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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 21, 1867.

The annual examinations of the Bienville, Banquet and Roberson public schools take place to-day.

A vault erected by the Young Men's Benevolent Association in the new St. Louis Cemetery, on Esplanade street, will be dedicated by the Association on th- 30th instant.

KEYS FOUND.—A gentleman connected with our office, yesterday found a bunch of keys, which can be had on application, and description by the owner, to our mail clerk, on paying for this notice.

DELSEAR COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—As the majority, if not most of our store-keepers, have determined to close their establishments every evening at 5 o'clock, opportunity will be afforded to young men, ambitious of perfecting their knowledge of commercial transactions, by application at this institution. Classes for ladies, misses and lads, will be formed at the close of the public school examinations.

"GOOD WINE NEEDS NO BUSH."—We were *forcibly* struck by the truth of Shakspeare's remark, whilst reading Mrs. Southwood's new book "Beauty and Booty." It is a book which will be always instructive, and the older it gets the more it will be appreciated. In twenty years it will be more valuable than now. All should read it and keep it in their possession—particularly those whose names are mentioned therein.

The frontispiece, and Dr. Palmer's beautiful address, are worth the price asked for it.

STANBERY'S OPINION ENFORCED.—Major General Ord, commanding in Mississippi, has issued an order enforcing Attorney General Stanbery's interpretation of the new law of Congress in that State. We presume General Sheridan will issue a similar order for this State.

The *Times*, of yesterday evening, had a double leaded article headed "Mexico—the Second Opportunity," favoring the policy of the United States establishing a protectorate over that distracted country.

RIVER NEWS.—The steamer M. S. Mapham left last evening for Cairo and St. Louis. Among her passengers were one hundred and sixty German emigrants, that arrived from Bremen on the ship Hermine. They go to St Louis, from thence up the river to Iowa.

The elegant steamer Nina Simmes, of the Bayou Sara and New Orleans Packet Company commanded by the [illegible] and affable Captain Trosclair, left [illegible] last all was private, at 10 [illegible] morning. In the office will be found [illegible]pey, a gentleman whose [illegible]ners is proverbial. Passengers [illegible] the river, who desire a pleasant [illegible]ot be disappointed by taking the Nina.

The Radicals are petitioning the President to pardon Gen. Longstreet.

The laying of the track of the Pacific Railway is being effected at the rate of three miles per day. The work is expected to be finished as far as the base of the Rocky Mountains by September 1, to which point it will by that time be easily completed from the Pacific coast of California. The great rub will be to delve through the Rocky Mountains, after which it will be no difficult undertaking to journey from sunrise to sunset—that is to say from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The road has been entire by completed as far as the Colorado line, and the rails laid to a distance of 380 miles west of the Missouri River.

The number of persons registered as voters in St. Mary's parish, up to June 14th, was 30028 of whom 4240 are whites and 1398 blacks.

Mr C. G. D. Hollis has received *Frank Leslies Lady's Magazine* for July. For sale at his store, 81 Exchange Alley.

NEW MUSIC HALL.—Mr. Bishop, well known as a composer of music and theatrical manager, has, we notice, with taste and expense, fitted up the building 107 St. Charles street, as a place of musical and theatrical entertainment to the public, to be known as the "Oxford Music Hall," the doors of which will be thrown open for the first time Saturday evening. Report speaks favorably of Mr. Bishop as a gentleman of successful enterprise in the business. We shall wait to see for ourselves.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Another revolution has begun in Mexico, and a portion of the population has already declared against Senor Benito Juarez, and in favor of the old favorite, Gen. Santa Anna. It seems to be generally credited that he has slipped away from the sharp eyes of the United States authorities, who were watching him in his quiet retreat on Staten Island, and that he is now off the coast of his native country, waiting for a favorable opportunity to place himself at the head of an army. From some cause Juarez seems to have lost a portion of his popularity, and from certain facts that have lately come to light, we imagine that he does not look for a long term of office. It is said that he has recently sent one hundred thousand dollars in gold to Madame Juarez, who is now in New York, and other sums, in trust, to Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister at Washington. This money was taken by forced loans—stolen, in fact—under pretence of military necessity, and many of the people know how the said loans were disposed of. Such things soon turn the tide of popular favor, and one single act that smvors of selfishness or meanness may ruin a man forever. From this or other causes Juarez's popularity is beginning to wane, and the old, battle-scarred hero—Santa Anna—arrives at an opportune moment. With the city of Tampico in his hands, and the remnants of an army that can be collected there, he may be able to make a stand until he can communicate with Maximilian, who now holds the city of Mexico, and rally around him the conservative element of the Mexican people. And besides, he has Ortega in the West, who has been collecting a force to strike a blow at Juarez whenever he attempted to assume the Presidency, and who has been lost sight of in the whirl of events around Queretaro. The capture of the Emperor Maximilian—regretted by nearly every gentleman throughout the civilized world—has so engrossed attention that this little by play has escaped attention. Even those who were opposed to Imperialism, were seriously concerned for the Arch Duke, and there has been but one opinion the world over. The news of the suspension of the court-martial assembled to try him, was a great relief to every one. If the Archduke was executed in effecting a landing and one had a body guard in Tampico, there will be very little doubt of his success, for he is a most favorite with the soldiers, who regard him as the hero of the Mexican war, and it is reported that even Juarez's own soldiers greeted the proclamation of the citizens of Tampico with "*viva Santa Anna!*"

