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Amusements This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"Day After the Wedding" and "Serious Family," for the benefit of the Varieties Company.
ST. CHARLES THEATER.—"Pompey, the Cricket."

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Although, in complying with custom, we have published this inordinately lengthy document, it is not probable that many of our readers have inflicted upon themselves or creel a punishment as to wade through its lumbering sentences. No more refined revenge could be imagined than to impose such a penalty one's enemy. Grant does not improve a message writer. The paper before us is characterized by the same verbosity, clumsiness of style and feebleness which marked that of last year. And similar observation may be made as to its silence upon all those great subjects touching the future of the country, upon which the President of the United States is expected to express his opinion. We look in vain for any recommendations with respect to the correction of those evils in the Government which at present form the staple of the conversation of the thinking portion of the American people. Gen. Grant seems to be entirely insensible to the inroads which he, and those with whom he acts, have made upon the Constitution of the United States. He seems to be ignorant of the heavy burdens under which a considerable proportion of the people are now staggering. He appears to know nothing, and cares less, for the poverty and wretchedness which prevails in the Southern States, and which is caused alone by the system of robbery (called taxation) under which those States are groaning. Not one word does he utter about the maladministration of the Southern State Governments and the bold, flagrant conduct of their officers. Neither does he tell the world of the shameful abuses of power which have been practised in those States in the matter of elections, abuses which have become so offensive to the respectable portion of the voters, that they refuse to exercise their privilege of speaking through the ballot-box, and are fast becoming indifferent to the whole system. These are all facts, and they are such as cause anxiety to those who have at heart the welfare of the country and the perpetuity of its institutions. The statesmen of America are pondering over them, and know they have to be dealt with sooner or later, whether Gen. Grant and his colleagues ignore them or not.

Let us now see what the President does say:

He regrets "that a free exercise of the elective franchise has by violence and intimidation been denied to citizens in exceptional cases in several of the States lately in rebellion, and the verdict of the people has thereby been reversed."

We acknowledge the truth of this statement, so far as Louisiana is concerned, and assert that Gen. Grant himself and his political associates are wholly responsible for the evil which he professes to deplore. General Grant, means, however, that the negro voters have been intimidated by the white people of the South. That is because some of the States lately in rebellion are no longer under his dictation, and are not likely to join in nominating him for the second Presidential term which he wishes to enjoy. We mean, on the other hand, that it is the white voters of the South who have been driven from the ballot-box by the violence and frauds which have been practised by Gen. Grant and the officers under his command. Every intelligent man in Louisiana knows that in this State more than thirty thousand voters abstained from the polls at the late election—that the State is largely anti-Republican, and that the election was carried by the most unblushing frauds as well as by the unwillingness of the white population to take part in what they knew was a mere farce.

General Grant briefly declares himself against revenge reform if it means the carrying out of the Government and the payment of the national debt by direct taxation. In this he believes the people are with him. Revenue reform is a subject which every man in the country are competent to handle, and Gen. Grant is probably not one of the few. He wishes the present cumbersome and expensive system of revenue collection kept up because it gives him an army of office-holders. He was prudent in touching this topic very lightly.

There is not a statesman in the land who can honestly say that the present revenue system will bear examination. It is known to every intelligent citizen to be fruitful of evil and of many evils. It has done more to spread corruption through the country than any other influence. It gives the President a power with which even the most virtuous man should not be entrusted and economy in the government can never be enforced until this abominable system has been abolished.

The recommendation which Gen. Grant makes with respect to extending the tenure of office of clerks and employes in the various departments of the government, we are inclined to think—if it be sincere—is the most sensible part of his lengthy communication, but the dictatorial ton in which he speaks, is not likely to dispose Congress to act upon even a good recommendation. Besides there may be a selfish motive in his suggestion of this reform in the civil service. There is no doubt that the manner of making appointments to these lesser offices is not well calculated to secure competent men, and that a tenure of the office during good behavior, would enure to the advantage of the Government.

The message is largely taken up with foreign affairs which we shall not now comment upon.

A NEW GERMAN PAPER.—The first number of the *Southern Post*, a new German paper to be published daily in this city, made its appearance yesterday. Its editors, Messrs. Adolf Baum and Hermann Seiler, announce in their address to the public, in discussing the policy of the journal, that it will take an impartial view of all public questions and be independent of all political party influence. From the fact, however, that it must necessarily seek the support of the democratic portion of the German population, the presumption is will herself side with the party identified with the National party. In this latter we welcome the *Post* as the journalistic ranks of New Orleans, such as it is, progressive enough.

