the Senate asking concurrence in several bills and resolutions.

Senate bill, by Senator Verret, Orleans, offered a resolution to appoint a joint committee of two from the Senate, and three from the House, to investigate the charges of bribery brought against the Board of Trustees of the Insane Asylum, at Jackson, La., passed its third reading, and was adopted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Carr, (Rad.) of Orleans, bill to abolish the present city government of New Orleans, and to re-organize its municipal government, with the same. Read once and placed on the calendar.

McVean, (Rad.) of Caddo, an act providing for the payment of certain certificates of indebtedness issued by the Board of Levee Commissioners. First reading and laid over.

Hedden, (Rad.) of Orleans, introduced a bill providing for the collection of back taxes. Read the first time and placed upon the calendar.

Reese, (Rad.) of Lafourche, an act to create a new Judicial District and regulating the terms of court in the 3d, 4th and 7th Judicial Districts. Read and placed on the calendar.

The act authorizing the State Auditor to employ eight clerks at $125 each per month, for one month only, was taken up on its third reading. It was finally passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Several bills were passed on their second readings and referred to their appropriate committees.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported back a substitute for a resolution authorizing the standing committee through the Sergeant-at-Arms to rent rooms for respective members outside of the State House, not to exceed $50 per month for each committee. Passed.

The Tenure-of-office Law.

We find in our exchanges the following report of the proceedings of the House of Representatives at Washington on the bill introduced by Mr. Washburne, of Indiana, repealing the Tenure-of-Office Law:

THE CIVIL TENURE ACT.

The morning having expired,

Mr. Washburne, of Indiana, introduced a bill repealing the act regulating the tenor of certain civil offices, passed March 2, 1867, and moved the reference of the bill to the Judiciary.

Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, remarked that this was the same bill which he had introduced, and which had been referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee could not, in its regular course, be called this session. Every body had his mind made up as to the repeal of the law, and he hoped there would be a direct vote on it.

Mr. Farnsworth inquired of the Speaker whether a motion to take the bill from its order.

The Speaker replied that it was not. Pending the demand for the previous question, which was seconded, Mr. Butler said "Does this bill come from any committee?"

The Speaker.—It is introduced by the gentleman from Indiana, under the call of States.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, remarked that a majority of the Judiciary Committee had agreed to report a bill repealing the Tenure-of-Office law.

Mr. Ward expressed his opinion that a bill of such importance should be discussed before being put on its passage.

Mr. Benjamin, of Illinois, objected to debate.

Mr. Boyer called for the yeas and nays.

On ordering the main question, it was ordered by 116 to 47.

The bill then passed by yeas 121, nays 47, as follows:

The following Republicans voted against it: Messrs. Ames, Ashley of Nevada, Arnell, Benton, Baker, Beaty, Blaine, Boutwell, Bromwell, Buckland, Chanler, Churchill, Dawes, Ela, Farnsworth, Ferris, Frank, Garfield, Hayding, Hilby, Jenckes, Kelsey, Kitchen, Lafin, Marvin, Mayham, Moore, Morrill, Morrissey, Newham, Parker, Pike, Pomeroy, Price, Poland, Sawyer, Schenck, Shellabarger, Stokes, Tafe, Trimble of Tennessee, Upson, Ward, Welker and Whitemore—47.

The Laws of Life, and Some Hints About Children, by A. Crane, M. D.

"The great secret of life, after all, is to follow nature wisely and well."

