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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 23, 1866.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

S. Guinault sells real estate at 12 o'clock, M., at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street.

McCorren & Co. sell straw wrapping paper and nails, at 11 o'clock, at their store, Masonic Hall.

ATTRACTIVE SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Messrs. Walton & Deslonde sell at 12 o'clock, this day, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, two splendid stores on Tchoupitoulas street, between Gravier and Commerce streets, with extensive fire proof warehouses in the rear; four well built brick dwelling-houses on Baronne street, between Julia street and Triton Wall; a choice frame residence on Prytania street, between Prytania Walk and Malpomene street; a neat cottage and lots in Jefferson City, lots in the First and Fourth Districts, and in the Parish of Jefferson. For full and further particulars purchasers are referred to the advertisements of Messrs. Walton & Deslonde, and the plans of the properties exhibited at the Exchange.

PORT WARDENS' SALE.—Thirty five kegs of Nails at Auction.—Messrs. McCorren & Co. will sell at their Auction Mart, Masonic Hall, to-day, at 11 o'clock, by order and under the inspection of the Wardens of the Port, for the benefit of whom it may concern, thirty five kegs assorted Nails. We call special attention to their advertisement elsewhere.

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NEED OF RIGOROUSLY ENFORCING THE LAWS.

(The issue of the investigation by the Coroner's Jury into the killing of "Bob Johnson" is not calculated to recall pleasant reminiscences or to excite gratifying anticipations. It would have been a great boon to this community at this juncture if circumstances had been so shaped as to afford them assurance of an efficient, faithful, fearless, impartial, unfailing administration of law, order and justice. It would have been largely compensatory of many unavoidable evils coming from *without*, if there had been developed within visible and indisputable guarantees of security to the lives and property of citizens if our population of all classes could have had around them the evidences that in all these peaceful and legitimate avocations and enjoyments, they would be sure of the protection of laws rigorously enforced, on every hand, and in every essential detail, without fear, favor, or affection. Civil Government is restored. The needful laws are present and available. Few codes can claim to be less defective in general design and in particular provisions than they. The rigorous enforcement of them would leave but small room for the practice of criminality and disorder. There are officers chosen and paid by the people to enforce them. If these officers shall prove derelict; if there is to be lax ness where there should be stringency, indifference and negligence where there should be constant solicitude and vigilance, tacit sympathy and connivance where there should be the most explicit and practical reprobation, then, indeed, will our situation be utterly deplorable; then will the evil days upon which we have fallen be unmitigated in their bitterness, whether we look within or without, whether we contemplate the political, moral, or social aspect of our case.

If a man be fatally dealt with abroad, if he fall among thieves and robbers, but retain life withal, it is something, it may be to him every thing, if he have a home which affords the certainty of shelter, safety, peace and comfort. In our exterior relations our fate has been similar to that of the man here supposed; and, carrying out the analogy, it is not too much to say that to us the question comprehends in its issues may avail us for refuge, for consolation, for amelioration. How far these may be realized must depend, as before intimated, on the manner in which our laws for home purposes shall be administered. If here where is garnered up what is left of life and hope, we would guard fully against the disappointment of this in estimable boon, we should emphatically condemn, and if possible at once put a stop to any practice and precedent which may tend to introduce loose and perfunctory habits regarding laws and administrative duties that look to the peace of society and the safety and happiness of individuals.

The action of the Coroner's Jury in the case adverted to, and certain circumstances connected with the origin of the case, are only too significant of a tendency of affairs to drift into the channel above indicated. It is not denied that two important police functionaries, one of them next only to the Chief Magistrate of the city, were fully cognizant of the disposition and the avowed purposes of "Bob Johnson" to commit a breach of the peace by attempting to take the life of an individual known to both by name and person. Yet Johnson, notoriously a bad and dangerous character, was not arrested, was not put under bonds; nor does it appear that measures were taken to prevent his use of deadly arms by enforcing upon him the law against carrying concealed weapons. On the other hand the threatened individual is warned by one of these officers of Johnson's intention to attack him. What is more natural than that this individual should regard this official warning as an implied license to carry concealed weapons to defend himself from his redoubtable adversary? Who, on giving such a warning, would not suppose that the person warned, if not then armed, would forthwith arm himself? It is certain, at all events, that this person did carry concealed weapons to be used against Johnson, and that up to the time of the fatal encounter in the gambling house, there was no interference by the police to prevent the carrying or the use of such weapons on the part of Johnson or of Duffy.