DRUNKEN RAID.—The Grand Grove of the U. A. O. D. M. consisted of delegates from several Rhine societies, met in annual session at Odd Fellows' Hall the week commencing on Thursday. The public have intended giving the delegates a ball, we understand. There will be a grand procession of the order to-day, and a grand fancy dress and regalia ball will be given by the Grand Grove of Louisiana on Saturday night, at Odd Fellows' Hall, to attend which the invitations are issued in the shape of a noble invitation.

BALL.—Mrs. Guillaume Bell gives a splendid ball with 12 sixes by the members of the select quadrilles at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Tuesday, January 24, 1871. Only a limited number of ladies' invitations will be issued, it being desirable to avoid an overcrowded room, as was the case on former occasions. The list of names will be published shortly. No doubt this entertainment will be one of the most popular of the season. The members of the Quadrille will lead in any extensive dancing, a select committee having been appointed to wait on the ladies for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements as to music for the campaign of 1871.

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From Washington.

The Charleston *Courier* correspondent writes to that paper:

Associate Justice Nott, Jr., Justice Nelson, of the United States Supreme Court, has so far recovered from his health that he will resume his seat on the Bench some day of the present week. There is no probability that Chief Justice Chase will attend the Court again for a year to come, if ever. But, with Judge Nelson, the Court will consist of eight members, of whom five will form a majority. Any two of the five can be made without a majority of the entire Court. If the whole number, nine Judges, were present, the number necessary for a judgment would be five majority.

Judge Nelson is over seventy years old, but his intellect is as bright as ever, and he is as himself remarks, his health is pretty good, he may continue on the bench for many years to come. Judge Grier died at the age of eighty-seven, disabling himself and preventing his mental vigor from being impaired, as well as preserving to himself the use of his limbs, so that he was an independent man. Judge Nelson is very much conservative, and can be relied upon to decide upon constitutional questions as they ought to be decided. He has long life. He was also an inveterate smoker of tobacco, and, in the consultation room of the court, he would lie on his bench, with his feet sticking out and listen to the opinions of his brother judges. He was remarkably patient and careful in his decisions, and never committed himself in any thing of any kind or quantity that could disagree with or oppress him.

Judge Nelson has been back to his circuit duties, and has been doing a large business there. He seemed to take a benefit, or pleasure, in attending to it—that is to say, he was in the habit of hearing every day's business, and was always prepared to give a decision. It is probable that he would have remained on the bench until he died, but for the fact that he was afraid that some of his duties might devolve upon him which he was unable to perform. He was a slave to no passion, although he was, as you could easily read in the lines of his face, a man of naturally strong passion and full temper. But this disposition was under the control of his judgment and will. Therefore it was that he was subjected to violence of oppression or action, and that he was, as his brethren have told me, so uniformly courteous, kind and considerate in his intercourse with them.

While in Frederick City lately, I visited Judge Taney's grave, in the old Catholic Cemetery there, and could but think of the great history of that Court, over which he and Justice Marshall had so long presided, and still hope that his character would be preserved as an impartial tribunal. The only fear I have had as to this is from the apprehended loss of Justice Chase and of Justice Nelson, and the appointments to their places of partisan politicians by President Grant.

I learn that the Court, when so far full that a judgment will require the majority of five, will probably take up the great constitutional cases, left for their decision at the late term. There are seventeen cases which are to be re-argued, and all which involve highly important questions. For instance, there are the Cotton Tax cases, and those relative to the constitutionality of the Confiscation laws, and of the Legal Tender acts of 1862. In February these laws, or some of them, may be heard.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Ball at Carroll Hall.—A largely attended and quite a pleasant ball came off at Carroll Hall, corner of Greatmen and Elysian Fields streets, Saturday night last, given by the Alsace and Lorraine Benevolent Association, the proceeds to be devoted for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers of the French army, coming from the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. The ball was in every particular a success—picking quite a handsome sum of money. After the hour of twelve o'clock the joyous gathering partook of supper at a table spread by that accomplished caterer, Miguel Valory. The Hall was neatly decorated under the superintendence of Messrs. A. A. Marchand, A. Zimmermann and N. Aumann. The music was furnished by Frank Fortune's band, and excellent of course.

The permanent officers of this Association are: Edward Ehrhard, President; A. Zimmermann, Vice President; N. Bauer, 2nd Vice President; A. A. Marchand, Secretary; C. Davie, Treasurer; Grand Marshal, D. Meunier; Vice President of Algiers, N. Aumann.

City Council.—The Council met in regular session last night, Mayor Flanigan in the chair and Administrators Fitzpatrick, Delassize, Walton, Emley, Lewis and Bonsano present.

Administrator Shaw offered an ordinance repealing the former ordinance in relation to the City Attorney's office, and authorizing the employment of two assistants at $200 per month each, two clerks at $175 per month each, to assist the City Attorney during the pleasure of the Council. Adopted.