The common saying that one must go away from home to get the news, has been made conformable in an item in the Providence (R. I.) *Journal*, which says that the statements of those New Orleans merchants who advertise in the *Republican* newspaper have resulted in them that they must withdraw said advertisements or they will withdraw their patronage. This sounds very probable. Were New Orleans a little village having but three or four river steers, it might even be considered quite probable, but under the circumstances we prefer hearing the news from a quarter nearer home before believing the extraordinary statement made by the *Journal*. Perhaps somebody has been "sold."

—By the purport of a stirring address, we infer, however, in south and—"corner," the same paper says a very thing about the present state of the South. "The men who fought," it says, "were yielded more readily to the Congressional plan of Reconstruction than those who shirked it at home. Generals who will be disfranchised by the Constitutional amendment surrendered their commands, while men who only talked resumed their former positions before out of harm, and are now patriotic rulers." This is the same newspaper, too, that once was denounced the Middle Georgia and Savannah Kelley's speech, exemplified a "bomb proof" during the war, they say, and those men who talk the loudest of treasonable and an utmost servants were never guilty of striking a blow against the Union. But while acknowledging the truth of this when it suits their purpose to do so, the Radicals under the control Senator people temporarily fix for the sake of those few men who took no part in the war, and who never talk loudly for fear of being considered cowards.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Charles A. Booth has left Governor's Island, where he has been stationed, and gone to New Orleans to report to General Sheridan.

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THE MEANING OF THE LAW.

Since the publication of our remarks about Registration, we have beenin formed that some of the minor officials, who do not come under the disfranchising clause of the law as construed by the Attorney General, are still excluded. There has been a meeting of the several Boards of Registrars, at which it was determined not to register notaries public, and similar officers, without a special order from the Commanding General. It was argued that they were ordered to exclude all such officials when they first entered upon their duties, and that, notwithstanding the publication of the Attorney General's opinion, this order had not been countermanded. A day or two ago at least two men who had been notaries applied for registration and were refused. The Registrars were courteous, however, and stated the reason for their refusal, at the same time saying that if a special order could be procured from General Sheridan, their name would be entered. Whether or not they applied to the General we have not learned. This circumstance shows that the opinion of the Attorney General has not yet been adopted by the military; and, as sufficient time has elapsed for inference is clear that they do not intend to adopt it if it can be avoided. The indications are all in favor of a July session of Congress, the main purpose of which will be to construct the laws made during the last session. We think that it would be a good thing for the country if some clear-headed men were elected to Congress—men capable of making laws, or of framing acts, which can be understood, and which do not require the expense of a meeting of Congress to bring them within the limits of ordinary comprehension.

Many of our good people are alarmed at the idea of another session of Congress next month, and seem to fear that the Radicals may pass still more severe measures. What measures, pray, can they pass that will be more stringent than the Reconstruction Act as interpreted by the Radicals themselves? Under their construction it would be the easiest thing in the world to disqualify four-fifths of the Southern whites, under one pretext and another, and their interpretation would place absolute and arbitrary power in the hands of the military commanders. Now that that remains that we have to fear. There is nothing but the threatened "cold confederation," and we do not believe the Radicals will dare to attempt that. Whatever they may think about the suffrage question, it is almost certain that the influential people of the North are opposed to confiscation at this late day. Therefore we have only one thing to fear from this July session—a Radical interpretation of the Reconstruction Act. And even that is better than a state of uncertainty. If Congress attempts a construction of the law, it is fair to presume that it will be understood thereafter, and that no doubts can arise to perplex and annoy our citizens. We have yet to see the man who would not rather know the worst at once, or who did not find a state of doubt and uncertainty far more painful than the worst possible construction when positively known. Let Congress meet and do its worst. We will not complain if we are told just what to expect, and what is expected of us in the work of reconstruction, in which we are all deeply interested.