The testimony before the Jury was clear as to one fact, the killing of Johnson, and the participation of two men, one of whom at least was a natural born killing. But it was not clear as to the presumption of self-defense on the part of the two antagonists of the deceased. Yet the Jury, with a strange alacrity, admit the plea of self defense, as though sitting in high judicial capacity and deciding a case at the end of an exhaustive examination of witnesses and an equally exhaustive argument by counsel. The Jury came to have acted upon the theory that the killing of any notoriously bad and dangerous character is presumptively an act of self defense and the example of the Jury and that of the police in this matter would seem to announce that whenever a party is in presumed need of protection from a ruffian and desperado he may take his defense in his own hands and be dispensed from the observance of the law against carrying concealed weapons. But why maintain a police at vast expense, if every man when in danger must be his own policeman? Would it not be as well to prevent the occurrence of such a need by keeping strict watch on ruffians and desperadoes, by disarming them, or otherwise disabling them from doing fatal harm? We have no doubt that the Coroner's Jury and the police officers referred to, were perfectly well meaning in the conduct on which we have animadverted. But no one who sees in the regular administration of justice, in the rigorous enforcement of *all* laws, in the prompt and efficient exercise of every kind and degree of conservative authority, the only guarantees of peace, safety and legal welfare, can fail to deprecate the tendency of such examples.

The following is the list of passengers per steamship Morning Star, Horatio Nelson, commanding, left New York on the afternoon of the 16th instant for this port, and will arrive on Sunday next:

W B Adams, Jr Johnson, J H Vance, Mr Mandeville and wife, S Simonson, I Hale, Miss Amelia Pratt, Miss Bellamy, Prescott, Miss Annie Pratt, Miss C Armstrong, Mrs Rose Chadwick and son, S Perkins, R Smith, J Brayton and wife, W Webber, H Fowler, Mrs Fowler and child, Mrs Bryant, E Bryant, Louis Hoffman, Miss Hoffman, Miss Lottie Hoffman, Mr Porter and wife, G H Hoffman, Officer Charles Blake, W P Brown and wife, G F Thompson, W S Henry and two children, B C Henry.

The following is the list of passengers per steamship Geo. Washington, R. V. Gager commanding, which left New York on the afternoon of the 16th instant, for this port, and will arrive on Sunday next:

Jay H Thurston, W Barnard, Wainwright, H Rogers, Mrs Rogers and servant, Miss S A E Rogers, Miss Rogers, Miss Mary Rogers, Miss Ellen Rogers, Miss Rogers, Miss Whitney, Mrs Lewis and child, Miss Lewis, Miss M W Lewis, Miss F Bowles, Miss E Mackenzie, A K Stewart, Miss M E Stewart, Miss E Lewis, Jno Jas A Lewis, Miss Lottie J Miller, R Underwood, D Cook, F F Wilcox, Miss Ada Holmes, Miss Mary Holmes, Miss Lizzie Holmes, Miss Lottie Holmes, Miss Lottie J Miller, R Underwood, Mrs Cook and others.

Gen. Grant has been invited to visit Mobile and take part on the 4th of July. He is expected at 4 P. M.

The street railway cloths at Crescentown are almost over. All the driving and conductor are employed.

The Cincinnati Commercial of the 20th says: "Lieut.-General Grant, Major Gen. D. E. Sickles, the Vice President of the United States, will be in Cincinnati, on a visit to his father, in a few days."

BY TELEGRAPH.

[By the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

Interesting Message from the President Relative to the Amendment.—It is Referred to the Governors of the Various States as a Purely Educational Act with the Understanding that Executive Approval of it—He Thinks no Amendment Should be Proposed until Representatives from the Excluded States are Admitted.

Washington, June 22.—The Senate was engaged in the consideration of the tax bill.

The House devoted its entire session to the discussion of the Indian appropriation bill.

Washington, June 22.—The President sent into Congress to-day the following message in relation to the reconstruction amendment to the Constitution:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I submit to Congress a [report of the Secretary of State, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution of the 18th inst., respecting a submission to the Legislatures of the States of an additional article to the Constitution of the United States. It will be seen from this report that the Secretary of State had on the 16th transmitted to the Governors of the several States certified copies of the joint resolution passed on the 13th, proposing an amendment to the Constitution. Even in ordinary times, any question of amending the Constitution must be justly regarded as of paramount importance. This importance is at the present time enhanced by the fact that the joint resolution was not submitted by the House for the approval of the President, and that of the thirty-six States which constitute the Union, eleven are excluded from representation in either House of Congress, although, with the single exception of Texas, they have been entirely restored to all their functions as States in conformity with the organic law of the land, and have appeared at the National Capital by Senators, and have been refused admission to the vacant seats, nor have the sovereign people of the nation been afforded an opportunity of expressing their views upon the important question which the amendment involves.