A communication from the President of the Chattahoochee Railroad in relation to the opening of Gaines' Ferry road, enclosing a bill for $40,000 9's expended by the Company in said work. Referred to Administrator of Assessments.

Also, a petition from Mr. Lingard asking that the Lingard comedy company, in conjunction with the members of the Varieties company, offer a most attractive bill, including "Day After the Wedding" by the Lingard troupe, Lingard's sketches, and the comedy of the "Serious Family" by the Varieties company. We have no doubt the place will be filled to overflowing.

THE ST. CHARLES.—Maggie Mitchell is meeting with unbounded success, her audience being numerous and fashionable. She will appear again to-night in her great character of "Fanchon," in which she has no rival. Her new piece, "Lorlie," and "Jane Eyre," which are both highly spoken of by the press elsewhere, are underlined for an early day.

We are under obligations to our friend Mr. Philip Machet, Baton Rouge, for a copy of the "Advocate," of that place, containing an account of the personal *rencontre* between Mr. Skolfield and Lieut. Bandy, of the garrison there.

We had not received our copy of the "Advocate" by mail, which sometimes consumes several days in passing between the two cities, although only eight to ten hours distant.

THE FRENCH MINISTER.—Viscount Treilhard, appointed Minister to the United States by the late Emperor Napoleon, is expecting soon to receive formal credentials from the Provisional Government at Paris, and will then act officially as recognized by the Government here as Mr. Berthemy's successor. He has already organized a residence in Washington, some recently vacated by the Spanish Minister.—*Wash. Star.*

MRS. WHITCOMB'S SYRUP.—This article is good for all diseases incident to the period of teething in children and is sold for 25 cents a bottle.

NO HUMBUG.—We do not wish to inform you, reader, that Dr. Wonderful or any other man has discovered a remedy that cures all diseases of mind, body or estate, and is designed to make our sublunary sphere a blissful Paradise, to which Heaven itself shall be but a side show, but we do wish to inform you that Dr. Sage's Catsup Remedy has cured thousands of cases of Catarrh in its worst forms and stages, and the proprietor will pay $500 for a case of this loathsome disease which he cannot cure. Sold by druggists, or sent by mail for sixty cents, from H. T. Pierce, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y. A pamphlet sent free. wed.fr.sn&w26

FROM WILHELMSHOHE.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

To the Daily Orleans Bee.

THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

Balloon Report of the Fighting Around Paris.

Prussian Losses 15,000 to 20,000.

Orleans Evacuated to Avoid Bombardment.

HOME NEWS.

Annual Statement of the Court of Claims.

Democratic Success in Mobile.

Miscellaneous.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

TOURS, Dec. 5.—The Government has official balloon advices from Paris to the 4th. Thursday was passed in burying the dead and succoring the wounded. Friday the Prussians attacked impetuously at Compiegne and Villiers. After seven hours fighting the enemy retreated, leaving dead and wounded on the field. Prussian losses were between 15 to 20,000. The French records the capture of Marne, the enemy making no opposition. Decrot greatly distinguished himself. On the 3d, the absence of the usual telegrams from Europe checked operations in Government.

3,000's (4 1868, 107¼; 64s, 108¾; 65s, 105¾; new 109¾; 67s, 109¼; 68s 109¾; 10-40s, 106¾. Tennessee 60; new, 69¼; Virginia, 62; new, 68¼; Louisianas, 71; new, 70¼; 77½; 74½; Alabamas, 101; Georgias, 93¼; 96½; North Carolinas, 47; new, 36½; South Carolinas, 68; new 68.

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Charleston, Dec. 6.—Cotton dull and unchanged; middling 14½c; sales 400 bales; receipts 1,000; stock 20,000.

Mobile, Dec. 6.—Cotton weak; good ordinary 13½c; sales 600 bales; receipts 1257; stock 34,359.

Savannah, Dec. 6.—Cotton in fair demand; middlings 14c; sales 300 bales; receipts 4614; exports to Great Britain 4614; to continent 1200; stock 76,858.

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San Domingo, Dec. 6.—Haytians report the province of Cibao in arms against Baez. The rumored capture of Puerto Plata, and defeat of Gabral was on the contrary a victory. Baez left the capital on the 17th ult. for Cibao. The Congress of Deputies is discussing that State Warrants shall pass for their full value. Should they suffer discount they refuse to take at the treasury only for tobacco at which they have been discounted. This measure produced discontent among the merchants who were awaiting Grant's message. The conservative and wealthy classes hope the United States will not abandon annexation.