Feed the body when it is hungry; let it sleep when its wants sleep; give it a frolic when it deserves it. The hand contains the brain, which is the king of the body, and commands all under him, and it depends on his being good or bad whether his subjects, the legs, and arms, and body, and stomach, and one old friends, the bowels, are in good order and happy or not. Now, first, of all, keep the head cool. Nature has given it a night-cap of her own in the hair, and it is the best. And keep the head clean. Give it a good scrubbing once a week at least, and if it gets sour and smoky the best thing I know for it is to wash it with cold soap, and put a big cabbage leaf over it every night. Then for the lungs, the believe that keep the fire of life burning; they are very busy in children, because the child has no fire-grate up stairs, and mostly heating itself. It is doing this and growing, too, and so it eats more, and sleeps more, and breathes more, in proportion, than big folks. And so carry on all the business it must have fresh air, and lots of it. So, whenever it can be managed, a child should have well-aired sleeping room to itself, and for the night-dresses "as are long flannel gowns." Let the little one be always more scantily clothed than grown folks. Its blood is warmer and more readily. Then, keep the stomach. And as this is a great subject, a theory and kitchen, it is always at my fingers' ends, and I have studied it in children, and generally as much being put in as it is from the best baking of an injurious kind. A baby, for him, is the type of it is born, should have almost nothing but its mother's milk. This is God's food, and it's the best and cheapest too. If the baby is healthy it should be weaned at nine or ten months, and this should be done gradually, giving the baby a little gruel or new milk, or weak tea and sugar, or the bread berry once a day for some time, so as gradually to wean it. This mother is unable for another, as well as baby. He child should get meat or hard things till it gets teeth to chew them, and no baby should ever get a drop of widsky or any strong drink, unless by the doctor's order. Nothing to the soft tender stomach of an infant is like vitriol to coal; it is a burning poison, and so carries on its corroding mission. Just see what your children's habits of body, and the alteration of their souls, never give them a drop of whisky; and let your own above all others be aware of drinking when nursing. The whisky passes from their mothers' breasts into milk, and poisons their own child. This is a positive fact.

Chloe and Jupin exported 36,000,000 pounds of tea this year, down to the 20th of August.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Homicide in St. Claude Street.—Mr. Martin, who is charged with the killing of Mr. S. Fernandez, Jr., on Wednesday night, as we reported in our issue of yesterday, has made a statement that he was forced to act in self-defence. Fernandez having already before made an unprovoked assault on him, and threatening the life of Martin's wife. The Coroner held an inquest yesterday, and the jury, after a good deal of deliberation, rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death from the effects of severe stabbing wounds inflicted by Louis Martin.

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Alleged Embezzlement—Mr. Douglass Jerrold has been arrested and held in answer to a charge of embezzlement, preferred against him by Mr. Thomas H. Thompson, of Selliren as reported in part of the evening papers). The parties, it is stated, were to publish a paper in partnership to do State printing, and Mr. Jerrold, said to be insolvent, received $2,000 account to the amount of $1000, obtained $200 on a warrant from the State Treasurer. The matter will probably be turned over for adjudication by the civil courts. Mr. Jerrold was arrested at the Lake.

The Scarcity of Commissioners.

By disregarding the Federal Constitution during the late war, says the New York *Herald*, we have a Congress which is so small in all the broad miles we hold who would have preferred the salvation of a piece of peach-meat to the honor of participation in the next successful party will ask. When Reelection shall have been put downward "the nation" we shall have been "saved;" we shall speak of the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments, and all the Radical patchwork, as mere worthless pieces of parchment. It is an inexplicable fact that the Radical party should attach so much importance to the ratification of mere amendments to a Constitution they have trod down and whose laws they have otherwise destroyed. It is certainly highly complimentary to their opponents that these Radicals should be so anxious to secure for a while what they themselves unquestionably lack, but it indicates a great want of knowledge of human nature. It is, however, an illustration of the saying that "the exception is the most overdone of man." The bogus chaps everybody else and ends by cheating himself; being unable to secure one's own, he mistakes for it somebody. So with the Radicals. There is no crime against civil liberty or the Constitution, for the natural rights of man, of which they could not be convicted before any impartial tribunal! Yet they insist upon making a new Constitution for the government of the country, with an article that would become one who respects laws, codes and constitutions, and who, hence be no reason there, suppose that others will do so. They would do well to ask themselves whether, since a constitution voluntarily made and willingly ratified has been continually trampled under foot, a constitution extorted by force, meditated by fraud, and despised by the real people of the country, will stand in the way of those real people when the power shall again come into their hands?—*Rich. Dispatch.*

THE LOUISIANA ELECTION DISPUTE IN WASHINGTON.—The Louisiana Congressional District, which the negro Mossard supplied to represent, presents two other claimants for that seat. One of these, Mr. Jones, contended the race in the first election with Colonel Mann, and got decapped, who got the certificate; but Jones proved by a witness that the poll books, which they were taken charge of by the officers, showed a majority for him of thirty-one votes, but this they disregarded in Mann's favor.

The complication arising from these conflicting claimants reserves the Radicals from a predicament, as there are now three they will secure committing themselves to the negro Mossard, who they will not admit him to their caucus. They consider it proper for negroes to hold State offices, but are opposed to their admission to Congress.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE AND JEFFERSON DAVIS.—A New York letter says that Chief Justice Chase is in conversation with reference to the effect of the Amnesty proclamation on Jefferson Davis' case, intimated that the country had probably heard the last of that case, but that if Davis would consent to an oath of allegiance he would spend the rest of his days with his friends in England.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(By the New Orleans Bee.)