Grave doubts may naturally and justly arise whether the action of Congress is in harmony with the sentiments of the people, and whether to such issue any step should be called upon by Congress to decide. Respecting the ratification of the proposed amendment, waiving the question as to the constitutional validity of the proceedings of Congress upon the joint resolution proposing the amendment, or as to the merits of the article which it submits through the Executive Department to the Legislatures of the States, I deem it proper to observe that the steps taken by the Secretary of State, as detailed in the accompanying report, are to be considered as purely ministerial, and in no sense whatever committing the Executive to an approval or recommendation of the amendment to the State Legislatures or to the people. On the contrary, a proper appreciation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution, as well as of the interests of national order and harmony and union and a due deference for an enlightened public judgment, may at this time well suggest a doubt whether any amendment to the Constitution ought to be proposed by Congress and passed upon by the Legislatures of the several States for final decision until after the admission of such loyal Senators and Representatives of the unrepresented States as have been or may hereafter be chosen in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

(Signed) ANDREW JOHNSON.

Washington, D. C., June 22, 1866.

Accompanying the message of the President is the report of the Secretary of State, announcing that he had, in conformity with the precedent which had been adopted by him in 1865, in regard to the proposed and afterwards adopted Congressional amendment of the Constitution of the United States, concerning the prohibition of slavery, transmitted certified copies of the joint resolutions to the Governors of the several States, together with a certificate and circular.

Washington, June 22.—There remains in the office of the United States Treasurer, between two and three hundred thousand dollars of Louisiana State bonds, awaiting identification by their proper owners. Below are three and four hundred thousand dollars worth of these bonds have already been delivered to parties owning them.

The Government has received a letter from our Minister at Paris, dated the 4th inst., in which he gives the substance of a conversation with Drouyn de L'Huys, from which it appears that the assurances of the good faith of France, regarding the withdrawal of her troops from Mexico, were repeated. It further appears that the French Government has nothing to do with sending troops from any other country to Mexico.

New York, June 22.—Evening.—Flour dull and declining 10 to 15c., Southern $10 30 to $17. Wheat declined 3 to 5c., sales unimportant. Corn declined 1 to 2c. Beef steady. Pork heavy; sales 1,200 bbls mess at $32 25 to $32 85. Lard and Whisky dull.

Cotton closed dull with sales of 1000 bales at 38 to 40c. for Middling Gulf.

Gold closed at 149 @ 150; 5-20s, at 103¼; 7-30s, at 102¾.

New York, June 22.—Hon. James G. Blaine, representing the Third Congressional District of Maine, was re-nominated to-day.

No new cases of cholera reported at Quarantine Station.

New York, June 22.—The following steamers arrived this morning: Susquehanna, from Rio de Janeiro, Lafayette, from Havana, Wilmington, from Fayal, and delivered a speech, together with other prominent Maryland Conservatives.

Portland, Me., June 22.—Robbers went to the house of the Cashier of the National Bank of Kennebunk, last night, gagged and guarded his family, took him to the Bank, opened the vault, and robbed it of $67,000. They then tied him in the vault and decamped towards Canada.

Louisville, June 22.—The Old Louisville Presbytery adjourned after a four days' session. This body consists of a minority only of the General Assembly to adjudicate the Wright church case, ignoring the elders endorsed by the Louisville Presbytery. They adopted the action of their commissioners at St. Louis as their own and proceedings throughout on the ground that from the time their delegates were excluded by the assembly had no jurisdiction over the case, and its acts, so far as concerns this Presbytery, are as usurpation. A minority who desired to sustain the General Assembly withdrew and formed another Presbytery, which adjourned after denouncing the Old Presbytery as schismatics and bringing the people against them.

The Railroad Commissioners from Charleston and Knoxville met and had a conference with the officers of the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Speeches were made by Trenholm, the ex-Confederate Secretary of the Treasury, Col. Hood and others and favorably received. The proposal of a continuous road hence to Charleston via Knoxville are flattering.

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Gold irregular, at 148.

Saint Louis, Mo., June 22.—Arrived last night and sunday, steamer Mary Lee, Baird, master, 13 days from Havana, with no cargo, to Pepper and Dunlap. Left Havana in Bronze very dull. No freights to be had.

Towed in and proceeded up under canvas schooner Waterhill, from Indianola, 7 days in harbor. Reports Saturday there was very little doing in Indianola. The only vessel in port were the schooner Pathway and another, both loading for New York.

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[Associated Press Dispatches.]

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New York, June 22.—Passed down: Steamer Lizzie Gill, at 6 P. M. Passed up: Lizzie Gill, at 6 P. M. River rising.

Baltimore, June 22.—A meeting of the friends of the President's reconstruction policy, was held last night in Monumental Square. Governor Swann presided, and delivered a speech, together with other prominent Maryland Conservatives.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

CITY MORTALITY.—There were 199 deaths in the city for the week ending the 17th inst. The rumor of a case of yellow fever at the Charity Hospital proved upon a careful post mortem examination by a number of our distinguished physicians to have been without foundation.