Port-au-Prince, Dec. 6.—The republic is quiet. Some agitation prevails in relation to the proposed withdrawal of paper money by the Opposition of speech. Foreign merchants object to this, as the withdrawal of paper money will check speculation. Carenese has gone to Jamaica.

San Juan, Dec. 1.—Col. Stewart, of Louisiana, has introduced new machinery for manufacturing sugar. The new system will probably be adopted throughout the island.

St. Thomas, Dec. 1, via Havana, Dec. 6.—Bright's yellow fever remedy was landed. They will lay a cable hence to Puerto Rico and thence to Jamaica.

FROM NEW-YORK.

New York, Dec. 9.—*Tribune's* special:

London, Dec. 6.—Odo Russell's mission hangs fire. Bismarck will discuss in a friendly tone with England, but makes no pledges.

Minister Motley had a farewell with the Queen to-day. Moran takes charge of the Legation.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Carl Schurz participated in the Senatorial caucus to-day.

Colored troops have been ordered from New York to Galveston, Texas.

Mr. Motley has accepted the hospitalities of the Queen of Holland. He will occupy one of her houses while finishing the history of the United States.

The French Minister, M. Freichard, was presented to the President to-day, Freichard wearing his plain clothes.

Bills repealing the income tax were presented in both Houses to-day.

HOUSE.—Bills were introduced remitting the duties on materials used in building vessels engaged in foreign trade, to enable American citizens to register foreign vessels. Admitting certain iron and steel manufactured in the city of New Orleans was due to-night, but not arrived, at a late hour. H. S. Turner, from New Orleans, Louisville, due this evening, will probably arrived during the night.

Immense coal fleet, which was let out by the rise above, will commence arriving to-morrow. The entire fleet is expected to arrive here by Friday. Many or all the boats were detained by the heavy gale yesterday. The stage of the water being considerably improved, the Louisville and New Orleans Packet Co. will make regular trips three times each way every week, commencing with the Mary Houston departing to-morrow, followed by the Indiana on Saturday, Silver rising slowly with 3 feet 9 inches in the shute. Weather clear and cool.

Cincinnati, Dec. 6.—River stationary—14 feet in the channel. John Kyle is preparing to depart for New Orleans. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 46.

Pittsburg, Dec. 6.—Weather clear and freezing. River falling; probably has 4 feet 6 inches in the channel and falling.

Wheeling, Dec. 6.—Arrived: Grand Tower, from Memphis; Bismarck, from New Orleans. Left: the Lake, Kyle for Vicksburg. Departed: City of Vicksburg, for Vicksburg. River falling. Weather clear and pleasant.

FROM SOUTHWEST PASS.

Southwest Pass, Dec. 6—5 P. M.—Wind east, light. Arrived: Schooner Welcome Hunter, master, 19 days from Rustan, with fruit and passengers, to E. Tramontanas; ship Ocean Rover, 20 days from Tokio, master, from New York, with merchandise and passengers, to A. Moulton.

[Received Steamboat.]

Havana, Dec. 5.—French war vessels convey to waters the German steamers for Vera Cruz.

Gen. Dulce leaves on the 15th of December. He has freed 4000 additional slaves. It is now no pleas whereon the Governor can be impeached.

The prisoners Mora and Parodi have been sent from Cardenas to Havana.

The Spanish Bishop has granted 10 Masses the date of every royal and noble.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Admiral Porter has written President Grant in explanation of the Wyoming affair. He says his first impulse was to deny the charges of the letter, but after reflection he decided to let the matter pass, in consideration of the circumstances of the case. The Admiral could not conceive that he had uttered such sentiments as are imputed to him, and he has ever expressed toward Gen. Grant. The Admiral says that the letter was written by a disappointed man, who may have been the bearer which prompted its publication at this late day. The Admiral is glad to remember nothing about the letter because it is so pure a reflection on Grant's uniform kindness. Recognizing the entitlements of Fort Fisher, the Admiral says:

"I presume that it was while under this excitement that I wrote the letter which you say has made you lose your berth in business matters. I have no recollection of it any more than I would have of other passing circumstances of six years ago."

The Admiral then says: "I do not write for the purpose of exonerating myself, for I would rather be the writer of the letter than its publisher. The rights of a gallant and meritorious officer should be placed in great jeopardy if all the private letters written within the last six years were published, and coincides with the sentiment of regret for the loss of Grant's friendship.

Cincinnati, Dec. 6.—The walls of the new gas house building were blown down and five carpenters buried—four of them killed.

Louisville, Dec. 6.—Arrived—Mayville, from Maysville, and Oil Hunter, from Kentucky river. Departed—Oil Hunter, for Yazoo river. The Abeona in attempting to descend the falls last evening was driven on reef by strong gale, where she remained until this afternoon, when she was released without damage to boat or cargo. The Abeona will be