FROM WASHINGTON.

Congressional Proceedings.

A Contradiction by General Grant.

Loss of the Steamship Gulf City.

Gen. Dulce Calls for More Troops to Suppress the Cuba Insurrection.

Miscellaneous Matters.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, Jan. 14—SENATE.—Special petitions for leave to introduce were presented.

The Naval Committee reported adversely to restoring Commander E. W. Meade to the active list.

Sumner suggested that Mrs. Lincoln's pension be $5000 per annum.

Morrill spoke in favor of *antagonizing* amendment with Cameron.

The claim of Miss Sue Murphy was reinstated. Wilson proposed a commission, consisting of General Meige, Howard, Thomas and Akin, commanding the Army and to examine into claims of such officers as have been reported adversely to their claims.

The Senate adjourned over Monday.

HOUSE.—Ashley presented a bill, the object of which is to admit the Mormon territory by the consolidating the boundaries of surrounding territories. This bill was made the special order for to-day two weeks. The delegate from Utah is expected to arrive here.

The Election Committee reported in favor of seating Butler, (Rep.) from the 3d Missouri district.

The Ship Canal was discussed at great length, pending which the House adjourned.

Washington, Jan. 14—The National Bridge Company Corporation visited Mr. Johnson to-day. The President said he was very glad to meet with the enterprising body of Engineers, and expressed himself as pleased to see them. His past course, he said, was a guarantee of his sympathy and identification with the interests of the country, which were his own interests at the time. If his acts did not speak for him, there was nothing that he could then say which would give them any weight. The President, in Gilbert's evidence before the Reconstruction Committee was pointed, and to the effect that there was a fair election in Mississippi, and the Constitution was rejected.

Carl Schurz has been elected United States Senator from Missouri.

Governor Hamilton returns from the 1st to the 9th inst., inclusive, $2,921.

The National Colored Convention is now sitting in Washington. Frederick Douglass presided. Seventy delegates present. Great excitement. The feeling was finally admitted that the Convention was a failure. Disagreements between the Northern and Southern delegates unanimously opposed female suffrage.

The District Attorney of New York decides that the amnesty proclamation does not affect the case of John C. Breine, the Confederate naval officer indicted for piracy.

The Virginia delegation by sub committees visited Grant and Seward. The interview is reported as encouraging.

The Sea Island cotton trade continued in the Senate. The opinion of the Senate, as communicated in the debate in this case, which is a type of many others, is that no claim will ever be paid for property taken or destroyed by the Union army, though Sec Murphy's claim will probably be recommended for payment. The claim aggregates $7000 accruing from destruction of buildings and improvements on farm. She was 22 miles from the Union lines when the property was taken. Probably twenty-four. Her family were rebel. Her only claim to loyalty was kindness to Federal soldiers. Sec Fessenden said he stated to the clerk. Beyond the this she seems to have no record whatever. This case may serve as a specimen of the kind of claims for compensation for private property used by the Federal army throughout the South, and serve to warn parties against presenting them, time or hope in pushing said claims.

SUPREME COURT.—The argument in the case of Georgia vs. the United States, was concluded.

The Chief of the House has designated the American Minister to Spain, to attend the approaching *Ecclesiastical* Republican of Augusta, Servant.

The President has nominated Perry Fuller Collector of Customs at New Orleans.

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Alleged Embezzlement—Mr. Douglass Jerrold has been arrested and held in answer to a charge of embezzlement, preferred against him by Mr. Thomas H. Thompson, of Selliren as reported in part of the evening papers). The parties, it is stated, were to publish a paper in partnership to do State printing, and Mr. Jerrold, said to be insolvent, received $2,000 account to the amount of $1000, obtained $200 on a warrant from the State Treasurer. The matter will probably be turned over for adjudication by the civil courts. Mr. Jerrold was arrested at the Lake.

The Scarcity of Commissioners.