It will be observed that the opinion of the Attorney General last received is much clearer than that first received by telegraph. The points on which he has held in consideration are now decided, and we are distinctly informed that mayors, aldermen and sheriffs, are not excluded, or not classed as executive or judicial officers within the meaning of the Act. This interpretation will not suit the Radicals, and we shall find them clamorous for a meeting of Congress to give a Radical construction to the law. There is something of child's play in this. It certainly looks dignified and—ability Mr. Stanbery's opinion is a masterly production, and shows that he is not only an honest and fearless man, but a clear headed and able jurist. Few persons, we dare say, gave him credit for the masterly ability that he has displayed in this document, but for that very reason we may expect him to meet great opposition from the Radicals. They find that in a stronger antagonist than they supposed, and hence will insist upon the meeting of the Congressional body to cope with him, and to argue away the strong points of his opinion.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Press on the Dogs.—One confrère of the *Pic* grows quite pathetic over the fate of the poisoned dogs. The *Orannai* is briefly likewise, while the *Pic* complains of the "unwholesome severity" of the practice of allowing the dead dogs to remain upon the streets, broiling to the hot sun, till their presence, as Dickens would say, is a "fact to be strongly smelled and tasted."

Serious Shooting Affray on St. Charles Street. About half past 10 o'clock Wednesday night, a man named Urbin Prichett, a negro of about six feet one inch in height and strong proportionally, was shot and dangerously wounded at Hook's bowling saloon, No. 95 St. Charles street, by Alexander Newton, clerk in the establishment. Prichett, it is said, was quite noisy and disturbed the peace of the house so much that Newton went to his room and remonstrated with him. Prichett raised a pitcher to throw at Newton, whereupon the latter fired three shots—one taking effect in Prichett's head and the others in his body, and, it was feared at the time, wounding him fatally. Both in Newton's statement, the only one we have of the affair. He was arrested and the wounded man taken to the Charity Hospital.

Another Shooting Affair.—Capt S. M. Kennett was arrested last evening, charged with shooting and dangerously wounding Harry Pearce, at King's livery stable, on Baronne street. Pearce was shot in the right arm, and Kennett arrested. The affair occurred about dark; the cause of the difficulty not being known.

N. O. Nott was arrested at the same time and place, for striking James Donnelly on the head with a loaded cane. The cane will be investigated before Recorder Abern's Court.

Case of the Bank of Tennessee vs. the Union Bank of Louisiana—United States District Court.—Judge Durell yesterday decided this case in favor of the Union Bank, the amount involved being over $100,000. The Union Bank, as the creditor of the other, held the amount involved in Confederate money to the credit of the Bank of Tennessee, which latter brought suit therefor. The decision in favor of the Union Bank was based on the ground that the note were authorized by the Bank of Tennessee.

Inquest.—On the body of Louis Kolling, the boy by whose death Dr. Mercier successfully drowned Theodley, while picking wood in the river. He was a good swimmer, but was drawn under a flatboat by the current. The body was recovered yesterday by Coroner Jones, taken to the Fourth Ward and taken to the residence of his father, No 31 Bartholomew street. Verdict—*Accidental drowning.*

The Wade Monslaughter Case—First District Court—Judge Howe.—The case of Wm. O. Wade, charged with manslaughter, in the killing of John Black, on the city fast Mardi-Gras day, was concluded yesterday by the jury, accused being discharged, there being no evidence to identify him in connection with the homicide, and the prosecuting attorney being forced consequently to abandon the case.

Dismissed.—The cases of C. Raymond and S. Norman, charged with counterfeiting a gold watch and $100 from Sam G. Battle, of Mobile, while at the St. Charles Hotel, in this city, and N. H. Ealing, charged with appropriating to carriage, property of Hazard Ely last June, were yesterday dismissed by *nol pros*., entered in the First District Court.

Found Accused.—Officer Smith reports having found, about 2 o'clock last evening, an unknown white man suspended to a tree, about a quarter of a mile in the rear of what is known as De Gaye's Plantation, near the Metairie Cemetery, in the Third District. The deceased was not identified.