First District Court—Judge Abell.—Prior to calling the cases of Richard Murphy, Dave Hennessy, Stephen O'Donnell and Mike McLaughlin, charged with the murder of F. Fred. Gruber, in "Sam's Saloon," on St. Charles street, on the night of the 9th of March last:

Henry Stein was arraigned and plead not guilty on two informations for larceny, one of stealing a hogshead of sugar from J. F. Fenlar, and the other stealing one from J. C. Goodrich.

Frank Netto was arraigned, having been committed by Assistant Recorder Moore of the First District, on the affidavit of one E. L. Eskeys, charging him with "swindling." He was discharged, Judge Abell stating that there was no such offence as swindling known to the statutes.

The case of Murphy and others, as above, charged with the murder of Gruber, was next called, and Attorney Conner rose for calling the witnesses for the State, twenty were found present and twenty-six absent; for the defense seven present and ten absent. Attorney General Herron and District-Attorney Lemmlenn appeared for the prosecution, and A. P. Field, H. C. Castellanos, Humphrey Marshall, Dooley and Lambert, for the accused. The prisoners took their seats, Hennessey first, almost in front of the witness stand, O'Donnell next on his right, Murphy next, and McLaughlin last. The case was finally continued indefinitely on account of the absence of important witnesses.

Drowned.—An inquest was held yesterday on the body of Loudon Duval. Verdict, accidentally drowned in the Carondelet Canal.

Also, an inquest on the body of a colored boy, 12 years of age, found in the Basin, near the corner of Julia and Prieur streets. Verdict, accidentally drowned.

Recorder Akers's Court.—John C. Smith was arraigned yesterday, charged by W. C. Hurly with "swindling," was committed to the First District Court for trial. He will be seen by our report of the First District Court, Judge Abell yesterday discharged a party that had been sent before him for "swindling" on the ground that swindling was not such offense recognizable under the statutes.]

Recorder Gastinel's Court.—John Connelly, for vagrancy, was yesterday sent to the workhouse for 60 days. Fifteen unclassified characters were fined $2 50 each, for sleeping on the streets.

Thomas Acelus, charged with assault on Capt. Brandon, of the schooner Helena, was discharged.

Recorder Lelieu's Court.—Robert Lalerfield and a negro, William, were yesterday worked bound for thirty days for "lagging on;" and for six months, Michael Barthardt, for sleeping in a tobacco warehouse.

A. Cure and Mrs. Cure, charged by Mrs. Gaske with assault and battery, and W. Gaske, similarly charged by Mrs. Gaske, were held for examination.

Recorder Venezard's Court.—There was only one case yesterday. A fellow, charged with drunkenness, was dismissed.

The London Times on the Defeat of the Conference.

[From the London Times, June 4.]

It is with the deepest regret we announce that the hopes of setting by a Conference the disputes which now agitate Europe must be abandoned. The French government has telegraphed to our own that in consequence of the persistence of Austria in imposing conditions which would make the Conference nugatory, the Conference will not be held. It would, indeed, be a mockery to call together representatives of the great Powers on terms which would necessarily involve their immediate separation. We fear, then, that matters stand as they stood three weeks since, when we left them with the armed Powers about to compose their disputes by negotiation between themselves, or to resort to the final arbitrament of war. We can only hope that the former counsel will prevail, but everything must now be done by the Powers themselves, for the functions of the neutral States are at an end.

This decision of the Austrian Emperor will be termed by his admirers firmness, by his enemies perversity. We have no desire to judge harshly a Sovereign who has certainly received much provocation, but it is to be regretted that Austria should for the second time within seven years have to bear the blame of a European war. The error of her policy will be proved by the temper in which her foes will receive the news that she has struggled in Conference. Wherever there is one who wishes her ill whether it be in the conclaves of Prussian politics, in the public places of the Italian cities, or in the households of the allected provinces, there will be joy when it is announced that she is at an end, and that on Austria the blame must rest. The first Napoleon had retained an agent of Count Bismarck as his adviser, he could not more effectually have aided the policy of his opponents. Now that the Conference is a dream of the past, there will be many ready to declare that if it had been held it would have worked wonders. It will be described as a potent instrument of reconciliation, which would certainly have settled all the differences of the Continent and placed the nations in new harmony, had it not been for the intolerance of one incorrigible dynasty. Such will, no doubt, be the chorus of Prussian, Italian and Frenchman, and it is impossible to deny that they will have some ground for their vexation. They were actually chasing which the Conference gave of maintaining peace made it all the less necessary for Austria to abandon a position in good and market Indivenetia. Even if that