By disregarding the Federal Constitution during the late war, says the New York *Herald*, we have a Congress which is so small in all the broad miles we hold who would have preferred the salvation of a piece of peach-meat to the honor of participation in the next successful party will ask. When Reelection shall have been put downward "the nation" we shall have been "saved;" we shall speak of the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments, and all the Radical patchwork, as mere worthless pieces of parchment. It is an inexplicable fact that the party should attach so much importance to the ratification of mere amendments to a Constitution they have trod down and whose laws they have otherwise destroyed. It is certainly highly complimentary to their opponents that these Radicals should be so anxious to secure for a while what they themselves unquestionably lack, but it indicates a great want of knowledge of human nature. It is, however, an illustration of the saying that "the exception is the most overdone of man." The bogus chaps everybody else and ends by cheating himself; being unable to secure one's own, he mistakes for it somebody. So with the Radicals. There is no crime against civil liberty or the Constitution, for the natural rights of man, of which they could not be convicted before any impartial tribunal! Yet they insist upon making a new Constitution for the government of the country, with an article that would become one who respects laws, codes and constitutions, and who, hence be no reason there, suppose that others will do so. They would do well to ask themselves whether, since a constitution voluntarily made and willingly ratified has been continually trampled under foot, a constitution extorted by force, meditated by fraud, and despised by the real people of the country, will stand in the way of those real people when the power shall again come into their hands?—*Rich. Dispatch.*

THE LOUISIANA ELECTION DISPUTE IN WASHINGTON.—The Louisiana Congressional District, which the negro Mossard supplied to represent, presents two other claimants for that seat. One of these, Mr. Jones, contended the race in the first election with Colonel Mann, and got decapped, who got the certificate; but Jones proved by a witness that the poll books, which they were taken charge of by the officers, showed a majority for him of thirty-one votes, but this they disregarded in Mann's favor.

The complication arising from these conflicting claimants reserves the Radicals from a predicament, as there are now three they will secure committing themselves to the negro Mossard, who they will not admit him to their caucus. They consider it proper for negroes to hold State offices, but are opposed to their admission to Congress.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE AND JEFFERSON DAVIS.—A New York letter says that Chief Justice Chase is in conversation with reference to the effect of the Amnesty proclamation on Jefferson Davis' case, intimated that the country had probably heard the last of that case, but that if Davis would consent to an oath of allegiance he would spend the rest of his days with his friends in England.

RIVER NEWS.

Louisville, Jan. 14.—Weather very wet, with 9 feet 10 inches in the canal by the mark.

(Previous dispatch.)

Washington, Jan. 13.—The following has been issued:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
Washington, January 9, 1869.

General Orders No. 2.

The death regret the General of Army announces the death of Brevet Major General Lovell H. Rousseau, U. S. A., at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the 7th instant, after a brief illness. General Rousseau has served his country through two wars. In the war with Mexico he was appointed Captain in the Second Indiana Volunteers, enrolled by his personal exertions, and with it performed valuable service, and with it performed valuable service, and with it performed valuable service. He again entered service among the first to answer the call for troops, September 15, 1861, as Colonel Fifth Kentucky Infantry, a regiment enrolled in his native State through his exertions, and by the influence of his personal example. Appointed Brigadier General of volunteers October 1, 1861; he won in November assigned to command the Fourth Brigade, Second Division, Army of Ohio, and distinguished himself in the battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, April 7th, 1862. He was assigned to the command of the Third Division of Army of Ohio in June, 1864, and was commissioned for his gallantry in the enemy's assault at Chaplin Hills, Kentucky, the 8th October, 1862. He was appointed Major General of Volunteers for his conduct in this battle. At the head of the Third Division of General G. H. Thomas's command, Army of the Ohio, he participated in the battle of Murfreesboro, December 30, 1862, March 30, 1863, he was assigned to command the First Division, Fourteenth Corps, which he conducted in the advance march from Murfreesboro in pursuit of the enemy during the summer of 1863. He commanded the District of Nashville, Tennessee, and Middle Tennessee, from November, 1863, till the close of the rebellion, and in July, 1864, while in command of the army's position, he successfully repulsed the railroad communications and military stores of the enemy, near Opelika, Alabama.

Having resigned after the termination of the war, November 30, 1865, he was appointed, March 26, 1867, Brigadier General of the regular army, and brevetted Major General for gallant and meritorious services during the war. Assigned to the command of the Department of Louisiana, July 28, 1866, he died while in discharge of the duties of that command, receiving upon him. As military honors appropriate to the rank of deceased, thirteen minute guns will be fired at the military posts of the country, and the national flag will be displayed at half-staff from one hour until sunset on the day after receipt of this order at each military post in the Department.

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By command of General Grant:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
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