Two Persons Drowned.—Three boys, Fritz Angel, John Castro and J. Hosier, and two men, George Spitzleiden and P. Rosbecker, were all drowned yesterday forenoon by the capsizing of a skiff, in which they were crossing the river, at the Shell Landing, Fourth District. The owner of the boat, a mulatto named Urbin Fricket, a negro woman and two boys, who were also in the skiff, were rescued by John Wagner and P. Rochford, who heard their cries and came to their rescue.

Robbery.—The house of Mr. John Chase, corner of Bampart and Gravier streets, was entered about half past 2 o'clock yesterday morning, and robbed of a gold watch and two dollars in money.

The house of Mr. Philip Craig, corner of Galvez and Common streets, was robbed of two coats, pants and vests, in which there was no money.

The residence of Capt. T. P. Leathers, of the steamer Magenta, corner of Josephine and Camp street, was robbed Wednesday night of a gold watch and a quantity of clothing, the latter of which was found in the yard.

Charge of Forgery.—E. M. Whetstone, 133 Gravier street, stands charged with the offence of an affidavit before Recorder Genella, made on the 19th of May; the crime, it is alleged, having been committed before the Recorder on the 20th of May.

REMOVAL OF CIVIL OFFICERS IN TEXAS.—The following is an extract from general orders No 72, Headquarters Fifth Military District, dated June 19, 1867:

In issuing the following officially reported to these headquarters that an abandonment of duties and deliberate murder was committed in Jefferson, Texas, and that Deputy Sheriff John L. Wilson and Constable E. H. Wright, of that place, each absolutely refused to appear in court upon legally issued for the arrest of the murderers, Thomas was shot in the right arm, and Kennett arrested. The affair occurred about dark; the cause of the difficulty not being known.

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By command of Major Gen. P. H. Sheridan.
GEO. L. HARTSUFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.
Official:
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1st Lieutenant 31st U. S. Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

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The Attorney General's Opinion.

POWERS OF DISTRICT COMMANDERS.

Who are Entitled to Register, &c.

We find in Western papers the following abstract of the opinion of the Attorney General on the powers of district commanders, &c.:

Attorney General Stanbery's opinion as to the power of military commanders, starts out by a recital of the sections of the original act appointing them. He says:

We are clearly enough that this act contemplates two distinct governments in each of the ten States, one the military, the other the civil. The civil government is recognized as existing at the date of the act. The military government is created by the act. Both are to continue until the new State constitution is framed, and the State is admitted to representation in Congress. When that event takes place, both the provisional government are to cease. In contemplation of this act, the military authority and the civil authority are to be united as together. The people in these States are made subject to both and must obey both in their respective jurisdictions. There is, then, an imperative necessity to define, as clearly as possible, the line which separates the two jurisdictions and the exact scope of the authority of each.

Now, as to the civil authority reconstituted by the act as the provisional civil government, it covered every department of civil jurisdiction which is each of these States. It had all the characteristics and powers of a State Government, legislative, judicial and executive, and was in the full and lawful exercise of all those powers, except only that it was not recognized representation as a State of the Union. This existing Government is not set aside. It is reconstituted more than once by this act. It is not in any one of its departments, or as to any of its functions, repealed or modified by this act, save only in the qualifications of persons eligible to office, the manner of holding elections, and the mode of framing the constitution of the States. The act does not in any other particular change the provisional government, nor does the act authorize the military authority to change it. The power of further changing it is reserved, not granted; and it is reserved to Congress, not delegated to the military commander. Congress was not satisfied with the organic law or constitution under which the provisional government was established. That constitution was to be changed in only one particular to make it acceptable to Congress, and that was in the matter of the elective franchise. The purpose of the act of the act, is to effect that change, and to effect it by the agency of the people of the State, or such of them as are voters, and by means of elections provided for in the act, and in the meantime to preserve order and punish crime. All this is necessary, by military commissions. We are, therefore, as a matter of law to know what powers were possessed by the provisional civil authority. The only question is as to what powers are to any district commander by military authority and what remains with the civil government.

We see first of all that each of these States is made subject to the military authority of the United States, not to the military authority altogether, but with express limitation or barrier or prescribed. We must then examine what is thereinafter provided, to find the extent and nature of the at the ground. This, then, is what is granted to the military commanders—the power or duty to protect all persons in their rights of life and property, to prevent insurrection, disorder and violence, and to cause to be punished, all disturbers of the public peace and criminals. And he may do this by the agency of the civil courts of the State where they can afford such courts of due and competent jurisdiction, and by military tribunals when